The Marriage Paradox
Brian J. Willoughby and Spencer L. James (School of Family Life)
Marriage has been declared dead by many scholars and the media. Especially among young adults, marriage may seem like a relic of a distant past. Yet young adults continue to report that marriage is important to them. This book explores how young adults view marriage today and attempts to make sense of the paradoxical ways that young adults think about marriage.

Legends Never Die: The Afterlives of Athletes in Modern America
Richard Ian Kimball (History)
With every touchdown, home run, and three-pointer, star athletes represent an American dream that few can achieve. Yet as athletes die, legends rise in their place. In looking at how Americans react to sports-hero deaths, Legends Never Die illuminates the important role sports and their star athletes play in American society.

A World Ablaze: The Rise of Martin Luther and the Birth of the Reformation
Craig Harline (History)
This work explores the flesh-and-blood Martin Luther, rather than the larger-than-life figure he became after publishing his 95 theses, by focusing on the first five years of his accidental crusade against the pope. What began with him as an often cranky friar-professor in distress over the state of his soul became a European-wide argument over the nature of the Western church.

From California’s Gold Fields to the Mendocino Coast: A Settlement History Across Time and Place
Samuel Otterstrom (Geography)
After the discovery of gold in 1848, the San Francisco area rapidly transformed into a settled urban system as people came to seek their fortune. This narrative follows the story of settlement through individual and family ingenuity, migration trajectories, and geographical scales that together formed the Northern California we know today.

Supreme Democracy: The End of Elitism in Supreme Court Nominations
Richard Davis (Political Science)
In the 19th and early 20th centuries, Supreme Court nominations were usually quick and painless. Today, however, the confirmation takes much longer and is typically a media spectacle. This book traces the history of nominations from the early republic to the present, focusing on how changes in the process have affected the presidency and the Senate.

Institutional Origins of Islamist Political Mobilization
Quinn Mecham (Political Science)
Examining Islamist politics in more than 50 countries over four decades, this book illustrates how greatly Islamist political activism varies, appearing in specific types of institutional contexts. Detailed case studies demonstrate how diverse contexts yield different types of Islamist politics across the Muslim world.