Texas State’s faculty and its academic centers publish hundreds of books, journal articles, papers on research, monographs, recordings and other pieces every year. Here’s a sampling of some that looked particularly interesting:

**Historical Dictionary of Human Rights and Humanitarian Organization**
Robert Gorman
Professor, Political Science
Edward Mihalkanin
Associate Professor, Political Science

The 20th century movement toward strengthening human rights can be traced back to the antislavery and women’s movements of the 19th century. Beginning with Britain’s interdiction of the slave trade in 1824, the dictionary provides a 182-year chronology of human rights abuses around the world and subsequent humanitarian responses. In alphabetical order — from Nobel Prize-winner Jane Addams’ founding of Hull House in 1889 to the effect of xenophobia (the exaggerated fear of strangers) on discrimination in the protection and assistance of refugees and aliens — the authors follow major developments in human rights, sketching out the wide array of intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations that are engaged in the global network of humanitarian and human rights work. They also provide summaries of the chief humanitarian or human rights treaties and agreements. (The Scarecrow Press)

**The Financial Management of Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations**
Michael Nowicki
Director, School of Health Administration

This nontechnical book is the primary text of choice for many introductory courses in healthcare financial management at the undergraduate and graduate levels, as well as a reference book for practicing healthcare managers. It introduces nonfinancial managers to the fundamental concepts and skills necessary to manage operations cost effectively. Topics covered include patient safety, accounting integrity, the financial impact of new healthcare legislation, uncompensated care and the most recent projections on the financial status of the healthcare industry. A companion workbook helps with self study. (Association of University Programs in Health Administration Press)

**Annual Editions: Public Policy and Administration**
Howard Balanoff, editor
Professor, Political Science

In the ninth edition, Balanoff includes 37 articles from experts who explore problems and offer solutions in diverse public policy areas. Beginning with a discussion of the debate over the New Public Management movement, articles highlight current trends in the field of public policy and public administration, in areas such as organizational behavior, human resources, public finance and budgeting, technology and information systems, and international public policy and administration. In his selection of articles, Balanoff places special emphasis on helping public administrators to cope in an environment of uncertainty with tough issues such as emergency planning and disaster relief; immigration, health care and welfare reform; campaign reform; government productivity and effectiveness; and the administration of foreign wars. (McGraw-Hill)

**Emotional and Behavioral Disorders: Theory and Practice**
Jo Webber
Associate Dean, College of Education
Cynthia Plotts
Assistant Professor, Educational Administration and Psychological Services

This book presents the primary theoretical models of emotional and behavioral disturbance in children and adolescents, including biological, interpersonal, cognitive, behavioral and systems perspectives. Special education issues, such as legal mandates for identification, prevention and intervention, are emphasized with the goal of promoting effective treatment in schools. The authors include the most recent research on topics including anxiety, depression, attention deficit disorders, conduct disorders, eating disorders, substance abuse, juvenile delinquency and school violence. And they pay special attention to implications for teachers. An online instructor’s manual, test bank and companion Web site accompany the text. (Pearson Education)

**Cultural Anthropology**
Richard Warms
Professor, Anthropology

Now in its ninth edition, this textbook, renowned for its outstanding integration of rich ethnographies into the core text, provides a comprehensive college-level introduction to cultural anthropology. Coauthored by Serena Nanda, City University of New York, it includes descriptions of diverse cultures around the world and presents discussions of contem-
porary issues related to gender, stratification, ethnicity and globalization. Nanda and Warms emphasize the ways in which an understanding of anthropology enables us to understand our own culture and the differences and similarities among all cultures. (Wadsworth Cengage Learning)

**Merchandising Mathematics for Retailing**
Beth Wuest
Associate Professor, Family and Consumer Sciences

An excellent resource for buyers and small store owners, this book provides a basic understanding of the math needed to make a profit in retail. The book builds on the extensive retail experience of the authors — Wuest, Cynthia Easterling from the University of Southern Mississippi, Marian Jernigan from Texas Woman's University and Ellen Flottman from the University of North Texas. The book explains math applications specific to retailing and how to apply them to everyday retail merchandising problems. It also contains examples of spreadsheets used for retail method of inventory and six-month merchandise plans. (Pearson/ Prentice Hall)

**American Anthem**
Jesús F. de la Teja
Chair, History

American history, from 1200 B.C. to the 21st century, comes to life for high school students in this textbook co-authored by specialists in the American and Texas colonial eras (de la Teja), the Civil War and Reconstruction (Ed Ayers, University of Virginia), American post-World War II history (Robert Schulzinger, University of Colorado) and African-American history (Deborah Gray White, Rutgers University). The narrative helps students to build vocabulary as it asks them to identify and think critically about main ideas and draw conclusions. In what ways, for example, was Jonas Salk's commitment to ending polio truly heroic? How did the creation of Levittown, N.Y., influence population patterns and home building in the 20th century? The narrative also makes history meaningful by linking historical concepts to contemporary life. For instance, tracing the development of the computer from the first one, invented in 1940, to today's worldwide use. (Holt, Rinehart & Winston)

**Supervision and Instructional Leadership: A Developmental Approach**
Stephen Gordon, Jovita Ross-Gordon
Professors, Educational Administration and Psychological Services

This book, now in its seventh edition and co-authored by Carl Glickman of the University of Georgia, is the leading text in the field of instructional supervision. Its emphasis on school culture, teachers as adult learners, developmental leadership, and democratic education has helped to redefine the meaning of supervision for both scholars and practitioners. The book discusses teaching and supervising as reflective practice and connects school improvement to the local community and larger society. (Pearson Allyn & Bacon)

**Statistics Unplugged**
Sally Caldwell
Associate Professor, Sociology

Caldwell’s textbook takes the intimidation out of learning statistics by helping students to understand the relevance of statistics to their own lives. The book, appropriate for students in all academic fields, emphasizes the logic behind statistical analysis and focuses on intuitive understanding. Simple explanations of complex issues help students to focus on what is really going on with the numbers instead of being overwhelmed by the numbers themselves. In reviewing the book, a faculty member at a medical school wrote, “It is a challenge to explain the statistics we employ to our medical students in a clear and cogent manner. This book makes it appear so easy! I would highly recommend it to students taking statistics for the first time, to those needing a refresher, and to teachers in search of simple explanations of complex issues.” (Wadsworth Publishing)

**Crisis Negotiations**
Wayman Mullins
Professor, Criminal Justice

This book, now in its third edition, is recognized internationally as the most comprehensive and authoritative text for the learning and practice of hostage/crisis negotiations. Coauthored by Mike McMains, retired chief psychologist of the San Antonio Police Department, it is used by police departments, correctional agencies, federal government agencies, trainers and practitioners. Material covers all aspects of the negotiation process, including types of incidents negotiators respond to, negotiator and tactical team structure and roles, crisis intervention skills, how to negotiate demands and use time as a tool, stress and stress management issues, dynamics of being taken hostage, communication issues in crisis situations, negotiating with emotionally disturbed individuals and high-risk suicidal subjects, negotiating prison
and jail situations, negotiating with other special and unique groups (such as youth, elderly, gangs and terrorists), equipment for negotiators and debriefings following crisis situations. (LexisNexis)

Textile Mania: A Common Thread
Beth Wuest
Associate Professor, Family and Consumer Sciences

Today’s students, more electronic savvy than their earlier counterparts, are more likely to read and work with an electronically formatted medium than a traditional paper copy. Textile Mania, created with today’s student in mind, includes dynamic images to help illustrate the points and to fill a void in instructional resources available to actively learn textile fundamentals. Textile Mania is an interactive textile testing CD complete with a 130-page workbook. The CD gives students an overview of fibers, yarns, fabrics, dye/print methods and finishes. It also contains testing video clips, animations, colored photos, and active links, as well as corresponding worksheets to enable students to visualize and reinforce concepts. (Textile Fabric Consultants)

American Pests: The Losing War on Insects from Colonial Times to DDT
James McWilliams
Associate Professor, History

Techniques used by America’s farmers since the 17th century to develop farmland — e.g., deforestation, cattle grazing and monoculture — have led to dramatic increases in insect populations and wholesale reliance on chemical fertilizers and pesticides that are harmful to humans and the environment. Ironically, insect populations continue to thrive. In tracing the history of America’s efforts to control insects, McWilliams highlights the approaches that farmers have pursued to banish pests — from pyrethrin and “lure crops” to nicotine, arsenic, quicksilver and, finally, DDT. Inspired by the theories of Rachel Carson’s Silent Spring, McWilliams asks readers to question attempts at chemical insect control, arguing for eco-friendly approaches such as the ethical use of biotechnology to create insect-resistant crops, the judicious use of chemical insecticides and tax incentives to diversify the agricultural system. (Columbia University Press)

Notes on Blood Meridian
John Sepich
Connie Todd, series editor
Curator, Wittliff Collections

Tracing many of the 19th-century primary sources used by Cormac McCarthy, Notes on Blood Meridian uncovers the historical roots of the author’s highly praised and intensely analyzed novel. Originally published in 1993, John Sepich’s Notes remained in print for only a few years, becoming highly sought after in the rare-book market, with used copies selling for hundreds of dollars. In bringing the book back into print, the Wittliff Collections have made Notes more widely available, this time revised and expanded with a foreword by Edwin T. Arnold and two new essays by Sepich that explore key themes and issues in the work. This amplified edition of Notes on Blood Meridian is the essential guide for all who seek a fuller understanding and appreciation of what is considered the finest work by McCarthy, whose archives are housed at the Wittliff’s Southwestern Writers Collection. (University of Texas Press)

A Certain Alchemy
Keith Carter
The Southwestern & Mexican Photography Collection and Series

In A Certain Alchemy, his third book in the Wittliff Collections’ photography series, Keith Carter explores connections that are timeless, enigmatic and mythological. In his own words, “A Certain Alchemy is a collection of imperfect observations of the relationship we have to our ideas of place, time, memory, desire and regret. It is an anthology of oblique angles and awkward pauses that examines the history of photography and our own shared natural histories.” Accompanying the images is an introduction by Carter’s friend and fellow photographer Bill Wittliff, who describes Carter’s artistic journey and the epiphanies he has experienced. Patricia Carter, Keith’s wife and muse, also offers her insights into the wellsprings of his work. The Wittliff has been acquiring Carter’s photographs for the Southwestern & Mexican Photography Collection since 1993, and currently houses more than 950 Carter prints — the largest collection of his work in the world. (University of Texas Press)