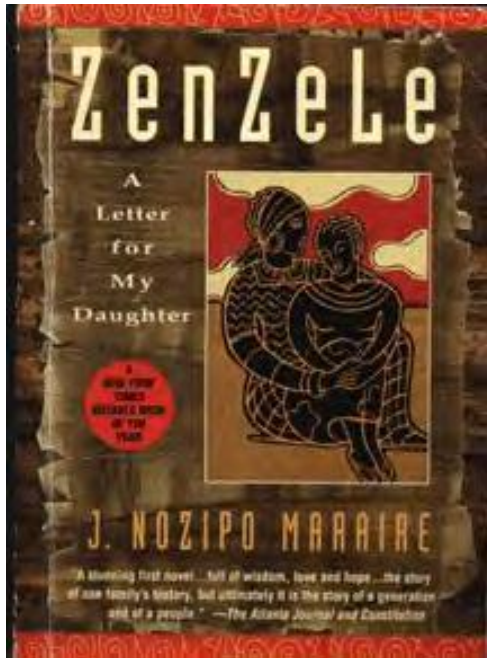


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READING LIST

**AQ Faculty and Staff  
Recommendations**



**Paula Meehan**

Enrollment  
Management

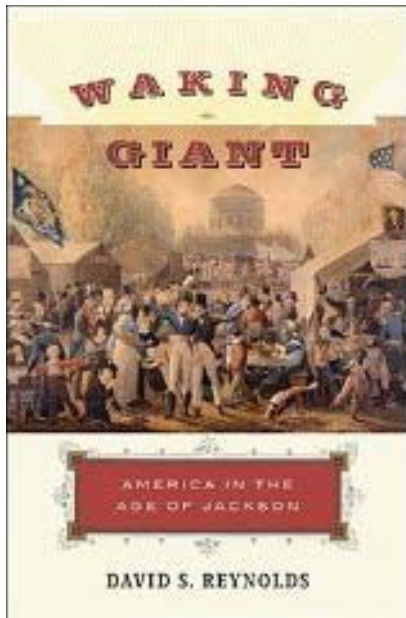
**Recommended Book:**

*Zenzele, A Letter For My Daughter*

*by*

J. Nozipo Maraire

“College Women, students, faculty and staff will eat this up. An interweaving story of a mother’s wisdom to her daughter as she leaves Zimbabwe and heads to Harvard. The Journey covers dreams, self identity and the wisdom of a parent who is preparing to “let go”. There were so many lessons in this book that I will re-read pages for many years to come.”



**Jason Duncan**  
History Department

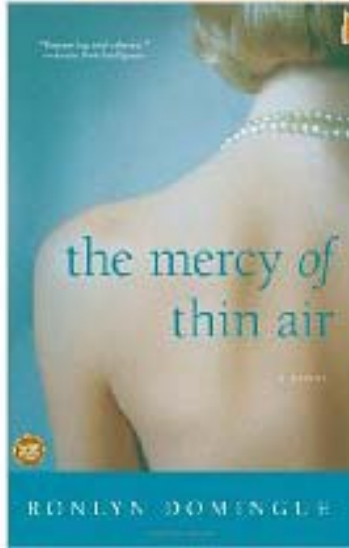
**Recommended Book:**

*Waking Giant: America in the Age of Jackson*

by

David Reynolds

“The period in American History between 1815-1848 has been the subject of several major studies in recent years. David Reynolds’s *Waking Giant: America in the Age of Jackson* is the latest of such work. Reynolds, a cultural historian, has written well-regarded biographies of John Brown and Walt Whitman. In *Waking Giant: America in the Age of Jackson*, in addition to exploring political and economic developments, he brings into his story the cultural, religious, and social history of these decades. This gives his work an extra dimension as he explores a dynamic and exciting time in American History as the nation moved away from its Revolution and toward the Civil War.”



**Brigid Avery**  
Alumni Relations

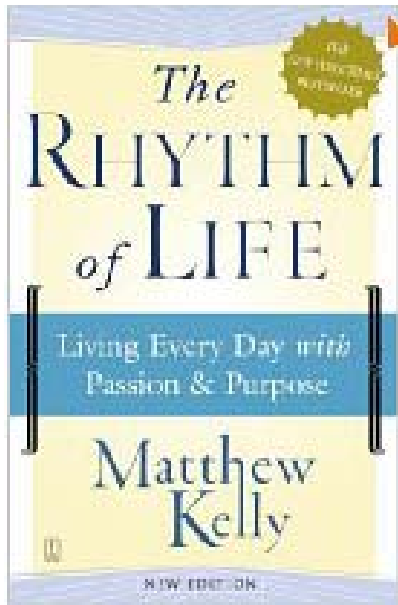
**Recommended Book:**

*The Mercy of Thin Air*

*by*

Ronlyn Domingue

“I have a serious condition; I have on more than one occasion, probably more than two dozen times, picked up a book, read half of it, put it down to never return. This book cured me – I finished it in four days. It has everything I love: intriguing characters, ghosts, melodies of 1920s New Orleans, controversy, discord, and for the first time – a love scene I could appreciate...”



**Randy MacGeorge**

Residence Life

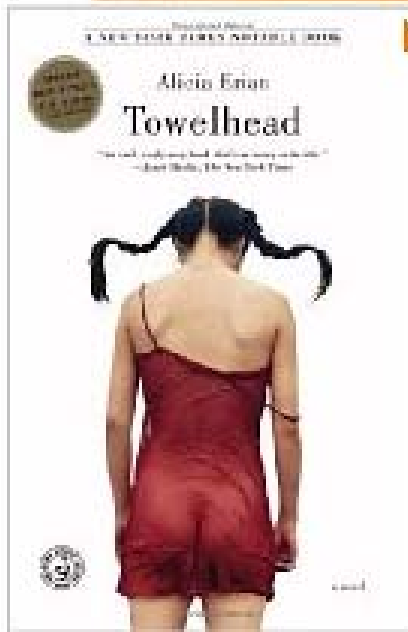
**Recommended Book:**

*The Rhythm of Life*

*by*

Matthew Kelly

“Matthew Kelly is a prophet for our time. He recognizes our spiritual needs and awakens our desire to listen to the quiet voice of God around us and with us in a way that is both overtly Catholic and inclusively ecumenical. It is an easy read, but also a slow read. Every few pages, I found myself inspired to put it down and to pray and meditate on how to apply these concepts in my everyday life.”



**Deb Wickering**  
Sociology Department

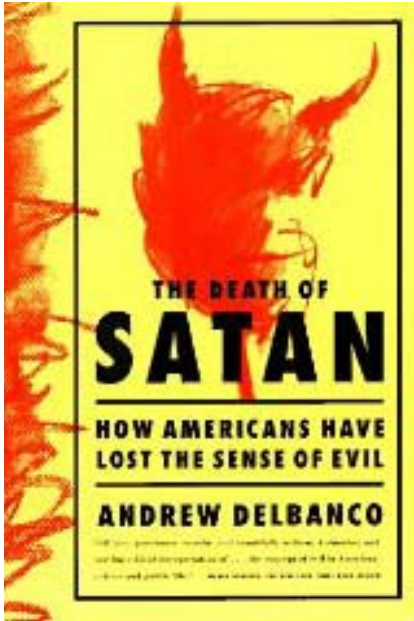
**Recommended Book:**

*Towelhead*

by

Alicia Erian

“Combines the angst of adolescence, problems of parental discipline/neglect/abuse with the experience of being a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Arab American. The book takes a 13 year old point of view and is funny and heartening. I’m adding it to my reading list for Arab Women class. We don’t hear enough about U.S. Arabs!”



**Michaelen Kelly**  
Philosophy Department

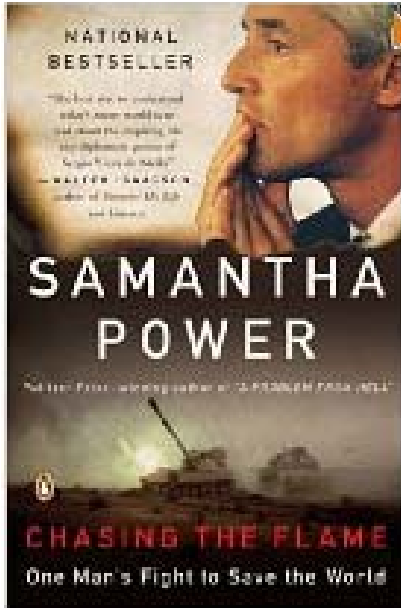
**Recommended Book:**

*The Death of Satan: How America has Lost its Sense of Evil*

*by*

by: Andrew Delbanco

“It’s a fascinating historical survey of how the concept of evil in American thought has been replaced by that of mental illness. Rather than believing evil is a condition of the world, a moral universe of depravity and horror which occupies the bodies and minds of evildoers, Americans now tend to see it as a condition of irrationality.”



**Roger Durham**

Political Science

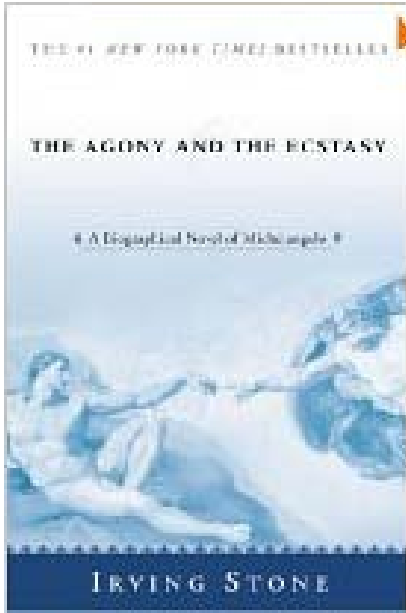
**Recommended Book:**

*Chasing the Flame: One Man's Fight to Save the World*

by

Samantha Power

“Author Samantha Power follows her Pulitzer Prize work, *A Problem From Hell: America in the Ages of Genocide*. With an excellent portrayal of how one person can make positive changes in seemingly impossible crisis areas. Sergio Viera de Mello, an international diplomat worked at alleviating misery in places like Cambodia, Congo, Rwanda and Iraq.”



**Elizabeth Shelley**

**I&E and S.S.S.**

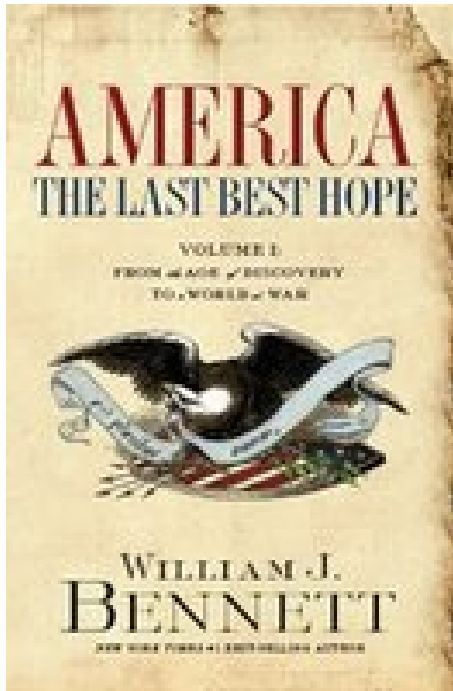
**Recommended Book:**

*The Agony and the Ecstasy*

*by*

Irving Stone

“It’s a fictional biography of Michelangelo, my favorite artist. The story that Stone tells delves into the psyche of this versatile artist and his relationships with some of the most powerful men of his generation, such as the Medici greats, popes, and other Italian Renaissance artists like Da Vinci and Rafael. The reader gets an amazing sense of the passion this virtuoso must have had.”



**Mark E. O'Toole**  
Business Department

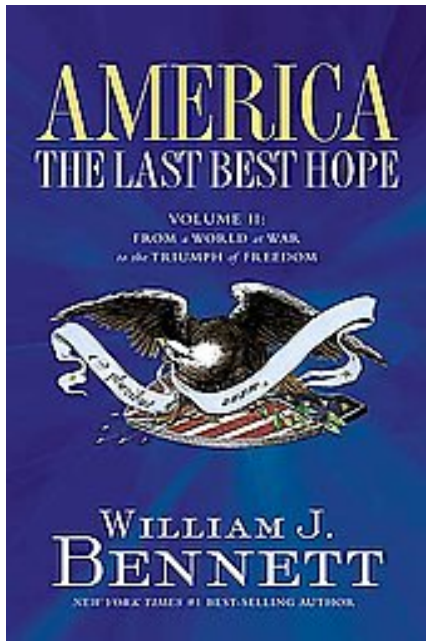
**Recommended Book:**

*America, the Last Great Hope*

*by*

Dr. William Bennett

“Begins with 1492, the discovery of America, the vision and wisdom of our founding fathers up through World Wars and ends with President Reagan Administration.”



**Mark E. O'Toole**  
Business Department

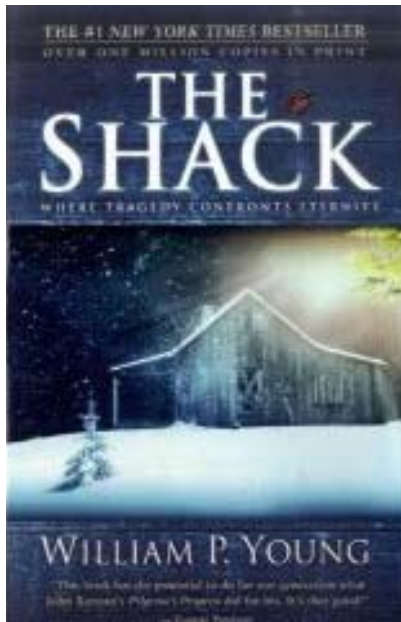
**Recommended Book:**

*America, The Only Hope*

*by*

Dr. William Bennett

“Flags of our fathers, WWII and the first American assault on Iwo Jima. 23,000 died in 30 days on an island in the South Pacific. Read about America’s greatest generation. You will become more appreciative of what you have.”



**Sister Rosemary  
O'Donnell**  
Communication  
Department

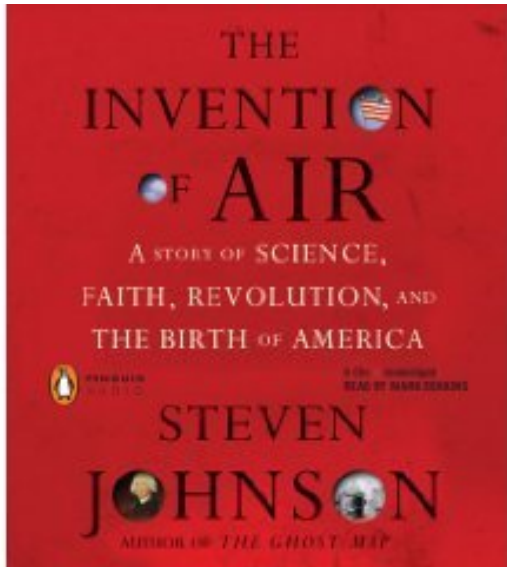
**Recommended Book:**

*The Shack*

*by*

Paul Yonny

“An unusual view of how government operates in our live—  
thought-provoking. This is a popular book—many have read it.”



**Gary Eberle**  
English Department

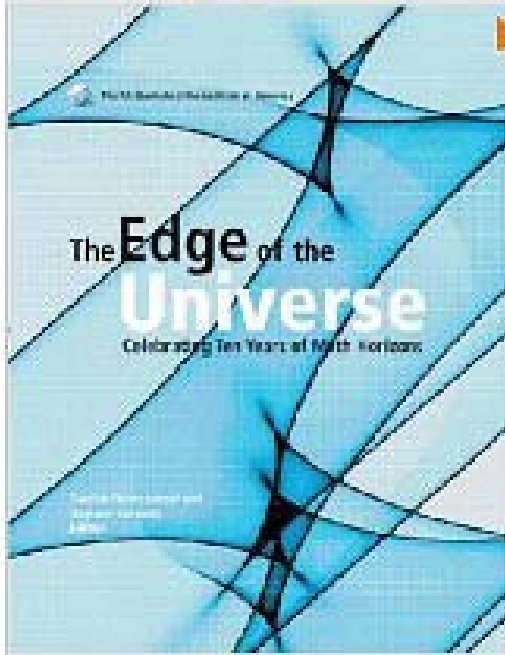
**Recommended Book:**

*The Invention of Air*

*by*

Steven Johnson

“An Interesting history of science and ideas, focusing on the life of Joseph Priestley, Unitarian minister, scientist and friend of Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and other early Americans. Most interesting is the role coffee houses played in the early days of science. Caffeine stimulates the brains of those who meet and greet even before Starbucks.”



**Michael McDaniel**

Mathematics  
Department

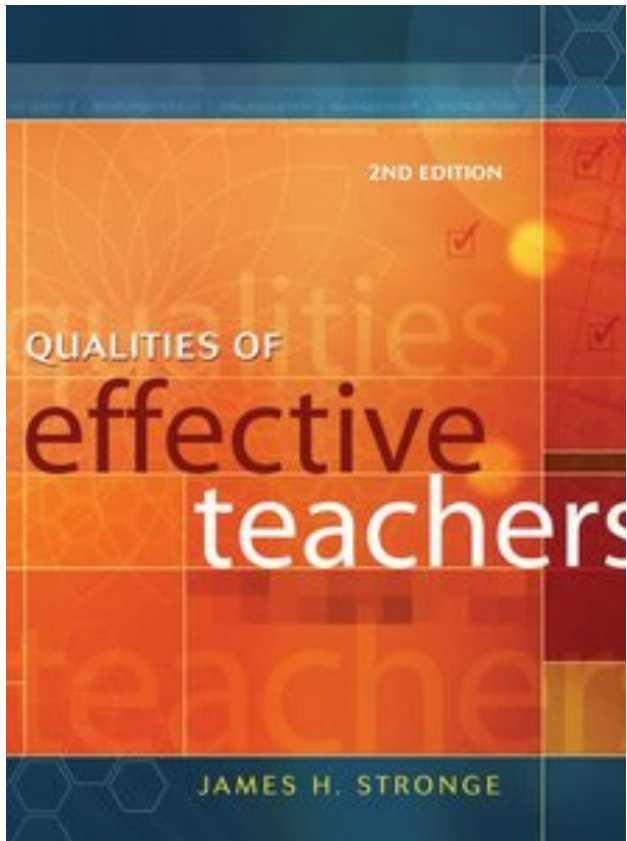
**Recommended Book:**

*The Edge of the Universe*

*by*

Deanna Haunsperger and Stephan Kennedy

“The editors chose the best articles from ten years of math horizons magazine. Every article is a winner. Plus, they’re short enough to read one between classes.”



**Carol Winkle**

School of Education

**Recommended Book:**

*Qualities of Effective Teachers*

*by*

James Stronge

“This book provides research based consideration of the effective elements found in good teaching. It provides great resources, as well.”