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JEFFERY L. DEAL '77, *A Land at the Center of the World: An Ethnography of the Dinka Aqaar of South Sudan* (Markoulakis Press, 2011). After almost 20 years as a surgical specialist, the author developed a vision problem that caused him to leave his practice in Charleston, S.C., for the Sudanese bush, where he led teams of volunteers and donors to build the largest medical facility in the region. He served as the first medical director for the facility while simultaneously obtaining a master's degree in anthropology from the University of South Carolina and a diploma from the London School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. He also began formal anthropological studies of the Dinka Aqaar, and during 17 months of fieldwork he accumulated hundreds of stories, surveys, recordings and photographs of evolving conditions in the area. Currently Deal is director of anthropology and water studies for the Center for Global Health at the Medical University of South Carolina and director of health studies for Water Missions International. He recently received a patent for an automated, mobile room decontamination system marketed by Lumalier Corporation under the name Tru-D.

MONTE DUTTON '80, *The Audacity of Dope* (Neverland Publishing, 2011). Peter Farris, author of *Last Call for the Living*, describes this book as "both lyrical and folksy, a Kerouac-ian road novel that's also laugh-out-loud funny, featuring an anti-hero so potentially iconic you'll be surfing eBay for 'Riley Mansfield' tees before long. *Audacity* is the rare combination of satire and sentiment, a look at our country

during its most divisive decade, and a toe-tapping yarn spun with threads so pungent you might get a contact high just reading it." Dutton, who works for the *Gaston* (N.C.) *Gazette*, lives in Clinton, S.C., and is an award-winning NASCAR writer. He is author of a history of Clinton High School football, a book about Americana music, and a number of books about NASCAR. *Audacity of Dope* is his first novel. Visit <http://montedutton.com>.

JOHN MICHAEL MANSHIP '01, *Cambridge Street* (CreateSpace, 2011). The author says the novel is based in large part on his work with urban youth in Boston. It explores the dichotomy of poverty and privilege through the eyes of a quirky 13-year-old narrator and draws from specific encounters Manship had while working for 10 years with Boston public school students. Manship is also co-writer of "T: An MBTA Musical," which became the best-selling musical in the ImprovBoston theater's history, selling out 12 straight shows last summer. The actor/educator now lives in Chicago. To learn more, visit www.jmmanship.com.

MATTHEW L. GOODWIN '03 (M.S. '04) and Lawrence C. Wit, *Biomedical Physiology* (Kendall Hunt Publishing, 2011). Goodwin holds a Ph.D. in physiology from Auburn University and is currently working toward a medical degree at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City. His co-author is a professor of biology at Auburn University. According to *The Auburn Report*, a newsletter for the school's faculty and staff, the book developed out of the copious notes Goodwin took while in

Wit's class. It covers the core principles of physiology that many pre-med students are required to master for admission to medical school and for several related professions. Learn more about Goodwin's work at <http://doctorgoodwin.blogspot.com>.

DAVID MATHIS '03, *The Pastor as Scholar and the Scholar as Pastor: Reflections on Life and Ministry* (co-edited with Owen Strachan) and *Thinking, Loving, Doing: A Call to Glorify God with Heart and Mind* (co-edited with John Piper). Mathis lives in Minneapolis, where he is theological assistant to Piper. Piper and D.A. Carson are co-authors of *The Pastor as Scholar*, which challenges those in academia and in the pastorate to think carefully and holistically about their calling. Piper focuses on the importance of careful thinking in his role as pastor, Carson on the importance of a pastoral heart in his career as scholar. *Thinking, Loving, Doing* is a call to holistic Christianity and features contributions from Rick Warren, Francis Chan, R. Albert Mohler, Jr., R.C. Sproul, Thabiti Anyabwile, and Piper. Both books are published by Crossway.

FROM FACULTY

LAURA WRIGHT, Kerry Karukstis, Bridget Gourley and Miriam Rossi, editors, *Mentoring Strategies to Facilitate the Advancement of Women Faculty* (Oxford University Press, 2011). The publisher says, "Compelling evidence exists to support the hypothesis that both formal and informal mentoring practices that provide access to information and resources are effective in promoting career advancement, especially for women." The book emerged from the

March 2010 symposium "Successful Mentoring Strategies to Facilitate the Advancement of Women Faculty" and from the editors' own National Science Foundation-ADVANCE project that involved the formation of horizontal peer mentoring alliances at liberal arts colleges. It features a collection of practices and insights about how mentoring has impacted their professional and personal lives, and presents effective strategies for advancing women faculty. Wright, professor of chemistry at Furman, wrote about the project in the Summer 2009 issue of *Furman*. Her co-editors are chemistry professors at Harvey Mudd College (Karukstis), DePauw University (Gourley) and Vassar College (Rossi).

ECHOL LEE NIX, JR., Echol Lee Nix, Sr., and Annie Mae Nix, *The Inspiration of the Holy Spirit* (NewSouth Books, 2011). The publisher says the book "seeks to instruct and to inspire by focusing on key verses in the scripture and by providing critical interpretations, scholarly information, and personal beliefs. The sermons in this book are meant to teach and to reach audiences, regardless of race, gender, or denomination. They are broad and inclusive, endeavoring to share a message of hope for all people." Echol Nix, Jr., is an assistant professor of religion at Furman. He serves on the boards of the Baptist World Alliance (Commission on Ethics) and the North American Paul Tillich Society (American Academy of Religion). His father is a minister, counselor, educator and evangelist, and his mother, now deceased, was a church and community leader.