

Society's Books of Note

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Phil Zuckerman and John R. Shook, *The Oxford Handbook of Secularism*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2017. \$150.00. 778 pp.

Zuckerman, professor of sociology and secular studies at Pitzer College and Shook, research associate at the University of Buffalo offer a wide-ranging and in-depth examination of the global conversation on secularism, bringing together the views of an international collection of experts in their respective fields, and addressing key problems now affecting church-state relations; the intersections of liberalism, multiculturalism, and religion; and the naturalistic and humanistic worldviews available to nonreligious people, among other topics.

James T. Bennett, *Subsidizing Culture: Taxpayer Enrichment of the Creative Class*. New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers, 2016. \$28.95. 262 pp.

James T. Bennett, professor of economics at George Mason University, examines the development of, and controversies surrounding, federal programs that directly benefit writers, artists, and intellectuals. He concentrates on the creation of, and the debate over, these government programs, and he gives special attention to the critics, who are usually ignored.

Sander L. Gilman and James M. Thomas, *Are Racists Crazy? How Prejudice, Racism, and Antisemitism Became Markers of Insanity*. New York: New York University Press, 2016. \$35.00. 385 pp.

Sander L. Gilman, distinguished professor of the liberal arts and sciences as well as professor of psychiatry at Emory University, and James M. Thomas, assistant professor of sociology at the University of Mississippi, trace the idea of race and racism as psychopathological categories, from mid-19th century Europe, to contemporary America, and ask, *how* did racism become a mental illness?

Kristin S. Seefeldt, *Abandoned Families: Social Isolation in the Twenty-First Century*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2017. \$32.50. 263 pp.

Kristin S. Seefeldt, assistant professor at the School of Social Work and the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan, shows how many working families have access only to a separate but unequal set of poor-quality jobs, low-performing schools, and declining housing markets, which offer few chances for upward mobility. She analyzes how economic and residential segregation keep them from achieving the American Dream.

Charlene Galameau, *Communities of Health Care Justice*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2016. \$27.95. 142 pp.

Charlene Galameau, assistant professor of women's and gender studies at Wellesley College, notes that the debate over health care is seen by most as either an individual responsibility or as a national, collective concern. She argues that both perspectives overlook a third possibility: that justice in health care is multilayered and requires the participation of multiple and diverse communities.