

Society's Books of Note

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Stephen Hess, *Whatever Happened to the Washington Reporters, 1978–2102*. Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press, 2012. \$29.95. 216pp.

The career patterns of American journalists have received little attention over the years. Stephen Hess, senior fellow emeritus in Governance Studies at the Brookings Institution, pioneered an early study in 1978, surveying 450 journalists who were covering national government. His new book located nearly 300 of them a generation later to determine what they were now doing. His findings are both intriguing and unexpected.

Daniel Callahan, *The Roots of Bioethics: Health, Progress, Technology, Death*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012 \$55.00. 246pp.

The essays in this book, spanning a vital and leading career in bioethics and public policy on the ethical aspects of medicine, are testament to the dedication and wisdom of its writer. Daniel Callahan has achieved the institutionalization of his many ethical concerns, leaving to others the shaping and promotion of their own ethical commitments.

David Armitage, *Foundations of Modern International Thought*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012. \$27.99. 312pp.

Between the early seventeenth and mid-nineteenth centuries, major European political thinkers first began to look outside their national borders and envisage a world of competitive, equal sovereign states inhabiting an international sphere that ultimately encompassed the whole globe. David Armitage traces the genesis of this international turn in intellectual history,

providing a genealogy of globalization and the parallel histories of empires and oceans, with fresh considerations of leading figures such as Hobbes, Locke, Burke and Bentham in the history of international thought.

Ruth A. Shapiro, ed., *The Real Problem Solvers: Social Entrepreneurs in America*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2012. \$27.95. 256pp.

Social entrepreneurship describes a host of new initiatives, and often refers to approaches that are breaking from traditional philanthropic and charitable organizational behavior. Nowhere is this more the case than in the United States—where, from 1995–2005, the number of non-profit organizations registered with the IRS grew by 53%. *The Real Problem Solvers* brings together leading entrepreneurs, funders, investors, thinkers, and champions in the field to describe the many challenges facing this new breed of social entrepreneur.

Heith Copes and Lynne M. Vieraitis, *Identity Thieves: Motives and Methods*. Lebanon, NH: University of New England Press, 2012. \$35.00. 192pp.

The fastest growing economic crime in the US has received scant attention from researchers. Copes, at the University of Alabama, Birmingham, and Vieraitis, at the University of Texas, Dallas, interviewed 59 inmates in federal prison serving time for a variety of identity theft crimes. They offer recommendations for federal agencies and the public at large about how to understand the motives and methods of these new criminals.