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Sold Out How Marketing in School Threatens Children's Well-Being and Undermines their Education Rowman & Littlefield If you strip away the rosy language of "school-business partnership," "win-win situation," "giving back to the community," and the like, what you see when you look at corporate marketing activities in the schools is example after example of the exploitation of children for financial gain. Over the long run the financial benefit marketing in schools delivers to corporations rests on the ability of advertising to "brand" students and thereby help insure that they will be customers for life. This process of "branding" involves inculcating the value of consumption as the primary mechanism for achieving happiness, demonstrating success, and finding fulfillment. Along the way, "branding" children - just like branding cattle - inflicts pain. Yet school districts, desperate for funding sources, often eagerly welcome marketers and seem not to recognize the threats that marketing brings to children's well-being and to the integrity of the education they receive. Given that all ads in school pose some threat to children, it is past time for considering whether marketing activities belong in school. Schools should be ad-free zones. **Teachers Discovering Computers: Integrating Technology in a Changing World Cengage Learning TEACHERS DISCOVERING COMPUTERS: INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGY IN A CHANGING WORLD, EIGHTH EDITION** introduces future educators to technology and digital media in order to help them successfully teach the current generation of digital students. **Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.** **Make Learning Personal The What, Who, WOW, Where, and Why Corwin Press** Put learning back into the hands of the learner! Personalized learning empowers learners to take control of their own learning. This resource draws on **Universal Design for Learning®** principles to create a powerful shift in classroom dynamics by developing self-directed, self-motivated learners. You'll discover: A system that reduces barriers and maximizes learning for all learners An explanation distinguishing personalization from differentiation and individualization The Stages of Personalized Learning Environments that transform teacher and learner roles. Background information to build a rationale on why to personalize learning Strategies around the culture shift in classrooms and schools as you personalize learning. As recognized authorities, the authors have led educational innovation for almost three decades. **Primary Mathematics Capitalising on ICT for Today and Tomorrow Cambridge University Press** This second edition encourages the integration of technology into a pedagogically sound learning sequence for primary mathematics. **STEM Integration in K-12 Education Status, Prospects, and an Agenda for Research National Academies Press** STEM Integration in K-12 Education examines current efforts to connect the STEM disciplines in K-12 education. This report identifies and characterizes existing approaches to integrated STEM education, both in formal and after- and out-of-school settings. The report reviews the evidence for the impact of integrated approaches on various student outcomes, and it proposes a set of priority research questions to advance the understanding of integrated STEM education. **STEM Integration in K-12 Education** proposes a framework to provide a common perspective and vocabulary for researchers, practitioners, and others to identify, discuss, and investigate specific integrated STEM initiatives within the K-12 education system of the United States. **STEM Integration in K-12 Education** makes recommendations for designers of integrated STEM experiences, assessment developers, and researchers to design and document effective integrated STEM education. This report will help to further their work and improve the chances that some forms of integrated STEM education will make a positive difference in student learning and interest and other valued outcomes. **Multiresolution Approach to Processing Images for Different Applications Interaction of Lower Processing with Higher Vision Springer** This book presents theoretical and practical aspects of the interaction between low and high level image processing. **Multiresolution analysis** owes its popularity mostly to wavelets and is widely used in a variety of applications. **Low level image processing** is important for the performance of many high level applications. The book includes examples from different research fields, i.e. video surveillance; biomedical applications (EMG and X-ray); improved communication, namely teleoperation, telemedicine, animation, augmented/virtual reality and robot vision; monitoring of the condition of ship systems and image quality control. **Human Development Report 2015 Work for Human Development United Nations** This report takes a broad view of the link between work and human development. Work is a critical tool for economic growth and security, poverty reduction and gender equality. It enables full participation in society while affording people a sense of dignity and worth. Humans working together not only increase their material well-being, they also accumulate a wide body of knowledge that serves as the basis for cultures and civilizations. The report finds that work enhances human development when policies are taken to expand productive, remunerative and satisfying work opportunities. Workers' skills and potentials are enhanced, their well-being in terms of rights, safety and benefits are ensured with targeted interventions, and an agenda incorporating decent work, a new Social Contract and a Global Deal is pursued. **Impact Assessment of Stem Initiatives in Improving Educational Outcomes Research Report from a National Evaluation Conducted to Inform Policy and Practice AuthorHouse** Impact assessment of STEM initiatives in improving educational outcomes explores research evidence and labour market reports to show why successive governments think STEM education matters. It maps the policy background and the STEM crisis in the UK

which led to the launch of the STEM informal education sector. These schemes funded by the government, educational charities and private organisations have now mushroomed at the local and national level. In the midst of so many activities for various age groups do we know what works or works better for specific group of students? Does one size fit all? The book provides a detailed report of a longitudinal national evaluation conducted in the UK by making use of official datasets. The activities evaluated here have not had a major influence on educational outcomes such as improved standardized national test results or increased STEM subject choices. The robust evaluation protocol described in this well-structured and thoughtful text will help schools to decide what works best for the students activity providers to evaluate long term outcomes for the activities they run researchers to replicate the protocol for similar activities in other settings Masters and PhD students understand how evidence from research can be used to inform policy and practice The results and implications combined with the recommendations made here will interest all those who are directly involved in the delivery of these enrichment and enhancement activities, practitioners using evidence, policy makers, the research community and schools wanting to run their own evaluations. Improving Teaching through Observation and Feedback Beyond State and Federal Mandates Routledge In response to Race to the Top, schools nationwide are rapidly overhauling their teacher evaluation processes. Often forced to develop and implement these programs without adequate extra-institutional support or relevant experience, already-taxed administrators need accessible and practical resources. Improving Teaching through Observation and Feedback brings cutting-edge research and years of practical experience directly to those who need them. In five concise chapters, Thomas Good and Alyson Lavigne briefly outline the history of RttT and then move quickly and authoritatively to a discussion of best practices. This book is a perfect resource for administrators reworking their processes for new evaluation guidelines. Technology and Testing Improving Educational and Psychological Measurement Routledge From early answer sheets filled in with number 2 pencils, to tests administered by mainframe computers, to assessments wholly constructed by computers, it is clear that technology is changing the field of educational and psychological measurement. The numerous and rapid advances have immediate impact on test creators, assessment professionals, and those who implement and analyze assessments. This comprehensive new volume brings together leading experts on the issues posed by technological applications in testing, with chapters on game-based assessment, testing with simulations, video assessment, computerized test development, large-scale test delivery, model choice, validity, and error issues. Including an overview of existing literature and ground-breaking research, each chapter considers the technological, practical, and ethical considerations of this rapidly-changing area. Ideal for researchers and professionals in testing and assessment, Technology and Testing provides a critical and in-depth look at one of the most pressing topics in educational testing today. The African Mother Tongue and Mathematical Ideas Vernon Press This book by renowned scholar Dr Abdul Karim Bangura combines linguistics and mathematics to show how and why African-centred mathematical ideas can be a driving force in Africa's development efforts. Bangura explores the concept that Africa has been the centre of the History of Mathematics for thousands of years, as the civilizations that emerged across the continent developed contributions which would enrich both ancient and modern understanding of nature through mathematics. However, scholars and other professionals working in the field of mathematics education in Africa have identified a plethora of issues in carrying out their tasks. This is highlighted by one of the most compelling arguments in the book, which is that a major reason for these problems is the fact that the African mother tongues has been greatly neglected in the teaching of mathematics in the continent. Bangura asserts that a change has to be made in order for Africa to benefit from the exceptional opportunities mathematics offer, showing that, even if there is a great body of work connecting linguistics and mathematics, few analyses have been performed on the link between African languages and mathematics—and the ones that have been made are not theoretically-grounded on linguistics. Thus, the book begins by identifying the objects of study of linguistics and mathematics, and delineates which ones they have in common. Next, since the object of study of linguistics is language, the nine design features of language are employed to examine each of the objects as it pertains to African languages. After that, mathematical ideas of sustainability and those of tipping points are suggested as means to help Africa's development efforts. Women in IT in the New Social Era: A Critical Evidence-Based Review of Gender Inequality and the Potential for Change A Critical Evidence-Based Review of Gender Inequality and the Potential for Change IGI Global Research and statistics support the view that current programs are failing to keep women in the ICT field. Currently, there exist very few solutions to this growing problem. Women in IT in the New Social Era: A Critical Evidence-Based Review of Gender Inequality and the Potential for Change aims to bring this topic to the forefront of discussion about what can be done to correct this lopsided gender distribution. This reference work will be an essential guide for government professionals, students, and researchers in the ICT field looking to develop a solution to equalize the retention rate of women in these related fields. Barriers and Opportunities for 2-Year and 4-Year STEM Degrees Systemic Change to Support Students' Diverse Pathways National Academies Press Nearly 40 percent of the students entering 2- and 4-year postsecondary institutions indicated their intention to major in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) in 2012. But the barriers to students realizing their ambitions are reflected in the fact that about half of those with the intention to earn a STEM bachelor's degree and more than two-thirds intending to earn a STEM associate's degree fail to earn these degrees 4 to 6 years after their initial enrollment. Many of those who do obtain a degree take longer than the advertised length of the programs, thus raising the cost of their education. Are the STEM educational pathways any less efficient than for other fields of study? How might the losses be "stemmed" and greater efficiencies realized? These questions and others are at the heart of this study. Barriers and Opportunities for 2-Year and 4-Year STEM Degrees reviews research on the roles that people, processes, and institutions play in 2-and 4-year STEM degree production. This study pays special attention to the factors that influence students' decisions to enter, stay in, or leave STEM majors—quality of instruction, grading policies, course sequences, undergraduate learning environments, student supports, co-curricular activities, students' general academic preparedness and competence in

science, family background, and governmental and institutional policies that affect STEM educational pathways. Because many students do not take the traditional 4-year path to a STEM undergraduate degree, *Barriers and Opportunities* describes several other common pathways and also reviews what happens to those who do not complete the journey to a degree. This book describes the major changes in student demographics; how students view, value, and utilize programs of higher education; and how institutions can adapt to support successful student outcomes. In doing so, *Barriers and Opportunities* questions whether definitions and characteristics of what constitutes success in STEM should change. As this book explores these issues, it identifies where further research is needed to build a system that works for all students who aspire to STEM degrees. The conclusions of this report lay out the steps that faculty, STEM departments, colleges and universities, professional societies, and others can take to improve STEM education for all students interested in a STEM degree.

GDP: The World's Most Powerful Formula and Why it Must Now Change Icon Books A highly topical look at the formula that dominates economics, and why it has outlived its usefulness. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is the world's economic health-check, an influential ranking of global prosperity. A rising number is manna for markets and keeps business buzzing; a falling one is a portent of doom for everyone. But, as science writer Ehsan Masood deftly shows, GDP can be unforgiving for those countries that cannot be - or choose not to be - measured by its rules. And it fails to measure much of what is really important to our lives. GDP was created to help Western economies rebuild after the horrors of the Great Depression and to rise again from the fires of the Second World War. But it simultaneously rewarded decades of environmental destruction, and now, amid an unprecedented economic crisis, it faces a fight for its survival. What began as a useful formula to assess a country's path to prosperity, has trapped societies and leaders into a system of measurement from which the world has to break free. We must, and this book shows how we can.

Emerging Security Algorithms and Techniques CRC Press Cyber security is the protection of information systems, hardware, software, and information as well from theft, damages, interruption or misdirection to any of these resources. In other words, cyber security focuses on protecting computers, networks, programs and data (in use, in rest, in motion) from unauthorized or unintended access, change or destruction. Therefore, strengthening the security and resilience of cyberspace has become a vital homeland security mission. Cyber security attacks are growing exponentially. Security specialists must occupy in the lab, concocting new schemes to preserve the resources and to control any new attacks. Therefore, there are various emerging algorithms and techniques viz. DES, AES, IDEA, WAKE, CAST5, Serpent Algorithm, Chaos-Based Cryptography McEliece, Niederreiter, NTRU, Goldreich-Goldwasser-Halevi, Identity Based Encryption, and Attribute Based Encryption. There are numerous applications of security algorithms like cyber security, web security, e-commerce, database security, smart card technology, mobile security, cloud security, digital signature, etc. The book offers comprehensive coverage of the most essential topics, including: Modular Arithmetic, Finite Fields Prime Number, DLP, Integer Factorization Problem Symmetric Cryptography Asymmetric Cryptography Post-Quantum Cryptography Identity Based Encryption Attribute Based Encryption Key Management Entity Authentication, Message Authentication Digital Signatures Hands-On "SageMath" This book serves as a textbook/reference book for UG, PG, PhD students, Teachers, Researchers and Engineers in the disciplines of Information Technology, Computer Science and Engineering, and Electronics and Communication Engineering.

Homotopy Type Theory Univalent Foundations of Mathematics This book is the product of a yearlong collaboration at the Institute for Advanced Study. It describes (the beta version of) a new language for mathematics, which may some day replace set theory.

Asia's High Performing Education Systems The Case of Hong Kong Routledge Education officials, specialist leaders and teachers have all been involved in different ways to bring about school reform in Hong Kong. This book is a very current and relevant analysis of this reform, highlighting the way in which agencies have cooperated in bringing about change over the last several decades. Through a process of wide-ranging decision-making, collaboration and consensus among key bodies and agencies of change, some important developments have occurred. The reforms collectively have had, and are continuing to have, a major impact upon schooling in Hong Kong. This volume represents a range of authors and specialists involved in a number of different reforms, covering themes such as historical policy contexts, new curriculum approaches, changing pedagogies, school leadership, implementation and change, and assessment and evaluation. This is a very topical book which provides a probing analysis of how an Asian education system has been able to reach and maintain a very high performing level.

Teaching Mathematics Using Popular Culture Strategies for Common Core Instruction from Film and Television McFarland Mathematics teachers often struggle to motivate their students. One way to cultivate and maintain student interest is for teachers to incorporate popular media into their methodology. Organized on the subject strands of the Common Core, this book explores math concepts featured in contemporary films and television shows and offers numerous examples high school math teachers can use to design lessons using pop culture references. Outlines for lessons are provided along with background stories and historical references.

Post-Recession Community College Reform A Decade of Experimentation Routledge The book analyses and evaluates several key community college reform programs that emerged after the Recession of 2008 and as a result of major initiatives in California, New York, Tennessee, Florida, Connecticut and Wisconsin. Because of the economic downturn in the early 21st Century, an already eroding financial base for public higher education saw even further losses. At the same time, enrollments were booming, particularly in the two-year sector where many students who would have traditionally forgone a college education, were now enrolling to ensure their competitiveness in a harsh labor market. Chapters in this book examine the development and implementation of initiatives and accountability measures imposed across the states by the Obama administration, and consider their effectiveness in reducing the impact of the loss of students, and their role in improving courses. This book will be of interest to postgraduates and researchers exploring the history of education in the United States, as well as academic administrators, faculty, and policy-makers with an interest in reform-based practices that have been successfully implemented in community colleges.

Intelligent Computer Mathematics International Conference, CICM 2015, Washington, DC, USA, July 13-17, 2015, Proceedings.

Springer This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the International Conference on Intelligent Computer Mathematics, CICM 2015, held in Washington, DC, USA, in July 2015. The 16 full papers and 9 short papers presented together with two invited talks plus one abstract were carefully reviewed and selected from a total of 43 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections following the tracks of the conference: Invited Talks; Calculamus; Digital Mathematics Libraries; Mathematical Knowledge Management; Projects and Surveys; Systems and Data. Cloud Technology: Concepts, Methodologies, Tools, and Applications IGI Global As the Web grows and expands into ever more remote parts of the world, the availability of resources over the Internet increases exponentially. Making use of this widely prevalent tool, organizations and individuals can share and store knowledge like never before. Cloud Technology: Concepts, Methodologies, Tools, and Applications investigates the latest research in the ubiquitous Web, exploring the use of applications and software that make use of the Internet's anytime, anywhere availability. By bringing together research and ideas from across the globe, this publication will be of use to computer engineers, software developers, and end users in business, education, medicine, and more. Ireland and migration in the twenty-first century Manchester University Press Considers migration to, from and within Ireland in the twenty-first century, covering the Celtic Tiger era of mass immigration to Ireland as well as the dramatic growth in levels of emigration that has occurred since the Irish economic collapse. America's Moment: Creating Opportunity in the Connected Age W. W. Norton & Company It is time for a new conversation. Amid the biggest economic transformation in a century, the challenge of our time is to make sure that all Americans benefit from the wave of digital revolutions around the world that have permeated and upended modern life. Yet today's economic arguments seem stuck. We need a new vision of a hopeful future and a new action agenda. So many Americans are uncertain about the future. How can there be so many paths to opportunity with so few people traveling them? As a nation, we have to understand what is required to help Americans succeed now, and how to prepare our country for what comes next. We have been here before. A hundred years ago, America experienced the greatest economic transformation and technological revolution in its history. The transformation of the past twenty years—as the world has moved through the information era into the digital age—has turned our life and work upside down once again. It is a time of tremendous change but also of tremendous possibility. Rework America is a group of American leaders who know from experience the challenges we face—and the potential solutions. In America's Moment they suggest a practical agenda for an exciting future. It is illustrated by people who are already showing the way and includes actions Americans can take today in their own communities: preparing people to succeed, using the reach of the Internet and data to innovate jobs and to reach new markets all over the world, using technology to match employers and workers, and transitioning to a "no-collar" working world—neither blue collar nor white collar. Set against the history of how Americans succeeded once before in remaking their country, America's Moment is about the future. It describes how the same forces of change—technology and a networked world—can become tools that can open opportunity to everyone. Early Education Curriculum: A Child's Connection to the World Cengage Learning Packed with hands-on tips, Beaver/Wyatt's EARLY EDUCATION CURRICULUM: A CHILD'S CONNECTION TO THE WORLD, 8th Edition, shows you how to conduct observations and assessments, plan and implement a curriculum, set up an inclusive child-centered environment, plan developmentally appropriate activities in 11 subject areas and use technology in early learning programs. Students and experienced teachers alike will learn how to make informed decisions about curriculum content, develop creative thinking skills and effectively apply development and learning theory. Updated with the latest research and national standards, the 8th Edition presents material on brain research that underlies teaching ideas as well as information on reflective practice, intentional teaching, the environment as a teaching tool and equity and diversity. Case studies enable you to apply your knowledge to real-life issues. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version. STEM, Social Mobility and Equality Avenues for Widening Access Springer Nature This book examines the role of the family in intra and inter-generational social movement. The authors take a genealogical approach to researching social mobility, using a university chemistry department as a case study to explore participants' motives for pursuing a STEM undergraduate degree and the influences that have shaped them. Assessing the roles of genealogy, family and higher education in shaping their aspirations and careers, the authors examine the contributions of these variables to the students aspirations. With a wealth of empirically rich qualitative data, the authors identify areas where work is required to achieve greater equality of access to high performing chemistry departments and enhance career outcomes, which could be applied more widely. This book will appeal to scholars of educational inequalities and widening access, particularly in terms of STEM education. Surviving Sexism in Academia Strategies for Feminist Leadership Taylor & Francis This edited collection contends that if women are to enter into leadership positions at equal levels with their male colleagues, then sexism in all its forms must be acknowledged, attended to, and actively addressed. This interdisciplinary collection—Surviving Sexism in Academia: Strategies for Feminist Leadership—is part storytelling, part autoethnography, part action plan. The chapters document and analyze everyday sexism in the academy and offer up strategies for survival, ultimately 'lifting the veil' from the good old boys/business-as-usual culture that continues to pervade academia in both visible and less-visible forms, forms that can stifle even the most ambitious women in their careers. Our Social World Introduction to Sociology SAGE Publications Inspire your students to develop their sociological imaginations in Our Social World. Focused on deep learning rather than memorization, this book encourages readers to analyze, evaluate, and apply information about the social world; to see the connection between the world and personal events from a new perspective; and to confront sociological issues on a day-to-day basis. Organized around the "Social World Model", a conceptual framework used across chapters to see the complex links between various micro- to macro-levels of the social system, students will develop the practice of using three levels of analysis, and to view sociology as an integrated whole, rather than a set of discrete subjects. Democracy in Central Asia Competing Perspectives and Alternative Strategies University Press of Kentucky Promoting democracy has

long been a priority of Western foreign policy. In practice, however, international attempts to expand representative forms of government have been inconsistent and are often perceived in the West to have been failures. The states of Central Asia, in particular, seem to be "democracy resistant," and their governments have continued to support various forms of authoritarianism in the decades following the Soviet Union's collapse. In *Democracy in Central Asia*, Mariya Omelicheva examines the beliefs and values underlying foreign policies of the major global powers—the United States, the European Union, Russia, and China—in order to understand their efforts to influence political change in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan. Omelicheva has traveled extensively in the region, collecting data from focus groups and public opinion surveys. She draws on the results of her fieldwork as well as on official documents and statements of democracy-promoting nations in order to present a provocative new analysis. Her study reveals that the governments and citizens of Central Asia have developed their own views on democracy supported by the Russian and Chinese models rather than by Western examples. The vast majority of previous scholarly work on this subject has focused on the strategies of democratization pursued by one agent such as the United States or the European Union. Omelicheva shifts the focus from democracy promoters' methods to their message and expands the scope of existing analysis to include multiple sources of influence. Her fresh approach illuminates the full complexity of both global and regional notions of good governance and confirms the importance of social-psychological and language-based perspectives in understanding the obstacles to expanding egalitarianism.

Social Workers as Game Changers: Confronting Complex Social Issues Through Cases SAGE Publications Designed to promote active, hands-on learning, *Social Workers as Game Changers: Confronting Complex Social Issues Through Cases* by Laura Lewis is composed of 11 chapter-length case studies that prepare students to address the types of challenging social issues they will encounter as practicing social workers. The cases—covering topics from immigration, gangs, and education to race, mental health, and end-of-life care—illustrate the interrelationship between the micro, mezzo, and macro levels and facilitate not just recall of facts, but also higher-level learning. Each case allows students to confront realistic scenarios as they evaluate, analyze, and synthesize information, resulting in more engaged and informed classroom discussions.

Count Girls In Empowering Girls to Combine Any Interests with STEM to Open Up a World of Opportunity Chicago Review Press To succeed in science and tech fields today, girls don't have to change who they are. A girl who combines her natural talents, interests, and dreams with STEM skills has a greater shot at a career she loves and a salary she deserves. The authors present compelling research in a conversational, accessible style and provide specific advice and takeaways for each stage of schooling from elementary school through college, followed by comprehensive STEM resources. This isn't a book about raising competitive, test-acing girls in lab coats; this is about raising happy, confident girls who realize the world of opportunities before them.

Intelligent Computer Mathematics CICM 2014 Joint Events: Calculemus, DML, MKM, and Systems and Projects 2014, Coimbra, Portugal, July 7-11, 2014. Proceedings Springer This book constitutes the joint refereed proceedings of Calculemus 2014, Digital Mathematics Libraries, DML 2014, Mathematical Knowledge Management, MKM 2014 and Systems and Projects, S&P 2014, held in Coimbra, Portugal, during July 7-11, 2014 as four tracks of CICM 2014, the Conferences on Intelligent Computer Mathematics. The 26 full papers and 9 Systems and Projects descriptions presented together with 5 invited talks were carefully reviewed and selected from a total of 55 submissions. The Calculemus track of CICM examines the integration of symbolic computation and mechanized reasoning. The Digital Mathematics Libraries track - evolved from the DML workshop series - features math-aware technologies, standards, algorithms and processes towards the fulfillment of the dream of a global DML. The Mathematical Knowledge Management track of CICM is concerned with all aspects of managing mathematical knowledge in the informal, semi-formal and formal settings. The Systems and Projects track presents short descriptions of existing systems or on-going projects in the areas of all the other tracks of the conference.

Contributing Factors to TIMSS 2011 Eighth Graders' Science Achievement: A Comparison between Malaysia and Singapore Universiti Malaysia Sabah Press Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) is one of the projects of the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), located at Amsterdam, The Netherlands and Hamburg, Germany. IEA is an independent cooperative of national educational research institutions and governmental research agencies dedicated to improving education. TIMSS is conducted regularly for every four years to assess students' achievement in science and mathematics at both the fourth and eighth grades. The project is dedicated to providing participating countries with information to improve teaching and learning in science and mathematics. This book is written especially for the interest of undergraduate students, postgraduate students, and educators of science education who wish to know more about the contributing factors to Grade 8 students' science achievement in TIMSS. This book is also resourceful for individuals who are involved, directly or indirectly, in the administration and implementation of TIMSS at the national, state, district, and school levels. This book consists of seven chapters. The first chapter gives a brief introduction to TIMSS which includes the TIMSS curriculum model and TIMSS science assessment frameworks. The subsequent chapters compare the contribution of various factors, i.e., home environment support, school resources, school climate, teacher preparation, and classroom instructions on Malaysian and Singaporean Grade 8 students' science achievement in TIMSS 2011. Last but not least, recommendations on ways to improve Malaysian Grade 8 students' science achievement in the forthcoming TIMSS are suggested based on the experiences of the Singaporean education system.

The Education Invasion How Common Core Fights Parents for Control of American Kids Encounter Books Most Americans had no idea what Common Core was in 2013, according to polls. But it had been creeping into schools nationwide over the previous three years, and children were feeling its effects. They cried over math homework so mystifying their parents could not help them, even in elementary school. They read motley assortments of "informational text" instead of classic literature. They dreaded the high-stakes tests, in unfamiliar formats, that were increasingly controlling their classrooms. How did this latest and most sweeping "reform" of American education come in mostly under the radar? Joy Pullmann started tugging on a thread of reports from worried parents and frustrated teachers, and it led to a big tangle of history and politics,

intrigue and arrogance. She unwound it to discover how a cabal of private foundation honchos and unelected public officials cooked up a set of rules for what American children must learn in core K-12 classes, and how the Obama administration pressured states to adopt them. Thus a federalized education scheme took root, despite legal prohibitions against federal involvement in curriculum. Common Core and its testing regime were touted as “an absolute game-changer in public education,” yet the evidence so far suggests that kids are actually learning less under it. Why, then, was such a costly and disruptive agenda imposed on the nation’s schools? Who benefits? And how can citizens regain local self-governance in education, so their children’s minds will be fed a more nourishing intellectual diet and be protected from the experiments of emboldened bureaucrats? The Education Invasion offers answers and remedies. *Rewriting the Rules of the American Economy: An Agenda for Growth and Shared Prosperity* W. W. Norton & Company It’s time to rewrite the rules—to curb the runaway flow of wealth to the top one percent, to restore security and opportunity for the middle class, and to foster stronger growth rooted in broadly shared prosperity. Inequality is a choice. The United States bills itself as the land of opportunity, a place where anyone can achieve success and a better life through hard work and determination. But the facts tell a different story—the U.S. today lags behind most other developed nations in measures of inequality and economic mobility. For decades, wages have stagnated for the majority of workers while economic gains have disproportionately gone to the top one percent. Education, housing, and health care—essential ingredients for individual success—are growing ever more expensive. Deeply rooted structural discrimination continues to hold down women and people of color, and more than one-fifth of all American children now live in poverty. These trends are on track to become even worse in the future. Some economists claim that today’s bleak conditions are inevitable consequences of market outcomes, globalization, and technological progress. If we want greater equality, they argue, we have to sacrifice growth. This is simply not true. American inequality is the result of misguided structural rules that actually constrict economic growth. We have stripped away worker protections and family support systems, created a tax system that rewards short-term gains over long-term investment, offered a de facto public safety net to too-big-to-fail financial institutions, and chosen monetary and fiscal policies that promote wealth over full employment. *Failure Up Close What Happens, Why It Happens, and What We Can Learn from It* Rowman & Littlefield This book engages a select group of scholars from across the ideological spectrum to examine particular education reform efforts of recent years that have not succeeded and offer lessons for school and system improvement that can be learned from them. *Modern Mathematics Education for Engineering Curricula in Europe A Comparative Analysis of EU, Russia, Georgia and Armenia* Springer This book is open access under a CC BY License. It provides a comprehensive overview of the core subjects comprising mathematical curricula for engineering studies in five European countries and identifies differences between two strong traditions of teaching mathematics to engineers. The collective work of experts from a dozen universities critically examines various aspects of higher mathematical education. The two EU Tempus-IV projects - MetaMath and MathGeAr - investigate the current methodologies of mathematics education for technical and engineering disciplines. The projects aim to improve the existing mathematics curricula in Russian, Georgian and Armenian universities by introducing modern technology-enhanced learning (TEL) methods and tools, as well as by shifting the focus of engineering mathematics education from a purely theoretical tradition to a more applied paradigm. MetaMath and MathGeAr have brought together mathematics educators, TEL specialists and experts in education quality assurance from 21 organizations across six countries. The results of a comprehensive comparative analysis of the entire spectrum of mathematics courses in the EU, Russia, Georgia and Armenia has been conducted, have allowed the consortium to pinpoint and introduce several modifications to their curricula while preserving the generally strong state of university mathematics education in these countries. The book presents the methodology, procedure and results of this analysis. This book is a valuable resource for teachers, especially those teaching mathematics, and curriculum planners for engineers, as well as for a general audience interested in scientific and technical higher education. *Early Education Curriculum: A Child's Connection to the World* Cengage Learning The sixth edition of *EARLY EDUCATION CURRICULUM: A CHILD'S CONNECTION TO THE WORLD* focuses on the process of planning and implementing a curriculum, and setting up an inclusive child-centered environment. This text meets the needs of a diverse range of students and experienced teachers, helping them to make informed decisions about curriculum content as well as to develop creative thinking and the ability to effectively apply theory to an early childhood classroom setting. Updated to include the most current research and standards, the sixth edition presents new material on brain research that underlies teaching ideas as well as new information on reflective practice, intentional teaching, and using the environment as a teaching tool. The book retains its strong applied focus on the how-to's of teaching, with many new hands-on teaching tips and six new chapters on topics such as observation and assessment, fine motor and manipulatives, and large motor and outdoor play. **Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.** *Teacher Quality and Education Policy in India Understanding the Relationship Between Teacher Education, Teacher Effectiveness, and Student Outcomes* Routledge By drawing on quantitative data and qualitative analyses of five major national education policies implemented in India over the last 15 years, this comprehensive volume explores their impact on teacher quality and perceived effectiveness, explaining how this relates to variations in student performance. Responding to a national agenda to increase the quality of the Indian teacher workforce, *Teacher Quality and Education Policy in India* critically questions the application of human capital theory to Indian education policy. Chapters provide in-depth and strategically structured analyses of five national policies - including the recently approved National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 - to see how Indian policymakers use teacher quality as a driver and measurement of education and national economic development. Ultimately, the text offers evidence-based policy recommendations to improve teacher quality in India, suggesting that while all five policies have contributed significant frameworks and recommendations for teacher quality reform, they have failed to move beyond a symbolic function. Given its rigorous methodological approach, this book will be a valuable addition to

the under-researched question of education policymaking in postcolonial contexts. It will be an indispensable resource not only for scholars working on policymaking in the Indian context, but also for those working at the intersection of education, teacher development, and policymaking in developing countries. **Climate Smart & Energy Wise Advancing Science Literacy, Knowledge, and Know-How** Corwin Press Today's answers to our most urgent climate issues The twenty-first century ushered in a set of unmistakably urgent global challenges that are too important to be an afterthought in today's classrooms. **Climate Smart & Energy Wise** offers a virtual blueprint to climate and energy education, packed with resources and strategies, including: A high-level overview of where climate and energy topics fit (or don't fit) into your current curriculum with connections to the NGSS Proven methods to teach climate change and related topics in a grade-appropriate way Sample learning activities and high-quality online resources **We Are Better Than This** How Government Should Spend Our Money Oxford University Press **We Are Better Than This** fundamentally reframes budget debates in the United States. Author Edward D. Kleinbard explains how the public's preoccupation with tax policy alone has obscured any understanding of government's ability to complement the private sector through investment and insurance programs that enhance the general welfare and prosperity of our society at large. He argues that when we choose how government should spend and tax, we open a window into our "fiscal soul," because those choices are the means by which we express the values we cherish and the regard in which we hold our fellow citizens. Though these values are being diminished by short-sighted decisions to starve government, strategic government spending can directly make citizens happier, healthier, and even wealthier. Expertly combining the latest economic research with his insider knowledge of the budget process into a simple yet compelling narrative, he unmasks the tax mythologies and false arguments that too often dominate contemporary discourse about budget policies. Large quantities of comparative data are succinctly distilled to situate the United States among its peer countries, so that readers can judge for themselves whether contemporary budget choices really reflect our aspirational fiscal soul. Kleinbard's presentation takes a multi-disciplinary approach, drawing on economics, finance, law, political science and moral philosophy. He uniquely weaves economic research and moral philosophy together by emphasizing our welfare, not just our national income, and by contrasting the actual beliefs of Adam Smith, a great moral philosopher, with the cartoon version of the man presented by proponents of the most extreme forms of private market triumphalism.