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AAUP Publishes “Books for Understanding: Guns in America”

Scholarship Explores Critical Cultural Debate

NEW YORK (March 4, 2013)—In consideration of the ongoing tragedy of gun violence in America, of which the mass shootings in Aurora, Colorado, last summer, and Sandy Hook, Connecticut, this winter, are only the most recent and notable, the Association of American University Presses (AAUP) has compiled a bibliography of university press scholarship on gun policy, violence, the Second Amendment, and more: “Books for Understanding: Guns in America.”

The latest Books for Understanding bibliography includes more than 40 works of scholarly insight into America’s gun culture. The vetted and deeply considered analysis published by the member presses of the AAUP forms a readily available resource for policymakers, journalists, academics, and hobbyists alike.

<http://www.booksforunderstanding.org/guns.html>

Featuring scholarship from more than 20 AAUP member presses, “Books for Understanding: Guns in America” includes such titles as:

- *Reducing Gun Violence in America: Informing Policy with Evidence and Analysis* edited by Daniel W. Webster and Jon S. Vernick (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2013);
- *Guns, Democracy, and the Insurrectionist Idea* by Joshua Horwitz and Casey Anderson (University of Michigan Press, 2009);
- *The Bully Society: School Shootings and the Crisis of Bullying in America’s Schools* by Jessie Klein (New York University Press, 2012).

Books for Understanding is a free public service of AAUP to help librarians, journalists, educators, and interested readers find the best books on current events. The program highlights one of the highest values of university presses: to publish top research and scholarship in all fields regardless of immediate commercial potential. Often the most complete and illuminating background research and knowledge for a breaking news story is only available in scholarly books from presses committed to the public interest.

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