Lanham's "Everyday Bias: Identifying and Navigating Unconscious Judgments in Our Daily Lives" (Book Review)

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Everyday Bias: Identifying and Navigating Unconscious Judgments in Our Daily Lives,
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Reviewed by Laura E. Walton, Circulation Librarian, Miller Library, Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids, MI

Howard Ross, a diversity expert, consultant, and founder of Cook-Ross, Inc., writes an in-depth look into the human mind and explores the known and unknown biases that constantly shape our thoughts and actions. Ross begins with an explanation of what bias is and moves on to how bias shapes both our personal lives and the current events in our communities and around the world. He then gives practical strategies to help the reader learn how to live and make choices free from their unconscious bias.

Ross’s career has been spent consulting with businesses and providing diversity training and leadership development. Because the bulk of his career has been in the business world, his writing naturally tends to gravitate towards a business audience. While the text may not be extremely helpful for researchers or scholars, I believe this text would be helpful for business students and those who are currently in the workforce. Ultimately, I wouldn’t say this text is essential to any collection but it could be a valuable addition for those interested in the topic of bias and how it is manifested.

Exploring our Hebraic Heritage: A Christian Theology of Roots and Renewal,
by Marvin R. Wilson, Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2014. 304 pp. $22.00.
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Reviewed by Jacob Gucker, Assistant Library Director, BMA Theological Seminary, Jacksonville, TX

Marvin R. Wilson’s Exploring our Hebraic Heritage invites readers to consider the shared theological, spiritual, and ethical themes of Judaism and Christianity to help Christian readers of every kind realize their theological and spiritual roots. As a sequel to Wilson’s Our Father Abraham: Jewish Roots of the Christian Faith, which was a broader look at Hebraic thought and the shared background of both faiths, this book zeroes in on the themes of the Hebrew Scriptures which have the greatest impact upon Christian identity, experience, and understanding.

Wilson accomplishes his purpose in five parts. The first part gives readers a few pointers for doing Christian theology well before introducing Hebraic patterns