

**Equal play: Title IX and social change, ed. by Nancy Hogshead-Makar and Andrew Zimbalist. Temple University, 2007. 313p index afp ISBN 9781592133802 pbk, \$34.95** This book is both a valuable addition to the literature and a major disappointment. In looking at Title IX, Hogshead-Makar (Florida Coastal School of Law) and Zimbalist (economics, Smith College) compile documents that reveal the chronological evolution of women's participation in sports, including the original Title IX documents and amendments and materials on policy skirmishes and turning points, ensuing legislation and important court cases (Grove City College, Brown University), and the challenges and diversity tactics employed by the NCAA and various administrations to thwart the law. But in making their selections, the editors were not unbiased observers but rather partisans on a mission. For example, the inclusion of Michael Sokolove's "Football Is a Sucker's Game" (The New York Times Magazine, December, 22, 2002) serves no purpose; and the almost one-sided inclusion and positioning of contributions by Title IX supporters imparts significant biases to controversial and contentious issues. And their introductions to each of the volume's five major parts offer important contexts and summaries but also slanted commentary. Though being clinical and objective in dealing with highly charged social issues that employ such loaded terms as "fairness," "justice," "equity," and "passion" is admittedly difficult, that is exactly what one expects from scholars. Summing Up: Recommended. With reservations. All readers, all levels. -- A. R. Sanderson, University of Chicago