In 1966, nine young men left the Arizona desert mining camp of Morenci to serve their country in the far-flung jungles of Vietnam. Only three survived. Morenci was a place where cultures intermingled, and the nine friends, included three Mexican Americans and one Native American. Drawing on personal interviews and correspondence that shed new light on the Morenci Nine, *The Morenci Marines: A Tale of Small Town America and the Vietnam War* (University Press of Kansas, 2013) is as much about loss, grief, and guilt as about the battlefield. It makes compelling reading for anyone who lived in that era—and for anyone still seeing family members go off to fight in controversial wars.