

Antioch University

COMMON THREAD

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

AU | University Registrar Office completes team!



The University Registrar's office has concluded its staffing, and, for the first time since the reorganization was announced, is at full strength! Our most recent hires include Associate Registrar April Reyes, based in Santa Barbara, who had previously served as the Registrar for the now-closed Brooks Institute, as well as specialists Kirsten Camp at AUNE, Myeshia Babers at

AULA, and Carol Fernandez at AUS.

We are working on training, as well as transitioning campus responsibilities to centralized processing, and assisting the campuses with training for the ISS staffs in the Records and Registration functions. We are excited for the opportunities to provide improved services that our full team represents. Please don't hesitate to contact Maureen with any concerns, and please continue to send requests for services to registrar@antioch.edu. And please help us welcome our new staff members to Antioch!

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AU | New University Director of Accreditation and Academic Compliance



Leatrice Oram will be joining the Office of Academic Affairs November 1 as University Director of Accreditation and Academic Compliance. Leatrice has been a member of the Antioch community for 14 years, first as Antioch University New England's director of admissions, then moving to academic affairs in 2010.

As AUNE's Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, she manages a wide variety of initiatives such as curriculum change, integrated student services, and campus reporting for federal, state, and other programs. She was AUNE's campus coordinator for our most recent reaffirmation of accreditation and serves as AUNE's Chief Student Services Officer. Leatrice was also the campus' Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs as interim in Fall 2014. Prior to her work at AUNE, Leatrice was dean of admissions at Landmark College in Putney, VT and associate director of

student affairs at The Juilliard School in New York City.

As University Director of Accreditation and Academic Compliance, Leatrice will work with constituents across the university, managing the systems, reporting, and processed for AU's regional accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission, as well as supporting other specialized program accreditation needs. She will also collaborate with university staff to assure compliance with relevant federal and state authorization regulations. She will report to Dr. Iris Weisman, Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs and University Provost.

Leatrice recently completed her doctoral studies through Antioch University's PhD in Leadership and Change program; her dissertation was "[A Method to My Quietness: A Grounded Theory Study of Living and Leading](#)"

With Introversion". She also has a MA in Higher Education Administration from Columbia University Teachers College and a BA in Romance Languages from University of Chicago. She lives in Keene, NH with her husband Andrew, daughter Louisa, and their very energetic puppy, Artemis.

AULA | A Message on Reading from Library Director Lisa Lepore



There's a ton of research which says reading sharpens our minds to help us understand complex structures, develops sophisticated conceptual connections, expands our use and facility with language, introduces diverse thinking that strengthens our own, improves writing, and, when we deep read, moves us into a heightened state of existence.

Reading affirms the importance of community and can introduce us to brave and outspoken people we would never otherwise encounter, those who surprise us, undo us, and restore us. As James Baldwin says: "You think your pain and your heartbreak are unprecedented in the history of the world, but then you read." Let's get students to read more, inside and outside of their disciplines, and across genres.

[Read more.](#)

AWARDS

AUNE | Environmental Studies Alumnus Receives Award



Montreat College Professor Brad Daniel, AUNE Environmental Studies PhD graduate and past AUNE adjunct faculty member, recently received the Environmental Educators of North Carolina (EENC) Lifetime Achievement Award. The award recognizes environmental educators, members, organizations, and partners for their contributions to EENC, the North Carolina community, and to the field of environmental education.

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AU Congratulates Board of Governors Member, Dr. Enrique Figueroa



The entire Antioch University community would like to congratulate our own Dr. Enrique Figueroa on being named Hispanic Man of the Year by UMOS.

UMOS, a non-profit advocacy organization, provides programs and services which improve the employment, educational, health and housing opportunities of under-served populations. The UMOS Hispanic Awards are an annual event honoring the contributions of Wisconsin Hispanics to their communities. The awards committee presents the following awards each year: Hispanic Man of the Year, Hispanic Woman of the Year, Hispanic Youth of the Year, and Hispanic Family of the Year. Recipients of these awards have made significant contributions toward improving the quality of life in the communities where they live and work.

Enrique will be attending UMOS' Awards Banquet which takes place Saturday, October 29.

GSLC | Student Receives Campus Compact Honor



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GSLC student and Florida Gulf Coast University Service Learning and Live Learn Community Coordinator, Katharine (Katie) O'Connor is the 2016 recipient of Florida Campus Compact's Community Engagement Educator Award.

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EVENTS

AUNE | Free Webinar October 27: *Weathering Change: Local Solutions for Strong Communities*

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NEW ENGLAND

AUNE Faculty member Abi Abrash Walton, in conjunction with Melissa Deas from the Georgetown Climate Center, and a moderator from EPS Region 1, will be leading a free webinar on Thursday, October 27, from 12:00-1:00 PM.

In this webinar, Antioch University's Center for Climate Preparedness and Community Resilience will provide an overview of findings and recommendations from the *2016 Local Solutions Report: Identifying and meeting the needs of local communities adapting to climate change*. The report analyzes data from a range of original sources, including the Local Solutions Survey, participant evaluations of climate preparedness capacity-building programs, and community need statements.

Weathering Change: Local Solutions for Strong Communities is a free webinar series presented by Antioch University New England, in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

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NEWS

AUNE | AUNE Alumni and Student Featured on NH Chronicle



AUNE Environmental Education alumni Sam Jaffe, Jesse Varga, Liz Kautz, and AUNE graduate intern Mallory Scahill were recently featured on the TV show, "NH Chronicle" during an October 6 broadcast, in a profile of The Caterpillar Lab.

As an AUNE student, Sam Jaffe launched a Kickstarter campaign to fund a summer of educational programs about caterpillars. At the same time, Sam met Jesse and Liz, also AUNE students. The three rented space to raise caterpillars, and The Caterpillar Lab was born!

The Caterpillar Lab offers free public hours in its NH location and provides outreach programming, in venues including Boston Museum of Science, Boston Children's Museum, Montshire Museum of Science, Vermont Institute of Natural Science, and more. They also provide in-school programs and have developed teacher-naturalist training workshops with the Massachusetts Audubon.

[Watch the show.](#)

[Read more about the lab.](#)

Photo credit: [facebook.com/TheCaterpillarLab/](https://www.facebook.com/TheCaterpillarLab/)

AUNE | Conservation Psychology Institute Held in Tetons



AUNE recently held its Conservation Psychology Institute (CPI) at the Teton Science Schools in Moose, Wyoming, inside the Grand Teton National Park. The CPI is an interactive workshop facilitated by key researchers in the field and is focused on applying cutting-edge research to foster pro-environmental behaviors, building a connection to nature, and crafting effective communication strategies. The workshop's intent is to help those who work in conservation-related fields craft effective programs that connect people to nature and effectively communicate their program goals and outcomes.

Participants came from Wyoming, Colorado, and California, as well as from Australia. The institute covered the key principles of Conservation Psychology, as well as topics such as community-based social marketing, building effective programming, the “knowledge-to-action” gap, and program evaluation.

The next Institute will be June 11-14, 2017, at the New England campus, and there are plans to hold additional Institutes out West again in the future.

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AULA | Trance & Possession States



On Friday, October 21st, AULA students heard Dr. Sérgio Felipe de Oliveira, a neuroscientist and neuropsychiatrist, discuss the intersection between neuroscience and mediumship, trance and possession states. The presentation was sponsored by the MA in Clinical Psychology program's Spirituality and Depth Specialization.

The International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD-10), presently considers Trance and Possession Disorders as a mental disorder where one's normal identity is temporarily replaced (possessed) by a spirit, ghost, deity, or other person. However, whereas such states have been interpreted as psychopathologies in the West, cross-culturally, they acquire diverse expressions and roles, possibly ones which are therapeutic.

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AUNE | Strong Presence at North American Association for Environmental Education Conference



AUNE had a strong presence at the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) conference, held in Madison, WI, last week. Recent AUNE Environmental Studies PhD graduate Dr. Ruth Kermish-Allen was a co-planner of the symposium where faculty, students, and alumni presented.

Jess Gerior, current ES PhD student, C&S Fellow, and ES Environmental Education Master's Program graduate presented “Framing Food Resilience: Photovoice, Workplace Gardens, and Community-Based Participatory Research” at the Poster Session.

Libby McCann, Jean Kayira, and Dave Chase, AUNE faculty, as well as Shannon Walz, Education Director at Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center, were co-planners and presenters at the main conference session, “Growing Naturalists: Immersive Environmental Education Experiences in Graduate Education.”

Jen Trapani, current ES Environmental Education student, presented, “Climate Change Stories: Learning From

the Wisdom of Our Elders,” co-authored by Libby McCann and Jean Kayira. McCann and Dave Chase were co-presenters at the NAAEE Evaluation Clinic.

AULA | “Raising Zoey”



On October 18th, the MA in Clinical Psychology’s LGBT Specialization hosted a screening of “Raising Zoey” and a Q&A with Zoey, her mother Ophelia, and filmmaker Dante Alencastre. “Raising Zoey” is produced by Latino filmmaker and LGBT Specialization supporter, Dante Alencastre, creator of En el fuego (In the fire) and TransVisible: Bamby Salcedo’s Story. Alencastre is an advocate for global equal rights; creating change through media awareness of Latino and Trans People around the world.

Thomas Mondragon, affiliate faculty member and founding instructor in the LGBT Specialization, brought this documentary to Antioch to bring awareness to transgender issues. Mondragon said, “The LGBT Specialization and this quarter’s’ class on Treating Families Through the LGBT-Affirmative Lens bring community and clinical awareness to the needs, values, and celebrations of transgender individuals and their families.”

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AUS | Student Documentary About 2016 India Initiative Trip Premieres



On Friday October 7, 2016, Antioch University Seattle graduate and filmmaker Todd Kulczyk premiered India Initiative Experience: The Movie, a documentary about Antioch University Seattle’s 2016 India Initiative cultural immersion and service learning trip.

The 2016 cultural immersion and service learning trip included not only opportunities to practice creative arts therapy techniques in community art projects within Tibetan refugee communities, but also with the Charan Khad slum community mere weeks before its demise. Students also visited Panjab University, with which Antioch University Seattle has a Memorandum of Understanding.

Much of this trip was filmed, and that footage was recently edited into India Initiative Experience: The Movie. However, because some of the people in the film are political refugees living in exile, for their safety the movie is not available for online distribution.

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AULA | Friends of Education Speaker Series



As part of the Friends of Education Speaker Series, renowned educator, Dr. Paul F. Cummins spoke on leveling the playing field for students from every background. As President and CEO of Coalition for Engaged Education (CEE), Dr. Cummins is reinventing progressive education and has proven that given appropriate support, all children can succeed, regardless of their circumstances. Cummins received his bachelor of arts from Stanford University, his MAT from Harvard, and his doctorate from the University of Southern California. In 1971, he co-founded Crossroads School in Santa Monica and built it into one of Los Angeles’s most successful educational institutions and a national model for innovative, independent schools.

On February 16, 2017, the Friends of Education speaker series will welcome award-winning teacher, researcher, and blogger Dr. Julian Heilig, Professor of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies and the Director of the Doctorate in Educational Leadership at California State University Sacramento. The speaker series is cosponsored by the Progressive Education Partnership.

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AUM | Students Participate in Propel OH



On October 14th, Students Henrietta Jones, Marsha Kerr and Tim Gasho represented Antioch University Midwest along with faculty member, Alicia Storost, at the Propel Ohio Collegiate Leadership Summit at the University of Dayton. The conference, sponsored by the Office of U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown and other Ohio organizations, addressed how students are working to alleviate childhood poverty. Students networked with community outreach organizations from numerous Ohio colleges and attended workshops discussing Health and Hunger, Education, and Housing Security issues.

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PUBLICATIONS

AUNE | Children, Adolescents, and Therapy: Dr. Marti Straus Offers Help for Psychotherapists



Marti Straus, PhD, is publishing her fifth book, *Treating Traumatized Adolescents: Development, Attachment, and the Therapeutic Relationship*. She is also contributing a chapter to a collection of essays by master therapists for a book entitled, *What to Do When Children Clam Up in Therapy*. Both works will be released by Guilford Press this winter.

AUS | A Journey of Anti-Racism



MA in Couple and Family Therapy student Hannah Sanders recently published an essay in the student newsletter The AUS eNews, telling the story of her anti-racism journey as an AUS student.

She opens with questions she initially asked herself, such as, “Why do I have to acknowledge privilege when my difficult and poor childhood make me feel unprivileged?” She then explained that during her time at Antioch University in classes such as Multicultural Perspectives and Treating Internalized Oppression, “I began to understand that although I grew up in poverty and isolation in the Alaskan bush, I still had an ‘invisible knapsack of privilege’...that I carried around with me.” She has committed herself to “helping oppressed groups feel welcomed and receive equitable treatment.”

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