

# Our Antioch University BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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This begins our new series introducing the members of our Board of Governors (BoG) to the Antioch University community across the country. We hope the interviews, bios, and photos help you get to know the dedicated volunteers who serve on our University Board and give of their time, resources, and energies in so many significant ways.

## LARRY STONE, PhD



Dr. Larry Stone is one of the longest serving members of our Board. He first joined in 2002 and served until 2014, during which time he also took on the role of Chair of the Board from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013. Larry has returned to serve again, rejoining the Board in 2015. We are so glad he can't seem to stay away!

### **1 What has drawn you to serve on the Antioch University Board of Governors? What makes you most proud?**

I originally joined the Antioch University Board in 2002 hoping that I could help Antioch College. It soon became clear that the College was not sustainable. Fortunately, I discovered that the adult campuses, as they were called at the time, were carrying on the social justice mission of the College as I had remembered it from my days as a student there. These campuses were serving the underserved, those who could not afford to go a residential liberal arts college or whose situation made it impossible to attend college full time. I am proud of having helped the University to serve that community and further its social justice mission. I am also proud to have served as Chair of the Board of Governors for two years and of having stood by the University during its painful separation from Antioch College.

### **2 What contributions do you feel you bring to leading Antioch University as a BoG member?**

I hope my experience of serving almost 14 years on the Board has helped me to provide good advice and suggestions to the Board. My financial experience, having been the CEO of a small company, and my academic/professional background in mathematics allow me to understand and fully participate in some of the complicated financial decisions that the Board has to make.

### **3 What has your experience on the BoG been to date? Have you had any surprises you'd like to share?**

I have spent most of my working life immersed in scientific and engineering problems and have always valued scientific and technical expertise. One of the most interesting parts of my Antioch University experience has been

to come into contact with and learn to admire the expertise necessary to run a university. It requires a different type of talent or mentality. This has been a mind-expanding experience for me.

My biggest surprise was in joining the Board to help Antioch College and then, sadly, finding myself in the position of having to vote to shut it down. I never expected that.

#### **4 If we conducted this interview with you five years from now, what would you like to be able to say about:**

##### **a. Antioch University?**

I hope to be able to say that it is a viable and healthy institution fulfilling a vital role in the nation's educational system.

##### **b. your role?**

I helped in the transition from a collection of disparate campuses with Antioch College at the center to what it is today, a strong national university.

#### **5 What would you like our readers to know about you that they might not know from your brief biography?**

My wife, Harriet (also an Antioch College graduate), and I love to travel. We have been above the Arctic Circle on a rafting trip over the summer solstice, traveled in Mongolia and Bhutan, and love going to Paris. We are on our way to the Antarctic in January.

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Dr. Stone, a 1964 graduate of Antioch College, is Chief Scientist at Metron Scientific Solutions. He is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and a fellow of the Institute for Operations Research and Management Science.

In 1975, the Operations Research Society of America awarded the Lanchester Prize to his text, *Theory of Optimal Search*. In 1986, he produced the probability maps used to locate the SS *Central America* which sank in 1857, taking millions of dollars of gold coins and bars to the ocean bottom 1.5 miles below. In 2010 he led the team that produced the probability distribution that guided the French to the location of the underwater wreckage of Air France Flight 447. He co-authored the 2016 book, *Optimal Search for Moving Targets*.

Dr. Stone continues to work on a number of detection and tracking systems for the United States Navy and United States Coast Guard including the Search And Rescue Optimal Planning System used by the Coast Guard since 2007 to plan searches for people missing at sea. He is a co-author of the 2014 book, *Bayesian Multiple Target Tracking*.

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## STEVE CRANDALL



Steve Crandall joined the Antioch University Board of Governors in November 2016. Before joining the University Board, Steve was a member of the Antioch Seattle Board of Trustees where he served as Chair.

### **1 What has drawn you to serve on the Antioch University Board of Governors? What makes you most proud?**

I take great comfort in the long, proud tradition of Antioch University and its steadfast commitment to social justice and progressive education. Today more than ever, we need value-driven organizations like Antioch University that model compassion, commitment, and community involvement. As a tireless advocate for civil rights, I am proud of Antioch University's historic role in advancing the rights of women, African-Americans, and other under-represented and disenfranchised individuals.

### **2 What contributions do you feel you bring to leading Antioch University as a BoG member?**

My unique background in investments and finance, combined with my legal training and passion for evolving technologies, gives me a unique perspective on the impact of innovation on issues of social justice and change management. My passion for our students, faculty, and staff, combined with the alignment of our core values, make me an unwavering champion of Antioch University's transformative impact. I delight in recommending Antioch University to potential students and introducing our university to like-minded donors and supporters.

### **3 What has your experience on the BoG been to date? Have you had any surprises you'd like to share?**

I am a new member of the University Board of Governors, attending my first meeting in March 2017. However, as a former Chair of the Seattle Board of Trustees, I had the unique opportunity to see firsthand the challenges faced by each of our local campuses and the communities they serve. In that role, I was privileged to attend several Board of Governors meetings. That experience gave me great optimism for the future of Antioch University and our role in the long arc of social progress. Our learner-centered curriculum, national footprint, exceptional practitioner-led faculty, committed staff, and motivated students with real-world experience mean that Antioch University is uniquely positioned to think globally, act locally, and change the world.

### **4 If we conducted this interview with you five years from now, what would you like to be able to say about:**

#### **a. Antioch University?**

My vision for Antioch University's future is for us to be recognized as a leader in our support of the disenfranchised and under-served. While we face many challenges as higher education continues to undergo a radical transformation and access to postsecondary schooling becomes an issue of economic justice, I am confident we have the intellectual capacity, shared values, and passion for social justice that will ultimately lead to great success.

#### **b. your role?**

I would hope that I would be recognized for modeling servant leadership. As a gay man, serving on the board of an organization that has played such an important role in advancing social justice and civil rights (issues that have impacted me personally) is a humbling experience. If I can be part of the leadership (students, faculty, staff, and Board) that promotes unity and renewed commitment around our common values and drives social change, I will have gained as much from my service as I will have given.

## 5 What would you like our readers to know about you that they might not know from your brief biography?

I lived in 18 homes before graduating from high school including Panama City, Panama; San Jose, Costa Rica; Bangkok, Thailand; and Caracas, Venezuela. I still love to travel.

I've served as the immediate Past Chair of Seafair, Seattle's premier summer festival which, in addition to the Blue Angels and hydros, hosts 75 events over 10 weeks that attract over 2 million people.

My father, Col. Bruce Crandall (Ret.), is a Medal of Honor recipient and was played by actor Greg Kinnear in the movie *We Were Soldiers*.

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Steve Crandall is the President and CEO of ProMotion Holdings, a communications consulting and content technology firm that provides corporate, nonprofit, and legal industry clients with the technology and talent needed to meet the increasing demands of content creation and distribution in the 21st century. Prior to founding ProMotion Holdings, Steve served as the CEO of Portfolio Strategy Consulting, providing investment strategy to some of the world's largest institutional investors.

In addition to an undergraduate degree in psychology from the University of Washington and a Juris Doctorate from Seattle University School of Law, Steve also earned a degree in Video Production from the Art Institute of Seattle. He is an award-winning video producer and a recognized expert on digital media. Steve was the Greater Seattle Business Association Business Man of the Year in 2005.

A founding principle of ProMotion Holdings is to give back to the community by supporting charitable causes through *pro bono* projects and employee engagement. In addition to his role on the Antioch University Board of Governors, Steve serves on the boards of the Center for Children and Youth Justice, Seattle 4 Rotary (one of the oldest and largest Rotary Clubs in the world), and the GSBA Corporate Advisory Board.

As the son of a career Army officer, Steve says his exposure to military values and a variety of cultures helped to shape his global perspective on life and work. He is passionate about issues of diversity, inclusion, and accessibility. Steve is an Eagle Scout and former Assistant Scout Master. Recognizing that courage comes in many forms, Steve founded the Bruce and Arlene Crandall Social Courage Award in honor of his parents.

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