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COMMON THREAD

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CHANCELLOR'S CORNER



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As I sit here at my desk writing my column for the last 2016 issue of *Common Thread*, a heavy snow is falling here in Yellow Springs. So, as the winter solstice approaches, I would like to wish you all a very happy and blessed holiday season. I hope you find time with your friends and family for a well-deserved respite from work. Some of us will apparently be getting our exercise shoveling snow.

As the calendar year comes to a close, I would also like to acknowledge that you have been asked to absorb a great deal of change and sacrifice in the past year. I recognize that this has not always been easy, and I appreciate your patience and support. I do firmly believe that the University is now better positioned for success, and that with your help we can continue the progress. Thank you.

During my last campus tour in October, many employees had questions about the role, structure, and composition of the Antioch University Board of Governors. Therefore, with the next edition of *Common Thread*, we will be launching a new section devoted to introducing you to the members of the Board of Governors and clarifying their role in the University. We will provide you with two profiles each month over the next year. Through this effort, I'm sure you will appreciate how fortunate we are to have such talented, experienced, and dedicated volunteers serving the University.

I also thought it would be helpful to provide a short primer on our current governance structure. Antioch University is a corporation. It was chartered under the laws of the state of Ohio as Antioch College in 1852 and has been in continuous existence since then. The name of the corporation was changed in 1978 to Antioch University. The University is a public benefit corporation, meaning that it is a mission-driven institution which operates not-for-profit and is exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

As a non-profit corporation, the University has no shareholders. Instead, Ohio law requires that the corporation be governed by a board of directors. All authority of the corporation is exercised by, or under the direction of, its directors. Our board of directors is called the "Board of Governors." The Chancellor and the administration manage the day-to-day operations of the University with delegated authority from the Board. Like most non-profit corporations, the Board is a "self-perpetuating" board. In other words, new Board members are elected by the existing Board members. This has been the case since 1852.

Authority and discretion of the Board members is limited only by their statutory obligation to perform their duties in good faith, in a manner which they reasonably believe to be in the best interest of the University, and with the care that an ordinarily prudent person would exercise under similar circumstances. In short, Board members have a fiduciary obligation to the University and they take that obligation seriously.

Board members are volunteers and are not compensated in any way for their services to the University. Our Board members pay all of the costs of travel associated with their attendance at Board meetings and University functions. In addition, they are expected, as a condition of their election, to contribute to the Annual Fund of the University.

All Board members are strongly devoted to the mission of Antioch University. Of course, the mission is achieved through the excellent educational programs delivered by the faculty and supported by the staff on our five

campuses, online, and through the Graduate School of Leadership and Change. We are one University, and the work of the Board is to ensure the success of every program that comprises the University.

While prior to 2008, the Board had been composed primarily of Antioch College alumni, since that time the Board has become much more diverse. Alumni status is now only one factor in recruiting qualified Board members. This has allowed the University to draw from a larger pool of talent. Other factors include commitment to mission, leadership experience, professional experience, education, talents that can help mentor the administration, and capacity for giving. We are extremely fortunate to have such a capable and thoughtful Board. The profiles of all Board members can be reviewed [here](#). I hope you find the additional biographical information in the monthly profiles of Board members interesting and useful.

We look forward to seeing you in the New Year, and again, best wishes for a wonderful holiday season to all of you!

Bill Groves

AWARDS

GSLC | Amna Osman Named President and CEO of HAVEN



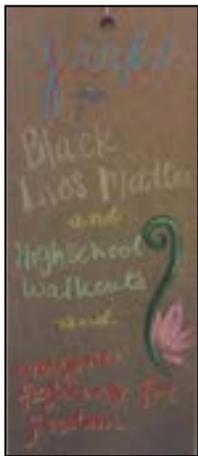
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Antioch University's Graduate School of Leadership and Change is proud to share that current student Amna Osman has been named President and CEO of HAVEN, a Pontiac, Michigan, nonprofit dedicated to eliminating domestic violence and sexual assault.

[Read more.](#)

EVENTS

AUS | Office of Student Life is Creating "Gratitude Chains"



Recently, Antioch University Seattle (AUS) threw a gratitude party for Café Pacific owner Leah Bui and Enrollment Services Coordinator Shelly Dove, as well as for "all of the wonderful people who have graced our community." In addition to giving attendees a very nice light lunch with chocolate cake, this party also gave attendees the opportunity to participate in a public art piece organized by the AUS Office of Student Life, called the "gratitude chain."

Rectangles of beautiful, sparkly green paper were provided along with colored pencils, and party attendees were encouraged to write and/or draw things that they feel grateful for. These "gratitude tags" have been strung together and wrapped around a pillar in the upstairs atrium, just outside of the Student Life office. The Office of Student Life currently has the supplies to create more gratitude tags, and anyone in the AUS community who would like to participate is encouraged to do so!

AUSB | IA Department Celebrates Launch of Graduate-led Homecoming

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After years of fits and starts, AUSB's IA Department is celebrating the launch of a graduate-led organization that promises to provide enduring, productive support for the campus. It spearheaded an enthusiastically received reunion, *Homecoming*, in September and will be hosting a holiday mixer this month.

AU | Website Update



The new Antioch University website is almost here! We are in the final stages of preparing to launch our newly redesigned site.

Our goal with the new website is to provide our prospective students an easier way to find and learn about our academic programs. The site development efforts are focused on aesthetics and creating a fresh, new look with a user-friendly navigation. We've simplified our content which also allows for streamlined menus, clearer navigation, and a responsive layout for all

platforms. This new website aligns with our vision for AU's growth.

Before the public launch, staff and faculty will be given access to the website for a short preview period. The site is expected to be launched globally near the end of January 2017.

AUM | Alumna, Marva Cosby, has Room Dedicated in her Name at Local Community College



AUM alumna, Marva Cosby, recently had a room named in her recognition at Sinclair Community College for her support as a former Sinclair Trustee. Ms. Cosby, a former AUM Board of Trustees Chair, is the president of the Cosby Consulting Group, as well as a certified professional coach who is highly regarded for her direct and practical approaches for achieving desired results. She is also active in the community and in her professional volunteer experience. Ms. Cosby currently serves on the boards of The

Dayton Foundation and Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley. She is an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, a public service organization, and is a member and past president of the Miami Valley Human Resource Association. Ms. Cosby is a 2015 YWCA Women of Influence honoree and was honored by the Dayton Daily News as one of Dayton's Ten Top Women in 2012. We congratulate Ms. Cosby and thank her for all of her dedication to AUM and the community at large.

AUM | Southern State Community College and Antioch University Midwest Announce Cost Saving 3+1 Degree Pathways



AUM has joined in partnership with Southern State Community College to increase the access and affordability of a four-year college education by establishing 3+1 pathway options. This agreement will allow students to take a total of three years of college courses at Southern State and one year at Antioch University Midwest to obtain both an associate and bachelor's degree.

"Antioch University Midwest is committed to meeting the needs of adult learners and fulfilling its mission of social justice by creating educational opportunities that are affordable, accessible, flexible, and career focused,"

said Dr. Marian Glancy, Provost and CEO at Antioch University Midwest.

3+1 pathway guides between Southern State and AUM are available starting this spring. Students will complete 90 credit hours at Southern State and 30 credit hours at Antioch University Midwest. This is the second 3+1 agreement AUM has reached with local community colleges and a third is expected this winter.

[Read more.](#)

AUM | 3+1 Agreements Drive Successful Open House



Last week, Antioch University Midwest opened its doors for an Undergraduate Open House where anyone could learn more about our programs and scholarships. Many attended the six-hour event which even produced several on-site applications. “We were pleased with how successful this event was for us. Not only did it drive additional enrollments, but several students attended specifically because of our recent 3+1 agreements,” said Sarah Klemm, Recruitment and Enrollment Advisor at AUM.

Undergraduate Studies Chair, Sonya Fultz, echoed Klemm’s sentiments and shared how one Southern State Community College advisor brought six of his students to the event to learn about the pathway into AUM’s BA in Human Services Administration, one of 24 pathways from SSCC.

“Our 3+1 agreements are being well-received. The 3+1 transfer guides create clear pathways for student success and intentional planning to maximize opportunities to gain workforce-ready credentials while earning a bachelor’s degree,” said Fultz.

AUM | Showing of Ixancul Gives Insights into Mayan Life



AUM, in partnership with the Dayton Hispanic Chamber, invited the public to a free viewing and reception of *Ixancul*—a film exploring Mayan life in rural Guatemala through the lens of two Kaqchikel youth following their dreams.

The movie provided a glimpse into a rarely seen culture and touched on themes of women’s issues, spirituality, social justice and human rights, and Latin American studies.

The movie, while somber in tone, was well-received by an audience of approximately 50 people. “Providing opportunities for our students and community to experience other cultures is one of many ways in which we provide a global perspective on many issues,” said Sonya Fultz, Undergraduate Studies Chair at AUM.

AUM | Veterans’ Liaison, Rick Wojick, Gives Presentation at Veterans Summit Meeting



AUM Veterans’ Liaison, Rick Wojick (USAF Colonel, Retired), gave a short presentation on VA educational benefits and higher education opportunities at Antioch University Midwest to about 100 local vets and their families during the Greene County (OH) Veterans Summit Meeting on November 14, 2016. Wojick talked to the group about the value of the Post-9/11 GI Bill that pays for full college tuition, books and supplies up to \$1000 per year, and a monthly housing allowance of over \$1,200 in the Yellow Springs area of Ohio. In addition to the Yellow Ribbon Program, of which AUM is a participating institution, the total benefits for students

are over \$150,000. However, he cautioned the attendees that only one in four veterans are taking advantage of the current GI Bill despite the fact that educational benefits are the primary reason most people joined the military. In attendance were Ohio State Representative Rick Perales, Greene County Commissioner Tom Koogler, and Xenia Mayor Marsha Bayless.

AUNE | PsyD Students Present Stress Management Strategies to Vermont College Students



PsyD students Dana Vitrano and Kate Lambos, clinicians at Antioch Psychological Services Center, recently presented on stress management to a Dimensions of Learning class at the Community College of Vermont (CCV) campus in Brattleboro, Vermont. The Dimensions course focuses on academic and other skills needed for college success.

Dana and Kate presented material on the biological components of stress, provided resources and strategies for managing multiple demands, and led the group in practicing mindfulness and self-care skills. The students found the workshop very helpful, and CCV has asked for our students to return during the spring semester to do additional presentations.

AUNE | Waste Reduction Project Showcases Updated Composting System



Students in the AUNE Environmental Studies Leadership for Change class recently completed a project to drive positive change on campus. The class coordinated and constructed a new three-bin compost system on campus. Students gathered over Thanksgiving break to help build the bins, made possible by the support of AUNE Facilities Team, the Provost Office, Community Garden Connections, and the Sustainability & Social Justice Committee. The updated compost system is setup to process campus-wide paper towel waste, which had previously gone to the landfill. Finished compost will be used in the campus garden, and some will be donated to community gardens.

AUNE | Master's Credits Now Available for Service with Student Conservation Association



AUNE now offers Student Conservation Association (SCA) alumni credits for their service toward a Master's of Science in Environmental Studies. Additionally, students can apply to have AmeriCorp Education awards matched through AUNE's AmeriCorp Matching Scholarship, up to \$5,325.

This opportunity will allow qualified SCA alumni up to 6 credits for their prior service with SCA to be applied to a Master's of Science in Environmental Studies in one of six concentrations: Advocacy for Social

Justice & Sustainability, Conservation Biology, Environmental Education, Science Teacher Certification, Sustainable Development and Climate Change, or Self-Designed Studies.

[Read more.](#)

AUS | Chalkboard Wall Follows “Warm Fuzzies”



At approximately the same time as the US general election, some of the wall space in the Antioch University Seattle downstairs atrium was painted in chalkboard paint, with some prompts written on it.

“How Are We Feeling?”

“What unites US?”

“What Can We Do?”

As our photos show, the AUS community has embraced this chalkboard wall and its prompts in a big way.

When The AUS eNews asked the Facilities Department about the origin of this interactive art installation, they were told that the wall was a project created by Socially Engaged Art students in the BA program, organized by the course’s teacher Gabrielle Abbott. This socially engaged art project, like last week’s free warm fuzzies, is another great example of the Antioch University Seattle community coming together to live our shared, progressive values.

AUSB | Education Department Receives Workshop Commitment



Thanks to IA’s efforts, AUSB’s Education Department recently received a commitment from the William H. Kearns Foundation to mount a workshop for California teachers on how to cope with disabled students mainstreamed into their classrooms.

AUSB | IA Department Explores Place of Ballet and Opera in Today’s Wired World



This fall, AUSB’s IA Department organized a highly successful series, Antioch in Conversation, that brought many community members and potential donors onto campus to hear about the business of show business, corporate creativity, the presidential elections, mounting an opera, and the place of classical ballet and chamber music in today’s wired world.

AULA | MFA Program Holds Residency and Commencement



For ten days the halls of the AULA campus were buzzing with the energy of poets and writers as the MFA in Creative Writing program held its Winter/Spring 2017 Residency from December 8-18. Five MFA cohorts and one Post-MFA cohort attended classes, readings, and workshops. The residency concluded on Sunday, December 18, when the 30 members of the Marin cohort graduated at an off-campus ceremony. Tara Ison, author of the short story collection *Ball*, the novels *The List*, *Rockaway*, and *A Child Out of Alcatraz*, was the Commencement speaker. Sherrye Henry Jr. was the student speaker.

GS LC | Dr. Morgan Roberts Shares Election Analysis on Fortune.com



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Antioch University's Graduate School of Leadership and Change Professor of Psychology, Culture, and Organization Studies, Dr. Laura Morgan Roberts, shares insight on gender and leadership dynamics at play during this past election.

[Read more.](#)

AUM | Susan Southard Gives Reading of *Nagasaki: Life After Nuclear War*



Susan Southard (MFA '06), was at Antioch University Midwest November 19 for a community reading, discussion, and reception. Susan was in the Dayton, Ohio area to receive the Dayton Literary Peace Prize in Nonfiction for her book, *Nagasaki: Life After Nuclear War*. The book consists of selected stories of hibakusha, survivors of the Nagasaki bombing. Inspired by the 1995 Dayton Peace Accords that ended the war in Bosnia, the Dayton Literary Peace Prize is the only

international literary peace prize awarded in the United States. It celebrates the power of literature to promote peace, social justice, and global understanding. This year's winners were honored at a gala ceremony in Dayton on November 20.

The reading was attended by the members of Antioch as well as the larger community and was streamed on Facebook live.

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AUNE | Marti Straus Interviewed for *Psych Central*

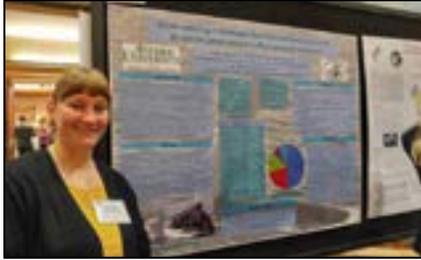
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Marti Straus, PhD was interviewed by *Psych Central*, an online journal. The interview, "Treating Trauma in Adolescents: A Q&A with Dr. Martha Straus," includes Q&A about Marti's work and her new book, *Treating Trauma in Adolescents: Development, Attachment, and the Therapeutic Relationship*.

The interview was also shared on *Psych Central's* twitter page, which has approximately 130 thousand followers.

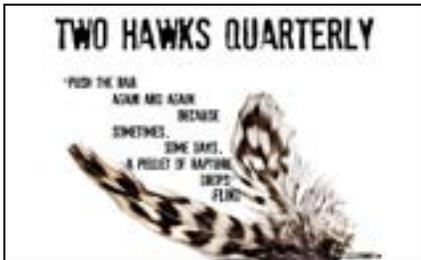
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AUNE | Environmental Studies Student, Hillary Ballantine, Presents Research at Whale Conference



Hillary Ballantine, AUNE Conservation Biology student, presented her research at the American Cetacean Society conference in Monterey, California, in November. She evaluated the effects of observed whale behaviors on pro-environmental behavior.

AULA | BA's *Two Hawks* Literary Journal Published

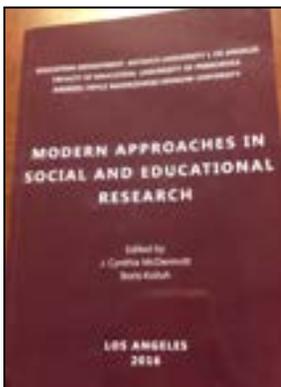


Since 2007, Creative Writing students in the Antioch University Los Angeles BA program have published the digital, *Two Hawks Quarterly Literary Journal*. The journal is dedicated to sparking debate and discussion by exposing the world to daring poetry, fiction, creative non-fiction, and experimental writing. The journal often premieres AULA's talented student writers before we see their names in various country-wide papers and journals.

Guided by BA faculty Deborah Lott, students run the journal as editors, publishers, marketers, and website directors. Throughout the quarter, students receive submissions from around the globe, looking for work that startles or surprises the reader, makes the ordinary feel extraordinary, makes readers question assumptions, pushes through boundaries of genre and idea, and aims to repair the world.

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AULA | Education Department Chair Dr. Cynthia McDermott Co-edits *Modern Approaches in Social and Educational Research*



J. Cynthia McDermott, EdD, Professor and Chair of the Education Department, has co-edited a new book on modern approaches in social and educational research. Contributing authors include esteemed higher education leaders from across the globe. Scholars from New Zealand, the Czech Republic, Serbia, China, Bulgaria, Poland, The Republic of Macedonia, Croatia, Ukraine, Russia, Slovenia, and Slovakia contributed to the book.

"It is always an honor to work with colleagues across the world so as Americans we can see beyond our shores," said McDermott. "Such was the collaboration with my friend Professor Boris Kozuh as we created, *Modern Approaches in Social and Educational Research*."

Dr. McDermott and Dr. Fred Chapel, Core Faculty in the Education Department, contributed a chapter to the book on the status of play in education as manifest throughout the world. The chapter is entitled ["How Play Deficit Disorder is Created and What Can Be Done to Change This Crisis."](#)

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AULA | *Lunch Ticket's* new Winter/Spring 2017 issue is out!



Lunch Ticket is the literary and art journal published by the Antioch University Los Angeles MFA community. This issue contains 82 new works of poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, flash, young adult, works in translation, visual art, and interviews.

We say goodbye to our editor-in-chief of the last three issues, Arielle Silver. In her [Word from the Editor](#), Arielle writes about the recent election and how it relates to the work we do. Arielle writes, “If anything...this Winter/Spring 2017 issue, point[s] to the value and necessity of open discourse, of reading the white space between words along with the words themselves.”

At this time, we find ourselves contemplating our identities as artists with a new solemnity, embracing the idea that literature and art can create space for empathy and understanding, and thus build bridges and cross divides while giving a voice to hope within varied narratives. At *Lunch Ticket*, it has always been our mission to promote social justice and to support emerging writers and underrepresented voices.

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