AUS | Antioch University Seattle’s New Campus Opens

On Tuesday, January 3, 2017, Antioch University Seattle (AUS) opened for classes at its new location, 2400 Third Ave., Ste. 200, Seattle, WA 98121. Faculty and staff, including work study students, joined together to move our university into its high-tech, design-forward new facility over the final weeks of 2016.

Our new campus comes with a mix of the familiar and the unfamiliar. For example, we have retained our beloved mirrored, mosaic pig, Ms. Coco, and the student group AUS GROW will continue to tend garden beds on the campus terrace outside of our new library. However, we have also gained exciting new technology in our classrooms and study rooms, as well as a phenomenal increase in natural light.

The AUS campus will continue to be a cultural hub and meeting place for our progressive community and we will use our central location and green, modern presence to stand strong, in line with our values, throughout 2017 and beyond.

AUSB | Santa Barbara Foundation Awards $75,000 Grant for Healthy Aging Caregiver Support Training

For the second consecutive year, Antioch University Santa Barbara has been awarded a grant of $75,000 from the Santa Barbara Foundation. The award continues a scholarship and training program for qualified students earning their Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology with a concentration in Healthy Aging. Healthy Aging students will have the opportunity to apply for scholarships and a paid traineeship working with the client population at Family Service Agency and the Alzheimer’s Association.

AUNE | Clinical Psychology’s Annual Field Supervisors Day

The Department of Clinical Psychology is pleased to announce that the speaker at this year’s Field Supervisors Day CE presentation on February 3, will be Pratyusha Tummala-Narra, PhD, Associate Professor in the Department of Counseling, Developmental, and Educational Psychology at Boston College. Dr. Tummala-Narra will present Thinking through the Dynamics of Culture in Contemporary Clinical Practice. Her research and scholarship concerns immigration, race, gender, mental health, and cultural competence in psychotherapy practice.

Read more.
AUNE | Mindfulness for Environmental Educators Retreat to be Held in Tetons

Antioch University New England (AUNE) is partnering with the Teton Science School in Jackson, WY, to host a six-day retreat, Mindfulness for Environmental Educators in April.

The Mindfulness for Environmental Educators retreat, held at the Murie Ranch of Teton Science Schools, is being offered as a joint adventure between the Mindfulness for Educators program at AUNE and the Teton Science Schools. Our vision is that environmental educators will welcome the opportunity to come together at the spectacular Murie Ranch to explore their own mindfulness and teaching, as well as the possible applications of mindfulness-based approaches to the field of Environmental Education.

Read more.

AULA | Faculty and Alumni Take to the Stage

The stage musical, Shades of Disclosure: Who Are You? by Antioch University alumni Ken Pienkos (MFA 2014) and Jessie Jacobson (MAP 2003), will be opening Saturday, January 28, for a full run at one of Los Angeles’s best known experimental theatre venues, Skylight in Los Feliz.

The production was picked up for the run after a recent, spoken-word performance by the writer’s collective, QueerWise. Pienkos (the AULA Reference & Instruction Librarian and Adjunct Faculty) discloses the monsters in his cupboards in his three crafted monologues. Jacobson contributes trans- and therapist-related monologues in addition to composing an original song for the production.

The writer’s performances illuminate an emotionally charged landscape from the perspective of HIV/AIDS survivors. The AIDS epidemic continues to resonate, posing a host of social justice issues we all must face: homophobia, racism, immigration rights, healthcare, and the rights of trans people.

Read more.

AULA | Diversity Committee Hosts Town Halls

The Diversity Committee’s first town hall session took place on January 11. Some of the issues that were discussed include transparency and intentionality in public programming; programming that resonates with the range of diversities Antioch University Los Angeles (AULA) communities embody; broader dissemination of information about resources available to fund student-led activities and steps to access those; as well as broader dissemination of existing outlets for students to voice their diversity and representation concerns.

In preparation for a continued conversation, the Diversity Committee is asking students to address or answer two questions. Are there specific concerns that you hope to address? and Is there some particular incident, event, or pressure to be discussed?

AULA community members will bring their thoughts and answers to the next town hall meeting on February 8, at 11 a.m. in room 1006 or submit them in writing to diversity.aula@antioch.edu.
AUSB | Five-Event Latino Mental Health Symposium Series Begins

Antioch University Santa Barbara (AUSB) presents a symposium series on Latino mental health, education, and community engagement, showcasing scholars and faculty from our Doctoral program in Clinical Psychology (PsyD). Speaker topics will cover education and cultural competence to reduce disparities in service delivery in Latino communities. The five-event series will take place on Saturdays, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., on the AUSB campus on January 14, February 25, March 18, April 22, and June 10. The event is open to the community and free to attend for anyone not receiving Continuing Education (CE) hours. CE hours are available at $30 for four hours per event, or a total of $150 for all five events. The program is ideal for students, counselors, therapists, researchers, educators, and other professionals.

Details and registration at antiochsb.edu/slmh.

AUS | Multicultural Children’s Literature Celebrations with Javaka Steptoe


AUS is now located at 2400 Third Avenue Ave., Ste. 200, Seattle, WA 98121, across the second and third floors of the building. RSVP to the January 25, 2017 event here. This year’s celebration includes other events across several days, including an upcoming arts-based workshop with Steptoe on January 27, 2017, at Dearborn Park International School.

AUM-AUO | Welcoming New Director of Admissions

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Jaton Brame as the new Director of Admissions for AU Midwest and AU Online. Brame joins Antioch University with more than 21 years of progressive higher education experience in admissions, advising, records, and enrollment services. Most recently Brame served as the Regional Registrar at Ivy Tech Community College in Indiana and has strong ties to many local community colleges such as Wilberforce Community College and Sinclair Community College. We’re looking forward to capitalizing on her positive energy and student focus in her leadership role for the admissions team.
Dr. Alexander Blount is a member of the National Integration Academy Council, the governing body for the Integration Academy of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). On December 6 and 7, 2016, Dr. Blount attended the meeting of the council as they began a new project for AHRQ. The project provides technical assistance and evaluation for health systems who are grantees in developing medically assisted treatment for opioid abuse. The Integration Academy was chosen for this role because medically assisted treatment needs to be provided within a biopsychosocial approach to addictions.

Dr. Kathi Borden chaired a symposium entitled “Challenges to teaching advocacy in a complex political climate” at the National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology (NCSPP) Midwinter Meeting, “(Re)claiming our Identity: Rediscovering our Social Relevance as NCSPP and Psychologists,” to be held in Long Beach, CA. Dr. Lorraine Mangione co-presented, and Dr. Roger Peterson participated on the keynote panel.

Antioch University New England (AUNE) Clinical Psychology faculty member Dr. Sandy Blount was awarded a three-year grant from the Health Resource and Services Administration last spring to establish clinical training collaborations with primary care practices across northern New England. In the first year of the program, five Clinical Psychology students were placed in fellowships offering $25,000 stipends. The program is enjoying fabulous success in its first year, and we are on track to place 11 students in these stipended positions for 2017–18.

Early in 2016, the state of New Hampshire was awarded a five-year federal grant to better meet the behavioral health needs of the population served by Medicaid. The state was divided into seven regional Integrated Delivery Networks (IDNs), each of which were then invited to redesign their Medicaid supported services to better address local needs. Antioch University’s Center for Behavioral Health Innovation was retained by our regional IDN to help craft a proposal, in collaboration with many other regional stakeholders, that will drive system transformation for the next several years. That proposal was submitted to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services in October. We are excited to be part of this initiative, and eager to see what creative solutions it may bring to the southwest region of the state in the years to come.
AUNE | David Sobel Presented at Montessori Conference

More than 400 teachers and administrators from Montessori schools throughout Massachusetts and New England met at Dean College in Franklin, MA, for the annual conference of the Montessori Schools of Massachusetts. Antioch University New England (AUNE) Education faculty member and noted author, David Sobel, gave the keynote address using images and video to describe projects all over the world where teachers have prioritized experiences in nature for children.

Read more.

AUS | Library and Academic Support Lab Co-Locate in New Building

The Seattle campus has moved to a lovely new building, and the Antioch University Seattle (AUS) Library staff is thrilled with our new digs. The new library space has a sleek, modern design, access to the third-floor terrace, and floor-to-ceiling windows that provide plenty of daylight in addition to fabulous sunset views.

As we have less shelf space, some books were removed from the collection and sent to Better World Books who will sell them and donate a portion of the proceeds to Books for Africa, an organization that promotes literacy in Africa.

But, a library is more than a collection of books. It is also a place of teaching and learning. In that vein, we’re pleased to announce the AUS Library is now co-located with the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), which includes the Academic Support Lab. This arrangement helps us provide better integrated research and writing support for students.

AUS | GROW Puts Roots in Antioch’s New Seattle Home

Over the last year the AUS GROW student gardening group has rebuilt and maintained a therapy garden on the Antioch University Seattle (AUS) rooftop, as well as maintained a plot at the UpGarden Pea Patch in the Queen Anne neighborhood in Seattle. You may have seen our pop-up market in the former AUS Library where we made harvested produce available to students, staff, and faculty. We also had a booth at the AUS rummage sale, where we handed out tea from pineapple sage that we grew in our garden.

AUS GROW is excited to share with the AUS community that we received approval from Antioch University for the Learning Garden, which consists of three raised planters and a compost tumbler, on the terrace outside the library at our new building.

As a student group we are dedicated to sowing the seeds of community and cultivating sustainable food systems. We are excited to continue to connect our community to the benefits of gardening and growing our own food.

Interested in joining GROW? Email ajohnson8@antioch.edu.
AUS | Averry Cox’s Racial Equity Project Going Strong

Antioch University Seattle (AUS) graduate student Averry Cox initiated the Racial Equity Project (REP) in the summer of 2016 by advocating for AUS to respond to the multiple tragic deaths of unarmed Black American citizens at the hands of police officers. The group adopted the following mission statement: “Our motive is to challenge and confront norms and to establish equality for everyone; to decrease hate, racism, prejudice, and sexism. Overall, to promote love and acceptance.”

The REP held its first 2017 meeting on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and will hold another administrative/planning meeting on Sunday, February 19, 2017. The REP is also in the process of scheduling regular, biweekly events focused on community enrichment and mutual support. For more information about the REP, including opportunities to get involved, contact Averry Cox at acox2@antioch.edu.

AUS | Tyler McLain Organizes Standing Rock Fry Bread Fundraiser

During week 10 of Antioch University Seattle’s 2016 fall quarter, Art Therapy graduate student and Skokomish tribal member, Tyler Elizabeth McLain (given name Gai-ee) organized a two-day banner painting and fry bread fundraiser to benefit Standing Rock activists. She was supported by her mother, who made the fry bread onsite, and some fellow Art Therapy students.

When asked about her fundraiser and solidarity banner, McLain explained “The situation at Standing Rock was really moving me, but I felt helpless; like there was nothing I could do . . . . I needed to feel like I was doing something.”

The fundraiser raised $200 for Standing Rock activists, and the banner was prepared with the intent to send it to the site after displaying it in Seattle.

AULA | Alumni Day of Service

Fourteen Antioch alumni turned out to volunteer in cooperation with LA Works for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service at Dorsey High School in Mid-City, Los Angeles. Recently, Dorsey High School lost their janitorial staff due to budget cuts and more than 1,200 volunteers from across the city helped to spruce up the campus. Volunteers cleaned classrooms, gardened, and painted.

Antioch alumna Valerie Brinton, who is also a Dorsey High School alumna from the class of ‘66, was thrilled to return and volunteer at her old stomping grounds. The weather was beautiful, a lot got done, and it was a good way to feel part of a city working hard to help those who need it.

The Alumni Council organizes two Day of Service events per year. Other recent events included visits to LA Kitchen, T4T (Trash for Teaching), and the Downtown Women’s Center.

Read more.
**AUSB | Author Richard Russo Speaks as Inaugural MFA Special Guest**

Pulitzer Prize-winning author and screenwriter, Richard Russo, was the inaugural guest speaker as part of the week-long residency of Antioch University Santa Barbara’s new MFA in Writing and Contemporary Media program on December 15, 2016. Russo, known for his novels *Nobody’s Fool* and *Empire Falls*, as well as their screen adaptations, was the second guest in the Diana & Simon Raab Writers Series. KCRW morning host Jonathan Bastian hosted an interview with Russo for the event, which can be heard at kcrw.com.

Listen here.

**AUSB | Santa Barbara Campus Welcomes First MFA Cohort for Residency Week**

The inaugural cohort of eight students in Antioch University Santa Barbara’s low-residency MFA in Writing and Contemporary Media spent their week in residence in Santa Barbara this past December. Students attended readings and workshops on topics such as story structure, character, and long-form storytelling for media ranging from filmmaking to creative nonfiction. Guest artists and speakers included Richard Russo, Diana Raab, Mitchell Kriegman, and faculty members Ross Brown and Peter Nichols.

**AULA | Education Department Chair and Professor Cynthia McDermott Edits New Book**

Education Department Chair and Professor Cynthia McDermott is editor of the new book *Challenges Associated with Cross-Cultural and At-Risk Student Engagement* (University of Redlands, 2017). The book examines strategies for optimizing instructional environments in school systems and highlights the role of intercultural education. Cynthia and Core Faculty member Fred Chapel are also co-writers of the chapter, "The Education of Roma Children: Challenges and Promises." This chapter highlights the challenges Roma children endure because of poverty, issues of isolation, and discrimination while trying to pursue an education. It also addresses the efforts made to positively impact the quality of education that Roma children receive.

The book also includes topics on critical pedagogies, curriculum design, educational administration, literacy development, professional development, student-teacher interaction, and reaching assessments.
GSLC | Dr. Booyson Publishes Chapter in South Africa’s Most Comprehensive Leadership Book


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AUS | 2017 Play Therapy Textbook Features Cary Hamilton

Antioch University Seattle (AUS) Adjunct Faculty and Director of the AUS Play Therapy Center, Cary Hamilton, is now also the first author of a chapter in the upcoming textbook, Emerging Research in Play Therapy and Consultation (Loyola University New Orleans, 2017). Her co-authors are both PhD psychology candidates from other universities: Hannah Reas from Seattle Pacific University, and Megan Mansfield from Claremont Graduate University.

Hamilton (credited in the book as McAdams-Hamilton), Reas, and Mansfield's chapter is titled “The safe space: An examination of the neurobiological benefits of play therapy with traumatized children.” In Hamilton's words, the chapter “illustrates the neurobiological effects of trauma on children, as well as the therapeutic benefits of play therapy as a stand-alone treatment for this population.”

The Play Therapy Center, established at AUS in 2015, offers one of the few programs in the country that meets standards for the Association for Play Therapy (APT) Registered Play Therapist (RPT) designation. The Center offers graduate students and clinicians an opportunity to earn a certificate in play therapy, as well as post-certificate clinical supervision hours.

AUNE | Retired Education Faculty Starts Blog

Peter Eppig, retired AUNE Education faculty member, launched a blog, “peterspicks,” featuring a number of food and wine pairings. The blog features “advice from an amateur sommelier” with delicious homemade meals and pairings; such as, Halibut and Chick Pea Ragout with a Spanish White Verdejo.

Read more.