

Antioch University

COMMON THREAD

FEBRUARY 23, 2017



Chancellor's Corner

There has been so much going on at Antioch University and across our country that I have to remind myself to take a pause in the midst of all the activity and recognize some important achievements of the past few weeks. We have much to celebrate.

HLC Focused Visit. The Focused Site Visit by the Higher Learning Commission took place over the past two weeks beginning in Ohio and continuing with the site visit of the new campus in Seattle. Both visits went extremely well.

The Focused Visit addressed areas of perceived weakness in our 2013 reaffirmation of accreditation including academic assessment, institutional research, and sustainable finances. The review team was also tasked with reviewing the application we filed for a change of location for the Seattle campus and that required an on-site visit.

While the final outcome of the Focused Visit will not be known until we receive the reviewers' report in a month or so, my impression of the visit was very positive. Our written report filed in December was exceptionally well done, and the other evidence of progress and materials were extremely well presented. Our faculty and staff were all well-prepared for their conversations with the review team. In the end, I believe the HLC team could see the evidence of substantial progress in the three areas of focus and the significant work underway at our university.

I want to recognize the tremendous work of Vice Chancellor Iris Weisman, the University Office of Academic Affairs, the Assessment Resource Team, and all faculty and staff who were involved in the months of preparation and participation in the actual site visit. The commitment these dedicated individuals showed to maintaining our Antiochian educational values while addressing the 2013 HLC reviewers' concerns assured that we would have a high quality process. Thank you!

Launch of the New Antioch Website. There was more good news this past week when the new Antioch University website went live. As you know, website redesign has been one of the major elements of our strategic plan to increase enrollment. The goals established for the website redesign were to:

- Drive more leads by:
 - Creating a more dynamic user experience
 - Eliminating competition between AU sites
 - Standardizing lead capture to CRM (*Radius*)
 - Making the site mobile-friendly
- Eliminate issues with site down-time
- Achieve better ADA Compliance for handicap accessibility
- Establish a contemporary look and feel

As a result of the diligent effort led by Vice Chancellor MB Lufkin and her marketing team, this project was accomplished in just seven months. Any website redesign is an iterative process involving all of our faculty and staff. Thank you all for your participation and for your responses to the efforts to obtain feedback before the

hard launch. Your comments resulted in many important improvements to the site.

Websites, like gardens, are never finished: they require tending and nurturing. Over the next several months, Vice Chancellor Lufkin and her team will continue to refine and improve the new site with the help of many of you. This is a major achievement and we are all deeply appreciative of the process and the outcome. Thank you!

Fund for the Future. But wait, there's more. I'm excited to announce a major **\$1 million anonymous gift** to the Fund for the Future! Coupled with the work of Vice Chancellor Tim Forbess and his team, donations to the fund from alumni have been very positive. We have also had a number of significant gifts from the members of our Board of Governors, the executive team, and our staff and faculty. I look forward to sharing more details about this in the next few weeks. Having resources to invest in our institution's growth is absolutely imperative, and these generous gifts will certainly help us build the future. My heartfelt gratitude to all those who are investing in our future.

Lastly, I am very pleased to recognize the successful completion of the **refinancing of the Antioch University Midwest building**. As you know, the original construction of this 95,000 square-foot building was financed in 2006 with bonds issued by the Ohio Higher Education Facilities Commission. While those bonds were a great deal at the time, our debt service on the building was at about 5%. With the refinancing, our interest rate has been reduced to just under 2%. That's a huge cut in our costs. This facility is now, by far, our cheapest facility to operate in terms of our cost per square foot. I want to thank Vice Chancellor and CFO Alan Gozum and the University Finance Team for contributing to the significant reduction in our operating expenses through the refinancing of the Midwest building. This was a complex, challenging, and time-consuming project.

Obviously, sharing all of these important accomplishments doesn't mean that we have run out of challenges to address. This is one of the reasons why I'm planning to make a "State of Antioch" tour of all campuses this spring. I'm looking forward to seeing each of you during my campus tour where we can have further dialog about our accomplishments and vision.

I'm also planning a meeting with representatives from the faculty and provosts across the University to explore faculty and academic voice in our evolving institution. This is an important initiative that has been raised at several levels as the result of our recent organizational changes. I'm looking forward to this important dialog and planning.

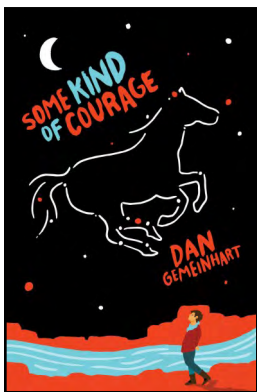
Here's to continued progress!

[See the visit schedule here.](#)

Bill Groves

AWARDS

AULA | **Some Kind of Courage** Receives 2017 Horace Mann Upstanders Book Award



AULA's Education Department has announced its 2017 Horace Mann Upstanders Book Award winner; *Some Kind of Courage*, by Dan Gemeinhart. The Upstanders Award will be formally presented to Gemeinhart on June 24, 2017 at the 10th Annual Upstanders Book Awards Ceremony at the Marina Del Rey Yacht Club. The event is by invitation.

"It is such an honor to receive the Horace Mann Upstanders Book Award," said Gemeinhart. "Our kids are inheriting a tough world, but I believe that books can help their hearts and imaginations grow big enough to face it and make it better. It means a great deal to me for *Some Kind of Courage* to receive an award that honors exactly that idea."

The Horace Mann Upstanders Book Award honors new children's literature that best exemplifies the ideals of social action and in turn encourages young readers to become agents of change themselves by standing up to injustice.

Read more [here](#).

AULA | Black History Month Celebration

The Writes of Passage:
Words That Move Generations

To celebrate Black History Month, the AULA Black Student Union invites you to an afternoon of readings of black literature, essays and original works.

Saturday, February 25, 2017 • 3-5pm
Refreshments will be served.
Antioch University Los Angeles
400 Corporate Pointe, Room A1000 • Culver City, CA 90230

FEATURING

Erin Aubry Kaplan is a journalist and author who has written about topics cultural and political issues since 2002. She has been a staff writer for the LA Weekly and received coverage for her coverage from the Los Angeles Times and the New York Times. She is the author of *Black Star*, due to be published in The New Yorker. She teaches at Antioch and is the 2016-17 Black Student Union Chair.

Tracee Green is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, and a recipient of the 2016-17 Black Student Union Chair award. She is the author of *Black Star*, due to be published in The New Yorker. She teaches at Antioch and is the 2016-17 Black Student Union Chair.

Marva Smith is a Los Angeles based author, actress, singer, songwriter and community organizer.

Levy Lee Simon is a professional dedicated to using words to inspire a better and more world. He is an author of the novel *Black Star*, due to be published in The New Yorker. He is also a poet, novelist and screenwriter. He has written *Black Star* and has spoken at various events and conferences.

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Questions? Contact Black Student Union Chair Tracee Green at tgreen@antioch.edu.

To celebrate Black History Month, the Black Student Union (BSU) is hosting *The Writes of Passage: Words That Move Generations* with an afternoon celebrating black literature, essays, and original works. Local writers Erin Aubry Kaplan, Carmalita Jackson, Eric Priestly, Jeffery Martin, Marva Smith, Lena Cole-Dennis and Levy Lee Simon will share poetry, essays, and historic texts.

“Right now, we need to hear words of encouragement from those who came before us and walk among us,” says Tracee Green, Black Student Union Chair. “All of us come from a legacy that is so powerful, so encouraging, and so uplifting that events like this only serve to inspire us to move forward despite the challenges we now face.”

Read more [here](#).

AULA | Spiritual and Depth Psychology Specialization Sponsors Community Lecture Series

SPONSORED BY THE SPIRITUAL AND DEPTH PSYCHOLOGY SPECIALIZATION IN THE MA IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Community Lecture Series with Fanny Brewster, PhD, MFA

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4 CEUs provided for LMFTs, LPCCs, LCSWPs for attending lecture series (2 CEUs per lecture)
PARKING (\$7) WITH VALIDATION

Archetypal Grief in African American Women
Saturday, February 18, 2017
2:00-5:00 pm

African Americans and Jungian Psychology: Leaving the Shadows
Sunday February 19, 2017
2:00-5:00 pm

This lecture series will explore the psychological effects of child loss due to American slavery and institutionalized racism through a Jungian lens. The first lecture explored the psychological effects of child loss due to American slavery and institutionalized racism through a Jungian lens. The second lecture focused on the relationship between African Americans and Jungian Psychology, seeing to understand the need for multicultural approach in all American psychologies including Jungian psychology.

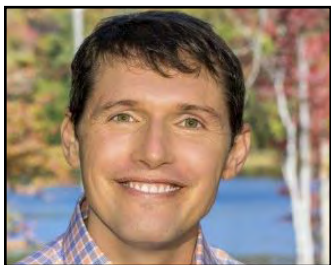
Fanny Brewster, PhD, MFA, is a Jungian analyst and writer in private practice. She has lectured and workshoped on Jungian archetypes to a wide range of audiences. She will be an opening speaker at the International Association for Jungian Studies Conference in San Francisco, CA, October 2017. She is the author of poetry and novels, her nonfiction book *African Americans and Jungian Psychology: Leaving the Shadows* is forthcoming. She will be the featured guest in the forthcoming edition of *Psychology Perspectives*. She is a faculty member at Pacific Graduate Institute, the Philosophical Association of Jungian Analysts and the New York City Jung Institute.

To RSVP please reply to sls@antioch.edu

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The Spiritual and Depth Psychology Specialization sponsored a community lecture series with Dr. Fanny Brewster, Jungian analyst, writer, and lecturer. Dr. Brewster presented two community lectures: “Archetypal Grief in African American Women and African Americans” and “Jungian Psychology: Leaving the Shadows.” The first lecture explored the psychological effects of child loss due to American slavery and institutionalized racism through a Jungian lens. The second lecture focused on the relationship between African Americans and Jungian Psychology, seeing to understand the need for multicultural approach in all American psychologies including Jungian psychology.

AUNE | The Practice of Compassion: Changing the World and Healing Ourselves



Tim Desmond, LMFT, AUNE Faculty Scholar, will be offering a day-long training on April 13, 2017 at AUNE on mindfulness-based practices to develop self-compassion, heal emotional pain, improve our ability to connect with others, and promote harmony in our organizations.

Learn more [here](#).

AUNE | Psychology and Spiritual Aspects of Loss and Grief



Dr. Lorraine Mangione will be presenting “Navigating Through Loss and Grief: Meaning Making Along the Journey” at the Brattleboro Retreat on Friday, April 21. This workshop examines current theories and research on grief and mourning, including attachment, psychoanalytic, and existential/social constructionist frameworks. It will also utilize some of the author’s research on daughters grieving their fathers as well as clinical experience to encourage professionals to develop their own clinical approach to working with clients’ grief and loss.

Learn more and register [here](#).

AUNE | 12th Annual CTEC Event: New Approaches to Conservation Conflicts



The Annual Center for Tropical Ecology and Conservation (CTEC) Symposium will be held on April 15, 2017 at AUNE. The symposium brings together researchers, professionals, educators, and students to learn about and to become involved in the application of new approaches to conservation conflicts. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about conservation conflict transformation, bridging conflicts between agriculture and conservation, managing human-wildlife conflicts, reducing conflicts over land use and biodiversity, and reducing human conflicts that undermine conservation and wildlife management.

Learn more [here](#).

AUM | Event Honors Philanthropist Wheeling Gaunt



A January 20 event at AUM honored the legacy of local philanthropist Wheeling Gaunt. The celebration at AUM was presented by the Yellow Springs Arts Council and the Yellow Springs Historical Society.

Gaunt moved his family from the South after he was able to free himself from slavery and relocated to Yellow Springs where he became a well-respected businessman and philanthropist. Gaunt decided that he wanted “to bless” the town by donating nine acres to Yellow Springs on the condition that rent acquired from the property be used to buy flour for deserving widows of the town during the Christmas holiday. After 123 years, the tradition continues but was amended in the 1950s to include sugar.

Sculptor Brian Maughan unveiled the new sculpture of Gaunt, and there was an accompanying art display showcased by local artists for the general public to view. All donations raised from the showcase will help fund a bronze bust of Gaunt. It

is well worth the visit to see the art installation while it is still on campus. View photos of the art display on our [website](#).

The Permanent Collection of art on display at Antioch University Midwest includes 173 pieces of art, from photographs and oils to textiles, pottery, and jewelry. The majority of the Permanent Collection can normally be viewed during AUM’s general operating hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; and 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday.

AULA | Urban Sustainability Residency



The Urban Sustainability MA (USMA) recently held its off-campus residency at the Cathedral Center of St. Paul in Echo Park. The topic for this residency was “Just Water.” Despite the fact that the United Nations has long since declared access to clean, potable water to be a human right, that access is not a given. USMA students spent four days exploring questions about the just and equitable distribution of water. With the aid of four organizations, students examined water policy in the State of California with Environmental Coalition for Water Justice; water awareness, education, and advocacy in the Greater Los Angeles area with representatives from Tree People; community awareness and water-justice advocacy in Watts with Watts Labor Community Action Committee; and community organizing around water with Food and Water Watch. To view more pictures click [here](#).

AUSB | Students Blog About Women’s March Experiences



From Washington, D.C. to Santa Barbara, AUSB students participated in the Women’s March on January 21, 2017.

One student commented: “While at the march, I knew I was a part of something much bigger than me, or my life, or anyone else’s. I was watching history unfold and witnessing the true power of our voices united. Every gender, race, age, etc., surrounded us. There was nothing but happiness on the faces of these passionate and brave individuals. I will do everything in my power to continue to act, to unite, and to resist any policies or message of hate, violence, or steps backwards. That is why I marched.”

AUSB | Five Faculty Appointed to Santa Barbara County Psychological Association Board



Dr. Ron Pilato, AUSB Chair and Core Faculty of the [Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology](#) (PsyD), was elected as the 2017 President-elect of the Santa Barbara County Psychological Association (SBCPA) Board of Directors. He will serve as President-elect through January 2018, when he will assume the group’s helm. His aim is to build on efforts to enhance diversity, visibility, and community engagement for the membership.

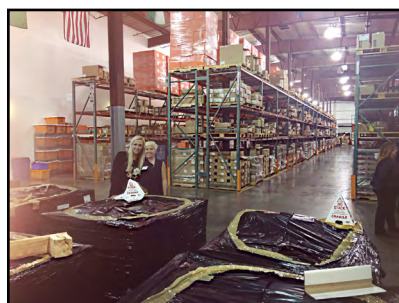
Dr. Sandra Kenny, Core Faculty and Associate Chair of AUSB’s [Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology](#) (MACP) program, was appointed Continuing Education Chair. PsyD adjunct faculty members Dr. Betsy Bates Freed, Dr.

Cecile Lyons, and Dr. Denise Mock are also serving on the board.

The SBCPA is a professional, non-profit organization representing nearly 200 licensed psychologists, psychological assistants, and student members throughout Santa Barbara County. The organization is affiliated with the California Psychological Association and the American Psychological Association.

Learn more [here](#).

AUSB | MBA Students Tour Headquarters of Direct Relief



On February 3, students in AUSB's MBA program received a private tour of the international headquarters of Direct Relief, a Santa Barbara-based non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health and lives of people affected by poverty or emergency situations by mobilizing and providing essential medical resources. Direct Relief is the largest charitable medicine program in the United States, serving 23 million residents in need or affected by natural disasters every year.

As part of the guest lectures and special events, the tour of Direct Relief exposed students to the immense scope of managing an organization of such a size, with a client base in all 50 states and more than 70 countries globally, as well as the non-profit model of Direct Relief's humanitarian assistance program which provided 11,832 deliveries of supplies in 2016.

Learn more [here](#).

AUNE | Antioch Participates in Women's Marches



AUNE Students, faculty and staff participated in a number of Women's marches on January 21, including those in Keene and Concord, NH, Boston, MA and Washington, DC. Here are a few photos from the protests.

AUNE | Environmental Studies Faculty Board Appointments



Dr. Peter Palmiotto is now the Vice President of the [Waterman Fund](#) Board of Directors. The Waterman Fund seeks to conserve the ecological, cultural, and recreational values of the alpine areas of northeastern North America through trail rehabilitation, research, and education.

Michael Simpson was voted in as a Chair of the Professional Wetland Scientist discipline for the State of New Hampshire at the annual meeting of the [NH Association of Natural Resources Scientists \(NHANRS\)](#). NHANRS promotes the responsible use of natural resources and represents the diverse interests of its membership, which is comprised of wetland and soil scientists, biologists, foresters, ecologists, surveyors, state and municipal employees, and citizens.

AUNE | Dr. Borden and Colleagues Present on Advocacy in the Current Political Climate



Dr. Kathi A. Borden, Professor of Clinical Psychology, chaired a symposium entitled, “Challenges to Teaching Advocacy in a Complex Political Climate” at the mid-winter meeting of the National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology, held in Long Beach, California. The symposium focused on how to help students feel a sense of empowerment through advocacy, open conversations, conflict resolution methods, the science of persuasion, and the inclusion of diverse voices regarding emotional reactions to the recent national elections. Papers presented at the symposium included “Walking the Tightrope: Teaching Advocacy in a Politically Diverse Nonprofit Setting” by Dr. Borden and Alexandra Ginsberg of the APA Education Government Relations Office; “Hard-wired towards

Conservatism vs. Liberalism: Is Persuasion Possible?” by Gilbert Newman of the Wright Institute; and “Advocacy by Diverse Graduate Students: Mentorship to Gain Voices” by Hideko Sera of the University of Redlands.

AUS | Dr. Annie Dwyer joins Antioch University Seattle Center for Teaching and Learning



Dr. Annie Dwyer begins her role as the Coordinator of the Academic Support Lab where she will be responsible for mentoring and supervising the writing peer-consultants, overseeing the daily operations of the ASL, and contributing to writing support resources on campus.

Dr. Dwyer earned her Ph.D. in English at the University of Washington. She has taught composition and literature classes over the past ten years at UW and recently taught Writing in Psychology at Antioch. She has pursued her passion for writing pedagogy while working as the Expository Writing Program’s Liaison for UW Extension and as a Project for Interdisciplinary

Pedagogy Fellow at UW Bothell. She has also co-organized several critical pedagogy projects and trainings, including the Queer Pedagogical Performance Workshop and the Critical Classrooms’ Certificate in Critical Pedagogy. She’s excited to join Antioch’s Academic Support Lab and we are delighted to have her join our team.

AUS | Antioch University Student Represents AU at National Veterans Conference



Andrea Alegria, a student veteran in the BA in Liberal Studies program, and Frenchie Loveheart, AUS’s VetCorps Navigator, collaboratively represented AUS as co-presenters at this year’s Student Veterans of America National Conference. This conference is the largest annual gathering of service members, veterans, stakeholders, and supporters of higher education in the world. The conference promoted the empowerment of tomorrow’s student veteran leaders on higher education campuses. Participants studied advanced techniques in developing stronger veteran student organizations, career readiness, student success, education and research, and chapter management and fundraising. A workshop to share information with the larger AUS campus community is coming soon.

AUS | Antioch Joins International Women's/Womxn's March



Many AUS students participated in the January 21, 2017, Women's March. Seattle's march took place simultaneously with Women's/Womxn's marches throughout the country and on [every continent on Earth](#) (including Antarctica!). The [KING5 News](#) reported that the Seattle march was attended by what many considered a conservative estimate of 175,000 people.

"When I looked at the sea of people in their pink hats and their signs, my heart truly soared to think that I am not alone," said student Lisa Kothari.

Liz Barclay concurred, "I couldn't have been more proud to be in the Seattle Women's march with my 15 year old son. He reflected a lot afterwards on how it felt to be one of a handful of teen boys marching. He said afterwards, 'It's the first time

I've been in the minority.'"

Here are some of the protest photos and statements by AUS students emailed to [The AUS eNews](#) for inclusion in our newsletter. See more photos and read more statements more statements from AUS students [here](#).

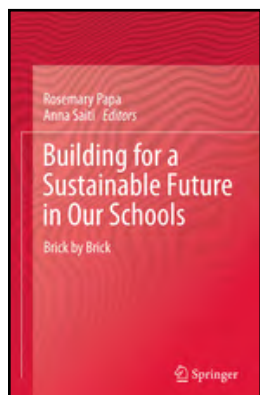
GSLC | Alumnus Engages Watts Community



GSLC alumnus, Dr. Chris Hickey, has proudly assumed the position of Project Manager for the Kaiser Permanente Watts Counseling and Learning Center in Los Angeles, California. The Center was established 50 years ago after neighborhood civil unrest to provide educational and mental health resources for all children in the community. Dr. Hickey is also founder of Each One Teach One, an alliance for academic access, achievement, and success working with inner city youth. Learn more about Dr. Hickey's work from his dissertation, [The Phenomenal Characteristics of the Son-Father Relationship](#).

PUBLICATIONS

AUNE | Faculty Recently Published



Paul Bocko, Teaching Faculty in AUNE's Education Department, recently published "Synergy Between Problem-Based Learning and Educating for Sustainability: A Review of the Literature" in Building for a Sustainable Future in Our Schools (Springer International Publishing, 2017).

Learn more [here](#).

Chancellor Groves Campus Visit Schedule

Thursday, March 30 = AUM
Monday, April 3 = AUNE

Wednesday, April 5 = AULA
Thursday, April 6 = AUSB

Friday, April 7 = AUS & GSLC (virtual)

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