

# ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY COMMON THREAD

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## AUM: RDLN Mississippi Food & Health Fellows Complete Degrees



Dorothy Grady-Scarbrough of Shelby, Mississippi, and Oleta Garrett Fitzgerald of Madison have completed requirements for master's degrees in rural community development from Antioch University Midwest through the Rural Development Leadership Network (RDLN).

They have participated as Mississippi Food & Health Fellows with support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, which is based in Battle Creek, Michigan. As part of the program, the two Fellows led field projects to create healthier communities in the Mississippi Delta by increasing the availability of locally grown fruits and vegetables and fostering healthier eating. The projects were intended to help prevent the obesity and diabetes that are prevalent in the state, especially among people of color in low-income rural areas.

Dorothy and Oleta plan to remain active in the RDLN Network after graduation, and we look forward to hearing about their future accomplishments.

Photo: Dorothy Grady-Scarbrough and Oleta Fitzgerald during site visit to MEGA in February 2015

## AUM Hosted Dayton Hispanic Chamber for spring networking event



Antioch University Midwest hosted the Dayton Hispanic Chamber monthly networking event on April 20. The event was a great opportunity for Hispanic leaders from various organizations throughout the Miami Valley and the university to explore partnership opportunities, share stories, and make new connections.

A raffle was also held with the funds from ticket sales benefiting the AUM Hispanic Scholarships.



**The Board of Governors for Antioch University is proud to announce Dr. William V. Flores as the new President of the Santa Barbara campus. Flores will serve as the fourth President of the Santa Barbara campus succeeding Dr. Nancy Leffert. Leffert will retire on June 30, 2016 after seven years of service.**

The Board chose Flores from a strong pool of candidates because of his long history of higher education academic leadership. Flores has also demonstrated a strong commitment to expanding educational opportunities to underserved populations including the Hispanic community. He is a life-long

“Hosting this event is one way for AUM to stay involved in the community to advance the university’s mission of social and economic justice. We were able to share the many ways in which we are building opportunities for traditionally under-served communities in the greater Miami Valley area,” said Dr. Marian Glancy, Director of Academic Affairs at AUM.

Photo: Dr. Marian Glancy speaks with Dayton Hispanic Chamber Executive Director, Claudia Cortez Reinhardt at the monthly DHC networking event.

advocate for social justice and sustainability, hallmarks of the Antioch University tradition. Thanks for helping us welcome Dr. Flores to campus when he arrives on August 1, 2016.

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## AULA Celebrates Exceptional Student Work



The BA Showcase is AULA’s celebration of exceptional undergraduate student work and one of our premiere events of the year. The showcase is a chance to celebrate and honor students’ exemplary work over the course of the academic year. The projects cover a wide range of disciplines, themes, and intellectual traditions. Creative works include everything from posters and audiovisual works, to art and oral presentations. The BA Showcase is celebrating its 10th year. The Showcase is hosted in tandem with the Undergraduate Studies Open House. [Read More.](#)

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## AULA’s Education Chair J. Cynthia McDermott’s Published New Book



Education Chair J. Cynthia McDermott’s new book, “The Foxfire Approach” has been published by Sense Publishers. Her book is a collection of essays by Foxfire practitioners and represents the wide range of adaptations by educators of the Foxfire Magazine and Foxfire Programs for Teachers. Educators describe their adaptations of the Foxfire Approach for instruction at all grade levels, subjects, and demographics. They have even included how they’ve coped with the challenges they’ve faced. For a free preview and to learn more about Cynthia’s book, [click here.](#)

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## Securing Employment in Community Mental Health



On April 29th Sylvie Taylor presented a workshop for securing employment in community mental health. The workshop was designed to support students and recent graduates in securing employment in community mental health settings at the pre-license level. The workshop is for students and recent graduates of psychology, counseling and social work programs who are interested in working in the community mental health sector and/or for DMH contracted agencies. The workshop covered community mental health funding priorities, strategies for locating position openings, maximizing your relevant skill sets, and enhancing your skills while searching for a position.

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## AULA Hires New Admissions Recruiter



Justin Rocha has recently joined AULA as the new Admissions Recruiter. Justin served in the United States Navy stationed in Yokosuka Japan from January 2004 – May 2009. Justin began his active duty with the Navy as an Assistant Navigator/Administrator. He then continued his duty with the Navy here in Los Angeles as a Recruiter/Trainer from 2009 to 2013. Since 2015 Justin has worked with JVS WorkSource as a Veteran Career Development Specialist, working with veterans on writing resumes, job search strategies, networking and interview skills. Justin's community involvement includes work with the Los Angeles

Veterans Collaborative; Higher Education subcommittee. This is a working group of community colleges, trade schools and universities that strive to develop and share best practices with schools that will work to give a better educational experience for veterans in LA.

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## AUSB Student Documentary Filmmakers Address Social Justice Issues



The Bachelor of Arts students in Stanley Roden's Social Justice Documentary Filmmaking class in Winter 2016 took on such weighty topics as homelessness, domestic violence, addiction, and more in their final films. [Read more.](#)

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## Gina Bell Receives AUSB's 2016 Excellence in Teaching Award



Gina Bell, MA, an adjunct faculty in the Bachelor of Arts program at Antioch University Santa Barbara, has been named the recipient of the 6th Annual Award for Excellence in Teaching. Gina will be honored alongside graduates from all programs at this year's Commencement ceremony on Monday, June 20, at the Fess Parker Resort. [Read more.](#)

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## AUNE's Apollinaire William Honored with the 2016 Toni Murdock Student Innovation Award



Apollinaire William, a doctoral student in Antioch University New England's Environmental Studies PhD program, is the recipient of the 2016 Toni Murdock Student Innovation Award for his doctoral research and dissertation on land use issues in Rwanda. The award is given annually to a graduating



student whose academic work implements innovative solutions to complex social, economic, or environmental challenges and helps to advance AUNE's purpose of innovation for a just and sustainable society.

"I used a participatory approach to conduct my study," Apollinaire says. "I came to realize that the community has a body of knowledge that we never tap into. Most of the time scientists go into the field, collect data, and publish articles. No one from the community collaborates or reads the articles, yet the community are the ones to pay the bill, the ones who suffer those disasters."

To gather his dissertation research, Apollinaire worked directly with farmers in Rwanda, combining participatory mapping techniques with interviews and Geographical Information Systems (GIS) modeling to ultimately improve the sustainability of agriculture and environmental stewardship. His research results are being formulated into recommendations to policy makers. He hopes this research will represent a voice for those farmers whose policy is forced on them without their engagement. [Read more.](#)

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## Antioch University New England's MBA in Sustainability Program Named to Top 15 Affordable Sustainable MBA Programs List



Conscious Company magazine ranked Antioch University New England's MBA in Sustainability program as one of the Top 15 Affordable Sustainable MBA Programs in the country and one of the Top 5 for programs located east of the Mississippi in their May/June 2016 issue, on sale now.

This is the magazine's inaugural list of the best business school programs. The MBA in Sustainability program at Antioch University New England develops students' knowledge and experience in the areas of triple bottom line principles, sustainability methods, systems thinking, leadership, and collaboration across an integrated curriculum. The 36-credit MBA in Sustainability is a two year program with cohort groups meeting on campus five weekends per semester starting in the fall. [Read more.](#)

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## Support the Movement | AUNE's Annual Dance Concert



Students and faculty in the [Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling Program \(DMT\)](#) program entertained audiences with original choreography and parodies in their annual dance concert during three performances on April 22, 23, and 24. The concert featured a combination of different performance styles, and included dancing, singing, videos, and live music. [Read more.](#)

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## Remembering the 1916 Irish Easter Uprising on its 2016 Centenary



On Saturday, April 23 and Sunday, April 24, 2016, Antioch University Seattle (AUS) hosted the Irish Heritage Club's [1916 Centenary Program](#).

Tickets sold out for both the Saturday reception and keynote address, and for the Saturday showing of the film "1916 The Irish Rebellion," narrated by Irish actor Liam Neeson. **The keynote address was given by Kevin Byrne,**

**the Vice-Consul of Ireland to the Western United States, and opening remarks were given by AUS President, Dr. Dan Hocoy.**

In addition to the reception, film screening and talks, the Centenary Program featured a variety of events and exhibitions, such as the art and photography of Elaine Barry, Rozarii Lynch, and Maura Donegan, a 1916 exhibition titled "The Life of 1916 Combatant Lily Kempson McAlerney," a poetry reading by Lorraine Healy MFA, an Irish musical performance by Soprano Sarah Dolan, and lectures such as "Women of the Rising" by AUS alumna Nicola Tannion.

Photo from left to right: Alumna Nicola Tannion, AUS President Dan Hocoy, Mayor Ed Murray, Elaine Barry, Sarah Dolan, Vice Consul Kevin Bryne, Senator Karen Fraser and John Keane. The photo was taken by Brendan Shriane.

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## Admissions begins to use Radius

As of April 15th, AUM and AUC have begun using Radius for applications for Summer 2016 and beyond. AUSB has also launched Radius for their new MFA program.

### DID YOU KNOW.....?:

- The University has standardized application fees and enrollment deposits across campuses
- Admissions has been able to move from 237 application status across campuses to 16 shared, standardized statuses within Radius
- Developing a shared terminology (a glossary of terms) across admission requirements resulted in a decrease of 61 admission requirements in our current systems to 18 in our new systems (Radius and New Colleague Production)
- Applicants will be able to submit their Student Intent to Enroll Form (SIE) and Enrollment Deposit using self-service – secure, online submission was previously unavailable
- Using self-service, all AU applicants will be able to check the status of their application, from a "checklist" of requirements through to their admission status online – currently access is only available for a few campuses using a separate portal page feature and set up
- Early on, ten new applicants using the system reported a positive experience with the new online application

As with any implementation, Admissions continues to work through data migration and integration items as the University moves records from its legacy systems into Radius and the New Colleague Production environment. As the balance of campuses ready for launch in Radius for new applications, they have already begun working with existing applications in Radius. For example, Admissions has been working closely with Financial Aid to move records for Summer and Fall 2016 terms for all campuses through Radius into the New Colleague Production environment for awarding, followed by collaboration with Registration and Records to move eligible new applicants to student for new student enrollment in our new systems. Additionally, Admissions and Accounts Receivable have been working together to transfer enrollment deposits for new students in our legacy systems to their records in the New Colleague Production environment.

There is lots of activity and initial results have been both exciting and encouraging. Campuses have put tremendous amount of effort to collaboratively develop the Radius system, shape new Admissions practices, begin to work with data, and prepare for new applications in Radius. As we begin to transition; we reflect on the accomplishments, thank teams for their work, and look forward to continuous improvements as we harness Radius to further advance our Admissions Operations and enrollment efforts.

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## Peace Corps Partnership Expands



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### Graduate School of Leadership and Change

The Graduate School of Leadership & Change is proud to announce the expansion of the University's partnership with the Peace Corps to now include Coverdell Fellowships

available for students in the PhD in Leadership & Change and students in the PhD in Leadership & Change for Healthcare. Coverdell Fellowships are available effective the upcoming 2016-17 term and require Fellows to conduct their program's required second-year change project with an underserved community in the United States. Approximately one fellowship is available per cohort for a total of no more than six Fellows at any one time in the program. For more information, [click here](#) or call 937-769-1360