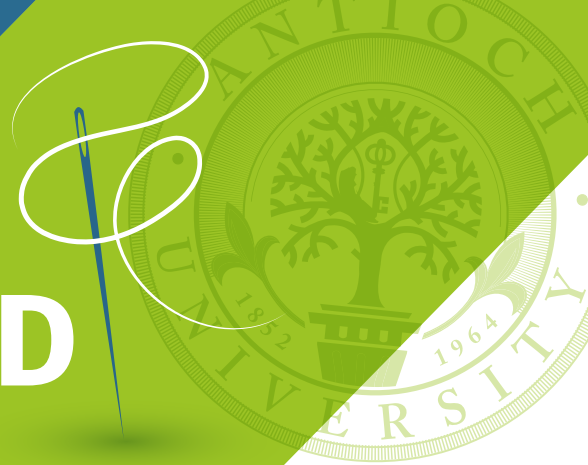


# ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY COMMON THREAD

MAY 17, 2016



## Conversation about Buddhism and the Environment at AUS



On Friday, April 15, 2016 Antioch University Seattle hosted a talk given by Buddhist speaker Dungse Jampal Norbu on a Buddhist approach to environmental responsibility. The event “Buddhism and the Environment,” which has been described as “lovely and inspiring,” provided a thought-provoking and enriching experience to all who were able to attend.

## The Heart of Antioch Short Film Premiered at Antioch University Seattle



Earlier this month, Antioch University Seattle’s Heart of Antioch project hosted a social gathering, “to appreciate our Antioch community.” In addition to an original music performance by AUS student Mikini Magee and talks by some of the people involved in the project, an original short film was screened.

Created as part of the Heart of Antioch project, the short film “The Heart of a Tree” features multiple members of the Antioch University Seattle community reading lines of a poem about the Heart of Antioch.

[Click here](#) to see the film, at Vimeo.com.

## “Thank You For Your Service” featuring AUS PsyD core faculty Dr. Russell Screened at Pennsylvania Law School



This April 20, 2016, the University of Pennsylvania Law School [hosted a screening](#) of the 2015 documentary film “Thank You For Your Service” followed by a panel discussion including Antioch University Seattle PsyD core faculty Dr. Mark C. Russell. Dr. Russell, who is also a retired



**Actress Téa Leoni,** recently announced via her social media that she will match [contributions dollar-for-dollar](#) up to \$30,000 in a campaign called “Bridge Changes Lives - A Match Campaign with Téa Leoni”. The campaign will end May 31. Thanks for helping us spread the word! [Click here](#) to learn more.

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commander with the U.S. Navy and a military clinical psychologist, is given top billing for his appearance in the film on the movie's [Internet Movie Database page](#).

“Thank You For Your Service” [premiered at the DOC NYC film festival](#) in November of 2015, a festival which was attended by many prominent individuals, including presidential candidate and Secretary of State [Hillary Rodham Clinton](#). Of particular interest, Phil Donahue of *The Phil Donahue Show* was [photographed attending](#) the “Thank You For Your Service” premiere.

The 2015 “Thank You For Your Service” is unrelated to the upcoming [2016 dramatic film](#) of the same name.

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## New Technology Demonstration at AUS



Our brand new campus is student-centered and intentionally designed to optimize the educational experience.

Wolfvision representatives showcased the capabilities and use of the Cynap device, a digital educational tool designed to provide learning opportunities for students and a fresh teaching style for faculty, revolutionizing our shared learning space.

The technology provides real-time wireless sharing across multiple devices and platforms, engaging students far afield in real time, or with recordings of classes.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the device.

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## Peace Corps Retires Master’s International Program After Nearly 30 Years | Apply by July 1, 2016 for Final Master’s International Cohort at AUNE



In late April, the Peace Corps made the difficult decision to retire the Master’s International program and focus its resources on other partnership opportunities.

Established in 1987, the program pairs graduate studies with Peace Corps service. The partnership between Peace Corps Master’s International and Antioch University New England had been established in May 2014. Currently, there are 15 students enrolled as

Master’s International students at AUNE. The last cohort of students will start classes this fall. AUNE is dedicated to supporting these exceptional students throughout their graduate program and Peace Corps service. Prospective Master’s International students need to apply to AUNE by July 1, 2016. Applicants admitted to the program must start classes on August 27, 2016, the beginning of the fall 2016 semester. This will be the last opportunity for students to participate in Master’s International. [Read more.](#)

## AUNE's CTEC Awards \$3,400 in Grants for Student Projects



The AUNE Center for Tropical Ecology and Conservation (CTEC) in the Department of Environmental Studies has issued grants totaling \$3,400 to help support students in their capstone projects. Four students were awarded funds this year, supporting conservation work in the neotropics and in Africa, in biodiversity hotspots, and in tropical forests, agricultural systems, and aquatic systems. Projects include working with community

members, citizen scientists, birds, and trees. CTEC funding will contribute to tropical forest regeneration, food security, improved water quality, and more effective protected areas management. Read more about the award recipients and their dissertation research. [Read more.](#)

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## Keene's Mayor Addressed Graduates at AUNE Commencement



Mayor Kendall W. Lane delivered this year's keynote address during commencement exercises for Antioch University New England (AUNE) on Saturday, May 14, 2016. He shared some of the important insights he has learned during his life of service, spanning a career as a U.S. Army veteran, an accomplished lawyer, legislator, and a community advocate. Student speaker Jason Rhoades also discussed the theme of a life of service by sharing that creating positive change involves both failures and small victories along the way. [Read more.](#)

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## AUNE Students Host Meet the Mountain Day at Mount Monadnock



The Monadnock Ecological Research and Education Project (MERE) hosted Meet the Mountain Day on April 23, 2016 at Monadnock State Park. The annual event celebrates the start of hiking season and offers visitors opportunities to learn about, and gain a greater appreciation for the mountain and its natural resources. MERE ambassadors and other event partners interacted with several

hundred park visitors throughout the day. With the wonderful weather, many participants summited Mt. Monadnock and spoke with Jennifer Dickinson, a MERE summit steward. Peter Palmiotto, AUNE professor and MERE director, also led an enthusiastic group of hikers to the summit. The most popular activity was learning about the live hawks. Diane Welch, a licensed falconer with the Massachusetts Falconry and Hawk Trust, along with Rita Tulloh, a licensed falconer with the New Hampshire Falconers Association, educated visitors about birds of prey with the help of their two red-tail hawks.

Mount Monadnock has impressed and captivated people for centuries. Relatively small and easy to summit, at 3,165 feet, Monadnock is the popular hiking

destination for over 95,000 visitors each year. That tally places Mount Monadnock as the second most climbed mountain in the world, after Mount Fuji. [Read more.](#)

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## AUM offers profound gratitude to two outgoing board of trustees members



The AUM Board of Trustees gathered on Thursday, May 5 for their quarterly meeting and recognized the contributions of David Adkinson and Dr. Clark E. Beck, Sr., who will both be leaving at the end of their current terms.

Dave Adkinson is President of the John A. Becker Company and has served on the AUM board for six years. During his tenure, Dave

has served as the Chair of the Institutional Advancement Committee and served on the Executive Committee. As President of the John A. Becker Company, Dave oversees all nine Becker locations with approximately 170 associates. Over the years, Dave has been a part of various non-profit boards, most notably serving 18 years on the Advisory Board of the Dayton Area Salvation Army as Treasurer. In addition, Dave's professionalism and extensive knowledge of the electrical distribution business, has led to numerous requests to serve on other industry-related advisory boards and committees with national organizations such as NAED and AD. Dave has been instrumental in the growth of the university and had a central role in facilitating two major grants from the Becker Family Fund.

Dr. Clark E. Beck, Sr. is a founding member of the AUM board and will be retiring after 7 years of service where he has also served on the Institutional Advancement Committee. A community leader, Clark has been recognized recently in Dayton with several awards including The Dayton Region Walk of Fame. He was also recently featured in a TV commercial for organ donors in the Miami Valley. Clark is the retired owner of CEBEC Associates, an educational oriented firm which he founded after retiring as Assistant Dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science at Wright State University in 2001. Before Wright State, he was Associate Professor of Manufacturing Engineering at Central State University (1985-87); Research and Development Engineer/Manager at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and part-time instructor at Sinclair Community College and Central State (1955-85).

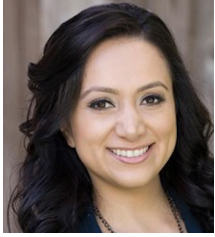
We extend our heartfelt appreciation for all that Clark and Dave have done for the university and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Photo: Antioch University Midwest Board of Trustees President, Marva Cosby, presents a resolution of appreciation to outgoing member David Adkinson.

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## Dr. Dalia Ruiz Receives AUSB's 2016 Distinguished Graduate Award



Dr. Dalia Ruiz has been awarded Antioch University Santa Barbara's Distinguished Graduate Award for 2016. Dr. Ruiz graduated from the Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology (PsyD) at AUSB in 2015. [Read more.](#)

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## AUSB's 2015-2016 Scholarship Recipients Honored at Reception



On Monday, May 9, Antioch University Santa Barbara honored students and donors alike at its Annual Grant and Scholarship reception. [Read more.](#)

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## AUSB's Salvador Treviño Presents at Cuesta College Symposium



Dr. Salvador Treviño, core faculty in the Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology (PsyD) at Antioch University Santa Barbara, was the keynote speaker at the Cuesta College DREAMer Symposium held on Saturday, May 7, in San Luis Obispo. [Read more.](#)

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## AULA | BA SHOWCASE



The Annual BA Showcase is turning 10 years old! Every year, we gather together to celebrate and honor the undergraduate students' exemplary work from the academic year. "The BA Showcase features the most outstanding examples of academic work done by our undergraduate students," says Rosa Garza-Mourino, Director for External Partnerships, faculty, and BA Showcase organizer. Students are nominated by

program faculty because their projects encourage social justice, engage global citizenship, and utilize critical thinking skills. The BA showcase is hosted in tandem with the Undergraduate Open House and prospective students are able to get a glimpse of the academic environment and dynamic courses we offer. [Read more.](#)

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## AULA | MUSLIM VOICES

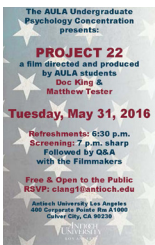


“Where are the Muslim Voices?” was a discussion held by Zari Hedayat, AULA affiliate faculty, is a Muslim Iranian, Layla Jillhood, AULA affiliate faculty, is an Iraqi Muslim, Huda Bayaa is a graduate student in psychology and a Palestinian Muslim, and Lana Istwani is a Syrian Muslim. The four women joined together to speak about their daily lives as Muslim women living in America. They addressed what it is to be Muslim in a country where being Muslim is increasingly suspect.

They expressed fears of being targeted for their faith, but instead of stepping back they are compelled to step forward and entreat people to learn about the Islamic faith and to understand that their religion, like other religions, promotes peace and intellectual discourse. Huda Bayaa implored the audience to take the information they’ve learned to engage others in a dialog about Islam and to challenge the misinformation that permeates the understanding of Islam that is shared by others. [Read more.](#)

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## AULA | PROJECT 22



AULA BA in Liberal Arts students and combat Veterans, Doc King and Matthew Tester, co-directed and produced Project 22, a non-profit documentary exploring the challenges warriors face in their post-Military lives. They take a 6,500 mile motorcycle journey to discover holistic methods of Post-Traumatic Growth. During their trek, they meet inspirational Warriors who overcame extreme difficulties in order to thrive in their lives after

leaving the Military. This documentary “serves as a catalog of hope that will benefit Veterans, families, and anyone who has dealt with trauma, loss, or depression” states Medicinal Missions. The Undergraduate Studies Psychology Concentration hosted a screening of the film on May 31st. [Learn more.](#)

## AULA | Spring Urban Sustainability Residency



Faculty and students, from each cohort in the Masters in Urban Sustainability (USMA) Program came together for a week-long residency. Students participated in a river tour led by Don Strauss, PhD and program chair. They also engaged in workshops to practice story-based organizing strategies and examine theory of change principles. In a final exercise, USMA students worked in teams to design a sustainable student education program. Each team presented

their proposal on the final day of the residency. During each residency, USMA hosts a Sustainable Supper for the students and AULA community. This quarter the panel discussion was “Building a Framework for Sustainability: a conversation about people, principles, and possibilities.” Speakers included Isela Gracian (Exec. Director of East LA Community Corp), Jerilyn Lopez Mendoza (Environmental Affairs Southern California Gas Co), and Alina Bodke (Exec. Director LA Neighborhood Land Trust). See more photos [here](#).