

# ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY COMMON THREAD

JUNE 14, 2016



## A Message of Support

Our hearts ache and we grieve collectively for the senseless loss of life in Orlando over the weekend. A day that started as a day of pride, a day to celebrate our diversity and the human rights victories won by the LGBTQ community, ended with a senseless act of gun violence that claimed 49 innocent lives and injured 53 others. We grieve for them and the friends and family who loved them. This was not a random act. It appears now that the largest mass shooting in American history was specifically targeted at the LGBTQ community. This tragedy is a reminder to us all at Antioch University that the struggle for social justice continues. The work for inclusion, human rights and democracy is more needed than ever. May our mission to advance social, economic, and environmental justice triumph over hatred, violence, and terror, to become our collective victory for humanity. As a nation grieves, please join us in showing your support and solidarity for our LGBTQ colleagues, students and friends. Let love conquer hate, fear, and terror.

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## AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Märta Waldrop Bergman, Lena Moran, Megan Kain Named Student Speakers at AUSB Commencement



Märta Waldrop Bergman from the Bachelor of Arts program, Lena Moran from the MA in Education program, and Megan Kain from the PsyD in Clinical Psychology program will speak during the 2016 AUSB Commencement, Monday, June 20 at the Fess Parker Resort.

The three speakers were selected by from a group of blind submissions judged by a panel of cross-disciplinary faculty. The speeches were rated on writing quality, interest to a general audience, evidence of critical thinking, and how well they answered the following prompt:

Antioch University's mission is to provide "... education to empower students with the knowledge and skills to lead meaningful lives and to advance social, economic, and environmental justice." How has this mission been manifested in your experience at Antioch University Santa Barbara?

In addition to the student speakers, Dalia Ruiz, a 2015 PsyD graduate, be awarded the 2016 Distinguished Graduate Award, and Gina Bell, an adjunct in the BA program, will receive the 2016 Excellence in Teaching Award.

[Read more.](#)

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## BlackBerry's Steven E. Zipperstein Named to the AUSB Board of Trustees



Antioch University Santa Barbara proudly announces the election of Steven E. Zipperstein to its Board of Trustees. Currently, chief legal officer of BlackBerry Ltd., Steve is responsible for the company's worldwide legal, government relations, and public policy affairs.

"With his vast business acumen, great intelligence, and even greater heart, Steve Zipperstein will be an enormous asset to our Board and the entire university," said AUSB Board of Trustees Chair Vicki Riskin. "We are thrilled to welcome him aboard."

Zipperstein has long been a proponent of higher education as a lever for social change.

"I am honored to be chosen for the board of AUSB," he said, "because I admire the university's commitment to academic excellence and its mandate to provide access to higher education for all qualified students. As one surveys Santa Barbara's schools, institutions, and businesses, it readily becomes apparent that Antioch graduates are the problem-solvers of our community."

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## AUNE Grads Found Micro-School



AUNE grads Michelle Simpson-Siegel (Environmental Science '98) and Jessica Turner (Experienced Educator Program '05) are co-founding a micro-school in Vermont, the Brattleboro School Without Walls (SW2). SW2 will operate as a modern one-room schoolhouse, where students of different ages learn from one another and work through the curriculum at their own pace. Class size is intentionally small, and the school meets only a few days a week.

Simpson-Siegel is the executive director of Oak Meadow, a well-known homeschool curriculum provider and distance learning school that recently became the first distance school to receive accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Turner is a long time educator with experience teaching middle school through college age students.

Both credit their Antioch University New England experience as the foundation and inspiration for this exciting venture. "Dr. Jane Miller, my professor in the Education Department at Antioch University New England, who recently retired, inspired me to start my own school and to take on this enormous project one step at a time," said Turner. "She was completely supportive of me as a teacher and as a learner."

Credit for internships, apprenticeships, and other learning opportunities are all part of the SW2 picture as well. Turner and Simpson-Siegel strongly believe that nothing should be "extracurricular" in a student's education, so the creation of this learning center is helping turn their belief into a reality.

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# EVENTS

## AUNE | Dr. Marti Straus in Saskatchewan Presented Treating Trauma in Adolescents



Ehrlo Counselling Services and the Psychology Association of Saskatchewan recently hosted AUNE Clinical Psychology professor Marti Straus two-day workshop: “Treating Adolescent Attachment-Trauma: The Challenge Of Connection” at the Queensbury Convention Centre in Regina.

“Dr. Martha Straus has written books such as “No Talk Therapy” and “Adolescent Girls in Crisis” that have proven to be very useful in my work as a clinician.” said Natasha Schroenroth, psychologist at Ehrlo Counselling. “To have had the opportunity to learn further about treating adolescent attachment-trauma from Dr. Straus was exciting!”

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## Conservation Psychology Institute Held at AUNE, June 12-15



AUNE is hosting the annual [Conservation Psychology Institute \(CPI\)](#), June 12-15, 2016. The 3-day annual event is an interactive workshop with some of the leading researchers in the field. This year’s focus is on promoting human and environmental health across multiple scales—individual, organizational, community, and ecosystem—through the application of psychological research on behavior change, connection with nature, and effective communication. Attendees can expect a participatory and dynamic mix of pre-reading, presentation, small group discussion and application, Q&A, one-on-one coaching, and team planning time.

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## May 31-June 3 Was Heart of Antioch Week at Antioch University Seattle



Last week, Antioch University Seattle (AUS) students Pauline Mc Charles and Lindsey Dire organized the Heart of Antioch Week, as part of the ongoing Heart of Antioch Project. The week-long event featured interactive activities, such as the opportunity to tell stories about AUS on camera in the library, and the opportunity to place sticky hearts around campus with treasured memories written on them, provided by the Academic Support Lab. The Office of Student Life offered free coffee and soup on alternating days.

In addition, [Dr. Mark Hower](#) gave two public lectures about Douglas McGregor. [Jordan Howell](#) set up Conference Room #236 to display an example of the conceptual design for the new campus's faculty village workspace, and he was available in that space for much of June 1 to answer questions and solicit feedback.

The AUS offices of Institutional Advancement and Marketing both provided photography displays showing images from AUS's past, present and future. The fountain in the downstairs atrium was honored as a tribute to the AUS facilities department.

The Drama Therapy department provided a Drama Therapy event, titled "The Heart of the Matter". The Antioch

Committee for Social Justice and Change, a new student group, also hosted a Rally for Mental Health during the Heart of Antioch Week, which pushed for greater access to mental health services in the community, and which provided an interactive story wall in the downstairs atrium.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Heart of Antioch Project on Facebook.

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## NEWS & SERVICES

### AUSB | PsyD Program Places 100% of Year 4 Students in Internships



Congratulations to the 15 students in the Antioch University Santa Barbara's Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology (PsyD) who have secured internships. These students have completed their coursework on campus and are moving to the next step, the pre-doctoral internship.

"I graduated with my MA in Clinical Psychology in 2013, and am honored and excited to graduate with my PsyD from AUSB as well," one student, Brandon Maynard, said. "I'll continue to carry on the precepts of social justice and excellence in standard of care for the duration of my career, with Antioch as the launching point."

This year, every student seeking an internship was successful in securing one, marking an impressive achievement for both the students and the PsyD program.

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### Antioch University Santa Barbara Offering Interpretation Services at Commencement



To demonstrate Antioch University Santa Barbara's continuing commitment to inclusivity and social justice, simultaneous interpretation services between English and Spanish will be offered at this year's Commencement. This marks the first time AUSB has been able to include a language interpreting service at Commencement.

Offering interpretation at the ceremony began as a theoretical project by two graduating Master of Arts in Education students, Lena Moran and MaryLou Hernandez, but then the two worked with local non-profit Just Communities Central Coast to bring their idea to fruition.

"I am thrilled that Lena and MaryLou took the initiative to make this a reality. They are wonderful examples of AUSB's students and display the heart of an Antioch education," retiring AUSB president Dr. Leffert said. "I'm especially happy we'll be able to make this Commencement ceremony such an inclusive and special one, and it is precedent setting for making interpretation services available at future campus events."

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## AUM | New Veterans Workforce Leadership Initiative Launches



Marian Glancy, the CAO of Antioch University Midwest is collaborating with Dr. Carletta Bryant of Dayton Veterans Affairs in developing a “New Supervisors Leadership Academy” to provide workforce development that trains our veterans to be more effective, efficient, and engaged communicators in organizational and supervisory roles. This collaboration is the first of numerous workforce development initiatives that partner AUM with various local and regional constituencies.

Participation in this leadership academy will enable new supervisors to develop their own perspectives on engaging organizational environments and community-building communication strategies. The academy also provides an opportunity for new supervisors to identify and hone their professional leadership qualities and conflict resolution skills in relationship to facilitating organizational change and development.

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## AUNE and Wolf Ridge Offer Joint Certificate in Environmental & Sustainability Education



Antioch University New England (AUNE) in Keene, New Hampshire, and Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center (WRELC) in Finland, Minnesota, are pleased to announce a joint program starting this fall. The program will lead to a graduate level certificate in Environmental and Sustainability Education and provide a pathway to a master’s degree in Environmental Studies at AUNE.

The certificate classes will be offered at Wolf Ridge through their Naturalist Training Program. The partnership creates seamless pathways for AUNE and Wolf Ridge faculty and students to interact and create exceptional environmental education experiences.

“Both AUNE and WRELC are well respected leaders of professional and academic development for environmental educators and naturalists worldwide. Our missions closely align, making this joint program a perfect match,” says Joe Walewski, Director of Naturalist Training at Wolf Ridge. “We are excited about this partnership and the new opportunities it will provide to participants and graduates of the Wolf Ridge Naturalist Training programs.”

The residential Naturalist Training Program will give students a total immersion experience in Wolf Ridge’s living laboratory which includes learning through teaching experience, applied academic theory, and field-trip-based natural history coursework.

[Read more.](#)

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## AULA | #Bridge4Change Raises \$77,534



Thanks to the generosity of the Antioch community and individuals across the county, AULA met Téa Leoni's challenge raising \$38,767 for The Bridge Program. The program provides free college courses for adults in Los Angeles who might not otherwise have access to higher education.

Ms. Leoni—award-winning actress, producer, and humanitarian—chose to exceed her original pledge and match the full \$38,767. Each gift to the campaign helps Bridge continue its educational justice mission, give Bridge students a jump-start on college, and provide access to university-level courses free of financial burden.

[See the videos.](#)

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## AULA Chosen as Host Site for the California Teachers Summit



Antioch University Los Angeles has been chosen as one of 40 sites in California to host the Second Annual Better Together: California Teachers Summit, a statewide day of free learning on July 29, 2016. Better Together is open to all California PreK-12 teachers, teacher candidates, school administrators, and other educators. This year's Summit will be bigger and better, featuring nationally renowned speakers, Ted-style Ed Talks by local teachers, and Edcamp model facilitated discussions which will be led by teachers, for teachers.

[Learn more.](#)

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## AULA | An Evening at the Improv Benefits Antioch University Counseling Center



Each year Antioch University Counseling Center (AUCC) therapists brainstorm, plan, and execute several fundraising ideas for the clinic. This year's fundraisers included two bake sales, improv lessons, a silent auction, and on June 4th, the Annual AUCC Comedy Night at the world-famous Hollywood Improv. The audience packed the theater and was treated to six professional comics, including: Mary Lynn Rajskub, Helen Hong, Iam Edwards, Eric Foley, and Steve Simeone.

AUCC serves hundreds of adults, families, adolescents, and students in the Los Angeles area. Psychotherapy services are offered to the public on a sliding scale, but no one is turned away for lack of funds. So, even though the main event is over, donations are still welcome and encouraged.

[Read more.](#)

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## AULA | BA Showcase Celebrates 10 Years



On May 21st the Annual BA Showcase turned 10 years old! Faculty, staff, students, and their guests attended this premiere event of the year to celebrate and honor our undergraduate students' exemplary work over the course of the academic year. Students were nominated to the showcase for creating projects that encourage social justice, engage global citizenship, and utilize critical thinking skills. The showcase demonstrated experiential learning and community engagement through multimedia performances, artwork, and lively presentations. The featured projects covered a wide range of disciplines, themes, and intellectual traditions

which gave current and prospective students fresh insights into the coursework and creative environment at AULA.

[Read more and view images.](#)

## Antioch University Seattle's New Building Construction Featured on KING5 News



KING5 News recently reported on Antioch University Seattle's (AUS) upcoming move from the Denny Triangle to the Belltown neighborhood, four blocks away. [This news coverage](#) includes both a television news video, also available online, and a written news article.



The video includes footage of the new AUS building as construction takes place! The new AUS Belltown building is already starting to look like the architectural illustrations [available through the AUS main website](#).

The article reports on that after selling its current building, AUS is investing in its new home, which will include cutting-edge technology, the creation of a new bachelor's degree program focused on health psychology and counseling, and an upcoming dance therapy program.

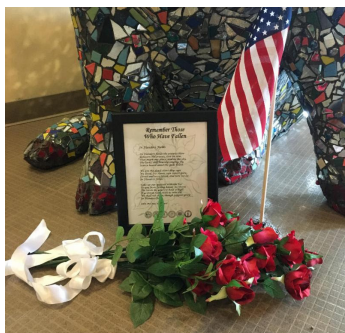
KING5 also reports that the new AUS building will stand out by standing only three stories tall, in an area full of skyscrapers. AUS President Dan Hocoy was quoted as saying "We didn't want to be a 42-story building. We like the idea of being close to the ground...This is a brand new build that will only be three stories high, which is quite remarkable for downtown Seattle."

[Click here](#) to view the news coverage at KING5.

[Click here](#) for more information about the AUS New Campus, at the AUS website.

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## Ms. Coco Decorated for Memorial Day



The mirrored pig statue at the front doors of Antioch University Seattle--known as Ms. Coco--had a Memorial Day tribute. This tribute was visible the week before Memorial Day, as campus was closed on the Memorial Day holiday itself.

A bouquet of red roses lay on the ground, along with a standing United States flag, and a framed copy of the 1915 John McCrae poem [In Flanders Fields](#). The text of the poem is as follows:

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky,  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead; short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high!  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.