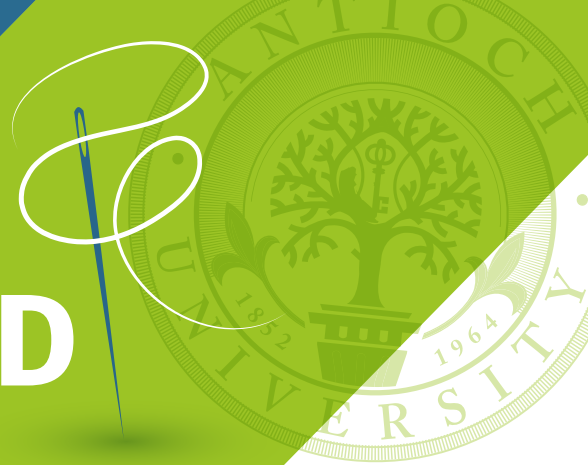


ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY COMMON THREAD

JULY 5, 2016



AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

AUS | 2016 Commencement Speakers and Award Recipients Announced



AUS is proud to welcome Emmy-winning journalist and KING 5 News nighttime news anchor [Mark Wright](#) as our 2016 Commencement Speaker. Also scheduled to speak at the ceremony are the recipient of this year's Horace Mann Award, Washington State [Senator Bob Hasegawa](#), and this year's AUS Distinguished Alumni Award winner Nicola Tannion MA, PhD.



Senator Hasegawa is currently a senator for the 11th district in the Washington State Senate. Hasegawa is also a 2003 graduate of Antioch University Seattle's Bachelor of Arts program, and was the [2012 recipient](#) of the Antioch University Seattle Distinguished Alumni Award.



Nicola Tannion is a graduate of Antioch University Seattle's Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies program, with an emphasis in Psychology and Spiritual Studies. She is currently a Mythological Studies PhD student at Pacifica Graduate Institute, with an emphasis in Depth Psychology. This spring she conceived of and co-produced the [Irish Easter Rising Centenary Commemoration](#), which was proudly hosted by AUS.

All three of these notables are scheduled to speak at this year's Antioch University Seattle Commencement Ceremony, which was held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 18, 2016 at Town Hall Seattle. Information for Commencement participation can be found at the Antioch University Seattle [Commencement page](#).

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EVENTS

AUS | Women's Education Program Is Growing



On Thursday, June 9, 2016 a celebration was held marking Antioch University Seattle's [Women's Education Program](#) (WEP) transitioning from the Bachelor of Arts department to being a cross disciplinary program. The AUS WEP was originally founded in 1998 in response to a request from the Women's Housing Equality & Enhancement League (WHEEL), an advocacy group for homeless women. AUS's WEP has provided warm meals and free education to homeless and formerly homeless women in the Seattle area for 17 years. The celebration included food hosted by Lost Lake Cafe, and live music. Photos of the event are available on the Antioch University Seattle Facebook Page's *Celebrating the Women's Education Program* [photo album](#).

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AUS | Ms. Coco Decorated for Pride Month



The mirrored pig statue at the front doors of Antioch University Seattle—known as Ms. Coco—was decorated on Monday, June 13, 2016 both in honor of LGBTQIA+ Pride Month, and also in memorial of the tragic attack on the gay nightclub Pulse which occurred in Orlando, Florida the day before. Seattle's Pride Celebrations will be held June 26th.

AUS | Art Therapy Students Send Memorial Mandalas to Orlando



Antioch University Seattle Art Therapy students created a space in the AUS Art Studio Tuesday, June 14, 2016 for the community to participate in the creation of two mandalas supporting the LGBTQIA+ community in Florida. The mandalas were delivered to a memorial in Orlando by CMHC faculty member Dr. Andrew Wood. For more information about the project, contact Jane Harmon Jacobs.

A statement from the acting-Chancellor and the presidents of all AU campuses included the following, "...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."

[View the Mandalas.](#)

[Read more.](#)

AULA | Day of Love



In response to the tragic shooting in Orlando, Dominique Hernandez, an alum of AULA's BA program and current student in the MA in Clinical Psychological program, attended a rally in Long Beach, CA. Hernandez, a Mexican-American lesbian, created an image on her wrist of a rainbow with a painted heart at her pulse. It was photographed and has been circulating in the news—it was featured on ABC News, Reuters, and Getty Images, to name a few. Hernandez used the image to change the dialogue of prejudice and division on a global scale.

She also spearheaded a Day of Love. On July 24th, she asked people to change social Media to social WEdia, and refrain from posting any “selfies” but instead, post “selfless” photos which showed acts of kindness towards another human country, anything which was an act of kindness – then post a photo of that “selfless” act.

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Nature-Based Urban Early Childhood Education Series



A wide range of early childhood educators, public school teachers, environmental educators and program administrators attended the recent In Bloom conference series by Antioch University New England. 120 attendees in Vermont, 140 in Maine and 120 in New Hampshire. These like-minded educators spent time indoors and outdoors exploring the best practices in Nature-based Urban Early Childhood Education. Participants were enthusiastic about the day and remarked how exciting it was to be with “like-minded people.” The next conference is scheduled for Saturday, September 19 in Santa Barbara, CA.

NEWS

Antioch University Seattle BA Faculty Encounters Boat Named "Antioch"



While cruising from Lake Union to Fisherman's Terminal on an electric boat Wednesday, June 22nd, BA faculty and staff encountered another vessel coincidentally named “Antioch.” Faculty member B.J. Bullert was giving a tour of the sites from her recent documentary film when they encountered the Antioch, and called out to ask what the name of boat referred to. The other boaters replied "We don't know; we just bought it!" So the AUS members informed them Antioch was also the name of a fabulous university in Seattle’s Belltown neighborhood.

AULA | “It Does Matter” Scholarship Drive Surpasses Goal



In the week building up to Commencement on Sunday, June 26th, AULA held a week-long fundraising campaign to raise \$35,000 for campus scholarships. The five-day “It Does Matter” campaign used crowdfunding to drive donations, and featured direct video appeals from AULA faculty asking for donations and some offering matching challenges. Each day, two new faculty videos were shared via email and social media. The scholarship drive goal was reached 84 minutes before the end of the campaign and by midnight of

the last day it surpassed that goal by raising \$36,075. AULA faculty and staff who made the video messages that were vital to the success of the campaign included: Theo Burnes, Al Erdynast, Rob Fox, Erica Holmes, Martha Longley, Susan Nero, Matthew Silverstein, Don Strauss, and Sylvie Taylor.

[View videos.](#)

AULA | MFA Alumni Featured on PBS NewsHour



Antioch MFA in Creative Writing Alum Joe Jimenez was featured on recent PBS NewsHour exploring the role of poetry in the days following the Orlando massacre. “I resisted becoming a poet with a capital P. I wanted to become a poem ‘maker.’ I really do see it as making something for my community,” said Jimenez. He is a great example of an alum living out the Antioch mission.

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AULA | MFA Summer/Spring Residencies Begin



Students in the MFA in Creative Writing program and those earning their Post-MFA Certificate in the Teaching of Creative Writing at Antioch University Los Angeles began their Summer/Spring Residency on Friday June 24, 2016. The ten-day residency is packed with orientation sessions, writing workshops, shared readings and social gatherings. The main goals of the MFA program are to train writers in the skills of their craft and to educate them about the role of the arts in society with a commitment to develop appreciation for culturally diverse writers and traditions. This residency introduced us to the newest cohort, the Saffrons. During the residency, faculty and Students in the MFA in Creative Writing at Antioch University gathered on June 19th at the Electric Lodge in Venice to celebrate the work of recent graduates. The residency concluded on Sunday, June 26th at AULA’s 44th Annual Commencement ceremony and the graduation of the Zephyr cohort.

AUNE's PsyD Program Receives Federal Grant



Congratulations to Alexander (Sandy) Blount and the PsyD Department at AUNE for the receipt of a grant from the Federal Health Research and Services Administration. The grant will support the integrated care practicum training network by providing generous stipends to student trainees and onsite clinical supervisors, and also support a program of training in the practice transformation skills. Over the course of the three-year grant period, nearly two dozen students are projected to spend a full year providing both

clinical services and practice transformation support, under the tutelage of Antioch's Center for Behavioral Health Innovation (BHI). Dr. Blount will serve as Principal Investigator, training practicum students and clinical sites in the design and delivery of integrated care. BHI co-Directors Jim Fauth and George Tremblay will contribute pro bono consultation in practice transformation and quality improvement.

Financial Aid changes in New Colleague System

After more than 2 years of reviewing processes and looking for "best practices", the financial aid staff university-wide have implemented some new features and benefits to our students who apply for and are awarded financial aid. Beginning with the Summer 2016 terms the following benefits will be available to AU students:

- A **financial aid self-service** feature enables students to view their award letter and to accept or decline their aid on line.
- **Refunds of financial aid** in excess of tuition and fees will be available (assuming all steps have been completed by a published priority date and there are no unforeseen complications) by the end of the first week of class.
- **Book vouchers will be available each term** to financial aid recipients with enough financial aid. (Students must request the voucher each term).
- More standardized processes university-wide in financial aid means that **more individuals are available to assist any AU student with financial aid** in the event of a staff shortage or crisis.