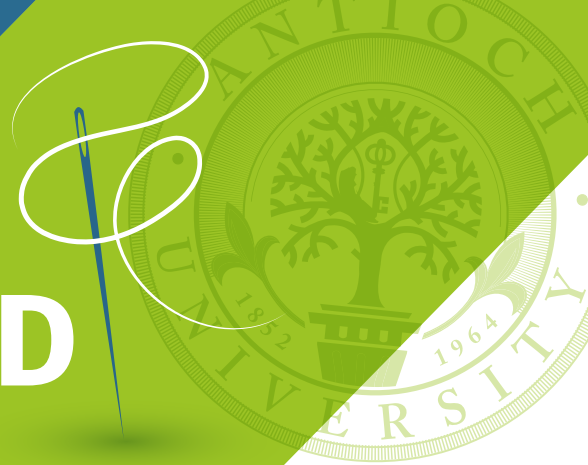


# ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY COMMON THREAD

AUGUST 2, 2016



## AWARDS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Antioch University Seattle Announces its #AUSvacay Photography Contest Winners!



That's right, it's time to announce the winners of this summer break's #AUSvacay photography contest! Winners were randomly selected, because every photo we received is absolutely wonderful. The three winning photos were rewarded with free AUS schwag.

First place as well as an honorable mention went to Julie Brenneise, second place went to Laurel Watjen, and third place went to Dawn Marie Blades. Another honorable mention photograph came from Lindsay Meagher-Swanson. Thanks to everyone who participated!

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### Antioch University Seattle Alumna La-Tonia Denise Willis Seeks Interview Subjects for Upcoming Docu-Series



Antioch University Seattle alumna [La-Tonia Denise Willis](#) is looking for interview subjects for her episodic docu-series [Profiles: Women in the Arts and Technology NW](#) (previously *Profiles: Women in the Arts NW*). The series is now in production for its third season. This upcoming season will air on Public Access TV via Seattle Community Media/Comcast Channel 77 in Seattle. It will also be available for streaming online.

At this time she is looking for interview subjects for the following dates:

Friday, August 19, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 20, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Friday, August 26, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 27, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

When asked by The AUS eNews, Willis clarified her project is also open to interviewing people who do not identify as gender binary female, but who do identify as femme. Persons who work or play at the intersection of arts and technology who are interested in being cast as documentary subjects for this series are encouraged to email Willis at [lwillis1@antioch.edu](mailto:lwillis1@antioch.edu).

She asks that interested parties "type 'PROFILES' in the email subject line. In the body of the email please, introduce yourself and explain your art/tech discipline. Also, indicate which time slot fits your availability. If you aren't selected for the Summer Programming 2016, I will work to fit you into the Fall Programming 2016 at a later date."

Willis has a long history of creative endeavors and accomplishments. As a playwright, her work [A Tale of Illogic Between Three Lost Souls: Syllogism - A One Act Play](#) was produced off-Broadway by Theatre Studio Inc. in New York City in 2004. This play is also available in the Antioch University Seattle library, and for sale at Amazon.com. As a writer, she is currently creating [The Dakota Experiment](#), a multimedia science fiction novella to be available in app form, similar to the [Belgravia](#) literary app by *Downton Abbey* creator Julian Fellowes. Willis is also a documentary filmmaker working on two projects. Her episodic docu-series [Settling the Pacific NW: A Black Experience](#) is currently in pre-production and focuses on stories from the African and African-American Diaspora within the Pacific Northwest.

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## AULA | The Tex and Lien Boggs Library



After seven years of dedicated service with Antioch University, Dr. Tex Boggs will retire from his position as President of Antioch University Los Angeles on July 29th, 2016. During a packed and emotional farewell celebration on July 22nd community members spoke about the impact and contribution Dr. Boggs has made to AULA and to the student body in particular.

Dr. Boggs was honored twice during the farewell ceremony. First, he was surprised with the announcement that the AULA Library would be re-named The Tex and Lien Boggs Library in honor of Dr. Boggs and his wife Lien. “I hope that every time you enter, or pass, the library, you will remember how much I

loved working with all of you who care so much about each other and about the Antioch mission,” said Dr. Boggs.

The newly established Tex Boggs Scholarship Fund was also revealed during the celebration. Each year, it will pay the full cost of tuition for the last quarter of enrollment for one needy student who has, while enrolled as a student at Antioch, demonstrated a commitment to the advancement of social, economic, or environmental justice through community service. We wish Dr. Boggs all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

[Read more.](#)

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## Dale Johnston Named New Interim Provost of Antioch University Los Angeles



Dr. Dale Johnston will serve in the position of AULA Interim Provost beginning August 1st. Dr. Johnston has a long and impressive record of service having served as the chief executive officer (Provost and then President) for 11 years (1989-1998) and then as a core faculty member for the next 18 years. Dale’s contributions to the AULA have been honored by his appointments as President Emeritus and Distinguished Professor of Humanities. Dale is scheduled to retire from Antioch University in June 2017, but as a symbol of his devotion to the institution, he agreed to modify his retirement plans to serve his last year in a full-time capacity.

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# NEWS

## AU | Revising our Digital Ecosystem



As you know, Antioch University's websites are a critical component of our marketing efforts and the primary generator of inquiries. The marketing and admissions teams have been working with Saltwater Creative and Swell media on a new site that will roll-out by the end of this calendar year. Now it's your turn to get involved!

Saltwater and Swell have conducted research, solidified the value proposition, conducted an SEO (Search Engine Optimization) and website content audit, crafted the information architecture for the new website and made recommendations for our visual identity. All of this work will be described in a 1-hour presentation that will include 2 design concepts for the new website. All staff and faculty will have an opportunity to provide feedback on the designs. The presentation will be posted toward the end of the day on Monday, August 8 with feedback encouraged. Feedback received by the end of the day August 10 will inform the design choice for the new site. Look for an email from MB Lufkin, Vice Chancellor for Marketing on Monday, August 8 with complete details.

Thanks, in advance, for providing your feedback on the designs! As the process unfolds, we'll continue to seek opportunities to engage with you.

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## AUS Hosts Two Poké Stops in the Popular Game Pokémon GO



In the words of [USA Today](#), the video game [Pokémon GO](#) has "taken over the world!"

This augmented reality video game, playable on iPhone and Android smartphones, encourages players to explore the real world by providing a map enhanced with Pokémon game features. As is customary in a Pokémon game, the gameplay focuses on collecting, evolving and training cute digital animals called Pokémon, which can then fight in sparring matches. The Pokémon appear randomly at different map locations, which players discover by going for walks with the app open on their phones.

When a Pokémon has been encountered, the player "catches" it by flicking a Poké Ball at it, on the phone screen. Many different real-life landmarks are highlighted in the game as Poké Stops which are places for players to refill supplies within the game.

Of particular interest to the Antioch University Seattle (AUS) community, Pokémon GO features two Poké Stops at the current AUS campus, at the corner of 6th and Bell in Seattle, Washington. The campus itself is a Poké Stop, as is the Heart of Antioch tree mural on the campus roof. In the game, the AUS campus is labeled "Antioch University" and the tree mural is labeled "Tree of Knowledge."

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## Antioch University Los Angeles Approved for Certificate in Web Development



AULA has been approved to offer a Certificate in Web Development. The certificate was created in partnership with the [Sabio](#) organization to meet the growing demand for training in web development. Students who complete the certificate will understand the knowledge and skills necessary in a Full Stack Web Developer. Upon successful completion of the program, the student will have experience in the Software Development Life Cycle from concept to finished product. They'll also have the option to specialize, if they choose, in any area from front-end to back-end development

technologies. Graduates will be able to earn credits towards an undergraduate degree all while preparing for a career in only six months.

The Certificate in Web Development consists of two consecutive 12-week sessions in a classroom setting that emphasizes project-based learning. The first course in the certificate is offered for 12 credits and the second course is offered for 24 credits, for a total of 36 credits. Both financial aid and Veteran education benefits are available.

[Read more.](#)

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## AULA | USMA Grad's Capstone Informs Senate Bill



Urban Sustainability student Amanda Begley's Capstone Project, "Tree Canopy Cover Targets and Urban Cooling: Policy Paper and Toolkit" was used by Senator Fran Pavley, 27th District, and her committee to inform Senate Bill 1294. The bill, "Community Climate and Drought Resilience Program of 2016," would give the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection the statutory authority to fund maintenance of California's existing urban forest. Amanda worked with Treepeople.org and her Capstone advisor Edith de Guzman to create a toolkit

that will be used by individual neighborhoods in establishing their tree canopies.

[Read more.](#)

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## AUM | Antioch Students Present at Conflict Resolution Conference



Two Antioch University Midwest students, Gillian Hovater and Brady Calestro, recently presented at the Conflict Resolution in Education conference held in Ohio.

Brady Calestro was one of two presenters for the session: *Teaching World News from Multiple Views* which discussed Mondokio International News ([www.mondokio.com](http://www.mondokio.com)), an educational tool Calestro founded that presents students with "world news from multiple views." Meaning "world eye" in Italian, Mondokio examines how the world's most influential news sources cover the same topics differently, while also affording students the

opportunity to explore, assert, and debate their own perspectives on world events. Mondokio has been regularly used by veteran Speech & Debate teacher Leslie Muhlbach in several Central Ohio schools. Ms. Muhlbach Calestro,



spoke about how Mondokio is being used to prepare students for globalizing careers, education, and life.



Gillian Hovater led the session, *Using Problem Based Learning to Explore Social Justice in High School English*. The session focused on how using Problem Based Learning (PBL) in the high school classroom can boost student engagement and foster quality output of assignments. Using the topic of human trafficking, students conducted an in-depth research project and used their findings to present to members of the community, thereby enhancing their own personal investment in the project itself.

Also presenting at the conference were AUM faculty members, Sonya Fultz, Chair, Undergraduate and Interdisciplinary Studies, and Sarah Wallis, Adjunct Faculty, Assessment and Accreditation Coordinator.

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## Antioch University Midwest Faculty Finds Concentration in Integrative Health Studies



Susanne Fest, Ed.D, core faculty in The Individualized Master of Arts (IMA), recently developed a concentration in Integrative Health Studies.

We collaborated with Healing Circles Langley (HCL), ([www.healingcircleslangley.org](http://www.healingcircleslangley.org)), where Susanne is on the steering committee and co-facilitates several programs, such as “Write to Heal,” “Cancer Circles,” and “Receiving Care.” Also, The concentration also offers several graduate level credit courses such as “Body Mind Healing,” “Health Communication,” and “Narrative Medicine.”

HCL is a program of Commonweal, [www.commonweal.org](http://www.commonweal.org) a national, non-profit organization which works in the areas of health and healing, art and education, and environment and justice.

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## Antioch University Midwest Premieres Young Scholars Program



AUM's Creative Writing & Literature Advisor and Teaching Faculty, Lana Rotellini along with creative writing students: Jeremy Caffey, Karen Howard, and Jessica Thatcher (pictured left to right) premiered AUM's first Young Scholars Program. The program is designed to instruct, inspire, nurture, and encourage young students.

This first year was a free program for middle and high school aged students who have an interest in creative writing. Sessions ran in the evenings from July 9 –July 11 and gave participants the opportunity to work in small groups constructing stories utilizing physical prompts found in baskets. These *basket stories* served as a lead-in to a Ray Bradbury Creative Writing Challenge. For this age group—students were initially challenged to read one short story a week and write one short story a month for a year. Then, the challenge eventually grow into reading one short story, and essay each a day for 1000 days and writing one short story a week for a year.

The Young Scholars Program was held concurrently with the renowned Antioch Writers' Workshop where the young scholars listened to authors, faculty members, and other workshop participants as they presented their readings.

Next year, the goal is to grow the Young Scholars Program to include seminars in Art Forms, College Prep, Global Warming, Web Page Design, etc.

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## Observing *A Time for Healing and Action*



On Friday, July 15, 2016, Director of Diversity Ron Harris-White lead the anti-racism brown bag lunch event [A Time for Healing and Action](#). The event was packed with people eager to participate. Tables quickly filled with people sitting elbow-to-elbow, and still more people were seated along the walls of the room when the tables became full.

The event began with introductions where each person in the room was invited to give their name and say something brief about why they were there. However, the room was so full that after the first half hour, the remaining attendees who had not yet introduced themselves were asked

to give their names only, due to time constraints.

After the introductions, two volunteers read aloud an excerpt from Martin Luther King Jr's April 3, 1957 speech *Justice Without Violence*, which was also the inspiration for the 2014 AUS Convocation theme The Beloved Community. The excerpt spoke of the creation of the Beloved Community through nonviolent action, and included the following words:

"The ultimate end of violence is to defeat the opponent. The ultimate end of non-violence is to win the friendship of the opponent...And so the aftermath of violence is bitterness; the aftermath of nonviolence is the creation of the beloved community; the aftermath of nonviolence is redemption and reconciliation."

Following this reading, Harris-White expanded on the mission of *A Time for Healing and Action*, saying, "This is the building of a continuum. We're building the beloved community." He instructed the people in attendance to partner up quickly for an activity. Once people were in pairs, he challenged each pair to select a community engagement volunteer activity to commit to doing in the next two weeks, before reporting back for the second iteration of this event. Suggested volunteer opportunities included [Seattle Works](#) and the [Seattle Public School System](#).

The follow-up event in this series, [A Time for Healing and Action, Part 2](#), took place in Room 200 A/B on Friday, July 29, 2016.

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## Antioch University Santa Barbara Chair Dawn Murray to Spend Year Teaching in Bhutan



Dr. Dawn Murray, Chair of the Bachelor of Arts program at Antioch University Santa Barbara, has been invited to teach for a year as a visiting professor at the Royal Thimphu College in the Kingdom of Bhutan. Dawn, a marine biologist who started the Environmental Studies concentration in AUSB's BA program, will be the only American female scientist teaching at the school.

Dawn took a leave from AUSB at the end of July, and she moved to Bhutan to join RTC's Environmental Studies Department teaching courses on ecology, biodiversity, management, and conservation.

[Read more.](#)

## AUSB Introduces Friends of Antioch Support Council



Antioch University Santa Barbara is pleased to introduce Friends of Antioch, a new organization which forms a bridge between the school's external programming, academic departments, and the community at large. Members of the new organization will have V.I.P. access to all happenings at the university and serve as a sounding board for its leadership.

[Read more.](#)

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## AUSB to Screen 'Occupy Love' During Environment in Focus Film Series



On Friday, August 5, Antioch University Santa Barbara instructor Alexis Slutzky leads the AUSB community on an exploration of our relationship with the natural world in which we dwell, the communities of which we are a part, and our personal values. The experience will feature *Occupy Love*, a moving, transformative, heartfelt film, featuring Velcrow Ripper's signature stunning visuals and rich soundscapes.

[Read more.](#)