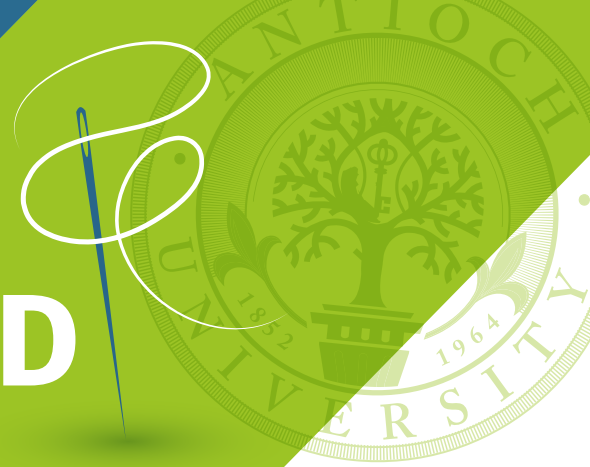


ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY COMMON THREAD

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Message from the Chancellor, Bill Groves



Across Antioch University we all share the same message - increase enrollments and provide quality student services. As I travel around and speak with many of you, I am frequently asked ‘We know we need to increase enrollments, but how are we going to do that? What’s the plan?’ This past week a major step has been taken to build the vision and create the plan for Antioch University’s viability going forward.

Our newly constituted Provosts’ Council, under the leadership of Iris Weisman, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and University Provost, met for two intense days (August 11-12) to craft the University’s Academic Strategic and Enrollment Management Plan. A link to the final plan will be published in a future edition of Common Thread.

The Provosts agreed to a three-phase, two-year plan that takes our educational commitment of “jobs and justice” to a new level and focuses on three tiers of activity: short term activities that invest in the expansion of quality campus programs and engages in some scaling of programs across campuses; mid-term growth by scaling some of our best programs between and across campuses nationally; and finally, the longer-term growth in new degrees and programs.

The short term, immediate activities focus on less than a dozen activities that the Provosts, in consultation with MB Lufkin, Vice Chancellor of Marketing and Enrollment Management, feel can increase enrollments in the next several months. The mid-range and long-range activities will be determined in consultation with the University Academic Council and input from university faculty. Marketing analysis, resource allocations, institutional strength and capacity, as well as return on investment in terms of growth and mission-amplification will all be taken into account. A University Fund for the Future to invest in programming is being established to help support these efforts.

Perhaps most significantly, the Provosts’ Council worked collaboratively for the good of the entire University. Each member of this group was able to bring their best thinking to the health and wellness of their campus community within the context of the larger institution. I want to thank each member of the group – Ben Pryor, Bill Flores, Dale Johnston, Melinda Treadwell, Marian Glancy, Laurien Alexandre, and Iris Weisman for their terrific work. We are indebted to your efforts and look forward to seeing the fruits of your labor over these next months. I am also appreciative of the wonderful ideas submitted by faculty across the University, which have been taken under consideration by the Provosts’ Council.

We have a lot of work ahead and there are many challenges no doubt, but I am more confident each day with this dedicated team in place. Thank you to all who are involved in this significant and mission-critical effort.

AWARDS

Antioch University Los Angeles 2016 Alumni Award Recipients Announced



The recipients of this year's Antioch University Los Angeles (AULA) Alumni Awards will be honored at an October 16 luncheon at the California Yacht Club in Marina del Rey.

"Each of our honorees demonstrates an exceptional dedication to the University's ideals and mission," said AULA Interim Provost Dale A. Johnston Ph.D. "They have had a deep and lasting impact on the communities where they live and work. We are all honored to recognize these alumni for their incredible contributions and the inspiration they have been to others."

Shari Foos, a marriage and family therapist, educator and activist, will be the first recipient of the university's Lifetime Achievement Award. In 1999, she and David Tripp co-founded Antioch's Bridge Program, which offers free college courses in the humanities to low-income adult learners. Foos, who earned both a BA in Liberal Studies and an MA in

Clinical Psychology from AULA, is also the creator of The Narrative Method, a dynamic group experience that uses stories and big ideas to transform relationships. The Narrative Method provides free workshops to veterans as well as young adults, women's shelters, and others dealing with PTSD, homelessness and other issues.

Steven Reigns will receive the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award. A poet, educator and therapist, he was named the first City Poet of West Hollywood on October 2014. He has published two poetry collections and a dozen chapbooks, and edited "My Life is Poetry," featuring his students in the first-ever autobiographical poetry workshop for LGBT seniors. Reigns has taught writing workshops around the country to LGBT youth and people living with HIV. A nine-time recipient of the City of Los Angeles' Department of Cultural Affairs Artist in Residency Grant program, he earned an MA in Clinical Psychology from Antioch in 2010.

Dr. Ashaki Jackson is the recipient of the 2016 AULA Alumni Association Award for Exemplary Community Service and Activism. She is a social psychologist and program evaluator whose work focuses on youth moving through the juvenile justice system. As a consultant, she has worked on federal and state-sponsored studies of vulnerable populations. A 2006 graduate of AULA's MFA in Creative Writing program, Jackson has volunteered as a writing instructor and youth mentor for many youth programs, including WriteGirl's In Schools program for teen girls and InsideOut Writers for incarcerated and post-release youth and young adults. She co-founded a women's writing group, Women Who Submit, devoted to increasing women's presence in top tier literary journals.

Wally Hanley, recipient of the 2016 AULA Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Service to the University, has two degrees from AULA—a BA in Liberal Arts (1996) and an MA in Organizational Management (1998). As a program manager for Habitat for Humanity Los Angeles, he ran the partnership homebuilding operations in South Central LA, which delivered over 100 single- and multiple-family residences for people to buy and own. From there, he became a full-time instructor at LA Trade Tech College (LATTC), where he now serves as Academic Senate President and co-chair of the College Council. Over the past year, Hanley led the development of an important new partnership between AULA and LA Trade Tech. As a result of this joint venture, AULA is now offering a degree completion program on-site at LATTC.

[Read more.](#)

AULA | BA in Liberal Studies Faculty Kim Dower Named West Hollywood City Poet



Kim Dower, who teaches workshops for the BA program at Antioch University in Los Angeles, has been unanimously selected by the City of West Hollywood’s City Council as the City of West Hollywood’s next City Poet. Dower will begin her two-year appointment as City Poet in October 2016, taking over from West Hollywood’s first City Poet, Steven Reigns—who is an AULA alumnus from our MA in Clinical Psychology program. Dower was selected through a nomination process and selection committee comprised of local residents and staff members from the West Hollywood Library, the Friends of the West Hollywood Library, and West Hollywood City Hall.

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EVENTS

AULA to co-host Veteran Hackathon



During the 2016 Labor Day weekend AULA is co-hosting a Hackathon with Operation Code & Sabio. More than 100 web developers, designers, UX/UI, project managers, and military veterans, will gather on the AULA campus to compete for thousands of dollars in prizes by creating solutions to some of the toughest problems military veterans face every day. Beginning Friday, September 2nd at 6:00 PM and ending on Sunday, September 4th at 6:00 PM, participants will have the opportunity to work alongside veterans

on software solutions to address challenges facing Veterans including: housing, education, social & emotional health for Veterans and family members, employment opportunities, and entrepreneurial resources.

AUSB | Antioch in Conversation Series Features Steven Sharpe of Opera Santa Barbara



What exactly does it take to produce an opera? Steven Sharpe, Opera Santa Barbara’s General Director will give “The A-B-Cs of Building an Opera” a multimedia presentation at

Antioch University Santa Barbara’s “Antioch in Conversation” series. The presentation will be held Monday, September 12, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

[Read more.](#)

Antioch University Seattle Director of Library Services Beverly Stuart to Present at USETDA Conference



Beverly "Bev" Stuart, the Director of Library Services at Antioch University Seattle will give a poster presentation at the 2016 [United States Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Association \(USETDA\)](#) conference. Stuart's poster presentation is titled [Antioch University ETDs: Innovation, Collaboration, and Best Practices in Scholarly Communications](#). From her abstract:

Antioch University is a five-campus system, which also includes a non-campus based PhD program. This poster will show how the librarians across the Antioch system collaborate and innovate to ensure our university's electronic theses and dissertations (ETDS) conform to

scholarly communications standards...Our ETDs have been accessed and downloaded all over the world. AU ETDs have received numerous awards as well as a Pulitzer Prize nomination.

"I am very excited to be representing Antioch University at the USETDA Conference, along with Steve Shaw, the library director at Antioch University Midwest." Stuart said, "I will be participating in the poster session, the second day of the conference. My poster is about how AU librarians and faculty collaborate with students so that students' dissertations can be published in open access databases. Open access means they are freely available to the public. This puts our scholarship out in the world and makes it easily accessible to other scholars/researchers."

Antioch University EDTs are made available through the [Antioch University Repository and Archive \(AURA\)](#) and through [OhioLINK](#).

[Click here](#) to see an interactive map of the different places people have downloaded AU EDTs

NEWS

AU Launches Free Reading and Writing Support Software to All Campuses



Read & Write, a software program that integrates reading, writing, studying and research support tools for PC and Mac users, is now available free of charge to everyone at Antioch. This program features an easy to use toolbar that provides tools for Text-to-Speech, Organizing & Outlining, Brainstorming, Speech-to-Text, and much more.

Originally developed as a literacy tool for students with disabilities, all students, staff, and faculty will find this tool useful when planning their writing, creating sound files from digital text, or gathering resources during research. In this context, *Read&Write* serves as both an accessibility tool and a productivity booster.

Click the *Read&Write* button on [AUDirect.antioch.edu](#) for download instructions, reference guides and video tutorials. Installation assistance is available from [HelpDesk.antioch.edu](#). For in-person assistance visit the Library or Writing Center on your campus.

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Antioch University Midwest Welcomes New Faculty Member, Alicia Storost



Joining Antioch University Midwest as Teaching Faculty in Education, Storost is a passionate literacy instructor with advanced Orton-Gillingham multi-sensory and Reading Recovery training. She previously served for more than ten years as a teacher leader in the Solon, Dublin and Troy City Schools where she empowered her students to become critical thinkers with the confidence to explore and discover. She has been privileged to collaborate and co-teach with

colleagues to provide differentiated instruction, create, modify and adapt curriculum for students PreK-5 in a variety of settings ranging from inclusion to resource room to self-contained.

Storost enjoys seeking out the most effective options to best support special education students through the use of assistive technology and recently presented at the Wright State University Network for Educational Renewal Conference on utilizing Augmented Reality for struggling learners. Her professional affiliations include the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Council for Exceptional Children, National Education Association and Reading Recovery Council of North America. She was drawn to the learner-centered, transformative journey of theory to practice that Antioch values and is thrilled to be part of the diverse, collaborative learning community at Antioch University Midwest.

AUNE Laura Thomas is Featured on Edutopia Discussing “Why Representation Matters”



Antioch University New England faculty member, Laura Thomas, was recently featured on Edutopia.org with an article title “Why Representation Matters” for culturally responsive teaching.

classroom.

The article details how representation matters, because “If she can see it, she can be it” and goes on to include strategies of increasing representation in the

Laura Thomas is Director, Antioch University New England Center for School Renewal, Author of Facilitating Authentic Learning, Director of the Antioch Critical Skills Program; and an Elementary Library Media Specialist.

[Read more.](#)

AUM Seeds of Change Program Provides Tangible Help



For seven years, students in AUM’s Grant Writing course have had a student philanthropy component incorporated into the class. Called Seeds of Change, the program has granted over \$20,000 to local non-profits since its inception.

the RFP, scoring the applications, and engaging the organizations who receive the funds.

As part of the class, students oversee the entire process of soliciting grant proposals from local non-profits including: determining the guidelines, issuing

“We sincerely appreciate the England Family who has generously endowed funds in their daughter, Elaine England's name to ensure students have this opportunity regardless of state or federal funds. Elaine was a student in the first class who participated in the project, discovered a love for philanthropic work, and was planning to seek this as a career path upon graduation,” said Karin VanZant, who teaches the course.

This semester's class awarded two grants. One went to the Kirkmont Center, a camp and retreat center serving public and private school groups, non-profit organizations, youth groups, sports teams, music and art associations, churches and faith based groups of all denominations, families, businesses, and individuals; whose goal is to provide a renewing camp, outdoor education, or retreat experience. The second award was given to Girl Power which helps city middle school girls at four sites build health, self-esteem, and great relationships.

Photo: Students Evelyn Axt, Bill Vance, Melissa Rankin, Kyla Cook, Keyona Briwning-Ford, and Melly Schwenn, pose with Seeds of Change instructor Karin VanZant and members of the England family.

PUBLICATIONS

Antioch University Midwest's Dr. Guy Burneko Releases "New Reflections on things at Hand: Contemplating EcoHuman Sustainability"



Along with Thomas Berry, Guy Burneko, former Antioch University Seattle and current Antioch University Midwest adjunct faculty member and Director of the Institute for Contemporary Ancient Learning, has released his new book, *New Reflections on things at Hand: Contemplating EcoHuman Sustainability*. The themes of his new book are also related to teaching and interests including hermeneutic ontology, field/connectivity theory, analytical psychology, ecology

and religion, social justice and theory of self-organizing systems.

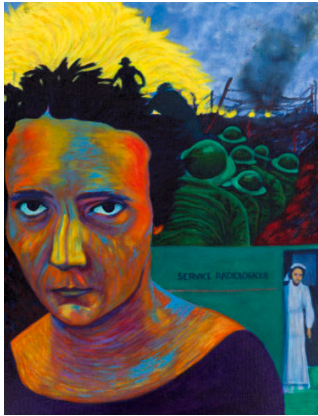
The book is titled in the spirit of the NeoConfucian Zhu Xi's 12th century classic, *Reflections on Things at Hand*. It posits that there may be other kinds of ego-ing, or of non-egoing, that support the extreme long-term sustainability and coevolution of ecohuman or Earth-human systems better than our now dominant anthropo- and ego-centrism. The book describes how the practice of attentive ecosocial mindfulness as an alternative to ego-as-we-know-it can take us beyond ideas of sustainability as simply a means of long-term extraction of reward and toward living as generative and regenerative performances of the self-rewarding patterns of the life of the universe.

A prime theme of this book is that in the ecosocial mindfulness of full attention to experience regardless of its potential benefits, we are more likely to find the extreme-long-term wellbeing of sustaining Earth-human relations and experiencing ourselves as what Berry calls "a dimensionality" of cosmogenesis.

Dr. Burneko is a teacher, writer, and thinker especially interested in transdisciplinary intercultural interpretation and what he calls the Planetary Noetic Repertoire of nondual or nonreductive insights, as these seem sustaining and meaningful for future consciousness and suited for sustainable natural and ecohumane systems.

[Read more.](#)

AULA's MFA in Creative Writing program Publishes Latest Issue of Lunch Ticket



The Summer/Fall 2016 issue of *Lunch Ticket*, AULA's online literary magazine, includes 69 new short stories, poems, personal essays, art collections, interviews and translations. It's the largest issue yet, and features work by many Antioch alumni, as well as a featured interview with Daniel José Older, MFA alumnus and New York Times bestselling author.

Lunch Ticket strives to balance cutting edge literary and visual art with conversations about social justice and community activism. They publish author interviews, book reviews, and personal essays alongside the very best in fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction, young adult lit, literary translation, and visual art from non-Antioch MFA emerging and established writers.

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