

# Antioch University

## COMMON THREAD

MAY 25, 2017



AWARDS

### AULA | ALUMNA ANA GUERRERO RECEIVES LAANE'S WOMEN FOR A NEW ECONOMY AWARD



BA in Liberal Studies alumna Ana Guerrero received the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy's (LAANE) Women for a New Economy Award. Anna serves as Mayor Eric Garcetti's chief of staff and directs all aspects of the Office of the Mayor. Anna brought extensive community organizing experience to her role as the mayor's chief strategist.

Founded in 1993, LAANE is recognized as a national leader in the effort to address the challenges of working poverty, inadequate health care and polluted communities. Combining a vision of social justice with a practical approach to social change, LAANE has helped set in motion a broad movement to transform conditions in Los Angeles and beyond.

Read more [here](#).

### AUM | ALUMNUS JOSH ELZEY RECOGNIZED AS OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR



AUM Education Program alumnus Josh Elzey was named the Ohio Region 14 Outstanding Educator for 2016. Josh completed his Master of Education degree and Special Education License program with AUM in 2015. He's been employed as an intervention specialist at Miami Trace Elementary School in Washington Courthouse, OH for two years.

## AUS | ALUMNA AIMIE VALLAT NOMINATED FOR NORTHWEST EMMY AWARD



AUS alumna Aimie Vallat (along with Noah Dassel) is nominated for a Northwest Emmy Award by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, in recognition of *Present Moment*, a documentary that *Media Inc Magazine* called, “an empowering film about courage, resilience, and acceptance.” The documentary is an insightful and compassionate portrait of a man coming to terms with Parkinson’s disease, incorporating it both into his sense of identity and into his determination to not only live, but live well.

Vallat has focused on issues of sustainability, social justice, and building thriving communities for the past twenty years; Vallat and Dassel’s production company, REEL WITNESS, is “committed to creating a more resilient future by telling the stories of social change in our communities.” *Present Moment* has already received numerous other awards, and is a film festival favorite.

Vallat received her Master’s in Communication from Antioch University in 2009. Read more [here](#).

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EVENTS

## AUSB | SYMPOSIUM ON LATINO MENTAL HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONTINUES



AUSB’s five-part Symposium on Latino Mental Health, Education, and Community Engagement wraps up with a final event on Saturday, June 10. The symposium explores research, expertise, and cultural competence to reduce disparities in education and mental health service delivery in Latino communities. Faculty and practitioner-scholars from AUSB’s Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology program (PsyD) will share their research and expertise in several presentations:

- *Clinical Challenges: When a Latino Psychologist Treats a Latino in Psychotherapy* – Salvador Treviño, PhD
- *Culture and Corrections: An Exploration of How Cultural Traditions Inform Clinical Work with the Incarcerated Population* – Caryn Whitacre, Doctoral Candidate
- *Communication in Bilingual Families: When Language Divides* – Emily Maynard, PhD
- *Pedagogical Challenges: When Asian American Meets Latino American* – Anna Kwong, AUSB MBA Chair

RSVP for this symposium before space is gone! Register [here](#) or contact Stephanie Holland at [sholland@antioch.edu](mailto:sholland@antioch.edu).

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## AULA | VOICES OF YOUNG WOMEN AND GIRLS IN TRANSITION: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?



On Thursday, May 4, the AULA Undergraduate Department hosted a special and meaningful workshop on girls and women's issues within California's Juvenile Justice system, "Voices of Young Women and Girls in Transition: Where Do We Go from Here?"

The workshop featured four women panelists, three of whom spent time within the California juvenile justice system: Esche' Jackson, Charity Cole, and Jaki Murillo. Their stories highlighted the double standards applied to women by our juvenile justice system and how the current system ignores women upon their release. Ashaki Jackson, the fourth panelist is a social

psychologist who studies and works with at-risk youth in southern California and received her MFA in Poetry from AULA.

The well attended evening included AULA undergraduate and graduate students who participated alongside members of InsideOut Writers (working with incarcerated writing students), the Anti-Recidivism Coalition, The Children's Defense, Five Keys Charter Schools (serving the incarcerated), the LA LGBT Center, and others.

Read more [here](#).

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## AUSB | BEYOND WORDS: EXPERIENCING SOMATIC PSYCHOTHERAPY SEMINAR



Beyond Words: Experiencing Somatic Psychotherapy is a unique, one-day seminar exploring current research and practice developments in somatic psychology. Geared towards practitioners in all areas of clinical work, faculty and practitioner-scholars will share expertise on the intersection of interpersonal neurobiology, attachment, sensorimotor psychotherapy, and the arts.

Guest workshops include:

- *Clinical Intuition in Psychotherapy: The Neurobiology of Flashes, Hunches, and Gut Feelings* - Terry Marks-Tarlow, PhD
- *An Introduction to Sensorimotor Psychotherapy* - Bonnie Goldstein, PhD
- *Creativity and the Art of Psychotherapy* - Victoria Stevens, PhD
- *Practicing Poetically* - Elizabeth Wolfson, PhD

Six CEUs are available for MFTs and LCSWs for \$75. Current Antioch alumni, faculty, and students receive a discount on admission. General admission is \$60. Learn more and RSVP for this limited-space workshop [here](#).

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## AUNE | CONSERVATION PSYCHOLOGY WEBINAR SERIES



AUNE's Engaging Conservation Psychology for Effective Action Webinar Series recently presented a webinar entitled, "Applying Conservation Psychology Theories & Principles." During the webinar, previous Conservation Psychology Institute participants shared how they are applying conservation psychology theory to practice. Each presentation included specific projects informed by their work at the Institute.

Learn more and view recording [here](#).

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## AUSB | SCREENWRITER LESLIE DIXON TO HOLD MASTER CLASS



AUSB is excited to welcome acclaimed screenwriter Leslie Dixon as the special residency guest for June. Dixon is the writer behind several blockbuster films, including *Gone Girl*, *Mrs. Doubtfire*, *Hairspray*, *Pay It Forward*, *Loverboy*, *Overboard*, along with many others. MFA students from both the AUSB and AULA campuses will attend her Master Class on Thursday, June 22, followed by a public event that evening with KCRW. The interview will be recorded for broadcast later.

Learn more about Leslie Dixon [here](#).

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NEWS

## GSLC | STUDENT NAMED PRESIDENT AND CEO OF KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL



Keep America Beautiful announced that GSLC student Helen Lowman is the new president and CEO of the organization. Keep America Beautiful is the nation's leading nonprofit that envisions a country in which every community is a clean, green, and beautiful place to live. Helen Lowman served as a President Barack Obama appointee to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Peace Corps; she will assume the role on May 1.

Learn more about Lowman and Keep America Beautiful [here](#).

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## AULA | UNDERGRADUATE FACULTY MEMBER FEATURED IN MEDIA



Dr. Leah Matson, alumna of AULA's BA in Liberal Studies program with a concentration in psychology and a longtime instructor in the Undergraduate Studies program, was featured on *Dr. Phil*, in *People*, and in *First For Women*. Dr. Matson was featured in a book by Dr. Michelle Stevens, called *Scared Selfless: My Journey from Abuse and Madness to Surviving and Thriving*. The book details Dr. Matson's work with Dr. Stevens, who was a client of Dr. Matson's. Both Drs. Matson and Stevens appeared on Dr. Phil.

Read the full article in *First For Women* [here](#).

## AUNE | SUPPORTING LOCAL WHEELS



AUNE has recently launched various initiatives to support and encourage bike riding in the local community. In partnership with the City of Keene and with grant funding from Pathways of Keene and Healthy Monadnock, two bike fix-it stations were installed—one on campus and one on a public bike path, the Cheshire Rail Trail, in Keene. A third station will be installed in the upcoming weeks.

In addition to the fix-it stations, AUNE sponsors a stretch of the Rail Trail for clean up and beautification and assists with management of invasive species.

Finally, AUNE recently re-launched its Green Bikes initiative, with a Bike Repair Day to restore and repair bikes. These bikes are available to students for transportation around the city.

## AUM | REGIONAL CFO BARBARA STEWART RETIRES



Long-time employee Barbara Stewart recently bid AUM a fond "peace out" as her retirement took effect at the end of April. Barb first joined the Antioch community in 1991 as Dean of Administration and Finance. She left in 2002, but returned in 2013 as the Regional CFO serving AUM and AUNE. We thank her for her 14.5 years of service.

## AUS | ART THERAPY GAINS TRACTION IN CHINA



“Big Miao Shimming” is working to revolutionize the way China engages with special needs children—and he’s reaching out to AUS’s Art Therapy program to help. Shimming visited AUS on May 16-17, 2017, to connect with our art therapy department and give a public presentation on the important work of his Shanghai-based Worldwide Art Brut Culture (WABC) organization, which has 20 learning centers and over 50 teachers in China.

Janice Hoshino, PhD, chair of Creative Arts Therapy at AUS, has traveled to China several times over the past year to help WABC train its volunteer teachers in art therapy. Shimming’s visit is another step in the developing relationship between AUS’s Art Therapy program and the WABC.

More information is available [here](#).

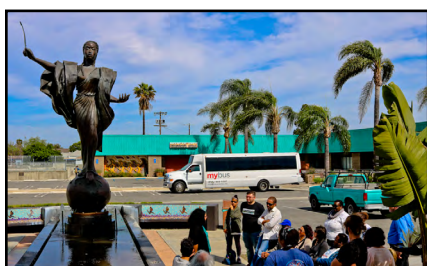
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## AUNE | FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS ATTEND CONFERENCE ON DECOLONIZING METHODOLOGIES



Students, faculty, and staff from AUNE, Keene State, Dartmouth College, Smithsonian, Sterling, and The Center for Circumpolar Studies went to Goose Bay, Labrador, to attend a conference put on by the Labrador Institute. The conference focused on research methodologies respectful to indigenous people, specifically decolonizing methodologies for the Innu, Inuit, and Metis.

## AULA | URBAN SUSTAINABILITY HOLDS RESIDENCY



The MA in Urban Sustainability program held its residency Tuesday, April 25, through Sunday, April 30. The theme for the residency was Collaborating for Community Health and Environmental Justice. The residency contained a mixture of classes, workshops, events, site visits, and an intensive problem-solving engagement focusing on real-world urban sustainability issues posed by cutting edge Los Angeles organizations. Each day was packed with engaging and crucial information and events. The students worked on serious ground pollution issues in public housing in Watts that affects the lives of all who live there. Their in-depth study revealed how

greatly the Watts community has struggled to bring itself to health.

To read more click [here](#).

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## AUM | STAFF PRESENT AT SOCHE



Karen Crist, AUM Disability Support Services and Career Planning Coordinator; Denny Russell, AUM Disney Writing Center Coordinator; and Steve Shaw, AUM McGregor Library Director presented at the annual Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE) Library Conference held at Central State University in Wilberforce, OH, on May 10. Formed in 1967, SOCHE is a regional consortium of 22 colleges and universities.

Presenting “Integrated Academic Services: Cross-Campus Collaboration for Student-Centered Support,” the three speakers discussed the Integrated Academic Services team’s formalized approach that arose from ad hoc, grassroots situations. Faculty have recognized the team’s collaboration and shared services, inviting them to present at orientations, classrooms, and other academic discussions as a cohesive unit.

Involving DSS in presentations and conversations with the library and writing center normalizes student support for both faculty and students. Integrated Academic services are available for every student, to bring them from their current position and to the next level. This is entirely mission-centric for educating the whole person, committing to social engagement, and building and serving inclusive communities.

Learn more about SOCHE [here](#).

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## GSLC | STUDENT SHARES PROGRAM EXPERIENCE WITH INSIDE HIGHER ED



GSLC student and Associate Director of Experiential Learning at the Dartmouth Center for the Advancement of Learning Ashley Kehoe recently shared her program experience with *Inside Higher Ed*. She discusses the challenges and benefits of studying for a PhD while holding down a full-time job.

Read the full featured interview [here](#).

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## AUM | SCULPTURES ADDED TO CAMPUS ART COLLECTION

For several years AUM has partnered with the Yellow Springs Arts Council to house their permanent collection in their hallways. The collection is made up of art selections from Yellow Spring’s artists, spanning many generations and mediums. Recently, the YS Arts Council added 3D pieces to the display hosted by AUM— including a series of women’s torsos at different stages in life. They were created by local artist Alice Robrish and will be in the McGregor Library.



Robrish is a nationally known sculptor whose work has exhibited in galleries in DC, Chicago, Columbus, Cincinnati, and the greater Dayton Area. Much of Robrish’s work focuses on women’s lives, in particular the lives of disenfranchised women in the United States and developing countries.

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## AUSB | FACULTY BELLA DEPAULO CONTRIBUTES TEDX TALK ON MARRIAGE

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Is marriage really the key to our happiness or just a distracting narrative? In her TEDx talk, "What No One Ever Told You about People Who Are Single," AUSB PsyD faculty Dr. Bella DePaulo discusses scientific studies showing married people do not end up any happier or psychologically healthier than they were when they were single.

Watch her TEDxUHasselt talk [here](#).

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## AUM | EDUCATION PROGRAM HELD ANNUAL COLLOQUIUM

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The AUM Education Program held its annual colloquium the week of April 24. Teacher candidates in early childhood education, adolescent young adult education, and special education presented projects demonstrating their positive impact on student learning via student teaching experiences.

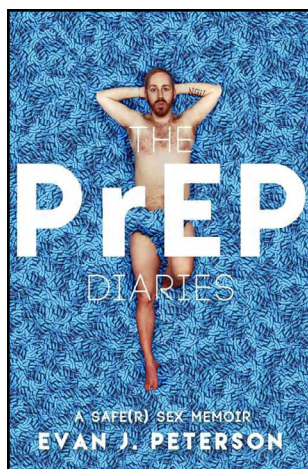
Topics included interventions to improve literacy skills, effective teaching strategies for Algebra I students, and the use of manipulatives to improve computational skills in elementary students. Results of these projects demonstrated academic growth for P-12 students and many candidates noted an increased sense of confidence and self-esteem in their students.

Candidates reflected on their experiences connecting theory to practice, sharing what they learned during their experience and noting how they will continue to be agents of change as they begin careers in public schools.

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## AUS | NEW BOOK ABOUT HIV MEDICATION BY AUS FACULTY EVAN PETERSON

PUBLICATIONS



AUS faculty Evan Peterson published a new book, *The PrEP Diaries*, which explores dating, hooking up, and living with the advent of Truvada PrEP, a revolutionary HIV medication that blocks virus transmission. "This treatment is changing the social-sexual landscape, not just for LGBTQ people, but for everyone."

An open user of PrEP, Peterson has shared his story with *Time Magazine*, *NPR*, and other media to help break stereotypes and increase sexual health literacy. A prolific writer, Peterson has published numerous works of fiction and nonfiction, including poetry, short stories, and works of journalism. One such piece is "[The Case for PrEP, or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love HIV-Positive Guys](#)," published in Seattle's alternative culture weekly newspaper *The Stranger*, famously helmed by sex advice columnist and LGBTQ rights activist Dan Savage.

Since 2013, Peterson has taught classes on literature, creative nonfiction, poetry, and science fiction at AUS. He holds an MFA in Creative Writing from Florida State University.

Information about his book signing event at AUS is [here](#).

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## AU | ADMISSIONS CRM FEEDBACK WELCOME

As announced in a recent communication from Interim Chancellor Groves, Antioch recently negotiated a one-year contract for Hobson's Radius (our CRM provider.) We have until February 2018 to either choose and implement a new CRM (Customer Relationship Management) System or decide to improve our existing Radius operations.

Right now the CRM is used predominately in admissions. When a potential student inquires via our website, their contact information is automatically fed into the CRM. Upon receipt, an automated communications campaign kicks off to inform the prospective students about our programs and services. When admissions folks call or interact with potential students, they record those interactions in the CRM. Ultimately it's a great database of prospects that our admissions teams use to cultivate prospects to students. Additionally, the program application that prospective students complete is generated from and automatically fed back into the CRM.

On some AU campuses, faculty receive prospective student information via the CRM. Other university's that have a robust CRM system facilitate the entire admissions process electronically including submissions through acceptance, and use the CRM to marry prospective student's interest with communication plans more closely tie to their stage in the decision life cycle.

We have a chance to transition to a CRM that is more robust and responsive. Right now we're seeking input into what we most need most from a new CRM. Your feedback is welcome and extremely important. We are working with a very aggressive timeline so we appreciate your input no later than midnight EST Monday, May 29th. All staff and faculty received an invitation to submit their responses directly. Thanks for taking the time to participate in this process.

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## COMMON THREAD CELEBRATES 1ST ANNIVERSARY

*Common Thread* is a year young! Beginning as a small initiative to inform the AU community of what's happening around the campuses, *Common Thread* has grown into a popular venue of celebrating the creative and intellectual enterprise of Antioch University. To meet the growing need, we've decided to streamline our system to ensure that all have easy access to share their news and happenings. Staff, students, faculty and administrators are encouraged to share their good news from their campuses, in their programs, and in and outside the classrooms.

Starting next month, *Common Thread* will move to a simple system for the uploading of ideas & stories through a more automated process. All you have to do is complete the form to begin the process. The deadline for the June issue is June 20, so don't waste a minute's time. Have a question? Write us at [CommonThread@antioch.edu](mailto:CommonThread@antioch.edu).

We're waiting to hear about your good news!