

Antioch University

COMMON THREAD

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AWARDS

AUM | YEARS OF SERVICE HONORED AT ANNUAL EMPLOYEE PICNIC IN YELLOW SPRINGS



AUM and online staff celebrated their annual employee appreciation picnic and acknowledged the dedication of long-serving faculty and staff.

Chancellor Bill Groves and Dr. Marian Glancy spoke about making sure we took the time to recognize the work being done, every day, all year 'round, and celebrate the milestones of our colleagues.

Many were honored at the picnic, stalwarts included, Suzette Castonguay, from Human Resources, for her forty years of service, Amy Elkins and Vicky Cook, Academic Support Staff, for their twenty-five years of service, and both Phyllis Gerhardt and Janet Balzer, for their twenty years of dedicated service.

AUS | ALUMNA AND FACULTY KATE SIPE WINS LOCAL PTA GOLDEN ACORN AWARD



2002 AUS School of Education alumna Kate Sipe was recently honored with a Green Lake Elementary PTA Golden Acorn Award. She was also awarded a Davis Law Group, P.S. School Supplies Gift Program Golden Apple Award for outstanding contributions to her school community. In the past, Sipe has won numerous awards and grants, including the Sister Schools Teacher of the Year Award.

For the Davis Law Office award, Sipe was nominated by Marleen Arenivar, the proud parent of a Green Lake student, who believes that Sipe spends hundreds of dollars of her own money each year on books as well as reading and math materials.

At the award ceremony, Sipe's lasting contributions to Green Lake Elementary were noted by parents and fellow teachers, as well as returning high school and middle school students, including middle-schooler, Genevieve Lardizaba: "Not only did you teach the fundamentals of learning, but you also taught us how to be good citizens. I remember when you taught us a lesson about the difference between equity and equality, a lesson that will stay with me for the rest of my life."

For more on the Davis Law Group's P.S. School Supplies Gift Program go [here](#).

AUNE | ES DOCTORAL STUDENT NAMED HEAD OF SCHOOL



Michelle Heaton, a doctoral student in AUNE's Environmental Studies Department, has been named the next Head of School at Teton Valley Community School. Heaton's award-winning action research project on "Boys as Global Citizens" was published in 2016.

Heaton brings TVCS eighteen years of experience as a teacher and administrator in New England schools, as well as experience as an Executive Director of a farm-based education program.

[Read more.](#)

GSLC | ALUMNA RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE



Dr. Janet Rechtman, GSLC alumna and co-leader for the J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership Development, has been awarded the Walter Barnard Hill Award for Distinguished Achievement in Public Service and Outreach. Rechtman received the award in recognition of her outstanding contributions towards improving the quality of life in Georgia and beyond.

Learn more about her work [here](#).

AUSB | ANDREW TETON RECEIVES EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD



Andrew Teton, MFT, Adjunct Faculty in the MA in Clinical Psychology program, was presented with the Excellence in Teaching Award at AUSB's 2017 commencement ceremony. Teton is a graduate of Antioch's MACP program and maintains a therapy practice locally in Santa Barbara.

In his award speech, Teton mentioned that he has taught more than 900 Antioch students in 135 classes since he joined the faculty 14 years ago.

"I quickly discovered I loved teaching and supporting students and teaching at Antioch is now the cornerstone of my professional life," commented Teton. "It is humbling to think I have made some small contribution to their education, and as part of Antioch I am impressed to see the significant contribution our students and former students make in our community."

AUNE | ES PHD STUDENT KAREN SAUNDERS WINS COMPETITIVE SPOT AT UMN INSTITUTE



ES PhD student, Karen Saunders, has been accepted to the LacCore/CSDCO Drilling and Coring Summer Institute (DCSI). By examining the geological changes that have been preserved in cores of organic material over the last 12,000 years, combined with the perusal of existing literature, independent surveys and coring records, Saunders and her committee hope to gather valuable research on the long-term climate, environmental, and human history of New England and the Northeastern U.S.

[Learn more.](#)

GSLC | GSLC ALUMNA RECOGNIZED FOR MENTORSHIP



GSLC alumna and Director of Enterprise and Regulatory Science Programs for Biotechnology Education at Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Lynn Johnson Langer, was recently recognized by *Young Women in Bio* for her significant contributions to *Women in Bio*, and her outstanding support of the Spring-Into-STEM National Keynote Conference.

Women In Bio is a special initiative designed to introduce schoolgirls to careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

Learn more about her [here](#).

AULA | COMMENCEMENT 2017

EVENTS



AULA awarded degrees at its 45th Annual Commencement Ceremony. The sold-out event took place on Sunday, June 25, 2017, at Royce Hall on the UCLA campus in Westwood, California.

Among the honored were undergraduates from Liberal Studies, Applied Studies, Applied Arts and Media, Urban Communities and Justice, Applied Technology and Business Leadership. Graduates were also honored, ranging from programs in Clinical Psychology, Creative Writing, Nonprofit Management, Education, Urban Sustainability, and the Bridge Program.

For the sixth year in a row, AULA chose not to hire an outside speaker. Instead, each academic program selected an exceptional student to give their commencement speech. The student speakers were: Lauren Jones (Bridge Program); Laurie Albright (Undergraduate Studies Division); Martel Okonji (Education Department); Celina Alvarez (Management Department); Angela Vincent (Urban Sustainability Department); Alejandro Romero (Psychology Department); and Kim Sabin (Creative Writing Department).

The ceremony concluded with a charge to the graduates from Interim Provost Dale A. Johnston. African drummers, Rhythm Guewel of West Africa, led the recessional.

Read more [here](#).

AUNE | BUILDING A BETTER WORLD CONFERENCE HELD JUNE 2017



Sponsored by the AUNE's Institute on Wellness and coordinated through AUNE's Office of Centers, Institutes, and Projects, eighty-three participants gathered for three days for the First Annual *Building a Better World Conference*.

The three-day transformative experience provided the opportunity to dialogue, share, and celebrate collective energy related to social justice, while learning effective and sustainable ways to nurture and invigorate advocacy practices.

Read more [here](#).

AULA | HOUSE PARTY BENEFITS THE BRIDGE PROGRAM



A "Very Necessary Party" was held on June 4th, 2017 to support the Bridge Program, which provides university level humanities education to students who may not otherwise have access to higher education. The party consisted of moving presentations by former students, Aura Bogado and Rita Renee Stephens Muhammad; a Q&A with program director Kathryn Pope; and stirring words from faculty Tim Malone; site director Russell Thornhill; and Shari Foos, Bridge Program founder.

"Hopefulness about a better world, a world that everyone can equitably participate in economically, socially and intellectually, a vision of a place where everyone is valued— that is the essence of the Bridge Program," said Bridge Council member and host Jane Paul.

The Bridge Council members included: Tex Boggs, Maria de Jesus, Dawn Jackson, Lisa Lepore, Tim Mackey, David Norgard, Elaine Parker Gills, Jane Paul, Rita Renee Stephens Muhammad, Kyle Sawyer, Sierra Smith, Kathryn Pope (ex officio), and Liz Crozer (ex officio).

Read more [here](#).

AULA | HOST SITE FOR 3RD ANNUAL BETTER TOGETHER: CALIFORNIA TEACHERS SUMMIT



AULA has been chosen as one of more than thirty sites in California to host the Third Annual Better Together: California Teachers Summit, a free statewide day of learning on Friday, July 28, 2017. It is open to all California PreK-12 teachers, teacher candidates, school administrators, and other educators.

Thousands of teachers from across California will participate in this FREE day of learning, featuring a TED-style EdTalk and Edcamp discussions led by teachers and for teachers. Dr. Jill Biden will be the keynote speaker. A lifelong educator, Dr. Biden has seen firsthand how great teachers can change the lives of students for the better.

Participants will walk away from the Summit with access to the latest strategies and tools they can bring back to their classroom, and connect to a lasting and

powerful network of peers.

Read more [here](#).

AUSB | NORBERT TAN JOINS ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY AS ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT



Norbert Tan has been named new Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement, serving university-wide fundraising support and working with the west coast advancement team. Tan will be based on the Santa Barbara campus.

Tan joins Antioch University after serving 10 years as the executive director of Ventura College Foundation, which grew its assets and endowment sixty percent during his tenure. Prior to Ventura College, Tan was managing director of Ventura-based Rubicon Theatre Company, he earned his MBA in Non-Profit and Arts Management from the UCLA Anderson School of Management

AUM | NEW PARTNERSHIP EXPANDS OPPORTUNITIES FOR AVIATION MAINTENANCE STUDENTS IN SW OHIO



AUM has partnered with Southern State Community College (SSCC) to expand aviation education in the region. This exclusive transfer agreement complements an existing partnership between SSCC and Great Oaks Career Campuses.

Students can start by earning an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Engineering: Aviation Maintenance through the partnership between Great Oaks and Southern State. Then they can enroll – as early as Fall Semester 2017 – to complete the 33 credits needed for the pathway between degree programs, through the partnership between Southern State and AUM.

“AUM welcomes the opportunity to work with SSCC students completing their AAS in Engineering: Aviation Maintenance to individualize their program of study that best meets their educational and bachelor degree goals,” said Sonya Fultz, AUM Chair of Undergraduate Studies. “The agreement provides clear guides for student success.”

This marks the second partnership venture between Southern State and Antioch University Midwest. In 2016, the two institutions announced a 3+1 degree pathway option. The agreement allows students to take a total of three years of college at SSCC and one year at AUM to obtain both an associate and bachelor degree in specific majors.

For more information go [here](#).

AUNE | MULTICULTURAL CENTER MENTAL HEALTH WORK IN HAITI



In May 2017, Disaster Shakti members of the Antioch Multicultural Center, Dr. Gargi Roysircar, Ashland Thompson (fourth yr. PsyD), and Sarajane Rodgers (third yr. PsyD), traveled to a primary care clinic in Blanchard, Haiti. Run by Partners in Development, the clinic provides mental health counseling, psycho-education, and research to the surrounding area.

This was Disaster Shakti’s sixth visit to this clinic in Haiti. With the assistance of Creole translators, they offered individual and couples’ counseling to many of the patients referred to them by the medical clinic.

Read more [here](#).

AUNE | EDUCATION CONSORTIUM LAUNCHES TO GROW GREEN ECONOMY AND WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITIES



AUNE is one of four higher education institutions launching the Ecovation Hub Education and Training Consortium, dedicated to bringing broader green economy knowledge and opportunities to the tri-state area of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts.

A ceremonial MOU signing and networking event with leaders from the institutions took place on Thursday, July 20, 2017, on the AUNE campus. The Consortium brought together Antioch University New England, Keene State College, School for International Training, and Greenfield Community College. The Consortium seeks to connect planned education and training programs with workforce development priorities and green economy opportunities.

Read [more](#).

AUM | AUM GATHERS TO CELEBRATE ACADEMIC YEAR SUCCESSES



The AUM community came together recently to celebrate the conclusion of another academic year and the many successes that were accomplished. Some of those highlights included:

- The launch of a new Bachelor's of Science degree, two new Bachelor's of Arts concentrations, a new MBA in Healthcare Leadership, and two certificates, including one of the first programs in the country focused on Trauma Informed Education.

- Our 3+1 Pathway agreements with our area community colleges continue to gain traction and generate interest in the region. Pathways now encompass nine majors, four different institutions, and 98 individual pathways. Area students will save almost \$12,000 using these pathways as compared to the traditional 2+2 model.

- All of our education licensure programs have national recognition from professional associations and have attained renewed approval from the State of Ohio.
 - Preparations are underway for our next HLC comprehensive visit in May 2018 and our CAEP visit in October 2019.
 - More programs moved to hybrid models, such as the Reggio Emilia Approach, and more curricula is being offered via online delivery, including the Dyslexia certificate which is available completely online.
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AUSB | UNDERGRADUATE CHAIR DAWN MURRAY RETURNS FROM YEAR IN COSTA RICA AND BHUTAN



AUSB welcomes back Chair of the Bachelor's degree programs, Dawn Murray, from a year in traveling and teaching abroad in Bhutan at the Royal Thimphu College, and in Costa Rica at the Cloud Forest School in Monteverde.

Murray started the Environmental Studies concentration in AUSB's BA in Liberal Studies program. Murray serves on the board of the Tribal Trust Foundation and holds a PhD in Ocean Sciences from UC Santa Cruz.

AUSB | NEW CHAIRS FOR CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATE PROGRAMS



AUSB welcomes Dr. Sandra Kenny as Chair of the Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology program, and Dr. Daniel Schwartz as Chair of the Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology.

Dr. Kenny earned her PhD in Clinical Psychology at the University of Ottawa, Canada, and her MBA in Hospitality Management at Les Roches, Switzerland. Dr. Schwartz earned his PhD in Clinical Psychology from the University of Michigan and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in the Psychiatry Department, Child and Adolescent Division at Stanford University School of Medicine.

Dr. Elizabeth Wolfson successfully served as MACP department chair from 2011 to 2017 and will continue as Core Faculty in the program. AUSB wishes a fond farewell to Dr. Ron Pilato, outgoing chair of the PsyD department, as he accepts a new position as Chief Psychology and Director of Clinical Training at the Community Health Awareness Council in Mountain View, CA.

GLSC | GLSC STUDENT NAMED CPO FOR INDIANA PARKS



Graduate School of Leadership and Change student, Megan Fetter, has accepted the position of Chief Program Officer for Indianapolis, Indiana's Indy Parks and Recreation. Megan is a Partner of REM Events and Leadership Management, a consulting firm offering organizational support, training, and management to the region.

Learn more about her work [here](#).

AUSB | TEACHING CREDENTIAL STUDENTS LEARN WITH GUITARS IN THE CLASSROOM



Current and recent graduates of the Teaching Credential programs at AUSB recently participated in a weeklong musical education intensive program with non-profit *Guitars in the Classroom*, an organization dedicated to expanding the role of music in public elementary schools. Founder and Executive Director Jessica Baron was on campus to lead the multi-day workshops.

GITC provides teachers with guitars and ukuleles, training-in-teaching through song, music education, and curriculum guides for teacher professional development, that can be used in early childhood education.

AUSB | MFA STUDENTS WELCOMED FOR SANTA BARBARA RESIDENCY & DIXON MASTER CLASS



Students in the low-residency MFA programs at AULA and AUSB attended residency week on the Santa Barbara campus, June 19 - 23, 2017. The curriculum included a series of workshops and mentorship sessions with MFA faculty and guest lecturers.

Students also participated in a Master Class with celebrated screenwriter, Leslie Dixon. Dixon is known for her screenwriting work on such films as *Limitless*, *Mrs. Doubtfire*, and *Overboard*.

PUBLICATIONS

AUS | ESTABLISHING DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTE OF WAR STRESS INJURY, RECOVERY, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE, MARK C. RUSSELL, PUBLISHES HIS 14TH ARTICLE IN HUFFINGTON POST



This June 29, 2017, Mark C. Russell, Core Faculty in the AUS PsyD in Clinical Psychology program and Establishing Director of our Institute of War Stress Injury, Recovery, and Social Justice, was once again published in the Huffington Post (Huffpost).

This latest is his 14th in the HuffPost and is summarized in its title: *"After 214 Investigations isn't it Time for a Department of Defense (DoD) Mental Health Accountability Act?"*

A retired US Navy Commander and Military Clinical Psychologist, Russell is a tireless advocate for servicemembers and their communities, both during active service and after discharge. In the piece, he describes the power that the US military has in helping its service members, and urges the military to take a leadership role in de-stigmatizing mental health care in the United States. "The military is so adept at changing attitudes that it's not uncommon to hear of heroic self-sacrifices by individuals willing to eat an enemy's hand grenade to protect their band of brothers and sisters," said Russell.

Individuals interested in learning more about military mental health from Mark C. Russell and the AUS Institute of War Stress Injury, Recovery, and Social Justice, are encouraged to attend their upcoming continuing education workshop: **"The Politics of War Trauma: Ending the Generational Cycle of Mental Health Crisis"**.

The full article is available at the Huffpost [here](#).