

Antioch University

COMMON THREAD

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AWARDS

AUNE | DANCE MOVEMENT THERAPY ALUMNA AND STUDENT HONORED



Two Dance Movement Therapy and Counseling alumni, and one DMT student have been recently honored for their work in dance movement therapy and counseling.

Danielle Fitzpatrick, alumni and adjunct faculty, was named one of the 2017 Extraordinary Women by the Keene Sentinel. Amanda Lopez '15 has been named 2016-17 Counselor of the Year for the Ector County Independent School District. Jayoti Soor, DMT student, has been chosen to receive the American Dance Therapy Association 2017 Multicultural & Diversity

Committee Conference Focus Award.

Learn more [here](#).

GSLC | ALUMNA TAVIA LAFOLLETTE RECEIVES GRANT



GSLC alumna and Towson University assistant professor, Dr. Tavia La Follette is the recipient of The Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance (GBCA) 2017 Rubys Artist Project Grants in media arts and performing arts. LaFollette teaches in the Fine Arts and Communications Department of Theatre Art, and the grant will support her "Ancient Instincts" project. Learn more about her work and this prestigious award [here](#).

EVENTS

GSLC | STUDENT SARA SAFARI PRESENTS TED TALK IN PARIS



GSLC Student, Author, Speaker, Mountain Climber, and Director of Development for Empower Nepali Girls Foundation, Sara Safari, recently presented at TEDxIHEParis to share her work towards bringing an end to gender discrimination and in support of global women's empowerment.

Watch the talk [here](#) and more about Sara's work [here](#).

AUS | STUDENTS PRESENT CAPSTONE INQUIRY PROJECTS



Master of Arts in Education (MAEd) students recently gathered, along with faculty members, family, friends, and classmates, to present their Capstone Inquiry Projects. For these projects, students conduct original, on-the-ground research over the course of three quarters and their presentations were therefore the culmination of hundreds of hours of hard work and perseverance. Students' topics represented a wide range of educational issues, including: Self-Esteem, Cultural Knowledge, and Academic Achievement in African American Adolescent Girls; Exploring Learning Environments with Kindergartners as Co-Researchers; Literary and Creative

Writing Programs in Prisons; Veterans' Perceptions of Gardening and Farming; and Improving Student Success in Math by Increasing Engagement with Technology.

Student Dayna Codykramers shared, "The MAEd Inquiry Presentation session felt like a celebration of our journey, as well as our learning. The poster session allowed me to answer participants' individual questions about my research rather than guess what might be interesting to such a diverse community. I also enjoyed hearing about what my colleagues were passionate about in their research."

MAEd student Shawn Welsh added, "Having the opportunity to work on MAEd Inquiry presentations gives Masters students a chance to bring together real world issues and the ideas learned in academia. By doing so, our research and work allowed us to be agents of change in the educational field."

The presentations inspired deep conversations about issues of educational equity and engaged, constructivist learning. All students who presented their work will soon be graduating and moving on to fulfilling careers in the field of education. The presenters demonstrated a commitment to justice, equity, and supporting the unique needs of all learners. They truly embody Antioch's and the School of Education's mission and values.

Read more [here](#).

AULA | ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY EXHIBITS AT LEIMERT PARK BOOK FAIR



The Leimert Park Village Book Fair, a much-anticipated cultural tradition in the community, took place on Saturday, August 19, 2017. Best-selling and award-winning authors and MFA faculty Tananarive Due and Gary Phillips read their works during the festival alongside a long roster of brilliant writers, dreamers, and celebrity headliners. Due read from her latest novel *Ghost Summer* and Phillips read from his latest *The Obama Inheritance: Fifteen Stories Of Conspiracy Noir*.

The Leimert Park Village Book Fair was voted "One of LA's Five Best Annual Book Festivals," which is a testament to the hard work and support of the community. Founded in 2007 by Cynthia E. Exum the book fair has a goal of promoting literacy and education in Los Angeles. The Leimert Park Village Book Fair was inspired by a project in February 1999 when Ms. Exum partnered with Our Authors Study Club, Inc. to present a 'Festival of African American Authors' at Los Angeles Southwest College. Its success in drawing 10 authors participating for an audience of 40 inspired the idea of creating an annual literary event. Today, the Annual Leimert Park Village Book Fair attracts over 200 authors, poets, spoken word artists, storytellers, performers, and literary/educational exhibitor participants – and boasts an audience of over 5,000.

Read more [here](#).

AUM | ANTIOCH LIBRARY TEAM PRESENTS AT OHIO CONFERENCE



On August 3-4, AUM's Library Director Steve Shaw along with the Lead Librarian from Defiance College (Ohio) presented "Serving the Distance Student: A Facilitated Discussion" at the 2017 Ohio Private Academic Libraries conference at Baldwin Wallace University. The session looked at the different ways our schools provide services to distance students beyond Illinois. Antioch was able to showcase how the library collaborates with faculty to ensure 1-1 contact between librarians and students (wherever they are in the world), as well as our innovative use of LibGuides.

For [more](#).

NEWS

AUS | FACULTY MEMBER QUOTED IN NBC ARTICLE



Dr. Christie Kaaland, Core Faculty at Antioch University Seattle and Associate Editor for *Teacher Librarian: The Journal for School Library Professionals* was quoted in a recent NBC article on technology and libraries. Modern technology has evolved the way children and teens interact with words and books, and it's important to incorporate different methods of teaching, modern and traditional, into their education:

"In a profession most readily associated with the printed word, school librarians have embraced what may seem like an unlikely tool. Librarians in public schools across the country are mixing new technologies like iPads and the internet with old to teach their students fundamental skills, while also preparing them for the digital age. But their progress is threatened by a familiar problem in education: funding."

[Read](#) the rest of the article and learn what five expert librarians, including AUS's Dr. Kaaland, have to say about mixing technologies and what schools need to help their libraries and students succeed.

GSLC | UNITED WAY NAMES GSLC ALUMNUS AS CHIEF COMMUNITY IMPACT OFFICER



GSLC alumnus Dr. Juan "Kiko" Suarez has been recently appointed Chief Community Impact Officer of the the United Way of Central Indiana. As a member of the executive team, Suarez will assume responsibility for evolving and executing United Way's community impact activities in education, financial stability, health and basic needs.

Read the full story [here](#).

AUNE | MANAGEMENT FACULTY MEMBER INVOLVED IN REGIONAL ARTS



Taryn Fisher, MBA faculty and Program Director, is partnering with Arts Alive and other community advocates to recommend changes to existing policies and ordinances to better align with Keene's Master Plan, with the goal of better supporting arts and culture in the community - a proven driver of economic well-being.

Learn more [here](#).

PUBLICATIONS

AUS | CORE FACULTY DR. KIRK HONDA CONTRIBUTES TO APA ARTICLE



Core Faculty, alumnus, and previous Chair of Couple and Family Therapy program, Dr. Kirk Honda, was recently consulted for an American Psychological Association featured article, *Coping With Challenging Clients*. This article appears both online and on page 55 in the print version of the July/August 2017 edition of *Monitor on Psychology*.

The article opens with an anecdote from Honda about a time he experienced a "mini anxiety attack" while on the receiving end of hostile comments from two members (a father and daughter) of a therapy client family. He handled the situation by asking the clients to stop talking for a moment, giving himself a brief time out to calm down and collect his thoughts, and with the help of another member of the client family (the mother), he was able to repair his therapeutic relationship with the client family.

Read more [here](#).

AUNE | PSYD FACULTY AND STUDENTS ARTICLES PUBLISHED



Dr. Gargi Roysircar has published two articles along with Clinical Psychology students; Ashland Thompson, fourth year PsyD student; Melissa Boudreau, PsyD, a licensed psychologist with the VA Hospital in Brockton, MA; and Abimbola (Bola) Afolayan, PsyD, a licensed psychologist in private practice in Durham, NH. All three have served as research assistants at the Antioch Multicultural Center for Research and Practice.

Learn more [here](#).

AUNE | ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES FACULTY MEMBER PUBLISHED IN BOOK



ES faculty member, Jimmy Karlan, EdD, has authored a chapter in the book *Animals and Science Education Ethics, Curriculum and Pedagogy*. AUNE Education faculty

David Sobel contributed a review on the back cover.

Learn more [here](#).

AULA | BRIDGE PROGRAM PUBLISHES INAUGURAL NEWSLETTER



You can read all about the accomplishments of this innovative program that provides university-level education for students who may not otherwise have access to higher education.

Here are a few highlights from the newsletter:

- Sixty-three students graduated in June
- Students attended the following classes: Writing: The Art of the Personal Narrative, Philosophy: Good Questions for Life, Art History: Visual Literacy, Literature: Reading Cultures, and Bridge Service Learning: Linking Community-Building and Service Learning
- Bridge continues to expand capacity and reach through the newly created Bridge Council
- Bridge developed materials to help students plan their steps in education after Bridge

The Bridge Program is an important part of AULA's commitment to economic justice. Using the liberal arts as its lens, Bridge forms a diverse community of learners that engages in collective inquiry, working to develop strategies to navigate the systems of power that impact our lives. Bridge encourages students to continue their education in order to be creatively and civically engaged, broadening the horizons of possibility in an increasingly diverse and complex world.

You can read the full newsletter [here](#).

AULA | STUDENTS, ALUMNI, AND FACULTY PUBLISH ARTICLES IN GLOBAL JOURNAL OF COMMUNITY PSYCHOLOGY PRACTICE



Students, Alumni and Faculty from the Applied Community Psychology Specialization recently published three articles in a special issue of the *Global Journal of Community Psychology Practice* on Community Psychology Practice Competencies, Global, an international, peer review, open access journal.

Dr. Gregor Sarkisian and Dr. Sylvie Taylor coauthored *Challenges and Strategies in Promoting Empowering Academic Settings for Learning Community Psychology Practice Competencies*,

which focuses on challenges in promoting empowering academic settings for learning community psychology practice competencies. The second article, *Learning Community Psychology Practice Competencies: Student Pathways through the Applied Community Psychology Specialization* that Drs. Sarkisian and Taylor coauthored with students and alumni Huda Bayaa, Claire Cahen, Angela Doss, Rachel Fusco, Rebecca Gordon focuses

on student pathways through the Applied Community Psychology Specialization and into early careers. The third article, *The System: A Multilevel Social Service Simulation*, written by Dr. Gregor Sarkisian, focuses on an experiential learning exercise developed by Dr. Sarkisian to support learning community psychology practice competencies (e.g., ecological perspectives), social power, and systems change.

All three articles are available at: <http://www.gjcopp.org>

AU | POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

With great pleasure, we announce five members of our community who have taken on new, expanded, or interim roles.



Dr. Barbara Lipinski has accepted the position of Provost and Campus CEO for Antioch University Santa Barbara. She had recently stepped into the role on an interim basis in July and this announcement marks the end of that interim status. Dr. Lipinski has been with AUSB for more than ten years, serving as Academic Dean; Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Director of Clinical Training; and Chair in the Doctorate in Clinical Psychology Program.

Dr. Lipinski earned a Ph.D. from the University of Southern California; J.D. from the Southern California Institute of Law; M.A. in Counseling Psychology with a specialization in Marriage, Family, and Child Therapy from the University of California, and B.S.W. from University of Illinois. Prior to Antioch, she was Director of Graduate Programs in Psychology at California Lutheran University, and taught at Pacifica Graduate Institute for over twelve years serving as Core Faculty, Chair, Director of Clinical Training, and Research Coordinator.

As a first generation Polish-American whose first language is not English and a first generation college student, Dr. Lipinski has a strong commitment to access, equity, and social justice, as well as to creating welcoming and safe spaces on campus for all students, faculty, and staff.

Dr. Lipinski's interests bridge the areas of law and psychology, specifically in forensic psychology including police psychology, therapeutic jurisprudence, restorative justice, and conflict resolution. She is dedicated to advancing social justice through psychological practice, and has worked with trauma survivors, victims of violent crime, and law enforcement professionals. In addition, her grant work centered on rehabilitation of juvenile offenders, recidivism reduction for mentally ill adult offenders, and the prevention of violence against women.

Currently, Dr. Lipinski serves on the Advisory Council of the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara and has recently agreed to serve as a board member of Partners in Education in Santa Barbara. She was a founding board member of the Restorative Justice Neighborhood Initiative of Santa Barbara and volunteered at the Ventura County Bar Association as a lay arbitrator for twenty years. Dr. Lipinski holds licenses in California as a Psychologist, Marriage and Family Therapist, and Professional Clinical Counselor and has practiced psychotherapy since 1985.



Dr. Mark Hower has been named Interim Provost and Campus CEO for Antioch University Los Angeles, effective July 1, 2017. Dr. Hower brings multiple dimensions and experiences to the position. He comes to AULA from Antioch's Seattle campus, where he held myriad faculty and administrative roles. Dr. Hower is a two-time Antioch alumnus, with an MS in Management and a PhD in Leadership and Change.

After receiving his BA from Whitman College, Dr. Hower served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Sierra Leone, West Africa as a water well construction coordinator. His relationship with the Peace Corps began as a child in Brazil and Guyana where his parents were both members of the Peace Corps. His background includes service as both a Peace Corps volunteer and professional staff member. As a volunteer, he coordinated construction of over 40 water wells in Sierra Leone. As a staff member, he was as a recruiter and Country Desk Officer for several startup programs and

Country Director for the program in the Kingdom of Tonga, South Pacific.

Hower began work at Antioch University Seattle in January 2000 as an associate faculty member in the MS Management Program and later as the program director. He was a founding member of the faculty team that developed and taught in the Center for Creative Change, a graduate program with an integrated curriculum, supporting five master's degrees. The courses he taught included Systems Thinking, Leadership, Strategy, Global Pluralism, and Methods in Social Change.

As part of his core faculty role, Dr. Hower served as chair of the Planning and Budget Committee, the Outcomes Committee, and Academic Council. In addition to being core faculty, program chair, and department chair, over the years he held various administrative assignments, including chief of staff, special assistant to the president, and interim president.

"When I consider my own experience at Antioch, listen to student stories or reflect on work with respected colleagues over the years, I am struck by the powerful impact that so often comes with being part of the Antioch community," said Hower. "There are only a handful of experiences in life that one can choose that so profoundly shape one's future choices and path in life. This kind of transformation is often the promise of higher education, but it is the daily reality of Antioch."



Dr. Barb Andrews has been selected to serve as Interim Provost and CEO of Antioch University New England. Dr. Andrews has been core faculty, academic advisor, and program director for AUNE's Clinical Mental Health Counseling master's program since 2012. She has also been the associate chair of the Department of Applied Psychology and has been instrumental in leading the launch of the online and low residency delivery model for AUNE's Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Dr. Andrews also taught at AUNE in the 2004-2005 academic year.

Dr. Andrews was vice president of the AUNE Faculty Senate, was chair of its Faculty Work Life Committee, and also served as faculty representative to the University Administrative Council. She also served as the faculty liaison to the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), which accredits AUNE's Clinical Mental Health Counseling program.

Dr. Andrews received her PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision from the University of Northern Colorado, a MS in Counseling from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, and a BS in nursing from University of New Hampshire.

Her previous work has included Assistant Chair in the Department of Counselor Education at Adams State University, Dean of Student Development and Director of the Counseling Center at Green Mountain College, and Associate Director of Counseling Services at Dickinson College. She was President of the Colorado Counseling Association, is a certified grief recovery specialist, and worked with Hospice of Central Pennsylvania as a practitioner and consultant.

She has also been a leader in academic innovation, such as curricular and program design work to transform existing on-campus programs into new and dynamic teaching delivery models, such as low residency options. Dr. Andrews has also presented at national conferences to provide helpful strategies that assist faculty in navigating the transitions required to help make these changes successful.

In her leadership roles, Dr. Andrews has worked collaboratively with area agencies and community leaders to build bridges and create community endeavors that foster and support university relationships with local and regional communities.



In addition to her role as Dean of Students for Antioch University Seattle, **Dr. Shana Hormann** has assumed the duties of University Director of Foreign and Field Study. She will work with provosts and faculty, overseeing all logistical and planning activities in support of academic domestic and international external learning experiences.

Dr. Hormann has been with Antioch since 2000, having served as associate academic dean, interim vice president for academic affairs, and vice president for student affairs. She has also taught at the Muckleshoot Tribal College and the University of Alaska.

Dr. Hormann's scholarship and practice have focused on strengthening organizations and communities that have experienced trauma. She earned her PhD from Antioch University's Graduate School of Leadership and Change. He received an M.S.W. in

Social Work and B.A. in Sociology from the University of Washington. She also has a private practice as an organizational consultant.



Cynthia Cain Fitzgerald has been appointed as interim Associate Director of the Antioch University Office of Institutional Effectiveness (OIE), in addition to her role as OIE's Business Intelligence Analyst. In this new role, Cyndi will coordinate OIE activities and, along with Jessica Porcaro (OIE's research analyst), collaborate with the Office of Academic Affairs on a wide array of data collection, data analysis, and institutional reporting.

Cyndi has been working in various information technology positions at Antioch since 2009, including as a Functional Analyst for finance and human resources. She was a leader in 5-to-1 migration projects and has deep experience with Business Objects, SQL, and many Microsoft and Ellucian products and modules.

Prior to her work at Antioch University, Cyndi worked as an analyst and programmer at World Learning and was the Director of Development at the Center for Living Democracy in Vermont, the San Francisco Women's Building, and at California Peace Action, also in San Francisco. She has studied communications and theater at Fresno City College and San Francisco State University and is an accomplished vocalist and musician.
