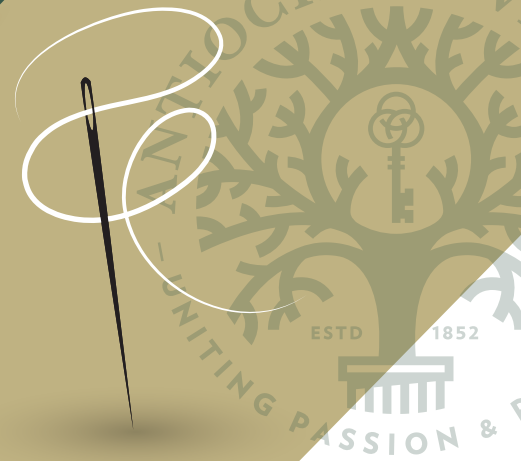


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AU | INTERVIEW WITH MICHELLE KOPPITZ



Michelle Koppitz joined Antioch University in May 2019 in the newly created position of Associate Vice Chancellor of Strategic Initiatives and Extension Sites. As Chancellor Groves states, “Strategic partnerships and expansion sites is one of the University’s top growth opportunities. Both have been an important and growing trend in higher education, employed by colleges and universities across the country as a way to extend their mission, increase impact, expand enrollments, and build capacity. The University’s future is not bound by our current footprint, nor our current portfolio of programs. This effort at building strategic partnerships and expansion sites as an extremely significant direction for Antioch University, and I’m very excited to have Michelle as part of our team to lead the way.”

We sat down for an interview with Michelle to introduce her to Antioch University faculty and staff as she shares her perspectives on opportunities and challenges ahead.

Q: Can you please describe your job here, since it is a new position in the University? What will you be doing?

The role of Associate Vice Chancellor of Strategic Initiatives and Extension Sites, in its most basic form, is really about being able to identify internal and external strategic partnership opportunities that can benefit our various programs, campuses, and the university as a whole.

Briefly, internal partnerships focus on processes and/or programmatic collaborative opportunities that are mutually beneficial to all involved and expand outreach possibilities.

External partnerships come in many forms but typically fall into three categories:

1. Community-based partnerships such as with municipalities, local organizations, and school districts;
2. Regional partnership, such as with hospitals, state government, community colleges, and regional organizations; and
3. National companies, organizations, and associations.

My role also entails helping to identify and assess the viability of potential geographic site expansion. This too can

be approached in a myriad of ways including partnering with other institutions, employers or even municipalities to provide high-need programming.

Finally, my role is also focused on developing cross departmental/ institution-wide infrastructure and support systems that can help ensure that our partnerships - internal and external - can be sustained and thrive. This of course requires significant transparency, collaboration and ownership at every level into a cohesive institutional vision.

Q: What do you see as the biggest opportunities in this regard? And challenges for Antioch?

I believe there are several very unique things that differentiate Antioch University. Something that struck me initially, and has even inspired me, is Antioch's position as a thought leader on subjects so critical to our societal sustainability. Every newsfeed I read includes stories on the lack of diversity, mental health awareness, addiction crises, climate change concerns... and, of course the inequities surrounding social, economic and environmental justice. Antioch has the ability to contribute our expertise by collaborating as partners to educate individuals and build cultures of respect and inclusion. Companies such as Patagonia, Salesforce, REI, 3M, Zappos, Cisco, Tom's and many more are committed to social responsibility and looking to evolve their human resources to live and work accordingly. I think we can creatively partner with these sorts of companies and organizations in mutually empowering ways.

Which leads me to the next differentiator. I am impressed by Antioch's long history of dedication to adult learners. Long before the traditional not-for-profit universities were even considering this, Antioch recognized and became the provider of accessible higher education to working adults across the country. I believe we can continue to lead in this area.

In terms of challenges, I believe we need to increase the recognition of our position through partnerships that endorse our expertise and align with our mission. In order to do that successfully we also need to commit to highly collaborative programs, processes and infrastructure that enable us to meet our students – current and future - where they are with what they need.

To read more, go [here](#).

AUNE | PSYD ALUMNA TAKES ON LEADERSHIP ROLE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE



Alumna Cynthia Whitaker, PsyD, MLADC, Chief of Services at Greater Nashua Mental Health Center, is now President of New Hampshire Psychological Association. She has also been a supervisor and a faculty member for our students. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Whitaker on her new position. State associations are vital parts of the profession of psychology with their education and training, advocacy on behalf of the profession and the underserved, and their countless opportunities for psychologists to join together.

Read Dr. Whitaker's first presidential public address [here](#).

AUSB | DR. STEPHEN SOUTHERN IS NEW CHAIR OF THE MA IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY (MACP) PROGRAM



AUSB announces the appointment of Dr. Stephen Southern as the new Chair and Core Faculty of the MA In Clinical Psychology Program. He assumed the role on July 1, 2019. Dr. Southern joins AUSB from Northwestern University, and had prior appointments at Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi, University of Southern Mississippi, University of North Texas, and Temple University.

For more information go [here](#).

GSLC | ALUMNA RECEIVES GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT AWARD



Director of Diversity, Inclusion and Title IX at Elizabethtown College, Dr. Armenta Early Hinton, has received the 2019 Torch of Global Enlightenment Awards. Each year, the World Affairs Council of Harrisburg honors organizations and individuals that have contributed to global understanding and appreciation of different cultures, languages and lands.

Learn more about the award [here](#).

NEWS

AULA | ANTIOCH'S ANNUAL ARTISTIC UPRISING CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS



Artists and performers of all genre and styles are invited to participate in the 12th Annual Artistic Uprising, a fundraiser for the Bridge Program to be held on Friday, November 15, 2019. The Artistic Uprising celebrates the creative pulse of Antioch University and its community partners. As part of the Fall 2019 Convocation, the event will also honor our relationship to the Tongva Nation land and people. The theme this year is community.

Learn more [here](#).

AU | DSS LAUNCHES FACULTY RESOURCE



The Antioch University URG (University Resource Group) for Disability Support Services (DSS) has recently launched a useful resource for University faculty & staff. Faculty play a very important role in promoting academic access and providing reasonable accommodations to our students. This LibGuide provides resources and training material to our faculty in order to achieve best practice and consistency across University campuses and all degree levels.

The Disability Support Services Faculty Resource is available through this [link](#) and this information has been added to the Faculty & Staff pages on our website at: www.antioch.edu. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with this important resource, and contact your campus DSS representative if you have questions, or ideas for enriching the content of this LibGuide. Disability Support Services is an integral part of realizing the Antioch University mission. We appreciate and look forward to your collaboration in supporting our work.

GSLC | STUDENT FEATURED ON CBS



PhD in Leadership and Change student, Filmmaker, Producer, and Writer, Arturo Sande, was recently featured in the piece entitled *Anything Is Possible For Miami Editor With Help From His Mentor* on Miami's CBS affiliate to highlight his mentorship with south Florida youth. Arturo has worked with industry networks such as Lifetime Television, PBS, Univision, and VH-1. Watch the feature and learn more about his work [here](#).

AUNE | INTERVIEW WITH MIKE AKRESH, ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES FACULTY AND ORNITHOLOGY INSTRUCTOR



We sat down for a quick, get-to-know-you interview with Mike Akresh, new Environmental Studies faculty member at AU and instructor for Ornithology and Quantitative Research Strategies. Mike joined Antioch from a post-doc at UMass and specializes in ornithological research. We caught Mike just after his return from the American Ornithological Society conference in Alaska, where he was presenting his work.

Q: Describe your background; where have you worked and what have you studied?

I attended the University of Michigan for my undergraduate studies, majoring in Environmental Studies and minoring in Biology. I did a summer of forestry work with the University of Maine after my freshman year of college, but decided not to continue with that line of work. During my junior year, I studied abroad in New Zealand with EcoQuest, which is a field-intensive UNH-based ecology program. It was there that I became interested in birds, wildlife management, wildlife conservation, and habitat restoration.

For the full interview go [here](#).

AULA | AULA AND UCLA HEALTH PARTNERING ON FELLOWSHIP FOCUSED ON LGBTQ MEDICAL CARE



Antioch University Los Angeles and the LGBT Specialization are excited to support the UCLA LGBTQ Fellowship at UCLA Health in association with the David Geffen School of

Medicine. Having learned of the LGBT Specialization's one-of-a-kind LGBTQ affirmative clinical program, UCLA approached Antioch to provide affirmative mental healthcare education for a practicing physician in a year-long fellowship program.

Because LGBTQ-specific topics are often not adequately taught in medical school and residency programs, the LGBT Specialization's curriculum was sought out to increase sensitivity and understanding of affirmative LGBTQ-centered patient care in the medical setting.

For more information go [here](#).

AULA | THE BRIDGE PROGRAM CELEBRATES 20 YEARS



In the fall of 2019, the Bridge Program at AULA will celebrate 20 years. Bridge, which provides University level education for students who may not otherwise have access to higher education, was founded in 1999 by alumna and faculty member Shari Foos with Founding Director and faculty member David Tripp.

As a result of Bridge, nearly 700 students have continued their education. They have engaged in creative and critical discussion and broadened horizons of possibility for themselves, their families, and their communities.

Many alumni of the program continue their education and earn associate's degrees, bachelor's degrees, even master's degrees. Just as importantly, many students leave the program engaged in the world of ideas in new ways. For more information go [here](#).

AUNE | PSYD PROGRAM ACCREDITED FOR MAXIMUM 10-YEAR PERIOD



Antioch University New England's Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) degree has recently been accredited for the maximum 10-year period (through 2027) by the American Psychological Association (APA). AUNE's PsyD program was founded in 1982 and meets the APA's standards for accreditation and is consistent with the National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology (NCSPP) educational model with its seven competencies and list of basic science areas. The program's curriculum

prepares students to be eligible for licensure in psychology, though a number of states have unique requirements.

Questions related to the program's accredited status should be directed to the Commission on Accreditation at Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation, American Psychological Association, 750 1st Street, NE, Washington, DC, 20002, Phone: (202) 336-5979. Email: apaaccred@apa.org. Web: www.apa.org/ed/accreditation

AUSB | AUSB ADDS HIGHLY ANTICIPATED BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY



AUSB is proud to offer a newly designed Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. This degree aims to serve the needs of the student body and will provide students with an opportunity to pursue a degree centered around psychological theory. This new degree will also provide the applied skills that will enhance their ability to obtain jobs in the field.

"A lot of people were involved in designing this degree. It was a collaboration with Santa Barbara City College as well as our psychology faculty at Antioch. It was important for us to make sure the expertise was

behind the curriculum," said Dawn Murray, PhD.

Murray, who serves as chair of Antioch University Santa Barbara's Undergraduate Studies program, says that adding the degree was largely in response to student demands. The new program will open up future opportunities for prospective and current students.

"Previously, we only offered a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies with a concentration in psychology, but students were looking for more. This new degree adds another option for students," Murray notes.

The curriculum was not only designed for student's immediate needs, but also with an eye for their long-term goals. The Bachelor of Arts in Psychology creates a bridge, specifically for low-income and underserved students, to enter into professional and graduate studies. Read the full article [here](#).

AUS | MANUELA SLYE HIGHLIGHTED IN EXTENDED INTERVIEW IN THE SEATTLE TIMES



Slye, a member of the AUS School of Education's Committee of Community Advisors (CCA), was quoted in the *Seattle Times* earlier this summer discussing how a recent public school teacher's behavior "screams school-to-prison pipeline." (Read the full article, *Manuela Slye Quoted in The Seattle Times on "School to Prison Pipeline,"* [here](#).)

In addition to that quote, Slye was also recently highlighted in a longer interview in the *Seattle Times* about her expertise and experiences as the first Latina president of the Seattle Council Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA).

In this interview, Slye teaches readers about the ways that parent-teacher association (PTA) participation can help parents advocate for childrens' needs. Slye's passion for education runs deep. She explains, "I'm an educator, and I want to help kids that could be in my position to get wherever I am. My proudest moment was to see my sister sitting at the University of Washington as a professor knowing that her dad was never able to read a book." Read the full article [here](#).

AUS | FACULTY CARYN PARK CO-EDITED SPECIAL ISSUE OF JOURNAL OF "YOUNG EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN"



In June 2019, AUS faculty Caryn Park and UW faculty Margaret Beneke co-edited a special issue of the journal "Young Exceptional Children" (YEC) from "The Division of Exceptional Children." The issue focuses on anti-bias curriculum and critical praxis in early childhood contexts. They also co-authored an article in the issue titled "An Inclusive, Anti-Bias Framework for Teaching and Learning about Race with Young Children."

The YEC describes it in the following way:

"The Special Issue, guest edited by Maggie Beneke and Caryn Park, highlights innovative practices and frameworks that create contexts for young children with or at risk for disability labels to not only access, but to meaningfully engage in social justice curriculum. Topics include: preparing teachers to advance equity; talking about race with young children; facilitating an anti-ableism curriculum; and organizing for justice in the early childhood workforce. Learn more [here](#).

AUS | DURGAN LEADS SERIES ON COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO METH IN WINNIPEG



Edward Durgan, PhD, is the academic director of Antioch University Seattle's Clemente Veteran's Initiative, which offers free college courses to veterans. He is also a Seattle-based psychotherapist and researcher.

Durgan recently traveled to Winnipeg to lead a series of free community events focused on understanding and building more effective community responses to meth in Winnipeg. The events created a safe space for community members to come together to learn from one another and share ideas on how to respond to the meth epidemic in Winnipeg. Read the full article and watch the news feature [here](#).

AUNE | DEFINING ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AT AUNE



Antioch University New England has been a progressive leader in educational training since 1964. Multiple programs are available for Antioch students to pursue training in environmental education, holistic curriculum design, and engaging with multiple audiences.

Learn more about our four closely-related Master's degrees for current and aspiring educators and help distinguish them for prospective students [here](#).

EVENTS

AUS | PSYD STUDENTS AND FACULTY ATTEND THE 2019 APA CONVENTION IN CHICAGO



The AUS PsyD in Clinical Psychology students and faculty were very well represented at the American Psychological Association's (APA) 2019 national convention in Chicago this August. The APA is "the leading scientific and professional organization representing psychology in the United States, with more than 118,000 researchers, educators, clinicians, consultants and students as its members." The APA is also famous for publishing its own publication manual, a written style guide followed by many academic departments throughout the humanities and beyond. The AUS PsyD program is also accredited through the APA, which gives the program additional honors and prestige. For more information, including a full list of the AUS-affiliated 2019 APA conference poster and data blitz authors and topic titles, go [here](#).

AUNE | PSYD FACULTY AND STUDENTS PRESENTED AND WERE HONORED AT THE APA CONVENTION



At the APA Annual Convention in Chicago, Professor Emerita Gargi Roysircar, EdD received the International Humanitarian Award at the APA/American Psychological Foundation Awards Ceremony. She also presented in Susan Morrow Symposium on "Social Justice, Collision of Social Justice Concerns with Scientific Research Concerns."

Dr. Allyssa Lanza, PsyD '15, introduced Dr. Roysircar at her APA invited talk, "Globalization's Impact on the Psychologist's Self-Definition, Purpose, Role, and Function" and at the Div 35, Psychology of Women Awards Ceremony, Dr. Roysircar was recognized with Fellow status. Dr. Roysircar and Ashland Thompson, PsyD '19 received the 2019 Psychotherapy with Women Research award for their paper "Trauma Coping of Mothers and Children among the Poor in Haiti: Mixed Methods Study of Community-Level Research." They also presented at a symposium entitled, "Experience Learned and Lessons Learned in International Work: Divisional and Individual Efforts."

AUS | SCHOOL OF EDUCATION ALUMNI AND FACULTY ATTEND KUOW EVENT



A number of School of Education faculty and alumni attended a journalist happy hour event at KUOW, Seattle's public radio station. The event was designed for members of the KUOW newsroom to meet community members in a relaxed environment to better understand the communities they serve. Kristin Leong, KUOW's Community Engagement Producer, is an alumna of AUS's School of Education. Faculty members Caryn Park, Julia Daniels, and Rachel Oppenheim were in attendance, as was alumna Yen Baynes. For more information go [here](#).

AUSB | SPONSORS MIND, BODY & SOUL SERIES



AUSB is a partner of Mind, Body & Soul, an interactive series led by world-renowned speakers that offers unique strategies designed to enrich your life. This is the five-part series held on Tuesday evenings at the Marjorie Luke Theater. Presentations include:

- September 17th Dave Mochel-Author, Speaker, Coach will present “Practicing a Peaceful & Powerful Life in an Anxious & Divided World”
- September 24th Pamala Oslie-International Author, Speaker, Life Coach will present “How Tuning-In to Your Energy Can Change Your Life”
- October 1st Dave Mochel will present “Kindness, Gratitude and Awe: The Neuroscience Behind the Benefits”
- October 8th Kim Stanwood Terranova-International Author, Speaker, Spiritual Counsel will present “Creating Your Life by Intention”
- October 15th Dave Mochel will present “Making Every Day Count”

Learn more [here](#).

AULA | NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT STUDENTS VISIT NEIGHBORHOOD MUSIC SCHOOL



Students from the MA In Nonprofit Management Program (MANM) visited Neighborhood Music School in Boyle Heights. Students sat inside the parlor of the Victorian house and as music wafted through the air. Karen Louis, Executive Director of the Neighborhood Music School and an alumna of the MANM program, shared the story of this remarkable school.

“Karen, our host, was amazing at bringing together different aspects of the MANM curriculum in her comments to the students,” said David Norgard, MDiv, MA, DMin, Chair of the MA in Nonprofit Management program. “She offered insights that have served her well in her leadership of this venerable LA institution and which our students will be wise to apply to their own professional situations.”

For more information go [here](#).

GSLC | FACULTY PRESENTS INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE



Professor of Leadership and Organizational Behavior, Dr. Lize Booyesen, delivered the keynote address entitled, *Responsible Leadership and Courageous Followership: Questions to Ask* during the 8th International Conference on Sustainability and Responsibility at the Cologne Business School in Germany, and presented *Workplace Identity Construction* at the 19th International Diversity in Organizations, Communities and Nations Conference in Greece.

Dr. Booyesen was also appointed Professor Extraordinaire for a three-year term at the University of Stellenbosch Business School in South Africa and re-appointed as Senior Research Associate for the University of Johannesburg, in an advising capacity on faculty and student research for a three-year term.

AUSB | MBA WORKSHOP: DEALING WITH CHINA IN THE AGE OF TRUMP



Over the years, relations between the world's two largest powers have evolved to a complex mix of trade partnership and intensifying political rivalry. Recently the Trump administration's policy toward China has shifted the foundations of our relationship with the People's Republic, prompting several essential questions.

Given these rising global tensions, the MBA program at Antioch University Santa Barbara partnered with Santa Barbara/Weihei Sister City and Santa Barbara City College's Nadel School of Business & Entrepreneurship to present its August Workshop: Dealing with China in an Age of Trump. The workshop examined the foundations of US-China relations, the overall implications of the current policy, and the outlook and possibilities of damage or repair.

The main speaker for the event was Dr. Benjamin Jerry Cohen, Lancaster Professor of Political Economy at UCSB. He was joined by panel members Daniel Lender, the Executive Vice-President and CFO for QAD and Noel Rix, the Vice-President, Global Product Development for Deckers Brand. The panel was moderated by Dr. Peter Haslund, Vice President of Santa Barbara City College Board of Trustees. Read the full article [here](#).

AUNE | DR. MARTHA STRAUS PUBLISHES ARTICLE



Dr. Martha Straus, Professor and Core Faculty in the PsyD in Clinical Psychology program at AUNE, had an article *Craving Device-Free Attention Technoconflicts in Families Today* published in the July/August 2019 issue of *Psychotherapy Networker*. Professor Straus writes in the article, "In the past few months, I've realized that nearly all my teenage girl clients are complaining, more or less full throttle, about their parents. Of course, that's an age-old staple of therapy with adolescents—but this is different. These days, they're urgently wanting (and in many cases, demanding) more undivided attention from their parents than they're getting. These girls crave sustained, fortifying involvement with adults." Read the article [here](#).

AUM | DAYTON MAGAZINE HIGHLIGHTS AUM MCGREGOR LIBRARY GRANT



In its "Back to School Guide," *Dayton Magazine* featured the McGregor Library's Ohio Book Awards & Authors grant. The Library received \$750 in funds and purchased 45 books for student use.

"Our mission relates to social and environmental justice and the purchased books support these values," said Antioch University Online Director of Library Services Dana Knott.

The article highlighted how the grant will benefit Antioch's students. Some of the titles purchased include those nominated or awarded the Dayton Literary Peace Prize, Ohioana Book Awards and the Anisfield-Wolf Award.

Read the full article [here](#).

AUS | TIFFANY ADAMS ALUM OF URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION MAED PROGRAM FEATURED IN "YES!" MAGAZINE



Tiffany Adams is an alum of the Urban Environmental Education M.A.Ed. program at AUS, class of 2017. Adams is a self-trained ornithologist, artist, and urban environmentalist. This article was originally published by YES! Media and is reprinted here with permission. See the original article [here](#).

Tiffany Adams grew up in the Chelsea-Elliott houses, a sprawling, low-income housing project on the west side of Manhattan in New York City. There, cookie-cutter brick buildings are separated by modest courtyards with benches and tables. Trees and grassy yards enclosed by black, wrought-iron fences dot the fringes of the project. The scant open spaces could seem confining, except to young girls with dreams of growing up to become zoologists, or to tired and hungry birds navigating the Atlantic Flyway.

For more go [here](#).

AU | MARKETING RESOURCE CENTER



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Do you have a creative request? You can submit that [here](#).

All of the above items can be found in the Marketing Resource Center which is located in AUDirect (it's a green button) or can be found via a direct link [here](#).

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