

Center for Creative Change Student Symposium 2010

June 15 & 16



Antioch University Seattle

equipping students
to become leaders
for organizational and
environmental sustainability,
social justice and positive
social transformation

M.S. in Management (MGT)

M.A. in Environment and Community (E&C)

M.A. in Organizational Psychology (OPP)

M.A. in Strategic Communication (STC)

M.A. in Whole Systems Design (WSD)

Tuesday, June 15

Room 100

Twice yearly, students share significant learnings with faculty, staff, friends, family and the wider community and engage their audiences in their learning journeys.

9 to 10 a.m.

Collaboration and Social Justice: Meeting People Where They're At

*Deborah Hawley, WSD
Joycelyn Yee, OPP*

Join us as we step into what it is like to collaborate with and meet people on their own turf and under intimidating circumstances. While maintaining the moxie to do so – and at the same time grappling with the initial discomfort and uncertainty of whether or not we would make any difference – we discovered the strength of the human spirit, the ways that others teach us, how emergence unfolds and the self organizing principles of human interaction.

10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Bridging Culture and Diversity

*Matthew Wei, OPP
Wenjie Wu, OPP*

Learn how Matthew and Wenjie fostered community building and bridging through an all-Chinese language radio program with the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Building Healthy Communities: Conversations that Matter

*Sonnet Lauberth, OPP
Erin Mercier, STC
Samantha Woodward, STC*

We need a culture that cares and creates, a culture of connectedness.

- Cecile Andrews

When was the last time you experienced community? What does a healthy community look like to you? We currently live in a culture of isolation that places more emphasis on Facebook than one-on-one dialogue. Join us for a conversation exploring ways to create healthy, vibrant communities by revitalizing our own relationships. Through the lens of our work with Clean Greens Farm and Market, we discuss the importance of collaboration as a means for creating social change.

1:30 to 3 p.m.

The Significant Others/ Life Changing Stories

*Mikala Mikolaski, OPP
Michaela Duggan, OPP
Michale Lew, OPP
Clayton Burris, OPP
Laura York, ENC*

We share our personal stories of significant moments and events that shaped who we are, including the reasons we came to Antioch and what has changed in us as we graduate. Our journeys are stories of perseverance, transformation, dedication, struggles and hope. Though each story is different, we collaborated together as a group. While at Antioch we learned that we discover

things about ourselves through conversation, inquiry and listening to other people's stories, which has brought us to this moment, here and now.

3:15 to 5 p.m.

Multiple Systems Perspectives on Creating Social Change!

*Jonathan Reinbold, ENC
Carl Luckenbill, OPP
Christian Schmitt, MGT
Michelle Green, ENC
Tarron Aquino, OPP
Jo Myers, ENC
Wendy Ysasi, ENC*

Deeply resistant in some directions, the system can also be surprisingly responsive in others. The world is a fluid, dynamic, intricately interconnected whole. Certain distinctive tipping points, vectors and dynamics emerge that make unexpected openings for creative change-making.

- Anthony Weston

This presentation demonstrates that the ideas or actions of a few have the potential to affect social change on a systemic level. The team members share findings from their change projects and tie them back to the overall social system of which they are a part.

Wednesday, June 16

Room 100

9 to 10:30 a.m.

Like Magic

Anah Cameron, OPP
Carolyn Drugge, WSD
Martha Early, OPP
Lynée Brown, OPP
Amanda Mogg, MGT

Cultivating the conditions for generative social change includes taking ethereal concepts from lofty heights and planting them firmly in the ground. Once these conditions are in place, change has the potential to engage the very best of who we are and build on our existing capacities. Our change projects engaged people in the worlds of health care, business, government and the arts. In spite of – or perhaps because of – the diversity of people we worked with, we found many common threads in our projects. In each, leadership, creativity, collaboration, compassion and finding the extra-ordinary in the ordinary came together to create something new – like magic. Prepare to engage in a dynamic journey through our experiences of affecting change in our communities.

10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Emerging from Ambiguity: The Spark that Started the Fire

Seth Christian, ENC
Elise Child, STC
Vanessa Damelio, ENC
Jamie Shairrick, ENC
Laura Treadway, ENC
Julliet Lwakatare, ENC
Jennifer Bacon, ENC

The system that emerges always possesses greater power and influence than is possible through planned, incremental change.

– Margaret Wheatley and Deborah Frieze

We found that our change projects explored similar themes of holding the space for ambiguity and following the spark of inspiration, which took us in different directions than we originally expected. In times of uncertainty, our presence and intention is all that is needed. Join us on an exploration of catching sparks in the unknown, patience and creativity through our experiences of change.

1:30 to 2:15 p.m.

Building Bridges as a Path to Resilient Community

Orna Locker, ENC

Orna shares how her journey toward weaving the fabric of community in Ballard became a study in how to build relationships, dancing with systems, overcoming inner obstacles and learning from what didn't happen.

2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Collaboration, Hope and Divergence

Jen Peters, WSD
Stephanie Billings, ENC
Hannah Wildman, OPP
Leo Sooter, ENC
Adrian Taylor, OPP

Join us as we explore the paradox of diversity in collaboration. It'll be fun!

4:30 to 5 p.m.

Closing Ceremony

Individual Student Change Projects

Anah Cameron, OPP, Personal Leadership as a Practice for Change

Lynée Brown, OPP, A Systems Approach to Engaging Leaders with Their Challenges; an Organizational Development internship at Swedish Medical Center; lyneebrown@me.com

Michaela Duggan, OPP, Collaborative Leadership and Individual Well Being

Martha Early, OPP, Creative Clans: Transforming Groups and Building Community Through Artistic Process

Michale Lew, OPP, The Ruby Room Youth Council - sustainability, community, and authenticity in an organization; mlew@antioch.edu

Carl Luckenbill, OPP, Facilitating Cultural Change Amidst Conflicting Belief Systems; carlluckenbill@hotmail.com

Hannah Wildman, OPP, Reintroducing Charter Schools to Washington. Generating a plan to engage educators and parents through student voices; ghiagirl62@hotmail.com

Joycelyn Yee, OPP, Dancing in Collaboration: Board Community Interviews with the Filipino Community of Seattle.

Carolyn Drugge, WSD, Self-organizing Professional Development: Cultivating a Learning Community at Work; seawing12@gmail.com

Deborah Hawley, WSD, Standing for Something: Standing in Line to Visit Inmates at a County Jail and the Formation of Support Groups for Social Change in Jails and Prisons; deborahhawley@yahoo.com

Jen Peters, WSD, Block Talks

Amanda Mogg, RN, BSN, MGT, Conversations and Collaboration in Developing Seattle Children's Leadership Academy and Design Approach to Gallup's Strengths-based Leadership; amanda.mogg@seattlechildrens.org

Christian Schmitt, MGT

Stephanie Billings, ENC, South Park Fresh Starts; sbillings@antioch.edu

Seth Christian, ENC, Conversations on Food Justice: Creating a Seattle Food Justice Asset Map; schristian1980@gmail.com

Vanessa D'Amelio, ENC, The Worldwatch Institute: Dialogues for Sustainability. vanessa@komeh.net

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Julliet Lwakatare, ENC, Center for Well Being of Africans in America (CWAA)

Jo Myers, ENC, The Carpenter Creek Community Mapping Project; bridging the gap between citizens and scientist and connecting communities to their watershed through place-based history and local knowledge; jolmyers@gmail.com

Jonathan Reinbold, ENC, San Diego Growers: A localized food distribution strategy; jdreinbold@gmail.com

Jamie Shairrick, ENC, Sustaining a Rite of Passage

Leo Sooter, ENC, Connecting Urban Communities and the Natural World: Lion Sands Game Reserve, South Africa, The World Land Trust and Seattle Audubon

Laura Treadway, ENC, Community Involvement and Collaboration for Urban Green Infrastructure; lauragr1@gmail.com

Laura York, ENC, The National Park Advocate: Making America's Best Idea Even Better; thenationalpartadvocate@gmail.com

Wendy Ysasi, ENC, Advocacy for Consumer Right-to-Know: Fish Consumption and Potential Human Health Risk; wendy.ysasi@ysasi.com

Reflective Practice: Community engagement

A Legacy of Practice

Reflective Practicum (RP) projects are a continuation of Antioch's rich history of cooperative education through social engagement. Since its establishment in 1852, Antioch has challenged students to be active participants in their education and to become courageous leaders in their communities.

Partners in Sustainable Change

When an organization works with a graduate student from the Center for Creative Change (CCC), they gain a project partner, many of whom are working professionals with proven areas of expertise and records of success.

Our highly motivated students are ready to put into practice the cutting-edge theories explored in the classroom. Together, CCC students and partnering organizations develop projects that provide immediate and sustainable practices for today's organizations.

Engaged Education

The two-year-long Reflective Practicum 1 and 2 series is a rigorous course of study that comprises one-third of the total credits required for a master's degree. The series blends theory with practice and supports students as they undertake sustainable change projects.

As part of the RP series, students present their projects in a public symposium. These professional presentations engage the

Multi-Student Change Projects

Tarron Aquino, OPP, **Adrian Taylor**, OPP, and **Michelle Green**, ENC, South Lake High School Leadership Program

Clayton Burris, OPP, and **Mikala Mikolaski**, OPP, Changes: Parent Support Network (CPSN); Clayton.burris@gmail.com and m.mikolaski@gmail.com

Matthew Wei, OPP, and **Wenjie Wu**, OPP, Chinese Chamber of Commerce: Bridging Culture and Diversity

Sonnet Lauberth, OPP, **Erin Mercier**, STC, and **Samantha Woodward**, STC, Clean Greens Farm and Market; sonnetlauberth@gmail.com

Elise Child, STC, and **Jennifer Bacon**, ENC, Hazel Wolf Environmental Film Network: Conversations and emergent ideas on creating a sustainable community.

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