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English Dept Newsletter



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The English Department announces the 2012-2013 Cropper Writers Series:

•The **BARRIE CROPPER LECTURE ON CREATIVE WRITING:**

AMBER DERMONT

Thursday, September 20, 2012

12:30 p.m., free and open to the public

Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice (KIPJ), Conference Room H/I (upstairs)

Featured Lecturer: AMBER DERMONT



•The **Lindsay J. Cropper Memorial Writers Series: AMBER DERMONT &**

ADAM O. DAVIS

Friday, September 21, 2012

7:00 pm., free and open to the public

Mother Rosalie Hill Hall (MRH), Warren Auditorium (SOLES)

Dessert reception and book signing to follow.

Readings by: AMBER DERMONT, FICTION WRITER, and ADAM O. DAVIS, POET



•The **Lindsay J. Cropper Memorial Writers Series: KEVIN YOUNG**

Friday, November 2, 2012

7:00 p.m., free and open to the public

Manchester Conference Center Auditorium

Dessert reception and book signing to follow.

Reading by: KEVIN YOUNG, POET



•The **Lindsay J. Cropper Memorial Writers Series: LYNN**

FREED & BEN DOLLER

Friday, March 15, 2013

7:00 p.m., free and open to the public

Manchester Conference Center Auditorium

Dessert reception and book signing to follow.

Readings by: LYNN FREED, FICTION WRITER, and BEN DOLLER, POET



Mark your calendars now! For more information please contact Halina Duraj at hduraj@sandiego.edu or 619-260-7429, or go to: <http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/cropper/series.php>. See you there!

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Sep 1-4: Torero Days (Orientation)
- Sep 3: Labor Day Holiday
- Sep 5: Classes Begin
- Sept 13: Mass of the Holy Spirit
- Sept 14: Last Day to Drop w/ out a "W"
- Sept 19: Writing Center Opens

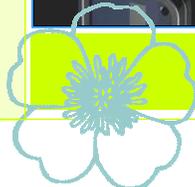
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STUDENT NEWS

English Major **Maddie Levine** was honored with **WCC Sportsmanship Award**. University of San Diego junior cross country runner Maddie Levine was honored with the 2011-2012 West Coast Conference Sportsmanship Award on June 6th. The WCC Sportsmanship Award is given out to one male and one female student-athlete that competes in the WCC. Each WCC institution gets to nominate student-athletes at their school that demonstrate exceptional sportsmanship. All WCC institutions vote on the nominations and the recipients are chosen to represent the entire WCC. Levine helped with the creation and facilitation of the Spirit of the Torero, a Facebook page that allows the Torero student-athletes to sound off about how they are representing themselves, their teams, USD and their community. She is actively involved in just about all of the community service projects USD Athletics takes part in, while also being named co-captain of the 2012-2013 women's cross country team. In addition, Levine will serve as the 2012-2013 Student-Athlete Athletic Council President. Next year she will be a senior and is a double major in English and Communications with a 3.77 cumulative GPA. All in all, Levine embodies all that is sportsmanship and USD Athletics is proud of all of her accomplishments and the more to come in her upcoming senior year.

“Turn your face to the sun and the shadows fall behind you.”
—Charlotte Whitton

The Writing Center
re-opens on
Wed, Sept 19th
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 writing_center/](http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/writing_center/)

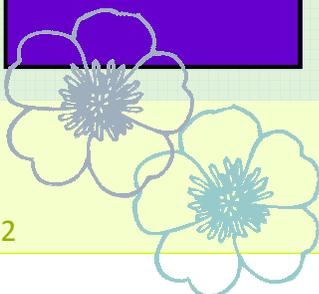
English Major **Nathan Heller** was selected for a prestigious internship with the national office of the **Phi Beta Kappa Society** in Washington, D.C. Founded in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa is the nation's oldest academic honor society. It has chapters at 280 institutions and more than half a million members throughout the country. Its mission is to champion education in the liberal arts and sciences, to recognize academic excellence, and to foster freedom of thought and expression. The internship program is for juniors and seniors majoring in the liberal arts or sciences who attend institutions where chapters are located. Interns serve for two semesters and prepare a minimum of six publishable articles (500-700 words each) for the new Key Reporter website, to be launched in Fall 2012. This is an unpaid, non-residential internship position. Interns conduct research from their home campuses. Interns receive full credit for their work. Each article published by the Society will include the author's name, major, and institutional affiliation. Congratulations, Nathan!

English major **Anna Halligan** has spent the summer interning in the monologue department at CONAN (with Conan O'Brien, airing on TBS). She works under the writers, researching current events and writing the premises for jokes.

ENGLISH Courses Still Open! The following ENGL courses are still open for Fall 2012:

- ENGL 352 U.S. Literature to 1900, Dennis Clausen, **CRN #3090**
- ENGL 372 Film Noir,
 Fred Robinson,
CRN #4639
- ENGL 494 English Words,
 Joe McGowan,
CRN #4179

For full course descriptions, go to:
[http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/
 program/courses/](http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/program/courses/).





Career Services' Internship Fair will be on Thursday, September 20, 2012, 11:30am-1:30pm in the UC Forums. In preparation for the Internship Fair, attend the "Tips for Success at the Internship Fair" presentation, to be held on **Friday, September 14, 2012**, 12:30-1:30pm, Serra 215. For more information: http://www.sandiego.edu/careers/events/internship_fair/.

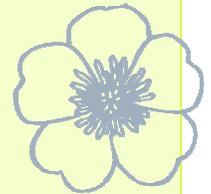
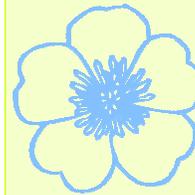


FACULTY NEWS

Joe Jeon, PhD, Department of English, has left USD for Pomona College in Claremont, CA (Los Angeles area) where he has received tenure. Congratulations, Joe, on your new appointment and book just published (*Racial Things, Racial Forms*, University of Iowa Press) and so much gratitude for your stellar contributions to the English Department and the College.

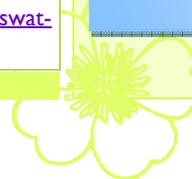
Jericho Brown, PhD, Department of English, will be taking a year's leave of absence from USD in 2012-2013 to accept a full-time appointment at Emory University in Atlanta. Congratulations and thank you, Jericho, as you step into a future full of hope.

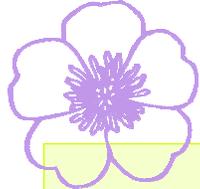
NEW FACULTY! The English Department welcomes new full-time faculty member **Maura Giles-Watson, PhD**. Maura commences teaching at USD this Fall Semester 2012 and will be teaching **ENGL 280.02 Intro to Shakespeare**, and **ENGL 300.02 British Literature to 1800**. Maura received her PhD in English (Medieval & Renaissance Literature and Drama) from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with her dissertation "Performing Arguments: Debate in Early English Poetry & Drama." She has also earned master's degrees in English (University of Massachusetts-Boston) & Education (National University), and a bachelor's degree in Classical Studies (Harvard). Maura has taught writing, literature, & drama courses at the U of Nebraska, Nebraska Wesleyan U, & the U of Massachusetts-Boston. She has taught English & Latin at the secondary level, as well. Maura's teaching encompasses historical, rhetorical, feminist, and performance studies approaches that actively engage students in critiques of cruelty and injustice. She also has a background in arts administration and music and she is interested in interdisciplinary connections among all the creative and performing arts. She has published articles on the relationship between visual and dramatic representations of Odysseus (*Harvard Studies in Classical Philology* 103, 2007), on medieval and Renaissance stage music (*Early Theatre* 12.2, 2009), and on 'geosomatic' representations of women's bodies in Renaissance drama (*Selected Papers from the Mapping the Premodern Conference*, Newberry Library, 2008). Her current projects include articles on stage music within the drama of the Thomas More Circle; on the lovers' letters in Chaucer's and Shakespeare's versions of the Troilus story; and on the exclusion of women actors from the London professional stages in the later 16th century. She is also working on a second book—a study of the musical and dramatic activities of John Heywood, a neglected Tudor playwright who was a recusant Catholic, Thomas More's nephew, and the grandfather of the poet John Donne. She welcomes students to reach her with questions at: (402) 617-3760 or m Giles-watson@sandiego.edu. Welcome, Maura, to USD!



"The Comma Sutra, Making Grammar Sexy Since 1875".

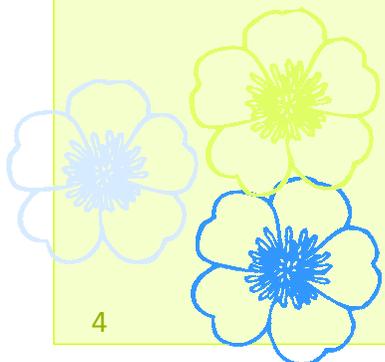
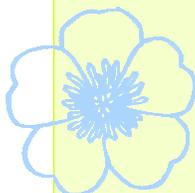
We have a limited number of T-shirts available! These are from **The Writing Center**; each Spring one of the student tutors designs a shirt! \$15.00 each. Contact: English@sandiego.edu or come by Founders 174





“There are obviously two educations. One should teach us how to make a living and the other how to live.”

--James Truslow Adams



FACULTY NEWS

Anne Wilson, Adjunct Faculty, spent her summer:

- Taught upper division course in "Modern" Poetry for National University (May/June).
- Wrote 37 "inspirational articles" for publication in July---three of these have already been accepted! She is also marketing a poetry chapbook called *Mountain Sparrow*.
- 3-weeks of Volunteer work for outreach ministries in homeless shelters, food pantries, aid to domestic abuse victims, teen shelters, etc. through St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church in Del Cerro (August).

Hugh Burkhart, Copley Library liaison for the English Department, published "Dumb Down" in *Glimmer Train*. On July 21, Hugh was married. Congratulations, Hugh, on your momentous summer.

Tuscany Prize for Catholic Fiction: Professors, we are looking for manuscripts. The Tuscany Prize for Catholic Fiction is a literary prize to promote writers and great undiscovered stories of Catholic fiction. What is Catholic fiction? Stories infused with the presence of God and faith — subtly, symbolically or deliberately. Do you have a manuscript? A story that will capture the imagination of the reader? Short Story -- Novella -- Novel. Would you like it published? Send us what you have? Submission Deadline: September 30, 2012. We invite you send in your manuscript. If you win, Tuscany Press will publish your work. We have nine prizes to be awarded in 2012. Visit our website: www.tuscanypress.com for more details.



ALUMNI NEWS

Recent Grad? What are you doing now? Let us know at: English@san Diego.edu. Share your news, photos, etc.!



BE BLUE, GO GREEN

Be Blue, Go Green: USD is gaining momentum in all things “green”. This momentum is fueled by students looking to make their campus an eco-friendly environment that sets a precedent for other universities. The **Be Blue Go Green (BBGG)** Team is comprised of undergraduate students seeking to make USD a more sustainable campus. BBGG is an innovative, eco-minded student voice that promotes an ecologically, economically, and socially sustainable campus. BBGG’s goal is to encourage sustainability as a way of life so our collective impact can move the University of San Diego to become one of the most sustainable campuses in America. BBGG is committed to reducing USD’s waste and water consumption to lower our carbon footprint through marketing campaigns, community service and outreach, and eco-events. This innovative and action-orientated approach is helping to shape the future of our planet. Check out the new Sustainability web site: <http://sites.sandiego.edu/sustainability/>.

- Sep 11 – **Alcalá Bazaar** during ‘USD Dead Hours’ in front of UC
- Sep 12 – BBGG Meeting from 5-6pm in UC 103AB
- Sep 15 – BBGG Fall Retreat and Outing from 9am – 4pm (Meet at 9am in UC 103AB!)
- Sep 19 – **City of San Diego Mayoral Debate** at 6:30pm in Shiley Theatre
- Sep 19 – BBGG Executive Committee Applications due
- Nov 10 – **Fight for Air Walk** (5K, Embarcadero Marina Park South) http://action.lung.org/site/TR/RunWalk/ALACA_California?team_id=46122&pg=team&fr_id=5480



DID YOU KNOW?

Did You Know? Fridays are **Torero Blue** days at USD! Put on your USD logo-wear for the day, or wear blue-colored clothing to show your Torero pride!

GO BLUE!!

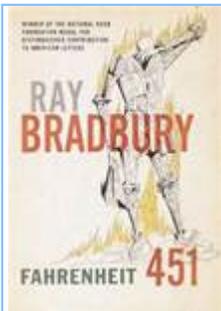


“Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow.”

—Ralph Waldo Emerson



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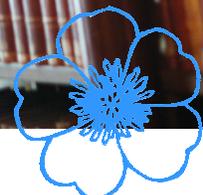
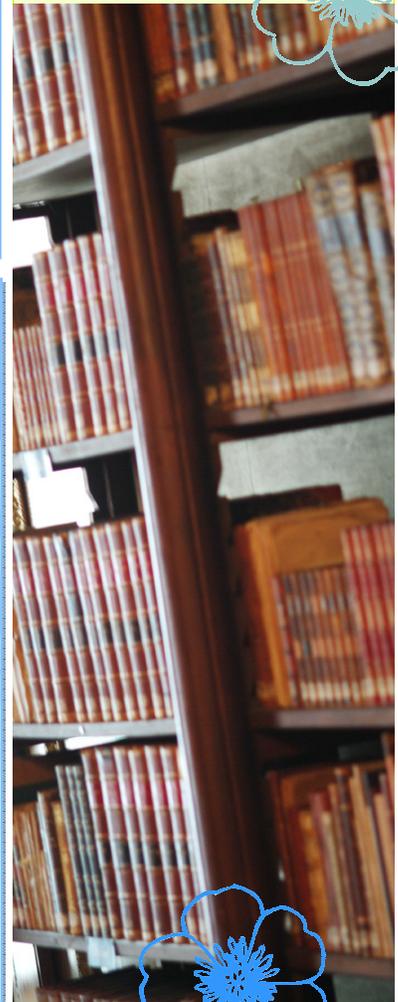
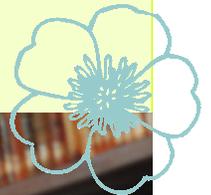
WRITE OUT LOUD announced that it has received a grant of \$13,600 to host **The Big Read in San Diego**. The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) designed to restore reading to the center of American culture and is managed by Arts Midwest. Write Out Loud is one of 78 not-for-profit organizations slated to receive a grant to host a Big Read project between September 2012 and June 2013. The Big Read in San Diego will focus on **Fahrenheit 451** by **Ray Bradbury**. Community-wide activities will take place in April 2013, with work in the schools beginning in Fall 2012.

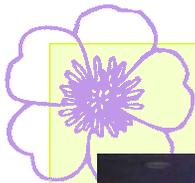
Images from the Summer:

*Dr. Jericho Brown at his goodbye party—
July 3, 2012.*



*Employee Picnic—May 30, 2012
Carla Petticrew, Jeanie Grant Moore, and
Sister Mary Hotz.*





Images from Study Abroad London, England—June 2012:



Dr. David Hay and students in Aladdin Restaurant, Brick Lane, London.



*Traitor's Gate,
Tower of London.*



USD students at Radcliffe Camera, Oxford, England



Keble College, Oxford, England: Dr. Malachowski (Chemistry) & his wife & daughter, and Dr. Cynthia Caywood (English) & daughter.



Trooping the Color, London: Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall; Kate, Duchess of Cambridge; and Prince Harry.