



# English Dept Newsletter

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### *Welcome from the Chair*

Welcome to the beginning of the 2013-2014 academic year!

The English department has experienced much change over the past year. Bart Thurber has retired after many years of distinguished teaching and service, and the gifted poet Jericho Brown, who helped establish our Creative Writing track, has decided to remain at Emory University. Sr. Mary Hotz has stepped down as chair and taken a much deserved one year sabbatical to rest and pursue research. Joining Mary on sabbatical this fall will be Joe McGowan and Abe Stoll. I hope each of them has a peaceful and productive leave.

With change comes renewal, and I am so pleased to have a number of new faculty, both full time and adjunct, joining us. I happily welcome our cadre of tenure-track assistant professors, coming from some of the finest graduate English programs in the country. They include Koonyong Kim from Duke and the University of South Florida, Marcelle Maese-Cohen from Berkeley, and Ivan Ortiz from Princeton. New adjuncts include Gayle Luque, Jen Lagedrost, Robin Spruce, and Ebony Tyree, with Michael Lundell, Joshua Hall and Jason Perez re-joining the department. We also have ahead of us an exciting year-long celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Lindsay Cropper Memorial Writers Series. Halina Duraj, the Director of the Lindsay Cropper Center for Creative Writing, has scheduled a rich and varied program of readings, culminating next spring with a visit from celebrated poet and novelist Maxine Hong Kingston.

Beginnings bring expectation, optimism, and hope, yet the journey is often challenging, and it can be difficult to remember at midterm the pleasures of the first week of class. As faculty face a publishing deadline or students begin writing the third essay due in a single week, they may find themselves in agreement with the great Dr. Johnson, who famously grumbled, "No one but a blockhead would write, except for money." Yet Dr. Johnson also had some soothing advice about the value of a challenge and the best way to face it: "Few things," he counseled, "are impossible to diligence and skill. Great works are performed not by strength, but perseverance."

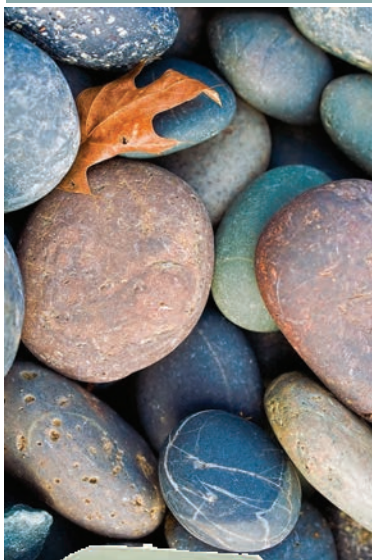
So, with both Dr. Johnson's humor and wisdom in mind, I like to extend my best wishes for a productive, satisfying and challenging academic year.

**Dr. Cynthia Caywood**, Chair, English Department

#### Important Dates

- Sep 12: Mass of the Holy Spirit
- Sep 13: Last Day to Enroll in Classes/Drop without a "W"
- Sep 19: Barrie Cropper Lecture
- Sep 20: Lindsay J. Cropper Mem'l Series Reading
- Oct 1: Shannon Wheeler Reading





*"Autumn wins  
you best by this  
its mute appeal  
to sympathy  
for its decay."*

—Robert Browning



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our September Cropper events are:

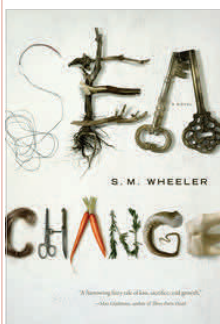
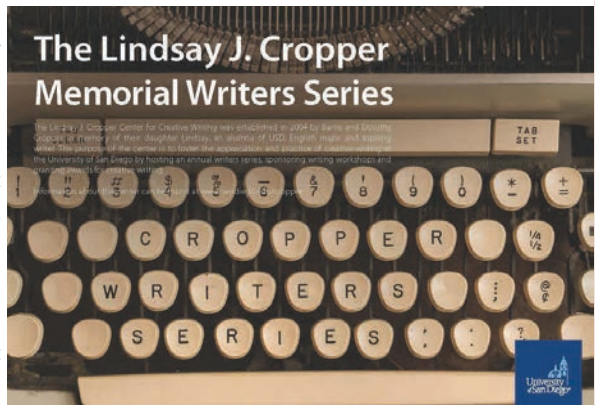
- **Thur, Sep 19, 12:30pm in KIPJ Conf Rm D: The Barrie Cropper Memorial Lecture on Creative Writing.** This lecture on the craft of creative writing is with poet **Linda Gregerson**.
- **Fri, Sep 20, 7:00pm in Manchester Conf. Ctr.: The Lindsay J. Cropper Memorial Writers Series.** **Linda Gregerson** will read from her works. Dessert reception & book signing to follow the reading.

All are welcome, both events are open and free to the public. We hope to see you there!

Our guest writer, **Linda Gregerson**, is an award-winning poet, Renaissance scholar, classically trained actor, and a devotee of the sciences. Many of her lyrical poems are influenced by the sciences, as well as other fields and subjects. She will deliver our annual Barrie Cropper Memorial Lecture on the craft of creative reading, as well as read a selection of her own poetry the following evening. Please don't miss these two exciting, interdisciplinary events!

Linda Gregerson is the author of several collections of poetry and literary criticism. Her collection *Magnetic North* was a National Book Award finalist, and *Waterborne* (2002) won the Kingsley Tufts Award. Gregerson's other awards include the American Academy of Arts and Letters Award in Literature, the Consuelo Ford Award from the Poetry Society of America, three Pushcart Prizes, and the Levinson Prize from *Poetry* magazine. She has also received fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the Mellon Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center, the Institute for Advanced Study, the National Humanities Center, and the National Endowment for the Arts. Gregerson holds degrees from Oberlin College, Northwestern University, the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop, and Stanford University. She has taught at the University of Michigan and the Warren Wilson low-residency MFA program.

More info: [www.sandiego.edu/cropper](http://www.sandiego.edu/cropper) or Dr. Halina Duraj, Director of the Cropper Center for Creative Writing, at [hduraj@sandiego.edu](mailto:hduraj@sandiego.edu) or x7429.



**Tue, Oct 1, 7:00pm in the Mother Hill reading room of the Copley Library: Shannon Wheeler Reading.** Please join the English Dept. in celebrating the achievement of one of our English majors, third-year student Shannon Wheeler, whose debut novel *Sea Change* (Tor House/MacMillan) was released this summer (<http://us.macmillan.com/seachange/SMWheeler>). Shannon will be reading from her novel in the Mother Hill Reading Room (a.k.a. "the Harry Potter Room") of the Copley Library. A brief Q & A session will follow the reading, and dessert and coffee will be provided! Books will be available for purchase and signing by the author. All are welcome to attend. Video trailer for her novel may be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dH-WUTLdR3o>.





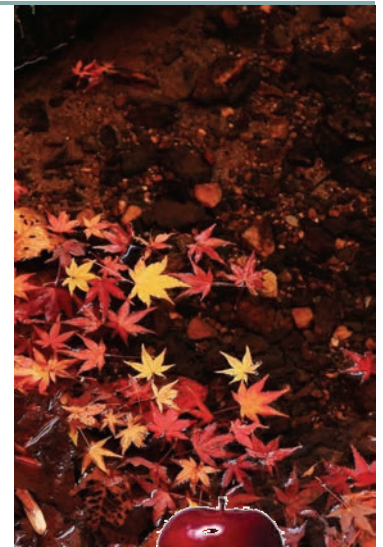


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# 9/11 MEMORIAL

**Wed, Sep 11, 8:46-10:28am at 9/11 Memorial (in front of KIPJ): 9/11 Commemoration. Remembrance Interfaith Prayer Service.** Transposed for pacific time, NROTC will render honors and play Taps when the four planes crashed. A brief interfaith prayer service will be held shortly after the 10:03 a.m. playing of Taps. The memorial is located in front of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice in the Garden of the Sky.

Special prayers for peace will be offered at Daily Mass (12:15pm) and Mass for Peace (9:00pm), Founders Chapel. More information: University Ministry, [universityministry@sandiego.edu](mailto:universityministry@sandiego.edu) or (619) 260-4735.



**Wed, Sep 11:** Enjoy a nice bike ride to the Ocean Beach's Farmer's Market. Meet at Outdoor Adventures (UC 128) at 4:45pm.



**Thur, Sep 12, 1:30pm in UC 128: Living Without a Car in SD.** Sponsored by Outdoor Adventures and the Office of Sustainability.



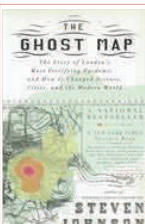
**Thur, Sep 12, 12:15pm in The Immaculata: Mass of the Holy Spirit: Option for the Poor.** Please join us for this wonderful tradition that is more than 450 years old. People of all faiths are invited to this common prayer which celebrates the beginning of each academic year. During the mass, we ask for the inspiration, guidance and presence of God's spirit on all of our campus activities. All members of the university community are welcomed and encouraged to attend. For more information please contact University Ministry at: [universityministry@sandiego.edu](mailto:universityministry@sandiego.edu) or x4735. [www.sandiego.edu/um](http://www.sandiego.edu/um)

**Weight-Watchers @ Work Program:** open to all USD employees, family, students and friends!

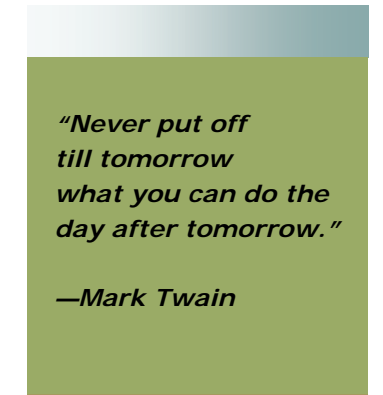
**Tue, Sep 24, 12:00-1:00pm in UC 107: Informational Meeting—Open House.** You will be given a presentation detailing the exciting program by our Weight Watchers leader, Janice Chernitzky. We have two Series Options: **weightwatchers**

- 19-week series (17 week series + 2 weeks free) \$186 TOTAL per person—20 person minimum
- 14 week series (12 week series + 2 weeks free) \$156 TOTAL per person—15 person minimum

Have your payments (cash, check and credit cards accepted) ready the day of our Info Meeting (can also be taken in 3 split payments if necessary) so that we can start our Week One of the Program on Tuesday, October 1st! Mark your calendars and make the commitment to start a new healthier lifestyle through the Weight Watchers @ Work Program! For interest and questions, please contact Adriana Garcia at [agarcia@sandiego.edu](mailto:agarcia@sandiego.edu) or ext. 2718.



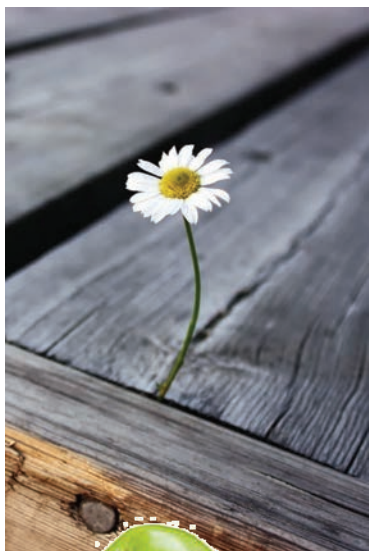
**The Ghost Map, by Steven Johnson is the "USD Just Read!" selection for 2013-2014.** In a triumph of multidisciplinary thinking, Johnson illuminates the intertwined histories of the spread of disease, the rise of cities, & the nature of scientific inquiry, offering both a riveting history & a powerful explanation of how it has shaped the world we live in. USD Just Read! encourages literacy and deep dialogue on social themes presented through outstanding literature. USD Just Read! presentations, book discussions, and other events will be announced in upcoming CEE newsletters and registration will be available through the CEE web site. A limited supply of books is currently available for check out from CEE, HR, and Copley Library.



*"Never put off till tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow."*

—Mark Twain






*"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself."*

—George Bernard Shaw





## STUDENT NEWS



**Fri, Sep 13, 12:00-2:00pm in SLP: Blue Fridays Give-a-way.** Stop by the Student Involvement & Information Desk (SIID) in front of Tu Mercado & be sure to wear Torero Blue to show your school spirit!

**Tue, Sep 17, 12:30pm in UC 103AB: Student Success Workshop: Faculty 411.** Get tips from experiences faculty members on how to succeed in college. Learn effective ways to interact with your instructors, and hear about common mistakes to avoid. More info: [www.sandiego.edu/usdcss/programs/workshops](http://www.sandiego.edu/usdcss/programs/workshops).



**Tue Sep 24, 12:15pm in FH 190A: Sigma Tau Delta, English Honor Society, Informational Meeting.** Being an English Major is for those who are passionate about, and have a hunger for, the exploration of different perspectives, dilemmas, and stories, which challenge the way we may see the world. The English major provides a space, or opportunity, where our own internal worlds and life-experiences, can be shared with literature as we explore dimensions of the human experience in relation to society in ways others do not. Sigma Tau Delta is an international society dedicated to fostering literacy and all aspects of the discipline of English. Established in 1924, Sigma Tau Delta provides an opportunity for students to connect to an international network of schools, faculty, and students who share this same special interest in language, literature, and writing (not to mention scholarship opportunities!). Don't miss out on a great chance to meet peers who hold the same passions as you! Come to our informational meeting on Tuesday Sept. 24, during dead hours in the Cropper Room (Founders 190A), to see how you can join the literary crew at USD! For more information, please e-mail [rachaelponn@sandiego.edu](mailto:rachaelponn@sandiego.edu). Web site: <http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/affiliations/std.php>.

**Tue, Sep 24, 7:00pm in UC 128: Student Success Workshop: What Successful Students Do.** Learn how to succeed at USD from a panel of juniors & seniors who have excelled in & outside the classroom. Hear about the habits, attitudes, and creative strategies that highly successful USD students utilize. Get tips on study strategies, time management, and overcoming setbacks. More info: [www.sandiego.edu/usdcss/programs/workshops](http://www.sandiego.edu/usdcss/programs/workshops).

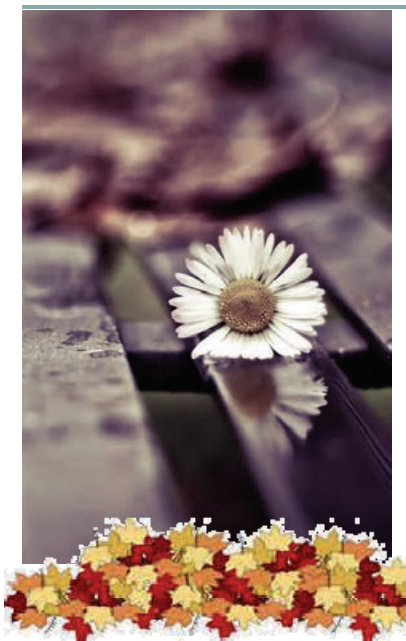
**Tue, Sep 24, 7:00-8:00pm in Copley Seminar Room (CL 108): Introduction to Library Resources for Transfer Students.** Designed for transfer students, this workshop will focus on introducing the many research resources and services available at Copley Library. Topics covered include finding books and articles, using library services, and more. Bring your questions. Bring your questions. Presenter: Michael Epstein. Register at [www.sandiego.edu/library/workshops.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/library/workshops.php).

**Thur, Sep 26, 4:00-5:00pm in Copley Seminar Room (CL 108): APA the Easy Way.** What is APA? How do you write a paper in APA format? How do you cite sources? Walk away knowing how to write a paper in APA style and how to incorporate cited references. Presenter: Hugh Burkhart. Register at [www.sandiego.edu/library/workshops.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/library/workshops.php). Also offered on Tue, Oct 15, 12:15-1:15pm, and Tue, Nov 19, 7:00-8:00pm.

**Sat, Sep 28, 10:00-11:30am in Copley Seminar Room (CL 108): Preventing Plagiarism.** In this engaging and interactive workshop we will define plagiarism, discuss ways to prevent plagiarism, and review resources available to assist you with citing your research. Discussions will include unintentional and self-plagiarism and ways to prevent it. Presenter: Amy Besnoy. Register at [www.sandiego.edu/library/workshops.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/library/workshops.php). Also offered on Sat, Nov 2, 10:00-11:30am.







*“A woodland in full color is awesome as a forest fire, in magnitude at least, but a single tree is like a dancing tongue of flame to warm the heart.”*  
  
—Hal Borland



## STUDENT WORK/INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



**Tutors Needed! USD Torero Athletics** is looking for individuals that can provide tutoring assistance to USD student-athletes in various courses. Subjects include but are not limited to the areas of: **ENGLISH Composition and Literature**; MATH; PHILOSOPHY; HISTORY; SCIENCES; THEOLOGY; and FOREIGN LANGUAGE – Spanish. All candidates should demonstrate the following abilities:

- Maintain a good academic record in coursework (includes coursework at non-USD institutions)
- Proficient in the courses providing tutorial assistance for
- Work comfortably in one-on-one or group settings
- Communicate effectively with individuals from various ethnic and educational backgrounds
- Adapt to different learning styles & methods
- Available for multiple hour timeframes during week (Sunday evenings & weeknights preferred)
- Arrive to scheduled appointments on time
- Comply with NCAA rules & regulations

Please contact Antwan Joseph at 619.260.5931 or [ajoseph@sandiego.edu](mailto:ajoseph@sandiego.edu) with interest or any questions.

**Fri, Sep 13, 1:00pm in Serra 215: Prepare for the Internship Fair Workshop.** Be prepared for the Internship Fair! Join Career Services and recruiters from Target to learn tips for success at USD’s upcoming Internship Fair. Please RSVP to: <http://bit.ly/IFP2011>. (RSVPs are appreciated, but not required.)



**Tue, Sep 17, 11:30am-1:30pm in UC Forums: Fall 2013 Internship Fair.** For list of registered organizations, tips for networking, and professional attire video, go to: [http://www.sandiego.edu/careers/events/internship\\_fair/index.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/careers/events/internship_fair/index.php).

**Thur, Sep 19, 12:30pm in UC 103: Student Success Workshop: Job Options for First Year Students.** Hear from students who work and the campus employers who hire them. Learn the pros and cons of working during your first year, your options for working on campus, tips from campus employers, and information on how to find a job. More info at: [www.sandiego.edu/usdcss/programs/workshops](http://www.sandiego.edu/usdcss/programs/workshops).

**Tue, Sep 24, 12:30pm in Serra 209: FBI Information Session.** The FBI is seeking full-time Special Agent and Support Positions. Bachelor’s, Master’s, All Majors are welcome! You may bring your resume to the Presentation. Any questions? Call Career Services x 4654.



## FACULTY NEWS

**Promotions:** At the College of Arts & Sciences Start of the Semester Party it was announced:

- **Abe Stoll** has been promoted to **Professor**
- **Atreyee Phukan** has been promoted to **Associate Professor**

A big congratulations to both Abe and Atreyee on their advancements!



**Halina Duraj’s** short story collection, *The Family Cannon*, will be published by Augury Books in the spring of 2014 (<http://augurybooks.com>). Congratulations, Halina!





## FACULTY NEWS

**Jen Lagedrost**, adjunct faculty, spent the summer leading a 5-week cultural exploration trip to Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji for Putney Student Travel. Her chapbook *Negative Splits* was chosen as a semi-finalist for the 2014 Mary Ballard Poetry Chapbook Prize, and two of her running poems will appear in an anthology of running-themed poetry titled *Bearers of Distance*.

**Dean's Open Office Hours in Founders 114:** Our new dean, **Dean Noelle Norton** will host open office hours every Wednesday from 4:00-5:00pm and Thursday from 9:30-10:30am. Faculty are welcome to stop by and discuss topics (such as: trends in online education, rank & tenure, contingent faculty at USD, core curriculum, Living Learning Communities, diversity & inclusion, student success, academic integrity, and office/classroom renovation).

**Fall 2013: Free Employee Fitness Classes.** Visit [http://www.sandiego.edu/campusrecreation/fitness\\_wellness/fit\\_into\\_fall.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/campusrecreation/fitness_wellness/fit_into_fall.php) for more information.



**Wed, Sep 11, 12:00–1:00pm in Salomon Hall (Maher 240): Employee Bingo.** Bring your lunch, your friends and join us for one game or many! Great prizes for the lucky winners! Also on Wed, Oct 16 (in UC 128).

**Fri, Sep 13, 2:30pm in KIPJ Theatre: Fall Convocation of the Faculty and Administration.** The university congratulates its faculty honorees at the Fall Convocation. Reception to follow in the Garden of the Sea.



**Tue, Sep 17, 5:30pm Pre-game reception in Warren Hospitality Suite, upstairs in the JCP: Employee Appreciation Event: USD Volleyball vs. SDSU.** Game starts at 7:00pm in Jenny Craig Pavilion (JCP). Please RSVP for the reception to Linda Coppa at [lcoppa@sandiego.edu](mailto:lcoppa@sandiego.edu) or x6532. Pick up your game tickets at the JCP Ticket Office.

**Wed, Sep 18, 12:00-1:00pm, in UC 128: Estate Planning, Wills & Trusts.** Presented by the Employee Assistance Program. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP for this class to ext. 2718 or [agarcia@sandiego.edu](mailto:agarcia@sandiego.edu).



## ALUMNI NEWS



**Anne (Slagill) Malinoski, 2011**, is pleased to announce the birth of her son, Jack Thomas Malinoski. He was born in New London, CT on August 7, 2013 at 1:10am. Congratulations, Anne!



**Charles Daly, 2012**, latest short short appeared this month in the debut issue of London's 'Not Your Eyes' (link: <http://notyoureyes.com/daly1.html>). He is currently living in East Asia, and his website is: [www.dalyprose.com](http://www.dalyprose.com).



*"Words are  
all we have."*

*—Samuel Beckett*







## ALUMNI NEWS

**Megan Eccles, 2010**, English minor, will begin UC Riverside's Palm Desert-Low Residency MFA program for fiction this fall. Congratulations, Megan!

**Katie Aul, 2011**, English major, began at California Western School of Law in Aug of 2012 and is now beginning her second year. Most recently she was invited to join the school's Law Review and also, based as well upon her performance in her first year, she accepted an offer to work for a professor this semester to assist with 1L students in their legal writing and research skills. Katie doesn't know what the future holds for her after she graduates and what not (aside from the inevitable bar exam) but thought it would be nice to share what she is up to with the English Department community. Congrats, Katie!



## BE BLUE, GO GREEN

Get involved! There are many ways to get involved with sustainability at USD. You can join the BBGG (Be Blue Go Green) team and create sustainable change on campus while educating the community, intern at the Office of Sustainability on various programs and initiatives, or work at the E-waste Collection Center to help properly recycle old electronics. Contact the **Office of Sustainability** if you are interested in being blue by going green! 619-260-7530 or [paula-09@sandiego.edu](mailto:paula-09@sandiego.edu).

Web sites: <http://sites.sandiego.edu/sustainability/> and <http://www.sandiego.edu/ewaste/>

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/USDGreenTeam](http://www.facebook.com/USDGreenTeam) and [www.facebook.com/USD.Ewaste](http://www.facebook.com/USD.Ewaste)

Twitter: @USDsustain and @USDewaste



## COMMUNITY

USD now is a drop box location for **Suzie's Farm CSA** (community supported agriculture)! The CSA at Work program is the most convenient way for you to receive and enjoy a diverse box of freshly picked USDA-certified organic produce. Sign up at: <http://csa.farmigo.com/join/suziesfarm>. Pick-ups are every other Tuesday 2:00-6:00pm behind the SLP. More info at: [www.suziesfarm.com](http://www.suziesfarm.com).

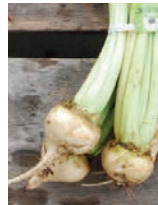
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NEW ADD-ON OPTIONS!  
WHEAT/GRASS OR  
SPROUTS/MICROGREENS



## DID YOU KNOW?

**Did You Know?** Tuesdays are **Poem-of-the-Week** days in the English Department! Each week the English Dept. posts a poem, both manually and electronically (on the dept's Facebook page). In the Founders 171 hallway, there is a bulletin board with a display box on it where a hard-copy of the poem-of-the-week is displayed. Extra copies of the poem-of-the-week are attached to the board for the taking. Feel free to stop by and grab a copy for yourself! Also look for the poem-of-the-week on our Facebook page, found at [www.facebook.com/USDEnglish](http://www.facebook.com/USDEnglish). Please "Like" us!

