



English Dept Newsletter

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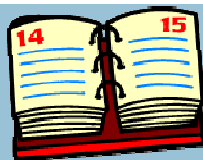
JANUARY 11, 2012

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Jan 15: San Diego MLK Jr Parade
- Jan 16: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday—Campus Closed
- Jan 23: Last Day of Intersession Classes
- Jan 23-25: New Student Orientation
- Jan 26: Spring Classes Begin
- Feb 8: The Writing Center re-opens

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Announcements

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



English Course Descriptions—Spring 2012.

Recent updates added! All English Department course descriptions are listed on our web site. Go to: <http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/program/courses/>. Click on "Spring 2012 Course Descriptions."

SAVE THE DATES! Here are the English Department events for Spring semester. Mark your calendars now!

- **Feb 24, 7:00pm:** The Lindsay J. Cropper Memorial Writers Series: **Ilya Kaminsky & Jodi Angel**
- **Mar 15, 5:00pm:** The Joanne Dempsey Lecture Series: **David Staines**
- **Mar 30, 7:00pm:** The Lindsay J. Cropper Memorial Writers Series: **Rae Armantrout & Katie Farris**

For more information go to our web site: www.sandiego.edu/cas/english and click on "Affiliations."

- **Sun, Jan 15: The annual San Diego Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade: "Living the Dream. Let Freedom Ring"** is here again! Join us on Sunday, January 15, 2012, and make this your year to march with USD! It is a family affair! Reserve your complimentary t-shirt now and join students, employees, parents, alumni, and friends for this annual parade and USD tradition.

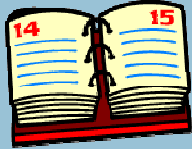
-County Administration Building, Pacific Highway
 -Parade begins at 2:00pm
 Transportation will be provided if needed. Those participating in this fun tradition can meet at 12:30pm in front of the Hahn University Ctr for a ride down to the parade, or join us at 1:15pm in the staging area at the County Administration Building.

Then on Monday, January 16, at 7:00pm wear your shirt to the USD Torero men's basketball game at Jenny Craig Pavilion. Your USD Toreros will be taking on the BYU Cougars. Wear your shirt and show support! It is a whole weekend of fun and USD tradition! Register at www.sandiego.edu/MLK.



Happy New Year!





Announcements

- **Bereavement Notice:** It's with great sadness that we share that **Professor Joseph Colombo** of the **Theology & Religious Studies Department** passed away on January 2, 2012. A passionate and inspiring professor, he joined the THRS faculty in 1984 and served as Department Chair from '98 -'04. Prof. Colombo was recognized with a Steber Professorship in '06, as well as named a University Professor in '97. His extensive service to the College and University included multiple terms on the University Senate, as well as serving on, and chairing, the CAS ARRT committee.
- **Bereavement Notice:** Religious of the Sacred Heart **Helen McHugh** died December 30, 2011, at Oakwood, the Society of the Sacred Heart's elder care center in Atherton, California. **Sister McHugh** spent much of four decades at the University of San Diego. She first arrived at the San Diego College for Women in 1965 as a professor of English. Over the next 27 years, she served as the chair of both the **English Department** and the fine arts department. Named professor emerita in 1988, she continued to direct a tutoring program and conduct research until she came to Oakwood in 2003. Sister McHugh was 95.
- **Professor of the Game: Sr. Mary Hotz!** On Wed, Jan 4, 2012, our very own Sister Mary Hotz, English Dept Chair, was Professor of the Game at the USD Men's Basketball game vs. St. Mary's. The Professor of the Game is an award given to faculty during a Torero's basketball game. Professors are nominated by student email submissions to Associated Students, which are then forwarded to Dean Mary Boyd for consideration.



Sr. Mary Hotz receiving her Professor of the Game Award!

There is a short ceremony during half-time at the basketball games to honor the Professor of the Game. Though the Toreros played well, St. Mary's came out the victor, 78-72. Also in attendance with Sister Hotz was Mrs. Dorothy Cropper, attending her first USD basketball game!



Sr. Mary Hotz, Mrs. Dorothy Cropper, & Dean Mary Boyd



USD Men's Basketball game vs. St. Mary's 1/4/12



“Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man.”

—Benjamin Franklin



Student News

English Course Added for Spring: ENG 223.03: Beyond the Bible: Christianity in Literature, 1840-Present, Prof. Kyle Hetrick (MWF 8:00-8:55am). For centuries, authors have grappled with questions concerning faith and religion in their works. The themes found in these works are some of the most common in all of literature: Is there a God? Is there an afterlife and, if so, what will it be like? What are the qualities of a virtuous life? How can the soul be corrupted by evil and how can individuals find redemption? This section of English 223 will look at novels, short stories, and films whose authors use Christian theory and practice as a vehicle or backdrop to investigate these questions and more. The readings for the class will range from canonical authors such as Mark Twain, William Faulkner, & Stephen Crane to those still writing today such as Joyce Carol Oates, Julian Barnes, & Ron Currie, Jr.



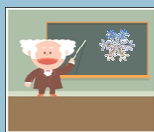
"Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties."
—Helen Keller

Junior Copywriter: 6-Month Contract. An international small business dedicated to transforming the lives of chief executives is looking for a temp Junior Copywriter (6-month in-house contract). The writer would take on everything from crafting emails and marketing collateral to conducting interviews as part of a fast-paced Marketing Communications team based in Carmel Valley, San Diego. Responsibilities include writing, summarizing, editing and proofing copy; managing editorial and communications for internal membership website; driving projects. If you are interested, please email your resume to scrapstrat@yahoo.com. **Deadline: Wed, Jan.18, 2012.**

Literary Juice.com, An Online Literary Magazine is Looking for Writers. Do you have a passion for writing short stories and lively poetry? If so, then we want to hear from you! Literary Juice is a new online literary magazine dedicated to publishing creative works of fiction and poetry. We are currently seeking submissions from both experienced and budding authors from all backgrounds. If you are interested in submitting your short fiction or poem, please visit our website at www.literaryjuice.com. **Fiction:** Short stories should not contain more than 2,500 words. You may submit anything from romance to mystery and suspense. Stories must encompass an engaging plot and well-crafted prose. **Flash.Fiction:** Flash fictions are generally more challenging to write as they only contain anywhere between 100 and 300 words. Because of their concise length, flash fictions should surprise the reader. Do not just write about a rabbit frolicking in a field of golden wheat, incorporate a twist! **Pulp Fiction:** This might be LJ's biggest challenge yet! A "pulp" fiction is comprised of only 25 words; no more, no less. Just as you would with the flash fiction, deliver an element of surprise. **Poetry:** Please keep poems limited to 20 lines. When writing your poem, be specific and offer the reader details. Avoid writing about vague feelings.

Paid internship with Unigo.com, a multimedia college platform. They are seeking a few bright students from the English, Communications, and Writing departments at USD who will be paid \$16/hour. Interns will represent their school by writing published reviews & conducting virtual chats with prospective students. This is a remote internship with a flex schedule. They are hiring immediately. You will chat online with prospective students interested in their university. What's great about this program is you can work around your unique schedule & commit to as many or few sessions as you wish. Your involvement can change higher education by making the college application process easier & more informative. **FAQs:** <http://www.unigo.com/faq.aspx>. Requirements: must be a college student or recent graduate; must have access to a computer & webcam; must have excellent writing & communications skills. Application Process: register on Unigo here: <http://www.unigo.com/customregister.aspx?type=insider>. Unigo is an online community led by college students and counselors to help families find, get in & pay for college. Founded in 2008, Unigo is based in New York & funded by McGraw-Hill Education & a group of angel investors. Unigo works with media companies such as USA Today, The Huffington Post, US News & World Report and others. For more information visit: <http://www.unigo.com/fast-facts.aspx>





Faculty News

Wed, Jan 18, 9:00am-12:00pm in IPJ Conf Rm A/B: Charting Your Course! Workshop sponsored by CEE for Adjunct and New Faculty.

Thur, Jan 19, 10:00-11:30am in (TBA): Webinar: Designing a Sophomore Living-Learning Community. Sponsored by CEE.

Wed, Jan 25, 9:00am-2:00pm in Salomon Hall (Maher): Co-Educating for Change: Getting Started with Community Service-Learning. Workshop sponsored by CEE for Adjunct and New Faculty.

Fri, Jan 27, 2:00-3:00pm in MRH 135 (SOLES): Tech Talk: Presenting with Prezi. Tech workshop sponsored by CEE.

Thur, Feb 2, 4:30-6:30pm at Casa Guadalajara, 4105 Taylor St.: New Faculty Social at Casa Guadalajara in Old Town. For USD new, adjunct and junior to meet and mingle. Two drink tickets (good for wine, margarita) and an appetizer buffet are located in a special patio area we've reserved. Sponsored by CEE. RSVP to: cee@sandiego.edu or 619-260-7402.

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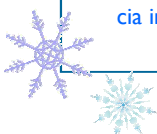
margarita) and an appetizer buffet are located in a special patio

Fri, Feb 10, 3:00-5:00pm in the French Parlor, Founders Hall: Memorial Reception for Prof. Joe Colombo, Theology & Religious Studies Dept. Prof. Colombo passed away on Jan 2, 2012.

Mortar Board Honors Faculty. The University of San Diego Mortar Board Chapter held its Twelfth Annual Faculty Appreciation Dinner on Oct. 20, 2011 to honor faculty who have made a significant contribution to the academic achievement and personal growth of USD Mortar Board Members. The faculty and others honored this year were selected by Mortar Board members who believe they represent the ideals upon which Mortar Board is based. They were recognized for their academic excellence, superior leadership and dedicated service. Honored Guests included the English Department's **Deborah Sundmacher**. Congratulations, Deborah!

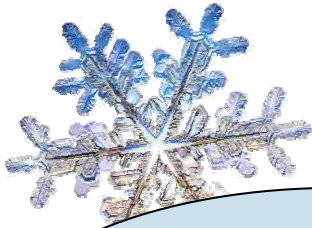
San Diego Book Awards Association Call for Entries. Categories: **Published:** Fiction, Nonfiction, & Poetry; **Unpublished:** Novel & Memoir, Short Story, & Poetry Chapbook. Eligibility: open to all writers residing in SD County. Published books must have 2011 release date/copyright. **Entry deadlines:** Unpublished: [Jan 15, 2012](#). **Published:** [Feb 11, 2012](#). Cash Awards! \$150, \$100, & \$50. For complete rules, guidelines, & downloadable entry form, go to: www.sdbookawards.org & click "Submission Guidelines."

USD Cookbook – Coming Soon! USD employees will be asked to submit their favorite family recipes to be considered for our **USD Community Cookbook**. Cookbook recipes will be divided by recipe category. Your submission can include recipes for appetizers, beverages, soups, salads, breads, main dishes & desserts. Sponsored by Dining Services, from January-April we will be featuring appetizers, salads, entrees and desserts in La Gran Terraza. All of the menu items will be included in the cookbook. Our first Lunch N Learn will be held on Jan 11, 2012, 11:30am-1:00pm - featuring appetizers. The recipe template forms will be available in the office of Human Resources starting in January. Please note that there is no guarantee that all recipes submitted will be included in the cookbook. All recipes will be due by March 30, 2012. If you have any questions regarding the cookbook, please contact Nina Sciuto in HR at x 2715 or asciuto@sandiego.edu, or Adriana Garcia in HR at x 2718 or agarcia@sandiego.edu.





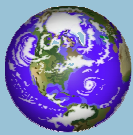
Alumni News



Job opportunities: see "Student News" in this newsletter for various paid internships and job opportunities.

The Writing Center Re-Opens on Wed, Feb 8th

http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/writing_center/
(619) 260-4581



Be Blue, Go Green



Did you know? **Flyers** at USD are no longer permitted to be taped to the ground effective 1-1-12.

See the posting protocol at: www.sandiego.edu/udesign/protocols

Introducing **USD's Kiosks**: in an effort to improve communication regarding campus events and opportunities as well as provide enhanced way finding, three University kiosks have been installed.

For getting your student org. event posted on the kiosks, see: <http://www.sandiego.edu/ucslp/>

Also, post to the UC/SLP digital displays, visit: www.sandiego.edu/ucslpdisplays

Post on the Table Stands in Pavilion Dining, visit: [sandiego.edu/dining/resources/students/php](http://www.sandiego.edu/dining/resources/students/php)

Post events for inclusion in the Blue Buzz: www.sandiego.edu/mypostings

*"The new year
begins in
a snow-storm
of white vows."*

—George
William
Curtis



Community



USD is now a participating partner with **Our Greater San Diego Vision**, an unprecedented effort to plan for the future of the greater San Diego region. If you wonder why this project is so important, please take a quick look at a few of the issues at stake:

- The region is projected to grow by 1.3 million people over the next 40 years. That is equal to the entire population of the city of San Diego today. Where will these residents live, learn, work and play?
- The San Diego region's housing costs are more than twice as high as the U.S. average.
- 1 in 3 of our high school students will not graduate.

These facts demonstrate the need to plan for the future and to preserve or improve the quality of life in the region. Initiated and led by the San Diego Foundation, Our Greater San Diego Vision seeks the input of all residents to identify a vision for the region in the decades to come. Everyone at USD is invited to join the conversation about what San Diego's future should be. Go to www.ourgreatersandiego.org/USD before **January 26th** and VOICE YOUR CHOICE! Survey questions are divided into four topics and your responses may require some reflection and prioritization, but should not take more than a few minutes to complete.

To learn more about Our Greater San Diego Vision, visit www.OurGreaterSanDiegoVision.org and join the conversation.

Providing San Diegans with access to a quality education, affordable housing, good jobs and a greater quality of life are all important priorities. Please, complete the survey and show others that the University of San Diego cares about Our Greater San Diego Vision.

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