Did you miss a Lindsay J. Cropper Memorial Writers Series reading? Did you know they are recorded and you can view them via iTunes? Our iTunes U channel is at: http://itunes.apple.com/us/itunes-u/the-lindsay-j-cropper-memorial/id431922164. Be sure to bookmark this link. Check it out today! You also may access the link through the English Dept web site. Go to “Affiliations”, then “The Cropper Center for Creative Writing”, then “Series” in the left hand column. Scroll to the desired author and click “watch on iTunes U” at the end of their bio.

Pepperoni Not Pepper Spray. Occupation tents popped up on the grounds of USD on Wednesday, December 7, 2011. Faculty and students staged a one-night occupation for the 99%. How did the administration respond? USD President Mary Lyons sent pizzas – pepperoni not pepper spray! Begun by USD faculty and joined by a number of students, the Occupation held a teach-in, and was honored to be joined by Luiz Carlos Susin, a Brazilian liberation theologian and General Secretary of the World Forum on Theologies of Liberation. The USD Occupiers then held a General Assembly, reaching consensus on plans for future actions in the spring semester. More evidence that the Occupation is expanding onto university campuses. by Abraham Stoll, Department of English.

SAVE THE DATE! Sun, Jan 15: San Diego Martin Luther King Jr. Parade: “Living the Dream, Let Freedom Ring.” Transportation provided by USD to downtown County Admin Bldg; meet in front of UC at 12:30pm (parade begins at 2:00pm). For more information and to register for complimentary T-shirt, go to: sandiego.edu/mlk
The Institute of Reading Development is seeking candidates for summer 2012. The Institute is an educational service provider that teaches developmental reading programs in partnership with the continuing education departments of more than 100 universities across the USA. Summer teaching positions with the Institute offer the opportunity to:

- Earn more than $6,000 during the summer. Teachers typically earn between $500 and $700 per week while teaching.
- Gain over 300 hours of teacher-training and teaching experience with a variety of age groups.
- Help students of all ages develop their reading skills and ability to become imaginatively absorbed in books. Our classes for students of all ages improve their reading skills and teach them to experience absorption in literature.

These positions are available locally & in most major metropolitan areas throughout the U.S., and are full-time during summer break. Applicants from any field of study are welcome. We invite you to submit an online application & learn more about teaching for the institute at our website: http://instituteofreadingdevelopmentteachingjobs.com/

UCSD’s Alchemy, a new journal of translation is now accepting student submissions for its issues. We are looking for work that engages translation in both traditional & innovative ways. Students may submit works of poetry or short fiction/non-fiction. With submission include the name of your college as well as your major. Please include originals with your translations & limit submission to 5 pages of poetry or 10 pages of prose. Send all submissions to: alchemythejournal@gmail.com with the subject heading “Poetry Submission,” “Fiction Submission,” or “Non-Fiction Submission”. Submissions are accepted on a rolling basis.

Wordriver Literary Review Submissions for Volume IV. Wordriver is a literary journal dedicated to the poetry, short fiction & creative nonfiction of university instructors. For details & guidelines see flyer on bulletin board in F174, or go to: http://wordriverreview.unlv.edu. Submissions are accepted throughout the year.
Alumni News

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

Alumni: let us know what is happening with you! Submit your update to: carlap@sandiego.edu.

Chair Message

Best wishes to everyone in the department---students, staff, faculty---for a lovely, well-deserved, restful holiday break. May the season offer time to reflect on the meaning and true value of life and the ways in which we can participate in its transformation.

With gratitude, Mary Hotz, RSCJ

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!

“Let our New Year’s resolution be this: we will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word.”

—Goran Persson

“At Christmas play and make good cheer, for Christmas comes but once a year.’”

—Thomas Tusser

How to Recycle Your Used Christmas Gift Wrap

• Use it again! Most gift wrap can be ironed on the reverse side using a low setting. The creases will lift right out & the paper will look almost as good as new.

• Craft with it. Old wrapping paper & gift bows are wonderful materials for scrap booking & other paper crafts. We also use old Christmas wrap for paper mache projects, origami, making snowflakes, & even as book covers.

• Donate it. Kindergarten & art teachers always have use for old wrapping paper and ribbons. If I find myself with more paper than I really need, I merely press the paper flat with an iron, fold it gently, then pass it along to one of the teachers at my child’s school.

From: C. Jeanne Heida, Yahoo! Contributor Network, Yahoo Voices.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!