



English Dept Newsletter

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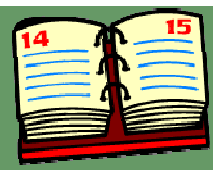
DECEMBER 7, 2011

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Dec 11: Virgen de Guadalupe Mass
- Dec 12: Last Day of Classes
- Dec 14-20: Final Exams
- Dec 15: Midyear Graduation Mass/ Reception
- Dec 17: NROTC Commissioning Ceremony
- Dec 21: Chanukah
- Dec 23-30: Admin Offices Closed—Holiday
- Dec 25: Christmas

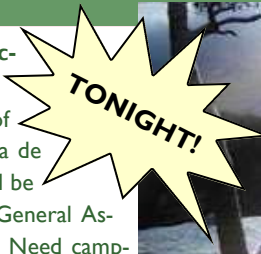
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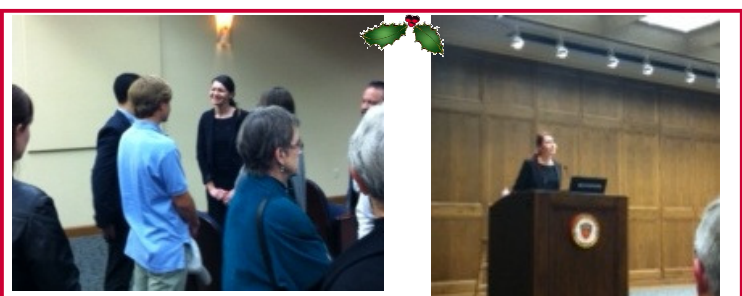


Announcements

- **Wed, Dec 7, 5:00pm outside Aroma's: Faculty Occupy Tonight!** Bringing the movement for social justice to USD, a number of faculty will be sleeping in tents tonight, in Plaza de San Diego (in front of Aroma's). Many more will be gathering for a 6:00pm teach-in and a 7:00pm General Assembly. Everyone is invited, students especially. Need camping equipment? Fred Robinson got his out at Outdoor Adventures at the UC. This action has been approved by the administration, so come without fear. Come join the 99%. More info: Abe Stoll astoll@sandiego.edu.
- **Thur, Dec 8, 4:00-5:30pm in SLP 412: Honors Program Senior Seminar Presentations.** Scheduled presentation: Kristiana Lehn "Synthesis, Characterization, & Application of Lignin Based Hyperbranched Polyglycerol Coating." All USD community welcome to attend!
- **Sat, Dec 10, 11:00am-2:00pm, in La Gran Terraza: Christmas Pastry Cooking Class: Cookies and Gingerbread Decorating:** \$24.95 per person. Light lunch served. For reservations: (619) 849-8205.
- **Thur, Dec 15, 4:00-5:30pm in French Parlor: Midyear Graduation Celebration Mass/ Reception.** For undergraduate, graduate and law students who complete their course work in December or January. **The Mass will be followed by a reception in the French Parlor.** A professional photographer will be available at the reception to take individual photos of the graduates. All are invited to attend and celebrate with these graduates. For more information or to RSVP, please contact University Events and Promotions at usdevents@sandiego.edu or call (619) 260-7889. Since the Celebration Mass is not a commencement ceremony, caps and gowns are not worn and diplomas are not presented. Mid-year graduates are invited to participate in the Commencement Ceremonies in May 2012.



• **Lost Travel Mug:** Is this your travel mug? It was left in the English Dept office last week. Come pick up in FH 174. Thank you—



The English Department's **Dr. Halina Duraj** was our featured speaker at the November 11th **Lindsay J. Cropper Memorial Writers Series** reading. Introduced by Dr. Fred Robinson, Dr. Duraj read from her forthcoming novel *Fatherland*, a fictional treatment of her family and their efforts to understand a father traumatized by his experiences in World War II. The talk was followed by an enthusiastic question and answer session. If you missed the event, look for the recorded video link on our website soon!





Student News



T'was the night before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.

—Clement Clarke Moore



Deadline to apply: December 15, 2011! Study Abroad in Jamaica-Summer 2012. Take ENGL 364: Black Caribbean Literature in Jamaica! (course fulfills "D" and "W" requirements) This highly inter-disciplinary program combining faculty from English, Sociology, Community Service Learning, and Communication Studies is designed to provide you with a wholistic introduction to Jamaica and the greater Caribbean region. Students who participate in this four-week summer program will live in Duncans, a small community just outside the city of Falmouth, on Jamaica's north coast near Montego Bay. Coursework on literature, social history, critical lens with which to contextualize and learn from excursions to historically important sites, but will also enrich your daily interaction with the local community we live amongst during our stay. Community service is an important component, consisting of participation in established outreach programs in local schools in the Duncans area. From finding out how to cook and eat jerk chicken and callaloo, what it means to "small up" or "grab a fresh" in patois, to savoring live roots reggae, this is a rare opportunity to learn through experience. Dates: May 29 to June 25, 2012. Location: Duncans Bay, Falmouth. Cost: \$4,500 (includes tuition, housing, excursions, and international insurance). Transportation, meals, and personal expenses are the responsibility of the student. For financial aid or need-based scholarships, contact the International Office at Serra 315. Also for more info contact: Dr. Atreyee Phukan, English, phukana@sandiego.edu, (619) 260-7634.



DEADLINE DEC 15!!



Deadline to apply: December 15, 2011! Study Abroad in England-Summer 2012. Take Eng/Thea 494: "London Plays in Production, Olympic Edition." Join Dr. Cynthia Caywood and Dr. David Hay for three weeks in the greatest theatre city in the world. We will join London's **Olympic** celebration by attending the international Shakespeare festival, featuring theatre companies from around the globe performing the works of Britain's greatest writer. We will also visit a range of venues, from the Royal National Theatre to



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wildly alternative venues (empty warehouses? Abandoned subway tunnels?). Our "theatrical season" will range from classical to cutting edge modern, from experimental plays to musicals. This course fulfills the GE fine arts or literature requirement and counts towards the major or minor upper division elective requirements in both disciplines. June 14 (arrival)-July 6, 2012 (departure). Total Program Fees: \$4,900 (Includes tuition, housing, international insurance, most excursions). For more information, see Dr. Caywood, FH 170B, x4252, ccaywood@sandiego.edu or Dr. Hay, FH 170B, dhay@sandiego.edu.

Register for an English Course Spring 2012 Semester! Can't decide what English course to take? Check out our updated **Course Descriptions** at: <http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/program/courses/>. Click on "Spring 2012 Course Descriptions."



Student News continued

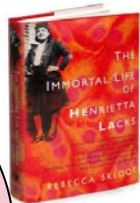


*"I will honor
Christmas in my heart,
and try to keep it
all the year."
—Charles Dickens*



Raelene Halbert, an English major Senior, has been offered a position teaching high school English with **Teach for America**. She has been assigned to a school in Las Vegas. At the same time, she will be enrolled in a Masters in English/Credential Program at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, with funding provided by TFA. Teach for America is a non-profit organization that is growing the movement of leaders who work to ensure that kids growing up in poverty get an excellent education. More info: www.teachforamerica.org. Congratulations, Raelene!

Entries due: Dec 16, 2011: The USD Just Read Essay Contest on "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks."



This story offers much worth examination, including but not limited to its social, historical, ethical, educational, scientific & spiritual dimensions. Choose one or more of these dimensions as the focus of your discussion, identify the most compelling question(s) raised within it or them concerning the story of Henrietta Lacks, her cells & her legacy, & justify your position. You may reflect & write about this book directly, or use it as a springboard into a discussion of a current or recurrent related dilemma. Your essay should be 1200-1500 words. The winning essay on campus will be submitted for consideration in the regional competition.

Submit by email: emch@sandiego.edu. USD level: First Place \$300. Regional level: First Place \$600 & featured on Voice of San Diego's *Henrietta Lacks Project Page*.



The Institute of Reading Development is hiring summer

instructors. The Institute is an educational service provider with available teaching positions for graduate students and graduating seniors. These positions are available locally and in most major metropolitan areas throughout the U.S., and are full-time during summer break. Applicants from any field of study are welcome. Contact Jason Hanlon at (800) 964-9090 ex. 2293 or jason.hanlon@readingprograms.org. For details: <http://readingprograms.org>.



Career Opportunities for Graduating Seniors & Recent Alumni: Progressive Campaign Job Opportunities – Nationwide!

Grassroots Campaigns is looking to interview & hire top students to join our teams as **Assistant Canvass Directors!** Qualifications: Strong communication and motivational skills, work ethic, and desire for political change are essential. Expectations: positions last through the 2012 Presidential Election. Campaign hours can run 80-100 hours per week, including work on weekends. Salary/Benefits: annual salary for Assistant Canvass Directors begins at \$24,000. Paid training, vacation and sick days are included; student loan assistance is available. People can apply by contacting Shane Epps, Assistant Director directly at sepps@grassrootscampaigns.com or 619-523-0412, or by going online to our website (www.grassrootscampaigns.com). Please visit our website, www.grassrootscampaigns.com, for more information about current and past campaigns.



UCSD's Alchemy, a new journal of translation is now accepting student submissions for its first issue.

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". Deadline for first issue is Dec 5th; thereafter submissions are accepted on a rolling basis.





Faculty News



Fri, Dec 9, 3:00-5:00pm in Founders French Parlor/Foyer: College of Arts & Sciences (CAS) Holiday Party. All faculty & staff are welcome!

Sun, Dec 11, 10:00am-1:30pm in La Gran Terraza: Brunch with Santa! Bring the kids to have brunch with Santa Claus. \$24.50 adults, \$12.50 kids 6-12.

Tue, Dec 13, 4:00-5:30pm in UC Forum B: New Faculty Holiday Social—An Introduction to Academic Student Support Centers on Campus, sponsored by CEE (Center for Educational Excellence). All New Faculty hired within the last 5 years are cordially invited to please join us for this very special holiday social where various USD Academic “Student Support” Centers will welcome new faculty and introduce their departments’ programs and services. Advancing academic excellence is primary to USD’s mission. This is an opportunity to discuss ways faculty can partner with the Office of Undergraduate Research, Center for Student Success, Student Support Services, the United Front Multicultural Center, the Math and **Writing Centers** and Athletics Administration to support our students’ academic success. Wine, Cheese & various Appetizers will be provided. Please RSVP to Johnny Bobé II at 619-260-7402 or cee@sandiego.edu. To indulge in the holiday spirit, we will also be having a raffle to provide prizes & giveaways!

Fri, Dec 16, 1:30-3:30pm on Plaza de San Diego: USD President’s Christmas Party. Enjoy holiday-inspired refreshments & festive entertainment. Program to begin at 2:15pm. Be sure to bring your whole family for a visit & photo opportunity with Santa!

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.



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*Our hearts
grow tender with
childhood memories
and love of kindred, and
we are better throughout
the year for having, in
spirit, become a child
again at Christmas-time.*
-- Laura Ingalls
Wilder



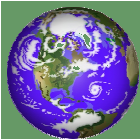
Alumni News



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Be Blue, Go Green

Have a final paper, report, or semester-end project you need a report cover or binder for? **We have recycled, gently-used binders & report covers in the English Office FH 174 for anyone's use.** Come help yourself! On the mailboxes wall, on bottom shelf, or ask Carla or Shannon.



"Maybe Christmas, the Grinch thought, doesn't come from a store."
—Dr. Seuss

"As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, when they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky. So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, with the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too."
—**Clement Clarke Moore**



Community



USD CHR/Athletic Dept Holiday Toy Drive. We invite you to support this Holiday Toy Drive. Each Christmas, the Athletic Dept gathers toys and money to provide gifts and gift cards for a holiday meal to families in need in our local community. CHR has the opportunity to help the following family: Girl (age 10); Girl (age 5); Boy (age 3); Mother; & Father. A collection box will be placed in the HR lobby (Maher 101). Please bring your gifts by Fri, Dec 9th. If wrapped, please note which child it is for. If you would like to donate money toward the meal gift card, please call Charlene Ables x4256, or Janet Engelman x2507 to pick up your donation. Other ways you may support this effort: Attend the men's or women's home basketball games on Dec 7, 10th, or 11th and drop a monetary donation into the stockings carried by student athletes or bring toys to the collection box at these games. We really appreciate your willingness to help in any way that you can!

