



English Dept Newsletter

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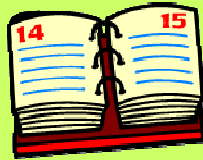


IMPORTANT DATES:

- **March: Women's History Month**
- **Mar 11: Daylight Saving Time Begins**
- **Mar 15: Dempsey Lecture**
- **Mar 17: St. Patrick's Day**
- **Mar 20: First Day of Spring**
- **Mar 30: Cropper Series Reading**
- **Apr 5-9: Easter Break (no classes)**
- **Apr 8: Easter**

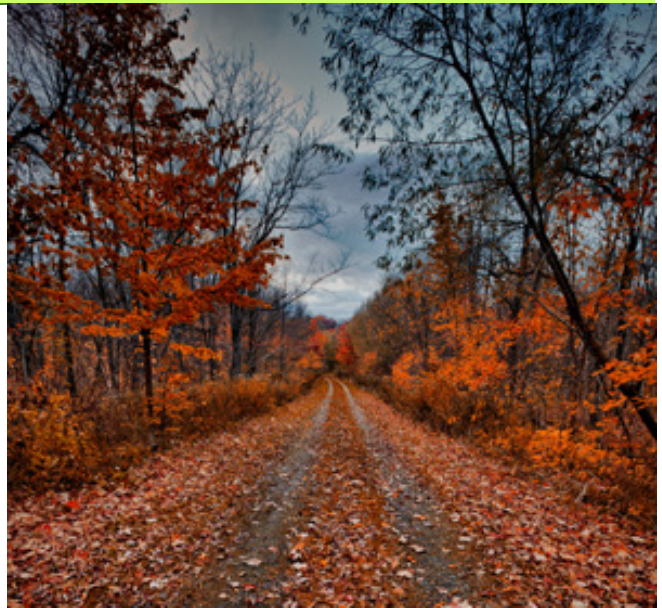
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Announcements

- **Thur, Mar 15, 5:00pm in MRH Auditorium (SOLES): The Joanne Dempsey Lecture—David Staines on "Border Crossings: Margaret Atwood's American-Canadian Vision."** Reception to follow. Free admission & open to the public. **David Staines**, a writer, critic, professor, and editor who helped establish the Giller Prize and the Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction, has been named to the Order of Ontario (established in 1986 by Lieutenant-Governor Lincoln Alexander, the **Order of Ontario is the Canadian province's highest honour** and recognizes personal excellence and achievement in every area of human endeavour.). Professor Staines currently teaches English Literature at the University of Ottawa, Canada. He has also taught at Harvard, the University of Prince Edward Island, Mount Holyoke, and the University of Massachusetts (Amherst). Staines has served as general editor of McClelland & Stewart's New Canadian Library series since 1988, and has also edited books on Stephen Leacock, Margaret Laurence, Marshall McLuhan, and



Northrop Frye.

In memory of the late USD English Professor **Joanne Dempsey**, this biannual lecture series brings Renaissance scholars to the University of San Diego community.

For more info: <http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/affiliations/dempsey.php>

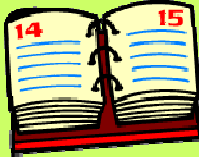
*"No pen, no ink, no table,
no room, no time, no quiet, no inclination."*

—James Joyce

- **Tues, Mar 13, 12:15–1:45pm, KIPJ Room C/D: Living in Meditation and Peace: A Discussion with the Venerable Lama Tenzin Dhonden, Personal Peace Emissary to His Holiness the Dalai Lama.** Moderated by Assistant Professor Louis Komjathy. Sponsored by the Department of Theology and Religious Studies and Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice. More info: <http://www.sandiego.edu/dalailama/usdevents.php>.



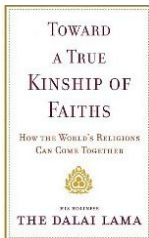
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"We are made wise not by the Recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future."

—George Bernard Shaw

- Tue, Mar 13, 12:30–1:30pm in UC 107: Tim O'Brien's *The Things They Carried* Book Group.** Sponsored by Center for Inclusion & Diversity (CID), Black Storytellers of San Diego (BSSD) Inc., & the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Big Read. Also on April 3, 24, & May 1. If you are interested in learning more about these events please contact the CID at 619-260-7455 or visit us in UC225. www.sandiego.edu/inclusion.
- Fri, Mar 16, & Tue, Mar 20, 9:30-11:00am; and Mon, Mar 26, 3:00-4:30pm, all in Salomon Hall (Maher): Open Forums—Imagining the Core Curriculum.** Take this opportunity to add your voice to the continuing discussion. All faculty, students, and members of the USD community are invited to take part. We will explore new structures and methods to invigorate and overhaul our core curriculum.
- Mar 19-23: Mural Construction.** A mural will be constructed around His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama's "Compassion Without Borders" tour along with the participation of youth from the Migrant Outreach program. The mural will be presented on the day of His Holiness' visit to USD on April 18. This event is sponsored by CASA (Center for Awareness Service and Action). <http://www.sandiego.edu/dalailama/usdevents.php>.
- Tue, Mar 27, 12:00-1:30pm in Salomon Hall (Maher): Alcalá Park Readers Book Discussion: *Toward a True Kinship of Faiths: How the World's Religions Can Come Together*, by The Dalai Lama.** *Toward a True Kinship of Faiths* explores where differences between religions can be genuinely appreciated without serving as sources of conflict, as well as offers a hopeful yet realistic look at how humanity must step into the future. All are welcome. This is the fifth of several discussions planned for the Spring Semester. Books are available for check out in the Human Resources Office and in the Center for Educational Excellence. Lunch is provided. Please register online by March 22nd or by calling the CEE at (619) 260-7402 or e-mailing cee@sandiego.edu. Co-Sponsored by the Center for Educational Excellence (CEE), Human Resources, the Institute for Peace and Justice, and the Torero Store.



- Wed, Mar 28 & Thur, Mar 29, 7:30pm in the Studio Theatre, Sacred Heart Hall: George Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion*, A Staged Reading.** The USD/Old Globe Master of Fine Arts in Dramatic Arts will present a staged reading of George Bernard Shaw's beloved classic *Pygmalion*. Directed by James Joseph O'Neill, a graduate of the MFA program, the performances are free and open to the public. No reservations required. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. More info: www.globemfa.org.
- Fri, Mar 30 to Sat, Mar 31, 6:00pm-6:00pm on the Valley Field: Relay for Life Walk.** (see article on page 7.)

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW'S
Pygmalion
A Staged Reading





Students



Cropper Contest Winners! At the Feb 24 Cropper event the winners were announced for this years' **Cropper Undergraduate Creative Writing Contest in Fiction & Poetry.** Winners are **Kyle DeNuccio** (fiction) and **Eloisa Amezcua** (poetry). Please read their winning entries at: www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/cropper/workshops_awards.php. Congratulations Eloisa and Kyle!



Jericho Brown, Eloisa Amezcua, & Halina Duraj

**“Failures
are
finger posts
on the road
to
achievement.”**

—C. S. Lewis

Tue, Mar 13 deadline: Undergraduate Research Grant Proposals. In total, \$15,000 will be distributed to students in order to cover the costs of research expenses. Students, your Undergraduate Research Grant Proposals are due by 5:00pm on Mar 13; turn hard copy to SLP 316. For application or more information, please visit: www.sandiego.edu/associatedstudents/academics. Please direct questions to Jackie Harris, Director of Academics at usdacademics@gmail.com.

Thur, Mar 15, 1:15-2:15pm in UC Forum A/B: The Majors Fair. Having trouble choosing a major? Join us at the Majors Fair. Learn about USD majors & minors from faculty, alumni, fellow students, and advisors. FREE Pizza and drinks for all attendees. Co-sponsored by Career Services, Alumni Relations, & Residential Life. For more info: x4654 or <http://www.sandiego.edu/documents/careers/MajorsFairFlyer2012.pdf>

Essay Contest. Students, what does **"Compassion Without Borders"** mean to you? Answer and you could win a ticket to see the **Dalai Lama's** April 18, 1:30pm talk, "Cultivating Peace and Justice" at USD's Jenny Craig Pavilion. The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice and the USD Office of Public Affairs are sponsoring an essay competition open exclusively to USD students. Submit your original essay, maximum of 500 words and tell us what "Compassion Without Borders," the theme of the Dalai Lama's historical San Diego visit, means to you. **Submissions are due by Mon, Mar 19 by 5:00pm.** Submissions should be emailed to pgray@sandiego.edu. Winners will be notified on Mon, Apr 2. **Winning essays will be given to the Dalai Lama in a keepsake album that will be presented to him from USD.** Email your essay along with your name, student ID # and email address to: Pamela Gray Payton, Assistant Vice President, Office of Public Affairs: pgray@sandiego.edu.

Tue, Mar 20 deadline to apply (postmarked by): Publishing Institute at the University of Denver this summer July 15-Aug 10, 2012. The Denver Publishing Institute is the ideal launching pad for your career in book publishing. Over the course of four weeks, it will introduce you to the process of book publishing, providing a solid educational foundation & excellent network for your subsequent job search. Institute workshops & lectures are taught by industry professionals who work at trade, university, textbook, and small independent publishers located throughout the country as well as New York. Our graduates go on to publishing careers around the world. Come join us this summer in beautiful Colorado. The Institute may be taken for six quarter hours of graduate credit. Visit our website for more info: www.du.edu/publishinginstitute. See poster on English Dept bulletin board.





Students *continued*



Wed, Mar 21 deadline: Semester at Sea's Short Term 2012. There's still time to apply for the Short Term 2012 voyage that sets sail on May 21, 2012. The 3-week (May 21 to June 15) Maymester voyage will explore Central & South America, offering students of all majors the chance to earn 4-5 transferable credits in 26 days, with prices starting at \$3,475 per student. Financial Aid available. More info: www.semesteratsea.org/voyages/upcoming-voyages/short-term-2012.php.

Thur, Mar 29 deadline: On-line Registration for USD Summer Session. Summer Session is Jun 4-Aug 24, 2012. The **English Dept** is offering five courses: ENGL 100 Intro to College Writing, Halina Duraj; ENGL 228 Studies in World Cinema, Joe McGowan; ENGL 280 Intro to Shakespeare, Abe Stoll; ENGL 304W Writing Autobiography, Fred Robinson; and ENGL 357W Amer Autobiography, Irene Williams. www.sandiego.edu/sio.

*"Being Irish,
he had
an abiding
sense of tragedy,
which sustained
him through
temporary
periods
of joy."*

*—W. B.
Yeats*



The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice is now accepting applications for Summer Internships. Summer internships are June 7-August 17. **The deadline for applications is Fri, Mar 30.** Intern Responsibilities: assist with IPJ programs, including research assistance, events support and a small amount of administrative support. Qualifications: 1) Enrollment, with senior status, in an undergraduate program; or enrollment in a graduate program; or a recent degree in a field related to peace studies, human rights,

international relations, or a related field (preferred); 2) GPA of 3.3 or higher (required); 3) Excellent writing skills (required); and 4) Minimum of 15, and preferably up to 20, hours per week (required). To Apply: please go to <http://www.sandiego.edu/peacestudies/ipj/involved/internships/> to download an application form and view other requirements. Note that application elements may be sent separately, and some may be sent electronically, as described at the above link. If you have additional questions, please call (619) 260-7573 or e-mail emccollim@sandiego.edu. The internship is unpaid. Please note that while we encourage international applicants, we cannot provide them with assistance in securing a visa, nor cover the costs of the visa and health insurance required by USD.

MiddleEasternLifestyle.com is an online local magazine catering to the **Middle Eastern culture throughout North America.** A luxurious magazine that will identify with regions encompassing the Gulf, Levant, North Africa and Western Asian regions. It is a window to a modern generation looking for practical solutions, to connect, to identify and relate. This magazine will bring out every day issues and experiences to the open, offering authentic and inspirational guidance; as well as, content to a new generation of Middle Eastern Americans. We are seeking several undergraduates and graduate students with communication/journalism experience to work as web writers, reporters, data entry for our directory and events calendar and photographers. Intern candidates will be assigned to write about Middle Eastern subject matters that cover local and worldwide issues (non-

political or religious affiliated). Interns may be involved in interviewing local entrepreneurs, professionals or inspirational people. Interns with an interest in web production may be assigned to assist in the daily updating of the online magazine. Also, candidates interested in research for the business directory and event's calendar will also assist in updating weekly. Interns will be credited for their work and will work alongside the CEO's of the company. They will also have their work and name featured in this exclusive online magazine. Ideal candidates for the writing positions are those students with deadline reporting experience and an interest in Middle Eastern culture. Candidates interested should send a cover letter and 2-3 published writing samples by April 10, 2012 to info@middleeasternlifestyle.co.



Student News *continued*

Progressive Campaign Job Opportunities – Nationwide! **Canvass Director** and **Assistant Director** Job Descriptions.

Grassroots Campaigns is a progressive organization that specializes in running face-to-face campaigns for political parties, candidates, and advocacy groups. By running campaigns on behalf of groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union, Democratic National Committee, the Nature Conservancy and Oxfam America we can focus on building up their membership and base of support. Canvass Directors and Assistant Canvass Directors manage one of our 30 grassroots fundraising field offices across the country, with bottom-line responsibility for all local operations. Minimum commitment through 2012 Election with long-term opportunities. Campaign hours can run 80-100 hours per week, including work on weekends. Annual salary for Assistant Canvass Directors begins at \$24,000. Staff may opt into our health care plan (PPO). Paid training, vacation and sick days are included; student loan assistance is available. Positions are available in cities nationwide. Currently hiring in MA, NY, PA, OH, IL, IN, NM, MO, NC, CO, CA, WA, OR, TX, FL and Washington, D.C. Please visit our website, www.grassrootscampaigns.com, for more information about current and past campaigns. E-mail mswecker@grassrootscampaigns.com for a more detailed job description.



Senior Class Legacy 2012: #iPayItForward. As graduation approaches, we realize that we just spent the best four years of our lives at USD. Now it's our turn to make a difference & to give future Toreros the same opportunity through Senior Class Legacy, a scholarship program funded by seniors to benefit the incoming freshman class. The Class of 2012 will award scholarships annually to members of the Class of 2016 based on financial needs & campus involvement. Nearly 70 percent of USD students receive financial support for their education; Senior Class legacy is our chance to help our fellow Toreros. Every gift, no matter the amount, supports USD students. In addition, your participation as an alumni donor affects USD's national ranking, increasing the value of your own degree. Show your pride for the Class of 2012 by supporting Senior Class Legacy. **Make your gift or pledge at: www.sandiego.edu/futurealumni.**

***“Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter.
Try Again. Fail again. Fail better.”***

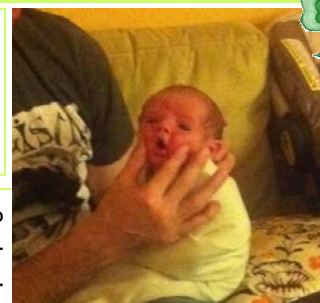
—Samuel Beckett



Faculty News



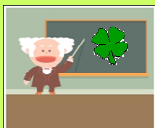
Baby News! Dr. Deniz Perin had her baby! Named **Wallace Baris Coombs**, he was born February 17, 2012 at 3:57pm. He weighed in at 6 pounds 10 ounces, and 20" long. Both baby and mom are doing well. Congratulations, Deniz! 🍼



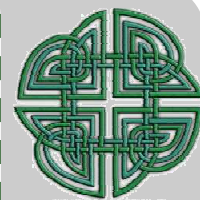
Academic Technology Services (ATS) would like to invite you to some topical **Blackboard** workshops in the coming months. We are offering BB Essentials & many shorter modules to meet your busy schedule.

There will be several comprehensive training workshops this semester in case you'd like to refresh your skills or invite your colleagues. **Blackboard classes offered on: Mar 13, 15, 22, & 28.** Check the Tutorials website for the full schedule: www.sandiego.edu/tutorials. All take place in Serra 156B. Summer courses will be activated at the end of April or beginning of May. If you'd like to begin working on those courses before then, please request a sandbox at <http://bit.ly/sandbox2012> and copy the content over when the summer course has been activated. **Note: WebCT will still be decommissioned around August 1, 2012.** If you have content you'd like to migrate to Blackboard, request a Sandbox course via the link above and follow the directions on this page to export your content from WebCT and import it into Blackboard: <http://bit.ly/migratecontent> Blackboard recently released Service Pack 8, which we are currently testing and hoping to apply to the system after the end of the semester. If you'd like to watch a 3-minute sneak preview, you can do so here: <http://tinyurl.com/7338ure>. We hope you are continuing to have a positive experience with Blackboard. As always, if you have any problems, questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact the iTeam at iteam@sandiego.edu or x7400 or drop by Maher 194.





Faculty News *continued*



USD Community Cookbook: USD employees submit your favorite family recipes to be considered for our USD Cookbook. Cookbook recipes will be divided by recipe category. Your submission can include recipes for appetizers, beverages, soups, salads, breads, main dishes & desserts. The recipe template forms are available in the HR office. Please note that there is no guarantee that all recipes submitted will be included in the cookbook. All recipes **due by March 30, 2012**. If questions, please contact Nina Sciuto x2715 or asciuto@sandiego.edu.



Fri, Mar 9, 9:00am-12:00pm, & Fri, Mar 23, 1:00-4:00pm, in Manchester Conf Ctr, Rm 208 (Boardroom): Faculty Writing Retreats. Need some time to sit down & write? Never feel you have enough time blocked off to get your scholarly writing in? The CEE has organized space to foster the writing productivity for all faculty. The aim is to assign a block of time that will help faculty incorporate writing into their schedules. A coffee-service break will be provided. These quiet writing retreats will also be held on: Apr 20, 27, May 11, & 25.

Wed, Mar 14, 4:00-5:00pm in KIPJ Rm H: Time Management: Essential Tools for Effective Faculty. "What may be done at any time will be done at no time." -Scottish Proverb. Procrastination, distraction, lack of focus, can't say no – there are hundreds of reasons why we feel overwhelmed and unproductive. If you are like most of us, you feel that your life is imbalanced, and that you have no time for both work related responsibilities and outside activities? Faculty rarely feel that they have enough time to do all of the things that we want to do and are asked to do. One of the most essential skills to help balance your life, reduce stress, and manage your time more efficiently is time management. Join us for an one hour session to discuss some tools you can use to help manage your time more effectively and move one step closer to well-being and productivity. Please RSVP here by March 12th or by calling the CEE at (619) 260-7402 or e-mailing cee@sandiego.edu.

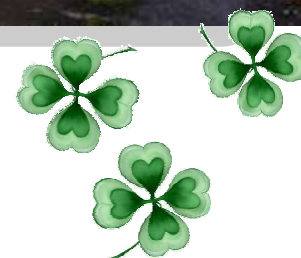
Thur, Mar 15, 12:00-1:30pm in KIPJ Rm H&I: ASHOKA Faculty Changemaker Exchange Lunch #2. Increasingly, faculty all over the world are integrating components of social/environmental changemaking into their courses. The innovations occur across all disciplines and in various ways, as students are asked to prepare and participate in classroom experiences such as projects, field visits, community service learning, experiential exercises, lectures, and film analysis. Inside and outside the classroom, students are invited to analyze and understand system transformations and the many ways in which any individual can be an active participant in creating positive change. The purpose of this faculty exchange is to learn about teaching innovations in this area: How are course dynamics implemented? In what ways are students evaluated? How is impact assessed? We invite you to join USD professors, distinguished by their course innovations in changemaking, in a discussion of their pedagogical insights and recommendations. This event is co-sponsored with USD's Changemaker Hub. Lunch will be provided to registered guests. Please register online by March 13th or call the CEE at (619) 260-7402 or email: cee@sandiego.edu.

"A poet
can
survive
everything
but
a misprint."

—Oscar
Wilde

USD employees can now sell their items through the **Employee Classifieds** page on SharePoint. You can post: Items for sale; House, condo, or apartment for rent; and roommate wanted. Do NOT post: Commercial posts (except housing); Fundraising events (i.e. gift wrap sales, cookie sales, candy sales, etc.); Job postings (please call HR for information on job postings); Personal messages (this is not a discussion board). For more information visit, <http://www.sandiego.edu/chr>. Here you will be able to find a guide on how to add an item to the Employee Classifieds. You will also be able to view the guidelines for posting an item. Please note that the department of Human Resources has the right to remove any posts. If you have any questions regarding the Employee Classifieds, please contact Adriana Garcia, x 2718 or agarcia@sandiego.edu.

Faculty and Professional Learning Communities: the CEE (Center for Educational Excellence) welcomes requests for the establishment of new learning communities for 2012-13. Current communities include: 1) Exploring Contemplative Pedagogies, and 2) Diversity as Defined by Sexuality: Investigating Curricula Options at a Catholic Institution. For more information, visit: www.sandiego.edu/cee/programs



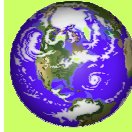


Alumni News

Alums, please update us! Forward your news and status updates (grad school? new job? travels?) for inclusion to: carlap@sandiego.edu



*"Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,
The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere
The ceremony of innocence is drowned.
The best lack all conviction, while the worst
Are full of passionate intensity."
-excerpt from "The Second Coming,"
by W.B. Yeats*



Be Blue, Go Green



SPRING CLEANING / RECYCLE YOUR ITEMS

SAVE THE DATE: Sat, May 19, 9:00am-1:00pm: USD is having its very own Garage Sale! It will be held in the West Storage Facility (the former Coca-Cola building on Linda Vista Rd.). The garage sale is open to the San Diego community to buy but only **USD employees and students will be able to sell their items.** So do your spring cleaning and save those items for the garage sale: recycle them along! More info to follow as we get closer to the date.

The E-Waste Collection Center will also be open during Garage Sale. It offers a safe, secure and socially responsible way to dispose of the e-waste that has been collecting in your homes (i.e. used batteries, old cell phones, old computers & monitors, etc). For more info & complete list of items accepted: www.sandiego.edu/ewaste/. E-Waste Collection



Center's regular hours are: Mon-Sat 11:00am-3:00pm, at 5330 Linda Vista Road, San Diego, CA 92110.



Community

RELAY FOR LIFE

Fri, Mar 30 to Sat, Mar 31, 6:00pm-6:00pm on the Valley Field: Relay for Life. The Relay for Life Walk is a 24-hour community-based event supporting **cancer** research, education and awareness. Our purpose is to celebrate those who are cancer survivors and caregivers as well as remember those we've lost. As a USD community, we are striving to fight-back against a disease that takes too much. This year, our 2012 theme is "iRELAY." Why do YOU relay? We are asking for your support by creating a team or joining an existing team, but most of all, we are asking you to help us celebrate any cancer survivors or caregivers that you may know. If you have a reason to Relay, please contact Samantha Jasa, USD Relay for Life 2012 Event Chair and Colleges Against Cancer President, at sjasa@sandiego.edu or visit our USD website at: www.relayforlife.org/usdca.

