

English Dept Newsletter

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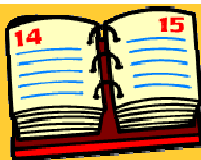
APRIL 4, 2012

IMPORTANT DATES:

- April: Nat'l Poetry Month
- April: Earth Month
- Apr 5-9: Easter Break (no classes)
- Apr 6: Good Friday — Admin Offices Closed
- Apr 8: Easter
- Apr 14: English Competency Exams
- Apr 18: Dalai Lama at USD
- April 22: Earth Day

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Announcements



Apr 18, 1:30pm, JCP— His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama to Visit USD: Cultivating Peace and Justice. His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama will explore alternatives to violence and the shared core human values that can lead the way to peace, justice and happiness. The Dalai Lama has identified inter-religious harmony as one of his three main focus areas, so he will also discuss ways in which people of all religions, and secularists as well, share values that can bring people together to contribute to peace and justice. How can people let go of their fears of "the other" to recognize their common humanity? How can faith become a bridge between people and groups, creating strong coalitions for peace and justice, rather than a dividing line that separates people? In short, how can religious values/human values become part of the solution to the conflict and violence afflicting the world today? His message of peace crosses all borders. The Dalai Lama will be introduced by Pam Omidyar. Omidyar is a philanthropist and social justice advocate and founder of Humanity United, an organization committed to building peace and advancing human freedom. She is founder of HopeLab, a nonprofit combining scientific research with innovative solutions to help young people with chronic illness; co-founder of Omidyar Network, a philanthropic investment firm; and recipient of the Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy. Her husband, Pierre, is the founder of eBay. More info: www.sandiego.edu/dalailama/.

Live Webstream: if you were unable to purchase a ticket but would like to see a live stream of the Dalai Lama's talk, please visit the USD website www.sandiego.edu at 1:30pm on April 18. Each of the three San Diego university talks on Apr 18 & 19 will be streamed live via the web. Check each university's website for details. For the complete "Compassion Without Borders" Symposium schedule and event updates, please visit www.dalailamasandiego.org.

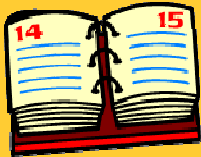
Overflow Seating for viewing the Dalai Lama's talk will be available free of charge in the following USD campus locations:

- Frank's Place, UC/SLP
- Salomon Hall, Maher Hall
- UC, Room 107
- Shiley Theater, Camino Hall

*"My religion is very simple.
My religion is kindness."*

—Dalai Lama





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Photo by Dominik Huber

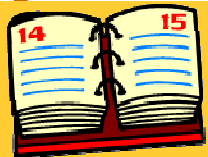
• **April 1-31, 2nd floor hallway, KIPJ, by Room 219: "The Buddhist Diaspora in India" Photo Exhibit** -- organized by Atreyee Phukan (English) and Dominik Huber (photographer), a photography exhibition from travels in Bihar and Sikkim, offering a visual portal into the life and landscape of Buddhists and Buddhism in northern and north-east India. The artist gives articulation to a diverse and candid range of pilgrims and architecture in this presentation of the full-life of a people and faith **His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama** has spent his life serving. These photographic media join with other multidisciplinary activities across the university campus as USD prepares for the visit of His Holiness on April 18.

Born in Switzerland, raised in southern Italy, a long-time resident of New York city, and now living in San Diego, Dominik Huber has spent over twenty years recording the stories of his travels through photography, combining an artist's sensitivity to the abstract and involvement with socio-cultural evolutions. His full portfolio can be viewed at www.dominikphoto.com. The exhibit will run throughout the month of April and is installed on the 2nd floor hallway of the IPJ outside room 219. Date and time for formal opening reception to be announced. This project was made possible through generous funds from the Offices of Community Service Learning and the Vice Provost. For more information contact Atreyee Phukan, ext. 7634, phukana@sandiego.edu.

- **Tibetan Film Series "The Wisdom of Tibet: Understanding the Dalai Lama".** Join us for a special Tibetan film series in celebration of His Holiness the Dalai Lama's visit to the University of San Diego. "The Wisdom of Tibet: Understanding the Dalai Lama" is a collaboration by Theology and Religious Studies, Outdoor Adventures and Residential Life. Every Thursday from February 9 - April 12, at 7 p.m. in UC129, we will present a new movie surrounding the life and teachings of the Dalai Lama. Next film: **Thur, Apr 5 "Unmistaken Child"**. Admission is FREE and all are welcome. Light snacks will be provided and an open discussion will follow the feature presentation. For list of films: www.sandiego.edu/cas/theo/events_detail.php?_focus=40762. For more information or if you have questions, call us at (619) 260-4709 or email us at explore@sandiego.edu.
- **Apr 10, 4:00pm in MRH Auditorium (SOLES): Film Screening of "Project Happiness".** Cost: free. "Project Happiness" is a 60-minute documentary produced by Randy Taran about high school students' on three continents inquiring into the nature of happiness. Their trip culminates in India where they encounter one another and have an audience with **The Dalai Lama**. For more information and a trailer please visit: <http://www.projecthappiness.org/>.
- **Apr 12, 7:15pm in Camino 119: Languages and Literatures Dept's International Film Series, from Germany "Was Tun, Wenn's Brennt?"** Join us for our spring film series through Wed, May 9, beginning with "La Febbre" from Italy and continuing throughout the semester with films from France, Hong Kong, Germany, Colombia, Japan, and Canada (in French and Arabic). For complete list of films: www.sandiego.edu/cas/languages/news_events. More Information: languages@sandiego.edu or 619-260-4070.

"It is very important to generate a good attitude, a good heart, as much as possible. From this, happiness in both the short term and the long term for both yourself and others will come."
—Dalai Lama





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**"If you can,
help others;
if you
cannot do that,
at least do not
harm them."**

—Dalai Lama

- **Mon, Apr 16, 8:00pm in the Studio Theatre: Thesis Pieces.** Join the Master of Fine Arts in Dramatic Arts second year students for an evening of *Thesis Pieces*. An original solo performance piece, the thesis is the program's capstone assignment. Scheduled as the final academic requirement, it is often the students' most creative and personal performance event. Admission is free.



- **Thurs, Apr 19, 11:00am-3:00pm in UC: Creative Collaborations.** Creative Collaborations showcases the vibrant student-faculty interactions that are a hallmark of a USD education. Please look for these English Department students:

- **Francis Hoe**, English Major, Thesis topic: Selling Mr. Darcy: An Examination of Mr. Darcy's journey from Jane Austen's Ideal male to on-screen hero and the resulting commodification of the *Pride and Prejudice* story.
- **Kym Cunningham**, Humanities Major; Thesis topic: The Making of a Devil: The Demonization of Wolves in Medieval Literature.

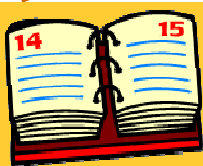
Creative Collaborations celebrates intellectual life at USD and provides all undergraduate students an opportunity to present their research, scholarship, internship experiences, and creative works in a professional conference environment. Undergraduates who have worked with a faculty mentor on a research or scholarly project, internship, or creative activity will be presenting posters and interactive exhibits highlighting their work. For more information and to view the schedule of presentations, please go to www.sandiego.edu/creative.

- **Tue, Apr 24, 12:30-1:30pm, UC, Room 107: The Things They Carried Book Discussion.** It's that time of year again when USD partners with the Black Storytellers of San Diego, Inc., in the National Endowment of the Arts Big Read. The Big Read book for 2012 is Tim O'Brien's novel, *The Things They Carried*. The Center for Inclusion and Diversity, located in the Hahn University Center, Room 225, has a limited number of copies available to Big Read participants. Everyone is invited to participate in any or all of the upcoming events. **Keynote Featuring Tim O'Brien is Tue, May 1, 7:00pm, UC, Forums A/B.** To RSVP and for more information: www.sandiego.edu/inclusion/news_events/BigRead1.php, call (619) 260-7455, or check out our Big Read USD Facebook page.



Sister Mary Hotz, David Staines, Sister Elizabeth Walsh, and Dean Mary Boyd at Dempsey Lecture on March 15, 2012

The Joanne T. Dempsey Lecture was held on Thur, Mar 15, 2012, in Warren Auditorium in SOLES. **David Staines, PhD**, spoke on "Border Crossings: Margaret Atwood's American-Canadian Vision." Staines is a writer, critic, and editor. He is professor at University of Ottawa, Canada. He was named to the Order of Ontario, the Canadian province's highest official honor. The Dempsey Lecture, created in memory of the late USD English Professor Joanne Dempsey, is a biannual lecture series that brings Renaissance scholars to the USD community. www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/affiliations/dempsey.php



Announcements

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POEM OF WEEK

Did you know that the English Dept posts a new Poem each week? Look for it on the bulletin board in the FH 171 vestibule.

Extra copies posted —
feel free to take one with you!

April is National Poetry Month!



- **Apr 26-29, Studio Theatre, Sacred**

Heart Hall: Undergrad Theatre Arts Performance of "Gone Missing" directed by Colleen Kollar Smith. *Gone Missing* is the inspired creation of the investigative theatre ensemble, The Civilians, through real-life interview with various New Yorkers ventures into the psychic landscape these urban-dwellers inhabit to explore the fractured & funny world of all things missing. Characters search for everything from lost keys, cell phones, shoes, doges to loved ones in this quirky, sublimely funny, & ultimately poignant contemporary musical documentary. Tickets at UC Box Office two weeks prior. More info: 619-260-7934 or email: theatrearts@sandiego.edu. www.sandiego.edu/cas/theatrearts



"All major religious traditions carry basically the same message, that is love, compassion and forgiveness the important thing is they should be part of our daily lives."

—Dalai Lama



Students

Beginning Mon, Apr 2: Registration for Fall 2012 Semester. Have you figured out yet which **English courses** to take?? Modern Great American Novel, Literature of Travel, Writing After Emancipation, South African Literature, Development of English Language, Romanticism, Nonfiction Writing, Literature of the 1960s, and Narrative Theory, to name a few. Check out our listing with **Course Descriptions** at: www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/program/courses. Want to learn more about the professors listed for our courses? Read their biographies on our faculty page: www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/faculty.

Tue, Apr 10, 12:30-1:30pm in Copley Library Seminar Room: Copley Library Student Workshops: MLA Style Workshop. Come learn about the Modern Languages Association (MLA) citation style according to the 7th edition of the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*. Presenter: **Hugh Burkhart**, Reference Librarian. To register & see other workshops offered: www.sandiego.edu/library/workshops.php.

Fri, Apr 20 deadline for Financial Aid: Semester at Sea's Fall 2012 Voyage.

The Fall 2012 voyage offers an exciting, brand-new, Atlantic-based itinerary where participants will experience two transatlantic crossings, Nova Scotia to Ireland and South Africa to Argentina, and will explore 14 countries in just one semester (August 23 to December 7, 2012: 105 days). Students will earn 9-12 transferable credits and all participants will gain comparative insight into the extraordinary countries and cultures throughout the northern and southern Atlantic Ocean. More info: <http://www.semesteratsea.org/voyages/upcoming-voyages/fall-2012.php>. *





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**"Love and
compassion
are necessities,
not luxuries.
Without them
humanity cannot
survive."**

—Dalai Lama

Call for Submissions: The Shangri-La Shack Literary Arts Journal is a new literary arts magazine based out of San Diego and publishes writers and artists from around the world. Our first edition came out in November 2011, and we are currently accepting submissions of poetry, short fiction, photography and various forms of visual art for the Spring 2012 edition. We'd love to provide a stage for aspiring writers and artists to have their voices heard. Students encouraged to submit their writings. Website is at: <http://theshangrilashack.com>. The submission deadline is April 17, 2012 via email to info@theshangrilashack.com. *

Are you interested in **global studies** and **creative writing**? The **Voice of Witness** (www.voiceofwitness.com), has a couple openings for bilingual, Spanish-English, **assistant editors** and **translators** for the book Corinne Gloria (Editor, Voice of Witness), is working on with Voice of Witness. Information about the book is here <http://voiceofwitness.com/labor>. These are short-term projects with a quick turn-around, and are a nice opportunity for someone looking for exposure to oral history and storytelling structure, the human rights framework, and editing experience with an established publisher (McSweeney's). Please contact Corinne Gloria at: corinne.gloria@voiceofwitness.com. *

Long-term & Summer Campaign Director Position with Fair Share Alliance. Fair Share Alliance is a citizen-based non-profit advocacy organization that works to provide every American with a fair shot at a good job, a secure future and a strong voice in our democracy. We're facing a huge jobs crisis in this country. While too many Americans are struggling to find work, big corporations like Exxon Mobil are receiving billions in government subsidies. The good news is that we can create jobs rebuilding America's roads and bridges, and expanding clean energy. Big companies like Exxon will spend millions lobbying to stop us, but with elections coming up, grassroots support can make the difference. We are **NOW HIRING** for offices around the country. We're looking for people who work hard, communicate well, and are committed to positive social change. As a Campaign Director, you'll be part of building a Fair Share Alliance organization in your community and raising the profile of our issues to make a real impact in the lives of your friends, family and neighbors. To learn more details on particular responsibilities we encourage you to fill out our interest form at: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dHJuMnpqdno1bE5IVzNDUGhib09jYmc6MQ>, so we can reach out to you directly with more information. Fair Share Alliance is also opening offices in 20 states across the country--it is also possible to apply and interview in California for a position in a different state office. Please use the links above or email mzander@fairsharealliance.org with questions or to get started in the process! *



* DISCLAIMER: Paid and unpaid internship opportunities are posted for informational purposes only. The postings do not constitute an endorsement by the University of the opinions or activities of the internship provider.

THE WRITING CENTER

619-260-4581

www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/writing_center/

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help you!





Faculty News



NEW FACULTY! The English Department welcomes new full-time faculty member **Maura Giles-Watson, PhD**. Maura received her PhD in English (Medieval and Renaissance Literature and Drama) this year from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with her dissertation "Performing Arguments: Debate in Early English Poetry and Drama." She has also earned master's degrees in English (University of Massachusetts-Boston) and Education (National University), and a bachelor's degree in Classical Studies (Harvard). Maura has taught writing, literature, and drama courses at the U of Nebraska, Nebraska Wesleyan U, and the U of Massachusetts-Boston. Maura commences teaching at USD this Fall Semester 2012 and will be teaching ENGL 280 Intro to Shakespeare, and ENGL 300 British Literature to 1800. Welcome, Maura, to USD! The next issue of the newsletter will have a more in-dept bio of Maura—please check back!

Stefan Vander Elst, PhD, English Dept faculty, and **Sr. Betsy Walsh**, Professor Emerita, English Dept, attended the Medieval Association of the Pacific annual conference which took place at Santa Clara University on March 30-31, 2012. Sr. Walsh presented a paper on "Transformation and Transcendence: A Study of Dante Alighieri." The meeting also celebrated the founding of the Poor Clares by St. Clare which occurred 800 years ago this year.

Timothy Randell, PhD, English Dept adjunct faculty, will present a paper at the annual conference of the American Literature Association (ALA) on a panel organized by the F. Scott Fitzgerald Society. Tim's paper is called "The Social Body and the Ideology of Modernism in F. Scott Fitzgerald's 'Winter Dreams.'" The ALA conference will be held in San Francisco from May 24-27, 2012.

Jeanie Grant Moore, PhD, English Dept adjunct faculty, will be attending the Shakespeare Association of America's conference in Boston, April 4-7, 2012. Jeanie will be participating in the seminar entitled, "Shakespeare and the Plastic Arts."

"Be kind whenever possible.

It is always possible."

—Dalai Lama



Subscribe to the CEE Blog! The CEE (Center for Educational Excellence) Blog has a listing of all our events and continually updated news & resource links. Keep up to date with the events. Take a look at interesting articles that relate to teaching and technology in the classroom. To subscribe, visit: <http://sites.sandiego.edu/cee>, scroll down & click on "Subscribe" and you will receive emails when the blog is updated.

Wed, Apr 11, 12:00-1:00pm in UC 128: Employee Bingo. Note: different location for April's session. Enjoy something fun at lunch. Win prizes! All USD employees welcome.

Wed, Apr 11, 12:00-12:50pm in Copley Library Seminar Room: Copley Library Faculty Workshop: ILLiad & RapidILL—New Interlibrary Loan Services for USD Faculty. A boxed lunch will be served. Beginning January 2012, Copley Library began offering a new interlibrary loan service called RapidILL. This new service is specifically designed for faculty research. The RapidILL system is a fast, user-friendly interlibrary loan program that reduces a faculty member's wait time for an article from two weeks to 24-hours. RapidILL helps you get the journal articles that Copley Library does not own that you need for your research and teaching. Come learn how to use RapidILL and ILLiad, how to make your requests, where to start, and what information you need to proceed. Presenter: **Li Fu**, Head of Access & Outreach Svcs, and **Alex Moran**, Interlibrary Loan & Document Delivery Assistant. To register: www.sandiego.edu/library/workshops.php. If questions, contact Christine Lacy at x2370 or christinelacy@sandiego.edu.

Fri, Apr 13, 12:00-1:00pm in Missions Fitness Center (MFC): Employee Free Yoga. NEW LOCATION! Come enjoy a free class of yoga during your lunch break. All USD employees welcome.





Faculty News continued

Fri, Apr 13, 4:30-6:30pm in Degheri 120 & Patio: Adjunct Faculty Reception: Introduction to Academic Support Centers. This event is for USD part-time & adjunct faculty. Please join us to network with colleagues & enjoy good food & dialogue! Heavy appetizers will be served. Presentations by: Center for Student Success; Office of Undergraduate Research; CAS & SBA Undergraduate Advising; Math Center; & Writing Center. RSVP online at: www.sandiego.edu/cee or contact 619-260-7402 or cee@sandiego.edu.

Tue, Apr 17, 11:30am-12:30pm in O'Tooles: Dine and Discover Event: Entrees. We are featuring entrees for free! Sponsored by Dining Services, from January through April, we will be featuring appetizers, salads, entrees & desserts monthly. All of the menu items will be included in the new USD Community Cookbook that will be coming out soon.

Tue, Apr 17, 12:00-12:50pm in Library Seminar Rm: Copley Library Faculty Workshop: Finding Information on Journal Rankings & other Evaluative Criteria. A boxed lunch will be served. This workshop is designed for faculty interested in learning about online tools that can be used to assist them in assessing the citation frequency and selectivity of journals in the natural and social sciences. Databases covered will include *Journal Citation Reports (JCR)*, *eigenFACTOR*, and *Cabell's Directories*. Presenter: **Michael Epstein**, Head of Reference. To register: www.sandiego.edu/library/workshops.php. If questions: Christine Lacy x2370 or christinelacy@sandiego.edu.

Tue, Apr 17, 4:00-5:00pm in KIPJ-H: Relaxation Techniques. Feeling frenzied and overloaded? Feel like you are always on the go and have no time to sit back and smell the roses? Come take some time out with us and learn some common relaxation techniques you can use every day to help bring some balance to your life. Please RSVP here or by calling the CEE at (619) 260-7402 or e-mailing cee@sandiego.edu. For on-line registration: www.sandiego.edu/cee/events/registration.php.

Fri, Apr 20, 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 27, May 11, & 25.



Sat, May 19: Garage Sale at USD. Reserve a table now! Email Adriana Garcia at agarcia@sandiego.edu. Sellers open to USD community; Buyers: USD and general public. Any items not sold will be donated to charity by USD (so you don't have to haul any un-sold items back home!).

SAVE THE DATE: Wed, May 30, 1:00-4:00pm: Annual Employee Picnic. All USD employees and their families welcome. Look for future announcements with details.



*"If you
want others
to be happy,
practice
compassion.
If you want
to be happy,
practice
compassion."
—Dalai Lama*

*"May the fearful become fearless;
May those oppressed by grief find joy;
May those who are anxious
Be rid of their anxiety and feel secure.*

*May health come to the sick;
May they be free from every bondage;
May those who are weak find strength,
Their minds tender towards each other.*

*As long as space remains,
As long as sentient beings remain,
Until then, may I too remain
And help dispel the miseries of the world."*

*—Shantideva, from Bodhicaryavatara,
Chapter X (excerpt from "Toward a True Kin-
ship of Faiths" by The Dalai Lama)*





Alumni News

Alumni, what is new with you? Feel free to email any updates to: carlap@sandiego.edu. Photos welcome! We would love to hear from you.



Be Blue, Go Green



EARTH MONTH

FREE BIKE TUNE-UPS

Fri, Apr 13, and 27, 9:00am-12:00pm: Free Bike Tune-Ups.

Outdoor Adventures and the Office of Sustainability are pleased to bring back free bike tune-ups. Our professional, Stu, will be on campus outside Outdoor Adventures ready to tune-up your bike.

To make your appointment stop by UC room 136 or call us at 619-260-4709. www.sandiego.edu/oa/about/special_events.

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

Thur, Apr 12, 12:00-1:00pm: Take a Different Way: Transportation Lunch Panel.

As the weather warms up have you considered biking, walking, bussing or taking the Trolley/Coaster to USD? Join us for a lunch presentation given by like-minded colleagues who have made it work. Presented by Outdoor Adventures, Parking Services, Human Resources and the USD Sustainability Department. Lunch will be provided. RSVP is required to usdtraining@sandiego.edu.

WILD WILLOW FARM

Sat, Apr 14, 1:00-4:00pm: Wild Willow Farm. This special event is an opportunity to learn from Wild Willow Manager Misha and Farm Interns. These experts will teach you everything you need to know to participate in gardening and farming. Register at www.sandiego.edu/oa/registration/. Transportation will be provided.

FOUNDERS MASS

Sun, Apr 15, 7:00pm & 9:00pm, Founders Chapel: Founders Mass will include a special focus on sustainability as well as fair trade and stewardship for the environment. Fair trade refreshments will be available after both masses. All are welcome.

DALAI LAMA EVENT: ZERO WASTE

Wed, Apr 18, Dalai Lama Speaks at USD: Don't just drive to campus today, take a different way. Due to expected high traffic for this sold out event, if you carpool with at least 3 people you will get primary parking. Or ride your bike and valet it! AS is sponsoring Tram Service to/from Mission Beach all day. Also, while attending the Dalai Lama event, be sure to recycle all materials and put waste in the bins appropriate for composting to help us make it a zero waste event.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Thur, Apr 19, 12:00-2:00pm, SLP Plaza Mayor: Strawberry Festival. Join Dining Services for the annual Strawberry Festival. Enjoy free food and beverage samples, culinary demos, live DJ, Jell-O eating contests, and free, fresh California strawberries!

FARMER'S MARKET WITH A CHEF

Thur, Apr 19, 2:00pm: Linda Vista Farmers Market. Experience our local farmer's market on Linda Vista Rd. Meet local farmers and shop with a chef who will prepare a meal from the foods purchased. Get tips about what foods are in season and how to prepare various dishes. Meet at Outdoor Adventures, UC 126 at 2:00pm to head to the farmer's market together. www.sandiego.edu/oa

"It is my fundamental conviction that compassion — the natural capacity of the human heart to feel concern for and connection with another being — constitutes a basic aspect of our nature shared by all human beings, as well as being the foundation of our happiness."

—Dalai Lama

