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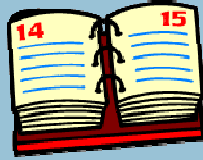
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## IMPORTANT DATES:

- May 10: Poetry Reading
- May 11: Creative Writing Student Reading
- May 13: Mother's Day
- May 14: Last Day of Classes
- May 18: Bike to Work/School Day
- May 25: NROTC Commissioning Ceremony
- May 27: CAS Graduation



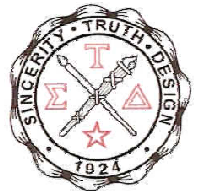
## Announcements

**JUST ADDED! Thur, May 10, 12:15-1:45pm: MEMORIAL READING OF ADRIENNE RICH'S POETRY.** In French Parlor, Founders Hall. There will be planned readings by faculty and students, plus an Open Mic for anyone who wants to read a Rich poem on the spot! Lunch refreshments served - there is such a thing as a free lunch! Free and open to the public. Contact: Fred Robinson at [FredR@sandiego.edu](mailto:FredR@sandiego.edu) or x2933.



**NEW EVENT! Fri, May 11, 7:00pm: Creative Writing Student Reading!** In MRH 102 (SOLES). Students will read their own original pieces from Spring Semester Creative Writing Classes. **Dessert Reception** to follow. Free and open to the public. All are welcome. Contact: Halina Duraj at [hduraj@sandiego.edu](mailto:hduraj@sandiego.edu) or x7429.

**Fri, May 4, 3:30pm in the French Parlor, Founders Hall: Sigma Tau Delta Induction Ceremony.** Sigma Tau Delta, the English honor society, is having its annual induction ceremony. We will be welcoming all the new members that joined this year, and honoring graduating seniors with their stoles. We would love it if English majors and faculty members joined us for this special event. A reception will follow right outside the French Parlor. For more info: Lubna Nona at [lubna\\_nona@yahoo.com](mailto:lubna_nona@yahoo.com) or 619-517-7024.



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- **Fri, May 4, 12:00-2:00pm in UC 107: "United States Spring: How the Self-Emancipation of Slaves Resonated," a Special Lecture by David R. Roediger.** Roediger teaches History & African American Studies at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Presented by The Departments of History, Ethnic Studies, Sociology, Center for Inclusion & Diversity, Phi Alpha Theta, and the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences.
- **Thurs, May 8, 5:00-7:00pm in UC Forums A/B: Women's & Gender Studies and Women's Center Banquet.** Join faculty, administrators, staff, and students to celebrate those graduating with Women's and Gender Studies minors. We will also celebrate the recipient of the Linda A.M. Perry award for Outstanding Achievement and honor students in the Women's Center. Come applaud the accomplishments of our soon to be alumni! RSVP to [www.sandiego.edu/cee](http://www.sandiego.edu/cee).

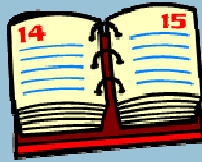


***"All water has a perfect memory and is forever trying to get back to where it was."***

**—Toni Morrison**

- **Fri, May 18: Bike to Work/School Day:** See info on page 7.





## Announcements continued

- Congrats to all the English students who participated in **Creative Collaborations!** **Kimberly Cunningham, Francis Hoe, Taylor DeVries** (thru Communications Dept), and **Carlos Duarte** (thru PoliSci Dept)!
- **Cropper Series on iTunes U:** Did you miss the Feb 24, 2012 Cropper Series Reading with **Ilya Kaminsky** and **Jodi Angel**? It is now up on iTunes U: [www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/cropper/series.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/cropper/series.php). Click on "Watch on iTunes U." Watch for free!
- **Accelerated Summer Academic Program (ASAP)** for 9th-11th Grade High School Students. Attention Parents, Teachers, Staff, & Students — do you know an academically strong high school student? Summer 2012 opportunity designed to improve their college readiness. June 18-27, 2012. Attend to accelerate academic achievement; advance to higher level of high school coursework; & improve college application profile & readiness for success. A select number of Honors and AP courses are offered. Offered by USD's School of Leadership & Education Sciences (SOLES). Visit: [www.sandiego.edu/asap](http://www.sandiego.edu/asap) or email: [asap@sandiego.edu](mailto:asap@sandiego.edu). Deadline was March 30th, late applications received will be reviewed on a space available basis.
- **Wed, May 2, 8:00am: Semester At Sea ship MV Explorer** arrives in San Diego! This is the conclusion of the Spring 2012 round-the-world semester voyage. Students & faculty will be disembarking. Blog: <http://blog.isevoyages.org/category/current-voyage>.
- **Sun, May 27, 9:00am at JCP: College of Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Commencement.** More info: [www.sandiego.edu/commencement](http://www.sandiego.edu/commencement)

"The sea,  
once it  
casts its spell,  
holds one  
in its net  
of wonder  
forever."

—Jacques Yves  
Cousteau



## Student News



Congratulations to our English Department 2011-2012 **Honors Convocation Recipients!** The **Scholastic Achievement Awards** were presented to seniors **Kimberly Cunningham, Amanda Daly, and Crystal Walters**. The **Literary Achievement Awards** were presented to **Kyle De-nuccio, Lisa Grove, Molly Maslak, and Christopher Sheehan**. For the **Writing Center**, the award for distinguished and dedicated service was presented to **Janet Easler and Joseph Holland**. For the **Southeast San Diego Tutoring Program**, the award for distinguished service was presented to **Alexa Capone and Courtney Causgrove**. Congratulations to all our honorees!

**Fall 2012 Registration:** Have you figured out yet which **English courses** to take?? Writing After Emancipation, Interracial Literature, Modern Poetry,



English Words, Literature of the Civil War, U.S. Literature to 1900, Victorian Studies, U.S. Women of Color, Modern European Literature, Intro to Creative Writing, Literature of the 1960s, Writing Autobiography, U.S. Ethnic Lit, Intermediate Poetry Writing, and Literature of The Crusades, to name a few. Check out our complete course listing with **Course Descriptions** at: [www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/program/courses](http://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](http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/faculty).

**Seniors: What are your post-grad plans?** Summer internship? Graduate school? Travels? Wedding? Summer workshop? Volunteer Work? New job? Moving to new city? Let us know your plans and we'll include in the newsletter! Photos welcome. Send to: [carlap@sandiego.edu](mailto:carlap@sandiego.edu).



# Student News continued

## Need a couple extra credits? Consider registering for the [Southeast San Diego Tutoring Program](#).

This is a ten-week course/internship during which you will tutor children in a local elementary or middle school in basic reading, writing, and math (depending on your assigned teacher/class). Tutors may commit to 3, 6, or 9 hours of tutoring per week (for 1, 2, or 3 academic credits per semester, respectively), and the course may be taken more than once (as often as tutors wish) to accommodate academic needs and time schedules. **The course counts as academic credit in an English elective.** Lower Division students register for English 298, and Upper Division students register for English 498. For more info, or to register for this course, contact: [trandell@sandiego.edu](mailto:trandell@sandiego.edu).



**SBI:** USD's School of Business Administration has created the **Summer Business Institute** for Liberal Arts, Humanities and Science majors and recent graduates who realize they may find themselves in business environments as they launch their careers. This 4-week intensive program prepares students for the future business environments they will encounter with an integrated business education in the fundamentals of finance, accounting, marketing, management and more. Students will learn from our award winning faculty and receive special presentations from San Diego's business leaders. The program also includes excursions to area businesses to see management, marketing, finance and operations in action. **Dates: [May 29, 2012 to June 22, 2012](#).** You will:

- Enhance your marketability for employment opportunities.
- Gain insights from business professionals through a speaker series and site visits.
- Develop skills for career goal-setting, resume writing, grad school preparation, and interpersonal relationships.
- Earn a certificate and extension credit for successful completion of the program.

Apply today at [www.sandiego.edu/sbi](http://www.sandiego.edu/sbi). **Space is limited.** \*

**Match Corps: Merrimack Valley** is a full-time, 10.5-month urban education math tutoring fellowship in two high schools in the Merrimack Valley. We are hiring 50 smart, idealistic, relentless people to work during the 2012-2013 school year. Each Fellow works during the school day with two students at a time for five periods a day, and will have a personal caseload of 12 students all year long. Fellows not only will drive student achievement by providing individualized instruction, but will also build personal and meaningful relationships with urban students and their families during this pioneer year of service. More info: [www.matcheducation.org/join-us/match-corps-merrimack-valley](http://www.matcheducation.org/join-us/match-corps-merrimack-valley). Benefits: Fellows will receive a modest living stipend (\$1428 per month, for 10½ months); full health benefits; a transportation reimbursement of \$60/month; free registration for the Massachusetts Educator Licensure Tests in High School Math and Communication (\$250); and the lifelong appreciation of the 12 students they serve and their families. Fellows who have a verified Spanish oral proficiency will receive a \$1000 bonus. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until [June 25, 2012](#). \*

Interested in having an internship next semester? The **Trans-Border Institute (TBI)** is now accepting **internship applications for Fall 2012**. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about the issues affecting the border region and about the organizations and agencies that play a role in shaping border policy outcomes while earning 3 units of academic credit. TBI works closely with local and international government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other academic institutions that may be relevant to the future career interests of students. For more information about this internship opportunity and to apply visit [www.sandiego.edu/peacestudies/tbi/grants/internships/](http://www.sandiego.edu/peacestudies/tbi/grants/internships/) or call (619) 260-4148. **Applications are due May 11, 2012** to [transborder@sandiego.edu](mailto:transborder@sandiego.edu) or in the IPJ Suite 238. To learn more about the Trans-border Institute visit our website: [www.sandiego.edu/tbi](http://www.sandiego.edu/tbi). \*

***“Everywhere water is  
a thing of beauty,  
gleaming in  
the dewdrops;  
singing in the  
summer rain;  
shining in the ice-gems  
till the leaves  
all seem to turn  
to living jewels;  
spreading a golden veil  
over the setting sun;  
or a white gauze  
around the  
midnight moon.”***

**—John Ballantine  
Gough,  
A Glass of Water**





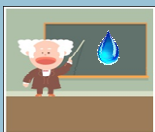
## Student News continued



**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](http://www.sandiego.edu/futurealumni).** \*

\* 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.



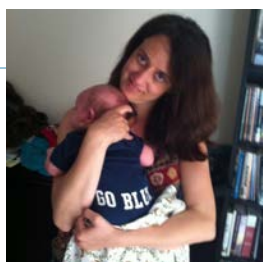
## Faculty News

**Bart Thurber, PhD**, English Dept faculty, was named by the Princeton Review to the Top 300 Professors! See full article at: [www.sandiego.edu/cas/english](http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english) under "News." Congratulations, Dr. Thurber!

*"In time and with water,  
everything changes."*

*—Leonardo da Vinci*

**Thur, May 3, 4:00-6:00pm in DAC 120: Wine & Cheese-Time for Reflection for New & Junior Faculty.** Come enjoy food & drink as you reflect back on this academic year & think about plans for the future. In order to examine faculty experiences, & improve support mechanisms, a series of reflection questions will be presented. Facilitators advocate an open & honest discussion about new faculty impressions of their time at USD. Register at 619-260-7402 or email: [cee@sandiego.edu](mailto:cee@sandiego.edu).



**Deniz Perin, PhD**, English Dept, and baby Wallace. They wish everyone a "hello." Little Wally is "proud to be a Torero!" Deniz will be back in the Fall 2012, and will be teaching ENGL 121.06 Composition & Literature, and ENGL 375.02 Introduction to Creative Writing.



**Fri, May 4, 12:00-1:00pm at Missions Fitness Center: Free Yoga for Employees!** CHR@USD in collaboration with Campus Recreation invites you to attend a Healthy Solutions Program offering yoga. Note new location! If you want to borrow a yoga mat, please check one out with your USD ID at the Mission Fitness Center hospitality desk on the 2nd fl.





## Faculty News continued

**NEW FACULTY! The English Department welcomes new full-time faculty member Maura Giles-Watson, PhD.** Maura received her PhD in English (Medieval & Renaissance Literature and Drama) this year from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with her dissertation "Performing Arguments: Debate in Early English Poetry & Drama." She has also earned master's degrees in English (University of Massachusetts-Boston) & Education (National University), and a bachelor's degree in Classical Studies (Harvard). Maura has taught writing, literature, & drama courses at the U of Nebraska, Nebraska Wesleyan U, & the U of Massachusetts-Boston. She has taught English & Latin at the secondary level, as well. Maura's teaching encompasses historical, rhetorical, feminist, and performance studies approaches that actively engage students in critiques of cruelty and injustice. She also has a background in arts administration and music and she is interested in interdisciplinary connections among all the creative and performing arts. She has published articles on the relationship between visual and dramatic representations of Odysseus (*Harvard Studies in Classical Philology* 103, 2007), on medieval and Renaissance stage music (*Early Theatre* 12.2, 2009), and on 'geosomatic' representations of women's bodies in Renaissance drama (*Selected Papers from the Mapping the Premodern Conference*, Newberry Library, 2008). Her current projects include articles on stage music within the drama of the Thomas More Circle; on the lovers' letters in Chaucer's and Shakespeare's versions of the Troilus story; and on the exclusion of women actors from the London professional stages in the later 16<sup>th</sup> century. She is also working on a second book—a study of the musical and dramatic activities of John Heywood, a neglected Tudor playwright who was a recusant Catholic, Thomas More's nephew, and the grandfather of the poet John Donne.



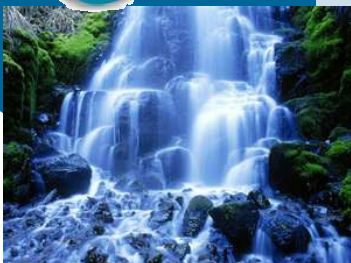
Although Maura comes from Boston, she has close family ties to San Diego, where her mother grew up. Her maternal great-grandparents first came to San Diego in the 1910s, and a photo from that time shows the family picnicking on the slopes of Mission Valley, which was then a completely undeveloped rural area. Maura and her spouse, John Watson, were married in San Diego in 2003. John has a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from UCSD and is an International Master chess player. John is also a noted chess theorist and teacher, and the author of more than 30 chess books that have been translated into a number of other languages, most recently (to his great delight) Turkish. John is a frequent contributor to chess journals and has a radio program on the Internet Chess Club; he also writes the book reviews for the London Chess Centre's *The Week in Chess*. Both John and Maura are thrilled to be returning permanently to San Diego.

Maura will arrive in San Diego this summer and commences teaching at USD this Fall Semester 2012 and will be teaching **ENGL 280.02 Intro to Shakespeare**, and **ENGL 300.02 British Literature to 1800**. She welcomes students to reach her with questions at: (402) 617-3760 or [mauragiles@post.harvard.edu](mailto:mauragiles@post.harvard.edu). **Welcome, Maura, to USD!**



"A lake is  
the landscape's  
most beautiful and  
expressive feature.  
It is earth's eye;  
looking into which  
the beholder measures  
the depth of his  
own nature."

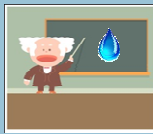
—Henry David  
Thoreau, *Walden*,  
"The Ponds"  
(1854)



**Sat, May 12, first pitch at 1:00pm, at USD Cunningham Field: USD Toreros Baseball vs. Loyola Marymount.** Each employee is eligible to receive 4 concession vouchers good for one meal at concession stand. Concession vouchers must be picked up *prior* to game in HR, MH 101. Faculty/Staff receive free admission to all USD athletic events & are eligible for up to four tickets per event; pick up game tickets at Jenny Craig Pavilion Ticket Office. This will be one of the last home games played at Cunningham Field before the big baseball field renovation begins this summer!







## Faculty News continued



**Mon, May 7, 3:00-5:00pm in Manchester Auditorium: Professional Learning Community Contemplative Pedagogies Panel Presentation.** Contemplative Studies at USD is a relatively new area with a growing number of courses being offered. Last year, a group of faculty supported by the CEE, developed a professional learning community with the goal of examining the role that contemplative practices have in higher education & specifically at USD. Contemplative practices have the potential to bring different aspects of one's self into focus, to help develop personal goodness & compassion, & to awaken an awareness of the interconnectedness of all life. [www.sandiego.edu/cee/events/registration](http://www.sandiego.edu/cee/events/registration)

**Fri, May 11, 3:00-5:00pm in Salomon Hall: College of Arts & Sciences (CAS) End-of-the-Year Celebration.** All faculty welcome. Please join us as we celebrate our accomplishments this past year in the CAS. We will be honoring faculty who have reached milestones in their academic careers here at USD and also those who will be retiring at the end of the year. Light refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Language Improvement Opportunity.** Have you thought about learning or improving your French, Spanish, Chinese, Italian, or other language of interest? USD's International Center is now supporting the **Rosetta Stone** language learning program for all full-time faculty, staff, & administrators with a desire to expand their global competence. We have arranged a special agreement with Rosetta Stone where each subscriber is able to access every language & level available in the program for a significantly discounted price of \$40 for a 3 month membership or \$75 for 6 months. Rosetta Stone is accessible from any computer with internet access that has a microphone and speakers. Upon registering, you will be given your own account access. **Space is limited.** More info at: [www.sandiego.edu/international/faculty/development.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/international/faculty/development.php). If you have additional questions or concerns please contact Kelli Bagley at (619) 260-6801 or [kbagley@sandiego.edu](mailto:kbagley@sandiego.edu). Happy Learning!

**Wed, May 16, 4:00-5:30pm, in KIPJ Room G & Patio: CEE Reception.** The Center for Educational Excellence cordially invites you to a reception honoring CEE presenters, administrators, faculty & staff in recognition of their support & involvement during the 2011-2012 year. Travel grant recipients will be recognized & this year's top CEE participants will be awarded certificates. RSVP to [www.sandiego.edu/cee](http://www.sandiego.edu/cee), call x7402, or email [cee@sandiego.edu](mailto:cee@sandiego.edu). The CEE supports the university in all phases of pedagogical development. The center is committed to assisting in promoting the institution's core values of academic excellence, knowledge, community, ethical conduct & compassionate service.



**Thur, May 17, 4:30-7:00pm in O'Tooles, UC: English Dept End-of-the-Year Party!** All English faculty invited. Join us in O'Tooles for a year-end celebration, with beer/wine and appetizers. We'll see you there!

**Sat, May 19, 9:00am-1:00pm, at West Storage Facility<sup>†</sup>: USD Garage Sale.** Reserve a table now! USD is having its very own garage sale! The garage sale is open to the San Diego community (general public) to buy, but only USD employees and students will be able to sell their items. Cash only! Employees and students are responsible for pricing their own items. All items that are left behind will be reused and/or donated. USD itself will be selling off some furniture. If you would like to sell your items at the garage sale you must register for a table. Contact Adriana Garcia at x2718 or [agarcia@sandiego.edu](mailto:agarcia@sandiego.edu). <sup>†</sup>West Storage Facility: 5330 Linda Vista Rd. (former Coca-Cola facility).



**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.

*"All the waters  
run to the sea  
and yet the sea  
is not full,  
and from the place  
where they began,  
thither they return  
again."  
—Ecclesiastes*

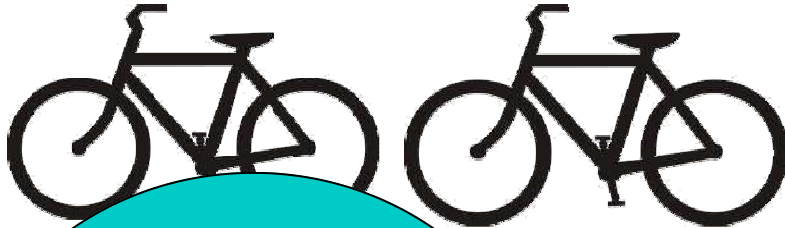




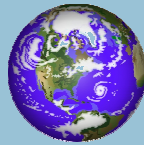
# Alumni News

**Justin Matti, 2011**, English minor from USD invites interested writers to view and contribute to his blog: [wallofwords.honestlyhealthy.net](http://wallofwords.honestlyhealthy.net).

**Alums: What are your summer or fall plans?** Graduate school? Travels? Weddings? Let us know what is new with you and we'll include in the newsletter! Photos welcome. Send to: [carlap@sandiego.edu](mailto:carlap@sandiego.edu).



*When you hear the splash  
Of the water drops that fall  
Into the stone bowl  
You will feel that all the dust  
Of your mind is washed away.  
—Sen-No-Rikyu*



## Be Blue, Go Green



### Bike to Work/School Day! Friday, May 18th

Bike to Work Day is a nationally recognized event celebrated annually on the third Friday in May. And because May is National Bike Month, San Diegans will have opportunities to participate in cycling activities all month long! Bike to Work 2012 supports bicycling as a viable, environmentally friendly, cost-saving commute choice. [www.icommutesd.com/Events/BikeToWorkDay.aspx](http://www.icommutesd.com/Events/BikeToWorkDay.aspx)

Register at: [www.icommutesd.com/Bike/btwdregistration.aspx](http://www.icommutesd.com/Bike/btwdregistration.aspx). Those who register for Bike to Work Day will be automatically entered to win one of many great prizes, including the grand prize — a new bicycle! In addition, every time you bike to work in May, and log your trip in TripTracker at [511sd.com/iCommute](http://511sd.com/iCommute), you will be entered for chances to win additional prizes. Register for Bike to Work Day to be automatically eligible for these weekly prize drawings in May. Weekly prizes include San Diego Zoo and Safari Park passes, spa gift certificates, free Car2Go memberships, and much more.

Stop by the **USD Pit Stop** (at Main Entrance) for free refreshments! Pit stops offer fun breachers for new and experienced cyclists on Bike to Work Day. Pit stops are places where riders can rest and pick up **FREE** t-shirts, water, snacks, and encouragement. Check out the online map of other pit stop locations to find one near you! [www.icommutesd.com/Events/BikeToWorkDay.aspx](http://www.icommutesd.com/Events/BikeToWorkDay.aspx) (go to Pit Stops, then online map).



# Community



**Tune-Up Time.** Grab your bike and rally to ride! Head over to Balboa Park on Saturday, May 12 from 9:00am-2:00pm for **Tune-Up Time**. This year, Tune-Up Time is at 6th Avenue in between Laurel Street and Juniper Road. At this family-friendly event, you can get a **free bike maintenance check**, courtesy of Anywhere Bicycle Repair, freebies from our sponsors, and motivation to get you rolling on Bike to Work Day! There will also be bicycle safety and education courses in both English and Spanish and bike rodeos for the kids! [www.icommutesd.com/Events/BikeToWorkDay.aspx](http://www.icommutesd.com/Events/BikeToWorkDay.aspx).

## The Writing Center

**Last Day Open: Mon, May 14**  
(Note: NOT Open During Finals!)

Call or stop by today  
619-260-4581  
Founders 190B