



English Dept Newsletter

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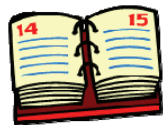
IMPORTANT DATES:

- Aug 27-30: Torero Days Orientation
- Aug 31: Fall Classes Begin
- Sep 1: Student Employment Ctr Job Fair
- Sep 2: Fall Convocation of Faculty & Administration
- Sep 5: Labor Day Holiday
- Sep 14: Writing Center Opens
- Sep 19: Application Deadline: Creative Writing Fall Workshop

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Summer Ends & Fall Begins



Announcements



- **Sat, Aug 27-Tue, Aug 30: Torero Days Orientation.**
- **Wed, Aug 31: Fall Classes Begin.**
- **Thur, Sep 1, 12-2pm: Student Employment Center Job Fair** (UC Forums A/B)
- **Mon, Sep 5: Labor Day Holiday**, no classes, offices closed.
- **Wed, Sep 14: Writing Center Opens.** For more information, please check out the Writing Center's web page at: www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/writing_center Phone: 619-260-4581.
- **The English web site has a new look!** Have you checked it out yet? We're at: www..sandiego.edu/cas/english

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Student News



Two English students presented papers at the **American Association for the Advancement of Science, Pacific Division** (AAAS-PD) held in San Diego June 12-18, 2011:

- **Faye Mankowske**, English major, presented *Tracing the Birth of New Science in the Literature of the 17th and 18th Centuries*.
- **Bernadette E. Smith**, Interdisciplinary Humanities major, presented *Darwinian Evolution and Jack London: Dualistic Representations of Evolution and Social Darwinism in the Character of Buck*. Congratulations to both Bernadette and Faye!

Congratulations to Interdisciplinary Humanities major Bernadette Smith for her award-winning research presentation on evolutionary theory in Jack London's *The Call of the Wild* at the AAAS-PC (American Association for the Advancement of Science-Pacific Division) conference at USD in June 2011. In addition to winning first place for her category (History and Philosophy of Science), Bernadette received an award for student presentations at the conference in general. Her awards include \$275, a certificate, and one year's student membership in AAAS. Her project is titled "Darwinian Evolution in Jack London: Dualistic representations of evolution and social Darwinism in the character of Buck."

Anna Halligan spent her summer interning at **Entertainment Tonight**, where she worked as a researcher, writer and production assistant. She will be studying at **St. Clare's, Oxford, England** this Fall.





*“To thine own self
be true, and it
must follow, as the
night the day, thou
canst not then be
false to any man.”*

-William

Shakespeare



Student News continued

Thur. Sep 1, 2-2pm in UC Forums A/B: Student Employment Center (SEC) Job Fair.

Need a job? Contact the SEC for more info: x 4801 or

http://www.sandiego.edu/financial_aid/studentemployment.php

Mon. Sep 19, 3:30pm Application Deadline for Creative Writing/Poetry Fall Workshop.

Students are invited to apply for a series of poetry writing workshops (5) held on Saturdays this fall given by the Cropper Center for Creative Writing. Spots are limited & students will be selected by the English Dept based on the strength of their creative writing samples. One-unit of credit given for successfully completing the course. Contact Dr. Jericho Brown for more info:

jerichobro@sandiego.edu



Faculty News



Thur Aug 25, 10am-12pm English Adjunct Faculty Meeting: Meeting in Serra Hall 210. Lunch to follow at 12pm La Gran Terraza. Please look for email from Sr. Mary Hotz.

Thur Aug 25, 11:30am-1:00pm and Thur Sep 1, 12:15-2:00pm both in Camino 101B: Camino Classrooms Upgrade Training. The Camino Hall classrooms were upgraded during Summer 2011. Need training on how to effectively use the classroom technology? Here's a special training for Camino Faculty —hands on training on how to use Doc Camera, Smart Podium, interactive SMART whiteboard, the controls of the podium, and more!

Fri Aug 26, 12-2pm Faculty Preceptor Training: Getting Started with Your Preceptorial.

This workshop will provide Preceptors with information about the goals of USD's First Year Experience in general and the Preceptorial Program in particular. Overall, the workshop will offer practical guidance on how to manage the first Preceptorial meeting including tips on using Banner. Representatives from campus offices offering support particular to first year students will be on hand to answer questions & provide info. In breakout sessions participants will have the options of learning more about : MapWorks, DARS, and Financial Aid. There will also be info for the Living-Learning Community faculty. Please RSVP to 619-260-7402 or online: www.sandiego.edu/cee.

Fri Aug 26, & Mon Aug 29: Faculty Technology Boot Camp. Whether you're a new recruit or a USD veteran you'll likely benefit from our annual ATS Tech Boot Camp BASIC TRAINING two-day drop in extravaganza! Simply drop by Serra 155 anytime (no registration required!) during the Drop-In Sessions and we can assist you with one-to-one consultations on whatever your needs or interests may be. Get info & support on: Symposium, Document Camera, Dual Boot Mac/PC, WebCT/Blackboard, EndNote, MS Office, Adobe Connect Pro, Podcasting & iTunes U, Echo 360, TeamSpot, Social Networking. For more info and a schedule of classes:

<http://www.sandiego.edu/its/ats/techbootcamp.php>



Faculty News continued



Fri Aug 26 11-11:30am & Mon Aug 29 2-2:30pm: Blackboard 9.1 Show & Tell. In Serra Hall 155, no registration required. Blackboard will be replacing WebCT, as WebCT will no longer be supported come Jan 2013, so IT is phasing in the new Blackboard 9.1 over this next year. Learn now everything it can do, from posting your class syllabus on line to having reading materials, videos, etc. all on-line for your students' easy access.

There are also more in-depth classes offered on **Tue Aug 30: 12-1:30pm Blackboard 9.1 Show & Tell**; and **2:30-4:30pm Intro to Blackboard 9 for Existing WebCT Users**. To sign up, go to: <http://www.sandiego.edu/tutorials/?categories=August>

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it."

-Aristotle

Fri, Sep 2, 3:30-4:30pm: Fall Convocation of Faculty & Administration (KIPJ Theatre). Faculty & Staff are invited. Followed by a reception in the KIPJ Garden of the Sea.

New Faculty: Please welcome to the English Department new Adjunct Faculty members **Andrea Barraugh** (ENGL 306W Advanced Comp for Educators), **Jonathan Ewell** (ENGL 121), **Lisa Hemminger** (ENGL 100), **Jeanie Grant Moore** (ENGL 121 & ENGL 280.2 Shakespeare), **Dixa Ramirez** (ENGL 121), and **Amanda Solomon** (ENGL 121). Welcome aboard!

Wordriver Literary Review: Deadline: submissions are accepted throughout the year. *Wordriver* is a literary journal dedicated to the poetry, short fiction and creative nonfiction of adjunct, part-time and full-time instructors teaching under a semester or yearly contract in our universities. We're looking for work that demonstrates the creativity and craft of adjunct/part-time instructors in English and other disciplines. Guidelines: Poetry: max 5 poems (60 lines or less); Short Fiction: max 2 submissions (10 typed double-spaced pages each); Creative Nonfiction: max 23 submissions (10 typed double-spaced pages each). All submissions should be sent by email as Word.docs, MS word 2003 or earlier or .pdf files to: wordriver@unlv.edu. More information at: <http://wordriverreview.unlv.edu> or see flyer on English Office bulletin board.



Baby News!

Baby News! *Two of our adjunct faculty welcomed little ones over the summer! Both Katie Scurba and Melissa Williams will be out on maternity leave for Fall 2011 semester. Congrats to Katie & Melissa and their families!*



Katie Scurba welcomed baby boy **Ras Giano** at 8 lbs. 1 oz. on July 31, 2011. Both mom & baby are doing great!



Melissa Williams welcomed baby girl **Gretchen** in mid-July. Mom & baby are doing great!



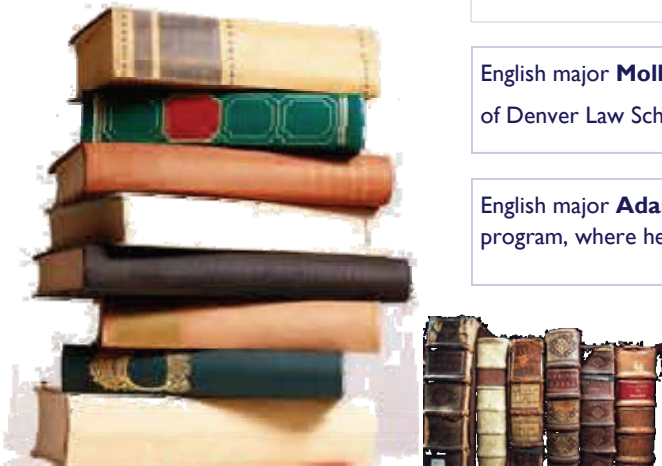


Alumni News

English major **Patrick Kenney, 2011**, was accepted to University of Denver's Masters Program for Sport and Performance Psychology. Congratulations, Patrick!

English major **Mollie Schultz, 2011**, has begun her first year at the University of Denver Law School. Congratulations to Mollie!

English major **Adam Vaughn, 2011**, was accepted into UCLA's screenplay writing program, where he will be pursuing his MFA. Congratulations, Adam!



Be Blue, Go Green

Students: Be a part of the "Green Team!"

Be Blue. Go Green. Team (USD Sustainability Team).

More info: <http://www.sandiego.edu/explore/ecoleep/USD Sustainability Team.php>



Faculty:

Faculty, consider saving on all that paper consumed for handouts, syllabus, reading assignments, calendars, etc. and go on-line! Did you know WebCT and Blackboard can get all those materials electronically to your students? See page 2 of this newsletter for training information on these user-friendly programs that not only help you, but also the environment. USD provides on-site training and support for these programs.



ITS Tutorials Calendar:

www.sandiego.edu/tutorials/?categories=August

iTeam web page:

<http://www.sandiego.edu/its/idt/>

*"A poem
begins in delight
and
ends in wisdom."
-Robert Frost*



Welcome back to school!