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English Dept Newsletter
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Student Writing Contest! The USD English Department’s Cropper Center for Creative Writing is pleased to announce the 2013-2014 Cropper Creative Writing Contest. This year, the poetry submissions will be judged by 2013-2014 Cropper reader, poet Esther Lee, author of *Spit*, prose (fiction & nonfiction) submissions will be judged by USD alumnus and 2011 Cropper reader, fiction writer David Philip Mullins, author of the story collection *Greetings From Below*. A prize of $125 will be awarded in each of the two categories! Deadline for submissions is Saturday, December 14, 2013, 11:59pm. The winners will be announced at the February 21, 2014 Cropper Reading with poets Esther Lee and Gary Jackson! For complete contest guidelines and more information please see http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/cropper/workshops_awards.php. If you have questions, please contact Professor Halina Duraj at hduraj@sandiego.edu.

Faye Mankowske, Senior double-major in English and Biology, is featured on a CAS (College of Arts & Sciences) home web page feature story! “I think that the strength of a double major is that it allows you two fields of intellectual pursuit, and it opens the possibility of considering careers that span both areas,” says Mankowske. For full story: http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/news_events/feature_stories/faye_mankowske.php.
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**CID’s 1st Annual Children’s Book Drive.** The Center for Inclusion & Diversity needs your help with their children’s book drive. Please drop off a gently used or new children’s book at the CID Center (UC 225) as well as at the next Sweet Celebration on Wed, Dec 4th, 12:00-2:00pm in UC Forum B. All books will be donated to a local non-profit organization. For more information please contact the CID at 619-260-7455. [http://www.sandiego.edu/inclusion/](http://www.sandiego.edu/inclusion/). “Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.”

**Thur, Dec 5, 12:30pm in KIPJ Theatre: Restoring the Public Space: Good Life, Communicative Action, and Cultural Agency in Latin American Urban Spaces.** The Dept. of Communication Studies and Lambda Pi Eta invite you to a special presentation for this year’s Advances in Communication Research event. Dr. Salvador Leeto, Visiting Professor from the Tecnológico de Monterrey, Guadalajara Campus (Mexico), will present the keynote address.

**Fri, Dec 6, 7:30pm, and Sun, Dec 8, 2:00pm in Founders Chapel: Lessons & Carols.** Every year, the Frances G. Harpst Center for Catholic Thought and Culture invites the campus community and the public at large to gather in Founders Chapel to enjoy Lessons and Carols. Through poignant readings from the Old and New Testaments, accompanied by beautiful choral music provided by the USD Concert Choir and Choral Scholars, the congregation is invited to reflect on the birth of Jesus in the context of its significance in salvation history. The carols and hymns that accompany the readings are specially chosen for each year, along with some constant traditional favorites. Past festivals have included, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel", "Joy to the World", "Angels We Have Heard on High", “Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming” and "What Child is This", as well as the performance of selections from pieces such as Handel’s Messiah and such uplifting modern carols as “Do You Hear What I Hear?”, which has served as the festival’s recessional song. A full choir and orchestra, ably conducted by USD’s musical maestro, Ed Basilio, Dept. of Music, lead the performance. Each year staff, faculty and students help with the preparations and volunteer to be part of the procession, bearing the Book of Gospels, candles and banners, as well as to deliver the readings – the lessons – themselves. Members of the Alcala Club assist with ushering and directing guests. Event is free. Each year this wonderful celebration requires significant planning and funding; your donations are welcomed. One of USD’s most revered events, Lessons & Carols is not to be missed!

Choral Scholars: [http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/music/ensembles/chorals/](http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/music/ensembles/chorals/).


**Toy Drive!** CHR@USD in collaboration with Athletics presents: Toreros Linking to the Community Toy Drive. Stop by HR (Maher 101) to drop off your toys. The toys will be picked up on Mon, Dec 9. Thank you!

**Tue, Dec 10, 4:00-5:00pm in O’Tooles: 2nd Annual Sustainability Green Gathering Event.** Everyone is invited to meet other students, faculty and staff to learn more about sustainability at USD. Join in the effort to make our campus more eco-friendly. Enjoy free snacks while we come together as a community committed to sustainability. Together we can all move forward as sustainable Toreros! [http://sites.sandiego.edu/sustainability/](http://sites.sandiego.edu/sustainability/).
STUDENT NEWS

Alaysia Brown, Psychology major/English minor, is on the Women’s volleyball team that just won the WCC championship. Alaysia was also named to the WCC Women’s Volleyball All-Academic Team. Congratulations, Alaysia!

Amelia (Molly) Gentile and Lauren (Lo) Murray, both English majors, have been selected (only 8 students from the all applicants are chosen) for the El Salvador Romero Immersion Program, a 12-day immersion over January’s Intersession. Help support them by attending the El Salvador Solidarity Supper on Dec 4th, 7:00pm in UC Forum C. The dinner provides a chance to support the students, learn more about the experience they are preparing for and to hear from past participants about the lives and stories of Salvadorans. Please join in for this fun and educational dinner and auction. The cost is $5 and campus cash is accepted. One hundred percent of the proceeds go to support the immersion trip. For more information, contact Elizabeth Coyle at coyle@sandiego.edu. And if you can’t make the dinner, but would still like to donate, the University Ministry Website has a link that makes it simple! Just click here: https://www.kintera.org/AutoGen/Register/Register.asp?ievent=1091113&en=luKQj0MKL0KfLLR100N1nSUJ8XNlq7l3MRIDkVXk6NYlsL4K9MSfH, and where it asks for the Name of Applicant, donations can be made to specific students or the group in general. Congrats Molly & Lo! What a great opportunity for them!

“ When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace.”
—Jimi Hendrix

Need an upper division class for Spring? Some new classes have been added to the English Dept’s course selection, with our three new professors Koonyong Kim, Marcelle Maese-Cohen, and Ivan Ortiz. Check out these courses and more at: http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/documents/english/2014_Spring_Course_Descriptions.pdf.

Spring 2014 Courses: the English Dept. has had several inquiries from majors about the seeming lack of Spring courses that can meet period-based distributional requirements. There are, in fact, several ENGL 494’s that can count:
- For Literature before 1660: Sanskrit, Old English, or Literature of the Crusades may count.
- For Literature between 1660-1900: Romantic Radicals may count.
- For Literature from 1900 to Present: New Storytelling: Learning from the Cyborgs may count. Please see Dept. Chair, Dr. Cynthia Caywood, in the spring, and she will take care of the paperwork.

Also, there are two NEW “D” Courses, just designated:
- ENGL 225D-03 & -04: Food & Asian/Amer Literature (CRN #1388 & #3609)
- ENGL 225D-05 & -06: Chicano/o Art, Literature & Feminisms (CRN #3610 & #3611)

Course descriptions for these courses—and all English courses for Spring 2014—may be found at: http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/documents/english/2014_Spring_Course_Descriptions.pdf.
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The Writing Center tutors are standing by to assist you! Drop in or make an appointment now — at (619) 260-4581 or Founders 190B. Please make note that the Writing Center is **not** open during finals, so plan ahead! Their last day open is Friday, Dec 13th, closing at 2:00pm. [www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/writing_center/](http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/writing_center/).

Closes Dec 13th!

Ted, Dec 10, 12:30pm in UC 128: Exam Strategies. Learn different strategies to prepare for short answer, essay, multiple choice, and true/false questions on tests. Explore new techniques for approaching tests and what to do on test day to increase your likelihood of success. Identify ways to use past exam experiences to improve on future ones. [www.sandiego.edu/usdcss/programs/workshops](http://www.sandiego.edu/usdcss/programs/workshops).

USD Office of Public Affairs Interns Wanted! Part-time internships working 10-15 hours/week for USD's Office of Public Affairs. Assist in the duties specifically pertaining to Media Relations as well as general Public Affairs duties. Duties include: Assists in writing press releases to promote USD; Identifies and writes news stories on USD events, programs and students; Produces broadcast news stories, highlighting USD programs and faculty; Records video, and takes still photos of various USD events and programs to build video and photo library; Assists with planning of press conferences and other media-related events; Interviews faculty members to update Faculty Bios section, including taking photos; and Drafts correspondence to elected officials on legislation effecting USD and/or its students. Send resume, cover letter which includes GPA, work experience, description of college leadership roles, and minimum of one writing sample (e.g. press release, school paper or other writing assignment, etc.) to Melissa Wagoner at mwagoner@sandiego.edu, or mail to DeGheri #135. Any questions can be directed to Melissa Wagoner at 619-260-4659, ext. 6994. Speak with your academic advisor about the steps to earn college credit. Details: [http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/internships-careers.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/internships-careers.php).

UC Berkeley Comparative Literature Undergraduate Journal opportunity for publication. We are one of the few undergraduate journals in the nation exclusively dedicated to undergraduate research in the field of languages and literature. As such, this is an extraordinary opportunity for students to become published before they reach graduate school. Articles do not have to be written this past semester; we do ask for students to have been undergraduates when they wrote the paper. All of the information about submission guidelines, deadlines, and such can be found on our website [www.ucb-cluj.org](http://www.ucb-cluj.org). The Spring 2014 issue deadline is January 31, 2014. What constitutes “Comparative Literature” because many students are concerned about whether their piece is appropriate. We construe ‘comparative’ broadly to include: Interdisciplinary work (Is the paper concerned with more than one medium? Film? Art? Literature? Philosophy?); Work that deals with more than one author/director/etc; Certain ‘readings’ of literature — i.e. Hegelian readings of Frankenstein; and Articles that deal with more than one novel/poem/film/etc. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Puja Iyer, Editor, directly at berkeleycluj@gmail.com.

“Better than a thousand hollow words, is one word that brings peace.”

—Buddha

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NEW! USD Sustainability & CSR Certificate Program: USD is excited to offer a new certificate program in Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility. This program will offer students six courses where they can learn the process for building a Sustainability Business Plan and how to incorporate this plan into the organization’s Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility strategy, culture, mission and vision. USD is well positioned to claim a prominent role in this educational field because of its strong commitment to sustainable business practices. Several USD initiatives including the Climate Change Grant effort and Ashoka U Changemaker efforts position USD as an academic institution committed to preparing future leaders to make a difference within their organizations and communities. The expectations of PCE, as well as those of the faculty development team for this program, are to offer an academically rigorous program that has practical application for the sustainability community. The program will be delivered through high-quality, expert instruction with content that will appropriately prepare students for their current or future positions in this industry, plus help to professionalize a very new and quickly growing segment of the business world. Program launches in January 2014. To register: pce.sandiego.edu. More info: http://sites.sandiego.edu/sustainability/.

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Thur, Dec 5, 12:30-1:30pm, Barcelona 301, and Tue, Dec 10, 3:00-4:00pm, UC 128: Info Sessions on SURE Award (Summer Undergraduate Research Experience) and McNair Scholars Summer Research Program. Undergrads, are you interested in conducting research this summer? Learn how to apply for these two paid research opportunities! Are you unable to attend these sessions but are still interested in these programs? For SURE: Please visit www.sandiego.edu/sure for more information. For McNair Scholars please contact: Shelley Barajas-Leyva, Director, shelley@sandiego.edu. Open to all majors! Application deadlines are February 13, 2014.

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Digital Literature Review: Call for Submissions: The Digital Literature Review is the Ball State University English Department’s new undergraduate academic journal, edited and produced by Ball State undergrads. Our goal is to showcase the valuable contributions of hardworking, creative undergraduate students. If you are looking for an opportunity for publication, we are currently accepting submissions to be included in our all-digital first issue. Our inaugural issue will be devoted to “Historical Hauntings and Modern-Day Manifestations.” We welcome original, engaging, scholarly submissions that explore the cultural significance of haunting & ghost from the perspective of a wide range of academic disciplines including film studies, theatre, anthropology, psychology, and literary & cultural studies. Are you interested in ghost stories and the supernatural? Would you like to write about ghosts & haunting, or have you already written something on these topics that you were especially proud of for a class? If so, we would love to see your work. Submissions accepted up to January 31, 2014. For submissions and information, please visit: www.bsu.edu/dlr. Questions? Contact dlr@bsu.edu.

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FACULTY NEWS

Irene Williams will be utilizing ESFI funds to take students in her preceptorial ENGL 228 Literature in Violent Times class, her preceptorial assistant, and herself off-campus to go for dinner in Little Italy on Thursday, December 12, 2013.

Ivan Ortiz took the students in his course, ENGL 342: Romanticism and the Politics of Literature, to a film screening of Danny Boyle’s acclaimed stage adaptation of Mary Shelley’s Gothic novel, Frankenstein in November, 2013. The adaptation was featured as part of London’s National Theater Live, a project that broadcasts the best of London’s theater to cinemas around the world. (class trip funded by ESFI)

Halina Duraj used the ESFI fund to provide an honorarium for a guest speaker relevant to her ENGL 382: Intermed. Fiction and others’ creative writing courses (Nicole Hardy, nonfiction writer). She’s also used it to provide an honorarium for a guest lecturer on writing & the body (yoga instructor Jen Lagedrost) in her ENGL 382 Intermediate Fiction course.

David Hay recently adapted Albert Camus’ play, State of Siege, and directed a staged reading of the play with a cast of 28 for the International Camus Conference celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of Camus’s birth. The conference was held at the Institute for American Universities in Aix-en-Provence, France.

Wed, Dec 4, 12:00-1:00pm in UC 128: Being Well Wednesdays: Holiday Stress. The holidays are painted as cheerful and relaxing. So, why do we get so stressed? Let’s look at what contributes to our stress and learn ways to reduce this level and truly enjoy those special occasions. Find ways to make your holiday more enjoyable. Learn about ARFL and its role in helping you fight stress. Presented by the Employee Assistance Program. More info: ascueto@sandiego.edu or x2715; or agarcia@sandiego.edu or x2718.

Wed, Dec 4, 4:00-5:30pm in UC Forum B: Retirement Party for Linda Scales, Career Services Director. You are cordially invited to a retirement reception in honor of Linda Scales, former Director of Career Services. Linda retired as Director of Career Services on August 31, 2013 after more than 35 years of devoted and meritorious service to USD. She has been serving as a Career Services special projects assistant since September 1st. Under Linda’s leadership, the Career Services office has evolved over the years to provide a full range of activities and support for USD students as they explore career options, strategize for a job search, and develop their career action plans. Please join us to celebrate Linda’s many accomplishments and to wish her well on her upcoming retirement. No RSVP is necessary.

The International Center is offering 3 or 6 month memberships of Rosetta Stone to all faculty, administration and staff who are full-time benefit based employees. With each membership comes unlimited access to every language and level available in the program at a special discounted rate of $40 for a 3 month membership and $75 for 6 months. You can also access Rosetta Stone from any computer or iPad, on-campus or off. If interested, make sure to sign-up soon as memberships are limited! For additional information, please visit the website at www.sandiego.edu/international/faculty/development.php.
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**Thur, Dec 5, 12:15-2:15pm in UC Forum B: Assessment Grant Presentations.** Presented by: Sue Lowery, Professor, Biology; Anne Koenig, Associate Professor, Psychological Sciences; Emily Edmonds-Poli, Associate Professor, Political Science; & Casey Dominguez, Associate Professor, Political Science. The CAS-Dean’s office and Provost’s office are awarding assessment grants in support of faculty efforts to assess student-learning outcomes within academic programs. During this session, past assessment grant recipients will present their projects and members of the A-Team (Professors Jesse Mills, Social Sciences Division; Colin Fisher, Humanities Division; Evelyn Cruz, Arts Division; and Geoff Morse, Sciences and Math Division) will clarify the assessment grant process and answer your questions. If you are interested in applying, this session will provide important information, including concrete examples of assessment research projects. For a detailed description of the USD Internal Assessment Grants program, visit [http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/academics/assessment/internal_grants.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/academics/assessment/internal_grants.php). Register at: [http://www.sandiego.edu/cee/events/registration.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/cee/events/registration.php).

**Fri, Dec 6, 9:30-11:30am in MRH 135 (SOLES): Fabulous First Friday – Reflecting & De-briefing Your Classroom: Did We Get There Yet?** The end of the semester is often a hectic time with a rush to make sure we get through all the content we had planned. There is little time for us to think about where we are and where we have been. However, the end of the semester can be a perfect time to review student learning and be reflective about our courses. During December’s session, we will discuss various ways in which faculty can reflect about their semester and build upon what they have learned for the next semester. This topic will extend into January’s session: How to Start Off Your Semester By Reflecting on the Past: Strategies for Engagement on the First Day of Classes. Fabulous First Fridays are monthly drop in discussion sessions about common classroom issues which are facilitated by experienced USD faculty. Ample time is given to share and tailor approaches to your own classroom situations and supplemental resource materials are provided. We welcome all faculty members to join us and discover, or rediscover, some of the best, research and experiential based, practices for teaching and learning. Please note: you are welcome to drop in and out of the sessions as your time allows. To register: [http://www.sandiego.edu/cee/events/registration.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/cee/events/registration.php).

**Thur, Dec 5, 12:15-2:15pm in UC Forum B: New & Junior Faculty Holiday Social.** All new & junior faculty are invited to this event where representatives from various centers on campus, offering support to special student populations, will introduce their departments’ programs and services. This is an opportunity to discuss ways faculty can partner with Student-Athlete Services, Veteran Services, Disability Services, and the International Center to support our students’ well being and academic success. We hope you will be able to join us for this wine & cheese event. To register: [http://www.sandiego.edu/cee/events/registration.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/cee/events/registration.php).

**Wed, Dec 11, 12:00–1:00pm in Salomon Hall (Maher 240): Employee Bingo.** Bring your lunch, your friends and join us for one game or many! Great prizes for the lucky winners!

**Fri, Dec 13, 3:00-5:00pm in Salomon Hall (Maher 240): CAS End of the Semester Party.** The College of Arts and Sciences holds its annual Holiday Party! See you there—

**Wed, Dec 18, 1:30-3:30pm in UC Forums A/B/C: USD President’s Employee Party.** Enjoy holiday-inspired refreshments and festivities. Program begins at 2:30pm. Be sure to bring your whole family to visit and take a photo with Santa! ALL Employees welcome! Please RSVP to usdevents@sandiego.edu by Fri, Dec 13.

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

—Charles Dickens
Did You Know? USD Athletics Dept. has launched the official Mascot Cam — Diego Tore- ro now has his own app! Put Diego in your smartphone photos using different poses and share your adventures on social media. Available now for iPhone & coming soon for Android. Search “Mascot Cam” in the App Store now! FREE app.

Since you get more joy out of giving joy to others, you should put a good deal of thought into the happiness that you are able to give.”

—Eleanor Roosevelt

Bike Friendly University Designation: The League of American Bicyclists designated USD a Bronze level Bicycle Friendly University. USD is now a part of 75 “Bike Friendly” campuses across the country and the only university in San Diego with this designation. The award recognizes an institution’s commitment to improving conditions for bicycling through investment in bicycling promotion, education programs, infrastructure and pro-bicycling policies. “We commend universities like USD who are leading the way to a healthier, more sustainable future,” said Andy Clarke, President of the league. This designation is due in part to the bike rack infrastructure upgrade completed January 2013 and additional education, safety, and encouragement around alternative commuting to campus. http://sites.sandiego.edu/sustainability/.

ALUMNI NEWS

Sun, Dec 8: Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration. All are welcome to this wonderful USD tradition. The festive, bilingual Mass honoring the importance of Guadalupe to our region, will be proceeded by a special dinner in the University Center as well as a procession to The Immaculata. Co-sponsored by MEChA and AChA, the Mass will be followed by a reception of Mexican hot chocolate, pan dulce, and a performance of ballet folklorico. The entire evening will include special prayers for the passage of compassionate immigration reform as well as for all those who are adversely impacted by the current immigration system. For more info, contact AChAUSD@sandiego.edu. Schedule at right→

Jamie Shea, 2013, is teaching third grade at a school that serves students from low-income backgrounds in North Carolina. One goal she has is to ramp up their reading fluency and levels. More than 2/3 of her students entered third grade with a reading level below where it should be. Jamie has created a project on Donors Choose, a 501(c)3 charity website, for a leveled library. This library has a set of books that are targeted to the level of the majority of her class and slightly above to help push them. When she began this year, her class library had 20 books. She is writing to ask for any donations possible for her students - no matter the size (seriously, every little bit counts). If you can't donate anything at this time, no worries... just share this information with anyone who you know is passionate about education. Your donation will have a direct impact on at least 24 students this year and you'll hear back from our class about your impact! Here’s her classroom request: http://www.donorschoose.org/project/third-graders-exploring-the-world-through/1095678/.

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