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Important Dates

- **Jan 22-24:** *New Student Orientation*
- **Jan 26:** *Spring Semester Classes Begin*
- **Jan 29:** *All Faith Service*
- **Feb 4:** *Last Day to Add Classes or Drop without a "W"*
- **Feb 14:** *Valentine's Day*
- **Feb 16:** *Presidents Day*
- **Feb 18:** *Ash Wednesday*

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English Dept Announcements

Save the Dates for Spring Semester English Events!

Fri, Mar 13, 7:00pm: Lindsay J. Cropper Memorial Writers Series reading with nonfiction writer Eula Biss.

Tues, Mar 24, 12:30pm: English Dept Career Event.

Thur, April 9, 12:30pm: Sigma Tau Delta

(English Honor Society) Induction Ceremony and graduating seniors presented their commencement stoles.

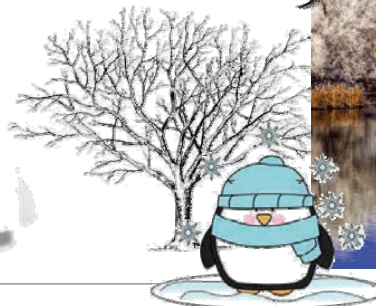
Thur, May 7, 7:00pm: Student Reading: Creative Writing Emphasis Seniors read from their own works.



Cropper Creative Writing Contest

The English Department invites all students to submit fiction and poetry to the 2014-2015 Cropper Creative Writing Contest. This year, the Cropper Contest is moving to a new, online submission system affiliated with our Alcala Review undergraduate literary journal web site, which is currently under construction. Submission deadline for the **2014-2015 Cropper Undergraduate Contest in Creative Writing** will be in Spring semester, 2015, with prize announcements made at the Creative Writing Emphasis Student Reading on May 7, 2015! Prizes will be awarded for entries in Poetry, Fiction, and Nonfiction.

Cash prizes are in the amount of \$125 for each category. Submit up to three pages of poetry (one to three poems total), and up to ten pages of fiction or creative nonfiction, double-spaced. Writers may submit in only one category, so please choose the genre you want to submit in. Get those creative juices flowing and start writing now! The Contest website may be found at: http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/cropper/workshops_awards.php.





Student News

2015 Summer Institutes



2015 Summer Institutes Application Deadline is Feb. 26 or Mar. 5, 2015 (Depending on the Institute). Attention Freshmen and Sophomores! The **US-UK Fulbright Commission** opened applications for the **UK Summer Institute Award Programmes for US Undergraduates**. Each Programme varies in duration, from three to six weeks, and offers students a fantastic opportunity to be immersed in the study of British academics and culture. Students take part in cultural events, research, collaboration, and presentation at an esteemed British University. There are nine Summer Institutes, each of which will cover a different theme.

Specific details about the UK Summer Institute Awards can be found at <http://www.fulbright.org.uk/fulbright-awards/exchanges-to-the-uk/undergraduates>. If you have questions about the application process, please email Valerie Schreiner, the Programme Coordinator at valerie@fulbright.org.uk.

Alumni & Class Legacy Scholarships

The Alumni & Class Legacy Scholarships were created by alumni who wanted to support YOU - students actively involved in making USD a great community. These scholarships are made up of thousands of small gifts from alumni & student donors: for Toreros from Toreros.

- Number of Awards: Approximately 30 awards annually
- Amount: Range \$500 to \$4500. Typical award is \$2000.
- Application Deadline: February 28, 2015
- Notification: May 15, 2015
- All awarded scholarships may be applied to 2015-2016 academic costs .



Apply for the Alumni & Class Legacy Scholarships online at sandiego.edu/futurealumni. For more information about the scholarships and eligibility please visit the website. If you have questions please contact Alumni Relations at alumni@sandiego.edu.

The Writing Center Re-Opens on Wed, February 11

The Writing Center was closed over the break and during Intersession and will re-open on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at 9:00am. For more information on the Writing Center, please check out their website at: www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/writing_center/. Their phone is: 619-260-4581.

"IN THE DEPTH OF WINTER I FINALLY LEARNED THAT THERE WAS IN ME AN INVINCIBLE SUMMER."

—ALBERT CAMUS



Alaysia Brown, Psychology major/English minor, played in the US Collegiate All-Star Showcase! USD women's volleyball player Alaysia Brown took part in a two-week training cycle (Jan. 5-16, 2015) at the USA National Team Center in Anaheim, Calif., under the direction of Karch Kiraly, head coach of the U.S. Women's National Team. #GoGetIt Congrats, Alaysia.





Student News

English Dept Study Abroad Summer 2015 Opportunities:

“LET OUR NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION BE THIS: WE WILL BE THERE FOR ONE ANOTHER AS FELLOW MEMBERS OF HUMANITY, IN THE FINEST SENSE OF THE WORD.”
—GORAN PERSSON

The English Dept. has three opportunities for Study Abroad Summer 2015 — in London, Paris, and India! See flyers for deadlines and contact information.



Study Abroad • Summer 2015

TAKE AN ENGLISH COURSE IN PARIS!

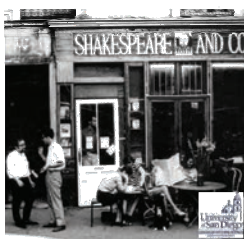
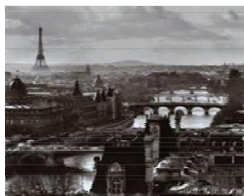
ENGL 225/494 AMERICAN WRITERS IN PARIS

Mark Twain Langston Hughes
Ernest Hemingway James Baldwin
Edith Wharton Richard Wright
and others!



Program dates: June 25–July 18, 2015
Dr. Fred Robinson
fredr@sandiego.edu
Walking tours of where American writers lived and hung out
Cost Per Person: \$4,800
Deadline to apply: March 4, 2015

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Study Abroad • Summer 2015 London, England



ENGL 494/THEA 494: London Plays in Production

Program dates: June 25– July 18, 2015



Dr. Cynthia Caywood & Dr. David Hay
ccaywood@sandiego.edu dhay@sandiego.edu



Program Excursions:
Oxford Day Trip
Hampton Court Day Trip
London Eye

Course-Related Visits:
8 London Productions
National Theatre Tour
Shakespeare’s Globe



Cost Per Person: \$4,800
+\$100 theatre supplement
Deadline to apply: March 4, 2015

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Study Abroad India

Summer 2015

Literature of South Asia

ENGL 228 / ENGL 364

Program dates June 1- July 4, 2015

Travel in India while reading South Asian literature from India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, and Tibet.

In honor of our special dialogue with His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, many of our readings will center on His Holiness’ teachings on “compassion without borders.”

Application Deadline Feb 6, 2015

Course fulfills core requirement in Literature for non-English majors and upper-division elective for English majors and minors.

Deadline extended to Feb 6, 2015!

For more info contact Dr. Atreyee Phukan at phukana@sandiego.edu



Student Career Assistance

National Undergrad Literature Conference



The 30th Annual **National Undergraduate Literature Conference (NULC)** will be held at Weber State University's Linquist College of Arts & Humanities over April 1-4, 2015. NULC gives under-

graduates an opportunity to present papers both critical and creative, to an audience of peers from campuses across the country and to hear some of

the most important writers in contemporary literature. Submit your writing: **Deadline is Jan 26, 2015**, for abstract submissions of papers. Categories are: Research (American Lit, British Lit, & World Lit), and Creative Works (Essays, Fiction, Poetry, & Creative Works in Spanish). Please see their website for more information: www.weber.edu/nulc. *

"AND NOW
WE WELCOME
THE NEW YEAR.
FULL OF THINGS
THAT HAVE
NEVER BEEN."

—RAINER MARIA
RILKE

FWS Job Opportunity

The **Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR)** is currently looking for a Federal Work Study (FWS) student who is interested in working at the OUR on various projects as assigned by the Director & Executive Assistant. These assignments may be time-sensitive, require accuracy and can involve confidential information. Some assignments may need the student to adjust their schedule to accommodate. Skills Required/Preferred: 1) Experience with one or more of the following is required: art, graphic design, social media, webpage management (art, communication studies, computer science majors); 2) Working knowledge of Excel and data management and/or attention to detail is desirable; 3) Must be self-motivated, task oriented and able to multitask; & 4) Ex-

perience communicating with a people at various levels (students, faculty, community members, etc.) and from diverse backgrounds is preferred. Hours are flexible, however, we prefer 2+ hours for 2–3 days a week. To apply send your resume and class schedule to ugresearch@sandiego.edu. Indicate "Office Assistant" in the subject line and include a paragraph of why you are interested in working with the OUR in the body of your email and how your education/professional experience makes you a strong candidate.

OUR is dedicated to supporting undergraduate students from all disciplines and the faculty that mentor them in research, scholarly activities and creative works. The OUR provides unique services and several on-campus research programs that include scholarships, professional development workshops, and

funding for travel to present research findings and conduct research. Feel free to contact the OUR office if you have any questions: Maher Hall 280, 619-260-7840, or ugresearch@sandiego.edu. [Http://www.sandiego.edu/ugresearch/](http://www.sandiego.edu/ugresearch/).

Jobs With Impact

Jobs with Impact — make your impact for our environment, our democracy, our future. Apply for Impact: Impact is a campaign team that works in states where they can win positive change on issues like global warming, clean water, and the influence of big money in politics. And they're hiring! They're looking



for graduating seniors to join their

team of campaign organizers and hiring current students for internships this spring and summer.

If you are serious about making an impact on these issues and would like to get out and work in the real world, where issue campaigns like these are won and lost, then Impact is the group for you. To learn more, visit their website at www.wearimpact.org! Their priority application deadline for graduating seniors is February 8, 2015. *

Paid Writing Opp

Shmoop University, Inc. (shmoop.com), is a digital publishing company that aims to make learning fun. They've just launched college profiles (shmoop.com/colleges/) that provide prospective students with all they need to know to choose the right school for them, from the average SAT scores of accepted students to the hottest hangout spots on campus. They're always looking for talented writers and editors to join Shmoop's at-large team. If you are student who may be interested in a paid writing opportunity, please contact Jonathan Leventhal jonathan@shmoop.com, or his supervisor, Kate Geenberg kate@shmoop.com. They will offer anyone interested competitive pay for writing a short college profile for the University of San Diego like what they have on their site. If that first assignment goes well, they may offer the writer further writing or editing assignments. *



Student Career Assistance

Blogging Internship

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PetBox Blogging Internship Available: PetBox Inc (www.getpetbox.com) is looking for an blogging intern to join Outside[the]Box (www.getpetbox.com/blog), the PetBox blog. **There are 10 mistakes in this post.** If you believe your a great writer with an eye for detail, spot these mistakes, than send us your resume, cover letter, and two writing samples to marketing@getpetbox.com. A little about us...

Based in San Diego, CA, PetBox is a start-up e-commerce company, delivering a subscription box of pet products to customer's homes each month. Pet-Box members select toys, treats, and goodies for their fur-babies from our collection of the best brands and prod-

ucts available

We're looking for a few motivated self-starters with a passion for blogging and an interest in animals. The ideal candidate for this job is outgoing, self-directed, and knows how to balance hard work while having fun. We are a tight-knit group of people who enjoy spending time with each other, and we're looking to grow the PetBox family!

As a start-up, the opportunities that PetBox offers are tremendous. This internship will provide you with the opportunity to obtain hands-on experience in blogging, work with WordPress, and our Marketing team, while developing your organization, time management, communication, and and professional skill set in an extremely fast-paced environment.

This position will be part of our organizations marketing team. You'll have direct interaction with the founding management team and be an integral

part of a successful startup!

What you'll do...

- Research original, creative blog topics
- Write topical, current blog articles
- Edit and proofread content
- Help with outreach to Guest Contributors
- Have fun!

What we're looking for...

- Outstanding oral and written communication skills
- Organised and detailed oriented
- Zero hesitation to roll up your sleeves and get your hands dirty
- Excellent grammar and vocabulary
- Must love pets!
- Experience with WordPress a plus

The fine print...

Hours: 15-20 hours a week

Compensation: College credit available. *

"THINGS
START OUT
AS HOPES
AND END UP
AS HABITS."

—LILLIAN
HELLMAN



Marketing Team Volunteers Needed

San Diego Writers, Ink has an opportunity for volunteers to be a part of a marketing team to help spread the word about their non-profit writing group. There may be internship credits available.

The team will begin by coming up with a plan that will be implemented throughout the year helping with items such as branding, public relations, event planning and promotion. The team will convene once a month.

Participants should enjoy crea-

tive ideas and be self-starters with an interest in the marketing, advertising and book production arenas.

The Initial project will be to come up with innovative ideas to promote and expand the Anthology release party on April 14, 2015. More info at: <http://us7.campaign-archive2.com/?u=814ef075a1b96d2983908a529&cid=c2c213f688&e=b96569af60>

Interested parties can contact Janene at marketing@sandiegowriters.org. *



San Diego Writers, Ink





Faculty News



Cynthia Caywood's adaptation of *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens was performed by



The Center REPer-tory Company (Center REP) in Walnut Creek, CA over December 11 - 21, 2014. Directed by Scott Denison, "*A Christmas Carol* was 'brimming with music and dance, love and laughter, spectacular special effects and scary ghosts, it's no wonder the critics have called it 'THE Christmas Carol to see in the Bay Area.'" —The Center REP: <http://www.centerrep.org/season1415/achristmascarol.php>. Congrats, Cindy!



MLA Halina Duraj, Carlton Floyd, and Fred Robinson, attended the

130th Annual Modern Language Association (MLA) Convention held in Vancouver, Canada, over Jan 8-11, 2015, interviewing candidates for the English Dept's new Nonfiction

Creative Writing faculty position. <http://www.mla.org/convention>.



Inclusive Education Series: Writing and the International Student, Part 1

Tue, Feb 3, 12:15-2:15pm, in KIPJ-A: Inclusive Education Series: Writing and the International Student (Part 1 of a 2-part Series). There is no doubt that international students bring new perspectives to our global community; however, they often report that they struggle most in expressing their ideas and perspectives in both spoken and written form. Both are important skills to attain membership and become fully engaged in the academic community in the United States. This workshop uses research-based practices to guide faculty in working with these emerging writers. Our goal is support our international students in "entering the conversation" in higher education, particularly in the area of academic writing. Presented by: **Deborah Sundmacher** (English, Writing Center, & ELA Academy) and Sarina Molina (SOLES Learning & Teaching and USD's TESOL Program). Presented by the CEE, register at: <http://www.sandiego.edu/cee/events/registration.php>.

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Carlton Floyd and Tim Randell attended the Pacific Ancient & Modern Language Assoc. (PAMLA) Conference held over

Oct 31—Nov 2, 2014, in Riverside, CA. Dr. Floyd presented his paper "Gentrifying Chocolate City: Dinaw Mengestu's *The Beautiful Things that Heaven Bears*," and Tim Randell presented his paper "The Collaborative, Artistic Symposium on Authentic Blackness in Carl Van Vechten's(?) *Nigger Heaven*" Tim Randell. [Http://www.pamla.org/](http://www.pamla.org/).



Bingo!

Employee Bingo: Wed, Jan 28, 12:00–1:00pm, in Salomon Hall. All faculty, staff, & administrators welcome for a fun hour of bingo.

CEE & ATS Tech Talk

Fri, Jan 30, 2:00-3:00pm, in MRH 135 (SOLES): CEE & ATS Tech Talk: Strategies for Enhancing Academic Integrity for Your Online Assessments. Join us as USD faculty share some long-standing (Turnitin & SafeAssign) and new (ExamSoft) technologies for assuring academic integrity in online assessments. Please RSVP to <http://www.sandiego.edu/cee/events/registration.php>.

New & Junior Faculty Social

Thur, Jan 29, 4:30-6:30pm at the Cosmopolitan Hotel & Restaurant (2660 Calhoun Street). Located in the heart of Old Town, The Cosmopolitan Restaurant & Hotel is the ideal setting for USD's new and junior tenure-track faculty to meet and mingle. A special patio area has been reserved for us, complete with an appetizer buffet and refreshments. Free parking is available in the lot adjacent to the restaurant. It is accessible from Juan Street, just north of Mason Street. Web site: <http://www.oldtowncosmopolitan.com/>. Please RSVP by Tuesday, January 27, 2015, to <http://www.sandiego.edu/cee/events/registration.php>.

"THE NEW YEAR
BEGINS IN
A SNOW-STORM
OF
WHITE VOWS."

—GEORGE WILLIAM
CURTIS



Faculty News

Innovation in Experiential Education Award: Call for Nominations & Applications

The Center for Educational Excellence is proud to sponsor the Innovation in Experiential Education (IEE) Award to signify our commitment to facilitating student-centered experiential learning, including but not limited to service learning, internships, classroom simulations, and research. The awardee will receive a \$500 stipend and an award certificate at a luncheon/dinner presentation scheduled for Fall 2015.

All full-time and benefit based USD faculty members are eligible. Faculty should submit nominations (or self-nominations)

to Sandra Sgoutas-Emch (emch@sandiego.edu). Nominees will be notified and encouraged to apply. All materials in support of a faculty member's nomination must be submitted **by Wednesday, February 11, 2015** at 5:00 p.m. to be considered for the award. For more information on the nomination and application process, which includes an application rubric, please visit the CEE website awards page: <http://www.sandiego.edu/cee/grants/awards.php>

Announcing the 2015 Innovation in Community Engagement Award

The Innovation in Community Engagement Award recognizes faculty who, through innovation and imagination, connected their expertise and scholarship with community outreach in ongoing ways that benefitted the public, the campus, and the scholarly community. The award winner will receive \$500 honorarium and an opportunity to present his/her work at a University-wide reception.

Specifically, the award seeks to identify faculty who:

- Have developed innovative scholarly approaches to engage external community partners in a meaningful and sus-

tainable manner.

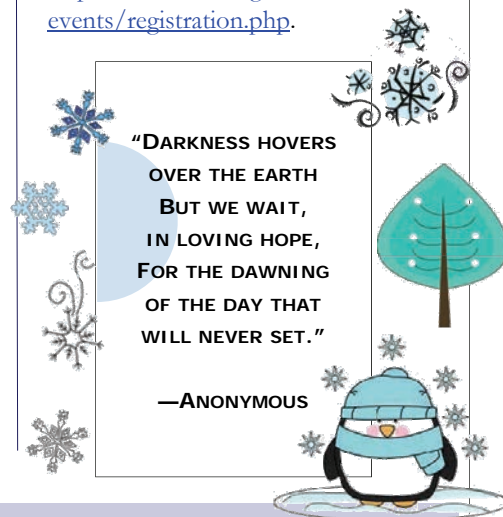
- Have a shared and transparent vision of the project goals with community stakeholders.
- Have used early stage innovation to position the project for future growth.
- Have increased the institutional commitment to civic engagement through community-based work that is aligned with the mission of USD.

For more information please see: <http://www.sandiego.edu/mccasa/course-based/cee/innovationaward.php>

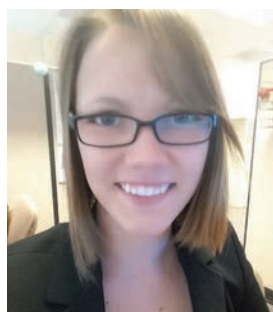
Deadline for receipt of materials is 5 PM **Wednesday February 11, 2015.**

FFF: The Fine Art of Lecturing-Socratic Method

Fri, Feb 6, 2015, 9:30-11:00am, in MRH 135 (SOLES): **Fabulous First Friday: The Fine Art of Lecturing-Socratic Method.** Finding ways to engage our students through lecture can be challenging. The Socratic Method is a form of inquiry and discussion between individuals, based on asking and answering questions to stimulate critical thinking and to illuminate ideas. Come join us to discuss this mode of inquiry and how faculty may implement the method in their own courses effectively. Presenters: Diane Keeling (Communication Studies) and Simon Croom (Supply Chain Management). Presented by the CEE, register at: <http://www.Sandiego.edu/cee/events/registration.php>.



Alumni News



Shannon Palka, 2014, English major/Religious Studies minor and Honors Program grad, is now serving as an AmeriCorps VISTA at San Diego State University. AmeriCorps is known as the domestic Peace Corps, and the VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) program focuses on building capacity in local projects and programs that will be sustainable long-term. She is serving the Cal State system through the CSU STEM VISTA program,

working in the CSU Program for Education and Research in Biotechnology (CSUPERB). She manages a National Science Foundation (NSF)-funded grant program called Innovation Corps, or I-Corps, for scientific researchers to learn how to commercialize their discoveries. Clearly, her post-grad life has been full of acronyms. Read more about her work here: <https://csustemvista.wordpress.com/2014/10/20/the-science-of-business/>.

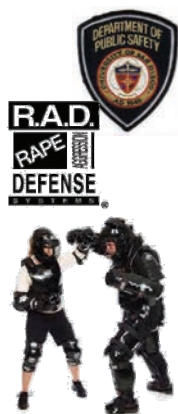


Other Announcements



"NEVER PUT OFF
TILL TOMORROW
WHAT YOU CAN DO
THE DAY AFTER
TOMORROW."

—MARK
TWAIN



R.A.D. Basic Defense Training

Sat, Feb 21, and Sat, Feb 28, 9:00am-3:00pm both days, in UC 128: Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) Training. This basic self defense training is a 12-hour course that spans over two Saturdays that is offered to the USD Community (females only). R.A.D. is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques. The R.A.D. Systems is a comprehensive, women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands on defense training. Our courses are taught by nationally certified R.A.D. instructors. Cost is only \$10 (\$25 for non USD student/employee). To register, contact Sergeant Ryan Hansen at rhansen@sandiego.edu or 619-260-4775. Presented by the USD Department of Public Safety.



Community

Bayside Community Ctr.

What to volunteer within the local community? **Bayside Community Center** is just down the street (2202 Comstock St., SD, 92111) from USD. Volunteers make it possible for Bayside to exist, and contribute time and talent to extend their reach beyond the center to populations not otherwise served. More info at: <http://www.bayside-lindavista.org/volunteer/>. Call 858-278-0771 and ask for Rose to learn more. *



Be Blue, Go Green



Two classes offered Spring 2015: Tues 3-4:30pm or Thur 12:10-1:20pm.



USD Community Garden Class

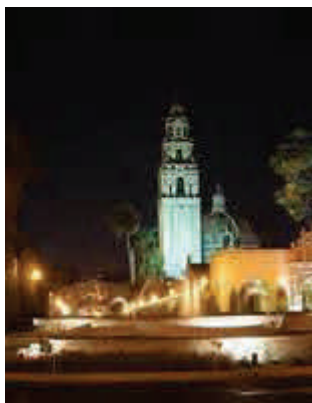
Join a growing community of gardeners dedicated to conservation and connection to the food we eat. Class participation includes gardening shifts, lessons and practice in rain harvesting, planting, propagating and more.

Sign up Today for:

**EDRC 157
Community Garden Project
(.5 unit) Recreation Class**



Did You Know?



Did You Know? Balboa Park Free Museum Tuesday for Residents and Military - Some Balboa Park museums are free on 1st - 4th Tuesdays of each month to locals (San Diego Cal. City & county residents), and active military and their families. The free admission is on a rotating basis. Check out the Free Tuesday Balboa Park museum schedule. <http://www.san-diego-beaches-and-adventures.com/balboa-park-museums.html#free> *



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