English Dept Announcements

The Writing Center is Open until December 12th

The Writing Center is open and tutors are awaiting your arrival! Stop by NOW for help on your paper. The Writing Center is located in Founders 190B. They can be reached directly at 619-260-4581. More info at: http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/writing_center/. Note: The Writing Center closes for the semester on Friday, December 12 at 2:00pm. See them now before it’s too late! They are not open during finals.
Poet Mark Strand Passes Away

Mark Strand, aesthetic heir to Wallace Stevens and author of more than 10 books of poetry, died on November 29 at the age of 80. Strand’s formally various though starkly lyrical poems ranged from tightly rhymed verse to the looser prose poems of his last collection, *Almost Invisible*, but they were unmistakably unified by their invested interrogation of impermanence and liminality. Strand was U.S. Poet Laureate from 1990-91 and winner of a Pulitzer Prize, among other honors.

He was one of our Cropper Series readers in 2006-2007. [http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/cropper/series.php#strand](http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/cropper/series.php#strand)

Cropper Creative Writing Contest!

STUDENTS!! This year, the Cropper Contest is moving to a new, online submission system affiliated with our Alcala Review undergraduate literary journal web site (under construction!). Submission deadline for the 2014-2015 Cropper Undergraduate Contest in Creative Writing will be in early Spring semester, 2015, with prize announcements made at the Creative Writing Emphasis Student Reading in May 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 your pens (or computer keyboard) going, and start writing now! Contest website at: [http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/cropper/workshops_awards.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/cropper/workshops_awards.php).
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.

“Connect PB” Writing Contest Winners!

Marina Howell, English/Communications double-major, was one of five winners selected for the “Connect PB” transportation-related creative writing contest. Connect PB is a community organization designed to promote dialogue about alternative transportation methods and public transit in Pacific Beach. More info at: http://www.circulatesd.org/. The five winners (including Marina and a USD alum/creative writing student, Jake Zawlacki, Interdisciplinary Humanities, 2013) will read their work Thurs, Dec 4 at Java Earth Café in Pacific Beach at 7:00pm. All winners receive a $100 Apple Store gift card. Congratulations, Marina & Jake!

From Point A to Point PB: A Night of Short Stories

True adventures told live, raw. Funny. Honest. Real. Connect PB is a grassroots community engagement project designed to help improve mobility choices in Pacific Beach.

Event Details:
- Free Event -
- December 4th, 7-9pm
- Java Earth Café
- 4978 Cass Street
- San Diego, CA, 92109

Join us for a night of stories told live! This is a free event so join us whether you plan to speak or just listen. Share your stories about the ways you use public transit and help improve mobility choices in Pacific Beach.

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Scan the code to take the poll and help improve public transit in PB!

Winter Wonderland

Thur, Dec 4, 6:00-9:00pm on Maher Lawn: TBP Presents Winter Wonderland! Food, photo booth, & Stuff-Your-Own-Husky! Come for the SNOW!!

― Mother Teresa

“If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.”

Natalie Earnhardt, English major, has a poem forthcoming in January 2015 in the literary journal Similar Peaks (http://similarpeakspoetry.com). Congratulations, Natalie!
Students News

Study Abroad Summer 2015 Opportunities:

Summer 2015 English Study Abroad Course:
Travel to London, England for ENGL 494 London Plays in Production! Program excursions include the London Eye, and day trips to Oxford and Hampton Court. Course-related visits to eight London productions, a National Theatre tour, and Shakespeare’s Globe are also included. For more info, please contact Dr. Cynthia Caywood ccaywood@sandiego.edu or Dr. David Hay dhay@sandiego.edu, or the International Center: international@sandiego.edu or (619) 260-4598. Application deadline is March 4, 2015.

Summer 2015 English Study Abroad Course:
Travel to Paris, France for ENGL 225/494 American Writers in Paris, taught by Dr. Fred Robinson! Includes walking tours of where American writers lived and hung out. Study American Writers Mark Twain, Ernest Hemingway, Edith Wharton, Langston Hughes, James Baldwin, Richard Wright, and more.

For more info, please contact Dr. Fred Robinson at fredr@sandiego.edu, or the International Center: international@sandiego.edu or (619) 260-4598. Application deadline is March 4, 2015.

"Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmas-time."

-- Laura Ingalls Wilder

Student Success Workshop

Tue, Dec 9, 12:30pm in UC Forum A: 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 learn 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/udessl/programs/workshops
Catfish Creek Undergrad Literary Journal

Catfish Creek, the national undergraduate literary journal published by Loras College, is calling for submissions for their next issue, to be released in spring of 2015. Please specify the genre of your submission (poetry, fiction, nonfiction). While they do not consider straight genre pieces (SF, fantasy, horror, etc.) they will consider literary-quality writing that crosses genre lines. They are also not looking for work that depicts excessive violence, though exceptions might be made if the work exhibits literary merit. Catfish Creek will happily read simultaneous submissions, provided that you notify them immediately if your work is accepted elsewhere. Deadline is December 5, 2014. For submission details: http://sites.allegheny.edu/english/2014/09/02/call-for-submissions-catfish-creek/.

MA and PhD Programs, University of Victoria (Canada)

If you are considering pursuing your studies at the MA level, please allow us to introduce the Department of English at the University of Victoria. The English Department at the University of Victoria is young, vibrant and active, with excellent academic and professional support for graduate students. Funding: They offer some of the best funding in Canada (about $10,000/year on average; up to $20,000 for exceptional students), and are able to fund the majority of our graduate students through a mix of Fellowships, Teaching Assistantships, and Research Assistantships. Application information can be found at http://english.uvic.ca/graduate/admission.html.

Providence College: PACT

Make a difference. Join the Providence Alliance for Catholic Teachers (PACT), an integrated program of service, study, community building and spirituality to promote the formation of young men and women of faith for service as future teachers and leaders in catholic education. Majors: English, History, Social Sciences, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Engineering, Spanish, & Theology. Education with Certification. For more information visit the PACT web site, www.providence.edu/pact or call 401-865-2657.
Adjunct faculty **Adam Veal**’s poetry collection, *Forbidden Planet*, was a finalist in 1913 Press’s Prize for First Books Contest, judged by Claudia Rankine. Adam Veal also has a story in the just-released anthology, *States of Terror, Volume 1*, (Ayahuasca Publishing, 2014)—a compendium of stories about legendary monsters of different states. Adam’s is Rhode Island! The anthology is available on Amazon. Congrats, Adam!

### CAS 5x5

The College of Arts & Sciences **5x5** is on **Thur, Dec 4, 4:00-5:00pm** in O’Toole’s Lounge, UC. Doors open at 3:45pm. The presenters are:

- Sue Lowery, Dept. of Biology
- Veronica Galvan, Dept. of Psychological Sciences
- Antonieta Mercado, Dept. of Communication Studies
- Roger Pace, Dept. of Communication Studies
- Ky Snyder, USD Athletics

Come for some college camaraderie and a tasty beverage!

### President’s Christmas Party

**The President’s Employee Christmas Party** is **Wed, Dec 17, 1:00-3:00pm** in the UC Forums. USD President, Mary E. Lyons, invites you and your family to the Christmas Party! Enjoy holiday-inspired refreshments & festivities. Program begins at 2:30pm. Be sure to bring your whole family to visit and take a photo with Santa! Please RSVP to usdevents@sandiego.edu.

### Keck Course Development Grant

With generous support from a W. M. Keck Foundation grant, the **Keck Course Development Grants (CDGs)** are available to support the incorporation of undergraduate research into the curriculum. Proposals from individual faculty members and from teams of faculty members in departments that have developed undergraduate research programs will be considered. Course Development Grant applications are **due December 4 by 5:00pm**. More information about the grant can be found at [http://www.sandiego.edu/ugresearch/faculty/course-development.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/ugresearch/faculty/course-development.php).

### Bingo!

**Employee Bingo:**

Wed, Dec 10, 12:00–1:00pm, in Salomon Hall. All faculty, staff, & administrators welcome for a fun hour of bingo. Lots of USD swag prizes! Come take a break and try your luck.

### FFF: Wellness—Helping Your Students Decompress with Finals

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Fri, Dec 5, 9:30-11:00am in CH 119. **Fabulous First Friday: Wellness—Helping Your Students Decompress with Finals**. Finals are coming and our students are overworked and anxious, which can greatly impact their performance. Come hear from our Wellness staff and learn from each other about things you can do in and out of the classroom to help students prepare for finals and the end of the semester with better organization and less stress. Cosponsored by: Center for Health & Wellness Promotion and the CEE. Register at: [www.sandiego.edu/cee/events/registration.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/cee/events/registration.php).
**Faculty News**

**New & Junior Faculty Holiday Social**

Wed, Dec 10, 4:00-6:00pm in French Parlor, Founders Hall: **New & Junior Faculty Holiday Social!** All new and junior tenure-track faculty are invited to attend this purely fun celebration of the holidays and semester’s end. We hope you will be able to join us for a time to mix and mingle with your peers at this wine & cheese event. Register at: www.sandiego.edu/cee/events/.

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**Being Well: New Year’s Resolutions**

Wed, Dec 3, 12:00pm in UC 128: **Being Well Wednesdays: New Year’s Resolutions “How to Make Them and How to Keep Them!”**

This seminar reviews why we make New Year’s resolutions and the most common ones. Can you guess? We will unveil “resolution pitfalls” and offer a recipe for resolution success. Presented by EAP. Q’s? Contact Adriana Garcia at x2718 or agarcia@sandiego.edu.

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**Metacognition: A Practical Overview & Practical Strategies for Student Metacognition**

Fri, Dec 12, 12:00-1:15pm in UC Forums A&B: **Metacognition: A Practical Overview & Practical Strategies for Student Metacognition.** Presented by Ed Nuhfer. Register at: www.sandiego.edu/cee/events/registration.php.

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**Alumni News**

**“He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.”**

— ROY L. SMITH

Recent grad and English major Vikki Hambley is a first year law student at the University of Denver. She will have a report published in the January issue of the Denver University Water Law Review journal, the only first year student to be included. Her report was awarded the highest score in all the first year class, earning her work a place in the journal. She writes to Cynthia Caywood: “Having an English major background has helped me tremendously this semester. So many of our professors and other attorneys have stressed to us the importance of being able to write well . . . I am grateful to have been a part of USD’s amazing English program.” You can read Vikki’s report at http://duwaterlawreview.com/joe-mclaren-ranch-l-l-c-v-neb-pub-power-dist/.

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English Major/Minor Alumni, please send updates to: English@sandiego.edu
Advent
As we return from the Thanksgiving holiday with much to do before the end of the semester, University Ministry invites you to enter into the season of Advent. Advent, from the Latin adventus which means “arrival,” is a Christian tradition intended to help us prepare for the coming of Christ into the world. It stretches across the four weeks prior to Christmas and is designed to foster a greater sense of expectation, longing and hope. As it can also help us slow down, pay attention and be mindful of how God wants to enter into our lives, Advent comes at just the right time. In order to help us move into the season, University Ministry has created a web page that contains the readings of the day along with a very brief reflection composed by a USD community member. We hope you will visit www.sandiego.edu/advent for a few moments each day to be inspired by the wisdom of students, faculty, staff and alumni. Also, please join us for any or all of the following Advent events and USD traditions:

Lessons and Carols
December 5th – 7:30 p.m.
December 7th – 2:00 p.m.
Founders Chapel

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
December 7th – 7:00 p.m.
The Immaculata

Candlelight Mass
December 14th – 9:00 p.m.
Founders Chapel

Advent Penance Service
December 15th – 7:00 p.m.
The Immaculata

Semester at Sea: Open Ship in San Diego
Students & faculty, want to learn more about Semester at Sea? They will be in town and are having a free Open Ship event on Mon, Jan 5, 2015, 2:00-4:00pm at the Port of San Diego. Come tour the ship! This Open Ship is for prospective student voyagers, potential faculty/staff, & University Representatives. The event will give an overview of opportunities offered by Semester at Sea including voyages, courses, financial aid and shipboard life. The event will include a presentation, a chance to speak with key shipboard community members, and a tour of our living and learning community aboard the MV Explorer. Open ships are a fantastic way to see and experience first hand the Semester at Sea program. Don’t miss the chance to come to this Open Ship event and learn about the value of a truly global education. Don’t miss the chance to come to this Open Ship event and learn about the value of a truly global education. We look forward to welcoming you to our campus! Registration deadline is December 29, 2014 (must pre-register per Port Authority/Customs). More info & registration form at: http://www.semesteratsea.org/event/open-ship-san-diego-ca/.

SAS ALUMNI! Have you already studied-abroad via the Semester at Sea? They are having an alumni event on Mon, Jan 5, 2015, 6:00-11:00pm. Rock the Dock: a Semester at Sea Reunion Celebration is for all alumni! For one night only, you’re going to want to have dock time! Join Semester at Sea alumni, parents, and friends to rock the dock aboard the MV Explorer in the port of San Diego. You won’t want to miss this fun-filled night to reconnect with shipmates over cocktails and hors d’oeuvres and support the mission of the Institute for Shipboard Education. It just may be your last chance to board the MV Explorer! Port security will open at 6:00pm and the on-ship event will run from 6:30 to 11:00pm. Food, drinks, live music, a seaside chat with ISE President Kenn Gaither, and the annual Shipboard Drive will take place during the evening’s celebration. Registration is $50.00. Event registration will close at midnight (EST) on Wednesday, December 10, 2014. More info & registration form at: http://www.semesteratsea.org/event/rock-the-dock-a-semester-at-sea-reunion-celebration/.

“THE BEST AND MOST BEAUTIFUL THINGS IN THE WORLD CANNOT BE SEEN OR EVEN TOUCHED. THEY MUST BE FELT WITH THE HEART. WISHING YOU HAPPINESS.”

-- HELEN KELLER
Did You Know? Pearl Harbor Day: National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, which is annually on December 7, commemorates the attack on Pearl Harbor, in Hawaii, during World War II. Many American servicemen and women lost their lives or were injured on December 7, 1941. National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is also referred to as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day or Pearl Harbor Day.

On Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, the American Army and Navy base in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii was attacked by the Imperial Japanese Navy. The attack came as a surprise to the American Army and Navy and lead to great losses of life and equipment. More than 2000 American citizens were killed and more than 1000 were injured. The Americans also lost a large proportion of their battle ships and nearly 200 aircraft that were stationed in the Pacific region. More than 60 Japanese servicemen were killed, injured or captured. The Japanese Navy also lost five midget submarines and 29 aircraft. From TimeandDate.com.

Holiday Toy Drive

Athletics Holiday Toy Drive – Stop by Human Resources (Maher 101) to drop off new and unwrapped toys, games and/or books. Please bring your gifts by Thursday, December 4th.

Green Gathering/ERC Open House

On Wed, Dec 10, 4:00pm, USD’s Sustainability group will be holding a Green Gathering/ Electronic Recycling Center Open House, to be held at the Electronics Recycling Ctr. (ERC) just down the hill (5330 Linda Vista Road). A presentation begins at 4:30pm. This is a zero waste event so bring your own mug or cup! Light refreshments will be served. Come check out the ERC, including their new museum section that includes old electronic items, such as old phones, typewriters and the like! All are welcome! More info at: www.sandiegoewaste.org/

Skating by the Sea at The Del! Stop by for ice skating at the beach, beautiful decorations, and festive fun through the New Year at the Hotel Del Coronado in Coronado! Always a beautifully-decorated tree there! http://hoteldel.com/activities/coronado-events/