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# English Dept. Newsletter



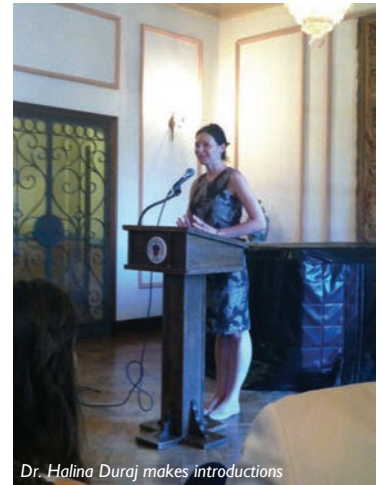
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Creative Writing Student Reading Photos:

Photos from the Student Reading held on Friday, May 10, 2013 with readings from the Creative Writing Emphasis graduating seniors.



Back row: Janet Easler, Faye Mankowske, Joe Holland, Jade Belzberg, and Jennie Li. Front row: Katie Johnson, and Amy Murphy



Dr. Halina Duraj makes introductions



Greg Pisacane introduces each reader



Amy Murphy reads from her work.



Joe Holland reads from his work.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- May 16-22: Final Exams
- May 24: NROTC Commissioning Ceremony
- May 26: Commencement
- May 27: Memorial Day
- May 29: Employee Picnic

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### Honors Convocation's English Department Awards 2013:

The Department of English recognized the following English Majors at the annual Honors Convocation held on Tuesday, May 7 in Shiley Theatre:

- The Scholastic Achievement Award was presented to: **Kathryn Newell.**
- The Literary Achievement Awards were presented to: **Joseph Holland** and **Brett Fonfa.**
- The awards for distinguished and dedicated service in the Writing Center were presented to: **Janet Easler** and **Joseph Holland.**
- The awards for distinguished service to the Southeast San Diego Tutoring Program were presented to: **Jonathan Johnson** and **Amanda Marks.**

Congratulations to all who were honored at the Honors Convocation!



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### Sigma Tau Delta Induction Ceremony Photos:

Photos from the Sigma Tau Delta ( $\Sigma\tau\Delta$ ), **English Honor Society**, Induction Ceremony held on Friday, May 3, 2013 with new inductees and graduating Seniors being honored. Keynote address given by Prof. Brad Melekian. Congratulations to all! Missed it? Prof. Melekian's speech is on the website: <https://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/affiliations/std.php>.



$\Sigma\tau\Delta$  New Inductees 2013

Back row:  
Michael Mazzerella,  
Alyssa Black,  
Anna Halligan,  
Taylor DeVries,  
Kate Motsinger,  
Nancy Kuelbs,  
& Jade Belzberg.

Front row:  
Toni DeGuire,  
Rachel Ponn,  
Elizabeth Pun,  
& Courtney Monheit.



$\Sigma\tau\Delta$  Graduating Seniors 2013

Back row:  
Michael Mazzerella,  
Taylor DeVries,  
Alyssa Black,  
Toni DeGuire,  
Sarah Jorgensen,  
Anna Halligan,  
Courtney Monheit,  
Bianca Torii,  
& Alyssa Ong,

Front row:  
Cassie Galentine,  
Madison Levine,  
Elizabeth Pun,  
Jenni Li, &  
Faye Mankowske.



$\Sigma\tau\Delta$  President  
Sarah Jorgenson



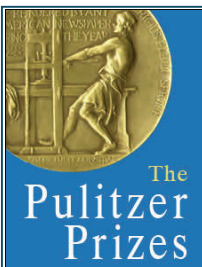
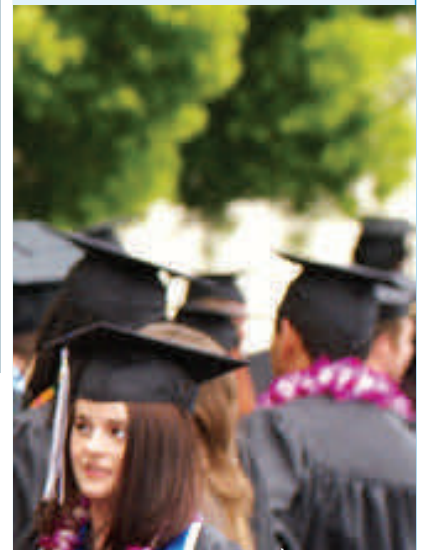
Keynote speaker Prof. Brad Melekian

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*"You are educated.  
Your certification is  
in your degree.  
You may think of it as  
the ticket to the good life.  
Let me ask you to  
think of an alternative.  
Think of it as your ticket  
to change the world."*

*—Tom Brokaw*



The **2013 Pulitzer Prizes** were announced. The Winners for drama, fiction, poetry and non-fiction are:

- **Drama:** *Disgraced* by Ayad Akhtar
- **Fiction:** *The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson (Random House)
- **Poetry:** *Stag's Leap* by Sharon Olds (Alfred A. Knopf)
- **General Nonfiction:** *Devil in the Grove: Thurgood Marshall, the Groveland Boys* by Gilbert King (Harper)

For complete list of winners: <http://www.pulitzer.org/awards/2013>.



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*"In three words  
I can sum up  
everything  
I've learned  
about life:  
it goes on."*

—Robert Frost



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Phi Beta Kappa welcomes the following English majors:

- Toni Deguire
- Joseph Holland
- Madison Levine
- Anna Halligan
- Sarah Jorgensen
- Jamie Shea

Phi Beta Kappa is the nation's oldest and most prestigious academic honors society. Congratulations!



**Fri, May 17: SANDAG iCommute's Bike to Work Day.** Registration for Bike to Work Day is now open. How do YOU roll? May is Bike to Work Month, and registration (<http://www.icommutesd.com/bike/btwdregistration.aspx>) is now open for **Bike to Work Day!** Join thousands of San Diegans and cycle to work on Friday, May 17. Biking to work is a great way to save money, get fit, and be environmentally friendly. Stop by one of more than 80 pit stops conveniently located throughout the county on Bike to Work Day to pick up your FREE t-shirt, snacks, and plenty of encouragement. Visit the Bike to Work webpage (<http://icommutesd.com/Events/Bike-To-Work-Day>) for pit stop location updates and to find a pit stop on your commute route. **USD is one of the pit stops — stop on by and meet fellow USDers who bicycle!** More info: <http://www.icommutesd.com/events/bike-to-work-day>.



### Commencement Events:

#### Friday, May 24, 2013

- 11:00am NROTC Commissioning Ceremony, Jenny Craig Pavilion. Reception immediately following on Eagen Plaza at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.
- 1:30pm Black Graduates Recognition Celebration and Reception. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice Theatre and Rotunda.

#### Saturday, May 25

- 5:00pm Baccalaureate Mass. Jenny Craig Pavilion.
- 6:00pm Chicana/o and Latina/o Graduates Recognition Celebration, Shiley Theatre. Dinner immediately following in Hahn University Center, Forums.

#### Sunday, May 26

- 8:00am Bachelor candidates for the morning ceremony begin lining up at the North parking lot of the Jenny Craig Pavilion. Doors open to the public.
- 9:00-11:00am **Undergraduate College of Arts and Sciences Commencement**, Jenny Craig Pavilion. Reception immediately following on Torero Way, in front of the Hahn University Center.

Have family or friends without tickets or are out of town? **Guests may view the live webcast online at <http://www.sandiego.edu/commencement/live/>.** If on-campus, they may also view a closed-circuit broadcast of the ceremonies — the Arts and Sciences morning ceremony and the School of Business/Engineering Program afternoon ceremony will be broadcast in the Hahn University Center Forums.

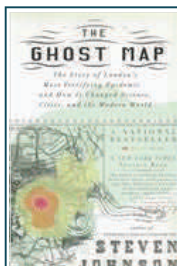


**2013 Rattle Poetry Prize.** 1st Prize: \$5,000 for a single poem, plus ten \$100 Finalists, and the \$1,000 Readers' Choice Award. Open to writers worldwide; poems must be written in English. No previously published works, or works accepted for publication elsewhere. Send no more than four poems per entry. Entry fee of \$20 includes a one-year subscription to *Rattle* (or a one-year extension for subscribers). Multiple entries by a single poet are accepted, however each group of four poems must be treated as a separate entry, with its own cover sheet and \$20 fee. Manuscripts will not be returned. Send entries to: Rattle, 12411 Ventura Blvd., Studio City, CA 91604. Postmark **Deadline: July 15, 2013**. Electronic submissions are accepted as well. Visit our website for exact details and more information: [www.rattle.com](http://www.rattle.com).<sup>†</sup>

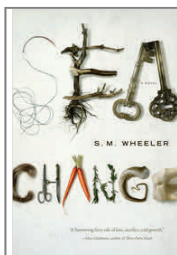




## STUDENT NEWS



**Summer Reading! *The Ghost Map*, by Steven Johnson** is the “USD Just Read!” selection for next year. In a triumph of multidisciplinary thinking, Johnson illuminates the intertwined histories of the spread of disease, the rise of cities, & the nature of scientific inquiry, offering both a riveting history & a powerful explanation of how it has shaped the world we live in. USD Just Read! encourages literacy and deep dialogue on social themes presented through outstanding literature. A limited supply of books are available for check out from CEE, HR, & the Copley Library.



**Shannon Wheeler**, English major with the Creative Writing emphasis, has published a book, *Sea Change* (Macmillan, 2013). To view the book trailer, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dH-WUTLdR3o>. A powerfully written debut from a young fantasy author, *Sea Change* is an exhilarating tale of adventure, resilience, and selflessness in the name of friendship. Source: <http://us.macmillan.com/seachange/SMWheeler>. Congratulations, Shannon, on your accomplishment!



**Diana Velazquez**, English major and Latin American Studies minor, is featured in an *Inside USD* story: “Self-discovery is a daily gift ready to be opened. Life’s valuable lessons, like love, patience, understanding, confidence, humility and knowledge, are found inside. What happens with this gift is entirely up to the individual. Diana Velazquez, who graduates this month from the University of San Diego has taken self-discovery to wonderful heights.” **For full article:** <http://www.sandiego.edu/insideusd/?p=30777>.

**Faye Mankowske**, Biology and English double-major, with Creative Writing Emphasis. Faye’s paper “Child Labor Roles and Gender Expectations: Stephen Crane’s *Maggie*: A Girls of the Streets and Willa Cather’s *My Antonia*” has been accepted for inclusion in the 111th Annual Conference of the **Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association (PAMLA)**. The paper will be part of a session called “Child Labor and American Modernism: 1890-1930” as part of the conference’s special theme of “Stages of Life: Age, Identity, and Culture.” The conference will be held November 1-3, 2013 in San Diego at the Bahia Resort Hotel: <http://www.pamla.org/>.

Faye also received notification that her paper “Spectator Manifested Discursive Resistance in Theresa Hak Kyung Cha’s *Dictée*” has been accepted for **UC Berkeley’s Comparative Literature Undergraduate Journal’s** (<http://ucb-cluj.org/>) Spring 2013 issue. The paper was her English Senior Project thesis paper. Dr. Abe Stoll, who taught the class was extremely helpful in developing the essay. Faye’s main inspiration for this essay came from Dr. Joe Jeon’s Asian American Literature class. Dr. Jeon helped her develop her initial ideas and encouraged her to pursue the direction that she ultimately took. He also shared some of his pre-publication work from his book, *Racial Things, Racial Forms*. Congratulations, Faye, on both accounts!

**Kate Motsinger**, English major, writes of her Junior Year 2013-2014: Writing this piece, I feel a bit like Wendy packing her bags for Neverland because next year, I will not be at USD. Nor in San Diego. As of this coming August, I will be embarking on a year of magic that begins in Anaheim and culminates in England. For the Fall semester, I will be indulging my childhood dreams by moving to Disneyland as part of the **Disney College Program**, where I will be learning “the Disney way” while working for them in Guest Relations. Immediately after the New Year’s confetti has settled, I will be jetting off to Oxford for a semester abroad at the **Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies**. In addition to visiting every literary-related landmark possible, I will be taking four classes with Oxford professors and tutors. It is a dream come true! Although, it makes my heart ache to leave USD and all of the wonderful people, professors and Writing Center tutors I have met here. I will miss you, and I look forward to seeing you again Fall 2014. If anyone would like to visit next Fall, follow the second star to the right, and head straight on ‘til morning. Or, just take the Five. Neverland isn’t too far away after all.



*“Knowledge  
Is invariably  
a matter of degree:  
you cannot put  
your finger upon even  
the simplest datum and  
say this we know.”*

—T. S. Eliot





*“There are no shortcuts to any place worth going.”*

*—Beverly Sills*



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## STUDENT NEWS

### Graduating Senior News:

- **Diana Burke** will be looking for a job, but also plans a trip to the south of France with her girlfriends.
- **Toni DeGuire** will be working for Teach for America, with a position in Dallas, TX, teaching high school English.
- **Joe Holland** will be getting a job somewhere doing something while he decides about future graduate school plans.
- **Rosemary Khoury** will be going to Law School on one of the coasts.
- **Anastasiya Menshikova** will be going to Law School somewhere in California, possibly USD.
- **Courtney Monheit** will be seeking either a digital marketing or account executive position at a full agency firm.
- **Natalie Schmidt** will be moving to Davis, CA and beginning a job hunt.
- **Erica Whalen** will be taking the CBEST and earning her credential to teach English.

Are YOU a graduating Senior? What are your plans? Please share with us, we'd love to hear what you'll be doing! Send to: [English@sandiego.edu](mailto:English@sandiego.edu).

**Alyssa Aninag**, English major (with creative writing emphasis), will be attending the MFA program in fiction at the University of San Francisco next year, where she's been offered a fellowship. Congratulations, Alyssa!

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**ENGL 225-04**

**Chicana/o Literature, Art, & Feminisms**

**Dr. Marcelle Maese-Cohen**  
 MWF 9:05-10:00am • CRN #3689  
 For more info: [marcelle@sandiego.edu](mailto:marcelle@sandiego.edu)

*Explore Chicana feminisms through art, film, and literature, and local Chicana/o murals in San Diego's Chicano Park.*

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Fall 2013 Semester:

# Modern Russian Literature

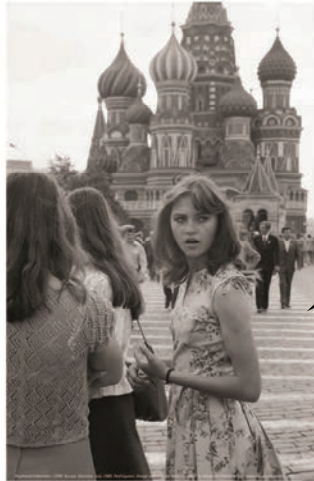
Read fiction, plays, autobiography & poetry; also theory & criticism by avant-garde writers & artists of the early 20th century

ENGL 366 • CRN#4120

Dr. Irene Williams

MW 2:30-3:50

More info: [iwillms@san Diego.edu](mailto:iwillms@san Diego.edu)



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## ENGL 494-06 A Digitalized World: New Media & Transnational Culture



Explore the prismatic worlds of transnational digital culture by reading anime, manga, cyberpunk, social media, electronic literature, video art, and online computer gaming!

CRN #4040

TR 5:30-6:50pm

Dr. Koonyong Kim

For more info: [kykim@san Diego.edu](mailto:kykim@san Diego.edu)



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*“The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.”*

*—Aristotle*



**Want to study abroad?** Consider the **English Program Abroad**, offering SHAKESPEARE IN LONDON for Intercession 2014!! English 280/420, January 3-24, 2014, with David Hay. We will spend three weeks in London reading five plays and seeing three or four productions as well as visiting historical sites relating to Shakespeare such as The Tower of London, Middle Temple Hall, The Globe Theatre and Exhibition, Westminster Abbey, and a walking tour of Shakespeare's London. We will also spend one day in Stratford-Upon-Avon. Productions booked so far are Richard II, with **David Tennant**; Henry V, with **Jude Law**; and King Lear, with **Simon Russell Beale**. Other productions will be determined by what is up while we are there, and field trips will relate to plays we are studying. Five free weekend days will allow students to explore on their own. Emphasis in the class will be on close reading and viewing, and on making Shakespeare real, understandable, and enjoyable. Registration deadline: Oct. 15, 2013. More info: [http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/program/courses/study\\_abroad.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/program/courses/study_abroad.php).



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*“Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself.”*

*—Proverb*



## STUDENT WORK/INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**USD Summer Business Institute (SBI): June 3—June 21, 2013.** Build a foundation of Business concepts and practices with our University summer program. This is an exclusively designed intensive summer college program for current college students and recent college graduates to earn a Summer Business Certificate. The Summer Business Institute is a unique opportunity for students to immerse themselves in a three week long intensive program at the University of San Diego, that focuses on developing business skills needed to succeed in the current marketplace. Why **liberal arts majors** college students and recent college grads should attend: Build a base of knowledge in major areas of business from highly acclaimed experts; Enhance their marketability for employment opportunities; Nurture their personal and career development skills; and Gain an exposure to a wide variety of business areas to help identify clearer career directions. SBI's interactive classroom environment promotes students' learning through case studies, company visits, featured guest speakers and teamwork opportunities that enable students to build strong business foundations. On-campus accommodations (optional). Some scholarships are available. Space is limited. [www.sandiego.edu/sbi](http://www.sandiego.edu/sbi).

**SBI**

Education Fellowship Opportunity in Chicago for graduating seniors: **Match Education Foundation**, a non-profit working to close the achievement gap through various innovations including full-time professional tutoring and teacher training, announces their new partnership with the University of Chicago Crime Labs to work with some of the lowest performing schools in Chicago as part of a two-year clinical study, where they are researching effective ways to reduce violent crimes & drive academic performance in adolescent males. English students who are passionate about education reform are encouraged to apply to this urban education fellowship for the upcoming school year. It is an 11-month commitment & is open to any major. It is an amazing opportunity for top students who are interested in pursuing a career in education or would like to do something meaningful for a year before going to graduate school. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. To apply, go to our application: <https://www.quickbase.com/db/bhbqq2dbs>. For more information & updates, like us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/matcheducation](http://www.facebook.com/matcheducation). Learn how you can make a difference & contact Antonio Gutierrez: [Antonio.gutierrez@matcheducation.org](mailto:Antonio.gutierrez@matcheducation.org) or 617-329-4303. †



**PAID INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** **San Diego Housing Commission** has a 1 year paid internship opportunity in their **Communications & Community Relations Department**. The intern will have the opportunity to edit and proofread business materials; research and assist in writing press releases, fact sheets, brochures, email newsletters and other Agency outreach materials. Minimum Qualifications: Creative and concise writing skills; Deadline oriented; Knowledge of AP Style; Proficient in Microsoft Publisher; & Able to handle multiple projects and deadlines simultaneously. Please have any interested students in their junior or senior year contact Sabrina Patterson, Human Resources Generalist, directly for application instructions: 619-578-7742 or [sabrinap@sdhc.org](mailto:sabrinap@sdhc.org). More info: [www.sdhc.org](http://www.sdhc.org). †

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**Derl Clausen**, son of Professor **Dennis Clausen**, recently had a letter featured in the Sunday Review Section of the *New York Times* (05/05/2013). The letter, which addressed an earlier editorial titled, "the Art of Teaching," received a response from the NYT author, David Greene. An accompanying cartoon also addressed Derl's letter. Derl's letter was among those selected for publication in the NYT from among several hundred letters written by people with different academic backgrounds. His was the only student letter included in this dialogue regarding the qualities that make for superior teaching. The dialog responses can be located in this link: <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/05/opinion/sunday/sunday-dialogue-a-talent-for-teaching.html?pagewanted=all>.

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*"It makes little difference  
how many university  
courses or degrees  
a person may own.  
If he cannot use words  
to move an idea from  
one point to another,  
his education  
is incomplete."*

*—Norman Cousins*



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Congratulations



## FACULTY NEWS

**Gail Perez, PhD**, English and Ethnic Studies Departments, was recognized at the annual Honors Convocation. She was awarded the **2013 Davies Award for Teaching Excellence**. Congratulations, Gail, on this prestigious honor!

At the annual College of Arts and Sciences End-of-Year Celebration, several English Department faculty were recognized for the following milestones:

- **Bart Thurber, PhD**, upon his retirement at the end of this academic year for his 35 years of dedicated service at USD.
- **Joe McGowan, PhD**, for his 20 years of dedicated service at USD.
- **Carlton Floyd, PhD**, for his 10 years of dedicated service at USD.
- **Sister Mary Hotz, PhD**, for her 7 years as English Department Chair. Sister Hotz is stepping down from this roll at the end of this academic year.

Congratulations to all on these milestones!

**Maura Giles-Watson, PhD**, will be heading to Sweden in June to present a paper, "Tristis Orestes?--The Surprisingly Happy Orestes of English Renaissance Drama," in the colloquium on The Trojan War and the Making of the Modern World at the University of Uppsala. After the conference she will be in London conducting research at the British Library for her book on the Henrician playwright John Heywood.

**David Hay** and **Cynthia Caywood** will be directing USD's Summer in London program from June 26 through July 20, 2013. They will also offer their annual summer course, "London Plays in Production." Students will see such productions as the new National Theatre hit about an autistic child, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time*; Daniel Radcliffe in Conor Macpherson's *The Cripple of Inishmaan*; and Punch Drunk, one of Britain's most innovative theatrical companies, in their new collaboration with the National, *The Drowned Man: A Hollywood Fable*, at a yet undisclosed secret location. Cynthia will be replacing Sr. Mary Hotz as department chair beginning July 1, 2013.

**Piotr Florczyk**, adjunct faculty, has been invited to take part in The International Poetry Symposium, which will take place in June 2013, in Krakow, Poland. The Symposium brings together American, European, and Polish poets, critics, and translators. The event is sponsored by the Poetry Foundation of Chicago, Illinois. Additionally, Piotr has just signed a contract for a new book of translations of Polish poetry. The book, entitled *The Day He's Gone: Poems 1990-2013* by Pawel Marcinkiewicz, will be published in February 2014 by Spuyten Duyvil Press. Also, Piotr was guest on a KPBS radio show on Wed, Apr 24, 2013, discussing poetry, etc. Listen to the replay at: <http://www.kpbs.org/audioclips/17670/>.

**Brad Melekian**, adjunct faculty, was nominated for a Faculty of the Year award from the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Congratulations, Brad!

**Christiane Staninger**, adjunct faculty, English and Languages & Literature (German), is volunteering for San Diego's "Bike to Work Day" on Friday, May 17. She is hosting a table on her local bike path. Also, this summer Christiane is taking a group of German students to Austria.

**Anne Wilson**, adjunct faculty, has finished and is beginning to market her third poetry chapbook, "Mountain Sparrow." Also this summer she plans her usual "service" month in August, when she can join others in providing community help wherever needed.

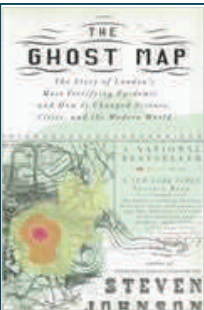
**Jen Lagedrost**, substitute instructor this semester & Graduate Assistant of the Writing Center, will be leading a group of students on a 5 week trip to Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji with Putney Student Travel this summer. She has also just completed her MFA thesis/manuscript "Negative Splits," and will be graduating the MFA program at SDSU May 18, 2013. Jen plans to return this fall to USD to continue her work with the Writing Center and our writing outreach programs for USD graduate and international students.





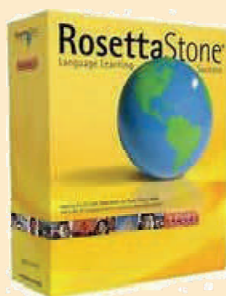
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**Maura Giles-Watson, PhD**, was the guest speaker at Theatre Arts Lunchbox Series entitled “Scripted and Unscripted: Improvisation as a Dramaturgical Dilemma” given on Thurs, April 25, 2013 in the Box Black Studio (Camino 131). This lecture explored the unexpected inner-lives of dramatic texts! Using your imagination and clues from the words and history, juicy, comic, and sometimes even impossibly strange discoveries add depth to Interpretations of literature.



**Faculty, USD Just Read! Selection for 2013-2014: *The Ghost Map*, by Steven Johnson** is the “USD Just Read!” selection for 2013-2014 academic year. In a triumph of multidisciplinary thinking, Johnson illuminates the intertwined histories of the spread of disease, the rise of cities, & the nature of scientific inquiry, offering both a riveting history & a powerful explanation of how it has shaped the world we live in. USD Just Read! encourages literacy and deep dialogue on social themes presented through outstanding literature. The program promotes active learning & reading within the USD community. USD Just Read! **Presentations, book discussions, and other events will be announced in upcoming CEE**

**newsletters** and registration will be available through other CEE website. A limited supply of books are available for check out from CEE, HR, & the Copley Library. **Please contact the CEE if you are interested in possible programming, course and syllabus integration, or any other collaborative projects for next year.** [www.sandiego.edu/cee](http://www.sandiego.edu/cee).



**Language Improvement Training:** 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](http://www.sandiego.edu/international/faculty/development.php).



**being well Wed, May 15, 12:00-1:00pm in Maher 205: Being Well @ USD USD Program: Weight Management.** Employees learn the keys

for successful weight loss and permanent weight management, including discussions of healthful food choices and increasing physical activity. Emphasis is upon permanent changes in health behaviors to achieve lifelong weight management. If you have questions, please contact Nina Sciuto, [asciuto@sandiego.edu](mailto:asciuto@sandiego.edu), x2715, or Adriana Garcia, [agarcia@sandiego.edu](mailto:agarcia@sandiego.edu), x2718.



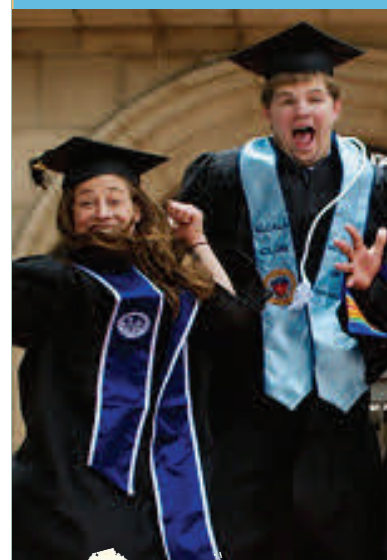
**Wed, May 15, 4:00–5:30pm in UC Forum B: CEE Recognition Reception.** The Center for Educational Excellence cordially invites faculty and staff to a wine and cheese reception honoring CEE presenters, administrators, faculty, and staff in recognition of their support and involvement during the 2012-2013 academic year. Faculty Development Coordinators in each of the Schools, the CEE Advisory Committee and this year’s travel grant recipients will be recognized. This year’s top CEE participants will be honored. Kindly RSVP & register for this reception at: [www.sandiego.edu/cee](http://www.sandiego.edu/cee), 619-260-7402, or [cee@sandiego.edu](mailto:cee@sandiego.edu).

**Thur, May 16, 3:00-5:00pm, MRH West Patio (SOLES): Provost Julie Sullivan Farewell Reception.** Please join us as we honor Dr. Sullivan and celebrate her appointment as President of the University of St. Thomas. Program to begin at 3:45pm. Please RSVP to: [usdevents@sandiego.edu](mailto:usdevents@sandiego.edu).



*“We don't stop going to school when we graduate.”*

*—Carol Burnett*





*"In this outward and physical ceremony we attest once again to the inner and spiritual strength of our Nation. As my high school teacher, Miss Julia Coleman, used to say: 'We must adjust to changing times and still hold to unchanging principles.'"*

*—Jimmy Carter*



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## FACULTY NEWS

**Fri, May 17, 4:00-6:30pm in O'Tooles Lounge: English Dept End-of-Year and Farewell to Dept Chair Mary Hotz Party.** As Sister Mary Hotz steps down from her seven years as English Dept Chair (and goes on a one-year sabbatical) come raise a glass in her honor during this end of the year celebration! Appetizers & drink tickets. Come any time between 4:00-6:30pm. All full-time & adjunct faculty & your significant others are welcome!



**PICNIC Wed, May 29, 1:00-4:00pm at Manchester Valley Athletic Field: USD Annual Community Picnic.**

Employees are one of USD's most valuable assets. The university recognizes that employees do make a difference. As a way to express its appreciation, the university holds an annual community picnic for all faculty, staff and administrative employees and their families. The event is filled with entertainment, games, contests and delicious food. The Manuel Hernandez Staff Employee of the Year is announced and presented with an award at this event. Please feel free to bring your family, your kids, significant other, or a friend — all are welcome! **COMPLIMENTARY EMPLOYEE RAFFLE:** no need to have a ticket for this raffle. You **MUST**, however, RSVP to this year's picnic to be eligible to win some amazing gift cards. Be sure to bring your USD ID with you to the Picnic to claim your gift card. RSVP by Friday, May 17th at 5:00pm.

RSVP to: [http://www.sandiego.edu/hr/employee\\_relations/employee\\_picnic.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/hr/employee_relations/employee_picnic.php) to win this bike, the cooler, the chair, an umbrella+stand (the whole enchilada!). **NEED NOT ATTEND PICNIC TO REGISTER FOR THE BIKE!** On registration page, enter "Number of RSVPs" —if not attending, enter "0". You could win this package! There are six (6) of these bike packages, one being awarded to each division in the university.

**WIN THIS BICYCLE!!** Fill out on-

← line form (need not attend to win).



**CHR@USD 50/50 RAFFLE:** Win Cash!! \$\$\$ The Community of Human Resources (CHR@USD) 50/50 Raffle tickets are on sale now in the Department of Human Resources (Maher 101) and from your CHR representatives— see Carla in FH174! Tickets are 2 for \$1 or 12 for \$5. (Need not be present to win.)

**Tue, Jun 4, 12:00–1:00pm in the UC Forum B: Suzie's Farm CSA Information Session.** An information session for the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) at USD Work Program with Suzie's Farm will be given by Shannon from Suzie's Farm, who talk about the program. We hope to start the program in mid-June. More Suzie's Farm info at <http://suziesfarm.com/>. Come find out what CSA is all about!



**Fri, Jun 28, 2:00-3:00pm in MRH 135 (SOLES): CEE/ATS Friday Tech Talk.** Register for this event at: [www.sandiego.edu/cee](http://www.sandiego.edu/cee), 619-260-7402, or [cee@sandiego.edu](mailto:cee@sandiego.edu).

**SAVE THE DATE! Tue, Aug 13: Adjunct Faculty Welcome and Orientation.**



## ALUMNI NEWS

Alumni: we want to hear from YOU! Tell us about yourself! Submit to: [English@sandiego.edu](mailto:English@sandiego.edu).



## BE BLUE, GO GREEN



At USD's Earth Day Celebration, the winners of USD Changemaker Hub's **USD One Challenge** contest were announced. Two recipients earned the popular vote: 1) **"Exchange for Change"** idea by undergraduate international business majors Chantale Serad & Jenna Van Horn & 2) **"Biodiesel Project"** by the School of Law's Assistant Registrar Erik Kim-Holmgren. The Exchange for Change concept brings portable recycling machines on campus so that students, staff, faculty can recycle bottles & cans in exchange for CRV refunds that go back onto their Campus Card. "Biodiesel Project" Kim-Holmgren wants to create a biodiesel production facility to produce fuel from used cooking oil for USD vehicles. Also, the glycerin by-product of the process will be converted to a high-quality soap. The contest was designed to get people motivated by environmental issues and more of the campus to get behind it.



## DID YOU KNOW?

**Did You Know Sister Pat?** Professor Emerita **Patricia Shaffer, RSCJ** Retires to Oakwood in Atherton, CA. After 54 years of dedicated service, teaching and research at USD, Sister Pat Shaffer will formally "retire" and move to Oakwood, the RSCJ retirement community in Atherton CA on June 2, 2013. Sister Pat promises to return often for visits, especially to biennial alumni gatherings! We asked Sister Pat to comment on her inspirations in science, her proud moments and other fond memories of USD.



Who or what inspired you to become a Chemist?

My science professors at the San Francisco College for Women (now the University of San Francisco), Stanford University and SDSU/UCSD. I entered the Society of the Sacred Heart before I graduated from college. Two and a half years later I returned to San Francisco and, while teaching at our RSCJ high school, I took just enough classes to graduate with my B.A. in Natural Science. It was our nuns on the faculty who inspired me to study science. At Stanford University, Dr. Eric Hutchinson, who later became Assistant to the President at Stanford, was the person who advised and helped me complete my Masters degree in physical chemistry. At SDSU/UCSD (Joint Doctoral Program), Dr. Mitchel T. Abbott, my advisor, helped me become the first woman to complete this program.

Which research are you most proud of in your career?

I am most proud to have been able to clone and sequence from *Aspergillus nidulans*, the specific gene for L-asparaginase (AhrA) and to express it. It could be used as part of the treatment for childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia, but another person came up with this enzyme from another source before my laboratory group completed the research.

Can you share some of your fondest memories at USD?

As a nun (a religious who made a vow of obedience) I was sent here to assist Sr. Agnes Schmit, RSCJ, who was the Chairperson of the Dept. of Chemistry at the College for Women. I was also the Resident Assistant for the women's dormitory rooms in Camino Hall. What I loved most over these years were the relationships with Faculty with whom I collaborated and with students with whom I have worked in the classroom or in my research laboratories. We have published papers and given presentations at science meetings. We have established deep relationships and look forward to Alumni Reunions.

Do you have a message for young people?

Value your time in classrooms or in research laboratories and the relationships you have built with faculty and classmates. It is good to retain these relationships over your lifetime.

**Sister Pat, you will be missed! Happy Retirement!**

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Class of  
2013



*"You are graduating from college. That means that this is the first day of the last day of your life.*

*No, that's wrong.*

*This is the last day of the first day of school.*

*Nope, that's worse.*

*This is a day.*

*—Andy Samberg*

