

# ENGLISH DEPT NEWSLETTER

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## Important Dates

- **Sep 1:** Labor Day Holiday
- **Sep 3:** Classes Begin
- **Sep 9:** Fall Alcalá Bazaar
- **Sep 11:** Mass of the Holy Spirit
- **Sep 18:** Barrie Cropper Lecture
- **Sep 19:** Lindsay J. Cropper Memorial Writers Series Reading

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## Announcements

### A Word from our Dept. Chair...



Welcome to the beginning of the 2014-2015 academic year! The English department has experienced much change over the past year. Gail Perez has retired after many years of distinguished teaching and service, but has fortunately rejoined the department as an adjunct faculty member. We have hired a new poet: Malachi Black, who despite his freshly minted PhD, has a long and distinguished list of publications. Both Sr. Mary Hotz and Dennis Clausen have returned from their sabbaticals, while Irene Williams will be on leave

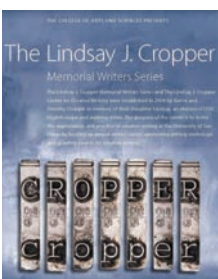
next semester. Halina Duraj, whose own fiction was recognized last spring with an O'Henry prize, has planned an exciting series of readings for the Cropper Series, and Maura Giles-Watson will launch her Tudor Plays Project, marking the department's first foray into the burgeoning field of Digital Humanities.

The department has also worked hard in the past year to bring attention to the many career options available to those who major in English. If you have not yet visited our careers tab on the English department home page, please do so and discover a wealth of information about careers, internships, and publication op-

tions: <http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/internships-careers.php>.

Be on the lookout for publicity about our Fall Career event, a presentation on career options from Career Services, especially tailored for English majors and Humanities Students. When explaining why they have chosen to major in English, students often speak of their passion for writing and reading. What often goes unmentioned is the excellent preparation an English major provides in the critical skills of writing, creative thinking and critical analysis. These abilities are increasingly rare and valued in today's competitive workplace.

With my best wishes for a healthy and productive academic year,  
Cynthia Caywood, Chair



### Cropper Series for 2014-2015

The Cropper Series welcomes three guests for the academic year 2014-2015. Fiction writer **Sarah Shun-lien Bynum**, poet **Ross Gay**, and nonfiction writer **Eula Biss**.

First up in September is fiction writer **Sarah Shun-lien Bynum** on **Thur, Sept 18**, 12:30pm in Mother Rosalie Hill Hall (MRH), Rm 102 ("SOLES") for the Barrie Cropper Lecture on Creative Writing, and also on **Fri, Sept**

**19**, 7:00pm in Manchester Conf. Ctr. Auditorium for the Lindsay J. Cropper Memorial Writers Series reading. **Ross Gay**, poet, will be here **Fri, Nov 7**, 7:00pm in Manchester Conf. Ctr. Auditorium for the Lindsay J. Cropper Memorial Writers Series reading. In Spring semester 2015, we'll welcome nonfiction writer **Eula Biss** on **Fri, March 15, 2015**, 7:00pm in Manchester Conf. Ctr. for the Lindsay J. Cropper Memorial Writers Series reading. All the Friday evening events will be followed by a dessert reception

and book signing. Free and open to the public. All are welcome!

Mark your calendars now, and we'll see you at our upcoming events.





## Announcements

### Alcala Bazaar

The Bazaar will take place on **Tuesday, September 9, 2014, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.** on Toren Way. This annual street fair event is University of San Diego's favorite way of showcasing our organizations and departments and encouraging involve-

ment on campus. Local businesses and vendors will also participate to help students purchase last-minute supplies, get set up with other services, and find out all San Diego has to offer. For a list of organizations that will be at the Bazaar:

<http://www.sandiego.edu/associatedstudents/bazaar/>



**"WE KNOW WHAT WE ARE, BUT KNOW NOT WHAT WE MAY BE."**

**—WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE**

### Center for Inclusion & Diversity



Everyone is invited to the CID's Welcome Back Sweet Celebration and Open House, celebrating their new location in Maher Hall.

When: **Wed, September 10, 2014**

Where: Maher Hall Rm. 253

Time: 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm

The CID hopes you can join them in their brand new space! <http://www.sandiego.edu/inclusion/>



### *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* at The Old Globe, Balboa Park, through Sept 14.

Renowned director and Tony Award nominee Mark Lamos returns to the Globe with one of **Shakespeare's** most delightful and boisterous comedies. Best friends Valentine and Proteus travel to the big city to seek their fortunes, only to find themselves rivals, both madly in love with the beautiful Silvia, daughter of Milan's most powerful duke. A fast-paced, exuberant tale of friendship, romance, and secret identities, featuring a band of outlaws, two bumbling servants, and one unforgettable dog. <http://www.oldglobe.org>

### Theatre Auditions

Theatre Arts and Performance Studies invites all students, faculty and staff to audition for their fall productions of *Anton's Shorts: Three Brief Comedies* by Chekhov and *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams.



#### Audition Dates:

**Friday, Sept. 5** from 6-9 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 6** from 12-5 p.m.

Auditions held in The Vassiliadis Family Theatre Black Box, Camino 131.

Sign up to audition on the callboard outside the Theatre office, C163, across from the vending machines. For further details, visit the Theatre Arts website at [www.sandiego.edu/cas/theatrearts/callboard/auditions.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/theatrearts/callboard/auditions.php) to download audition forms and for audition specifics.

**Carla Petticrew**, the English Department's Executive Assistant, celebrated five (5) years of working at USD on July 9, 2014. Carla started at USD temping for the Music Dept and Liberal Studies Program, and also the College of Arts & Sciences Dean's Office. She has worked in the English Dept. since January 2011 (3-1/2 years).

Carla took a trip to Italy this summer, a guided tour of the northern region. She visited Lake Como (*pictured*), Milan, Lugano (in Italian region of Switzerland), Parma, Cinque Terre & Portovenere (Italian Riviera), Verona, and Venice. Her favorite stops? Lake Como and Portovenere!

*Buongiorno!*







## Student News



**Sarah Zentner:** We are happy to announce that Sarah Zentner is the English Office's new Federal Work Study (FWS) Student Worker for the 2014-2015 academic year. Sarah is an English major, a tutor in The Writing Center, and a Senior. This summer she participated in the London Study Abroad Program in Dr. Cynthia Caywood's and Dr. David Hay's "London Plays in Production" course. Sarah is also part of the Founders

Chapel Choir, and will co-chair USD's Relay for Life this year. She hopes to someday work in publishing.



**"THE BEST WAY OUT IS ALWAYS THROUGH."**  
**—ROBERT FROST**

CONGRATS to English majors **Julie Sherwood, Janelle Oto, Victoria Hambley, and Jianna Bonomi!!** These Student-Athletes made the West Coast Conference's (WCC) Commissioner's Honor Roll!

Gold Honors

- **Julie Sherwood, FR,** Women's Soccer

- **Jianna Bonomi, JR,** Women's Volleyball



Silver Honors

Bronze Honors

- **Janelle Oto, SR,** Women's Rowing (*picture not available*)

- **Victoria Hambley, SR,** Cross Country (*picture not available*)

In addition to their cumulative GPA, these student-athletes must have earned a varsity letter in a sport which the conference determined a champion in the recently completed academic year, and completed an average of at least 12 graded credit hours per term.

Congrats to our English major student-athletes on their academic excellence!!

***Congratulations!***



# LONDON, ENGLAND

~ English Program ~

## Interession 2015



ENGL 280/420:  
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**Shakespeare in London**  
*Dr. Abraham Stoll*  
[ASToll@sandiego.edu](mailto:ASToll@sandiego.edu)

Application Deadline:  
October 14, 2014  
...  
Program Dates:  
January 3<sup>rd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015  
...  
Apply Online:  
[sandiego.edu/studyabroad](http://sandiego.edu/studyabroad)





## Student News

### Inside USD:

#### Experience, Passion Drive McNair Scholars Davis, Hachimi, *from 8/15/14 article:*

There's no substitute for experience. Any journey, particularly a road less traveled, is often bumpy, uncomfortable and, at times, seems never-ending. But it's rewarding, too. Absorbing life lessons brings self-discovery, sharpens one's focus and develops valuable leadership skills.

Kenneth Davis and **Yasmine Hachimi** are University of San Diego seniors and they know what awaits them. In May 2015, they will walk across the Jenny Craig Pavilion stage to reach what for many is an academic finish line. Davis and **Hachimi** will earn a bachelor's degree in philosophy and **English**, respectively.

When this happens they'll think about far they've come. Davis is a transfer student. **Hachimi** attended USD for one year, left for seven, and returned in 2011. Both will credit their participation in the TRiO/USD

McNair Scholars Program because they plan to attend graduate school in Fall 2015.

"Let your passion guide you and enjoy the process," states the 28-year-old **Hachimi**, who first attended USD in 2004. She took business classes, but said it wasn't her choice. She left school, worked and paid her own bills. Eventually, she reapplied and returned, only this time it was to pursue her passion for arts, literature, reading and writing.

"You have to go with your talents and not try to pursue a business degree when you know you're really gifted in literature," she said. "Pursuing my passion is something I've really experienced here. I'm beginning to see the fruits of it as I'm applying to grad schools, taking the GRE and seeing my journey as an undergrad come to an end. It's bittersweet, but exciting, because it has prepared me for all of the challenges and opportunities ahead."

Read the full article at: <http://www.sandiego.edu/insideusd/?p=38390>



**WITH SELF-DISCIPLINE MOST ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE.**

**—THEODORE ROOSEVELT**



## Student Career Assistance

### English Careers web

Have you checked out the **English** web site Careers page? We're at: <http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/internships-careers.php>

English Dept. Career events, Internships, Volunteer Work, Scholarships, Job Opportunities, and USD Career Services events, like these:

- **Tue, Sept 9, 2014, 12:30pm** (location TBA): Pitch for Pizza
- **Wed, Sept 10, 2014, 3:00pm** in UC 103: Resume Writing Workshop
- **Thur, Sept 11, 2014, 1:30-3:00pm** at Hughes Center Lawn: Get the Scoop on Career Services Ice Cream Social
- **Fri, Sept 12, 2014: 12:30pm** in Serra 215: Prepare for the Torero Talent Internship & Job Fair

We also have Research Opportunities, Graduate School Opportunities, Writing Contests, Publications Opportunities, Articles on Career Advice, and even Etiquette Tips on getting the job!

Have some information you'd like to share on our English Dept. Careers web page? Email us at: [English@sandiego.edu](mailto:English@sandiego.edu).



### Save the Date!

The English Dept. is having a **student career brown bag lunch** on Thursday, Nov 13, 2014, 12:15-1:15pm.

Mark your calendars now for this Fall event to help assist you with your career.

What to do with an English major? Come find out!







## Faculty News

### New Faculty Member



**From Inside USD:** Malachi Black, assistant professor of English and Creative Writing, is a new member of the College of Arts and Sciences **English faculty** and has hit the ground running.

Black's poetry will be featured in the Spring 2014 issue of *Ploughshares*. Q: You're from the east coast. What brought you to California and to USD? I left New York City in the summer of 2007, and have since lived in Texas, Massachusetts, Utah, and Georgia, so California will be my fifth state in seven years. The thrillingly critical difference is that California, and USD, more specifically, constitutes a destination – in vital contrast to my so many recent stopovers. What brings me to California, of course, is USD: its uncommon and very real commitment to intellectual, pedagogical, and interpersonal community,

integrity, and accomplishment. In terms of attractions, I can't help but remark, too, on the richly affecting beauty of the university, both as aesthetic installation and as habitable academic space. When I first visited, in February, my sublime experience of the panoramic Garden of the Sea united me, I've imagined, with a great many onetime nomads for whom such a view was an invitation to stay. I'm excited to have arrived – to mark simultaneous ending and beginning – and to be unpacking, permanently, at long last. [Read the full article at: http://www.sandiego.edu/insideusd/?p=37187.](http://www.sandiego.edu/insideusd/?p=37187)



**Photo Shoot!** All Full-time & Adjunct Faculty may have a head shot taken, either if you've never had one taken or you want to update your photo to a new one.

Date: **Thursday, August 28**

Time: **10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Location: KIPJ Production Studio (Room 138)

It is scheduled for a day when our new faculty are on campus for an orientation meeting. If there is a need, a second photo shoot may be scheduled in September for those who cannot attend this session (let Carla know).



**New & Junior Faculty Social: Thursday, Sept 4, 4:30-6:30 p.m.** at the Cosmopolitan Restaurant & Hotel. Located in the heart of Old Town, The Cosmopolitan Restaurant & Hotel is the ideal setting for USD's new and junior 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. Please RSVP at: <http://www.sandiego.edu/cee/events/registration.php>



**"A #2 PENCIL  
AND A DREAM  
CAN TAKE YOU  
ANYWHERE."**

**—JOYCE MEYER**



**David Hay and Cynthia Caywood**

directed the London Summer program, which had 7 courses and 85 students. As part of the program, they taught London Plays in Production.



Jerry Farber's essay "On Not Betraying Poetry" has been accepted for publication in *Pedagogy* (published by Duke University Press). It will appear in the journal's Spring, 2015 issue. <http://pedagogy.dukejournals.org/>

Congrats, Jerry!



**Pedagogy**



**Anne Wilson**, adjunct faculty, had her article on the Anza-

Borrego Desert from a contemplative perspective appear in the online edition of Liguorian Magazine. [<http://www.pilgrimjournal.com>](http://www.liguorian.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=sec-</a></p>
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Also, PILGRIM Literary Journal has accepted three of her poems for three different issues of their web journal--one in their December issue and then in two issues of early 2015.

[www.pilgrimjournal.com](http://www.pilgrimjournal.com)

Congrats, Anne!



## Community



**Green Move-In:** May 2014 marked the second-annual USD Green Move-Out. The Office of Sustainability partnered with our local Goodwill to collect gently used electronics, household items, and textile items such as clothing, bedding, towels, and rugs. All textiles were donated to Goodwill and all household items and appliances will be resold at heavily reduced prices for new and returning students in the fall. We diverted more than 11,500 pounds of reusable items from the landfill. Purchase these items to decorate your room or apartment! We have lots of items to choose from. Stop by the Electronics Recycling Center Mon-Sat 9am-4pm, 5330 Linda Vista Rd. <http://www.sandiegoewaste.org/electronics-re-sale-store/>



## Be Blue, Go Green



The University of San Diego **ranks 14th nationally** in the 2014 “Cool Schools” list of the greenest colleges and universities released today by Sierra magazine. USD improved 65 positions from its 2013 ranking of 79. USD is the highest-ranked school in San Diego County for its efforts to protect the environment, address climate issues and encourage environmental responsibility. USD’s success over the past year is due in large part to its Electronics Recycling Center, which diverted more than 515,000 pounds of e-waste from landfills — up from 269,000 pounds a year ago. USD also installed 28 electric vehicle charging stations and equipped the campus with 222 upgraded bike racks. With a severe drought facing



California, USD has continued to reduce water usage by more than 45 million gallons annually versus the baseline year of 2006. See a full rankings list of the 173 colleges that includes each school’s completed questionnaire: [www.sierraclub.org/coolschools](http://www.sierraclub.org/coolschools).

### make your USD move-in GREEN

- 1 be thrifty**  
re-use: verb \ˈri-juːz/ to use (something) again.  
Stop by USD's Electronics Recycling Center to buy items at heavily reduced prices.  
fans, shower caddies, bed risers, mirrors, desk organizers, hangers, water filters.  
[www.sandiego.edu/ewaste](http://www.sandiego.edu/ewaste)
- 2 ban the bottle**  
re-duce: verb \ˈri-juːs/ to make (something) smaller in size, amount, number, etc.  
Fill up a reusable water bottle at a water station around campus.
- 3 recycle**  
re-cycle: verb \ˈri-saɪkəl/ to make something new from (something that has been used before).  
Every room has a blue recycling bin with single stream recycling. This means all recyclable items can go in one bin.
- 4 bring your own bags**  
sus-tain-able: adjective \sə-ˈsteɪ-nə-bəl/ involving methods that do not completely use up or destroy natural resources.  
Use a reusable bag when you go shopping on campus or around San Diego.
- 5 buy green**  
or-gan-ic: adjective \ˈɔr-gə-nɪk/ grown or made without the use of artificial chemicals.  
Stock up your room with green goodies such as organic cotton sheets, fair-trade products, and environmentally friendly cleaning products.  
Lush, Seventh Generation, Gaiam, Abe's Market
- 6 reuse packing**  
re-use: verb \ri-juːz/ to keep (something) from being lost or wasted.  
Use reusable bins to move and store your stuff every year.
- 7 reduce energy consumption**  
con-sump-tion: noun \kən-ˈsʌmptʃən/ the use of something.  
Coordinate with your roommate(s) to rent a refrigerator/microwave or share a printer.
- 8 go paperless**  
pa-per-less: adjective \ˈpə-pər-ləs/ using computers instead of paper to record or exchange information.  
Bring your laptop to class to take notes if your professor allows it. Read articles on your computer instead of printing them out.
- 9 get involved**  
Want to make an effort in USD's sustainability effort?  
**BE BLUE USD GO GREEN**  
Join the Be Blue, Go Green student team!  
[www.sandiego.edu/sustainability](http://www.sandiego.edu/sustainability)



## Alumni News

Alums, we want to hear from YOU! What have you been up to since you graduated? New job? Graduate school? Please forward your info to: [English@sandiego.edu](mailto:English@sandiego.edu). We look forward to hearing from you!



## Did You Know?

Did You Know? Fridays are **Blue!** Wear your Torero gear to show your Torero pride. No USD gear? **Just wear blue.** Students, Employees, everyone in the USD community. Every Friday, go **BLUE!** Go Toreros!

