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Important Dates

- **Dec 14:** Last Day of Classes
- **Dec 15:** Study Day
- **Dec 16-22:** Final Exams
- **Dec 22:** First Day of Winter
- **Dec 24-Jan 1:** Campus Closed
- **Dec 25:** Full Moon
- **Dec 25:** Christmas
- **Dec 26:** Kwanzaa Begins
- **Dec 26:** Boxing Day

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English Dept Announcements

Cynthia Caywood: International Impact Award!

Dr. Cynthia Caywood, our English Dept. Chair, was awarded the **2015 International Impact Award** from USD. She was honored at International Center's luncheon on November 17, 2015, where she was recognized by President Harris and received the award from the Provost. The award recognizes "sustained and deep contributions to promote global understanding through international education."

Cindy received the award for her many years of work on internationalization. She was instrumental in the development of study abroad at USD since long before the founding of the International Center. Since 1999 she has run the program at St Clare's, Oxford, as well as the Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies at Oxford and Cork. In 2003 she founded the summer program in London. She still runs it, having shepherded it from one class with sixteen students to its current form with as many as ten classes and one hundred students. Out of the London course she and David Hay spun off our London Shakespeare course in the Intersession – and this too continues to grow. Beyond these concrete achievements, Cindy has had a significant impact on the culture of study abroad at USD. The London and Oxford programs are academically rigorous and challenging, providing our students with a global education in the most intellectual sense. Generations of students have benefited from her strong organization, easy demeanor, and intellectual vision. It is fair to say that without her efforts, study abroad at USD would be a fraction of what it is today. **Congratulations, Cindy, on this well-deserved honor!**



Happy Holidays!

Wishing all our students, faculty, and staff/administrators a wonderful holiday season! This is the last newsletter before the holiday break;

we'll be back again the beginning of Spring 2016 semester. Until then, enjoy the break and time with your family and loved ones. Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, and Happy Kwanzaa!!

—**Best Holiday Wishes!!**—



English Dept Announcements



The *Alcalá Review* 1st Issue is Now Live!

With the deadline for this year's Lindsay J. Cropper Creative Writing content fast approaching, we wanted to take a moment to remind you that the **first issue of the *Alcalá Review*** – featuring last year's Cropper contest winners – **is live!** If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to engage with the exciting work of last year's winning submissions in poetry, nonfiction, and fiction as selected by last year's Cropper readers, poet and essayist Ross Gay and fiction writer Sarah Bynum. The issue can be found here: <http://digital.sandiego.edu/alcalareview/>.



Photo credit: Ivy Guild is a senior at the University of San Diego, double majoring in Art History & Visual Arts with emphases in Photography & Sculpture, and minoring in Communication Studies.



View Reading/Lecture Recordings for Free!

We have several lecture/reading video recordings from this semester that are now available for free viewing!

- Barrie Cropper Lecture on the Craft of Creative Writing: **John Jeremiah Sullivan**, September 24, 2015:

Direct link: <https://video.sandiego.edu/Watch/Xj87SsJp>

Cropper iTunes U station: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/itunes-u/lindsay-j.-cropper-memorial/id431922164>.

- Lindsay J. Cropper Memorial Writers Series: **John Jeremiah Sullivan**, September 25, 2015: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/itunes-u/lindsay-j.-cropper-memorial/id431922164>.
- Joanne T. Dempsey Memorial Lecture Series: **Frits van Oostrom** “**The Devotio Moderna: Then and Now**,” October 6, 2015: <https://itunes.apple.com/itunes-u/cas-lecture-series/id531476365?mt=10&pageMode=overlay>
- Digital Humanities Breakfast: “**Vogala**” by **Frits van Oostrom**, October 7, 2015: <https://itunes.apple.com/itunes-u/cas-lecture-series/id531476365?mt=10&pageMode=overla>
- Lindsay J. Cropper Memorial Writers Series: **Natalie Diaz Poetry Reading**, Friday, November 6, 2015:

Direct link: <https://video.sandiego.edu/Watch/z9SDx4f2>

Cropper iTunes U station: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/itunes-u/lindsay-j.-cropper-memorial/id431922164>.

Our iTunes U stations (both the Cropper and CAS) are free and always available for viewing. Check out some of our past years' recordings!

“I WILL HONOR
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AND TRY
TO KEEP IT
ALL THE YEAR.”

—CHARLES DICKENS



English Dept Announcements

Cropper Creative Writing Contest: Enter Now!



Lindsay J. Cropper Creative Writing Contest

The 2015-16 Lindsay J. Cropper Creative Writing Contest is accepting submissions! All submissions are through the *Alcalá Review* web site, where you can also read full contest guidelines: <http://digital.sandiego.edu/alcalareview/>.

Deadline is: Dec. 15, 2015, 11:59 p.m.

We welcome submissions from all undergraduates, and students do not have to be completing the creative writing emphasis in order to be eligible (nor do they have to be English majors)! Students may submit in more than one genre, though a student can only win in one genre. This year, the poetry submissions will be judged by Fall 2015 Cropper reader, poet Natalie Diaz. Fiction submissions will be judged by Spring 2016 Cropper reader, fiction writer Ron Hansen. Creative nonfiction submissions will be judged by Fall 2015 Cropper reader John Jeremiah Sullivan. A prize of \$125 will be awarded in each of the three categories, and winners and an honorable mention for each category will be published in the *Alcalá Review*.

Winners will be announced at the April 8, 2016, Cropper Reading!

If you have questions about the contest, please email:
Professor Halina Duraj, at hduraj@sandiego.edu or
Professor Malachi Black, at malachiblack@sandiego.edu



The *Alcalá Review*, USD's online literary journal, may be found at: <http://digital.sandiego.edu/alcalareview/>.



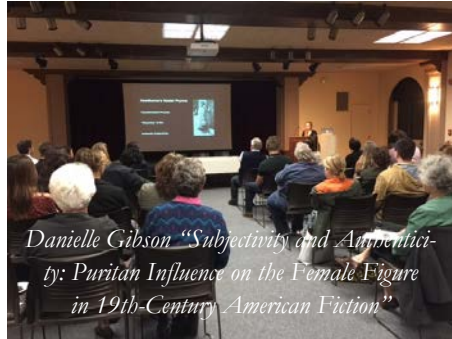
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Senior Project Presentations Photos

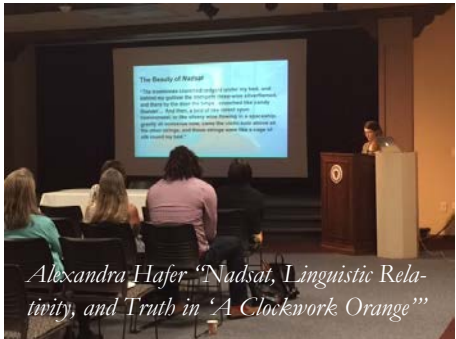
Congrats to our English major Seniors who presented their Senior Project, the capstone research course for English majors, on November 19, 2015 in Salomon Hall.



Vincent Cabral "The Digital Mediation of Female Cyborg Consciousness"



Danielle Gibson "Subjectivity and Authenticity: Puritan Influence on the Female Figure in 19th-Century American Fiction"



Alexandra Hafer "Nadsat, Linguistic Relativity, and Truth in 'A Clockwork Orange'"



Rayne Thayer-Brown "A piece in their games": Hybridity and Black Representation In 'The Hunger Games'"



Nancy Kuelbs "A Story Reclaimed: Holocaust Memoir and Shattering the Nazi's 'Single Story'"



Brandon Reiter "Elegiac Aesthetics: The Shared Legacy of Robert Frost and Edward Thomas"



Magenta Reynolds "The Poet's Authority: Milton's Epistemological Exploration of Ovid's Orpheus"



Kevin Searle "I trust thee not: Male Mistrust and Female Confidantes in Shakespeare"



All our Senior with Dr. Maura Giles-Watson



Dr. Koonyoung Kim, Dr. Abe Stall, and Vincent Cabral



Danielle Gibson and Dr. Dennis Clausen



Maggie Reynolds and her mom



Dr. Irene Williams and Sonia Zarate, Director, Office of Undergraduate Research

All photos by Emily Bezold — Thank you!



English Dept Announcements

Cropper Series: Malachi Black Photos



Malachi Black poetry reading on Friday, December 4, 2015, in the Warren Aud.



Drs. Halina Duraj, Malachi Black, & Ivan Ortiz



Dr. Malachi Black reading



Drs. Ivan Ortiz, Malachi Black, & Koonyoung Kim



Mrs. Dorothy Cropper & Dr. Irene Williams



Alex Marasigan, Sean Onye, Aly Amos, Ryan Samson, Joey Markus, & James Cho



Mick & Nancy Kuelbs, Prof. Allison Wiese, Valerie Attisha, & Mrs. Dorothy Cropper



James Cho, Joey Markus, Miles Parnegg, Alex Marasigan, Joe Holland, Piper Bloom, & Meghan Macdonald



Carmen Radley, Kristopher Hall, Daan Robertson, and (unrelated) Mary Robertson



Carla Petticrew & Piper Bloom



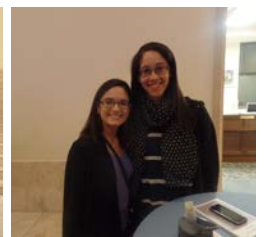
Meghan Macdonald, Danielle Gibson, & Piper Bloom



Peter Hilburn & Cameron Edinburgh



Miles Parnegg, Caitlin Foote, and Scott Ryan





Student News

Sigma Tau Delta

If you are interested in becoming more involved with the USD English community, consider applying to the Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society. This semester Sigma Tau Delta has hosted a graduate school informational featuring Professors Malachi Black and Ivan Ortiz to give its members a chance to ask their questions regarding the process of applying to graduate schools. Sigma Tau Delta also took its members to see *As You Like It* at The Old Globe.

The benefits of joining Sigma Tau Delta include the advantage of listing Sigma Tau Delta on your resume, the honor of submitting your work for publication in *The Rectangle* (the official Sigma Tau Delta



publication), and the privilege of wearing an honor cord and stole with your graduation robe. Once you join Sigma Tau Delta, new leadership positions both on and off campus will be made available to you, and you will be granted the opportunity to work alongside like-minded scholars in order to contribute to the propagation of the literary arts.

Application to Sigma Tau Delta is a simple process; you must be an English major or minor and you must have completed at least 2 courses beyond English 121. Having satisfied those requirements, you must have also attained a 3.4 GPA or above in English courses and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher to be considered for membership in Sigma Tau Delta. For more information please email breiter@sandiego.edu. We look forward to hearing from you.

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—MOTHER TERESA

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The Writing Center Closes Soon!

Have you visited the Writing Center this semester? Did you know that they are not open during finals? (as they are student-run.) Their last day open is Monday, December 14th. Be sure to visit them BEFORE then! Drop by Founders 190B to make an appointment, or call 619-260-4581. Find out what they can do for you at: http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/writing_center/.



Our Fall 2015 Writing Center Tutors!

Study Spaces Available

See flyer at right for study spaces available late night around campus during the last weeks of the semester and final exams.





late night.

Announcing late night study spaces!*

Serra Hall 209
8 PM-7 AM Monday-Friday
24 hours Saturday and Sunday

Serra Hall 211
9 PM – 7 AM Monday-Friday
24 hours Saturday and Sunday

Serra Hall 212
9 PM-7 AM Monday-Friday
24 hours Saturday and Sunday

*Sat. 12/5: 6 AM-3 PM not available in Serra Hall due to SAT Testing
Wed. 12/16: 212 begins at 10 PM due to Finals
Mon. 12/21: 211 begins at 10 PM due to Finals

Copley Library Hours



Copley Library Hours of Operation

Final Exams		
Sunday	December 13	Open at 12 p.m.
	and remain open 24 hours a day until	
Tuesday	December 22	Close at 8 p.m.
Christmas/New Year Holiday		
Wednesday	December 23	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday – Sunday	December 24 – January 3	CLOSED

www.sandiego.edu/library

(619) 260-4799



Student News

Honor Thesis Presentations

The USD Honors Program is having their **Fall 2015 Thesis Presentations** in early December, to be held in the Student Life Pavilion (SLP) 412.



Meghan Hall, International Relations and English Double Major, presented her thesis last week! Under the guidance of Dr. Mike Williams, she completed her project, "Multilingualism to Unilingualism: The Consequences of Malaysia's Language Policy Forty Years Later." Congrats, Meghan!

Two additional English majors will present their theses on December 10th. All are welcome to attend. Come support our seniors and learn about their independent research projects!



Thursday, December 10th:

4:00-4:40pm: **Jude Caywood** (Interdisciplinary Humanities major, Women and Gender Studies and French minors)

Title: "Ides Ælfscinu oþþe Nergendes Þeowen Þrymfuþ? Judith, Liminality, and the Pagan, Germanic Heroic, and Christian Traditions"

Adviser: Dr. Joseph McGowan

4:40-5:20pm: **Magenta Reynolds** (English major, Communication Studies minor)

Title: "The Poet's Investment: John Milton through the Lens of Ovid"



Adviser: Dr. Abraham Stoll



All welcome, we hope to see you there!



Student Research Info Session

The Office of Undergrad Research (OUR) is hosting a workshop for students interested in: "**Research Scholarships Information Session and Proposal Writing Tips Workshop (SURE, McNair and Beckman)**" to be held on Tuesday, December 15, 12:15-

2:15pm in Camino Hall 112. RSVP to: https://sandiego.secure.force.com/events/targetx_eventsb_eventsplus_search?type=OUR.



Students Published!



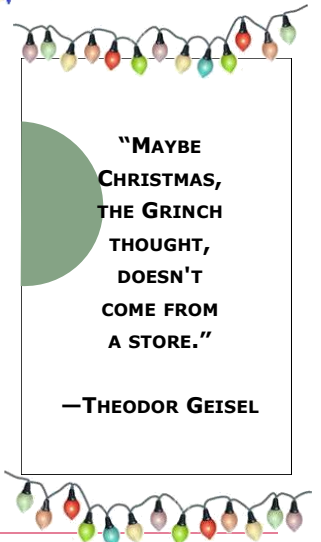
Chelsea McLin, English major/Ethnic Studies minor, and a student in Prof. Adam Veal's Intro to Creative Writing class, had a story published! "The Coldest Summer" is in the current issue of online journal

Soar. The story may be found at: <http://soar.forharriet.com/2015/11/the-coldest-summer.html>. Congrats, Chelsea!



Ryan Samson, English major with Creative Writing Emphasis, has poems forthcoming in *GNU*, the online literary journal of National University. Their journal may be

found at: www.gnujournal.com. Congratulations, Ryan!





Student News

The Writing Ctr. Presents a "Night Against Procrastination"

The Writing Center is having special extended hours on Friday night, Dec. 11th until 9:00pm, plus FREE pizza! Call 619-260-4581 for more info or to make an appointment. www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/writing_center/

"T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, WHEN ALL THROUGH THE HOUSE, NOT A CREATURE WAS STIRRING, NOT EVEN A MOUSE."

—CLEMENT CLARKE MOORE



NIGHT AGAINST Procrastination

The Writing Center will have extended hours on **Friday, December 11** from **2 to 9 p.m.**

Walk-in appointments available every 30 minutes.

Free pizza while supplies last.

Call **619-260-4581** for more info.

The Writing Center
Founders 190B





Student News

Space Available in Digital Humanities Course!

ENGL 294 INTRO to DIGITAL RESEARCH

SPRING 2016

In 1945, Vannevar Bush predicted an exciting future for technology-enabled research based on a hypothetical device called a *memex* (memory index). This semester, we will build our own virtual *memex* by learning how to use tools like Google Docs, Zotero, Evernote, GitHub, and Scalar for research. We will also explore Digital Humanities, a new field that uses computers to investigate questions in the humanities, and that takes a humanities approach to questions about digital culture.



CRN #4490 T/R 4:00-5:20PM

Prof. Paul Evans
pevans@sandiego.edu

Intro to Digital Research offers students in the humanities and social sciences an opportunity to develop expertise using tools that are an increasingly important prerequisite for serious academic research in those fields. Students who are in majors and programs that offer a capstone project, or who are seriously considering applying for graduate programs in the humanities or social sciences will especially benefit from exposure to these tools and techniques. The emphasis will be on working with widely-used web-based applications, rather than on teaching basic coding. Therefore, **students with any level of previous computer experience, including none, are welcome!**

Engl 294 Intro to Digital Research with Prof. Paul Evans. CRN #4490. For more info, please email him at: pevans@sandiego.edu.



"HE WHO
HAS NOT
CHRISTMAS
IN HIS HEART
WILL NEVER
FIND IT
UNDER A TREE."

—ROY L. SMITH

Race & Ethnicity Course

Political Science course
"Politics of Race & Ethnicity"
POLS 444 is offered for Spring
2016. Note the course has **no
prerequisites and is open to
all majors and minors.**



Spring 2016

Politics of Race and Ethnicity

POLS 444: TR 2:30-3:50pm, Section 1



Instructor: Cory Gooding

What is the role of race and ethnicity in U.S. politics? Are we post-racial yet? The course surveys the impact of race and ethnicity on social, economic and political issues in the United States. We will examine the political experience and engagement of Native Americans, Black Americans, Latinos, Asian Americans, and White Americans in both a historical and contemporary context. We will also investigate the potential for colorblindness as an approach to American politics.

Cory Gooding is a Diversity Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Political Science and International Relations. He earned his Bachelors in Political Science from Haverford College, Masters in Afro-American Studies from UCLA, and his doctorate in Political Science, also from UCLA. His research focuses on the intersection of race, ethnicity and politics with an emphasis on citizenship and political engagement.



Student Career Assistance

New Masters in Peace & Justice

In 2016 USD's Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies is offering a new 2-year **Master of Arts in Peace and Justice (MAPJ)**; full- and part-time) for individuals who want to create change and solve today's most troubling issues. The MAPJ offers a curriculum where students will gain:

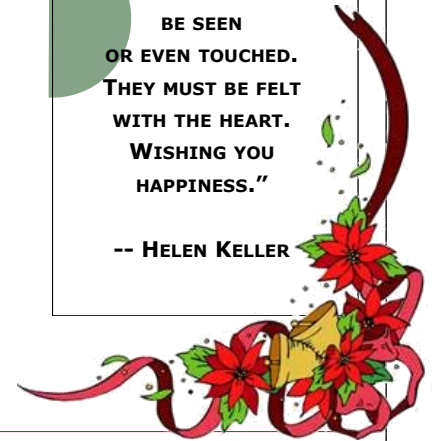
- Deep understanding of the global and local contexts in which violence, oppression and social injustice occur
- Knowledge of theories and frameworks to explain complex situations
- Capacity to design new approaches and solutions to peace and justice issues
- Competence in implementing and assessing the impact of programs and initiatives

A rich course portfolio includes human rights, conflict resolution, leadership and organizations, development, technology and social change, and social entrepreneurship to shape professionals equipped to work effectively for peace and justice across multiple organizational settings. The MAPJ is a one-of-a-kind learning program, where students can participate in projects through our award-winning institutes: the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, the Trans-Border Institute, and the Center for Peace and Commerce. Student entrepreneurs can access seed funding to launch and test social ventures for peace through our Social Innovation Challenge, which has awarded \$234,000 in cash to students since its inception in 2011. More info at: <http://www.sandiego.edu/peacestudies/programs/masters/>.



"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



GNU Accepting Submissions

"All Genres are Created Equal" is the motto of the *GNU*, a new annual online literary journal run by the MFA program at National University. In addition to the standard "literary" fare (poetry, literary fiction, creative nonfiction), the *GNU* gladly accepts genre writing of all kinds: science fiction, mystery, noir, short plays, children's literature, YA literature, graphic novel selections, comics, or any writing that defies categorization. The deadline for submission for our first issue is November, 30th 2015. Please visit www.gnujournal.com for submission guidelines. We have no reading fee.

FrogTutoring Part-time Jobs

FrogTutoring is an educational technology platform that facilitates 1-on-1 private tutoring offering the full range of academic courses and test prep. We're looking to hire students to work not just as tutors but also as mentors to students in the community. Benefits: Great pay (minimum of \$30 per session), tutor chooses which grade level and subjects to tutor, as well as having the opportunity to create their own schedule, get driving compensation, a periodic bonus and a referral bonus. Apply: <http://frog tutoring.com/jobs>. *

Student FWS Worker Needed for English Office: Spring 2016

The English Department is seeking a **Federal Work Study (FWS) student worker** for Spring 2016 semester. Our current student worker, the lovely Cara Carucci, will be off to Ireland for Spring 2016 for study abroad for the semester. She will be returning to the English Dept. in Fall 2016 for the 2016-2017 year, so we are seeking a new student worker for Spring 2016 semester only. Will you be returning from study abroad yourself and just need a job for spring only? This could be the job for you! Must be FWS. Interested parties, please email Carla Petticrew at carlap@sandiego.edu.





Student Career Assistance

PACT Teaching Program



PROVIDENCE COLLEGE PACT

Established at Providence College in 2001, the **PACT (Providence Alliance for Catholic Teachers) Program** is a unique teacher education program that invites recent graduates to contribute two years of service as teachers in Catholic schools in New England. PACT is an affiliate program with the University of Notre Dame and several other U.S. Catholic colleges and universities as a member of the University Consortium for Catholic Education (UCCE).

PACT members teach classes in language arts, English literature, British and American literature, history, biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, Spanish, religious studies, and other subject areas. They also coach sports teams, act as advisors to students, and are leaders of school retreats.

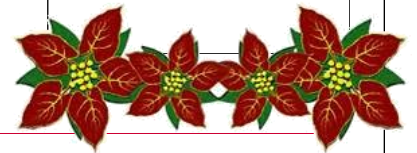
Arts and Sciences graduates with a major (30 credit points) in English, foreign languages, history, math, biology, chemistry, physics or theology, study toward a Providence College Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree and teacher certification as a secondary school teacher, in a program approved by the State of Rhode Island, which is reciprocal with other states in the United States.

Information about the program and application forms are available at: <http://www.providence.edu/pact>. *



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—THOMAS TUSSER



San José State MA in English

The MA program in English at San José State University is a 30 semester-unit research program that provides students with a broad knowledge of literary history, hones writing and analytical skills, and offers training in both professional literary research and the teaching of writing.

Ten Reasons to Apply:

- Small seminar classes (averaging 15-16 students) taught by actively publishing, available faculty
- Wide range of seminars in American, British, and World Literature as well as seminars in literary research, rhetoric, and composition studies
- Numerous cash awards for student writing
- MA increases secondary school teachers' salaries
- MA or other advanced degree required for teaching in California Junior Colleges
- Option to continue graduate study in major doctoral programs
- Teaching opportunities while completing the degree through the department's Graduate Assistant and Teaching Associate programs
- Chance to take creative writing workshops taught in the MFA program
- Option of writing an MA Thesis
- Opportunity to be part of an active intellectual, artistic, and social community.

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UNIVERSITY



Institute of Reading Development

Teach reading classes this summer with the **Institute of Reading Development**. Engage and inspire students to develop a passion for reading this summer. We provide paid training and comprehensive support, and give you the opportunity to earn between

\$6,500-\$8,000 while you gain over 500 hours of training and teaching experience. We begin accepting applications for the 2016 season in early December.

Successful teachers for the Institute:

- Have strong reading skills and read for pleasure.
- Are responsible and hard-working.
- Have good communication and organization skills.
- Are patient and supportive with students.
- Are leaders in the classroom.

Since 1970, the Institute of Reading Development has taught more than three million students and trained more than ten thousand teachers. More information at: <http://readingprograms.org>. *

 **Faculty News**



We are happy to announce that **Malachi Black**, faculty member, has been awarded the prestigious Amy Clampitt Fund fellowship. In the words of their website:

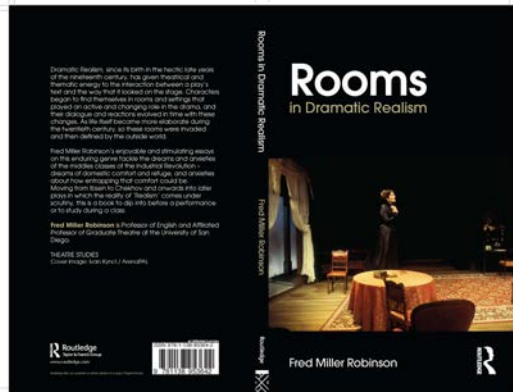
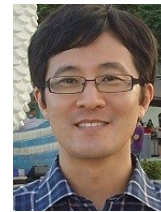
The Amy Clampitt Fund seeks to “benefit poetry and the literary arts by converting Amy Clampitt’s prior residence into a facility which would provide for a place to foster the study and promotion of poetry and/or a poet in residence through six-to-12 month residencies at the Amy Clampitt house near Lenox, Massachusetts.” More info at: <http://www.amyclampitt.org/residency/index.html>.

Malachi will be in residence from July through December of 2017 and thus on leave during the Fall 2017 semester. The English Dept. thanks both Dean Norton and Provost Allen for supporting this arrangement. Congratulations, Malachi!



Atreyee Phukan, faculty member, has been chosen as the next director of the Interdisciplinary Humanities Program and Major, replacing Molly McClain. Many of the IH majors choose English as their concentration within the major. Atreyee will begin directing the program upon her return from her sabbatical. Congrats!

Halina Duraj, Marcelle Maese-Cohen, and Koonyong Kim, faculty members, have all received International Opportunity Grants to support their spring international research and conference work. Congrats!



English faculty member **Fred Robinson's** new book, *Rooms in Dramatic Realism*,

will be published by Routledge this December or January. The cover jacket is pictured at left. Congrats, Fred!



Robin Brooks, Post-doctoral Fellow, was selected to participate in a Faculty Development seminar in Jamaica in January 2016, an event sponsored by the International Center. Congrats, Robin!



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-- LAURA INGALLS



Cynthia Caywood, Halina Duraj, and Carlton Floyd have all been awarded a sabbatical leave for the 2016-2017 academic year. Malachi Black will serve as interim director of the Lindsay J. Cropper Center for Creative Writing during Halina’s absence.





Faculty News

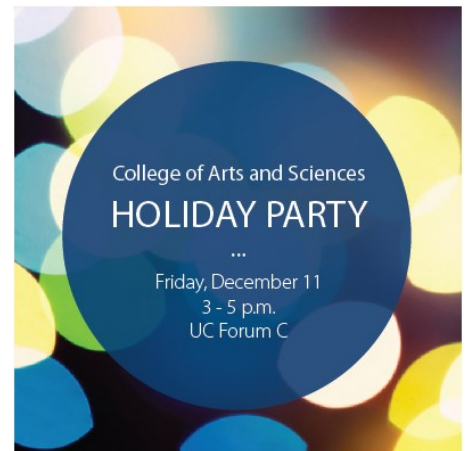
New and Junior Faculty Holiday Social

Wednesday, December 9, 4:00–6:00pm, in the Founders Faculty Lounge: **New and 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.



CAS Holiday Party

The **College of Arts & Sciences Holiday Celebration** will be held on Friday, December 11, 3:00-5:00pm in Hahn University Center, Forum A/B. No RSVP necessary. All faculty, staff, and administrators within the College are welcome!

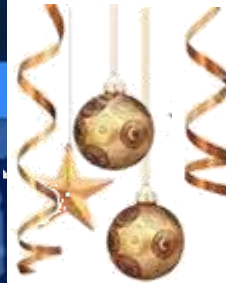


President's Forum & Christmas Party

The **USD President's Forum & Christmas Party** is on Thursday, December 17, 2015. The Forum is 1:00-2:00pm in KIPJ Theatre (employees only) and the Christmas Party is 2:00-4:00pm in Hahn University Center, Forums A-C, (employees & families welcome).



Enjoy holiday-inspired refreshments and festivities. Program begins at 3 p.m. Be sure to bring your family and take a photo with Santa! RSVP by Friday, December 11th at: <https://securelb.imodules.com/s/1374/commencement/index.aspx?>



**"CHRISTMAS WAVES
A MAGIC WAND
OVER THIS WORLD,
AND BEHOLD,
EVERYTHING IS
SOFTER AND MORE
BEAUTIFUL."**

**—NORMAN VINCENT
PEALE**



NEH Announces New Funding for Humanities Projects

Inside Higher Education - For academics, the information in books designed for general consumption can be too basic. On the other hand, academic books aren't exactly appealing to the general public.

A new grant program at the National Endowment for the Humanities hopes to bridge that gap. The first recipients of the Public Scholars program are being announced today, in an attempt to present more research in the humanities to the general

public. Professors who do serious scholarship are receiving grants to help them on book projects intended for more than just academics.

Full Article- "Humanities for All" published July 28, 2015: <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2015/07/28/new-funding-program-neh-hopes-bring-more-humanities-research-general-public>.



Faculty News

FREE Intersession Fitness!

CHR (the Community of HR) is sponsoring the Intersession GroupEx Fitness Classes for employees: ALL the classes will be **FREE!** See chart at right. Thank you, CHR!



FREE USD Employee Intersession GroupEx

All employees are welcomed
January 4th – 22nd with a valid Torero ID

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Core & Balance Lexi C. (12:30-1:25pm)	Yoga Robyn S. (12:30-1:25pm)	Core & Balance Lexi C. (12:30-1:25pm)	Yoga Robyn S. (12:30-1:25pm)	TGI- Yoga Robyn S. (12:30-1:25pm)
Power Yoga Deborah M. (5:30-6:55pm)	Boot Camp Lexi C. (5:30-6:25 pm)	Zumba Angelica L. (5:30-6:25pm)	USDFEST Inspiring a Healthier Mind, Body & Spirit	

**Be more.
Do more.**

*Schedule subject to change. For the most up-to-date schedule and more information, please visit:
www.sandiego.edu/campusrecreation/fitness-wellness/intersession-class-schedule.php



Other Announcements

The Frances G. Harpst Center for Catholic Thought and Culture at the University of San Diego cordially invites you to

LESSONS AND CAROLS

A FESTIVAL OF WORD AND SONG TO PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS

All celebrations will take place in FOUNDERS CHAPEL
All are welcome / Admission is free
Friday, December 11, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 2 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
Visit www.sandiego.edu/cctc for directions and parking information.
Contact us at cctc@sandiego.edu or call (619) 260-7936.

Lesson & Carols

Lessons and Carols will be held in Founders Chapel on Fri, Dec 11, 7:30pm and Sun, Dec 13, 2:00pm. A festival of word and song to prepare for Christmas, Lessons & Carols is sponsored by the Frances G. Harpst Center for Catholic Thought and Culture. All are welcome, admission is free.

www.sandiego.edu/cctc



**"CHRISTMAS
IS JOY,
RELIGIOUS JOY,
AN INNER JOY
OF LIGHT
AND PEACE."**

—POPE FRANCIS



Be Blue, Go Green

Green Gathering

The Office of Sustainability's Annual Green Gathering will be Thursday, December 10th from 3:00-4:30pm on the Copley Library Lawn. Come out and enjoy a beautiful day outside and learn about our campus's ongoing sustainable efforts and successes!

Research has shown that taking a break outdoors can increase cognitive performance. As the end of the se-

mester and finals approach take some time to enjoy the nature that surrounds us in order to help lower stress and remain focused!

We have a beautiful campus here at USD; here are some tips for taking advantage of it: 1) Take a walk; 2) Eat a meal outdoors; 3) Look at pictures of campus; 4) Watch the sunset; 5) Study under a tree; 6) Get on the grass!; and 7) Stop and enjoy the scenery. www.sandiego.edu/sustainability



Community

USD Day of Service December 2, 2015, was

USD's **Day of Service**, part of the President's Inaugural Week, which was held at the local Montgomery Middle School Garden, where USD employees—including Pres. Harris!— and students participated in various work projects: digging water pipe lines, building a shade structure, and more. Carla Petticrew, the English Dept.'s executive assistant, sanded and re-painted picnic tables. A very productive and fun morning!



Did You Know?

Did you know that USD ranks No. 2 for Undergrad Study Abroad? To better understand the world around them, University of San Diego student participation in an international experience, such as study abroad or an immersion trip, can serve as an integral aspect of one's educational journey. Based on the results of the 2015 Open Doors Report, which was released Nov. 16 by the Institute of International Education (IIE), this pursuit is clearly understood by more and more USD students.

For the second straight year, the report ranked USD second among the top 40 doctorate-granting institutions for undergraduate participation in study abroad in the 2013-14 academic year. In all, 938 Toreros studied abroad among 1,206 degrees conferred, netting a participation rate of 77.8 percent. The percentage figure is up from last year's 71.4 percent.

Only Pepperdine University had a higher percentage in the report. Northeastern University was third with University of Denver and New York University fourth and fifth, respectively. Yale, Wake Forest, American University, Stanford and Notre Dame rounded out the top 10. The report marks USD's sixth consecutive year being ranked among the top three schools for study abroad participation percentage. Read remainder of article at: <http://www.sandiego.edu/news/detail.php?focus=53336>.



"CHRISTMAS IS DOING A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA FOR SOMEONE."

—CHARLES M. SCHULZ

