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- May 10-11: Study Days
- May 12-18: Final Exams
- May 20: NROTC Commissioning Ceremony
- May 21: Full Moon
- May 21: Armed Forces Day
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- May 25: Annual USD Employee Picnic
- May 30: Memorial Day
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Congratulations to **Fred Robinson**, faculty member, on being awarded the 2016 Drinan Award for Distinguished Service at this year's Honors Convocation on May 3, 2016! Fred served as English department chair from 1991 to 2005 and went on to chair two other departments, Theatre Arts and Performance Studies, and Music. He has served on numerous university committees, including several stints on the Appointment, Re-appointment, Rank and Tenure Committee, and chaired or served on at least 18 English department faculty searches. There are only a few faculty who have

shaped College programming through their service work to the extent that Fred has over the years.

2015-2016 Cropper Creative Writing Contest

The annual Cropper Creative Writing Contest winners and runners-up were announced this spring. They are:

Fiction:

- Miles Parnegg, Winner
- Jessika Malone, Runner-up
- Nonfiction:
 - Sean Ouye, Winner
 - Eric Kraft, Runner-up

Poetry:

- Magenta Reynolds, Winner
- Brad David, Runner-up

Congratulations to all!



left to right: Sean Ouye, Maggie Reynolds, Eric Kraft, Jessika <u>Malone, and Miles Parnegg</u> (not pictured: Brad David)



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Shakespeare Sonnetathon

Thanks to all who came out to the Shakespeare Sonnetathon held on April 20, 2016, in observance of the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death. It was a festive day of sonnets, poems, song, and recitals! Special thank you to all the sponsors: the Medieval & Renaissance Studies Program, Sigma Tau Delta, the Department of English, the USD Humanities Center, Copley Library, the Lindsay J Cropper Center for Creative Writing, Shiley Graduate Theatre Program, and the Department of Music.



"IF YOU DON'T LIKE SOMETHING, CHANGE IT. IF YOU CAN'T CHANGE IT, CHANGE YOUR ATTITUDE."

-MAYA ANGELOU





Sigma Tau Delta Induction Ceremony

On April 21, 2016, Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor Society, held its annual Induction Ceremony. They inducted new members and presented graduating seniors with their commencement stoles. A keynote address was given by Professor Brad Melekian.

New members are: Alyssa Amezcua, Annalee Barclay, Allison Belda, Mary Berset, Peter Breslin, Theodore Castro, Natalie Earnhart, Sahar Ebrahim, Caitlin Fogarty, Eden Frost, Brianna Harrington, Jessica Malone, Katelin McCabe, Marie McDonald-Hulen, Mairead Nolan, Jasmine Ortiz, Ryan Samson, Olivia Sandusky, Hannah Santos, Julia Sherwood, Rachel Truong, and Emma Uriarte.

Seniors are: Annalee Barclay, Henley Doherty, Natalie Earnhart, Caroline Eversman, Eden Frost, Danielle Gibson, Peter Hillburn, Marina Howell*, Jessica Malone, Juliana Mascari, Carly Merryman, Madison Moe, Roxanne Reed, Brandon Reiter, Hannah Santos, and Cole von Sprecken. *graduated Dec. 2015 Congrats to all!





Sigma Tau Delta INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY







<u> Officers</u> for 2016



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Post-Doc Talk: Robin Brooks



Thank you to all came out for postdoctoral fellow **Robin Brooks** post-doc talk on April 28, 2016! Her presentation was on: "What's Class Got to Do with It?: Inequality and Division in Contemporary Literature."

Abstract: Participating in contemporary discourses on class relations, this presentation

is a part of Brooks' larger study on literary representations of class in contemporary African American and Anglophone Caribbean novels. She argues that the writers advocate for a reassessment of economic, social, and political practices within U.S. and Caribbean societies while leading readers to greater class consciousness. More specifically, Brooks explains how the writers use a "crossclass relationship" trope in their literary portrayals to critique class inequalities of their respective nations and class division within African American and Caribbean com-



munities. A lens for examining class within literature, the trope highlights depictions of working-class and middle-class characters and their environments.

Cropper Creative Writing Senior Reading

A big congratulations to our Seniors graduating from the **Creative Writing Emphasis**! They gave a reading from their own works on April 28, 2016. The English Department's Creative Writing Emphasis (fiction, nonfiction, and poetry) is comprised of four rigorous, upper-division creative writing courses in which students practice the dedication and commitment required of the serious writer. These courses hone critical reading, creative thinking, and writing and communication

skills. Such skills are not only essential to the budding writer, of course, but also are highly valued in all professional fields and are integral to the creation of a well-rounded graduate of a liberal arts college. Our Seniors who read are:

"LIFE ISN'T ABOUT FINDING YOURSELF. LIFE IS ABOUT CREATING YOURSELF."

-George Bernard Shaw Danny Burns Vincent Cabral Natalie Earnhart Ryan Hand Alyson Hayden Peter Hilburn Kevin Karn Adam Le

Megn Lona Alex Marasigan Jessika Malone Carly Merryman Madison Moe Sean Ouye Miles Parnegg Brandon Reiter Kevin Searle Mel Timbers Emily Vargas Cole Von Sprecken Zachariah Wilbur



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2nd Annual Medieval & Renaissance Studies Lecture: Seth Lerer "My Shakespeare, Rise!" The Book and the Body in the First Folio

Thank you to all who attending the Second Annual Medieval & Renaissance Studies Lecture by Seth Lerer: "Shakespeare's First Folio," held on May 4, 2016. Dr. Lerer delivered a lively and intriguing lecture on the First Folio, followed by a reception. A special thank you to sponsors the Medieval and Renaissance Studies Program, the Humanities Center, the Department of English, and the Old Globe/USD Shiley Graduate Theatre Program.



Dr. Abe Stoll, Dr. Maura Giles-Watson, Dr. Seth Lerer, Dean Noelle Norton, & Dr. Brian Clack

Honors Convocation: English Department Awards

At the Honors Convocation held on May 3, 2016, the Department of English bestowed its annual highest honors in the department:

The **Scholastic Achievement Awards** are presented to:

• Danielle Gibson, Miles Parnegg and Madison Moe

The Literary Achievement Award is presented to:

Miles Parnegg

The Awards for Distinguished and Dedicated Service in the Writing Center are presented to:

Miles Parnegg and Taylor Jordan

The Awards for Distinguished Service to the Southeast San Diego Tutoring Program are presented to:

• Krystelle Ashbaugh and Juliana Mascari

Congrats to the awardees!

The Department of English also recognized those Seniors graduating with Departmental Honors. Departmental Honors are awarded to Seniors who have petitioned to graduate and have maintained a USD grade point average of 3.5 in upper division courses in their major, provided that a minimum of 12 such units have been completed at USD prior to February 1 of the year of graduation. These Seniors are:

Gamble Baffert Dakota Browne Daniel Burns Vincent Cabral Cassidy Cunningham Natalie Earnhart Caroline Eversman Aeisha Fageih Danielle Gibson Alexandra Hafer Meghan Hall Ryan Hand Alyson Hayden Peter Hilburn Rayne Ibarra-Brown Adam Le Dylan Macdonald Jessica Malone Juliana Mascari Carly Merryman Adriana Minicozzi Madison Moe "YOU MUST BE THE CHANGE YOU WISH TO SEE IN THE WORLD."

-MAHATMA GANDHI



Mairead Nordli Miles Parnegg Brandon Reiter Magenta Reynolds Hannah Santos Kevin Searle Lindsay Stewart Melissa Timbers Laura Tressel Kayleigh Ward Congratulations to all!

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Cropper Video Now Online

Our lively Cropper Reading with **poet Victoria Chang and fiction writer April Wilder** on April 8, 2016, is now up on video! View two ways: directly from video link, or through iTunesU (free). All our past readings are also available on iTunesU.

- Direct link: <u>https://video.sandiego.edu/Watch/</u> <u>Ep2b6AMn</u>
- iTunesU: <u>https://itunes.apple.com/us/itunes-u/lindsay-j.-cropper-memorial/id431922164</u> (Free!)



The Spring 2016 Issue of the *Alcalá Review*, USD's first online literary journal, is now online! Please view at: <u>digital.sandiego.edu/</u> thealcalareview.

The Alcalá Review was established in 2014 at the University of San Diego to showcase the work of the Lindsay J. Cropper Undergraduate Creative Writing Contest winners and finalists in Poetry, Fiction, and Creative Nonfiction. Since then, *The Alcalá Review* has grown into USD's premiere publication venue for undergraduate creative work. A fully student-run journal, *The Alcalá Review* welcomes submissions of poetry, fiction, nonfiction, photography, and beyond – from any member of USD's student community.



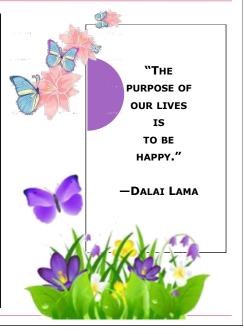
A New Core Curriculum

The USD faculty has just decided on a new Core Curriculum. It will go into effect in Fall 2017, for students who are entering USD at that time. The new Core will be smaller, freeing up space for electives, and it will include new opportunities for interdisciplinary work. In April, faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business, and the School of Engineering voted overwhelmingly to approve the new Core, culminating five years of work.

Course Descriptions for Fall 2016

What English classes are you taking for Fall 2016 semester? The English Dept.'s full **course descriptions** for all our Fall 2016 classes are up on our webpage. Please view at: <u>sandiego.edu/</u> <u>cas/english/program/</u> <u>course-descriptions.php</u>.

Slavery & Abolition in the Atlantic World *haucer* Literature & Cultural Hybridity Romanticism & Politics of Lit Creative Writing African American Lit Reading to Remember Chicana/o Lit & Art Intro to the Middle Ages **GRAPHIC NOVELS** Celtic Lit Love & Desire in Poetry Short Story **MILTON** Immigration & Lit Native American Lit Philosophy & Literature of Love Emerson & His Circle New Media & Lit Fact, Truth & Fiction SHAKESPEARE Victorian Studies Adv Comp: Writing Autobiography **U.S. Lit to 1900** Nation, Gender, Bildungsroman British Lit Bld English Food & Literature Southeast San Diego Tutoring Project



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Honors Presentation

English and Communication Studies double-major Caroline Eversman gave her Honors Thesis Presentation on April 27, 2016. Her thesis is "An Analysis of Women in Victorian Literature" (Faculty Advisor: Sr. Mary Hotz, English).

Congrats, Caroline!



Caroline Eversman (English) and Arman Siddiqui (Biochemistry)

Senior Survey

Graduating Seniors: as English majors/minors in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) your responses from the Senior Survey are used to guide strategic directions and priorities of the university. When CAS students do not complete the survey, USD's leadership can only consider data from SBA and ENGR students. You can access the survey via the portal. Let your opinion be heard!

New English Majors

The English Department welcomes the following new English majors:

- Jasmine Vitug, Psychology and English double-major
- Erica Skerven, English major, French minor
- Leah Poliner, English major, Psychology minor
- Benjamin Friedl, English major, Business Administration minor

Welcome to the major!



-MARGARET MEAD



Article by English Minor, Nikki Koehler, in College Magazine

Nikki Koehler, Marketing and International Business double-major and English minor, has another article published in College Magazine: "10 USD Student Orgs that Scream Torero Pride." Read article at: http:// www.collegemagazine.com/10-usd-student-orgs



Open Applications to The Alcalá Review

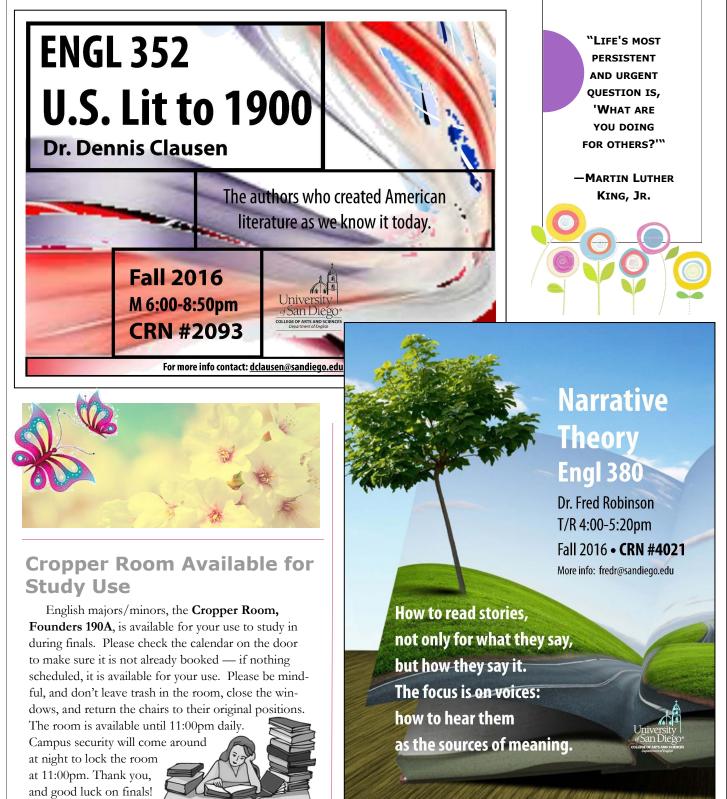
The Alcalá Review, USD's new student-run literary journal, is now accepting staff applications for the 2016-17 academic year! All majors welcome! Interested students are invited to submit hard copies of their completed applications to The Alcalá Review's faculty advisor, Dr. Malachi

Black (or his department mailbox), on or before 4 o'clock on Friday, September 9, 2016. Current staff are considering applications on a first-come, first-served basis until all roles are filled, so candidates are encouraged to complete their applications soon! Staffing decisions will be made on a rolling basis as needed through early Fall. Questions? Please contact Dr. Black at malachiblack@sandiego.edu.

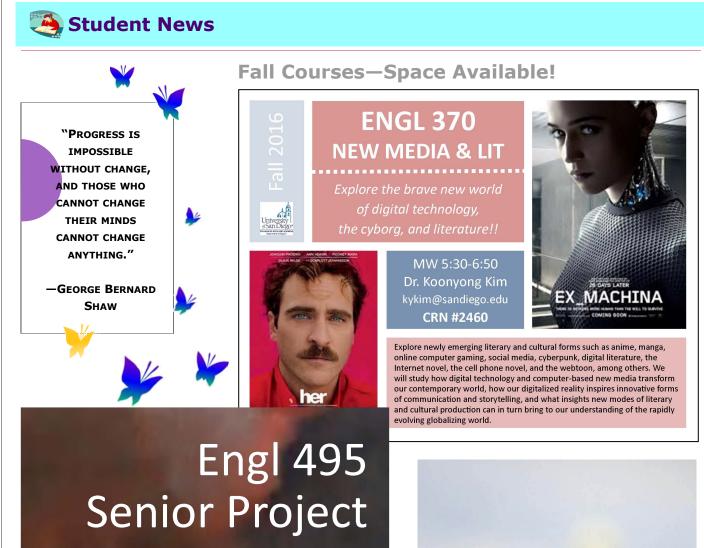
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Fall Courses—Space Available!



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Dr. Marcelle Maese-Cohen Thurs 6:00-8:50pm Fall 2016 • CRN #2102

Enjoy a small classroom setting and personalized mentoring as you develop a "signature work"—an in-depth analysis of your favorite book, film, or cultural text.

More info: marcelle@sandiego.edu





Student Career Assistance

Spoon U. Editorial Director

A USD campus club, Spoon University, is a nationwide club on college campuses that celebrates food in our generation. On their website, you can find "the simplest recipes, the most obvious hacks you can't believe you didn't know, and the best restaurants around campus that you haven't found yet". Their national homepage is <u>https://</u> <u>spoonuniversity.com</u> and the USD chapter homepage is <u>https://usd.spoonuniversity.com</u>. Amanda Evertz, a current USD sophomore (Communications major/English minor), is the **Editorial Director** of USD's Spoon University club. Amanda is going abroad for Fall 2016 and **they are looking for someone to hold her position for the semester**. The Editorial Director facilitates the flow of high quality content and acts as editorial coordinator and visionary. The responsibilities include:

- Leading content brainstorming sessions
- Hunting for cutting edge content ideas to bring to life
- Overseeing writers and ensuring our USD site constantly has new and interesting articles

They are looking for outstanding leaders, influencers and tastemakers. If any students in the Writing Center as well as English Majors are interested in the Editorial position or joining as a writer, please contact Amanda at <u>amanda</u> <u>evertz@sandiego.edu</u> or her cell 949-246-6684.

Flannery O'Conner Short Fiction Award

Hosted by The University of Georgia Press, The Flannery O'Conner Short Fiction Award recognizes unpublished manuscripts of short stories between 40,000 – 75,000 words. Collections may include long stories or novellas. This blind contest honors the best short story collection with \$1000 and

Aesthetica Creative Writing Award

The Aesthetica Creative Writing Award 2016 is now open for entries, presenting an opportunity for emerging and established writers and poets to showcase their work and further their involvement in the literary world. Now in its ninth year, the award is an internationally renowned prize presented by Aesthetica Magazine and judged by literary experts. Prizes include:

• £500 each (Poetry Winner and Short Fiction Winner) • Publication in the Aesthetica Creative Writing Annual

2016.*

- One year subscription to Granta
- Selection of books courtesy of Bloodaxe and Vintage
- Consultation with Redhammer Management (Short Fiction Winner)
- Full Membership to The Poetry Society (Poetry Winner)

Short Fiction entries should be no more than 2,000 words. Poetry entries should

be no more than 40 lines. <u>Deadline for</u> <u>submissions is 31 August 2016</u>. Works previously published are accepted. To enter, visit

www.aestheticamagazine.com/ creativewriting.*



Creative Nonfiction Magazine Joy Issue Seeking Essays

For the upcoming issue of *Creative Nonfiction Magazine*, the publication is seeking essays on the topic of **Joy**. "Too often the moments that move us to write are bleak ones—stories of loss, hardship, or learning through painful interactions. For this issue we're looking for well-crafted narratives that explore the brighter moments in life, those that teach and enlighten us through their beauty or humor." All essays are considered, but the winner and first runner up will earn \$1000 and \$500 respectively. Full *Creative Nonfiction Magazine* guidelines can be found at: <u>https://</u>

www.creativenonfiction.org/submissions/joy, but writers take note, you can only submit up to 4000 words. Submission fee is \$20. Deadline is May 16, 2016. *

CREATIVE True stories, well told.

publication by the press. Submit to the Flannery O'Conner Short Fiction Award at: http:// www.ugapress.org/ index.php/series/ FOC. Submission fee is \$30. Deadline is May 31,



FLANNERY O'CONNOR AWARD FOR SHORT FICTION



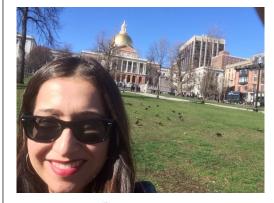
-RALPH WALDO EMERSON

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Faculty News

Marcelle Maese-Cohen, faculty member, was invited to attend the Eastern Sociological Conference in Boston, and presented "Intended Consequences of Escuelitas: Chicana/o Movement Indigeneity and Pedagogy" (March 17-March 20). She is part of the editorial for a new book series Decolonial Options for the Social Sciences (Lexington/Rowman & Littlefield). Her paper was part of a three day mini-conference on "Decolonizing the Sciences." She very much enjoyed learning from colleagues and contributing to a national conversation on how to reimagine the politics of the university. She welcomes students who are interested in the relation between sociology and literature to visit during office hours.





Robin Brooks, postdoctoral fellow, has accepted a tenure-track position at the University of Pittsburgh, commencing Fall 2016, where she will be an Assistant Professor of African Diaspora Literature in the Department of Africana Studies. Congratulations on your success and thank you for the contributions you have made to the department in the past year.

Michael Lundell, adjunct faculty, has accepted a tenure-track Assistant Profess of English position at Palomar College. Michael taught here at USD for several years. His PhD is from UCSD and he did work there as an instructor. Congrats, Michael!

Professors on Sabbatical Next Year



Professors **Cynthia Caywood, Carlton Floyd,** and **Halina Duraj** will all be on one-year sabbaticals for 2016-2017. We'll miss you!

CEE Recognition Reception

Wed, May 11, 4:00-6:00pm, in UC Forum B: CEE Recognition Reception. The Center for Educational Excellence cordially invites faculty and staff to a reception honoring CEE presenters, administrators, faculty, and staff in recognition of their support and involvement during the 2015-2016 academic year. This year's top CEE participant will be honored. This event is by invite only, please call to inquire. Register at: http:// www.sandiego.edu/cee/events/ registration.php.





-HENRY DAVID THOREAU



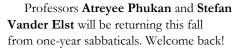
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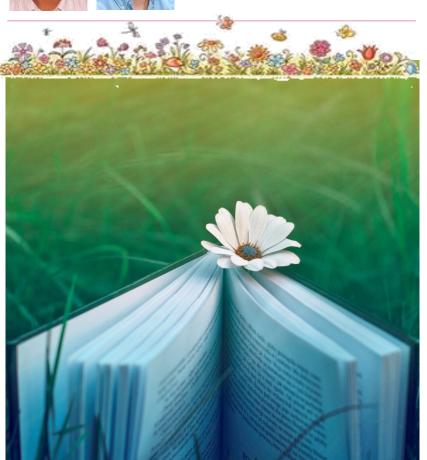


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Returning from Sabbaticals



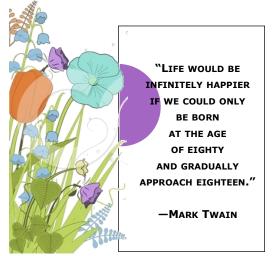






Marcelle Maese-Cohen, faculty member, would like to thank the Department of English and the International Opportunity Grant for supporting her travel to Mexico City, Mexico, where she participated in "Pensamientos y

feminismos descoloniales latino americanos" (Latin American Decolonial and Feminist Thought) (March 20-25, 2016). She presented her own work on "meXicana Feminisms and Pedagogies," and appreciated learning from scholars and activists from Chiapas, Oaxaca, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Brazil, and Guatemala. She looks forward to translating "O'tanil. Stalel tseltaletick. Una apuesta por un conocimiento propio desde los pueblos originarios" (O'tanil. Stalel tseltaletick. Self-Knowledge from an Original Peoples' Perspective), and including new materials for her courses on Women of Color, Chicana/o Literatures, and Social Justice.



USD Sports Day Camps for Your Kids

Faculty, sign your kids up for USD's All-Sports Day Camps. Guided by USD student-athletes, this is a fun and active learning environment for children ages 6-12 to develop beginning to intermediate level sport skills. Employees, use your 10%-off employee discount.

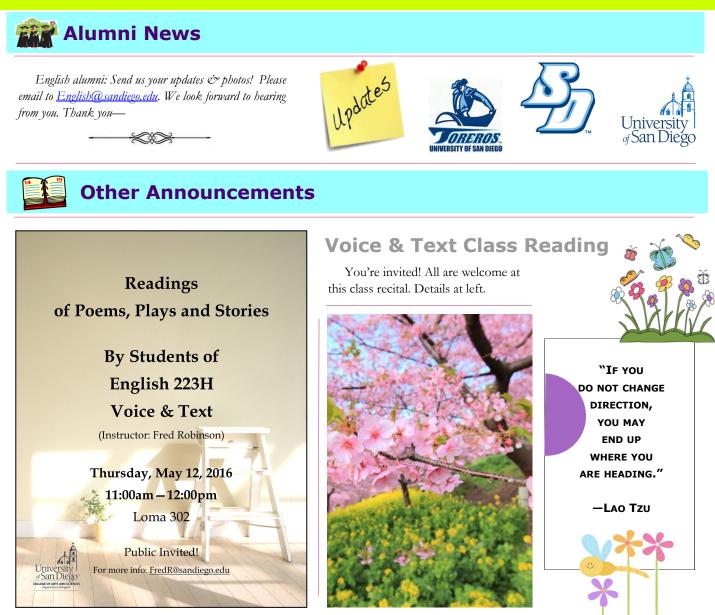
Sports and activities include, but are not limited to: Soccer, Basketball, T-ball/ Baseball, Swimming, Tennis, Volleyball, Capture the Flag, Kick Ball, Yoga, Painting and more!

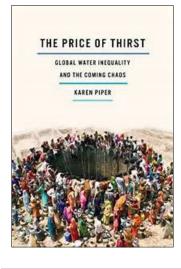
Dates for camps are:

- June 13 June 17
- June 20 June 24
- June 27 July 1
- July 25 June 29
- Register at: http://

www.usdcamps.com/Sports/All-Sports_Camp.htm. Please email USD's Assistant Swimming Coach, Kaitlin Bourne, with any questions at: <u>kbourne23@sandiego.edu</u>. Or visit our website at: <u>www.usdcamps.com/Sports/All</u> <u>-Sports_Camp</u>.







USD Just Read! 2016-2017 Title Selected

The USD Just Read! selected title for 2016-2017 is *The Price of Thirst: Global Water Inequality and the Coming Chaos* by Karen Lynnea Piper. "Imagine a world where water is only for those who can afford it." —Karen Lynnea Piper. We're already there. Karen Piper leads us through the frightening landscape where thirst is political, drought is a business opportunity, and multi-national corporations control our most necessary natural resource. Visiting the hot spots of water scarcity and the hotshots in water finance, Piper shows what happens when global businesses buy up the water supply and turn off the taps of people who cannot pay." Credit: University of Minnesota Press.

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USD Just Read! encourages literacy and deep dialogue on social themes presented through outstanding literature. The program promotes active learning and reading within the USD community. Programing includes presentations, book and panel discussions, films, and other events.

USD has unlimited access to this book as an electronic resource (E-Book). Contact us if you are interested in possible programming, course and syllabus integration, or any other collaborative projects for next year. www.sandiego.edu/cee.

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Be Blue, Go Green

Green Move Out

As in previous years, USD is working to divert usable items from the landfill during move-out. Collection bins will be set up in each Residential Area on Wednesday, May 11th and final bins will be collected on Monday, May 23rd. Please be MINDFUL about move-out and do not throw away usable items. Help us keep items out of the landfill and support our community. Acceptable items include: hedding: towels_rugs_etc: clothing: kitchen items: elec



include: bedding; towels, rugs, etc.; clothing; kitchen items; electronics; & other household goods. Help us keep items out of the landfill and support our community. Details at: <u>http://</u> <u>sites.sandiego.edu/sustainability/green-move-out-2016/</u>.





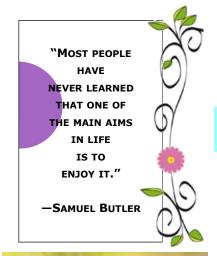


Community

Citizens Water Academy

The San Diego County Water Authority is pleased to announce it is accepting applications for its award-wining program that provides emerging civic leaders with an inside look into the Water Authority's efforts to ensure a safe and reliable water supply for the San Diego region.

Citizens Water Academy participants learn how the Water Authority helps pro-





tect the region's economy and quality of life through its water supply diversification strategy. The Water Academy also covers drought, facilities operations and maintenance, long-term planning, and water-use efficiency. Participants have opportunities to interact with Water Authority executives and tour world-class water facilities. The deadline to apply for the next session of the Citizens Water Academy is 5 p.m. <u>Thursday, May 19</u>. The session dates for the summer class are:

- Session 1: Thursday, June 9; 5-8:30pm
- Session 2: Thursday, June 16; 5-8:30pm

 Session 3: Saturday, June 25; 7:30am-2pm (includes tour)

Applicants must commit to attend all three sessions. The selection process is competitive and acceptance is not guaranteed.

For more information, to apply or nominate someone for the academy, or view photos of past classes, go to <u>www.sdcwa.org/citizens-water-</u> <u>academy</u>. Note: The Water Authority keeps an interest list for future academies. Those who are interested, but cannot attend this class, can ask to be notified when future class dates are announced by emailing <u>wateracademy@sdcwa.org</u>. *

Did You Know?

Did you know why we celebrate Memorial Day? Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces. The holiday, which is observed every year on the last Monday of May, originated as Decoration Day after the American Civil War in 1868, when the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans founded in Decatur, Illinois, established it as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. By the 20th century, competing Union and Confederate holiday traditions, celebrated on different days, had merged, and Memorial Day eventually extended to honor all Americans who died while in the military service. It typically marks the start of the summer vacation season, while Labor Day marks its end.

Many people visit cemeteries and memorials, particularly to honor those who have died in military service. Many volunteers place an American flag on each grave in national cemeteries.