



# English Dept Newsletter

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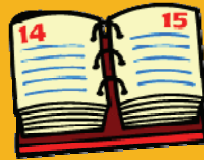
NOVEMBER 9, 2011

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- Nov 11: Cropper Series: Halina Duraj
- Nov 11: Veterans Day
- Nov 14: English Senior Project Conference
- Nov 23-25: Thanksgiving Academic Holiday – No Classes
- Nov 24-25: Admin Offices Closed
- Nov 24: Thanksgiving Day

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## Announcements



**Fri, Nov 11, 7:00pm, in Manchester Executive Conference Center Auditorium (MCC) - The Lindsay J. Cropper Memorial Writers Series: HALINA DURAJ.** Reception to follow. Free and open to the public. Halina Duraj joined USD after receiving her Ph.D. in English and creative writing from the University of Utah in 2010. She also holds a B.S. in biological sciences and an M.A. in creative writing from the University of California, Davis. Her fiction and non-fiction have appeared in literary journals including *Witness*, *Third Coast*, and *Confrontation*. Her novel, *Fatherland*, was a finalist for the 2010 UC Davis Maurice Prize in Fiction, and other work has been recommended for the 2009 PEN/O'Henry Award and the Pushcart Prize. Her teaching interests focus on fiction writing, the literature of war and trauma, and the intersection of literature, science, and nature. She is currently working on a collection of short stories.



**Mon, Nov 14, 5:30-8:30pm in the French Parlor, Founders: English Senior Project Conference.** Come see your fellow English majors present their research. Every fall the Senior Project class allows seniors to pursue an independent research project, culminating in a thesis. This year's group will be presenting their work at this annual conference. Faculty and students are invited for an evening of literary talk and good food. Come support your friends, mingle with the department, and see if you might want to do Senior Project in the future.

- **Wed, Nov 9, 1:00-2:30pm in IPJ Conf Room E/F: CID Presents Combating Homophobia & Creating A More Inclusive Community.** Jeffrey Solomon will perform brief excerpts from his acclaimed solo play "Mother/Son," dialogue with parents from the group PFLAG San Diego re their journey towards understanding of their LGBT children & facilitate a discussion with workshop participants about how homophobia manifests itself.

- **Wed, Nov 9, 4:30pm in UCSD's Visual Arts Facility (VAF) Performance Space: UCSD's New Writing Series Presents a Reading from BOGDAN SUCEAVA.** Bogdan Suceava (born in Romania, in 1969) studied at University of Bucharest and Michigan State University. Since 2002, he teaches mathematics at California State University, Fullerton. He is the author of several novels: "Coming from an Off Key Time" (published in English by Northwestern University Press, 2011), "Miruna, A Tale" (Fiction Award of the Association of Bucharest Writers, 2007; in preparation with Twisted Spoon Press), "Vincent the Immortal," and "The Night Someone Died for You," all of them written originally in Romanian. For more information and directions: <http://literature.ucsd.edu/news-info/events/new-writing-series/index.html> or contact: Franciszka Voeltz: [lvoeltz@ucsd.edu](mailto:lvoeltz@ucsd.edu) or Rachel Taylor: [rlt001@ucsd.edu](mailto:rlt001@ucsd.edu).





“Nature always wears the colors of the spirit.”  
—Ralph Waldo Emerson



- **Thur, Nov 10, 5:00-7:00pm in Manchester Conf Ctr: Mayda del Valle Poetry Reading.** Join us for a poetry reading and conversation with spoken word artist Mayda del Valle.
- **Thur, Nov 10, 7:00pm in Studio Theatre, Sacred Heart Hall: CID Presents “Mother/Son,” a One-Man Show by Jeffrey Solomon.** New York writer/performer Jeffrey Solomon plays both a son & the mother who struggles to accept his sexual orientation.
- **Fri, Nov 11: Veterans Day** is an annual United States holiday honoring military veterans. It is a federal holiday that is observed on November 11. It is also celebrated as **Armistice Day** or **Remembrance Day** in other parts of the world and falls on November 11, the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. (Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 with the German signing of the Armistice.) *Source: Wikipedia.com*



## Student News

**2011 Cropper Creative Writing Contest In Poetry and Fiction to Award \$250 in Prizes!** Deadline: materials must be received by no later than 11:59 p.m., Friday, Dec. 2, 2011. Students who are already actively writing poetry and/or fiction are invited to apply for the annual creative writing contest in poetry and fiction. Winners will be announced February 24, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in Manchester Auditorium at the Jodi Angel & Ilya Kaminsky reading. Winners in each genre will be awarded \$125. How to apply: Submissions will be selected by judges Jodi Angel (fiction) and Ilya Kaminsky (poetry). Materials: Please submit one to three pages of poetry (one poem per page; no poem longer than a page) or ten double-spaced pages of fiction to Dr. Halina Duraj at [hduraj@sandiego.edu](mailto:hduraj@sandiego.edu), making certain your e-mail address and phone number are only present on a cover page. All submissions must be attached as Microsoft Word documents. Documents that cannot be opened are disqualified. Please write “Cropper Contest Submission—Fiction (or Poetry)” in your subject line. Please include your full name, address, phone number, and email address in the body of your email. For more information, email Dr. Duraj at [hduraj@sandiego.edu](mailto:hduraj@sandiego.edu).



**Register for an English Course Spring 2012 Semester!** Can't decide what English course to take? Check out our updated **Course Descriptions** at: <http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/english/program/courses/>. Click on “Spring 2012 Course Descriptions.”

**Tue, Nov 15, 12:30pm in UC 107: Connecting Identity with Leadership**, presented by Center for Student Success. Experience the intersection between leadership & diversity. Hear from students about how diversity will enhance your USD experience & life after college.



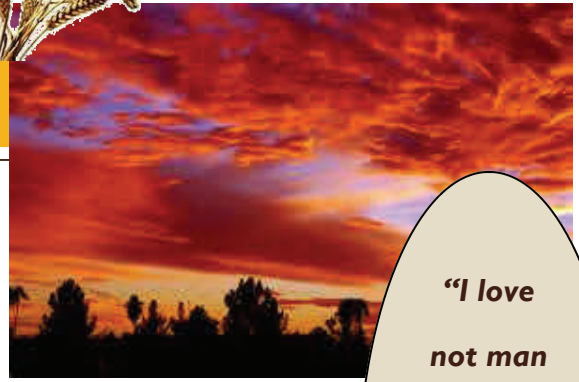
**Wed, Nov 16, 7:30pm in UC 107: Slowing Down When Life Speeds Up**, presented by Center for Student Success. Learn about USD's Catholic identity & the spiritual side of campus life. Understand the importance of slowing down & maintaining a healthy balance in mind, body, & soul so you can fully enjoy the college experience.

**Thur, Nov 17, 12:30pm in UC 128: Studying Abroad**, presented by Center for Student Success. Learn about the study abroad opportunity for the Class of 2015 called “The Second Year Experience (SYE) Abroad” — January 2013 in your choice of Seville (Spain), Florence (Italy), or Hong Kong (China)! Learn how to begin planning for other study abroad options as well.





# Student News continued



*“I love not man the less, but Nature more.”*  
—Lord Byron



**Study Abroad in England-Summer 2012!** Deadline to apply: December 15, 2011. Take Engl/Thea 494: “London Plays in Production, Olympic Edition.” Join Dr. Cynthia Caywood and Dr. David Hay for three weeks in the greatest theatre city in the world. We will join London’s **Olympic** celebration by attending the international Shakespeare festival, featuring theatre companies from around the globe performing the works of Britain’s greatest writer. We



will also visit a range of venues, from the Royal National Theatre to wildly alternative venues (empty warehouses? Abandoned subway tunnels?). Our “theatrical season” will range from classical to cutting edge modern, from experimental plays to musicals. This course fulfills the GE fine arts or literature requirement and counts towards the major or minor upper division elective requirements in both disciplines. June 24 (arrival)-July 16, 2011 (departure). Total Program Fees: \$4,900 (Includes tuition, housing, international insurance, most excursions). For more information, see Dr. Caywood (Founders 170B, X4252, ccaywood@sandiego.edu or Dr. Hay (Founders 170B, dhay@sandiego.edu).



**Study Abroad in Jamaica-Summer 2012!** Deadline to apply: December 15, 2011. Take ENGL 364: Black Caribbean Literature in Jamaica! (course fulfills “D” and “W” requirements) This

highly inter-disciplinary program combining faculty from English, Sociology, Community Service Learning, and Communication Studies is designed to provide you with a wholistic introduction to Jamaica and the greater Caribbean region. Students who participate in this four-week summer program will live in Duncans, a small community just outside the city of Falmouth, on Jamaica’s north coast near Montego Bay. Coursework on literature, social history, and cultural theory will offer a critical lens with which to contextualize and learn from excursions to historically important sites, but will also enrich your daily interaction with the local community we live amongst during our stay. Community service is an important component, consisting of participation in established outreach programs in local schools in the Duncans area. From finding out how



to cook and eat jerk chicken and callaloo, what it means to “small up” or “grab a fresh” in patois, to savoring live roots reggae, this is a rare opportunity to learn through experience. Dates: May 29 to June 25, 2012. Location: Duncans Bay, Falmouth. Cost: \$4,500 (includes tuition, housing, excursions, and international insurance). Transportation, meals, and personal expenses are the responsibility of the student. For financial aid or need-based scholarships, contact the International Office at Serra 315. Also for more info contact: Dr. Atreyee Phukan, English, phukana@sandiego.edu, (619) 260-7634.

**Spring Semester IPJ Internship Opportunities:** Application Deadline is Friday, November 18. The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice is now accepting applications for spring semester internships. Internship dates are February 2—May 11. Intern Responsibilities: Assist with IPJ programs, including research assistance, events support and a small amount of administrative support. Qualifications: Enrollment, with senior status, in an undergraduate program; or enrollment in a graduate program; or a recent degree in a field related to peace studies, human rights, international relations, or a related field (preferred); GPA of 3.3 or higher (required); excellent writing skills (required); minimum of 15, and preferably up to 20, hours per week (required). To apply please go to [www.sandiego.edu/peacestudies/ipj/involved/internships/](http://www.sandiego.edu/peacestudies/ipj/involved/internships/) to download an application form and view other requirements. Note that application elements may be sent separately, and some may be sent electronically, as described at the above link. If you have additional questions, please call (619) 260-7573 or e-mail [emccollim@sandiego.edu](mailto:emccollim@sandiego.edu). The internship is unpaid. Please note that while we encourage international applicants, we cannot provide them with assistance in securing a visa, nor cover the costs of the visa and health insurance required by USD.





# Student News *continued*

**Paid Internship Available: Content Writer Intern at MeLLmo, Inc.** Come and experience a paid internship at a growing tech company where you will have the ability to utilize your journalism, marketing, or English degree and writing skills in an exciting and fast passed environment. We are looking for top-notch students to fill this position. The intern will assist in creating copy that will directly impact the promotability of our products. Visit our website at [www.roambi.com](http://www.roambi.com) to get a glance into your future. Qualifications, Skills and Requirements: English, Journalism or Marketing Major; Strong work ethic and an independent thinker; Ability write solid content on a variety of topics; Experience desirable. Job function: Communications, Marketing/Sales.

Desired: BA in English, BBA in Marketing, BBA in Business. Majors: Administration, BA in Communication Studies. Desired class levels: Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Masters, Doctoral, Post-Doctoral. Salary level: 15.00. Students should apply on our online job board, ToreroLink, at [www.sandiego.edu/careers](http://www.sandiego.edu/careers). More info, contact USD Career Services 619-260-4654.

**Internship Available Spring 2012: Website Coordinator Internships (2 available) at Center for Inclusion & Diversity (CID).** Application Deadline is Dec 1, 2011. Receive 3 units per semester, work 12 hours/week. Contact CID at [cid@sandiego.edu](mailto:cid@sandiego.edu) or 619-260-7455 for more info & application process.

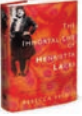
**Internship Available Spring 2012: Public Relations Internships (2 available) at Center for Inclusion & Diversity (CID).** Application Deadline is Dec 1, 2011. Receive 3 units per semester, work 12 hours/week. Contact CID at [cid@sandiego.edu](mailto:cid@sandiego.edu) or 619-260-7455 for more info & application process.

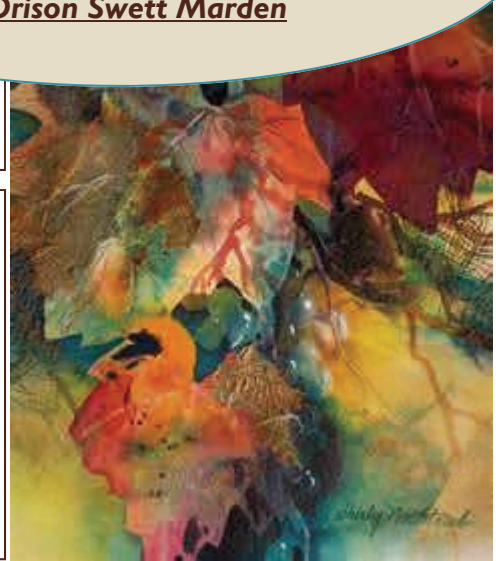
**Internship Available Spring 2012: Social Media & Marketing Internships (2 available) at Center for Inclusion & Diversity (CID).** Application Deadline is Dec 1, 2011. Receive 3 units per semester, work 12 hours/week. Contact CID at [cid@sandiego.edu](mailto:cid@sandiego.edu) or 619-260-7455 for more info & application process.

**The C.P. Cavafy Poetry Prize! Deadline: Nov 15, 2011.** The winner of this contest will receive \$1,000 and publication in an upcoming issue of *Poetry International*. All finalists will be considered for publication, as well. The editorial staff of *Poetry International* will judge. Congratulations to last year's winner, Kimberly Burwik. Her poem "And No Thief Approacheth and No Moth Corrupteth" was chosen by the editorial staff of *Poetry International*. Please visit the following website: [www.poetryinternational.sdsu.edu](http://www.poetryinternational.sdsu.edu) for s u b m i s s i o n guidelines.

**22st Annual Memoirs Competition. Deadline: Postmarked by Nov 30, 2011.** This contest is sponsored by The Writers' Workshop of Asheville, NC, a non-profit literary center founded in 1985. Submit a memoir of 5,000 words or less. Emailed submission may be sent to [writersw@gmail.com](mailto:writersw@gmail.com), with Memoirs Contest in the subject. For details & to pay entry fee online: [www.twwoa.org](http://www.twwoa.org). **1ST PLACE:** Your choice of a 3 night stay at The Mountain Muse B&B in Asheville, NC; or 3 free workshops (online or in person).

***It is like the seed put in the soil -  
the more one sows, the greater the harvest.***  
**—Orison Swett Marden**

 **The USD Just Read Essay Contest on "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks."** **Entries due: Dec 16, 2011.** This story offer much worth examination, including but not limited to its social, historical, ethical, educational, scientific & spiritual dimensions. Choose one or more of these dimensions as the focus of your discussion, identify the most compelling question(s) raised within it or them concerning the story of Henrietta Lacks, her cells & her legacy, & justify your position. You may reflect & write about this book directly, or use it as a springboard into a discussion of a current or recurrent related dilemma. Your essay should be 1200-1500 words. The wining essay on campus will be submitted for consideration in the regional competition. Submit by email: [emch@sandiego.edu](mailto:emch@sandiego.edu). USD level: First Place \$300. Regional level: First Place \$600 & featured on Voice of San Diego's *Henrietta Lacks Project Page*.







# Faculty News



**Call For Manuscripts:** Are you a writer of historical fiction, historical romance or fantasy? If so, we want you to write for us! Knox Robinson Publishing (2010) is unique in that we are an international, independent publisher specializing in historical fiction, historical romance and medieval fantasy. We welcome the submission of well-written, original and engaging manuscripts in the areas in which we specialize. For submission guidelines: [http://atmst.net/utr.php?e=EEQFvgrHaQhrotugDtrx&url=d6262109c80d0d735421b6486b334a9e\\*America-a-h\\*http://www.knoxrobinsonpublishing.com/submission.php](http://atmst.net/utr.php?e=EEQFvgrHaQhrotugDtrx&url=d6262109c80d0d735421b6486b334a9e*America-a-h*http://www.knoxrobinsonpublishing.com/submission.php)

**Wed, Nov 9, 11:30am-2:30pm in UC Forums: 2011 Employee Service & Recognition Luncheon.** This event will honor the dedication and service of those employees who in 2011 have completed 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 35 or 40 years of service with USD. Employee of the Year will be recognized. Info: [asciuto@sandiego.edu](mailto:asciuto@sandiego.edu).

**Wed, Nov 9, 12:00-1:30pm in SH 156B: Blackboard 9 Show & Tell.** Blackboard 9 allows for greater collaboration & an easy-to-use interface. Blackboard has improved user interface, learn about new collaborative features such as wikis, blogs & journals, become familiar with how to easily conduct synchronous sessions using Wimba Live Classroom, & see how easy assignment submission and batch downloading is. Intro course.

**Thur, Nov 10, 12:30-2:00pm, & Mon, Nov 21, 1:25-2:20pm in Camino 101B: Classroom Technology Support.** Need Training on how to effectively use the classroom technology? This is a special hands-on training for College of Arts & Sciences faculty, and Q&A.

**Thur, Nov 10, 4:00-5:00pm in O'Tooles Lounge: 5x5 CAS Live!** 5 speakers. 5 minutes. 5x5 live. Features the English Dept's own **Fred Robinson**, "The Happy Side of Sylvia Plath\*." \*Roulette presentation. Doors open at 3:45pm. Free to attend, includes one drink ticket.



**Mon, Nov 14, 12:00-1:20pm in IPJ Room C: Lunch & Learn: Cultural Journeys in the Classroom-Working with International Students.** Part of International Education Week.

**Tue, Nov 15, 5:00-7:30pm in Degheri Alumni Ctr (DAC): Faculty & Staff Twilight Retreat** on Reconciliation and Redemption: The Challenge of Catholic Social Thought, will be presented by Dr. Mary Doak, Associate Professor in the Dept of Theology & Religious Studies. RSVP to Mission & Ministry x4656 or [rburns@sandiego.edu](mailto:rburns@sandiego.edu).

*"A light wind  
swept over  
the corn,  
and all nature  
laughed in  
the sunshine."*

—Anne Bronte

**Wed, Nov 16, 3:00-4:20pm in UC 128: Advising for Study Abroad.** Part of International Education Week.

**Thur, Nov 17, 12:15-1:30pm in IPJ Room H/J: Lunch Discussions: Global Learning Without a Passport.** Part of International Education Week.

**Fri, Nov 18, 2:00-3:00pm, in MRH 145 (SOLES): Tech Talk: WebCT & the Blackboard Migration—What the Future Holds.**

**HR Benefits Open Enrollment Period: Deadline: Fri, Nov 18.** For benefit-based employees, open enrollment is a time for you to review your benefit plan options, change, enroll in, or delete coverage and review your beneficiary designations for your life and accidental death and dismemberment plans. You will be able to make changes utilizing Oracle Self Service at <https://oracleapps.sandiego.edu>. Informational meeting will be held on Nov 10, 9:00-10:00am in Salomon Hall.

**Sat, Nov 19, 9:00am-4:00pm in IPJ Room C/D: 4th Annual Internationalization of the Curriculum Faculty Workshop** (Required to teach abroad in USD programs). Part of International Education Week.





# Alumni News



**Wed, Nov 9, 5:30-7:30pm, in O'Toole's Lounge, University Center, USD: Alumni Happy Hour.** Hosted by the College of Arts and Sciences and the USD Alumni Association. Join faculty and the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Mary Boyd, at this special happy hour! All USD alumni are invited to attend! Come back to campus and see USD's wine and beer bar: O'Toole's! Happy hour drink specials will be available between 5:30pm and 9:00pm. Choose from wine and an array of local, craft beers featuring Stone Brewing Co. This is the place that you wish existed when you were a student at USD! Light tapas will be hosted by the College of Arts and Sciences and the USD Alumni Association. We look forward to seeing you!

**Christina Printz, 2009**, an English major, is featured in a *Frederick News Post* article on **Operation TEACH** which she participates in. Operation TEACH is a program based at Notre Dame of Maryland University and places students seeking advanced degrees and teaching experience in Baltimore area Catholic schools to teach. For full story go to: <http://www.fredericknewspost.com/sections/news/display.htm?storyID=127735>.



## Be Blue, Go Green



**Recycle that old Coat!**  
Sponsored by One Warm Coat  
<http://onewarmcoat.org/>

*A national organization dedicated to meeting local needs by supporting coat drives.*

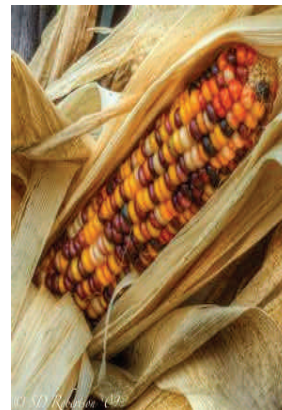


**Coat Drive: Nov 1-Dec 31**  
**Collection Location: The Container Store**  
7097 Friars Rd. (Fashion Valley Mall)  
619-220-0909

Committed to our communities — donated coats will be given to local people in need.

**Benefiting: The Alpha Project** <http://alphaproject.org/>

Alpha Project was founded in 1986 and is a nonprofit human services organization that serves over 4,000 men, women and children each day. Alpha Project offers an array of support services to those that are mentally ill, disabled, low/no income, homeless and seniors.



*"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need."*

**—Marcus Tullius Cicero**



## Community

### St. Vincent de Paul's Downtown Soup Kitchen

[http://www.sandiego.edu/experience/university\\_ministry.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/experience/university_ministry.php)

Get involved with USD Ministry. Sign up for St. Vincent de Paul. Each Thursday, a group helps prepare and serve lunch at St. Vincent de Paul, a downtown soup kitchen. Transportation is provided. All you have to do is show up ready to help! For more info, contact USD Ministry at (619) 260-4735, or stop by their offices in UC 238.

