

FINALS WEEK – Winter Quarter 2013

Monday, March 18th

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

There are no meetings scheduled this week.

DEPARTMENT NEWS



Preuss Students Visit the Department -

“In the Mandell Weiss Theatre lobby, an actor moaned with his mouth wide open, warming up his voice an hour before the curtain would rise on Pirandello’s “Tonight We Improvise.” His loud utterances blended right in with waves of chatter from a throng of high school students from The Preuss School UCSD....” Read the full article from thisweek@ucsandiego [here](#).

Photo by Erik Jepsen/UC San Diego Publications

Adjunct Professor **James Newcomb** is appearing as the Duke in Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure* at the Goodman Theatre in Chicago under the direction of Robert Falls.

Alum (MFA '90) and Adjunct Faculty member **Donald Mackay** follows up last year's La Jolla Playhouse appearance in *Blood and Gifts* with a major role in *His Girl Friday*, adapted by John Guare and directed by Christopher Ashley. At the La Jolla Playhouse May 28th – June 30th.

NEWS FOR FACULTY AND STAFF

Shorted pay to be disbursed - A one-time payment of wages that were shorted on paychecks for the January 1st - 19th pay period (the period just prior to the transition to a bi-weekly pay cycle) will be issued to employees on March 27th. The payment will be issued with employees' regular earnings, but identified separately on earnings statements. Please check your pay advice to make sure you receive the correct amount if you have overdue pay.

Nominations for Academic Integrity Awards - Each year, faculty, staff, and students win awards for promoting and supporting academic integrity. You may nominate anyone you think deserves an award. The prizes given to Award winners include reserved parking spaces and Bookstore gift cards. Read [more here](#).

ADMINISTRIVIA

March 23rd – Last day to remove a grade of “I” from a previous quarter.
March 25th – Last day to request a grade of “I” for the current (winter) quarter.
March 28th – Grades available on TritonLink.
March 24th – March 28th – Spring Break
March 29th – Cesar Chavez Day, campus closed
April 1st – First day of instruction, Spring Quarter

ONSTAGE



The 2013 Wagner New Play Festival at UC San Diego features world premiere productions by our talented MFA playwrights, and directed, acted, stage managed and designed by our nationally-acclaimed MFA companies. This year, the plays range in scope from the untold story of Picasso's best friend to the story of a Haitian-American immigrant struggling to make a life for herself in Miami. They take place in Paris at the dawn of the 20th century and China at the dawn of the 21st. They ask questions ranging from what drives a person to catastrophic violence to what price we pay to escape the demons of our past.

The plays produced in the Wagner New Plays Festival represent some of the most original and ground-breaking new voices in American theatre. Our MFA playwrights have gone on to be produced and commissioned around the country. New plays showcased at the festival have gone on to be produced at the Humana Festival at the Actors' Theatre of Louisville and the O'Neill Playwrights Conference, and also produced and work-shopped in major venues in New York City, San Francisco, Boston, Atlanta, Minneapolis, Chicago, and Washington D.C..

[The Festival](#) features works by MFA Playwrights **Sharif Abu-Hamdeh, Jeff Augustin, Kristin Idaszak,** and **David Jacobi**. Directed, Designed, Stage Managed and Performed by MFA students in various venues in the UCSD Theatre District / La Jolla Playhouse.

Ticket Information - Visit the Department's "[Tickets Page](#)" for individual and group ticket information.

ALUM NEWS

Alums – On Facebook? Come visit the Department's [Facebook Alumni page](#)! This group is set up for UC San Diego Department of Theatre and Dance Alumni to correspond with each other regarding their current or upcoming productions, projects or events. Please use it as a place to update each other on your past, current or future projects. If you have a show coming up let the group know. If you are performing, directing, designing, writing, stage managing or in any way involved in a creative project please let us know. Note that the Department will use some of the postings from this site for alumni updates in the newsletter. The Department will also use this group to alert you on Department information or Alumni events.

Watch this space! Sarah Rasmussen (MFA '08), Maren Bush (MFA '10), and Lila Rose Kaplan (MFA '08) are working on a production of *Bureau of Missing Person* (Lila's thesis play from UCSD) that will go up in New York in June. More information when available!

MFA '99 alum **Sarita Rainey** is a Research Manager at MarketCast, a leading research firm servicing the global entertainment industry, with offices in New York, Los Angeles and Boston. MarketCast's client-base includes companies from the filmed entertainment (theatrical, home video, international), television (broadcast, cable, pay per view), publishing, and broadband programming sectors.



MFA '88 **Ralph Janes** is the Chair of the Theatre Department at the Milwaukie High School of the Arts. He splits his time between directing and designing political-social theatre and teaching at the university and high school levels. There's an [interview online](#) of Ralph discussing, a few years back, how to help students reach their potential.



There will be no Newsletter next week due to Spring Break. We wish you all a safe and happy week!

Have news? The Newsletter's email address is TandDNews@ucsd.edu. We're always thrilled to hear what you've been doing and to share it with our readers. Photos encouraged. (Be sure to tell us your "old" name, if you've changed it, and the year you left us.) Send your news and we'll put it in the Newsletter after the break.

Feeling Peckish? – Most dining facilities on campus close over the Sprint Break and operate on non-standard schedules during finals week. You can find "open" hours [here](#).

Shuttle Service effective March 25th – 28th:

- Coaster, Hillcrest/Campus, Sanford Consortium, and SIO shuttles will run their normal schedules.
- Combined Arriba/Nobel Cityshuttles will run every 15 minutes between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Campus Loop shuttles will run every 15 minutes in both directions between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- East/Regents service will be suspended.
- Mesa shuttles will run every 30 minutes between 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Parking Permits are still required to park on campus over the Break.