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Meetings of the Week

No Meetings!

Finals Week Special Events:

MONDAY, March 16 @ 11:00am
MFA II Shakespeare presentation - GH 15

TUESDAY, March 17 @ 12:00pm
MFA I presentation - GH 155

TUESDAY, March 17 @ 4pm
MFA Thesis Design Presentation - Forum Theatre

WEDNESDAY, March 18 @ 9:30am
MFA II Mask Pieces - GH 23

FRIDAY, March 20 @ 3:00pm
MFA III dance performance - GH 23

FRIDAY, March 20 @ 4:30pm
MFA III showcase presentation - GH 23

SATURDAY, March 21 @ 2:00pm
Graduation - Forum Theatre

Department News

UCSD Playwrights Honored by Kennedy Center



Playwrights Kristin Idaszak and Jeff Augustin won 2015 Michael Kanin Playwriting awards along with classmate David Jacobi (pictured below) photo by Eduardo Contreras

UCSD Theatre and Dance is pleased to announce that three UCSD playwrights have just received awards administered by the Kennedy Center.

SECOND SKIN by **Kristin Idaszak** is the recipient of the 2015 Paula Vogel Playwriting Award and the 2015 Jean Kennedy Smith Playwriting Award.

CORKTOWN or THROUGH THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES by **Jeff Augustin** (MFA '14) is the recipient of the 2015 Harold and Mimi Steinberg National Student Award. Jeff's play is also the recipient of the 2015 Lorraine Hansberry Award. This is the third year that Jeff has won the Lorraine Hansberry Award.

READY STEADY YETI GO by **David Jacobi** is the recipient of the 2015 Kennedy Center Theater For Young Audience's Playwriting Award.

The UT San Diego featured the playwrights [in an article](#) this week. Congratulations to Jeff, David, and Kristin!



Playwright David Jacob

Arts Around Campus

University Art Gallery presents State Park
Running through May 1



A dynamic group of artists explores the concept of state parks as complex sites that exist, ostensibly, to preserve a location on account of its natural beauty, historic relevance, and recreational potential.

Programming will explore the oral transference of knowledge, skills, and histories through 1-hour lessons in knot-tying, survival, indigenous history, native languages, meditation, potlucks, and other events held at the University Art Gallery.

For a full list of events sponsored by the Division of Arts and Humanities check out their website [here](#)!

Congratulations to the Class of 2015!

The MFA and PhD classes of 2015 graduation ceremony is this Saturday, March 21st at 2:00pm in the Forum Theatre. Prior to the ceremony, the MFA designers will showcase their work in the Forum, beginning at 1pm. Congratulations!

Staff Employee of the Year Nomination Extended

The Exemplary Staff Employee of the Year Award Program recognizes Professional and Support Staff career employees who make exceptional contributions to the UCSD and San Diego communities. All members of the campus community are encouraged to nominate staff colleagues who deserve this special acknowledgment.

[Click here](#) for info on how to nominate a colleague.

News for Students

Important Dates

March 16 - Evaluations due by midnight, March 16th
March 14 - 21 - Finals Period
March 20 - Spring Health Waiver Due
March 22 - 29 - Spring Break
March 30 - Spring Classes Begin

Time for Evaluations (DEADLINE: TODAY!)

Undergrads, it's time to evaluate your TAs. Graduate students, it's time to complete your course evaluations. A link to the evaluations was sent to your UCSD email.

This quarter, students evaluating their TAs are automatically entered into a drawing for a \$100 UCSD Bookstore gift card, a \$50 Triton Cash card or a \$10 Triton Cash card.

Extended Study Hours for Finals

Need a place to study for finals?

OPEN 24 Hours

We'll have study space, games, fun, and a ridiculous amount of coffee.

OASIS:
Sat. (3/14– 10am-6pm), Sun. (3/15– 10am-12am),
Mon (3/16)- Thu. (3/19) 10am-12am

LGBT Resource Center:
Open 24 hours: Sun. (3/15) - Mon. (3/16)

Cross-Cultural Center:
Open 24 hours: Mon. (3/16) - Tues. (3/17)

Black Resource Center:
Mon. (3/16 8am-9pm)

Women's Center:
Open 24 hours: Tues. (3/17) - Wed.(3/18)

Raza Resource Centro
Wed. (3/18– 8am-12am)

SPACES
Open 24 hours: Wed. (3/18) -Thu. (3/19)

Co-sponsored by OASIS, LGBT Resource Center, Cross-Cultural Center, Black Resource Center, Women's Center, Raza Resource Centro, and SPACES.

Alumni News

Acting alum **Corey Brill** (MFA '04) is currently appearing as Pete, a doctor in the Alexandria Safe Zone in AMC's [The Walking Dead](#). Corey writes: I shot the episodes in Georgia last fall and had an amazing time! Much love to my UCSD family and see you in the Zombiepocalypse...



Alum **Jiehae Park** (Acting MFA '09)'s play *Peerless* was chosen for the Cherry Lane Theatre's 2015 Mentor Project. A re-imagined 'Macbeth' where Asian-American twins M&L have given up everything to get into The College. So when D, a 1/16th Native American classmate, gets "their" spot instead, they figure they've got only one option: kill him. A dark comedy about the very ambitious. The play has been mentored by Kwame Kwei-Armah.

Have news to share? Send it to us at TandDNews@ucsd.edu and we'll pass it along for you. Photos are encouraged. Please be sure to let us know what year you graduated, if you're an alum. If you've changed your name, be sure to tell us what it was when you attended UC. Miss a back edition? Visit the [Newsletter Archives](#).

Sincerely,

[UCSD Department of Theatre and Dance](#)