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MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Campus is closed on Monday, January 18th, for Martin Luther King Day

There is no faculty meeting this week

Production meeting - *The Revenger's Tragedy*, Thursday, January 21st, 10:00am



FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS



Free \$100 Gift Card – Employees who complete an online health assessment via StayWell will be awarded a \$100 gift card. Eligible spouses/partners may receive a \$50 card. Unfortunately, those with Kaiser HMO and members of some unions may not participate in the StayWell plan. Eligible employees can complete the assessment and receive the gift card even if they participated and received a card last year. To qualify, the health assessment must be completed by April 15th. The gift cards, from over 350 vendors, can be chosen through Hallmark Insights. Read [more here](#).

W-4 Info From Payroll – “This is an annual reminder that by February 15, 2010 any employee who claimed Exemption from Tax Withholding in 2009 and desires to continue being exempt must renew their status. Failure of employees to renew their exempt status by this date will result in being changed to the Federal and State withholding status of Single and Zero personal allowances. This regulation is clearly stated on the UC W-4/DE 4 and also in the Tax Withholding Section of At Your Service Online. ... [employees] can submit a new [UC W-4/DE4 form](#) or go to [At Your Service Online](#) and make the renewal.”



DEPARTMENT NEWS

Faculty members **Liam Clancy, Eric Geiger, Allyson Green, and Yolande Snaith** will perform *Live – Collaborative Dance Theatre* at UCSD on Saturday, January 23rd, at 7:30pm. Admission is free, all are welcome. In the Molli and Arthur Wagner Dance Facility, Studio 3.

ONSTAGE



Opening Next Week! - [La Mandragola](#), by Machiavelli, directed by **Isis Saratial Misdary**.

Niccolo di Bernardo dei Machiavelli (Italian historian, playwright, statesman and political theorist). After fourteen years of diplomatic service, Machiavelli was fired when the Medici family returned to power in 1512. The following year he was arrested and tortured “with the rope” for conspiracy. Despite being hung by bound wrists from the back which forced his arms to bear his body's weight and dislocated his shoulders, Machiavelli

denied involvement. Subsequently, he was released, exiled to his estate at Santa Andrea in Percussina near Florence, and was banned from public office. Without a job and exiled from Florence, Machiavelli wrote *La Mandragola*, among other dramatic and non-dramatic works. In the Theodore and Adele Shank Theatre, January 28th - February 6th. Click for [Ticket Information](#).



[The Revenger's Tragedy](#), by Thomas Middleton, directed by **Christopher Ashley**, Quinn Martin Guest Chair in Directing and Artistic Director of the La Jolla Playhouse

Director **Christopher Ashley** has served as La Jolla Playhouse's Artistic Director since October 2007, most recently directing Playhouse commission *Restoration* by Claudia Shear. During his tenure, he directed the acclaimed musicals *Xanadu* and *Memphis* (which opened on Broadway October, 2009), spearheaded the Resident Theatre program and helped develop the EDGE series.

His Broadway credits include: *Xanadu* (Tony nomination), *All Shook Up*, and *The Rocky Horror Show* (Tony, Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Award nominations). Off-Broadway, he worked on: *Blown Sideways Through Life*, *Jeffrey* (Lucille Lortel and Obie Awards), *The Night Hank Williams Died*, and *Fires in the Mirror* (Lucille Lortel Award), among others. His regional credits include: *Sweeney Todd* and *Merrily We Roll Along* (Kennedy Center Sondheim Celebration), *They All Laughed*, *Lucky in the Rain* (Goodspeed Musicals), and *Without Walls* (Mark Taper Forum). Film/TV credits: *Jeffrey*, *Blown Sideways Through Life* for PBS's American Playhouse. Mr. Ashley is the recipient of the Princess Grace Award, the Drama League Director Fellowship and an NEA/TCG Director Fellowship. February 11th - February 20th. Click for [Ticket Information](#).

Coming Soon – Chekov's [The Seagull](#), directed by **Tom Dugdale**. February 18th – 27th.



ADMINISTRIVIA

Deadline to [change grading option, change units, and drop classes](#) without "W" - January 29th

ALUM UPDATES



Playwriting MFA alum **Rachel Axler** (MFA '04) got a great write-up in the [New York Times](#) Entertainment section recently. Rachel is a writer for [Parks and Recreation](#) on NBC TV, and has a new off-Broadway show, *Smudge*.

UCSD was well-represented last week at the LA Ovation Awards. The play award at an intimate location prize went to Chalk Repertory Theatre's production of MFA '01 alum **Julia Edwards'** [Family Planning](#), which also won the directing award for **Larissa Kokernot** (MFA '05). The complete list of winners was published in the [Los Angeles Times](#) Arts blog.



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