



Week Nine – Winter Quarter 2012

Monday, March 5th

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday, March 5th from 4:00-6:00pm in GH144 - Area Heads Meeting

Wednesday, March 7th from 4:00-5:00pm in GH 144 - Full Faculty Meeting

NEWS FOR FACULTY AND STAFF



Dollars Remaining in Your 2011 CONEXIS Health and DepCare (FSA) - If you were enrolled in UC's Health Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA), and/or Dependent Care (DepCare FSA) in 2011 and have dollars remaining in a 2011 account, you have until March 15th to incur eligible services. Requests for reimbursement must be received by Conexis by April 15th. Visit the [Conexis website](#) to check your balances.

Important Changes to UC 403(b), 457(b), and DC Plans - The UC Retirement Savings Program is committed to offering competitive and cost-effective choices to employees such as the UC Core Funds with their lower expense ratios. Effective March 29th, UC is pleased to announce that several of the Non-Core Funds available within the Program are now available with lower expense ratios. To learn more about this change and actions to consider, please [click this link](#) or contact Fidelity Retirement Services at 1-866-682-7787.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE & DANCE MFA CLASS OF 2012
GRADUATION CEREMONY

SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH, 2012

11:00AM ACTORS SHOWCASE

1:00PM DESIGNER PORTFOLIO PRESENTATION

2:00PM GRADUATION CEREMONY

IN THE

[MANDELL WEISS FORUM THEATRE](#)

ONSTAGE

Coming Soon:

April 17th – 28th [Baldwin New Play Festival at UC San Diego 2012](#), with work by MFA Playwrights **David Myers, Lauren Yee, Sharif Abu-Hamdeh,** and **Jeff Augustin**, directed, designed, stage-managed and performed by MFA students at Various Venues in the UCSD Theatre District / La Jolla Playhouse.

June 1st – 9th [The Underground New Play Festival](#) - written, directed, designed, managed and performed by our undergraduate students. Celebrate the artistic achievements of our undergraduate playwrights, directors, designers, and actors in a festival dedicated to world-premiere plays and work created entirely by undergrads. Every year, the Underground New Play Festival selects and mounts a full production for six to eight new short plays. New and experienced directors, designers, and actors join together to create works of art bigger than any one person could hope for; works of art that could not exist as they do in any other place, with any other artists.

June 6th – 9th [New Directions- MFA I Student Choreographers' Showcase](#) with works from our top undergraduate choreographers, directed by **Eric Geiger**, in the Sheila and Hughes Potiker Theatre.

Check out our [entire season here!](#) Click for [Ticket Information.](#)

ADMINISTRIVIA

Deadline to drop without a penalty of “F” – March 9th

Finals Week - March 19th – 24th

Deadline to file to remove “I” from previous quarter – March 24th

Deadline to file for a grade of “I” for current quarter – March 26th

Cesar Chavez Holiday, campus closed, Friday, March 30th

Winter Quarter Grades Appear Online – April 4th

ALUM NEWS

Steve Tate (BA '04) is working with [London's National Theatre](#) on some of their international programs, one of which is National Theatre Live, which broadcasts live productions from the LNT stage to cinemas around the world (in the same vein as the successful Metropolitan Opera Live in HD series), allowing patrons a chance to experience London theatre without the travels (and at only \$20 a ticket!). National Theatre Live is the only theatre in the world broadcasting their entire season across the globe to local cinemas, art houses, and independent theatres live in HD. Their upcoming transmissions include a rebroadcast of Danny Boyle's hit [Frankenstein](#) this June and [One Man Two Guvnors](#) in April/May after its Broadway opening. National Theatre Live can be seen on over 300 screens throughout North America. For a complete list of U.S. dates, times, and locations, please [check here](#).



Fumiko Docker (Dance Minor, '97) has gone on to receive a Master's degree in Architecture ('05) from the University of Oregon. She is employed by the Design Partnership in San Francisco, and has worked on various projects since obtaining her Masters, including for the VA Palo Alto Temporary Blind Center at Menlo Park, the UC San Francisco Mt. Zion Malignant Hematology Clinic and Infusion Center, the California Pacific Medical Center Child Development Center, and the Placer County Children's Emergency Shelter.

Hal B. Klein (BA '97) has a blog online, where he writes “Things have been busy lately: I'm working on a few stories, traveling, and creating new recipes...and there's that whole master's degree in Food Studies thesis to finish. Look for a new post early next week. For now, check out what I've been doing elsewhere: I've had a few stories on The Allegheny

More...

Front: [A chat with “The High Priest of Permaculture.” David Jacke.](#) [Exploring the connection between food and nature with Michael Pollan.](#) Yup...that Michael Pollan. (If you haven't had a listen to my [feature on Parma Sausage Company](#), you should do that too!) I'm still writing "[On the Rocks](#)" for Pittsburgh City Paper. Hooray for local libations!"

Jennifer Setlow (MFA '02) is Assistant Professor, Coordinator for Curriculum Revision at the [Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts](#) at Arizona State University.

From the Wall - [Stephen Sakowski](#) (MFA '09) writes: "I was a part of the lighting design team, led by Otis Howard, that light the NBA All-Star Game Pre-show and Halftime Shows. I was very proud to have worked on this project. Here are the [videos of the performances!](#)" **Jason Boegh** posted "...watch for me on ABC's new drama "Scandal" in April.... plus I'm in the upcoming shorts "Two Close", "Dirty Talk", "Help Wanted", "Troy" and my costarring/producing project "the things i cannot change" currently doing the festival circuit."

Alums – On Facebook? Come visit the Department's [Facebook Alumni page!](#)

Have news to share? Send it to us at TandDNews@ucsd.edu and we'll send it out. Photos are always welcome. Be sure to let us know your name at graduation, if it's changed since then. News that arrives by Wednesday nights usually goes out the following week. Remember, the Newsletter email address has changed! Be sure it's going to **@ucsd.edu** and not Yahoo – Yahoo email is often blocked by the UCSD email system. Hoping to hear from you soon!