

# UCSB Writing Program 2014 Year-End Celebration

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Friday, May 30 at the  
Loma Pelona Conference Center

Please join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of students in UC Santa Barbara Writing Program courses from Writing 1 through the Professional Writing Minor. The events will feature awards, films, student projects, and faculty research.

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**10:00-11:00 Writing 50 Excellence Awards**

Celebrate the writers of the best Writing 50 papers from the past year. Please join us for a roundtable discussion and reception to learn more about our students' great work.

**11:00-12:00 First-Year Engineering Writing Awards**

Please join us as we celebrate the writing achievements of our first-year engineering students. Listen to guest speaker Yelena Lipovetskaya, co-founder and Chief Technology Officer of Cospheric LLC, a local microtechnology company. She is the author of numerous technical articles, patents, and market research reports on microparticles technology and its applications. Pizza and drinks will be served afterwards.

**12:00-1:30 Professional Writing Awards**

Celebrate the excellence of student writing for business, nonprofits, and the sustainable future. Experience the drama as we announce the Mark and Lynda Schwartz Awards for Excellence in Professional Writing and the Mary Ellen Guffey Awards for Excellence in Business Communication. Enjoy short student presentations and participate in a vote for an audience choice award.

**1:30-2:00 Fostering Civic Engagement in a Writing Class: A Roundtable**

Students from Writing 107G and the Civic Engagement minor will come together for a roundtable discussion on Writing 107G team projects that address a specific global problem through the development of a Non-Governmental Organization.

**2:00-3:30 Feedback to Students: A Mini-Colloquium**

Dr. Chris Thaiss will present "Creating a Climate of Responsiveness for Learning and Writing: Better Learning Through Better Feedback." Dr. Thaiss is Clark Kerr Presidential Chair and Professor in the University Writing Program and Director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning at University of California, Davis. UCSB Writing Program faculty will provide brief responses highlighting innovative approaches to providing feedback.

**4:00-5:00 Starting Lines Publication Party**

We're celebrating the upcoming publication of the thirteenth edition of *Starting Lines*! Join us for readings, conversation, and refreshments as we applaud our talented authors from Writing 2, Writing 1, and Linguistics 12.

**5:00-6:30 Professional Writing Minor Celebration**

Join us for refreshments at our year-end celebration. Visit with those of your former students who are our current fabulous Professional Writing Minors, and take a look at the impressive work they've produced in our capstone courses.