**Extra Credit Opportunities—make-up points for missed assignments only**

OK, I know the syllabus says I am uneasy with the custom of offering extra credit, as it brings out the worst in some students, but I’m just too used to having them as a way to compensate for the vicissitudes of life--and as a way to promote campus activities that I think will be good for you and probably fun, as well. These points (10 points possible for each, unless I say otherwise) will simply **compensate for a missed homework assignment.** They will not go to boost grades on essays/tests/presentations.

**Procedure:** In order to get points for these activities, just **attend, pay thoughtful attention,** and then **type up** a page or so of your reflections. **Describe** the event, tell me what was interesting about what was said or what you saw, and if you can, **relate it to something** we have read or done in class.

**Attach a souvenir** (a ticket or program) or imbed a photo.

Please **turn them in within ONE WEEK of the event**. I don’t want an avalanche of these coming in the last week!

Where to find events

1. [SJSU Events Calendar](https://events.sjsu.edu/EventList.aspx?fromdate=9/8/2017&todate=9/14/2017&display=Week&view=DateTime)
2. [Center for Literary Arts](http://www.litart.org/)
3. [Department of Theater and Film](http://www.sjsu.edu/trft/)
4. [The International House](http://www.sjsu.edu/ihouse/)

I’d particularly like to recommend [International House Coffee Nights](http://www.sjsu.edu/ihouse/life/activities/coffee-nights/index.html), as they come up every week at the same time (Tuesday 8:30-10:30) and offer you the chance to chat with people from all over the world. You might have to work a little to get an in-depth conversation out of it, though. Coffee night is a relaxed social gathering for I-House residents and visitors. I-House alumni often visit the I-House during coffee nights to meet current residents. From the site:

“For coffee nights, residents work together to offer a variety of snacks and beverages from around the world and often choose a theme for the evening. A few examples of themes are *Pirates*, *Under the Sea*, *Black and White*, *Camping*, *Moon Festival*, and *International Night*.”

I’m sure there will be many other opportunities for interesting events and speakers over the semester. Let me know if you hear about any.

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Here’s one I just heard about, and we’re going to be reading an excerpt of a book he wrote (not the same one he’s promoting).

***Chasing the Harvest* book event**, with author Gabriel Thompson  
**Saturday, September 9, 4 PM**  
First Christian Church, [80 S. 5th Street, San Jose](https://maps.google.com/?q=80+S.+5th+Street,+San+Jose&entry=gmail&source=g) (just behind City Hall) Sales of the book to benefit Recovery Cafe San Jose More info is [here](http://recoverycafesj.org/book-reading-and-conversation-about-immigration/).