

SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE
2025-2026 44th Annual Faculty Lecture



**The Power of *Human*
Language in the
Age of Generative AI**

Kimberly Monda, Ph.D.
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Thursday, April 30, 2026
Garvin Theatre | 2:30 - 3:30 P.M.
Reception immediately following lecture

Kimberly Monda has taught in the English Department with her dedicated and creative colleagues since 1995. She primarily teaches the Department's core courses, English 110, Composition and Reading (renamed English C1000, Academic Reading and Writing, in Fall 2025), and English 111, Critical Thinking and Composition Through Literature. These courses help students develop foundational academic skills and attitudes of mind that prepare them for success in college and beyond. Kim served as the Department's Director of Composition as well as its Chair, and has taught several of the courses for English majors: American Literature, Pre-Colonization to 1865 and 1865-Present, Survey of British Literature: 800-1798, and Shakespeare. She received SBCC's Faculty Excellence Award in 2012-13.

*This lecture is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Peter MacDougall
(1939 - 2025), SBCC Superintendent/President 1981-2002.*

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Growing up in Wisconsin, Kim was one of those kids who always had a book in front of her. Kim went on to earn her AB degree in English—with a sophomore-year detour as a Comparative Religions major—from Harvard. After a year as an Assistant Language Arts teacher and milieu therapist at a small alternative high school for students with social and emotional challenges, Kim went to UCLA to earn a Ph.D. in English where she won the Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award and wrote her dissertation, *Resisting Self-Sacrifice: Subjectivity and Sexuality in Six American Women's Novels from Chopin to Hurston*. (The chapter on Nella Larsen's *Quicksand* was published in the *African American Review*.) In the middle of an exciting year as a post-doc Lecturer at UCLA, Kim learned, from kindly tablemates at an Ojai bed and breakfast, that there was a rare job opening at one of the best community colleges in the nation, and has been deeply fulfilled by teaching at SBCC ever since. She has also enjoyed working with faculty colleagues to support student success in the Honors Program, the MET Program, the ESP Program, the Affective Learning Institute, and the Peer Tutor/Mentor Project. A secondary part of her career at SBCC has been her work chairing or co-chairing many faculty committees and serving, twice, as SBCC's Academic Senate President (2014-16 and 2023-24). She has been blessed to have the advice and support of her husband Robert Metzger, also an English professor, for the last 38 years, and the two of them are grateful every day for their two sons, Samuel (26) and Leo (21). The honor of being selected as this year's Faculty Lecturer has served as a beautiful way to mark Kim's last semester as a full-time faculty member at SBCC.

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