ISSS NEWSLETTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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ISSS ON FACEBOOK
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“ARE MARTIN LUTHER KING AND MAHATMA GANDHI STILL RELEVANT?”
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The Association for India’s Development (AID) - Buffalo Chapter at UB is a volunteer organization comprising students and professionals working on sustainable and equitable solutions in India. In observance of the International Day of Nonviolence and commemorating Mahatma Gandhi’s birthday, AID invites you to a short talk addressing these questions: Will Gandhian and Martin Luther King’s themes of non-violence work for current international problems like the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; caste, gender and financial status-based violence in India; race-based violence (e.g. Ferguson, Missouri) in the U.S. and elsewhere? How can Gandhi’s and MLK’s ideals empower oppressed and downtrodden victims?

Panelists: Prof. Garry Ban (St. Bonaventure University), Ms. Juhi Roy (Graduate Student Employee Union), Mr. Durgham Alyasiri (UB Organization of Arab Students), Mr. Michael Zak (WNY Peace Center)

Date: Thursday Oct 2nd  
Time: 6:30-9:00 p.m.  
Place: O’Brien Hall 112, North Campus

Event Page: [https://www.facebook.com/events/310091859175190/](https://www.facebook.com/events/310091859175190/)

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TIPS ON U.S. ACADEMIC CULTURE: ACADEMIC DISHONESTY  
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In case you have not done so already, we strongly urge you to find out the standards of academic honesty and dishonesty in each of your courses. As you know, all professors view plagiarism as a form of academic dishonesty. However, there are other forms of academic dishonesty which are defined differently by different professors.

In some courses, students are assigned group projects. In other courses, students are not allowed to discuss out-of-class assignments with classmates. It is your responsibility to find out what is and is not allowed in each of your courses. You should read the syllabus, check your course or departmental website, and find out from your professors. The penalties for academic dishonesty are quite severe, ranging from an F grade for the assignment or course to dismissal from the department or University.

Some international students have committed acts of academic dishonesty because they did not understand what constituted cheating in their courses. Inform yourself so this does not happen to you!

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ENGLISH CONVERSATION CORNER  
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The Center for Excellence in Writing's English Conversation Corner provides an informal, relaxed atmosphere for students who would like to practice their English conversation skills.
The Center for Excellence in Writing (CEW) offers one-on-one writing consultations to UB students. The consultants discuss essays, reports, application materials, theses, dissertations, etc. They serve as a thoughtful, informed audience for writers across the disciplines and help them make choices about revision.

The CEW also offers special programs for graduate students: Dissertation Retreats and Writing Groups. If you are interested, please email writing@buffalo.edu.

For more information, please visit http://writing.buffalo.edu

INTERNATIONAL TEA TIME

Do you enjoy meeting new people, playing games and having tea? If so, please join us for International Tea Time!

International Tea Time brings together international and U.S. students for conversation and fun. They meet, play games, talk and have fun getting to know each other. For more information contact: elenayak@buffalo.edu.

Dates: Every Thursday
Time: 5:00-6:30
Place: Student Union 240, North Campus

Organizer: UB Counseling Services

ISSS WORKSHOPS

“Your Passport to Employment: Tips & Strategies from UB IT Alumni”
Friday, October 3
4:00-5:00
Davis Hall 101, North Campus
ISSS TRIPS & ACTIVITIES

“SECRETS OF BUFFALO: A GUIDED BUS TOUR”

Join ISSS for a driving tour of Buffalo’s lesser known landmarks and architecture. Visit some places you would not find on your own!

Date: Saturday, October 4
Meeting Time: 9:45 a.m.
Meeting Place: Flint Loop, North Campus
Return Time: 2:30 p.m.
Cost: $22 (transportation, guide) (nonrefundable)
Sign-Up Deadline: 11:59 p.m., Thursday, October 2 (or until sold out)

Sign up at https://www.ubevents.org/event/1415issstrips

UPCOMING EVENTS

SYMPOSIUM: ‘GLOBALISM IN CHINESE PERSPECTIVE: CHINA’S ROLES IN WORLD HISTORY AND HISTORIOGRAPHY”

The History Department is planning a symposium to commemorate the scholarly career of Prof. Roger Des Forges. It will be organized around a manuscript that Dr. Des Forges has been working on in which he lays out a framework for understanding world history that extends his conceptualization of “centrality” in Chinese history. Participants—many of whom are Dr. Des Forges’ former students—will address his ideas in their own comments on the topic.

Date: Thursday, October 2
Time: 1:00-4:30
Place: Capen Hall 107, North Campus

Co-sponsored by the UB Department of History, Confucius Institute, Office of the Vice Provost for International Education, Humanities Institute and Asian Studies Program.