ISSS NEWSLETTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EMPLOYEES

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ISSS TRIPS & ACTIVITIES

LETCHWORTH STATE PARK AT YOUR OWN PACE

Come visit Letchworth State Park, where you can witness autumn leaves changing colors. Afterwards, enjoy a tour of an apple orchard and visit a country store.

Date: Saturday, October 18
Meeting Time: 8:30 a.m. (Flint Loop, North Campus)
Return Time: 5:00 p.m. (Flint Loop, North Campus)
Sign-Up Deadline: 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, October 16 (or until sold out)
Cost: $11 (for transportation & park admission) (nonrefundable)
What to Bring: picnic lunch, water, rain gear

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

UB CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE SYMPOSIUM SERIES: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CONFUCIANISM AND EDUCATION

As educational reforms intensify in Western countries, there is a growing interest in Chinese education due to Chinese students’ academic performance, particularly in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). However, the research literature on Chinese education remains limited and outdated, and few Chinese education scholars publish in English. Since Chinese education theories and practices are rooted in Confucianism, a systematic examination of its influence on Chinese education and its relevance to education in Western countries is both important and timely.

**Dates**: Friday, October 17—Sunday, October 19  
**Place**: Ramada Hotel and Conference Center, Amherst, NY  
**Cost**: $100 per participant (for conference materials, opening reception, lunch, coffee breaks)

Organized by the School of Education and sponsored by the UB Confucius Institute.

For more information, visit the conference website: [http://gse.buffalo.edu/confucius](http://gse.buffalo.edu/confucius)

ASIA AT NOON: “BIKERS AND BODDHISATVAS: FEMALE BUDDHIST PRIESTS IN 21ST CENTURY JAPAN”

Since Buddhist Studies research on women has almost entirely focused on nuns, it has neglected the majority of female Buddhist professionals in contemporary Japan who are ordained priests and temple abbots. Unlike the sons who are born into temples and raised to run them, these women are entering a world that largely does not want them, often resents their presence and may not fully recognize them legally. Their stories force us to reconsider our assumptions of how contemporary Japanese Buddhism is lived, negotiated, taught and propagated.

**Presenter**: Mark Rowe, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, McMaster University

**Date**: Friday, October 17  
**Time**: 12:00-1:00  
**Place**: Park Hall 280, North Campus
TRIVENI PRESENTS “RAGASPHERE: AN EXOTIC TAPESTRY OF VOCAL, INSTRUMENTAL AND PERCUSSION MUSIC”

Presented by internationally reputed musicians Sounak Chattopadhyay, Rishabh Dhar and Gopal Das, Ragasphere is centered on the colorful, vibrant and versatile Raga music of India.

Date: Friday, October 17
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Baird Recital Hall, North Campus
Suggested Donation: $10 (students) $20 (public)