ISSS NEWSLETTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

October 13, 2014

***********
CONTENTS
***********

1. Announcements
   ELI Chat Room
   ELI Open Lab
   English Conversation Corner
   UB Center for Excellence in Writing
   International Tea Time

2. ISSS Trips and Activities
   Letchworth State Park at Your Own Pace

3. Upcoming Events
   UB Confucius Institute Symposium Series: International Conference on Confucianism and Education
   Asia at Noon: “Bikers and Bodhisatvas: Female Buddhist Priests in 21st-Century Japan”
   Triveni Presents “Ragasphere: An Exotic Tapestry of Vocal, Instrumental and Percussion Music”
   LEAD UB Conference

4. UB Workshops
   “Sophomore Segue”
   “Graduate Students: Networking Strategies and Job Searching Resources”
   “Coping with Test Anxiety”
   “Global Competency: Know Yourself”
   “So You Want to be a Communication Major”
   “Graduate Students: Resume Writing”
   “What are Post-Bac Programs and What Do I Need to Know About Them?”
   “Leading Others: Collaborative Leadership and Teams”
   “Discover Your Strengths in Academics, Leadership and Career Success”
   “Leading Others: MicroAgressions – What Are They and How Do We Address Them?”
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ELI CHAT ROOM**

Practice your conversation skills at the English Language Institute’s Chat Room! Participate in a weekly face-to-face conversation program involving one U.S. undergraduate student paired with two international students.

**Dates:** Mondays – Fridays  
**Times:** 2:30, 3:00, 3:30 & 4:00  
**Place:** Near Baldy Hall 314, North Campus

**To sign-up, go to the first floor of Baldy Hall on Fridays between 11:00 and 1:00.**

**ELI OPEN LAB**

Practice your pronunciation and listening comprehension on your own with tapes at the English Language Institute’s Open Lab.

**Dates & Times:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:30-5:30 / Wednesdays, 11:00-3:00 / Fridays, 2:00-5:00  
**Place:** Clemens Hall 3, North Campus

**ENGLISH CONVERSATION CORNER**

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.

**Dates:** Mondays – Thursdays  
**Time:** 12:00-1:30  
**Place:** Baldy Hall 209, North Campus

For more information, call 645-5139, e-mail writing@buffalo.edu or visit www.writing.buffalo.edu.
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

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

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.ubeevents.org/event/1415issstrips


********************
UPCOMING EVENTS
********************

******************************************************************************
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

******************************************************************************
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)

**LEAD UB CONFERENCE**

The first LEAD (Leadership Engagement Advocacy Diversity) UB Conference is designed to bring students from across campus together to learn about and engage in topics related to leadership, service and diversity.

**Date:** Saturday, October 25  
**Time:** 9:00-5:00’  
**Place:** Student Union, North Campus  
**Cost:** Free  
**Sign-Up Deadline:** Wednesday, October 22 (or until full)

Joshua Fredenburg, a nationally recognized speaker who provides expert advice on leadership and diversity in a practical, engaging, applicable and dynamic manner, will present the keynote address. UB alumnus and community organizer in the University Heights Aaron Krolikowski will speak about leadership, advocacy and engaging in the community. And UB’s Vice President of Inclusion and Equity Teresa Miller will discuss ways in which students can help create a culture of equity and inclusion at UB. There will also be workshops and small group activities.

Lunch will be provided. There will also be a free gift for the first 150 students who sign up and show up for the event.

To register for the conference, please click here. For more information, contact the Center for Student Leadership and Community Engagement (645-6469, leadub@buffalo.edu).
“Sophomore Segue”
Tuesday, October 14
3:30-4:20
Park Hall 275, North Campus

“Graduate Students: Networking Strategies and Job Searching Resources”
Tuesday, October 14
3:30-4:30
Student Union 330, North Campus

“Coping with Test Anxiety”
Tuesday, October 14
4:00-5:00
Student Union 250, North Campus

“Global Competency: Know Yourself”
Wednesday, October 15
1:00-2:00
Student Union 240, North Campus

“So You Want to be a Communication Major”
Wednesday, October 15
3:00-3:50
Park Hall 275, North Campus

“Graduate Students: Resume Writing”
Wednesday, October 15
4:00-5:00
Student Union 210, North Campus

“What are Post-Bac Programs and What Do I Need to Know About Them?”
Wednesday, October 15
4:00-5:30
Student Union 145A, North Campus

“Leading Others: Collaborative Leadership and Teams”
Thursday, October 16
5:30-6:30
Student Union 235, North Campus
“Discover Your Strengths in Academics, Leadership and Career Success”
Monday, October 20
4:00-5:00
Student Union 330, North Campus

“Leading Others: MicroAgressions – What Are They and How Do We Address Them?”
Monday, October 20
5:00-6:00
Student Union 240, North Campus