

ISSS NEWSLETTER FOR VISITING SCHOLARS

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ASIA AT NOON: “SRI LANKA, ISLAND OF THE INDIAN OCEAN: THE AFTERMATH OF THE CIVIL WAR”

The presenter, Ram Alagan is a Visiting Professor in UB’s Department of Geography and a faculty member in the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.

Date: Friday, October 23

Time: 12:00

Place: Park Hall 280, North Campus

Dr. Alagan will be discussing the Sri Lankan government efforts to rebuild the nation after decades of civil war. The upcoming monsoon weather conditions, uncertain plans of resettlement, clearance of landmines, housing, rebuilding livelihoods, media autonomy, environmental management, rebuilding the lives of women and children impacted by the war, democratization of politics and resource utilization, and building a “Sri Lankan” identity among minorities are considered major post war challenges to the present and future governments in Sri Lanka. The presentation will explore the aftermath of the civil war including the rebuilding, reconstruction, and reconciliation challenges in the country.

ISSS TRIPS & ACTIVITIES

HALLOWEEN HAUNTED EXPRESS TRAIN RIDE

Autumn is the time for the fall harvest and cooler temperatures. It's also Halloween time! ISSS is offering you the opportunity to take part in an exciting Halloween activity called the Haunted Express Train Ride. We will take a ride on a classic old steam-powered train. The ride will end at an old train station in the hills, which will be decorated like a haunted house. We will see many scary scenes and people dressed up in macabre costumes. It is fun and harmless. The event will provide many laughs and a lot of fun!

Date: Saturday, October 24
Meeting Time: 10:30 a.m. (Flint Loop, North Campus)
Return Time: 3:00 p.m.
Cost: \$25
Sign-Up Deadline: 2:00 on Thursday, October 22 (or until sold out)

To sign up, pick up a flyer in our office or download one at www.buffalo.edu/intlservices/documents/HalloweenHauntedTrainRide2009.pdf, fill it out and return it with the \$25 non-refundable fee to ISSS, 210 Talbert Hall. We accept only cash and ask you to bring exact change. Space is limited—do not wait to sign up!

ISSS WORKSHOPS

“Applying for a “Green Card”: Outstanding Professor / Researcher Petitions, Adjustment of Status & Consular Processing”

Wednesday, October 21
12:00-1:30
Capen Hall 31, North Campus

Are you thinking of sponsoring a researcher or faculty member for a “green card”? This session will discuss the stages of applying: 1) the employer’s Outstanding Professor/ Researcher petition, and 2) the employee’s Adjustment of Status application or immigrant visa application to a U.S. Consulate abroad. It will also explore costs, supporting evidence, processing times, work authorization in the U.S. and authorization to travel outside the U.S. while the case is pending.
Presenter: Oscar Budde, Esq., Director, Immigration Services, UB

“Travel USA”

Wednesday, October 21

4:00-5:00

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

This workshop is geared toward inexperienced travelers who want to explore the U.S. while having fun, learning and sticking to a low budget. Participants will be introduced to hostelling, and learn travel tips and tricks from an experienced traveler.

Presenter: Hostelling International--Niagara Frontier Council Representative

“How to Buy & Maintain Your Car”

Monday, October 26

3:00-4:30

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

Learn tips for finding a good used car that matches your budget, negotiating the best price and keeping your car in good running condition in all seasons.

Presenters: John Schneider & Jim Wirth, American Automobile Association (AAA)