ISSS NEWSLETTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS ADMBASSADOR PROGRAM

International undergraduate students with a minimum 3.0 CGPA, excellent communication skills and fluency in at least one language other than English are invited to apply to become an International Admissions Ambassador. IA Ambassadors work 6-8 hours weekly in the Office of International Admissions throughout the Winter 2017 and Spring 2017 semesters with opportunity to work in the Summer.

Click here for more information, and to download and print the application.

Application Deadline: Tuesday, November 22 at 5:00 p.m. Late applications will not be accepted.

“ELECTION 2016 INFOCUS: SEX, LIES, EMAILS, AND THE RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE”

You’re invited to InFocus, a monthly conversation on today’s hot topics. This month’s conversation will focus on the Presidential election, exploring the candidates, their followers, and the current state of American democracy. How have issues such as gender, class, honesty, and nationalism factored into the campaign? How will the winner mend societal divisions and advance campaign promises? And how will the loser respond?

Prof. Jacob Neiheisel, Department of Political Science, will moderate the discussion.

Date: Friday, November 4
Time: 12:00-1:00
Place: Capen Hall 107, North Campus

Sponsored by Student Life, the Honors College and International Student & Scholar Services

RETREE THE DISTRICT

Join your friends, neighbors, teachers and classmates for Retree the District's last planting day. Help us plant 215 trees to meet our goal of 1,000!
Date: Saturday, November 5  
Time: 9:00 am  
Meeting Place: Diefendorf Hall 147, South Campus  

Visit ourheights.org/retree to sign up or learn more!  

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN UB’S WORLD’S CHALLENGE CHALLENGE  

Enter UB’s inaugural World's Challenge Challenge by identifying a global issue, forming a team to work on it and proposing a solution.  

Submission Deadline: Friday, November 4 (via UBLinked)  
For more information, visit Transcending Borders UB at UBLinked  
Sponsored by Blackstone LaunchPad and UB Office of International Education  

GLOBAL CINEMASPECTIVES FILM & DISCUSSION SERIES: “STEAM: THE TURKISH BATH”  

Francesco and Marta are husband and wife running a small design company in Rome. When Francesco's aunt dies in Istanbul, he travels there to look after the sale of the hamam (one of a few traditional Turkish baths left) he inherited. There he meets the family running the hamam, falls in love with the atmosphere and a member of the hamam, and decides not to sell the hamam.  

Date: Friday, November 11  
Time: 5:00-7:30  
Place: Clemens Hall 119  

Dr. Don McGuire, UB Department of Classics, will introduce the film and lead a discussion following the screening.  

P.E.O. INTERNATIONAL PEACE SCHOLARSHIP FOR WOMEN GRADUATE STUDENTS  

Believing that education is fundamental to world peace and understanding, the P.E.O. Sisterhood contributes funds for scholarships for women from other countries to study in the U.S. and Canada.
The women must pursue graduate degrees, have a full year of course work remaining, and sign a document promising to return to their home country or a location outside the U.S. or Canada within 60 days of completing their degree or Optional Practical Training.

The maximum amount of the award is $12,500 annually, based on need. Lesser amounts may be awarded.

Interested women must apply for eligibility by December 15, 2016. The online eligibility form and information about policies and procedures are available at www.peointernational.org/about-peo-international-peace-scholarship-ips.

Applicants are encouraged to contact Maxine Vesper (716-689-4762, inesper@aol.com) for help with their applications.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE’S OPEN LAB
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Practice your pronunciation and listening comprehension on your own with tapes at the ELI’s Open Lab.

Days & Times: Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:00-5:00; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00-4:00
Place: Clemens Hall 1, North Campus

Free and open to all UB students. Bring your UBCard!

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INTERNATIONAL TEA TIME
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Do you enjoy meeting new people, playing games and having tea? If so, please join us!

International Tea Time brings together U.S. and international students for conversation and fun. We meet each week, play games, talk and get to know each other.

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

Organizer: UB Counseling Services

For more information, visit http://ub-counseling.buffalo.edu/tea.php

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ISSS WORKSHOPS
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“Advanced Optional Practical Training: H-1B Cap Gap Extension & 24-Month STEM Extension”
Friday, November 4
12:00-1:15
Clemens Hall 17, North Campus

“F-1 Employment Authorization: Curricular & Optional Practical Training”
Friday, November 4
3:00-4:30
Baldy Hall 101, North Campus

“Winter Driving”
Wednesday, November 9
4:00-5:00
Student Union 330, North Campus

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UPCOMING EVENTS
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ASIA AT NOON: “TERRITORIAL DISPUTES IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA”
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The talk will provide an overview of the territorial disputes in the South China Sea – the background of the eruption of these territorial disputes in recent years, the claims of the countries involved and their basis, implications and prospect.

Presenter: Kevin Cai, University of Waterloo

Date: Friday, November 4
Time: 12:00-1:00
Place: Park Hall 280, North Campus

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“SYMPOSIUM ON GLOBAL GOVERNANCE AND THE TRANSPACIFIC TRADE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT”
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The aim is of the Symposium is to critically evaluate the Trans-Pacific Partnership. Billed as a “21st century trade agreement,” this far-reaching accord seeks to harmonize and, in some instances, to deepen the transnational governance of labor, the environment, and intellectual property, among other areas.
Date:  Saturday, November 5
Time:  8:30-4:30
Place:  O'Brian Hall 509, North Campus

The symposium schedule and list of panelists are available at:
www.buffalo.edu/baldycenter/events/conferences/trans-pacific.html

If you wish to attend, please RSVP as soon as possible to Trina Hamilton at trinaham@buffalo.edu.

Organized through the Canada-U.S. Trade Center and sponsored by the Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy, UB Department of Geography, UB Asian Studies Program, and the Nila T. Gnamm Junior Faculty Research Fund

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UB WORKSHOPS
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“Leading Self: Public Speaking”
Tuesday, November 1
5:30-6:30
Student Union 235, North Campus

“How Do You Learn Best?”
Tuesday, November 1
6:00-7:00
Natural Sciences Complex 218, North Campus

“Global Competency: Adopting a Global Perspective”
Wednesday, November 2
1:00-2:00
Student Union 240, North Campus

“Stress Relief on the Go”
Wednesday, November 2
3:00-4:00
Student Union 250, North Campus

“Prehealth Committee Student Information Meeting”
Wednesday, November 2
4:00-5:00
Student Union 210, North Campus
“So You Want to Be a Doctor, Dentist, Vet, Chiropractor, Optometrist, Podiatrist, or Physician’s Assistant?”
Thursday, November 3
3:30-4:30
Student Union 145C, North Campus

“Get Back on Track”
Thursday, November 3
4:00-5:00
Baldy Hall 120, North Campus

“Leading Self: Getting Involved”
Thursday, November 3
5:30-6:30
Student Union 235, North Campus

“Diversity Zone Training”
Saturday, November 5
1:00-5:00
Student Union 240, North Campus

“Men’s Group Mondays”
Monday, November 7
5:00-6:00
Student Union 114, North Campus