

ISSS NEWSLETTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EMPLOYEES

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“CHINA’S NEW CONFUCIANISM: POLITICS AND EVERYDAY LIFE IN A CHANGING SOCIETY”

In his entertaining and illuminating book *China’s New Confucianism*, Dr. Daniel Bell, one of the few Westerners to teach at a Chinese University, draws on his experiences to paint a portrait of a society undergoing faster and more sweeping changes than anywhere else on earth. With a storyteller’s eye for detail, Daniel Bell observes the rituals, routines, and tensions of daily life in China. He makes the case that, as the nation retreats from communism, it is embracing a new Confucianism that offers a compelling alternative to Western liberalism.

Date: Wednesday, October 14
Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Place: The Nichols School, Library Reading Room

This event is free and open to the public. It is cosponsored by the Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy, the Asian Studies Program, the Asian Law Working Group, and the Nichols School.

ISSS TRIPS & ACTIVITIES

GUIDED, HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR OF ALLENTOWN

Buffalo's historic Allentown district got its name from Lewis Allen, who bought the land in 1827. Since then, Allentown has become one of the city's main art, cultural and historical districts. It has also been home to a number of famous Buffalonians, including U.S. President Millard Fillmore, and authors Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) and F. Scott Fitzgerald. Come join ISSS on a walking tour of this historic district with our professional tour guide Todd Mitchell!

Date: Saturday, October 10
Meeting Time: 9:30 a.m. / Tour Time: 9:30-1:30 (3:00 if you join the guide for lunch)
Meeting Place: UB Metro Station, South Campus
Cost: \$8 for tour (non-refundable) + \$3.50 for Metro (payable at Metro Station)
Sign-Up Deadline: Friday, October 9 at 2:00 p.m. (or until sold out)

To sign up, pick up a reservation form in our office or download it from www.buffalo.edu/intlservices/documents/AllentownWalkingTour2009.pdf and return it along with the \$8 non-refundable fee to ISSS, 210 Talbert Hall. We accept only cash and ask you to bring exact change. This trip is limited to 25 people so don't delay!

GUIDED HIKE AT NIAGARA FALLS: WHIRLPOOL TO DEVIL'S HOLE GORGE

Devil's Hole State Park overlooks the lower Whirlpool rapids. A wildly beautiful walkway leads down from the park along the turbulent Niagara River 100 meters into the wooded gorge and offers an up-close, spectacular view of the gorge's rapids. This professionally-guided hike will descend to the base of the Niagara Gorge at Whirlpool State Park and continue downstream along rugged trails. It will be a truly memorable experience.

Note: This hike is of moderate difficulty so be sure you are physically prepared and dressed appropriately. Quality hiking boots or shoes are essential.

Date: Sunday, October 11
Meeting Time: 9:00 a.m. (Main Loop, South Campus) / 9:15 a.m. (Flint Loop, North Campus)
Cost: \$11 (for round trip bus fare and guided hike)
Return Time: 2:30 p.m.
Sign-Up Deadline: Friday, October 9 at 2:00 p.m. (or until sold out)

To sign up, download a flyer at www.buffalo.edu/intlservices/documents/DevilsHoleGuidedHike2009.pdf or pick one up in our office, fill it out and return it with the \$11 non-refundable fee to ISSS, 210 Talbert Hall. We accept only cash and ask you to bring exact change.

ISSS WORKSHOPS

“An Overview of Permanent Residency through Employer Sponsorship”

Wednesday, October 7
12:00-1:30
Capen Hall 31, North Campus

Learn about various employment-sponsored options for professionals in the U.S., including the Outstanding Professor/Researcher category, and Special Handling and PERM Labor Certifications. This workshop will also address work authorization for spouses, permanent residency visa backlogs, processing times, and travel outside the U.S. while your case is pending.
Presenter: Oscar Budde, Esq., Director, Immigration Services, UB

“Crossing the Border: Your Rights and Responsibilities”

Thursday, October 8
12:30-2:00
Clemens Hall 120, North Campus

This workshop brings together an immigration attorney and Customs & Border Protection agents in an open discussion of the border-crossing process. It will provide specific information about entering the U.S. and practical do's and don'ts for crossing any international border.
Presenters: James D. Eiss, Esq., Law Offices of James D. Eiss, Buffalo / Kevin Corsaro & Keith Kanopa, Customs & Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security

“AAA Driver Improvement Course”

Saturday, October 10
9:00-3:30
Clemens Hall 120, North Campus

AAA's six-hour defensive driving course will enable you to receive a 10% discount on your car insurance, reduce the number of points on your driving record (if you have any violations), refresh your driving skills and learn techniques for collision prevention. Advance Registration is required. Please register at www.nyaaa.com/auto/driverprograms/schedule/buffalo. Course Fee: \$27.

Presenter: American Automobile Association (AAA) Representative

“Know Your Rights / Q&A with Immigration & Customs Enforcement Officers”

Wednesday, October 14

3:30-5:00

Clemens Hall 120, North Campus

Do you know your rights as a nonimmigrant in your house, on the street and during a traffic stop? This session discusses immigration law and policies that apply from the arrest of a nonimmigrant through detention and immigration court to departure from the U.S. Come find out about the role of Immigration & Customs Enforcement, removal hearings, posting bond and relief against removal.

Presenters: Sophie Feal, Esq., Supervising Immigration Attorney, Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project, Inc. / Keara Jamieson, Special Agent & Christopher Alessandra, Acting Group Supervisor--SEVIS Investigations, Immigration & Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security