ISSS NEWSLETTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
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UB SCHOOL OF LAW COMMUNITY FORUM: ELECTION 2016

All UB community members are welcome to come discuss important questions regarding the 2016 election.

**Date:** Monday, November 28  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m.  
**Place:** O’Brian Hall 106, North Campus

**Moderator**  
Teresa Miller, Professor of Law and Vice Provost for Equity and Inclusion

**Panelists**  
Jim Gardner, SUNY Distinguished Professor and Interim Dean: “The Obligations of Democratic Citizenship”  
Rick Su, Professor of Law: “Federalism and Localism in Government Policy-making”  
Monica Wallace, Professor and Member-Elect to NYS Assembly: “State Level Responses to National Policies”  
Jonathan Manes, Clinical Professor and Director of the Civil Liberties Clinic: “Taking Action against the Government”

Refreshments will be provided.

POST-ELECTION OPEN FORUM FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Since the 2016 U.S. presidential election results, some international students have expressed feelings of uncertainty, confusion, and even fear. We are therefore organizing a forum to address some of your concerns and to give you the opportunity to express your views on the election. What are your thoughts about the campaign and election results? What are you experiencing as you interact with others around campus? What are you hearing from friends and family back home? What concerns do you have? Come share your views or simply listen to others. Snacks will be provided.

**Date:** Friday, December 2  
**Time:** 12:00-1:00  
**Place:** Capen Hall 107, North Campus

GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION EDITORIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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Did you know that GSA offers editing services for dues-paying graduate students? It's a great resource to help you polish your seminar papers, theses and dissertations, job application materials and submissions for publications. GSA editors provide constructive feedback, ranging from sentence-level proofreading to content-oriented questions.

You can submit either a paper or electronic (Microsoft Word) file at [http://gsaedit.wixsite.com/gpa-editorial](http://gsaedit.wixsite.com/gpa-editorial).

Questions? Editors hold electronic office hours at [gsaedit@buffalo.edu](mailto:gsaedit@buffalo.edu).

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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](http://ub-counseling.buffalo.edu/tea.php)

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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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ENGLISH CONVERSATION CORNER  
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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.
English Conversation Corner Hours:
Mondays & Fridays, 9:30-11:00
Wednesdays, 12:30-2:00
Baldy Hall 209, North Campus

No need to sign up. Drop in and out at your leisure. For more information, call 645-5139, e-mail writing@buffalo.edu or visit www.writing.buffalo.edu.

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UB CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN WRITING
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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.

Center for Excellence in Writing Hours:
Monday – Thursday, 9:00-6:00
Fridays, 9:00-3:00
Sundays, 2:00-6:00

The CEW also offers special programs for graduate students: Dissertation Retreats and Writing Groups. For more information, email writing@buffalo.edu or visit http://writing.buffalo.edu.

ISSS WORKSHOPS

“F-1 Employment Authorization: Curricular & Optional Practical Training”
Thursday, December 1
2:00-3:30
Knox Hall 14, North Campus

ISSSS TRIPS & ACTIVITIES

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BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA PRESENTS “CLASSICAL CHRISTMAS”
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Conductor Stefan Sanders leads the BPO and Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus in this festive celebration of timeless musical treasures. Note: A South Campus (Main Loop) drop-off will be available after the concert.
Date: Saturday, December 10
Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Place: Flint Loop, North Campus
Performance Time: 8:00 p.m.
Return Time: 10:30 p.m. (approximately)
Cost: $25 (for concert ticket and round-trip bus transportation) (non-refundable)
Sign-Up Deadline: 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, December 8 (or until sold out, whichever happens first)

Sign up at https://www.ubeevents.org/event/1617issstrips


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UPCOMING EVENTS
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ASIA AT NOON: “TERRITORIAL DISPUTES IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA”
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Air pollution is a major environmental problem in China and it poses serious risks to public health. This talk presents the results of two studies about Chinese citizens’ information seeking activities and risk perception with regard to air pollution.

Presenters: Prof. Janet Yang, Department of Communication, and Catherine Huang, University at Buffalo

Date: Friday, December 2
Time: 12:00-1:00
Place: Park Hall 280, North Campus

Sponsored by the Asian Studies Program

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GEOGRAPHY COLLOQUIUM: “FORTRESS CONSERVATION AND LIVELIHOOD CHANGE IN NORTHERN THAILAND”
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The final Geography colloquium of the semester will be presented by Prof. Robin Roth (https://www.uoguelph.ca/geography/faculty/roth-robin). She is a political ecologist with expertise in forest conservation, environmental governance, park-people conflict, and aboriginal approaches to conservation.
As political ecology scholarship has tried to grapple with the current changes in conservation governance, especially in the Global South, much has been written about the neoliberal and market-based turn in conservation. The empirical focus of investigation into these new modes of conservation governance has been, almost without exception, on the iconic, the spectacular and on distinctly ‘new’ neoliberal markets. However, there are many protected areas around the world left out of this neoliberal spotlight, where, even in the absence of the spectacular and iconic, governance also bears the markers of neoliberal conservation. Many of these sites rely heavily on markets such as labour, agriculture and sometimes tourism; ‘entrepreneurial’ attitudes are being fostered and there is a changed relationship between local residents and state conservation agencies. I explore the ways livelihoods in two national parks in northern Thailand have become marketized and the uneven ways markets have taken root and grown within the context of a turn towards ‘pro-people’ conservation.

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UB WORKSHOPS
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“Let’s Talk About…Religiously Neutral Calendars”
Tuesday, November 29
12:00-1:00
Student Union 240, North Campus

“Home for the Holidays: Making the Most of Winter Break”
Thursday, December 1
5:00-6:00
Student Union 210, North Campus

“Diversity Zone Training”
Friday, December 2
4:00-8:00
Student Union 240, North Campus