ISSS NEWSLETTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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INVITATION TO SOLIDARITY PARTY
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UB’s Gender Institute in alliance with over 100 community & university organizations cordially invites you to a Solidarity Party to Honor and Celebrate International Scholars, Students, Immigrants, and Refugees. Join us for music, stories, art, conversation and snacks.

Date: Sunday, February 12
Time: 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Place: Asbury Hall, Babeville & Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center, 341 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo

Asbury Hall/Babeville is a ten-minute walk from the Fountain Plaza Metro Station. Please use Google Maps for more detailed directions.

Like us on facebook: https://www.facebook.com/events/609395732593140/

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POSTING ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE ISSS NEWSLETTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
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If your international student club is organizing an event, you may publicize it in this newsletter. Send event information to isss@buffalo.edu one week before the event. If the information is clear and complete, it will be publicized. Other announcements of importance to international students may be submitted for consideration.

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REMEMBER: RENTER’S INSURANCE
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Did you ever think about what you would do if you lost your belongings to fire or theft? You can protect yourself from such losses by purchasing renter’s insurance.
INVITATION TO JOIN BRIDGES

BRIDGES (Building Relationships Involving Diverse Groups of Engaged Students) is currently accepting applications from students interested in making new connections with fellow American and international students through participation in a series of six interconnected activities during the spring semester. Activities include cross-cultural engagement and team building, a high ropes course, and film screening and discussion.

The deadline to apply is Wednesday, February 15. Space is limited so apply early.

For more information, log into UBLinked and search for “Transcending Borders UB”, email Chris Bragdon (cbragdon@buffalo.edu) or call 645-2258.

INFOCUS: THE TRUMP EFFECT: INCLUSION, RIGHTS & POWER IN AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

You’re invited to InFocus, a monthly roundtable discussion about today’s hot topics. This month, we will explore our quickly changing political and social landscape, and discuss such issues as inclusion vs. exclusion, rights vs. privileges, and democracy.

Teri Miller, Vice Provost for Equity & Inclusion and Professor of Law, will moderate the discussion. All are welcome.

Date: Friday, February 17
Time: 12:00-1:00
Place: Capen Hall 108

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

GLOBAL CINEMASPECTIVES FILM & DISCUSSION SERIES: “THE WAY HOME”

Seven-year-old Sang-woo is left with his grandmother in a remote village while his mother looks for work. Born and raised in the city, he quickly comes into conflict with his grandmother and his new rural surroundings. Disrespectful and selfish, Sang-woo variously ignores and insults his grandmother. When she won't buy batteries for his toy, he even steals from her. But over time, he comes to admire and respect her. When his mother finds work and finally returns for him, Sang-woo has become a different boy. Through his grandmother's boundless patience and devotion, he has learned empathy and humility.
Date: Friday, February 24  
Time: 5:00-7:30  
Place: Baldy Hall 101  

Prof. Kristin Stapleton, Department of History, UB, will introduce the film and lead a discussion following the screening.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP

Would you like to make friends with others who might be having similar experiences as you? Would you like to practice English and improve your communication skills? Do you want to learn more about American and other cultures?

The Spring 2017 International Student Support Group will meet on Fridays from 3:00-4:30. It will provide a safe, supportive and comfortable place to share your experiences in the U.S. Members discuss cultural adjustment, academic difficulties, language differences, stress, loneliness, friendships, career concerns and more!

If interested, please contact Heweon Seo, Ph.D. at heweonse@buffalo.edu or Stephanie Shiqin, Ph.D. at sschong2@buffalo.edu.

INTERNATIONAL TEA TIME

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. We meet each week, play games, talk and get to know each other. For more information: http://ub-counseling.buffalo.edu/tea.php.

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

SPANISH CONVERSATION TABLE

Would you like to improve your Spanish conversation skills for class or personal use? Come have informal conversations while playing games and enjoying snacks. Interact with native
speakers and learn about their cultures. Get to know other UB students through the use of Spanish.

Dates:  Wednesdays, February 1 – May 10  
Time:  1:00-1:50  
Place:  Clemens 218, North Campus

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ISSS WORKSHOPS
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“H-1B Visas: An Information Session for Students”
Monday, February 13  
12:00-12:50  
O’Brian Hall 212, North Campus

“Keeping Yourself Safe”
Wednesday, February 15  
12:00-12:50  
O’Brian Hall 212, North Campus

“F-1 Employment Authorization: Curricular and Optional Practical Training”
Monday, February 20  
3:00-4:30  
Clemens Hall 322, North Campus

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ISSS TRIPS & ACTIVITIES
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BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA:  BRAHMS’ “REQUIEM”
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ISSS invites you to a wonderful evening listening to the BPO perform Brahms’ Requiem. The performance will be paired with Kodaly’s Peacock Variations in a program designed to both comfort and inspire.  Note: A South Campus (Main Loop) drop-off will be available after the concert.

Date:  Saturday, February 18  
Meeting Time:  7:00 p.m.  
Meeting Place:  Flint Loop, North Campus  
Return Time:  10:30 p.m. (approximately)  
Cost:  $25 (for ticket and round-trip bus transportation) (non-refundable)  
Sign-Up Deadline:  11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15 (or when sold out)
Embrace the winter! Learn to downhill ski (also called Alpine skiing) or snowboard! Choose from two different activity packages: Beginner Skier and Beginner Snowboarder. Beginner packages only allow access to the beginner hill. (Note: After your lesson, you may take a test and pay extra to access the other hills.)

**Date:** Saturday, February 25  
**Meeting Time:** 8:15 a.m.  
**Meeting Place:** Flint Loop, North Campus  
**Return Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Cost:** $51.50 for beginners (for round-trip transportation, equipment rental, professional lesson, equipment breakage insurance, lift pass) (non-refundable)  
**Sign-Up Deadline:** 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22 (or when sold out)

Sign up at [https://www.ubevents.org/event/1617issstrips](https://www.ubevents.org/event/1617issstrips)


Embrace the winter! Learn from professionals to downhill ski (also called Alpine skiing) or snowboard! Choose from two different activity packages: Advanced Skier and Advanced Snowboarder. Advanced packages allow access to all open hills.

**Date:** Saturday, February 25  
**Meeting Time:** 8:15 a.m.  
**Meeting Place:** Flint Loop, North Campus  
**Return Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Cost:** $75 for advanced skiers/snowboarders (for round-trip transportation, equipment rental, professional lesson, equipment breakage insurance, lift pass) (non-refundable)  
**Sign-Up Deadline:** 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22 (or when sold out)

Sign up at [https://www.ubevents.org/event/1617issstrips](https://www.ubevents.org/event/1617issstrips)

“Engineering and Technology Job and Internship Search Strategies”
Tuesday, February 14  
3:30-4:30
Student Union 330, North Campus

“Prehealth Committee Student Information Meetings”
Tuesday, February 14  
3:30-4:30  
Student Union 210, North Campus

“Trans at UB”
Wednesday, February 15  
2:00-3:00
Student Union 210, North Campus

“How to Help a Sexual Assault Survivor”
Wednesday, February 15  
2:00-3:00
Diefendorf Hall 207, South Campus

“Relax and Stress Less”
Wednesday, February 15  
3:00-4:00
Student Union 317, North Campus

“Arts and Entertainment Job and Internship Search Strategies”
Wednesday, February 15  
4:00-5:00
Student Union 330, North Campus

“Writing Like a “Pro” for the Professional Schools”
Wednesday, February 15  
4:00-5:30
Student Union 210, North Campus

“Gentle Hatha Yoga and Relaxation”
Wednesdays, February 15 – May 10 (except 3/22)  
5:00-6:15
Goodyear Hall, 10th Floor, South Campus
“Leading Self: Getting Involved with Research and What to Expect”
Wednesday, February 15
5:30-6:30
Student Union 235, North Campus

“Transfer Tips”
Wednesday, February 15
6:00-6:50
Student Union 210, North Campus

“Natural Sciences and Mathematics Job and Internship Search Strategies”
Thursday, February 16
3:30-4:30
Student Union 210 or 145A (please check both rooms), North Campus

“Coffee Night with the Alliance: Advocating for Women’s Health and Safety”
Thursday, February 16
5:00-6:00
Student Union 114, North Campus

“Leading Self: How to Get Motivated and Stay Motivated”
Thursday, February 16
5:30-6:30
Student Union 235, North Campus

“Transfer Tips”
Thursday, February 16
6:30-7:15
Student Union 210, North Campus

“Diversity Zone Training”
Saturday, February 18
9:00-1:00
Student Union 240, North Campus

“Health and Laboratory Job and Internship Search Strategies”
Monday, February 20
4:00-5:00
Kimball Tower 111, South Campus

“Leading Self: Active Involvement versus Passive Involvement”
Monday, February 20
5:00-6:00
Student Union 235, North Campus