ISSS NEWSLETTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
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INVITATION TO BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION VOLUNTEER

Have you ever considered volunteering for International Student Orientation? Orientation volunteers meet new students from all over the world and make close friends with other volunteers. It is a great experience that will give you fond memories and a good resume builder!

If you are interested and will be available from August 23-28, please apply here. The selection process will begin soon so apply right away!

HATE INFOCUS: HOW RACE, RELIGION AND CLASS FUEL INTOLERANCE AND MURDER IN “MULTICULTURAL” AMERICA

You are invited to InFocus, a monthly conversation on today’s hot topics. This month’s conversation will focus on the rash of assaults and ‘hate crimes’ across the U.S. (and internationally) that have spurred frustration and reignited long-simmering debates over what it means to live in a ‘free’ and ‘multicultural’ society. Prof. Carl Nightingale, UB’s Department of Transnational Studies, will moderate the discussion.

Date: Friday, March 27  
Time: 12:00-1:00  
Place: Capen Hall 107

Sponsored by Student Life, the Honors College and Transcending Borders UB/International Student & Scholar Services

UB CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN WRITING

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.

The CEW also offers special programs for graduate students: Dissertation Retreats and Writing Groups. If you are interested, please email writing@buffalo.edu.

For more information, please visit http://writing.buffalo.edu.
ENGLISH CONVERSATION CORNER

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.

**Days:** Mondays – Fridays
**Time:** 12:00-1:00
**Place:** Baldy Hall 209, North Campus

For more information, call 645-5139, e-mail writing@buffalo.edu or visit www.writing.buffalo.edu.

ELI CHAT ROOM

Practice your conversation skills at the English Language Institute’s Chat Room! Participate in a weekly face-to-face conversation program involving one U.S. undergraduate student paired with two international students.

**Dates:** Mondays – Fridays
**Times:** 2:30, 3:00, 3:30 & 4:00
**Place:** Near Baldy Hall 314, North Campus

For more information and to sign up, stop by the Chat Room table near Baldy Hall 314 from 2:00-4:00 on Mondays – Fridays and ask to speak with Sarah Spriggs.

ELI OPEN LAB

Practice your pronunciation and listening comprehension on your own with tapes at the English Language Institute’s Open Lab.

**Dates & Times:** Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 2:30-5:30 / Wednesdays, 12:30-3:30
**Place:** Clemens Hall 3, North Campus

Free and open to all UB students. Bring your UB Card!
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. They meet, play games, talk and get to know each other. For more information contact: elenayak@buffalo.edu.

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

Organizer: UB Counseling Services

ISSSS WORKSHOPS

“H-1B Visas: An Information Session for Students”
Tuesday, March 24  
3:30-4:30  
O’Brian Hall 112, North Campus

“Your Passport to Employment: Tips and Strategies from UB Alumnae”
Thursday, April 2  
4:30-6:00  
Clemens Hall 120, North Campus

“Income Tax Workshop” (for nonresident filers)
Friday, April 3  
4:00-6:00  
Knox Hall 20, North Campus

ISSSS TRIPS & ACTIVITIES

MAPLE SYRUP ADVENTURE

Learn about the maple syrup-making process from start to finish. Enjoy an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast!
Date: Saturday, March 28
Meeting Time: 8:30 a.m. (Flint Loop, North Campus)
Return Time: 2:00 p.m. (Flint Loop, North Campus)
Cost: $19 (for round trip transportation, pancake breakfast, tour) (non-refundable)
Sign-Up Deadline: 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, March 26 (or until sold out)

Sign up at https://www.ubevents.org/event/1415issstrips


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RIVER-RAFTING ADVENTURE
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Join ISSS for a professionally-guided river rafting adventure! See rugged cliffs, waterfalls and
nesting bald eagles. This trip provides beauty and adventure. Be prepared to paddle… this is an
active experience!

Date: Saturday, April 4
Meeting Time: 8:30 a.m. (Flint Loop, North Campus)
Return Time: 5:00 p.m. (Flint Loop, North Campus)
Cost: $63 (for round-trip transportation, equipment, lesson, guide) (non-refundable)
Sign-Up Deadline: 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, April 2 (or until sold out)

Sign up at https://www.ubevents.org/event/1314issstrips

http://wings.buffalo.edu/intlservices/documents/ISSS%20River%20Rafting%20Spring%202015.pdf

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UPCOMING EVENTS
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UB CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE LECTURE SERIES: “CHINESE ART THROUGH EARLY
BRONZE MIRRORS”
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This talk will focus on recent archaeological discoveries of early China and the art designs on the
back of early Chinese bronze mirrors.

Prof. Hanno Zhang, an early China scholar at SUNY New Paltz, studies the early Chinese
literary world in its textual and archaeological contexts.
Co-sponsored by UB Department of Art, Asia at Noon and the Chinese Program

ASIA AT NOON: “COVERING CHINA FROM THE GROUND UP”

For twenty years, Michael Meyer has witnessed and written about the transformation of China, at the level of both an urban neighborhood and a remote village. His award-winning first book, *The Last Days of Old Beijing*, documented changes in the daily life in the capital’s oldest neighborhood as the city remade itself for the 2008 Olympics. His second book, *In Manchuria: A Village Called Wasteland and the Transformation of Rural China*, describes the experience of his wife’s relatives as their family rice farm developed into a corporate agribusiness. Meyer will take us on a journey across Manchuria’s past, a history that explains much about contemporary China—from the fall of the last emperor to Japanese occupation and Communist victory. He will also talk about the challenges of reporting from China, and how a freelance writer can fund and produce books that reach a wide audience.

Presenter: Michael Meyer, Assistant Professor of English, University of Pittsburgh

UB WORKSHOPS

“Networking for Introverts: You Can Do It!”
Wednesday, March 25
3:00 – 4:00
Student Union 330, North Campus

“How to Help a Sexual Assault Survivor”
Thursday, March 26
4:00-5:00
Student Union 145A, North Campus

“Major of the Month: Career Panel Discussions – Health and Human Services”
Thursday, March 26
4:00-5:00
Capen Hall 259, North Campus
“Leading for Change: Advocacy in the Community – Gender and Equality”
Thursday, March 26
5:30-6:30
Student Union 240, North Campus