ISSS NEWSLETTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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GLOBAL CINEMASPECTIVES FILM & DISCUSSION SERIES: “SUGAR CANE ALLEY”

José is a young boy living in a rural part of Martinique in the 1930s. Many of the people around him, including his grandmother, work in the sugar cane fields and are often mistreated by the white boss. José goes to school at the insistence of his grandmother, who doesn't want him to end up working in the fields. He wins a partial scholarship to attend high school in the capital. His grandmother accompanies him there and works as a laundrywoman for the rich white ruling class to pay for costs. José deals with pressures around him, especially from one of his teachers. When he writes an essay on the lives of poor blacks, he is accused of plagiarism. Then, when his grandmother dies, he is launched into a future he cannot control.

Date: Friday, April 17
Time: 5:00-7:30 p.m.
Place: Knox Hall 4

Prof. Christian Flaugh, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, UB, will introduce the film and lead a discussion following the screening.

Co-sponsored by International Student & Scholar Services and the Undergraduate Academies

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.

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ELI CHAT ROOM
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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.

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ELI OPEN LAB
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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!

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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 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

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ISSS WORKSHOPS
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“F-1 Employment Authorization: Curricular & Optional Practical Training”  
Wednesday, April 1  
12:00-1:30  
Clemens Hall 17, 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

“How to Ship Your Stuff Home”  
Monday, April 6  
3:00-4:00  
Student Union 210, North Campus

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ISSS TRIPS & ACTIVITIES
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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.ubeevents.org/event/1415issstrips

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

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BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: “KNOW THE SCORE: CHARLES IVES, AN AMERICAN MAVERICK”
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A century and a half after it was written, the music of Charles Ives remains provocative. Explore the works of America's first great composer in this multimedia concert experience, featuring music, commentary and film. Note: A South Campus (Main Loop) drop-off will be available after the concert.

Date: Saturday, April 11
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: $23 (for ticket and round-trip bus) (non-refundable)
Sign-Up Deadline: 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, April 9 (or when sold out)

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

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

Date: Friday, April 3
Time: 12:00-1:00
Place: Park Hall 280, North Campus

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UB WORKSHOPS
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“So, You Want to Be a Doctor, Dentist, Vet, Chiropractor, Optometrist, Podiatrist or Physician Assistant?”
Wednesday, April 1
4:00-5:00
Student Union 145A, North Campus

“LinkedIn: Create a Great Profile”
Wednesday, April 1
4:00-5:00
Student Union 330, North Campus

“Graduate Students: Using LinkedIn for Networking and the Job Search”
Thursday, April 2
3:30-4:30
Student Union 145A, North Campus

“Relax and Chill Out”
Thursday, April 2
4:00-5:00
Student Union 330, North Campus

“Leading Self: Beyond the Looking Glass – Exploring Our Hidden Identities”
Thursday, April 2
5:30-6:30
Student Union 240, North Campus

“What Would You Do? Bystander Intervention Training”
Monday, April 6
12:00-1:00
Student Union 210, North Campus
“Juniors and Seniors: Gap Your Ideas for After Graduation”
Monday, April 6
4:00-5:00
Student Union 330, North Campus

“Etiquette Dinner”
Thursday, April 16
5:00-7:00
Bert’s Café, Talbert Hall, North Campus