ISSS NEWSLETTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
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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.

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

**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

**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.

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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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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.
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.

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ISSS WORKSHOPS
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“How to Buy and Maintain Your Car”
Thursday, April 16
3:30-5:00
Clemens Hall 120, North Campus

“Immigration: The Basics for Planning Your Future”
Monday, April 20
3:30-5:00
Know Hall 110, North Campus

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ISSS TRIPS & ACTIVITIES
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BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: “KNOW THE SCORE: CHARLES IVES, AN AMERICAN MAVERICK”
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.ubevents.org/event/1415issstrips
GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF BUFFALO’S ALLENTOWN DISTRICT

Join us for a professionally-guided tour and explore Buffalo’s historic Allentown district. 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, Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) and author F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Date: Saturday, April 18
Meeting Time: 9:30 a.m.
Meeting Place: NFTA Metro Train Station, South Campus
Return Time: 1:00 p.m. (or later for those who stay for the optional lunch)
Cost: $12 (for tour) (non-refundable) A $4 fee for Metro Rail transportation must be paid at the train station on the day of the event.
Sign-Up Deadline: 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, April 16 (or when sold out)

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

ASIA AT NOON: “SLAVERY, FREEDOM AND THE MOVEMENT OF SILVER ‘FROM CHINA TO PERU’”

This lecture treats two related historical phenomena, the Chinese demand for silver and the Black Legend idea of “Spanish cruelty” in English ideologies of slavery and empire in the period, 1600-1800. Bringing together numismatics, travel writing, economic treatises, and early modern drama, the talk will focus on the site of the isthmus of Panama and its role as East-West connector of the global silver trade.

Presenter: Chi-ming Yang, Associate Professor of English, University of Pennsylvania

Date: Friday, April 10
Time: 12:00-1:30 p.m. (Note the extended time)
Place: Park Hall 280, UB North Campus

Presented by the Humanities Institute's Early Modern Research Workshop. Co-sponsored by the Asian Studies Program, Confucius Institute, and Program in Caribbean and Latin/o American Studies.
UB WORKSHOPS

“Leading Self: Emotional Intelligence”
Tuesday, April 7
7:30-8:30
Student Union 235, North Campus

“Using LinkedIn: Five Strategies for Finding Your Dream Job or Internship”
Wednesday, April 8
4:00-5:00
Student Union 330, North Campus

“Leading Others: Followership”
Wednesday, April 8
5:00-6:00
Student Union 145A, North Campus

“Leading for Change: Creating a Meaningful Service Project”
Monday, April 13
5:00-6:00
Student Union 235, North Campus