

# ISSS GLOBAL NEWSLETTER

September 6, 2009

Welcome to the ISSS Global Listserv!

We are pleased to welcome all new students to this listserv of international students enrolled at UB. This listserv enables the Office of International Student & Scholar Services to communicate directly with you and share information of particular interest and need to international students. We use this listserv to keep you informed about ISSS workshops, ISSS trips, UB workshops and special events, and changes in immigration regulations, visa processing, border-crossing procedures, etc. We also use it to share helpful tips for studying and living in the U.S.

Please stop by our office if you have a question or need our services. We are located in Talbert Hall 210, North Campus. Our office hours are 8:30-5:00 on Mondays-Fridays. We can also be reached by phone at 645-2258 or by e-mail at [intlservices@buffalo.edu](mailto:intlservices@buffalo.edu). Our website is located at [www.buffalo.edu/intlservices](http://www.buffalo.edu/intlservices).

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT DISCUSSION GROUP  
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Are you excited about learning about different cultures and making friends? Are you missing home? Would you like to improve your English? Are you wondering how you can do well in the U.S.? Are you feeling lonely at UB? And more???

If you would like to talk about any of these topics or more or, if you would like to share your wisdom about how to do well as an international student at UB, please come and join us.

Dates: Every Friday (September 4 – November 27)  
Time: 1:00-2:30  
Place: Student Union 306, North Campus

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Xuhua Qin or Yun-Jy Yeh at 645-2720 or xuhuaqin@buffalo.edu.

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FREE TICKETS TO VIOLIN PERFORMANCE AT UB  
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UB’s Department of Music is pleased to present eminent violinist Elmar Oliveira performing with the Slee Sinfonietta.

Tuesday, September 15  
7:30 p.m.  
Lippes Concert Hall in Slee Hall, North Campus

The program will be:

Gyorgy Ligeti: Piano Concerto (1988)  
Bloch/arr. Gatto: Baal Shem – 3 Pictures of Hassidic Life for violin and orchestra  
Bach: Violin Concerto in A minor, BWV 1041

**A limited number of free tickets are available for international students.** Present this e-mail announcement at the Slee Hall ticket office before the day of the concert (Mondays – Fridays, 9:00-4:00) or one hour before the concert to get two free tickets. Tickets will be available on a first-come, first served basis until they are gone.

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**UB DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER: KOFFI ANNAN**

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Former Secretary-General of the United Nations (1997-2006) and Nobel Peace Prize recipient Koffi Annan will speak at UB this month.

Wednesday, September 16  
8:00 p.m.  
Alumni Arena, North Campus

Free tickets are currently available to UB students in the SA (undergraduate Student Association) and GSA (Graduate Student Association) offices on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Student Union, North Campus. Bring your UB card to request your ticket before they run out!

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**ISSS TRIPS & ACTIVITIES**

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**UB BULLS FOOTBALL GAME**

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ISSS and UB's Department of Athletics invite you to an exciting event: A UB Bulls football game. It will be the first game in Buffalo this season and the stadium will be filled almost to capacity. The Bulls are returning after a highly successful season last year, which took them to their first-ever championship game. They look to build upon that success this year. We will serve free food (vegetarian options will be available) and there will be games and activities for you to play before the football game starts. Don't understand American football? *No problem!* We will offer a short mini-class before the game to teach you everything you need to know.

Date: Saturday, September 12

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Cost: Free!

Sign-Up: Bring your UB Card to ISSS, 210 Talbert Hall to receive your ticket (1 ticket per person)

Sign-Up Deadline: Friday, September 11 at 5:00 p.m. (or until tickets run out, whichever happens first)

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**GUIDED HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR OF DOWNTOWN BUFFALO**  
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Join ISSS for a professional walking tour of some of Buffalo's most historical sites, landmarks and architecture. Todd Mitchell, a professional tour guide from Buffalo Tours, will show us downtown Buffalo and teach us about the city's rich history. This is a great opportunity to see Buffalo up close and personal, and to explore some places you would not find on your own.

Date: Saturday, September 19  
Time: 9:30 (meet at UB Metro Station), 10:00-1:00 (tour), 1:00-2:30 (lunch)  
Cost: \$8 for tour + \$3.50 for roundtrip Metro ticket + Lunch (optional)  
Sign-Up Deadline: 2:00 p.m., Friday, September 18

To reserve a space on this trip, please pick up a flyer in ISSS, 210 Talbert Hall, North Campus. Fill out the reservation slip, and bring it and the trip fee to ISSS. The trip fee is nonrefundable. We accept only cash and urge you to bring exact change. Spaces are limited, so do not wait!

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**ISSS WORKSHOPS**  
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**“AAA Driver Improvement Course”**

Saturday, September 19  
9:00-3:30  
Clemens 120, North Campus

AAA's six-hour defensive driving course will enable you to receive a 10% discount on your car insurance, reduce the number of points on your driving record (if you have any violations), refresh your driving skills and learn techniques for collision prevention. Advance Registration is required. Please register at [www.nyaaa.com/auto/driverprograms/schedule/buffalo](http://www.nyaaa.com/auto/driverprograms/schedule/buffalo). Course Fee: \$27.

*Presented by American Automobile Association (AAA) Representative*

**“Car Insurance 101: How to Choose It & What to Do If You Have an Accident”**

Monday, September 21  
4:00-5:30  
Clemens 120, North Campus

Learn what types of insurance coverage are available, how they differ, what the State of New York requires and what to do if you have an accident.

*Presenter: Patrick Powers, American Automobile Association (AAA)*

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ACADEMICS & STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOPS  
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**“Time Management Strategies”**

Wednesday, September 9  
3:00-4:00  
Park Hall 275, North Campus

This workshop will focus on ways to arrange and manage your time in an academic setting. We will discuss goals, priorities, expectations about time spent studying outside the classroom, course syllabi, and use of some type of planner.  
*Presented by the College of Arts & Science & Student Advising Services, UB*

**“Study Skills and Strategies”**

Thursday, September 10  
3:30-4:20  
Norton Hall 111, North Campus

We will discuss ways in which you can increase your retention and eventual recall of information using a variety of study tools and techniques.  
*Presented by the College of Arts & Science & Student Advising Services, UB*

**“Getting Started in Undergraduate Research”**

Thursday, September 10  
3:30-4:20  
Capen Hall 12, North Campus

Learn about UB's Center for Undergraduate Research & Creative Activities (CURCA) and discover the opportunities that await UB students who want to take classroom learning and apply it to "real" research and creative studies.  
*Presented by the Center for Undergraduate Research & Creative Activities, UB*

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CAREER WORKSHOPS  
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**“So You Want to Be a Doctor, Dentist, Vet, Optometrist, Podiatrist or Chiropractor”**

Tuesday, September 8  
3:30-4:20  
Student Union 145A, North Campus

If you are a freshman or sophomore, or perhaps are just beginning to explore these health professions, come learn what you can be doing NOW to prepare and become a competitive applicant for admission to a professional health school.  
*Presented by Student Advising Services, UB*

**“Finding a Job on Campus”**

Wednesday, September 9  
4:00-5:00  
Capen Hall 259, North Campus

Working on campus is a great way to gain experience, develop skills and earn some extra money. Learn about on-line resources and other techniques that will help you successfully find and apply for on-campus jobs. If you cannot attend this workshop, please go to the following link to find an on-line video or audio workshop: [www.ub-careers.buffalo.edu/olworkshops.php#res](http://www.ub-careers.buffalo.edu/olworkshops.php#res).

*Presented by Career Services, UB*

**“Resume Writing for a Job or Internship”**

Monday, September 14  
4:00-5:00  
Capen Hall 259, North Campus

Learn how to construct and tailor your resume to that specific position that you want to land. We’ll focus on how you can best market yourself and get your foot in the door for an interview. If you cannot attend this workshop, please go to the following link to find an on-line video or audio workshop: [www.ub-careers.buffalo.edu/olworkshops.php#res](http://www.ub-careers.buffalo.edu/olworkshops.php#res).

*Presented by Career Services, UB*

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WELLNESS & RECREATION  
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**“Budgeting: Creating Your Spending Plan”**

Tuesday, September 8  
2:30-3:30  
Student Union 317, North Campus

This workshop is designed to encourage students to track their expenses, consider their wants and needs, make wise choices and practice living within their budgets. We will give you the tools to create your "spending plan", a purposeful map for how you plan to spend your money.

*Presented by Student Academic Records & Financial Services, UB*

**“40 Financial Tips Every College Student Should Know”**

Wednesday, September 9  
2:00-3:00  
Student Union 330, North Campus

Think of this workshop as your crash course in personal finance. We will discuss checking accounts, financial aid, jobs, residence life, cutting expenses, credit, debt and savings.

*Presented by Student Academic Records & Financial Services, UB*