

Fall 2009 Workshops for International Employees

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An Overview of Permanent Residency through Employer Sponsorship

Learn about various employment-sponsored options for professionals in the U.S., including the Outstanding Professor/Researcher category, and Special Handling and PERM Labor Certifications. This workshop will also address work authorization for spouses, permanent residency visa backlogs, processing times, and travel outside the U.S. while your case is pending.

Presenter: Oscar Budde, Esq., Director, Immigration Services, UB

Wednesday, September 9	4:00-5:30	Capen Hall 31, North Campus
Wednesday, October 7	12:00-1:30	Capen Hall 31, North Campus

AAA Driver Improvement Course

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. Course Fee: \$27.**

Presenter: American Automobile Association (AAA) Representative

Saturday, September 19	9:00-3:30	Clemens Hall 120, North Campus
Saturday, October 10	9:00-3:30	Clemens Hall 120, North Campus
Saturday, November 7	9:00-3:30	Clemens Hall 120, North Campus

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

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

Presenter: Patrick Powers, AAA (American Automobile Association)

Monday, September 21	4:00-5:30	Clemens Hall 120, North Campus
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Oh Canada! Essential Facts about Visiting, Living and Working There

Are you interested in visiting Canada or even living and working there someday? This workshop will provide information on Canadian immigration law and procedures. Find out about visitor visas, working temporarily in Canada and applying for immigration to Canada.

Presenter: Martha Hassenfratz, Canadian Consulate General, Buffalo

Thursday, September 24	3:30-5:00	Clemens Hall 120, North Campus
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Immigration Update for UB Employees: The Latest Changes in Immigration Law

Obtain information on the most important recent changes in immigration law that could impact your immigration future in the U.S. This session will focus on practical approaches to navigating the "immigration ocean" so that you reach your desired destination, whether it is permanent residence, H-1B status or another immigration status or benefit.

Presenter: Oscar Budde, Esq., Director, Immigration Services, UB

Friday, September 25	2:00-3:00	Capen Hall 31, North Campus
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H-1B Visas: An Information Session

Come learn what an H-1 B visa is, who is eligible for it, what the steps for obtaining an H-1 B visa are and so on.

Presenter: Ellen Dussourd, Director, International Student & Scholar Services, UB

Thursday, October 1	3:00-4:00	Capen Hall 31, North Campus
Friday, November 6	12:00-1:00	Capen Hall 31, North Campus
Monday, November 30	4:00-5:00	Capen Hall 31, North Campus

Crossing the Border: Your Rights and Responsibilities

This workshop brings together an immigration attorney and Customs & Border Protection agents in an open discussion of the border-crossing process. It will provide specific information about entering the U.S. and practical do's & don't's for crossing any international border.

Presenters: James D. Eiss, Esq., Law Offices of James D. Eiss, Buffalo / Kevin Corsaro and Keith Kanopa, Customs & Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security

Thursday, October 8	12:30-2:00	Clemens Hall 120, North Campus
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Pathways to Permanent Residency through Labor Certification

Come find out the ins-and-outs of Labor Certification. This session will discuss the stages, costs, processing times, prevailing wage determinations, advertising and recruitment requirements, travel outside the U.S. while your case is pending and more.

Presenter: Oscar Budde, Esq., Director, Immigration Services, UB

Wednesday, October 14	12:00-1:30	Capen Hall 31, North Campus
Wednesday, November 11	4:00-5:30	Capen Hall 31, North Campus

Applying for a "Green Card": Outstanding Professor / Researcher Petitions, Adjustment of Status and Consular Processing

Are you thinking of applying for a "green card" through the Outstanding Professor/Researcher category? This session will discuss the stages of applying: 1) the employer's Outstanding Professor/Researcher petition, and 2) the employee's Adjustment of Status application or immigrant visa application to a U.S. Consulate abroad. It will also explore costs, supporting evidence, processing times, work authorization in the U.S. and authorization to travel outside the U.S. while the case is pending.

Presenter: Oscar Budde, Esq., Director, Immigration Services, UB

Wednesday, October 21	12:00-1:30	Capen Hall 31, North Campus
Wednesday, November 18	3:00-4:30	Capen Hall 31, North Campus

Travel USA

This workshop is geared toward inexperienced travelers who want to explore the U.S. while having fun, learning and sticking to a low budget. Participants will be introduced to hostelling, and learn travel tips and tricks from an experienced traveler.

Presenter: Erin Cooke, Hostelling International--Niagara Frontier Council

Wednesday, October 21	4:00-5:00	Capen Hall 31, North Campus
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A Guide to Visas for Medical Professionals

Are you a medical resident who would like information about immigration regulations as they apply to foreign physicians? This workshop will address J-1 waivers (Conrad and Interested Government Agency as well as Hardship and Persecution), non-immigrant employment options (H, O visas), and permanent residency options (PERM Labor Certifications and National Interest Waivers as well as Extraordinary Ability and Outstanding Professor/Researcher).

Presenter: Rosanne Mayer, Esq., Miller Mayer, LLP, Ithaca, New York

Thursday, October 29

6:00-7:30

Lippshutz Room, South Campus
(Biomedical Education Building 125)