

# Fall 2009 Workshops for UB Departments

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES

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## An Overview of Permanent Residency through Employer Sponsorship

Learn about the 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

## B-1, J-1, H-1B, TN: What Difference Does It Make?

This workshop is for individuals who are trying to decide whether to invite someone in B-1, J-1, H-1B or TN status. It will explore the pros and cons of each visa category, including costs, processing times, time limits, spouse's eligibility to work, home residency requirements and so on.

*Presenters: Oscar Budde, Esq., Director, and Mary Jean Zajac, Paralegal, Immigration Services, UB*

Tuesday, September 22	3:00-4:30	Capen Hall 31, North Campus
Wednesday, November 4	12:00-1:30	Capen Hall 31, North Campus

## Our J-1 Exchange Visitor Has Arrived: What Do I Do Now?

How can hosting departments ensure a successful experience for their J-1 Exchange Visitors? Come find out what you need to know to assist your J-1 Exchange Visitors during their stay in the U.S., what campus resources are available to them and how they can access those resources.

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Monday, September 28	12:00-1:00	Capen Hall 31, North Campus
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## Responding to the Needs of International Students: Tips for Staff Members

How can UB staff better respond to international students' needs? This workshop presents strategies used by international students, explains the reasons why students employ various strategies, and suggests best practices for effective communication and understanding. Learn practical do's and don't's, and much more!

*Presenters: Ellen Dussourd, Director; Eric Comins, Coordinator for Student Programs; and Diane Hardy, SEVIS Coordinator / International Student Advisor, International Student & Scholar Services, UB*

Friday, October 2	11:30-12:30	Capen Hall 31, North Campus
Tuesday, November 10	4:00-5:00	Capen Hall 31, North Campus

## Immigration Update for UB Supervisors: Recent Changes in Immigration Law and Their Impact on Your Employees

Obtain information on important recent changes in immigration law that could impact your international employees and department. This workshop will also provide options for responding to these changes.

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

Friday, October 2	1:00-2:00	Capen Hall 31, North Campus
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## Supporting International Students: Tips from Counseling Services

International students face unique challenges, including language barriers, culture shock, classroom culture differences, academic pressures, regulatory restrictions and increased surveillance in the post-9/11/01 environment. Gain an awareness of the stressors that impact international students and an understanding of how UB's Counseling Services can help. Acquire tools to respond effectively to students who need support.

*Presenter: Xuhua Qin, Staff Psychologist, Counseling Services, UB*

Friday, October 9

12:00-1:30

Clemens Hall 120, North Campus

## Pathways to Permanent Residency through Labor Certification

Come find out the ins-and-outs of Labor Certification. This session will discuss the stages of applying, 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 sponsoring a researcher or faculty member for a "green card"? 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

## A Guide to Visas for Medical Professionals

Are you a program director who would like more 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 and 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)

## Holidays Around the World: China

Over 100 countries are represented at UB. Have you ever wondered about the cultural, historical, political and religious holidays celebrated in other countries? Come listen to Chinese students present the origin, significance and customs surrounding major holidays celebrated in their country.

*Presenters: UB International Students*

Wednesday, November 18

12:00-1:00

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

## **Understanding International Classroom Cultures: India**

International students bring to UB expectations of academic culture that differ greatly from that in the U.S. Come hear students from India discuss their prior educational experiences, and differences between classroom culture in their country and the U.S. Learn useful techniques to bridge the gap between your teaching style and the students' expectations.

*Presenters: UB International Students / Organizers: Ellen Dussourd, Director, International Student & Scholar Services, UB; Keith Otto, Director of English Language Programs, English Language Institute, UB*

Friday, November 20

11:00-1:00

Clemens Hall 120, North Campus