

Spring 2012 Workshops for International Employees

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Winter Driving

Do you know how to drive safely on snow and ice? Come learn safety tips for driving in the winter.

Presenter: Mike Formanowicz, American Automobile Association (AAA)

Wednesday, January 25

12:00-1:00

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.**

Course Fee: \$28. Please register at

<http://appointmentquest.com/cgi-bin/WebObjects/EmbeddedDesktop.woa/8051/wo/D34ZKn9Euuqz2pT7KFjaAdRTmiU/0.0.0.0.0.10.4.2.0.1.3.20.3?key=2000434122>

Presenter: Joseph Slazak, American Automobile Association (AAA)

Saturday, January 28

9:00-3:30

Clemens Hall 120, North Campus

Saturday, February 18

9:00-3:30

Clemens Hall 120, North Campus

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., Associate Vice Provost for Immigration Services, UB

Wednesday, February 8

4:00-5:30

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

H-1B Visas: An Information Session

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

Presenter: Ellen Dussourd, Assistant Vice Provost for International Student & Scholar Services, UB

Monday, February 6

12:15-1:15

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

Tuesday, March 13

3:30-4:30

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

Wednesday, April 16

3:00-4:00

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 travel outside the U.S. while the case is pending.

Presenter: Oscar Budde, Esq., Associate Vice Provost for Immigration Services, UB

Wednesday, February 8

12:00-1:30

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

Wednesday, April 4

3:00-4:30

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

Income Tax Workshops (for nonresident filers)

Learn about U.S. tax laws as they apply to J-1 scholars who had been in the U.S. for two years or less in 2011. Find out what you need to do to file a tax return and report taxable income.

Presenters: Frances Brandenburg and Ronal Peruzzi, Internal Revenue Service, Hartford, Connecticut and Suzanne Reusch, New York State Department of Taxation & Finance, Buffalo, New York

Tuesday, February 28

3:30-5:30

Student Union Theater, North Campus

Friday, March 30

4:00-6:00

Norton Hall 112 (Woldman Theater), 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, 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., Associate Vice Provost for Immigration Services, UB

Wednesday, February 29

12:00-1:30

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

How to Ship Your Stuff Home

Come find out the best ways to ship your belongings to another state in the U.S. or your home country. Find out about transportation options, rates, customs, packaging and so on.

Presenters: Eric Comins, Coordinator for Student Programs, International Student & Scholar Services, UB; UPS and U.S. Postal Service Representatives

Monday, March 26

3:00-4:30

Clemens Hall 120, North Campus

Travel USA

This workshop is geared towards inexperienced travelers who want to explore the U.S. while sticking to a low budget. Participants will learn travel tips and tricks from experienced travelers.

Presenters: Chris Bragdon, International Student Advisor, International Student & Scholar Services, UB; UB International Students

Wednesday, April 4

12:00-1:00

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

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., Associate Vice Provost for Immigration Services, UB

Monday, April 2

12:15-1:15

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

How to Buy and Maintain Your Car

Learn tips for finding a good used car that matches your budget, negotiating the best price and keeping your car in good running condition in all seasons.

Presenters: John Schneider & Jim Wirth, American Automobile Association (AAA)

Thursday, April 12

12:00-1:30

Clemens Hall 120, North Campus