

ISSS NEWSLETTER FOR VISITING SCHOLARS

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RENTER'S INSURANCE

Did you ever think about what you would do if you lost your belongings due to fire or if your possessions were stolen or damaged? You can protect yourself from loss due to fire or theft by purchasing renter's insurance.

For information about what renter's insurance covers, where to buy it, etc., please visit wings.buffalo.edu/intlservices/RentersInsurance.pdf. Protect yourself! Learn about renter's insurance today.

"BUDDHISM"

In anticipation of the visit to UB by His Holiness the Dalai Lama in September 2006, this series of public lectures introduces the history, society and cultures of Tibet. In this week's lecture, Dr. Jeannette Ludwig, Associate Professor of Romance Languages and Literature, UB, will discuss "The Story of Buddhism and Its Core Teaching" and "The Three Vehicles."

Date: Wednesday, February 15
Time: 7:00-9:40 p.m.
Place: Knox Hall 20, North Campus

10TH INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S FILM FESTIVAL

"Take My Eyes / Te Doy Mis Ojos" (Spain, 2003)
Thursday, February 16
7:00 p.m.
Market Arcade Film & Arts Center, Downtown Buffalo

Directed by Iciar Bollain. (35 mm, 106 min.)

One winter night, Pilar runs away from home. With her, she takes only a few belongings and her son, Juan. Husband Antonio soon sets out to look for her. He says Pilar is his sunshine and what's more, "She gave him her eyes." Powerful drama with strong women, strong characters and a shatteringly realistic portrayal of domestic violence.

"TEACHING IN AMERICA: A GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL FACULTY"

The Center for Teaching and Learning Resources at the University at Buffalo encourages you to attend:

"Teaching in America: A Guide for International Faculty"
Friday, February 17
1:00-2:30
Clemens Hall 120, North Campus

Formality, Respect, Discussion, Language and Culture. These are some of the many topics where international faculty teaching in the U.S. have observed differences. What are these differences, and are they obstacles or opportunities for helping your students learn? Our video will present the views of several international TAs and professors, and serve as a springboard for

follow-up discussion. This video and discussion is open to all, including current and prospective faculty and International Teaching Assistants.

Facilitated by Keith Otto, Director, English as a Second Language Programs, English Language Institute, UB

To register for this workshop, visit the CTLR website (<http://www.buffalo.edu/ctlr>) or contact Lisa Francescone at 645-7328 or lcf@buffalo.edu.

ISSS WORKSHOPS

“Applying for a ‘Green Card’: Outstanding Professor / Researcher Petitions, Adjustment of Status and Consular Processing”

Friday, February 17

12:00-1:30

Capen Hall 31, North Campus

Are you thinking of applying for a “green card” or sponsoring a foreign researcher or faculty member for a “green card?” This workshop is for H-1B visaholders and employers who would like to hire an H-1B visaholder on a permanent basis. It will discuss the Outstanding Professor / Researcher category, which is one employment-based path to permanent residency available to international employees at UB. It will explore the two stages of applying: 1) the employer’s Outstanding Professor / Researcher immigrant petition, and 2) the employee’s Adjustment of Status application or immigrant visa application to a U.S. Consulate abroad. This session will discuss costs, supporting evidence, processing times, work authorization in the U.S. and a *Presenter: Mark Popiel, Esq., Director, Immigration Services*

“Income Tax Workshop”

Wednesday, February 22

4:00-5:50

Knox Hall 20, North Campus

These workshops are for F-1 students who have been in the U.S. for five years or less and J-1 scholars who have been in the U.S. for two years or less. At these workshops, you will learn tax vocabulary, what tax forms you have to fill out, how to fill out those forms, if you are eligible for a tax treaty benefit, how to claim tax treaty benefits and where to go for help if you have a question. You will also receive copies of sample tax forms already filled out.

Presenters: Barbara Dawkins, Internal Revenue Service, and Suzanne Reusch, New York State Department of Taxation

“AAA Driver Improvement Course” *REPEATED*****

Saturday, February 25

9:00-3:30

Clemens 120, North Campus

AAA's six-hour defensive driving course will enable you to receive a 10 percent 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. Call 1-800-836-2582 to sign up. Cost: \$25.**

Presenter: Instructor, AAA (American Automobile Association)