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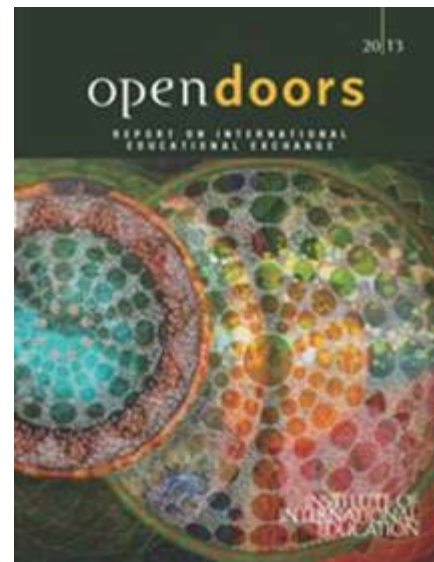
## Immigration News and Events

### IIE Releases New *Open Doors* Report

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, the 2013 *Open Doors Report on International Educational Exchange* was released. Open Doors is supported by a grant from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State and is a comprehensive information resource on international students and scholars studying or teaching at higher education institutions in the United States, and U.S. students studying abroad for academic credit at their home colleges or universities.

The report found that the number of international students enrolled in U.S. higher education increased by seven percent to 819,644 students in 2012/13, with 55,000 more students than last year enrolled in colleges and universities across the United States. There are now 40 percent more international students studying at U.S. colleges and universities than a decade ago. A strong increase in the number of "new" international students, those enrolling for the first time at a U.S. college or university in fall 2013, indicates that this growth trend likely will continue.

For more information, please visit the [IIE website](http://iie.org).



### IIE Launches Emergency Student Fund for Students from the Philippines

The Institute of International Education (IIE), with support from the Freeman Foundation, has created an Emergency Student

Fund (ESF) to help students from the Philippines on U.S. campuses whose home country support has been devastated by the recent Typhoon Haiyan.

Philippines-ESF will provide grants of \$3,000 each to selected Filipino students. Syracuse University can nominate up to three Filipino students who need financial assistance to stay enrolled in the spring 2014 semester. Priority will be given to undergraduates and to those with the most urgent financial need and those closest to graduation.

Applications must be submitted by the Slutzker Center to IIE by December 4, 2013. Awards will be announced in mid-December.

Students interest in seeking a nomination for funds from the Emergency Student Fund should immediately make an appointment to meet with an advisor at the Slutzker Center (call 315-443-2457 or email [lescis@syr.edu](mailto:lescis@syr.edu) and put Requesting ESF Nomination in the Subject Line) and be prepared to document their urgent need as well as available finances (projected expenses, bank statements, receipts for payments already made, etc.). To get your application to IIE by December 4, 2013, we need your application by December 2, 2013.

For more information, read the full [Press Release](#).



## Slutzker Center News and Events

### Helpful Hints from SCIS: Meet With Your Professor

This week's helpful hint is that you should not be afraid or hesitant to meet with your Professors, especially if you are having difficulty with a class or have questions that were not addressed in the classroom. Most Professors have clearly posted office hours that are often listed on the class syllabus.

Communication with Faculty members is usually viewed positively and not seen as a sign of disrespect or weakness. Meeting with a professor to discuss your progress in their class is often seen as a sign of your strong commitment to your academic success.

If you have a question or concern that you would like addressed in a future "Helpful Hints" article, please send an email to [lescis@syr.edu](mailto:lescis@syr.edu). Maybe your question will be featured in next week's issue!



### Attention All Returning International Students! Peer Assistant Volunteer Opportunity

Remember how welcomed the peer assistants made you feel when you first arrived at the Slutzker Center? We are once again in need of knowledgeable and welcoming volunteers from January 6th to January 10th, 2014 to greet the new international students.

Candidates must have been enrolled at SU for at least one

academic semester to be considered. Candidates must attend an hour-long, peer assistant training session in early December. If interested please send your completed [Peer Assistant Application](#) to Karisa Werner at [klwerner@syr.edu](mailto:klwerner@syr.edu).



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### November Travel Seminar Schedule

Thanksgiving Break and Winter Break are just around the corner. If you plan on traveling during the breaks, you may need a travel signature. On the bottom of the 3<sup>rd</sup> page of your I-20 is the travel signature section. Each signature is good for one year from the date it was signed.

If you need an updated travel signature, you can obtain one by attending a Slutzker Center Travel Seminar. Starting November 4 and ending November 25, the new Travel Seminar schedule will be as follows:

- Monday – 5pm
- Tuesday – 11am
- Wednesday – 1:30pm
- Thursday – 3pm
- Friday – 12pm

If you have already attended a Travel Seminar, you may also obtain a travel signature during walk-in hours M-F 11am to 3pm. Please bring your I-20, passport, I-94, and proof of health insurance. Your health insurance MUST BE valid for at least six months in the future.



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### Picture of the Week

This photo was taken by Bin Lin. He is an SU graduate student studying in the Entrepreneurship program and this is his second time winning the "Picture of the Week" contest. Congratulations, Bin! This picture was taken in Manhattan on a recent weekend trip to New York City. He was in the car and couldn't help but take this picture with his phone. Bin says, "Life is full of surprises when you least expect them."



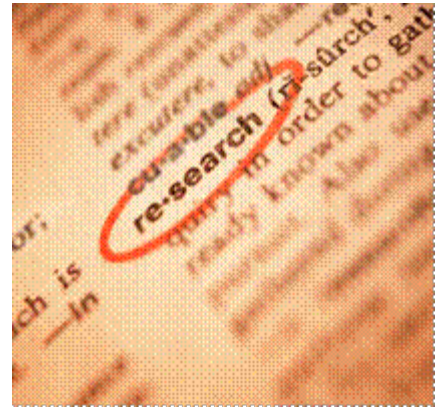
For the chance to have your picture featured as Picture of the Week, please send it via email to [lescis@syr.edu](mailto:lescis@syr.edu) with the subject line of "Picture of the Week." Submissions can be from anywhere on the globe!

## Syracuse University Events

### **Research at the American University Watson Theater November 14, 5-6:30pm**

The Graduate School would like to announce the next International Graduate Student Workshop Series presentation, to be held on Thursday, November 14th. The presentation will focus on Research at the American University.

Do you have questions or concerns about the research you are doing or plan to do at Syracuse University? Are you having difficulty understanding the research practices, policies and norms of your discipline? Please join Gina Lee-Glauser,



Syracuse University's Vice-President of Research, as she provides an overview of key research expectations and varying research norms at the American University. Food will be provided for presentation participants!

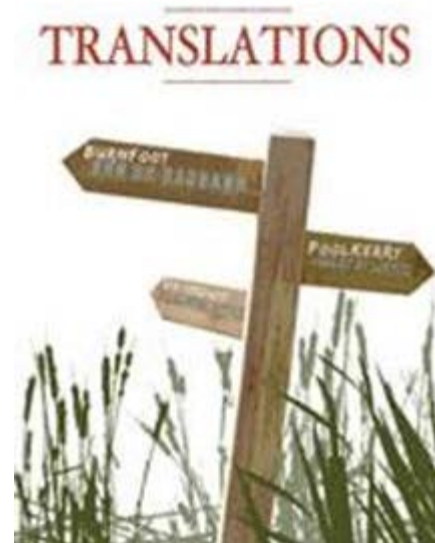
To register for this event, click [here](#).

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**Translations**  
**Syracuse Stage**  
**November 15-23**

Set in a hedge school in rural Ireland in 1833, this powerful drama uses the richness of language and the clash of cultures to explore the impact on a small community as a troop of British Army engineers arrives to map the area and Anglicize the place names. For some there is resentment and suspicion, for some unlikely romance; for all there is the realization that they stand on the brink of irrevocable change. Translations was the first production by the famed Field Day Theatre Company founded by Tony Award-winner Friel and actor Stephen Rea.

Department of Drama (SU Drama) productions are held in the Syracuse Stage/SU Drama Theater Complex, 820 East Genesee Street, Syracuse. Six-play season tickets for the 2013-14 season range from \$89-\$99 and are available at the Box Office at 820 East Genesee Street from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday or by telephone at 315-443-3275. Single tickets go on sale September 23 via the "Buy tickets here" links. For showtimes and to purchase tickets, click [here](#).



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**Women for Afghan Women:**  
**Transforming Community from Within Community**  
**341 Eggers**  
**November 19, 2pm**

Sunita Vishwanath, co-founder and board member for [Women for Afghan Women](#), will speak. This event is presented by the South Asia Center and the Department of Religion.

From its inception 12 years ago, Women for Afghan Women has been a devotedly grassroots human rights organization – committed to and rooted in the community. Through concrete examples from their work in Afghanistan and New York, Vishwanath will demonstrate WAW's immersion in the Afghan community, and how they link that grassroots commitment to advocacy in both the local and global arenas for women's human rights.



For more contact Nicholas Turner at [npturner@syr.edu](mailto:npturner@syr.edu).

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## Cultural and Community Events

### **Miss America Nina Davuluri Homecoming Celebration November 16-18**

Nina Davuluri recently started her reign as the first Indian-American to be crowned Miss America. She will return to Syracuse for a three-day Homecoming Celebration Nov. 16-18, which will feature an autograph session at Destiny USA, a Bollywood-inspired reception at the OnCenter, and performances at the Landmark Theatre.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the [Miss New York website](#). Proceeds will go to the Empire State Educational Scholarship Fund.



### **Lights on the Lake Stroll Onondaga Lake Park November 19, 5-9pm**

Enjoy this special walking preview of Lights on the Lake before it opens to vehicles only. The park will be open from 5-9pm and visitors can choose to park at either the Wegmans Landing (Griffin Visitor Center), Salt Museum or Willow Bay lots. This is a great opportunity to get some fresh air and exercise. Walkers can cover as much of the two mile stretch as they desire and should dress for the weather. Shuttle service is not provided.

Holiday characters will be on the trail and refreshments will be available for sale. Cars are not allowed on the trail for this special evening but will be admitted to the show beginning Thursday, November 21. Please leave pets at home. Dogs are welcome at the Lights on the Lake Dog Walk on Wednesday, November 20.

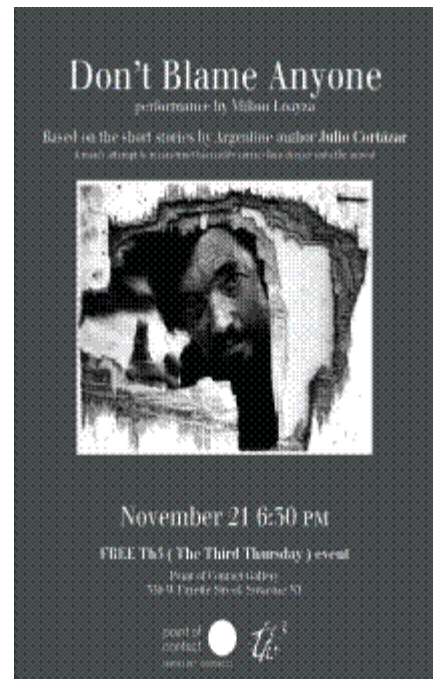
For more information, visit [www.lightsonthelake.com](http://www.lightsonthelake.com).



### **Don't Blame Anyone A Performance by Milton Loayza The Point of Contact Gallery November 21, 6:30pm**

Based on short stories by Julio Cortazar, this performance by Milton Loayza tells the story of a man's effort to reconstruct his reality leading him deeper into the unreal. This event is part of Th3 (The Third Thursday) and is free and open to the public.

Milton Loayza is a performer and director who has been focusing in the last four years on bringing Latin American voices to the stage. "Don't Blame Anyone" is a solo performance adapted from various stories by Argentine author Julio Cortazar. It combines the theatrical presence of a single character struggling to make sense of his reality and the fantastic and imaginative lines that pulsate through Cortazar's short fiction.



From 5-8pm visitors are also welcome to view Tango, on display at Point of Contact Gallery. Tango is a 21-piece grand-format folio published by Iris Editions in New York (1991); a collaborative work that includes eight intaglios by the late Nancy Graves and thirteen pages of text by Pedro Cuperman, which gaze at the aesthetics of this Latin American dance.

For more information, visit the Point of Contact Gallery's [facebook page](#).

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## Quotes to keep you thinking

- "When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, "I used everything you gave me." – **Erma Bombeck**
- "Everything you want is out there waiting for you to ask. Everything you want also wants you. But you have to take action to get it." – **Jules Renard**
- "We don't love qualities; we love a person; sometimes by reason of their defects as well as their qualities." – **Jacques Maritain**
- "Any fool can criticize, condemn, and complain but it takes character and self control to be understanding and forgiving." – **Dale Carnegie**

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