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Immigration News and Events

Temporary Protected Status Extended for Somalis

Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Rand Beers has extended Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for eligible nationals of Somalia for an additional 18 months, effective March 18, 2014, through Sept. 17, 2015.

Current Somali beneficiaries seeking to extend their TPS status must re-register during a 60-day period that runs from Nov. 1, 2013, through Dec. 31, 2013. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) encourages beneficiaries to re-register as soon as possible once the 60-day period begins. USCIS will not accept applications it received before Nov. 1, 2013.

The 18-month extension also allows TPS re-registrants to apply for a new Employment Authorization Document (EAD). Eligible Somali TPS beneficiaries who re-register during the re-registration period and request work authorization will receive a new EAD that expires on Sept. 17, 2015.

For more information, please see the [Official News Release](#).



USCIS Launches Redesigned Website

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced the launch of the agency's redesigned website available in both English and Spanish. The redesigned website provides customers with a simplified and more user-friendly experience.

The redesigned website incorporates current best practices while introducing a new content management system that will improve functionality and allow for continued enhancements. Some of the improvements to the new website include better navigation menus, a tools section that helps customers complete common electronic transactions, and a more prominent search bar that produces improved results.

The USCIS website now also includes a [special situations page](#) providing general information about options that may be available to foreign nationals in the United States impacted by civil unrest, natural disasters, or other adverse conditions in their home country.

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

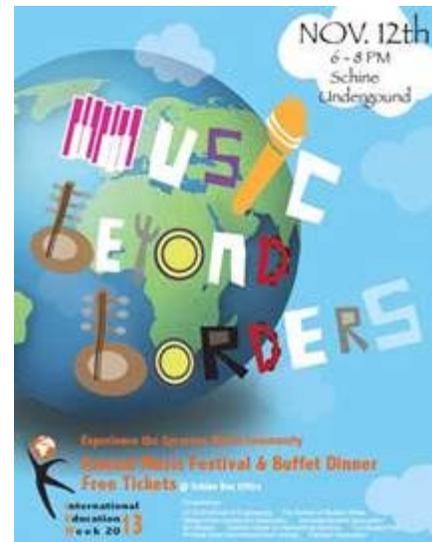


Slutzker Center News and Events

Music Beyond Borders Schine Underground November 12, 6-8pm

The annual "Music Beyond Borders: Music Festival and Buffet Dinner" is scheduled to present a rich display of local and cultural artists at the Schine Underground on Tuesday, November 12, from 6-8 p.m. Coordinated by the Slutzker Center for International Services within the Division of Student Affairs, this long-standing tradition is part of SU's celebration of International Education Week and features music, poetry and dance.

The event is free and open to the public. Tickets are available at the Schine Box Office. Audience members are invited to join the artists in a complimentary buffet of diverse ethnic foods as the IBand, led by Professor David Dischaive, provides live music.



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.



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 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 Paul Barfoot as he was leaving Bird Library last week. Paul has worked at Bird Library for the past 30 years and has led English Conversation Groups at the Slutzker Center in the past. He took this picture because he thought the image of dark sky everywhere except over the Slutzker Center was a wonderful metaphor. Paul says, "Being in another culture can be a scary thing, but there is always the bright spot SCIS provides."



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

Syracuse University Events

Ancient Voices, Contemporary Contexts: Indigenous American Musical Updates Hendricks Chapel November 10, 4pm

World premieres of works by Native American composers (Peruvian and Mohican) that weave their heritage into new classical music, as a context for hearing our ancestors through a modern prism.

Jorge Villavicencio Grossmann *Whistling Vessels*, 2013 for chamber ensemble, indigenous Peruvian "whistling vessels," and electronics (SNM commission).

Brent Michael Davids *The Purchase of Manhattan*, 2013, opera/oratorio for chamber orchestra, vocal ensemble, American Indian singers. The award winning Mr. Davids is the foremost living Native American composer.

Tickets are free with SU student or faculty ID (available at the door or email tickets@societyfornewmusic.org to reserve).

November is Native American Heritage Month. For a list of related events, visit the [OMA website](#).



International Night **Music, Dance and Potluck Event** Nifkin Lounge, SUNY-ESF Marshall Hall November 10, 6pm

The ESF Graduate Student Association invites SU graduate

students to come and participate in their annual International Night. Come and bring your own take on international cuisine. Help them be trash free by bringing your mug and plate. They will provide the space for your dish to be served.

This year they have prepared an evening full of surprises, with musical and dance performances from around the globe and a wide array of international dishes! There will be Oriental Belly Dancing, Irish Folk Dancing, Brazilian Batukada with SU's Samba Laranja Ensemble, Tango, Salsa and Tap dancing exhibitions...and much more!!

This is an open event oriented towards SU and ESF grads, so feel free to spread the word and bring your friends!! For more information, contact Natalia Cagide Elmer at njcagide@syr.edu or visit <http://www.esfgsa.com>.



**Remembrance Scholarship
Information Session
Heroy Auditorium
November 13, 8pm**

Are you currently a junior, or are you thinking of applying for Syracuse University's Remembrance Scholarship? If so, there will be a special information session to answer all of your questions.

The Remembrance Scholarship is Syracuse University's program in honor of the victims of Pan Am Flight 103, which was exploded by a terrorist bomb over Lockerbie, Scotland on December 21st, 1988. Remembrance Scholars work as advocates on campus, keeping the memory of the victims alive and instilling hope in the face of tragedy and hatred.

At this information session, you will be joined by both program faculty and current Remembrance Scholars. Together they will go into detail about the Remembrance Scholarship, the application process, and will also be there to answer any of your questions.

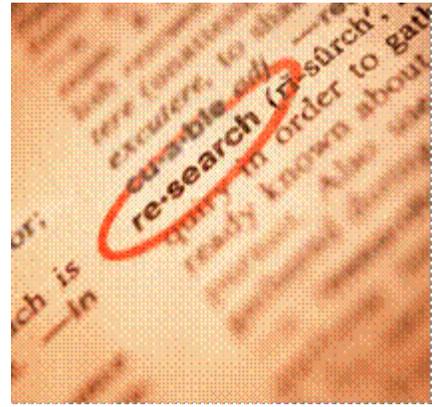
For more information, visit <http://remembrance.syr.edu/>.



**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](#).

Cultural and Community Events

Ray Harryhausen Tribute & Godzilla Birthday Bash!

Palace Theatre
November 8, 7-11:30pm

The Original BREW & VIEW 35mm Film Series presents: The Ray Harryhausen 35mm Film Tribute + MORE! Ten dollars includes all three films from the original 35mm film prints.

7pm - 20 Million Miles To Earth
8:45pm - The 7th Voyage of Sinbad
10:30pm - DESTROY ALL MONSTERS

Ray Harryhausen was an American visual effects creator, writer, and producer who created a form of stop-motion model animation known as "Dynamation." He made his name by developing fantastic stories and creatures based on legends and mythology and creating a unique genre of fantasy films during the 1950s, 60s and 70s that took the movie making world, and the public, by storm. For more information about Ray, visit the [Official Website](#).



For more information about this event, visit the [Palace Theatre](#).

Spoken Threads

ArtRage Gallery
November 9 - December 21

Spoken Threads is a collection of fiber art that takes its inspiration from the traditional women-made crafts such as quilting, knitting, weaving, sewing and cross-stitch. It features women artists from across the USA, including Central New York, as well as those from Canada and the UK who use their art to speak wisdom on a variety of social and environmental issues. During the time of year that many consumers reach for something mass-produced off an end-cap display, this exhibition is a celebration of the handmade.

Gallery Hours are Wed-Fri 2-7 & Sat 12-4, and by appointment for student/group tours. For more information, visit [ArtRage](#).



CNY Veterans Parade and Expo
NY State Fairgrounds, Center of Progress Bldg
November 9, 10am

Veterans Day is a US holiday which honors people who have served in the military. It coincides with holidays celebrated in other parts of the world. *Sieglinde M. Mghenyi* was named the 2013 Remembrance Scholar for the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I (November 11th) on the 11th day of the 11th month.



The 6th annual CNY Veterans Parade and Expo will continue to be an outpouring of gratitude and support for US soldiers and veterans. Approximately 90 organizations from across Central New York are participating in an hour long parade (to begin at noon) filled with performances, music and local veterans from all conflicts since WWII.

Admission is free. For more information, visit the [NY State Fairgrounds](#).

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Quotes to keep you thinking

- “A Native American grandfather talking to his young grandson tells the boy he has two wolves inside of him struggling with each other. The first is the wolf of peace, love and kindness. The other wolf is fear, greed and hatred. ‘Which wolf will win, grandfather?’ asks the young boy. ‘Whichever one I feed,’ is the reply.” – **Native American Proverb**
 - “True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost.” – **Arthur Ashe**
 - “It has always seemed strange to me... the things we admire in men, kindness and generosity, openness, honesty, understanding and feeling, are the concomitants of failure in our system. And those traits we detest, sharpness, greed, acquisitiveness, meanness, egotism and self-interest, are the traits of success. And while men admire the quality of the first they love the produce of the second.” – **John Steinbeck**
 - “Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for a kindness.” – **Seneca Nation**
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