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## Immigration News and Events

### Travel Plans? Stop by Slutzker for a Travel Signature It's Not Too Early

October is a great time to get a travel signature. If you get a travel signature now, it will cover Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break, Spring Break, and next Summer Break too!

If you haven't already been to one, the Slutzker Center highly recommends you attend a Travel Seminar. They are held the first and third Wednesday of every month at 1:30pm and every Friday at 12pm. If you bring the items listed above, you can obtain a travel signature during the seminar. The seminar presentation slides are also available [online](#).

If you are unable to attend a Travel Seminar, travel signatures can be obtained during walk-in hours every Monday – Friday from 11am to 3pm. You should bring the following items with you: passport, visa, I-20, I-94, and proof of health insurance. However, no advising about travel procedures or immigration policies will be provided at that time. That information is part of the travel seminar, and presented to help you leave and enter the U.S. without problems.

For more information on travel as an international student, please visit the [travel section](#) of the SCIS website.



### Canadian Consulate Strike Ended

Canada's longest public service workers' strike, which affected some 100,000 inbound international students, has come to an end after the Professional Association of Foreign Service

Officers (PAFSO) reached a tentative agreement with the Canadian government, late last week.

Union members are yet to ratify the new deal, but *Languages Canada* have released a statement to students and member schools saying “activities will be returning to normal in all Canadian Embassies and Consulates over the next few days. Visas will therefore, return to normal processing times. “

To read the full article from *The Pie News*, please click [here](#).



## Slutzker Center News and Events

### Music Beyond Borders

#### African Dance Workshops & Performance

October 9-November 12

Come learn the art of African Dance from Artist-in-Residence and Master Dancer, Biboti Ouikahilo from the Ivory Coast.

Workshops will be held on Wednesdays from 9-10pm in the Schine Student Center from October 9<sup>th</sup> through November 6<sup>th</sup>. The culmination of all your hard work will be a performance on November 12<sup>th</sup> as part of Music Beyond Borders during International Education Week.

Applications are still being accepted and this opportunity is open to all SU students. If you are interested, please contact Biboti at [wacheva@gmail.com](mailto:wacheva@gmail.com).



### Last Mix-It-Up for Fall Semester

Schine 304

October 11, 5pm

The last Mix-It-Up for Fall will be this Friday. Don't miss out on your chance to meet new people, eat free food, and have some interesting conversations.

Mix-It-Up is a program organized by the Slutzker Center that brings students from all backgrounds together so they can share a meal and a story. International students and US students are both welcome and encouraged to attend. This is a place to talk and to eat great food together, and to learn about each other.



For more information about Mix-It-Up, click [here](#).

### Picture of the Week

This picture was taken by Bingzhu Luo, a freshman at SU majoring in Communication and Rhetorical Studies. The photograph features the beautiful blue water of Panda Lake in [Jiuzhaigou National Park](#) located in South Western China. It has been said that Giant Pandas used to come to this lake to drink, though there have been no sightings for many years. Bingzhu believes “you can either travel or read, but either your body or soul must be on the way.”



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

## Syracuse University Events

**The Film:**  
***Uzun Hikaye (A Long Story)***  
Sims Hall 337  
October 10, 5:00pm

During his teen years in the 1950s, Ali (who had immigrated to Turkey from Bulgaria as a child) falls in love with Münire, the daughter of an outdoor cinema owner. Ali abducts Münire as her parents do not allow their marriage. From then on, Ali spends a life together with the woman he loves, moving from town to town. In the meantime, the couple also have a son they name Mustafa. Ali, nicknamed now "the Socialist", earns a living by his typewriting and accounting knowledge. He is, however, sacked by plotting towners because of his intolerant character against injustice and discrimination. Mustafa grows up and pursues his own life stories. The film tells the story of a life which is sometimes sad and sometimes funny and exuberant— an exciting and romantic adventure.

The film will be in Turkish with English subtitles. This event is co-sponsored by the Turkish Student Association, Middle Eastern Studies Program, and the Turkish Language Program within the Department of LLL.



**East Asia Program Presents**  
**What Drives China's Foreign Policy?**  
1341 Eggers Hall  
October 11, 12:30pm

As China assumes a larger role in world affairs, the Chinese leadership faces demands that sometimes generate inconsistent policies. It seems, for example, that Beijing has become more assertive since 2009, while at the same time it seeks to promote regional stability. Prof. Lampton will discuss the changing assumptions and realities that shape Chinese foreign policy. Lunch will be served at the event.

Lampton is Hyman Professor and Director of China Studies at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. He is former president of the National Committee on United States-China Relations in New York. He received his B.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Stanford University. His newest book, "Following the Leader: Ruling China, From Deng Xiaoping to Xi Jinping," will be published by University of California Press in January 2014.



**Film Screening:  
*Hello Anatolia*  
Halmi Screening Room, Newhouse 3  
October 11, 6:00pm**

Paras Chaudhari, a 2004 iSchool graduate, and Chrysovalantis Stamelos, a 2003 Newhouse graduate, are screening their documentary feature film, Hello Anatolia. Pizza will be served, and Chaudhari and Stamelos will discuss their career paths.

**About the Film:**

In 2010, Chrysovalantis Stamelos moved to Turkey. His family and friends thought he was crazy. His response - "maybe I was." But he could not shake the stories he had heard growing up of old Smyrna and Asia Minor. Hello Anatolia (Crescent Street Films) tells the story of a young Greek American filmmaker who embarks on the journey of his life to Izmir (Smyrna), Turkey to trace the foot-steps of his great grandparents in their native land. In his effort to strengthen his own connection to his cultural heritage, he becomes a bridge builder of two cultures - and two peoples - who share a lot more than they have that divides them.



**Landscape of Urban Education Lecture:  
*Youth held at the border:  
Immigration and the politics of inclusion*  
Watson Theater  
October 14, 5:30-7:00pm**

Lisa Patel will discuss how immigrant youth are included in, and excluded from, various sectors of American society, including education. Instead of the land of opportunity, immigrant youth often encounter myriad new borders long after their physical

journey to the United States is over. She will share case studies of immigrant youth, from secondary school and beyond, analysis of how immigration law, education, and health intertwine to shape possible life pathways, descriptions of educational practices that both support and disempower newcomer immigrant students, recommendations for interrupting day-to-day practices that privilege some, and disadvantage others.



Lisa (Leigh) Patel Stevens is author of *Youth Held at the Border: Immigration, Education, and the Politics of Inclusion* and associate professor at the Lynch School of Education at Boston College.

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### **Thanksgiving Break Buses to Major Cities**

This semester, the Syracuse University Student Association will be providing round-trip buses for Thanksgiving/Fall Break. Buses will serve major Northeastern cities: New York City, Philadelphia, Boston, New Jersey and Washington, D.C.

The price of this round-trip service is \$99. Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis and are on sale now at the Schine Box Office.

Buses will depart the Schine Student Center at 5pm on both Thursday, November 21 and Friday, November 22. All buses will return to campus via the designated locations at 10am on Sunday, December 1.

For more information and a complete schedule, click [here](#).



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## **Cultural and Community Events**

### **Syracuse Fashion Weekend The OnCenter October 11, 7-9pm**

Syracuse Fashion Weekend is a collaboration of fashion professionals from all over the world bringing their talent together to Central New York for the benefit of a charitable cause as well as for the encouragement of tomorrow's fashion geniuses. The show is a unique, high-class event for the upstate region, giving the public an opportunity to experience the best of the fashion industry without needing to travel far.

The show will take place at The Oncenter Convention Center on Friday, October 11th, 2013. This year, your attendance will be

helping to foster development of the next-generation of fashion artists, and also benefit The [Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital](#) at Upstate Medical University as we are donating a portion of the show's proceeds to this charity.

For more information and to purchase tickets to the event, please visit the [official website](#).



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### **Hack Upstate The Technology Garden October 12-13**

Hack Upstate is a weekend hackathon that happens twice a year (Fall & Spring) where developers, innovators and designers from Upstate New York come together in Syracuse, NY, share ideas, form teams and build awesome products!

Hack Upstate intends to unite and facilitate collaboration among the greater Upstate New York hacker community. In doing so, it aims to contribute to the growth of Upstate New York's technology sector, and to create a robust network of technologists and regional technology companies.

Food and beverages will be provided to participants throughout the entire event and prizes will be awarded. For more information visit [www.hackupstate.com](http://www.hackupstate.com).



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### **LaFayette Apple Festival October 12-13**

The LaFayette area has long been recognized as one of the primary apple producing regions of Upstate New York. Its rural atmosphere, rolling hills and beautiful fall foliage make LaFayette a wonderful setting for one of the northeast's premier arts and crafts shows.

Celebrating its 40th year, this outstanding annual family event features over 500 high quality crafters exhibiting unique and diverse products as well as a carnival atmosphere. The LaFayette Apple Festival includes great rides and games that will delight children of all ages. Lots of yummy food including



apple fritters, pies & so much more!!

For more information and directions, please visit [www.lafayetteapplefest.org](http://www.lafayetteapplefest.org).

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## Quotes to keep you thinking

- "We can not change our past. We can not change the fact that people act in a certain way. We can not change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude." – **Charles R. Swindoll**
- "Electric communication will never be a substitute for the face of someone who with their soul encourages another person to be brave and true." – **Charles Dickens**
- "Two prisoners whose cells adjoin communicate with each other by knocking on the wall. The wall is the thing which separates them but is also their means of communication. It is the same with us and God. Every separation is a link." – **Simone Weil**
- "Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years. We grow old by deserting our ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul." – **Samuel Ullman**

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