



## Events at the Slutzker Center for International Services

### 25th Anniversary of ECG

Congratulations to Riet DeKleermaeker on the 25th Anniversary of the most successful English Conversation Group program on a university campus! On Friday, 4/26/2013, Syracuse University is celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the English Conversation Group program, which was created and continuously run by Riet DeKleermaeker for 25 years. Students, scholars, and dependents of both student and scholars have enjoyed practicing their spoken English language skills, and learned about American culture, from English speakers within the context of a supportive, friendly environment of the Slutzker Center. Conversation group leaders come from all walks of life: fellow students (especially those who have studied abroad and want to keep their international spirit alive when they return to campus), staff of the University, and community members have all spent years leading one or two hour groups each week during the academic year. A few groups even continue into the summer months!

**This Friday, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Goldstein Alumni and Faculty Center**, a wonderful celebration of this program will be hosted by the Slutzker Center. Former and current leaders and group members will gather to remember the good times, honor the group leaders (some from as many as 10 years ago!) and even SKYPE with a former ECG member who has returned to China after completing his degree. His ECG leader, Paul Barfoot, communicates via SKYPE every week with his former student, and that will be a highlight of the celebration this Friday!

Any current or former ECG members are most welcome to attend! Please send in your reservation TODAY to [lescis@syr.edu](mailto:lescis@syr.edu). Join the celebration!

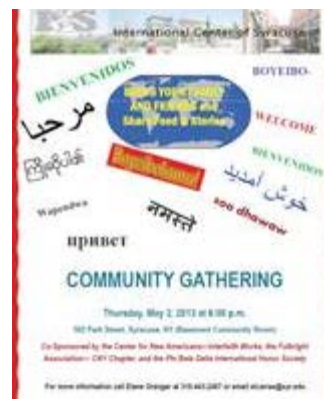


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### Community Gathering May 2, 6-8pm

Meet and greet American and Refugee community members. This event is co-sponsored by ICS, the Center for New Americans, Phi Beta Delta, the Fulbright Association, and Syracuse University.

The event will be held this Thursday, May 2, 2013 from 6-8pm at 501 Park Street, Syracuse, NY. For transportation and questions contact Elane Granger at [elcarras@syrr.edu](mailto:elcarras@syrr.edu).



## Last Mix It Up for the Spring Semester April 26, 5pm

End of semester event featuring guests from the Office of Multicultural Affairs. Food, fun, and lots of stories to share together!

The last session will be held today, April 26 at 5pm in Schine Student Center, Room 304. Students of all backgrounds are welcome.



## Peer Assistants Needed

The Slutzker Center for International Services is currently accepting Peer Assistant volunteer applications for Summer and Fall 2013. As a volunteer Peer Assistant, you will help new international students with the initial clearance process, answer questions about housing, and help students adjust to the college environment and life in the Syracuse community.

If you are interested in becoming a Peer Assistant, please complete the application form and email it to [lescis@syrr.edu](mailto:lescis@syrr.edu). If you have additional questions regarding the program, please contact Xiao Yu at [xyu25@syrr.edu](mailto:xyu25@syrr.edu).



## I-94 Going Paperless

On April 30th, Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) will begin implementation of a new automated I-94 system. Over the following month, they will convert all air and sea ports. Non-immigrant students entering the U.S. by air or sea will no longer be issued a paper I-94 card, but will instead be handed a flier with information on how to access their I-94 information electronically via the web at [www.cbp.gov/I-94](http://www.cbp.gov/I-94). This site will not go active until April 30th.

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17. Country of Citizenship	

Individuals who enter through land border ports of entry will continue to receive paper I-94 cards. For more information, please refer to the [CBP website](#).

### Need help with writing your final paper?

A reputable editor has asked us to list her services on [our website](#). When you visit her website, you will find rates and time schedules for her work. This is an additional support for you as you complete your semester, or as you prepare for next fall. The Writing Center and Tutoring Center are also good academic supports on campus for you to utilize as you pursue academic excellence! And, if in doubt about how to use citations from other sources, please visit the Academic Integrity Office in Bird Library to better understand what is an acceptable practice in the U.S. as you write your final papers!



### Alumni Connection Vikram Dadwal

Vikram Dadwal came to Syracuse University in 2006 from his home country of India. He graduated in 2008 with an MS in Computer Engineering and now resides in Phoenix, Arizona where he works as a Component Design Engineer for Intel.

“My advice would be to take time do the research on what interests you and how you can utilize the graduate program to reach your goals. Think what you want to do 5 years down the road. Talk to your seniors and consult your professors and alumni since they have already walked the path that you want to walk. Join groups and associations of your interest and connect with like-minded people. Syracuse University’s deep alumni base stretches across various sectors in different fields. So, use it and connect with alums.”

Read his full story and view his contact information on the [SCIS alumni page](#).



### Picture of the Week

This week’s featured “Picture of the Week” is a pic taken by **Jingzhou Fan**. She is a graduate student at Newhouse School of Public Relations. Her picture was taken in China in the summer of 2010 when Jingzhou went to Yangshuo, Guangxi Province with her parents.



For the chance to have your picture featured as Picture of the Week, please send it via email to [lescisc@syr.edu](mailto:lescisc@syr.edu) with the subject line of "Picture of the Week."

## Events at Syracuse University

### **Engaging North Korea: The Role of Trust**

**April 26th from 12-1pm**

As North Korea's increasingly strident rhetoric has been matched by South Korea and the U.S. in recent weeks, the mistrust among all parties is glaring. What can be done? Some say "just ignore North Korea" while others call for more crippling sanctions or regime change. Our speakers are in the forefront of those committed to engagement with North Korea. Their stories will illustrate the feasibility of not just deescalating the current tensions, but also of building relationships based on trust that may ultimately be the truest guarantor of peace and prosperity on the Korean Peninsula.

The event will be held on Friday, April 26, 2013 from 12pm-1pm in 220, Eggers Hall. Lunch will be served. For more information, visit the [official site](#).



### **Horace G. Campbell on "Europe and the Price of Intervention in Libya"**

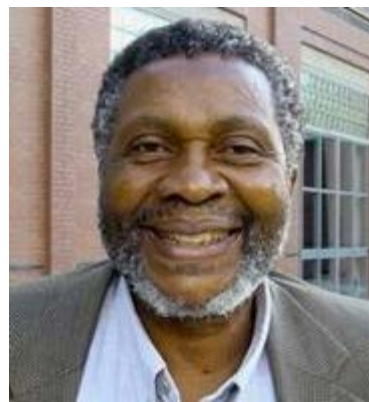
**April 29, 12pm**

Horace Campbell holds a joint Professorship in the Department of



African American Studies and Department of Political Science, Maxwell School, Syracuse University. The talk will be based on his new book *Global NATO and the Catastrophic Failure in Libya* (Monthly Review Press, 2013).

This event will be held in 341 Eggers Hall on April 29, 2013 at 12pm. For more information visit the [official site](#).



## Recreational Events

### Warrior Run At Labrador Mountain

April 27

Think you have what it takes to be a Warrior? This race is about having fun while challenging yourself in a test of strength and endurance. The most important thing to do in a Warrior Run is HAVE FUN! Laugh incredibly hard, work your body hard and celebrate at the end of a tough and extreme but friendly competition.

Advanced Registration is required. To register and pay online visit [Recreation Services](#). The cost is \$35 with a Syracuse University ID. The bus departs SU's College Place at 10am and the race begins at noon.

For additional informational, please contact [Scott Catucci](#).



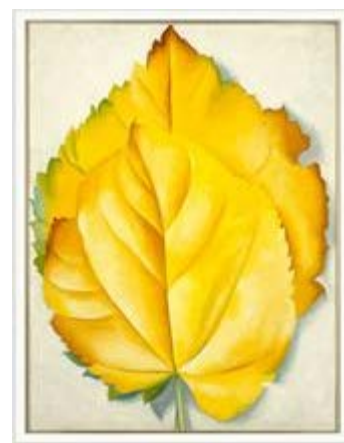
## Arts and Community Events

### American Moderns, 1910-1960: O'Keeffe to Rockwell

February 15 - May 2, 2013

Organized by the Brooklyn Museum, the exhibition *American Moderns, 1910-1960: O'Keeffe to Rockwell*, explores a wide variety of American art from the first half of the twentieth century. From abstraction and cityscapes to realism and nature, these works selected from the Brooklyn Museum's permanent collection offer a new perspective on American modern art.

From Friday, February 15, 2013 through Thursday, May 2, 2013 the exhibit repeats every Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. For details on admission and specific times see the [official website](#).



## Karaoke at "The Taste"

May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013

The Taste is sponsoring the Biggest Karaoke contest in a long time. Bring in your group (at least 7 additional people), sing 2 songs, be one of the top 2 singers voted that night by our judges, to qualify for our final week competition. The Grand Prize winner will receive: Notoriety as being the best in downtown, a trophy, an office party for up to 30 people including food and there first 2 drinks free (approx. value \$500.00) and \$100.00 in cash. Do you have what it takes?

Karaoke hours are scheduled for 6pm-12 midnight every Wednesday. Competitions end on May 1, 2013. Finals will be held on May 8, 2013 at 7pm. For more information see the [official website](#).



## Trending News and Sports

### **SU expands insurance coverage to cover cost of transition-related services for transgender faculty,staff**

Syracuse University has joined a growing list of colleges that cover the cost of transition-related services for transgender faculty and staff members under insurance policies.

The participating colleges, which include Harvard, American and Yale universities, have reported that after the benefits are applied, there is little to no additional cost for transitional services, according to the Transgender Law and Policy Institute. Read the full story on [DailyOrange](#).

### **Seventh Annual 'Cuse Awards to be Held**

April 29th

The Orange men's and women's teams have taken Syracuse Athletics to new heights in 2012-13 and it's time to celebrate their achievements! The student-athletes, coaches and staff will gather for the seventh annual 'Cuse Awards.

On Monday, April 29 at the Goldstein Auditorium in the Schine Student Center on the SU campus. The awards show will begin at 8 p.m. and will be televised by Time Warner Sports Cable. Read the full story on [SUAthletics](#).



### **Men's Soccer: Bono Tabbed One Of the Top GKS for 2013**

Syracuse University men's soccer goalie Alex Bono has been named one of the top 10 goalkeepers for 2013 by [TopDrawerSoccer.com](#). A rising sophomore, Bono earned freshman All-America honors from Soccer America, College



Soccer News and TopDrawerSoccer.com following a stellar 2012 campaign. Read the full story on [SU Athletics](#).

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## Quotes to keep you thinking

- “Homo sapiens is the species that invents symbols in which to invest passion and authority, then forgets that symbols are inventions.” – **Joyce Carol Oates**
- “Our house is made of glass... and our lives are made of glass; and there is nothing we can do to protect ourselves.” – **Joyce Carol Oates**
- “Happiness is an attitude of mind, born of the simple determination to be happy under all outward circumstances.” – **J. Donald Walters**
- “Perseverance is more prevailing than violence; and many things which cannot be overcome when they are together, yield themselves up when taken little by little.” – **Plutarch Quotes**

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