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Immigration News and Events

Universities that Attract the Most International Students

U.S. News & World Report has released a list of the U.S. universities with the highest percentage of degree-seeking undergraduate international students in the student body in 2012-13. International students accounted for an average of 21 percent of the enrollments of the top 10 schools.

The New School is one of many institutions that regularly have among the highest percentage of international students. Others include the Florida Institute of Technology, which increased its percentage of international students in fall of 2012 to 28 percent, and University at Buffalo--SUNY, where 16 percent of the 19,505 undergraduate candidates were international. Almost every school in the list of institutions with the most international students saw an increase of that student population.

Read the [Full Article](#).



U.S. News & WORLD REPORT

Help Improve the International Student Experience

Want to improve the experiences of undergraduate international students in the U.S.? Participate today in a national research project

conducted by World Education Services (WES), a non-profit organization, on behalf of NAFSA, a professional association of international educators.

If you are currently enrolled in a full-time undergraduate program in the U.S. and are an international student (on a visa) over the age of 18, please take this [anonymous survey](#). It should only take about 15 minutes and the deadline is February 28th, so don't wait.

This survey will have an important impact on how colleges and universities provide services to international students so please, let your voice be heard!



Slutzker Center News and Events

Traveling Over Spring Break?

Will you be traveling over Spring Break? If so, you should check page 3 of your I-20 document to see if you still have a valid travel signature. The signature is good for one year from the day it was signed.

If you need a travel signature and you haven't been to a Travel Seminar yet, we will be holding two seminars at the Slutzker Center next week:

Monday, March 3 at 5pm

Wednesday, March 5 at 1:30pm

In order to receive a signature during the seminar, you must bring the following with you: original I-20, original passport, I-94 printout/card, and proof of health insurance for at least 6 months into the future.

Students who have already attended a Travel Seminar may come to the Slutzker Center during walk-in hours (M-F, 11-3) to request a travel signature. Please bring the above listed documents with you.



Tax Seminar

Watson Theatre
February 28, 1-4pm

Need help with your taxes? The Slutzker Center will hold a tax

seminar for international students and scholars who are considered non-residents for tax filing purposes.

There will be representatives from both the Federal and State giving the seminar and they will address any questions you may have after the presentation.

Documents to bring with you to the seminar:

1. W-2 form from your MySlice.
2. W-2 form received from any other employer if you worked elsewhere in 2013 (i.e. curricular practical training)
3. Form 1040NR-EZ
4. Form IT-203 and IT-203B
5. Or bring your laptop with electronic versions of the above forms

If you have not already, you should [request access](#) to GLACIER tax prep for completing your federal return. Access requests completed by Thursday evening should be processed in time for the seminar on Friday.



Submit Your Video Clip!

Have a "Travel" story you would like to share? Want to be famous? The Slutzker Center is creating a new on-line travel seminar (to replace the sessions we currently offer in the Slutzker Center). We will post this on blackboard, and students will be required to complete the seminar prior to obtaining a travel signature once a year.

To make the seminar more interesting, we would like to include YOUR stories in video format. Please make a short (1 minute) video of you, telling your story (good or bad!), and we might include it in the eSeminar!

Send it to lescis@syr.edu from your iPhone or iPad by March 5 if you want it to be considered for inclusion!



Helpful Hints from SCIS: Don't File without Form 1042-S

If you are an international student or scholar and the recipient of a US-sourced scholarship or fellowship, you should not file your income tax return until you have received Form 1042-S.

If your scholarship or fellowship came from Syracuse University, then the Payroll Office will mail Form 1042-S to the current address listed on your MySlice account. You may not receive the form until as late as mid-March.

Do not file your tax return until you have received your 1042-S. It is an essential part of your income tax filing.

Helpful Hint of the Week

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. Maybe your question will be featured in next week's issue!

Picture of the Week

This photo was taken by Hrishikesh Deshkar, a second year graduate student at the iSchool. Hrishi thought this picture was appropriate, given the recent weather conditions in Syracuse. While walking towards the College of Law, he noticed these red berries covered in snow. Although the snow was melting, these little bunches managed to pose for his camera.



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!

Study Abroad Day 2014

Schine 304ABC
February 27, 3-6pm

Are you interested in studying abroad but not quite sure when or where you would like to go? Not sure if semester, short-term, or summer is right for you? Check out Study Abroad Day this Thursday!

Come discover the many study abroad opportunities available through SU Abroad. Meet with admissions counselors, speak with representatives from our partners in study abroad and have coffee with students who have been abroad with SU.

Representatives will be there from Bard Abroad, Tel Aviv University, Danish Institute for Study Abroad, SEA Semester, the University of Queensland, Augsburg College, Fordham University, CET, and SIT Study Abroad!

For more information, visit subroad.syr.edu.

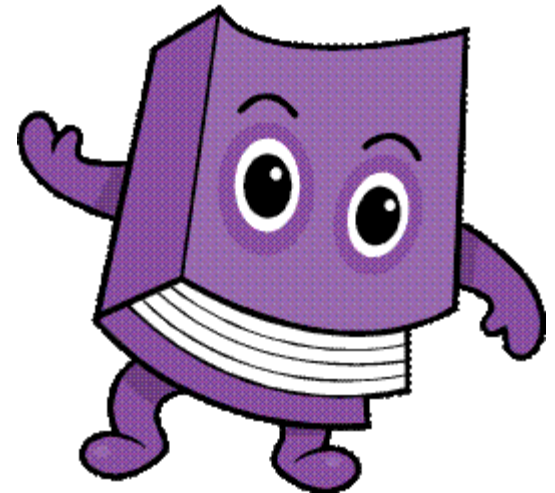


Do You Have a Story to Tell? Be a Human Book!

The Syracuse University Libraries are currently looking for volunteers to serve as “human books” during the first Human Library event on Wednesday, April 9th, from 3pm–6pm at Bird Library.

They are currently looking for faculty, staff, or graduate students to serve as human books. As a human book volunteer, you would be available for a minimum of one hour during the event. If someone “borrows” you, you would have a conversation with your “reader” (lasting up to 20 minutes) about your area of expertise or experiences. Light refreshments will be provided for human book volunteers.

If you would like to be a “human book”, please complete the online [Registration Form](#) by **February 28**.



Game Quest 2014

Hinds Hall, Level 0
March 1, 6-10pm

The Nanhi Kali Syracuse Chapter and iSGO will be hosting this event, which will include games like: *Counter Strike 1.6*, *FIFA 2013*, *Mortal Kombat*, *Jenga*, *Scrabble*, *Taboo*, *Blind typing*, and *Pictionary*.

Come take a break from all your hard work and studying, and be a part of this gaming extravaganza. Lots of prizes to be won and of course, lots of fun to be had with all your friends, and all for a great cause! Your entire \$5 entry fee will go towards Nanhi Kali. When they collect an amount of \$60, they send one girl child to school for an entire year.

For more information visit the [Facebook](#) event page or contact Amit Gupta (315-378-9676), Punit Jain (315-751-7695).

If you wish to learn more about Nanhi Kali or wish to join the



organization as a volunteer, please contact us at nksyrhelp@gmail.com.

Inclusion of People with Disabilities Around the Globe
Panel Discussion with Judy Heumann
101 MacNaughton Hall
March 5, 5-6:30pm

Judith E. Heumann, special advisor for International Disability Rights, U.S. Department of State, will participate in panel discussion with members of the SU community about the development of disability rights internationally.

The panel, "Inclusion of People with Disabilities Around the Globe: Through Law and Education," includes Acting Dean Joanna Masingila, Professor Alan Foley and Ph.D. students Brent Elder and Michelle Damiani from the SOE; Prof. Steve Kuusisto, director of the Renee Crown Honors Program; COL OSF's LLM Disability Law Fellows Inaki Regueiro and William Oluchina; and Professor Arlene Kanter, who will moderate the panel. Dean Hannah Arterian will introduce the event.

CART and sign language interpreting will be provided, courtesy of the Office of Disability Services.

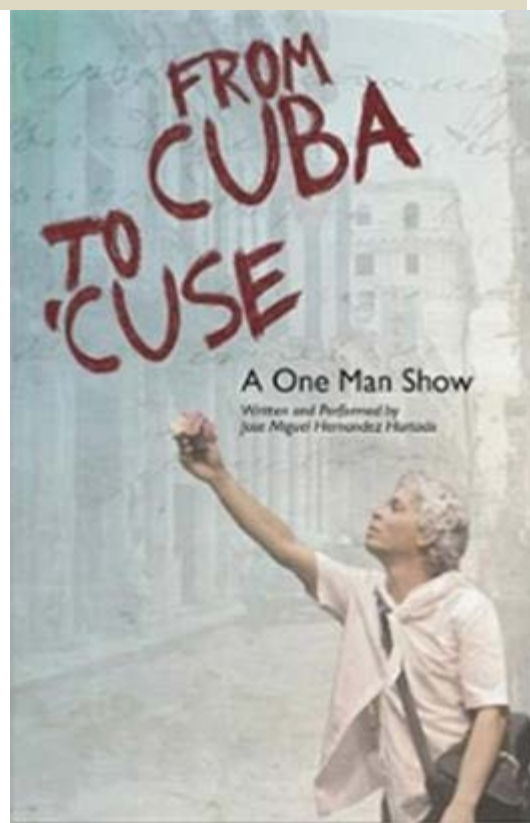


From Cuba to 'Cuse
Gifford Auditorium, HBC
March 5, 7:30-8:30pm

This exciting cultural event will offer the SU community the opportunity to attend a live performance in Spanish on the Syracuse University campus. "From Cuba to the 'Cuse", written and produced by Jose Miguel Hernandez, director of the Joven Guardia del Teatro Latino of the Spanish Action League, traces the story of his life over a 20-year period. Through a series of vignettes and memoirs, we follow his journey from Cuba, where he was born and raised by his grandmother during the Cuban Revolution, to a new life in Syracuse.

The play is both a comedic and dramatic representation of his experiences. Touching on themes of immigration, gender identity, freedom and culture, the event will provide rich material for classroom discussion and writing projects.

The event will be followed by a dessert reception. All are welcome! For more information, visit the [LLL Program website](#).



Cultural and Community Events

Chinglish
Syracuse Stage
February 26 – March 16

A hilarious new comedy about the misadventures of

miscommunication. An American businessman arrives in a bustling Chinese province looking to score a lucrative contract, but the deal isn't the only thing lost in translation as he tangles with a government official, a bumbling consultant, and a suspiciously sexy bureaucrat. Time magazine named Chinglish one of the best plays of 2011.

David Henry Hwang won three Obies and the Tony Award for Best Play with popular scripts like M. Butterfly and FOB. May Adrales recently directed Hwang's The Dance and the Railroad at NYC's Signature Theatre Company followed by a run at the Wuzhen International Theatre Festival in China.

For showtimes and to purchase tickets, visit [Syracuse Stage](#).



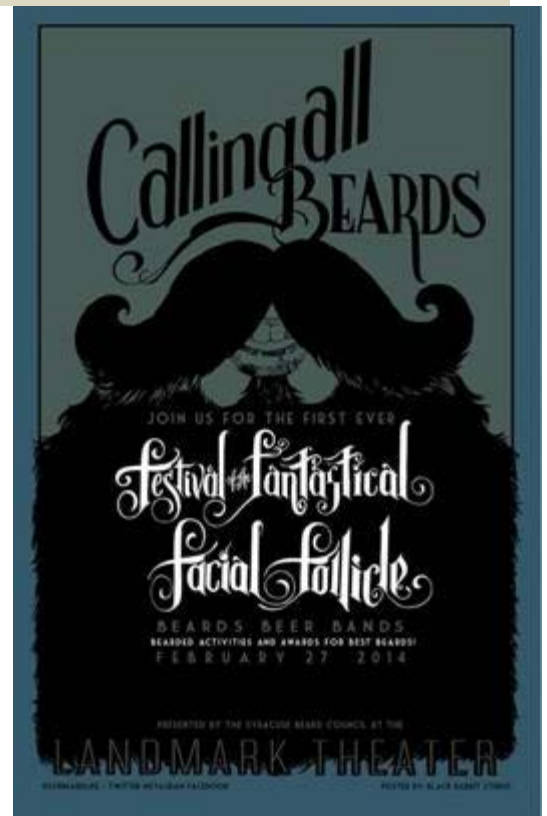
Festival of the Fantastical Facial Follicle

Landmark Theatre
February 27, 6-9pm

Calling all Beards! The Syracuse Beard Council hosts the first "Festival of the Fantastical Facial Follicle" on Thursday, February 27th from 6:00pm - 9:00pm at the majestic Landmark Theater in Syracuse, N.Y. There is a \$5 suggested donation. All donations will be collected at the door on the night of the event.

Festivities include beard related events and activities, games and prizes and an Awards Ceremony to honor the best beards (and Fantastical Facial Follicles) of Central New York.

The [Syracuse Beard Council](#) is a collective that promotes the many debonair, distinguished and delightful beards of Syracuse, New York. For more information on this event visit the [Landmark Theatre](#) or email SYRbeardcouncil@gmail.com.



Michael Jordan to the Max
The MOST
Every Saturday in March, 5pm

In this IMAX movie -- just in time for March Madness -- witness the life of Michael Jordan, arguably one of the greatest athletes of the 20th century. This film captures many aspects of the athlete, from the final championship with the Chicago Bulls to his basketball camp for kids run.

Experience the excitement of this basketball giant and see what makes him a role model. Cost: For members, \$6.50 for adults, \$5.50 for children 2-17 and seniors age 65 and up. For nonmembers, \$10 for adults, \$8 for children 2-11 or seniors age 65 and up. (315) 425-9068.



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Quotes to keep you thinking

- **"Find a place inside where there's joy, and the joy will burn out the pain."** - Joseph Campbell
- **"I hated every minute of training, but I said, 'Don't quit. Suffer now and live the rest of your life as a champion.'"** - Muhammad Ali
- **"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."** - Milton Berle
- **"There is nothing stronger in the world than gentleness."** - Han Suyin

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