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Slutzker Center News & Events

Late Orientation Friday, January 17

Late Orientation will be held on Friday, January 17, from 4 to 7 p.m. in Watson Theatre for those new students who missed orientation on January 10. Important information about immigration, cultural adaptation, safety and programs will be shared by Slutzker Center staff and other professionals from the Syracuse University staff. Orientation is REQUIRED for all new students. Plan to attend if you missed out on January 10. Please contact the Slutzker Center if you have any questions: lescis@syr.edu.



Welcome New Students!

As we begin a new year, and a new academic semester, we welcome 188 new students from many different parts of the world! We want you to know that you have joined a vibrant community of undergraduate, graduate, non-degree students, visiting scholars, faculty, staff and researchers from about 125 countries. The staff of the Slutzker Center extends our very best wishes to all of you, and invites you to visit us often! We have walk-in hours daily from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and you may also schedule an appointment with an undergraduate or graduate adviser if you would like more concentrated time during your visit. The television will usually be tuned to world news; the iLab is available from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, and we will be publishing a schedule for watching the Winter



Olympics in February!!!

We hope that the staff, the seminars, the warmth and the programs of the Slutzker Center will become an important part of your adjustment to life in Syracuse. Hope to see you at Mix-It-Up, at an English Conversation Group, or at an event of the Connections Program (for first year and transfer students). Have a successful semester, be prepared for the snow which will be coming soon, and a great year ahead!

With our best wishes, Dr. Patricia A. Burak, Director, on behalf of the Staff of the Slutzker Center for International Services

Chancellor Syverud visits the Slutzker Center on His First Day

Part of the Chancellor's busy first day was spent at the Slutzker Center for International Services.

Chancellor Syverud arrived shortly after 1pm on Monday where he was greeted by SCIS Director, Pat Burak. Dr. Burak led the Chancellor through a tour of the building, along the way, introducing him to several international students and members of the SCIS staff.

Everyone enjoyed the brief visit with the Chancellor and his wife, Dr. Ruth Chen, and would love to see them return for future visits.



Helpful Hints from SCIS: Off-Campus Work (even unpaid) Requires CPT

Are you looking to get an internship this Spring or Summer? If so, you will need to apply for CPT after you get your offer letter, but before you begin working. International F-1 students must receive prior authorization before working at any off-campus location.

CPT (Curricular Practical Training) is designed to provide F-1 students an opportunity to participate in an internship or practicum experience within their field of study. Even if the internship is unpaid, an F-1 student must have received CPT authorization from the Slutzker Center before beginning work.

For more information on CPT, come to one of our CPT seminars held the first and third Wednesday and second Friday of each month at 3pm at the Slutzker Center. You can also visit the CPT section of our website.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day January 20

Syracuse University, including the Slutzker Center will be closed on Monday, January 20^{th} in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

A famous leader of the African-American Civil Rights Movement, Martin Luther King, Jr. is known for his eloquent speeches and nonviolent protest methods. King gave his most famous *I Have a Dream* speech in 1963, during the historic March on Washington, in which over 200,000 people stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. to listen.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was the youngest man ever to win the Nobel Peace Prize, awarded to him in October 1964 for his dedication to nonviolence in the face of inequallity. Less than four years later, he was assassinated in Memphis, Tennesse as he stood outside his motel room.

The Syracuse University and greater Syracuse communities will come together on Sunday, Jan. 19, to celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. with a dinner and performances. For more information on this event, click here.



Picture of the Week

Calling all film students, amateur photographers, or anyone else with a smartphone..! SCIS News would like to feature your picture in our next newsletter.

We are looking for photos from all over the world, wherever your travels may have taken you. Last semester, we featured pictures from China, India, Taiwan, Singapore, the Carribean, New York City, and some from right here on campus.

To enter the contest, send you photo(s) via email to lescis@syr.edu with the subject line of "Picture of the Week." Good luck!



Lost & Found

With all the hustle and bustle before school began on Monday, many students were in such a hurry that they left some of their personal items at the Slutzker Center by mistake.

If you have recently lost something, and think you may have left it at the Slutzker Center, please stop by or email lescis@syr.edu with your name, SUID, and a detailed description of the item.

Some of the items left behind have been hats, gloves, glasses, keys, and a water bottle.



Domestic Vicissitudes by Analia Segal Point of Contact Gallery January 16, 6-8pm

The opening reception of "Domestic Vicissitudes" by Analia Segal will be held during Th3 (The Third Thursday) on January 16th. Comprised of both a site-specific installation and large scale video projection, this exhibition navigates the porous boundaries between art, design and architecture intertwining the conceptual, aesthetic and functional nature of the objects that compose the everyday scenarios we live in. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Analia was born in Rosario, Argentina, but has lived and worked in New York since 1999. Analia says that, "living in the United States has been a catalyst for my work, influencing and triggering the longing to explore the meaning of 'home', the exchange that takes place while inhabiting an interior space and the intricacies and complexity of citizenry."

For more information about this event, visit <u>Point of Contact</u>. For more information about the artist, visit <u>www.analiasegal.com</u>.



Start the New Year Off Right with Meditation Mondays Hendricks Chapel January 20, 12-1pm

Explore the benefits of meditation. Meditation Monday offers meditation instruction and practice to the SU community. This program emphasizes the health benefits of regular meditation. All skill levels are welcome. This mindfulness practice can help improve attention and focus, reduce stress and promote relaxation.

You can also visit http://healthymonday.syr.edu/ for more information on the Healthy Mondays initiative and to sign up for their weekly newsletter.

Ride the Bobsled and Skeleton Lake Placid Daytrip February 8, 6:45am-11pm

There are limited spaces available for this trip, so register and pay online today at http://recreationservices.syr.edu/recstore. The fee is only \$55 for SU studens and includes:

- A ride on the Bobsled and the Skeleton
- Gondola ride to the top of Whiteface Mountain
- Entrance to the Olympic Ski Jumping Complex
- Entrance to 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympic Museum
- Roundtrip Transportation (Luxury Motor Coach)





- Free time in Lake Placid
- Boxed Lunch

For more information about this event, contact Scott Catucci at sacatucc@syr.edu. This program is funded in part by the SU Undergraduate Co-Curricular Fee and the Graduate Student Organization.

Cultural and Community Events

Irving Berlin's *Top Hat*ArtRage January 17, 7-9pm

The weather outside may be frightful but inside ArtRage it's delightful.

Discover, or rediscover, Astaire and Rogers! They tap-danced their way through the Great Depression in ten delightful films that brightened the spirits of a weary nation and elevated the film musical, and ballroom dancing, to an art form. In their usual mistaken identity plot American hoofer Fred pursues Ginger through the halls of London society. Yet TOP HAT "does not glorify wealth of upper class — if anything it pokes fun at it," (Cinematic Reflections).

Super footwork and snazzy Art Deco sets and costumes are enhanced by sparkling b&w camerawork and 11 lilting Irving Berlin tunes from the sophisticated "Top Hat, White Tie and Tails" to ecstatic "Cheek to Cheek".

\$5 Suggested Donation. The film's running time is 101 minutes. For more information about this event, visit ArtRage.



Free Monday Night Ice Skating Clinton Square January 20 & 27, 5-8pm

If you still haven't had the chance to ice skate with friends or family at Clinton Square, the next few Mondays will be the cheapest nights to go.

The admission fees for the Clinton Square ice rink will be waived on both January 20th and 27th. Skate rental is still \$3, so bring your own skates, if you have them. The rink will close for the season on March 11th.

For more information and to read the full article, visit



Snow Leopard Days Half-Price Admission Rosamond Gifford Zoo January & February, 10am-4:30pm

Zoo goers enjoy half price admission during the months of January and February! Bundle up this winter and visit the animals at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo! Wander the Wildlife Trail during the snowy season and see animals playing in the snow for an incredible experience.

For those who prefer to keep warm, indoor exhibits offer plenty of entertainment. Indoor and outdoor exhibits, an amazing gift shop, tasty meals from the Jungle Café and special events guarantee an entertaining, educational and memorable visit—the best day ever! The zoo is the perfect winter time getaway for families and children, even in the coldest weather!





Important Reminders

Full-Time Course of Study

Meeting Your Health Requirements

HR notice for on-campus employees

Is it your last semester of study?

Transferring from SU to a new U.S. school

Optional Practical Training EAD cards

Address Change Reporting Requirements

Keeping Good Rental Records

Protecting Your Property

US Embassy Announcements

Check your VISA Application Status in India

E-Verify Employers & Federal Contractors List

Copycat "Immigration Help" Sites

CPT/OPT Seminars

Studying Abroad

International Student Arrests & Public Safety

Quotes to keep you thinking

- "Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school." **Albert Einstein**
- "The universe is full of magical things, patiently waiting for our wits to grow sharper." **Eden Phillpotts**
- "A bee is never as busy as it seems; it's just that it can't buzz any slower." Kin Hubbard
- "By hating that person, you have lost something very sweet in yourself." Sri Chinmoy

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