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Immigration News and Events

100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Fund

In partnership with NAFSA: Association of International Educators and Partners of the Americas, Vice President Joe Biden and Secretary of State John Kerry officially launched the 100,000 Strong in the Americas initiative on Friday, January 17, 2014 at the U.S. State Department in Washington, DC.

The goal of 100,000 Strong in the Americas, President Obama's signature education initiative in the Western Hemisphere, is to increase the number of U.S. students studying in Latin America and the Caribbean to 100,000, and the number of Latin American and Caribbean students studying in the United States to 100,000. As President Obama said in a speech in Mexico City last year, "When we study together and we learn together; we work together and we prosper together."

Read the full article at nafsa.org.



ICE Returns "Most Wanted" Stolen Antiquities to India

ICE's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) returned three recovered sculptures, valued at more than \$1.5 million, to the government of India Jan. 14 during a repatriation ceremony at the consulate in New York City. One of the objects – a 350-pound sandstone sculpture stolen from an Indian temple in 2009 – was listed as one of INTERPOL's top 10 most wanted

stolen works of art.

HSI Executive Associate Director James A. Dinkins presented the artifacts to Consul General of India Dnyaneshwar M. Mulay, alongside INTERPOL Washington Director Shawn Bray.

"The excellent international cooperation between the United States and India led to the recovery and return of these priceless antiquities," said Dinkins. "The pilfering of a nation's cultural patrimony cannot and will not be tolerated."

Read the full article at ice.gov.



Slutzker Center News and Events

Mix-It-Up Schine 304 ABC January 24, 5pm

The first Mix-It-Up for Spring 2014 was a successful event with approximately 60 attendees. Keep a good thing going and join us this Friday!

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 and to view the complete Spring schedule, click [here](#).



Tax Preparation

The tax season has begun and the Slutzker Center has some important resources to help you navigate through it successfully.

In Mid-February, you will be able to request access to Glacier Tax Prep. Glacier is an international tax preparation software program which the Slutzker Center provides free of charge to all F-1/J-1 international students and scholars at Syracuse University. Please do not submit a request for access to the program until we have officially announced its availability.

The Slutzker Center will also be hosting a Tax Seminar on Friday, February 28th from 1-4pm in Watson Theatre. Representatives from both the federal and state tax services will be there to answer your questions. Please make sure to save the date.



Helpful Hints from SCIS: Make Sure Your Address is Updated

Federal regulations state that F-1 students must report to their

DSO (Designated School Official/International Student Advisor) any change of address within 10 days of moving. International students at Syracuse University should update the Slutzker Center by logging into their MySlice account and updating the CURRENT address.

If your address is not up-to-date, it may prevent us from registering your SEVIS record for the Spring semester. So please login to your MySlice account today and make sure the CURRENT address listed is where you are currently living. For detailed instructions, click [here](#).

Students on OPT should update their address and employer information within 10 days of any change by submitting the [OPT Students Info Update form](#) found in the Forms section of the SCIS website.

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 Ruitong Zhu, an undergraduate at SU studying international relations, public relations, and political science. She took this picture at Avenida da Ribeira das Naus at the riverside of Tagus in Lisbon, Portugal. River Tagus is the longest river on the Iberian Peninsula. Ruitong says she loves to see sunrises whenever she visits a new place, and she had to wait through two cloudy and rainy mornings before she could catch this amazing sunrise from the beach.



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

Syracuse University Events

Yui Kugimiya Exhibit Opens

Everson Museum of Art
January 23 – February 22

Urban Video Project and Light Work are pleased to announce the exhibition of Yui Kugimiya: Cat Brushing Teeth and other works by Yui Kugimiya.

Kugimiya will present an artist talk on Tuesday, February 4 at 6:30pm in the Everson's Hosmer Auditorium. A reception will follow on the plaza, weather permitting. The talk and reception will be FREE & OPEN to the public.

The artist's work is unique in its use of traditional painting techniques to create quirky stop-motion animations. Kugimiya (born 1981, Tokyo) has been working from her base in Brooklyn since graduating from Yale University in 2007. Kugimiya has exhibited solo within the U.S., Mexico, Europe and Japan and had a well-received solo exhibition at the Everson Museum of Art in November 2010.

Visit the Everson Museum's [Urban Video Project](#) website for more information.



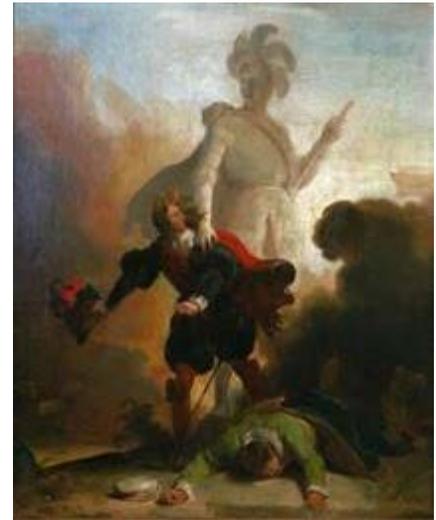
Mozart's Don Giovanni

Setnor Auditorium
January 24 & 25, 8pm

Setnor Opera presents *Don Giovanni*, Mozart's pictorial of the legendary Don Juan story. In this production, the Setnor School of Music brings a contemporary staging and slant to this classic favorite.

Students are free with a valid SUID. For most events, free and accessible concert parking is available on campus in the Q-1 lot, located behind Crouse College. Additional parking is available in Irving Garage. Campus parking availability is subject to change, so please call 315-443-2191 for current information.

For more information, visit ypa.syr.edu.



A Minor History of Non-Reading with Zeynep Çelik Alexander Bird Library, Peter Graham Commons January 30, 5pm

Countless contemporary observers have noted that in the age of digital media, skimming, scanning, browsing, and watching may have rendered close reading obsolete. This paper attempts to understand the epistemological implications of such claims by returning to early-twentieth-century Germany where a peculiar kind of reading, dubbed "non-reading," emerged.

Non-reading was neither illiteracy nor reading in-depth: it was a technique of engaging with a text without using the

hermeneutic practices that had been a crucial part of German education since the early nineteenth century. They included images with strikingly similar formal qualities juxtaposed as example and counter-example so that the non-reader could switch her gaze back and forth between the two images until she could reach the correct judgment.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the [Syracuse Libraries](#) website.



Cultural and Community Events

Collectorsfest 65 Sports Memorabilia, Racing & Toy Collectible Show NYS Fairgrounds, Horticulture Building January 26, 10am-4pm

The LARGEST one-day show in New York State! The shows consist of Sports Memorabilia, Race Memorabilia, Sports and Non-Sports Cards, Autographs, Beanie Babies, Comics, Starting Line Up, Toys, and a whole lot more. There will be 150 tables of all types of collectibles with vendors from all over the Northeast and Canada.

Former SU Basketball player, Eric Devendorf, will be appearing at the show and signing autographs from 11am to 1pm.

Admission is \$4. For more information, please visit nysfair.org.



January JAZZfest Mohegan Manor in Baldwinsville, NY January 26, 1pm

Beat the post-holiday blahs at THE cultural event of the winter!

This full day festival fundraiser for CNY Jazz will turn historic waterfront Baldwinsville into a music Mecca for this community-wide celebration at the fabulous Mohegan Manor.

The finest Jazz, Blues, Latin, BeBop, Funk, Cabaret and more will be featured on four stages starting at 1pm, kicking off a continuous schedule of music that won't end until the 9pm conclusion of our "Celebrity Jam Session."

International trumpet star Joe Magnarelli and incomparable vocalist Nancy Kelly headline!

Cash Bar and menu available throughout entire venue all day. Plus, fine art silent auction and raffles! For a detailed schedule of performances and to purchase tickets, click [here](#).



The Whipping Man
Syracuse Stage
January 29 – February 16

Since opening off-Broadway to critical acclaim and winning the Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Play, *The Whipping Man* has become one of the most produced plays in the country. A mesmerizing drama where secrets are revealed and the plot twists and turns.

Richmond, April, 1865. The Civil War has ended and Caleb DeLeon, a badly wounded Confederate soldier, stumbles into the ruin of what was once his home. His family has fled the City's destruction leaving two former slaves, Simon and John, to wait and watch. Together they care for the wounded Caleb, and having adopted the religion of their former owners, celebrate Passover.

For more information and to purchase tickets online, visit syracusestage.org.



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Quotes to keep you thinking

- "The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why."
– **Mark Twain**
- "Believe you can and you're halfway there." – **Theodore Roosevelt**
- "A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new." – **Albert Einstein**
- "A happy person is not a person in a certain set of circumstances, but rather a person with a certain set of attitudes." – **Hugh Downs**
- "The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up." – **Mark Twain**

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