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Immigration News and Events

More Indian Students Taking the GRE

The number of Graduate Record Examinations taken by students in India increased 70 percent in 2013 from the year before, according to figures released last month. The G.R.E. is the entrance test used by most graduate-school programs in the United States.

The numbers, from the Educational Testing Service, a nonprofit company that administers the G.R.E., suggest that a recent surge in the number of Indian students entering American graduate schools may continue. A report released last fall by the Council of Graduate Schools showed a 40 percent rise in first-time graduate enrollments from India from 2012 to 2013.

[Read Full Article](#)



Welcome to the New CBP.gov

U.S. Customs and Border Protection's website has been completely recreated with one major goal: to provide site users with fast access to the information they seek. We hope you like what you see and will visit often.

Upgrades in search and navigation were two things survey respondents asked for, so the new site has adopted an

innovative search tool that will provide more helpful results.

Another advance is that CBP.gov now is fully optimized for viewing on tablets and smartphones. All users, especially our international visitors, will see improvements in upload times.

Read the [News Release](#).



Securing the Homeland **Exhibit Opens at Crime Museum in DC**

The Crime Museum in Washington, DC unveiled a new exhibit on March 5 entitled "Securing the Homeland – ICE," offering insight into U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and its efforts to promote homeland security and public safety through the enforcement of more than 400 US federal laws governing homeland security, customs, trade and immigration.

The exhibit educates the public on the role and work of ICE. Museum guests will have the opportunity to read about some high profile ICE cases, learn about the impact of counterfeit goods on U.S. security, understand how ICE protects the US and test their knowledge of ICE at the Crime Museum.

Read the [Full Article](#).



Slutzker Center News and Events

There's Still Time Join SCIS at the St. Patrick's Day Parade! Slutzker Center March 15, 12pm

Students who would like to enjoy the fun and excitement of the Syracuse St. Patrick's Day parade, can still join the SCIS group. This is a BIG parade (second largest in the U.S. after NYC!) and lasts about 2 hours. Fun to be had by all!

If you are interested in joining the small group of students who have expressed their interest, you MUST contact Pat Burak at paburak@syr.edu today (Friday 3/14) in order to arrange transportation. You may certainly go downtown and join the crowds of people on S. Salina Street on your own, if you do not go with us. The parade begins at 12 noon and ends by 2 p.m.



International Student Employment in the US

**Panel Discussion
Hall of Languages, Rm 102
March 19, 5-6:30pm**

As part of their ongoing International Graduate Student Workshop Series, the Graduate School will be hosting a panel discussion on International Student Employment in the US.

Are you interested in finding a job and working in the United States after graduation? Would you like to learn tips for applying to jobs in an academic and company setting? Are you interested in learning more about dealing with future employers on immigration issues? Then join us for a panel discussion with a former international student, employers, and an attorney to hear more about their experiences with international student employment in the United States.

Food will be provided for presentation participants!

[Register for this event](#)



**Helpful Hints from SCIS:
Retrieve Your Electronic I-94 After Travel**

Each time that you travel outside of the US and re-enter, you should reprint your electronic I-94 record from the CBP website. With the recent updates to that site, there is now a new web address for the [I-94 Retrieval Page](#).

The I-94 is a record of your admission into the US. Please check the document to make sure that you were admitted in the correct visa status (F-1/J-1) and for the correct amount of time (D/S). Every time you get a new I-94, please send a copy to the Slutzker Center by emailing a pdf or scanned version to lescis@syr.edu so we can add it to your file.

If you have trouble retrieving your electronic I-94, try the [Electronic I-94 Record Retrieval Tips](#) found on the NAFSA 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 week’s photo was taken by Sharareh Pirzadeh, a second year PhD student in the Civil Engineering Department. Sharareh is originally from Iran. She took this photo on the morning of December 17th as she was waiting for the bus on Jamesville Avenue. Though she took this photo in December, it could just as easily have been taken today!



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!

Syracuse University Events

Michael Bühler-Rose: New Geographics
Light Work Art Gallery
March 17 – May 30, 9am-6pm

Light Work presents the exhibition "New Geographics," featuring the work of Michael Bühler-Rose.

Bühler-Rose utilizes photography to unravel our ideas of place, culture, spirituality, exoticism and authenticity. With multiple bodies of work brought together in "New Geographics," Bühler-Rose explores the notion of what he calls a "new geography"—that is, in our rapidly globalizing world, cultures and places are crossing over others right in front of our eyes.

In conjunction with his exhibition, Bühler-Rose will be presenting his video piece "[I'll Worship You, You'll Worship Me](#)" with Urban Video Project (UVP) at the Everson Museum of Art. The exhibition will be on view March 6-22, from dusk-11 p.m.

For further details, please visit [Light Work](#).



MES Presents: Nouri Gana
A History of Cultural Dissent in Tunisia
220 Eggers Hall
March 19, 4-5pm

Nouri Gana, Associate Professor of Comparative Literature &

Near Eastern Languages and Cultures at the University of California, Los Angeles will discuss his paper *Ben Ali, Dégage: A History of Cultural Dissent in Tunisia, 1934-2011*.

Narratives explaining the origins of the Tunisian Revolution have focused heavily on the regime's authoritarianism and socio-economic inequalities. Yet cultural protests in art, literature and cinema contributed to Tunisian critiques of the regime for decades. This talk will begin to address the value of cultural dissent in the long history of Tunisia from colonial to postcolonial times.

Refreshments to follow.



**San Juan River Rafting and Hiking Trip
Sand Island, UT to Phoenix, AZ
May 27 – June 2**

This event is brought to you by Syracuse University Outdoor Education in collaboration with Northern Arizona University Outdoors.

This River Adventure begins at Sand Island, UT and traverses 27 miles of the famous San Juan River. During this adventure you'll run playful white water rapids, explore ancient dwellings and petroglyphs, eat delicious food cooked out of Dutch ovens, and sleep under the stars. If you have a desire to challenge yourself and see some amazing sites while paddling your own inflatable kayak, or simply floating down on one of our guided oar boats, this trip is for you! So come and join us for this amazing River Expedition!

The trip costs \$800 and includes all ground transportation, lodging, food, and equipment. Personal roundtrip airfare to Phoenix, AZ is not included in this price. You are responsible for securing your own airfare to and from Phoenix, AZ.

To request more information, or to reserve a space on this trip, please contact Scott Catucci at 315-443-0290 or sacatucc@syr.edu.



Cultural and Community Events

**Finnegan's Farewell
Landmark Theatre
March 14 - 17**

In the spirit of *Riverdance* and *Tony n' Tina's Wedding*, *FINNEGAN'S FAREWELL* features the best of Irish Dancing, music,

and singing!

Come to an authentic Irish wake and pay your last respects to the dearly departed and beloved U.S. Postal worker, Patrick James Finnegan. Paddy took a day trip to an Atlantic City casino where he won a whopping \$2.2 million at the slots.

Unfortunately, poor Paddy fell off a ladder while painting the house. As Father Seamus presides over the funeral service we are treated to eulogies, sing alongs and a missing corpse!!

For complete listing of showtimes and ticket information, visit the [Landmark Theatre](#).



**It's Maple Syrup Time!
Beaver Lake Nature Center
Weekends in March**

In Central New York, one of the signs of spring is maple syrup time. The Beaver Lake staff has prepared extensive programming centered around the year's "first harvest" including a demonstration sugarbush with six different stations to introduce visitors to the heritage of maple sugaring as well as an opportunity to sample the fruits of photosynthesis. The sugarbush will be open to the public and staffed with knowledgeable interpreters every weekend in March.

In addition, the popular pancake breakfasts will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon each Saturday in March. Depending on the appetite, breakfast costs will range from \$3-\$5 for a meal featuring pancakes, sausage, juice and a hot beverage. Maple goodies such as maple cream, maple candy, sapsuckers and syrup will be available to purchase from the Friends of Beaver Lake.

For further details, visit [Onondaga County Parks](#).



**Call for Art:
ArtRage Juried Show
through May 1st**

ArtRage Gallery is pleased to announce a call to artists for a juried exhibition to be held from September 6 to October 18, 2014. ArtRage exhibits progressive art that inspires resistance and promotes social awareness, supports social justice, challenges preconceptions, and encourages cultural change.

All submissions must relate to the mission statement of the gallery. One artist from those selected for this exhibition will be offered an exhibition for a future date. All entries will also be

reviewed by the staff of Syracuse Cultural Workers for possible publication.

The exhibition is open to all two- and three- dimensional media as well as video. Each artist may submit two entries. There is a \$25 non-refundable entry fee.

For further details and to submit your entry fee online, visit [ArtRage](#).



Important Reminders

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Quotes to keep you thinking

- “Humor is perhaps a sense of intellectual perspective: an awareness that some things are really important, others not; and that the two kinds are most oddly jumbled in everyday affairs.” – **Christopher Morley**
 - “Laws are spider webs through which the big flies pass and the little ones get caught.” – **Honore de Balzac**
 - “When you are content to be simply yourself and don't compare or compete, everybody will respect you.” – **Lao Tzu**
 - “We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time.” – **T. S. Eliot**
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