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Immigration News and Events

China's Ministry of Education Publishes List of Authorized Institutions

The Ministry of Education in China has published a list of over 10,000 authorized foreign educational institutions in a bid to make students more aware of unauthorized overseas universities, as a survey shows wealthy Chinese parents are continuing to invest in overseas education.

The list spans 44 countries. On its website, the Ministry explains that it wants to help Chinese students hoping to study overseas at their own expense as they provide an "important channel for national personnel training".

It addresses three issues which have prompted it to publish the list: the quality of overseas institutions; a "certain blindness" with which students and parents approach study abroad; and unscrupulous consulting agencies.

The Ministry hopes that by enabling students and parents to identify authorized institutions, they will be able to avoid being 'duped' into attending low quality institutions.

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Slutzker Center News and Events

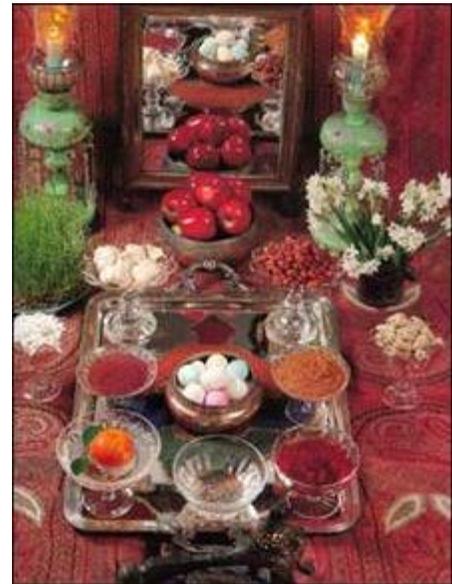
Happy Nowruz!

Persian New Year March 20

The Slutzker Center would like to wish everyone who celebrates Nowruz, a Happy New Year! This day also marks the first day of spring.

Nowruz celebrates renewal and rebirth, symbolized by the coming of spring. It is partly rooted in the Zoroastrian tradition, but is an ancient holiday that was celebrated thousands of years ago. Now, it is also an important Iranian cultural holiday that spans many religious traditions. The word Nowruz is a compound word that blends together the Persian words "now" which means "new," and "roz" which means "day."

A traditional ceremonial table display is set up called the sofreh-ye haft-sinn ("cloth of seven dishes"). The haft-sinn table is set with the Kitab-i-Aqdas, our Holy Book, flowers, a bowl of goldfish, a mirror, candles and painted eggs and seven traditional foods each starting with the letter 's' in Persian. This table remains in the family home for thirteen days after the start of the holiday.



Read the [Full Article](#) from the Huffington Post.

Immigration Status after Practical Training

Crouse Hinds, Rm 010

March 31, 3-5pm

Margaret Catillaz, an immigration attorney from the law firm Harter, Secrest & Emery in Rochester, NY will present on:

- H-1B Temporary Workers
- O-1 Aliens of Extraordinary Ability
- TNs under NAFTA
- Permanent Residence/Green Cards
 - Labor Certification
 - Outstanding Professors/Researchers
 - Extraordinary Ability Aliens
- And more...

This event is sponsored by the Slutzker Center for International Services.



Helpful Hints from SCIS: Will Summer Be Your Last Semester?

The Slutzker Center would like to remind students whose final term will be this Summer 2014 that they must be registered for at least one on-campus course. You can only enroll in an online course during the summer, if you are also enrolled in at least one on-campus course. You must have a physical presence on campus.

Students who will continue their studies in Fall 2014 can enroll in as many online courses as they desire during the summer term.

Helpful Hint of the Week

For more information about registration requirements for international students, please visit the [Full Time Status](#) 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 week's photo was taken by Rouzbeh Berton, a PhD candidate in Civil and Environmental Engineering. This is Rouzbeh's second time winning the SCIS Picture of the Week contest! He took this picture of the Grand Canyon in August 2011, while on a long road trip across the western United States. It was a 3000-mile road trip starting from Davis, CA, all the way down to Vegas, then Arizona, up to Utah, through Nevada, and finally back to Sacramento, CA. Rouzbeh suggests that others "go and discover nature, rather than just visiting metropolitan areas; it will change you and bring you wisdom."



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

National Orange Day!

March 24

It's almost here! You've had the date circled on your calendar, and now National Orange Day—Syracuse University's 144th birthday—is right around the corner! Because 44 is such an important number in Syracuse University history, it is an opportunity to celebrate and share everything we love about SU.

Here's how you can get involved:

- Send your good wishes to SU now by signing our [online birthday card](#).
- On March 24, join us on campus for [special birthday events](#). And follow [#CelebrateSU](#) to watch the celebration throughout Orange Nation!
- Be sure to upload your SU story to YouTube and e-mail the link to socialmedia@syr.edu, so your video can be included on the official [CelebrateSU.syr.edu website](#).
- And finally, give SU a birthday gift to help preserve our traditions and make an investment in the future.



Happy Birthday Syracuse University!

Asfar Mohammad ***History is My Story!***

Women's Devotional Narratives in South Indian Sufism
341 Eggers Hall
March 25, 12:30 - 1:30pm

"For you history is history, for me it's my story and I find relief in telling my own story when I tell this history of pirs," said 75-year old Saidamma. During the month of Muharram, when women devotees hold their own story and dance performances, Saidammanever misses the occasion. She considers that her moment and the entire history of Karbala becomes her autobiography!

This presentation seeks to capture that specific moment of women's story-telling and their interpretations of Islamic history by examining various autobiographical narrative strategies that women story-tellers use in telling stories of martyrs, Sufi saints and local deities.

Afsar Mohammad is a lecturer in the Department of Asian Studies at the University of Texas at Austin. This event is sponsored by the Department of Religion and the South Asia Center at the Moynihan Institute of Global affairs.



Anna Deavere Smith
Snapshots: Portraits of a World in Transition
220 Eggers Hall

March 25, 5pm

Playwright, actor and professor Anna Deavere Smith uses her singular brand of theatre to explore issues of community, character and diversity in America. Newsweek declared her “the most exciting individual in American theatre.”

Smith is perhaps best known as the author and performer of one-woman, multi-character plays that deal with social issues in America. The prestigious MacArthur Foundation awarded Smith the “Genius” Fellowship for creating “a new form of theatre — a blend of theatrical art, social commentary, journalism and intimate reverie.” In 2012, Smith won the Dorothy and Lillian Gish Prize, one of the largest and most prestigious awards in the arts, which recognizes trailblazers who have redefined their art and pushed the boundaries of excellence in their field.

University Lectures is a cross-disciplinary lecture series supported by the generosity of the University’s Trustees, alumni and friends. The lectures are free and open to the public.



Cultural and Community Events

Nikon Small World Exhibit Museum of Science & Technology (MOST) March 7 – June 1

The Nikon International Small World Competition first began in 1975 as a means to recognize and applaud the efforts of those involved with photography through the light microscope. Since then, Small World has become a leading showcase for photomicrographers from the widest array of scientific disciplines. The top winning images will be on display at the MOST every day we are open through June 1.

Small World provides a glimpse into a world that most have never seen. It is a window into a universe that can only be seen through the lens of a microscope. The competition serves as a forum, allowing a display of the beautiful complexity of life and capturing the point where art and science intersect.

For further details, visit [the MOST](#).



Three in Harmony Community Folk Art Center March 8 – May 13th

Three in Harmony is a collection of contemporary pieces that are inspired from the Korean ceramic tradition. Artist Eunjung, Veronica and JeeEun have all taken the traditional Korean sensibility of modest beauty and combined it with their own contemporary consciousness to create uniquely expressive

ceramic works.

Since 1972, the exhibition program has been the cornerstone of CFAC's philosophy and is an illustration of their commitment to celebrate the cultural diversity and creativity of local regional, national and international artists.

For more information, visit the [Community Folk Art Center](#).



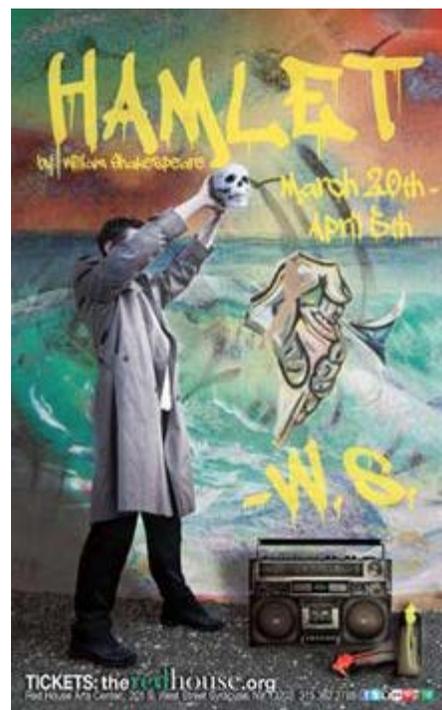
Hamlet
by William Shakespeare
The Redhouse
March 20 - April 5

Get "pretty in pink" to see our Hamlet actors "say anything" in this classic tale with a classic 80's John Hughes twist.

The 1980's were a time of power, greed, corruption and John Hughes films. These movies were filled with classic stock characters; the angsty misunderstood loner, the jock, the damaged waif, the mean girls. All of these characters live within Hamlet.

The arch of Hamlet is the journey of maturing into adulthood; from an emotional kid to a complex and scarred adult. What better world to tell the story of a disenfranchised teen fighting against the system to find himself, and live up to his father's epic expectations? Plus, it lets us have a rocking score.

For a complete list of showtimes and to purchase tickets, please visit [the Redhouse](#).



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Quotes to keep you thinking

- "A fool thinks himself to be wise, but a wise man knows himself to be a fool." – **William Shakespeare**
- "Expect to have hope rekindled. Expect your prayers to be answered in wondrous ways. The dry seasons in life do not last. The spring rains will come again." – **Sarah Ban Breathnach**
- "Obstacles are like wild animals. They are cowards but they will bluff you if they can. If they see you are afraid of them... they are liable to spring upon you; but if you look them squarely in the eye, they will slink out of sight." – **Orison Swett Marden**
- "In times of great stress or adversity, it's always best to keep busy, to plow your anger and your energy into something positive." – **Lee Iacocca**

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