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## Immigration News and Events

### Study Abroad Programs Remove Students from Ukraine

Several U.S. study abroad program providers are removing students from Ukraine as tensions rise in the country, and many universities have canceled upcoming short-term trips, according to *Inside Higher Ed*.

The number of U.S. students studying in Ukraine is small: just 131 students studied there in 2011-12, according to Institute of International Education statistics. But Ukrainian universities host more than 61,000 international students, mostly from Asia and the former Soviet states, according to an article published last spring in the Chinese state publication, *Xinhua*. An article Monday in *The Times of India* noted that there are more than 4,000 Indian students in Ukraine, the majority of whom are studying medicine.

Read the [Full Article](#).



## Slutzker Center News and Events

### Slutzker Center Open During Break

The Slutzker Center will be open during next week's Spring Break. We will continue to hold our regular office hours of Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 5pm.

If you are in town over the break, feel free to stop in to attend a seminar, request CPT/OPT, or for any of your other international student advising needs. Or just stop by to say "hi" and relax by the fireplace or sit and watch tv.

You are always welcome at the Slutzker Center!



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### Connections Program Attends *Chinglish*

SCIS [Connections Program](#) mentors Rachel Augustine and Shan Jiang posed for this photo with Chancellor Kent Syverud during the intermission of *Chinglish* at Syracuse Stage on Wednesday, February 26.

Over thirty mentors and mentees attended *Chinglish* at the Syracuse Stage last Wednesday night along with ten Fulbright students accompanied by Elane Granger of the Slutzker Center.



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### FINAL CALL Connections Program Mentor Applications Due This Friday

The [Connections Program](#) is hiring Mentors for paid positions to help newly-arrived undergraduate international students make a successful transition to SU. If you would like to help new students learn how to connect to other students, faculty and resources on the Syracuse University campus, please apply.

Students who are interested in this intensive support program are encouraged to review the [application materials](#). You must be in Syracuse and able to begin work on Saturday, August 16, 2014. If you are interested and qualified, please submit your application by Friday, March 7, 2014 at 5pm to [lescis@syr.edu](mailto:lescis@syr.edu).

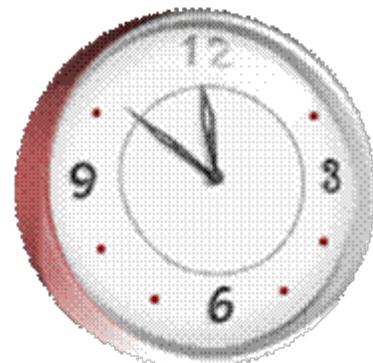


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### Daylight Saving Time Begins March 9, 2am

It's time to lose the extra hour of sleep! Daylight Saving time in the United States is the practice of setting the clock forward by one hour in March and one hour backward in November, so that evenings have more daylight and mornings have less.

We casually call this "Spring forward" and "Fall back". Most cell phones and computers that use WiFi or networks should change automatically. However, plug-in or battery clocks, microwaves and other non-networked devices should be manually adjusted on Saturday night or Sunday morning.



The "Spring Forward" begins on Sunday, March 9th, 2013 at 2 a.m. Remember to set your clocks 1 hour ahead.

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**Join SCIS at the St. Patrick's Day Parade!**  
**Slutzker Center**  
**March 15, 10:30am**

Students who would like to join our group to enjoy the fun and excitement of the Syracuse St. Patrick's Day parade, which is held on Saturday, March 15 (two days before the actual holiday), should let us know. Please send an email to [lescis@syr.edu](mailto:lescis@syr.edu) so that we can plan for transportation.

The parade begins at noon on the streets of downtown Syracuse. There are no costs, but you may want to buy some souvenirs (green scarves, hats, banners) or food (hot dogs, popcorn, beverages....many bars and restaurants are open. Bring your ID to prove that you are over 21, if you want to purchase any alcoholic beverages).

This is a BIG parade (second largest in the U.S. after NYC!) and lasts about 2 hours. We will return to campus after the parade. Fun to be had by all!

Pat Burak, Director

**NOTE:** Our group will gather at the Slutzker Center at 10:30am on Saturday, March 15. We will then take the Connective Corridor bus to the parade, which begins at noon. The parade should end by 2pm, so you can expect to be back to campus by 3pm.



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**Professional Proofreading and Editing Services  
for International Students**

Editor and proofreader Lea Popielinski of Your Words Pop Editing offers services designed to help student authors strengthen their writing and convey their ideas effectively and professionally. International students in particular can benefit from her services, which range from correcting mechanical errors to helping authors revise their words to better express their concepts to an English-speaking audience.

Lea holds a Ph.D. from the Ohio State University in an interdisciplinary (humanities/social sciences) field and accepts clients from all disciplines, including business, science, and technical areas. She adheres to and prioritizes university standards of academic integrity in her work. For more information, including a contact form, please see <http://www.yourwordspop.com/>. For additional on-campus and web resources to help you with your writing/grammar skills, visit the Slutzker Center [Academic Success](#) page.



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## Helpful Hints from SCIS: New Times for PT2 Processing

Practical Training walk-in service hours have changed. The new schedule is:

**Mondays from 3-5pm**

**Thursdays from 10am-12pm**

Practical Training walk-ins are for students who have already compiled their [Curricular Practical Training](#) (CPT) or [Optional Practical Training](#) (OPT) application materials. In most cases, if you have all the necessary documentation with you during PT2 walk-ins, you will receive your new I-20 the same day.

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](mailto:lescis@syr.edu). Maybe your question will be featured in next week's issue!



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## Picture of the Week

This week's photo was taken by Angelina Romano-Stroup, the Functional Business Analyst for SCIS. When she isn't busy downloading batches of student data, Angie is somewhat of an amateur photographer. She often finds herself stopping along the highway so she can capture a beautiful sunset. This photo is of the orchid in Angie's office that just recently bloomed. It serves as a quiet reminder of the spring to come.



For the chance to have your picture featured as Picture of the Week, please send it via email to [lescis@syr.edu](mailto:lescis@syr.edu) with the subject line of "Picture of the Week." Submissions can be from anywhere on the globe!

## Syracuse University Events

### Chancellor's Fast Forward Competition

If you have an idea, you can make it happen at Syracuse University! The University wants to help fund your idea. Just submit a short video (3 minutes or less) pitching your idea, explaining how it is important to the SU community, and describing how you would execute it.

There will be up to 12 winners announced at the Chancellor's Inauguration on April 11<sup>th</sup> and each could win up to \$1500!

You can submit a video on your own or as part of a team. The deadline for submission is March 31<sup>st</sup> so start brainstorming and get your video uploaded in time!

For further details, please visit [fastforward.syr.edu](http://fastforward.syr.edu).

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### MERC Presents: Pablo Beramendi

100 Eggers Hall  
March 7, 12pm

Pablo Beramendi, associate professor of political science, Duke University will present *Economic Crises and Fiscal Unions: Understanding Europe's Crisis*.

Beramendi's talk will investigate the sources of the current economic deadlock in Europe. Specifically, Beramendi traces the economic policy stalemate to the uneven economic geography of the European Union and the political incentives of national leaders in Europe.

Lunch will be provided.



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### Come Support SU Women's Lacrosse & Get Free Food!

All students who attend games will receive a coupon for a free yogurt at Yogurtland and the first 200 students who enter at Gate E will receive a free slice of Varsity pizza.

2014 Home Games in the Carrier Dome:

- 3/10 7:00p.m. vs. Maryland
- 3/15 12:00p.m. vs. Florida
- 3/18 7:00p.m. vs. Harvard
- 3/23 1:00p.m. vs. Northwestern
- 3/29 3:00p.m. vs. Duke
- 4/1 6:00p.m. vs. Albany
- 4/12 3:00p.m. vs. North Carolina

5/3 1:00p.m. vs. Loyola

For more information on the Women's Lacrosse team, visit [CUSE.COM](http://CUSE.COM).



## **SU Cricket Heading for National Championship!**

**Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
March 12-16**

Cricket is a very popular sport in India and with many international students from the sub-continent coming to US to pursue their higher studies and for work, the sport is rapidly becoming popular in US.

And for the first time, Syracuse University will be represented by the Cricket club at the American College Cricket National Championship, the biggest cricket tournament in the US, where a minimum of 24 cricket clubs from across the country will participate for the coveted title. The event is sponsored by CocaCola and Dish TV and will be held at the International Stadium in Florida from March 12th to March 16th. The finals will be televised live on ESPN3 on Sunday, March 16 at 5pm.

The Cricket club consists of SU students and alumni and is guided under the leadership of faculty advisor Robert Wilson who is also the coach for the Rugby club.

So tune in to ESPN3 and show your Orange pride!



## **Cultural and Community Events**

**Bhutanese Community in Syracuse (BCS)  
Community Celebration Day  
Franklin Elementary School  
March 8, 12-4pm**

BCS Day 2014 has been a much awaited event for the community members as they will get to see different personalities of Syracuse. Mayor of Syracuse, Stephanie Miner, will be the chief guest along with representatives from the State Senate and Congress, and other high ranking officials of the city.

Light lunch and refreshments will be served. Although the audience will have the opportunity to enjoy unique Nepali music, the event will focus primarily on the presentations and less on the dance-performances.

The location of the event is Franklin Elementary School at 428 South Alvord St., Syracuse, NY 13208.

Visit [cnybcs.org](http://cnybcs.org) for more information about this event.



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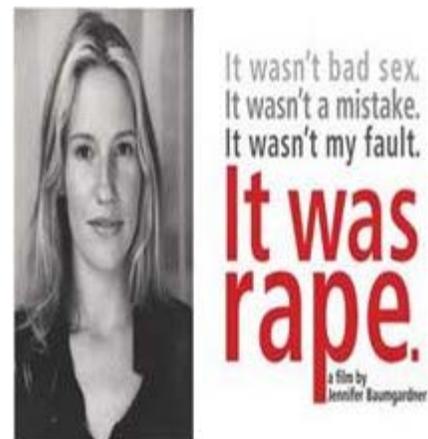
**Meet the Filmmaker Event:  
It Was Rape  
ArtRage – Norton Putter Gallery  
March 8, 5:30-9pm**

In commemoration of International Women’s Day, ArtRage Gallery and the Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation are pleased to bring activist, author and filmmaker, Jennifer Baumgardner to Syracuse to present her 2013 film, *It Was Rape*, an intensely important documentary that explores sexual violence through the experiences of eight survivors.

Jennifer Baumgardner was an editor at *Ms.* magazine from 1993-1997. She is the author of five books: including *Manifesta: Young Women, Feminism, and the Future* and *Grassroots: A Field Guide for Feminist Activism*. In 2005 she created and produced the award-winning documentary *I Had an Abortion*. Jennifer and her work have been featured in venues from *Oprah* to NPR, and BBC News Hour to *Bitch Magazine*.

Purchase tickets at the gallery Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 2:00-7:00 PM and Saturday 12:00-4:00 PM. Tickets are \$10 for the film only and \$20 for the film and the pre-film “Meet the Filmmaker” reception.

For further details and to purchase tickets online, visit [ArtRage](http://ArtRage).



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**Live from Space  
A Live Global Television Event  
National Geographic Channel  
March 14, 8pm EST**

National Geographic Channel is taking viewers around the world

—literally—in this spectacular two-hour television event broadcasting LIVE from the International Space Station (ISS) and Mission Control in Houston, Texas.

Made in collaboration with NASA, we'll go into orbit with astronauts Rick Mastracchio and Koichi Wakata as they fly at 17,500 mph nearly 250 miles above the earth's surface on the International Space Station, while astronaut Mike Massimino joins host Soledad O'Brien on the ground at Mission Control in Houston.

From space, Mastracchio and Wakata will give viewers a fully guided tour, showing us how they live for months in microgravity. They'll conduct never-before-broadcast experiments that demonstrate the real-world value of the science conducted on the floating laboratory. Plus get ready for stunning shots of Earth, from sunset and sunrise, to city lights and green aurora, to lightning storms and shooting stars. You've never seen our planet like this before.

For further details, visit the [National Geographic Channel](#).



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### **Irish Road Bowling Onondaga Lake Park March 16, 10am**

Irish road bowling, popular in Ireland for over 300 years, is returning to Central New York! Onondaga County Parks is hosting the 5th Annual Irish Road Bowling Tournament on Sunday, March 16, 2014.

Part golf, part bocce, part bowling. . . The rules are simple - hurl a small 28 oz. cannonball along a two mile "country road." Players must throw underhanded. Scoring is similar to golf - the least amount of throws needed to complete the course wins. Teams of four will compete against other teams to see who can cross the finish line in the fewest number of throws.

The entry fee is \$100 per four person team. All participants will receive a commemorative t-shirt and each team will be issued a cannonball to use at the event. Prizes for first, second and third place as well as for best decorated cannonball will be awarded. The afternoon will include an awards ceremony, with complimentary Irish-style lunch buffet for participants, at the nearby White Water Pub. All proceeds from the tournament will support educational and recreational programs at Onondaga Lake Park.

Visit [irishroadbowling.org](http://irishroadbowling.org) for more information and to download a registration form or call 453-6712.



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## Quotes to keep you thinking

- "High achievement always takes place in the framework of high expectation." – **Charles Kettering**
- "Today is today, and yesterday is gone. There is no doubt." – **Pablo Neruda**
- "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." – **Eleanor Roosevelt**
- "Women who seek to be equal with men lack ambition." – **Timothy Leary**

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