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Slutzker Center News and Events

You Do NOT Have to Listen!! You Do NOT Have to Reply!!!

Students have noticed increased religious street solicitation near campus (particularly on University Avenue not far from the Slutzker Center). Individuals wearing signboards (like the one in the photo to the right) have been heard yelling harassing statements about religious preferences, racist comments, remarks about one's sexuality, and other personal choices. NO ONE HAS TO LISTEN TO THESE KINDS OF COMMENTS.

Our advice is to walk away. Do not engage in conversations. NEVER GIVE THEM YOUR NAME OR PHONE NUMBER!

Syracuse University has regulations which prohibit individuals from off-campus trying to promote religious interests on campus without the express permission of Hendricks Chapel. If someone tries to influence you in the area of religious preference, you might consider letting Hendricks Chapel know of this activity. Please protect yourself and your personal life – ignore these solicitations and exhortations! If you have questions, please feel free to visit the Dean's Office of Hendricks Chapel, or discuss this with an adviser at the Slutzker Center. And remember: it is OK to just walk away!!!



Additional Travel Seminars

April 21-May 9

If you plan on traveling over the summer, you may need a travel signature. On the bottom of the 3rd page of your I-20 is the travel signature section. If you are in J-1 status, the travel signature appears in the bottom right hand corner of the DS-2019. Each signature is good for one year from the date it was signed.

If you need an updated travel signature, you can obtain one by attending a Slutzker Center Travel Seminar. From April 21 through May 9, the Travel Seminar schedule will be as follows:

Monday – 5 pm

Tuesday – 10am

Wednesday – 1:30pm

Thursday – 2pm

Friday – 12 pm

Please arrive 10-15 minutes before the seminar is scheduled to begin and bring your I-20, passport, I-94, and proof of health insurance. Your health insurance MUST BE valid for at least six months in the future.

If you have already attended a Travel Seminar, you may also obtain a travel signature during walk-in hours M-F 11am to 3pm.



Helpful Hints from SCIS:

Are You Moving Over the Summer?

Don't Forget to Update Your Address with SCIS!

If you will be moving out of the residence halls or changing your off-campus address, you need to update SCIS with that information. You can do that by updating the CURRENT address in your MySlice account within 10 days of the change. We automatically pull that new information and use it to update your SEVIS record.

According to immigration regulations, you must notify SCIS of any change in US address within 10 days of the change. For example, if you will move into your new off-campus apartment on June 1st, you need to update your MySlice account by June 11th (J-1 students must also complete the SCIS online address update form). This reporting requirement is an important part of maintaining your F-1/J-1 status.

For more information on how to update your US address, please visit the [Updating Your Information](#) section of our 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!



Submissions Needed for Picture of the Week

Please keep sending in submissions for our "Picture of the Week" contest. We would love to see photos from your travels this summer. Even if you are just going home, we hope you will share pictures of your home country, so that others might have the chance to see what "home" means for you.

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."



Syracuse University Events

Stop Bias @ SU "Who Are You?" Exhibit Schine Panasci Lounge May 2, All Day

As an institution of higher education, Syracuse University fosters learning and growth. It seeks to provide all students with a safe and secure learning environment that is free of crime and/or policy violations motivated by discrimination, sexual and bias-related harassment, and other violations of rights.

The Division of Student Affairs recognizes and values the similarities and differences among students and recognized student organizations at Syracuse University. Discrimination, sexual and bias-related harassment, and other violations of rights disrupt the educational process and will not be tolerated.

Each year, we collect anonymous statements from students, faculty and staff answering the question, "Who are you?" Postcards submitted by students in Fall 2013 will be on exhibit this Friday in the Panasci Lounge in the Schine Student Center.

For more information, please visit the [Stop Bias @ SU](http://StopBias@SU) website.



***Learning to See* Exhibition Reception Point of Contact Gallery May 3, 1-3pm**

Learning to See is an exhibition featuring young talents from Syracuse, NY including photography, video art, and performance. It consists of work produced in EL PUNTO Art Studio 2014, an interdisciplinary arts program designed by Point of Contact. This innovative contemporary arts program is facilitated to local youths in close collaboration with local Latino artists and community organizations including La Casita Cultural Center, The Spanish Action

League of Upstate NY, the Near West Side Initiative, and the Pal Project.

This program is supported by Syracuse University's College of Arts and Sciences and the New York Council on the Arts (NYSCA).

The exhibition will be on view May 3 – June 27, 2014. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, please visit [Point of Contact](#).



Cultural and Community Events

English Language Learners Writing Enhancement Workshop YMCA Downtown Writers Center Thursdays through July 10

The Writing Enhancement Workshops are small-group workshops (5-10 people) to strengthen and build writing confidence in writing skills for day-to-day communications, employment opportunities and career advancement, and personal enjoyment.

These workshops will benefit:

- New residents to Central New York for whom English is not the first language
- People from non-English-speaking homes or backgrounds
- Non-native English speakers looking to build confidence in their writing proficiency

These workshops are made possible with funding from the Arthur Imperatore Community Forum Fellowship through the Empire State College Foundation.

For more information, please contact the [YMCA's Downtown Writers Center](#).



Weekend Wildflower Walk Baltimore Woods May 3, 2-3pm

BWNC's premier woodland wildflower garden is a local treasure. Join caretaker Audrey Loewer for a pleasant walk through one of the wonders of spring. Each week new species will bloom, and Audrey will reveal their past and present medicinal and culinary uses. The garden is

handicap accessible; please call ahead if you need assistance. Donations appreciated. Walks every Saturday & Sunday through May 11, 2014.

For more details about this event, please visit <http://www.baltimorewoods.org/>.



Creek Float 2014
Onondaga Creek
May 3, 3pm

Creek Float is an annual floating art parade, held the first Saturday in May. The public is invited to create "floating art" which is launched down Onondaga Creek. Any 3 dimensional work of art that can float is accepted. Members of the Creek Rats ride along in canoes and kayaks.

You've seen art in galleries, on city street, in museums, universities, in books, online, and many other places. Don't miss this rare opportunity to see ART on WATER!!!! Join the Public Arts Task Force and the Creek Rats for the Creek Float-floating art parade. Watch in amazement as art specially created by the PATF and local artists is floated down Onondaga Creek!! Saturday, May 3rd at 3pm. Best spots for viewing are on the creek walk in Armory Square or Franklin Square.

For more information about this event, you can visit Creek Float on [facebook](#).



Downtown Living Tour
Tickets on Sale Now!
through May 15

The Downtown Living Tour has always been an effective event that markets the uniqueness and diversity of residential units in downtown. The tour offers something for everyone, from young professionals and empty nesters looking to live downtown, as well as those interested in historic preservation, interior design, architecture, and urban living.

Tour-goers can see why Downtown Syracuse has become the neighborhood of choice as doors are opened to adaptive reuse projects featuring market-rate and luxury apartments, live/work spaces and "green" condos. The tour



highlights both occupied and available units in several of downtown's historic neighborhoods such as Armory Square, Hanover Square, the Heart of Downtown and Franklin Square.

Pre-sale tickets will be available through Thursday, May 15, 2014..

[Purchase Tickets Online](#)

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Quotes to keep you thinking

- "Happiness is the absence of the striving for happiness." – **Zhuangzi**
- "There is little success where there is little laughter." – **Andrew Carnegie**
- "The greatest mistake you can make in life is to be continually fearing you will make one." – **Elbert Hubbard**
- "We gain strength, and courage, and confidence by each experience in which we really stop to look fear in the face... we must do that which we think we cannot." – **Eleanor Roosevelt**

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