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**WARNING**

**ICE Alert on Scams Targeting Non-citizens**

ICE issued an alert that it has received information indicating a possible scam targeting non-citizens by individuals claiming to work for ICE's Detention Reporting and Information Line (DRIL). ICE received information indicating that imposters have contacted non-citizens claiming that there are issues with their immigration cases and requesting money be sent in to rectify the situation. **Please note**, ICE's DRIL operators do NOT make outbound calls or EVER request money from individuals. If you receive a call, **alert ICE as soon as possible**.

To notify ICE of any suspicious activity as mentioned above, contact the Joint Intake Center at (866) 347-2423 or submit an online form. You may also contact DRIL directly at (888) 351-4024, Monday – Friday (except holidays) from 8 AM – 4 PM (Eastern Time). Online information is available at the [DRIL page on ice.gov](http://dril.page.on.ice.gov).

**Students Victimized by Phone Call Scams**

The Slutzker Center has been informed by several students that they have received calls from people identifying themselves as employees of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and other U.S. government agencies. The callers insist that students send them money to avoid immediate arrest or other legal action against them.

**DO NOT RESPOND TO THESE CALLS. HANG UP THE PHONE IMMEDIATELY. DO NOT BE TRICKED BY SUCH THREATS.**

This is not the way the U.S. government conducts this type of business. If the U.S. government has a claim against you, you will be notified in writing and a formal proceeding would be held to determine your responsibility and the sanction or punishment against you.

If you receive such a call, please notify SU Department of Public Safety (DPS) Investigations unit immediately. Call the DPS number, 315-443-2224 and ask for Investigations. Tell them you want to report a telephone call you received that you believe is a scam for money. Or you may email ([lescis@syr.edu](mailto:lescis@syr.edu)), call (315-443-2457) or come to the Slutzker Center (310 Walnut Place) for assistance in filing such a report with the Department of Public Safety.

The Syracuse local News has also been covering phone call/text message scams. You can read about other types of scams [here](#). According to local police, you should never return calls/ engage the scammers. This could unintentionally reveal information about you. If you receive a call/ message claiming to be urgent (example: an emergency involving money or family) contact the authorities before responding to the call/ message. Many

scammers call from overseas, but the police can help determine if there is any legitimacy to the call and alleviate your panic/ concern.

On February 22, the Post Standard offered advice for avoiding these scams. Keep in mind, the IRS will not initiate contact with you via phone or email to ask for your personal financial information. If you are unsure about a tax bill, call the IRS at (800) 829-1040. The IRS will NOT give you an ultimatum to pay up immediately or else. Nor will the agency call to congratulate you on getting your refund (this is a variation of the scam). The IRS will not dictate how you pay your bill either (example: they will not direct you to a certain ATM location while you are on the phone).

## Slutzker Center News and Events

### Immigration Status after Practical Training

April 2, 4 - 6 PM  
Crouse Hinds 010  
Dan Berger

Dan Berger from the law firm of Curran and Berger in Northampton, MA will present on matters related to immigration after OPT including H-1B Temporary Workers, Permanent Residence/Green Cards, O-1, Labor Certification and more.

If you have questions, contact [lescis@syr.edu](mailto:lescis@syr.edu).



### CPT/OPT Seminars...apply early!

Students who will be applying for OPT to begin after the end of the Spring 2015 semester (**May 2015**) can **now file their applications**. **Processing** of OPT applications at the **immigration service (USCIS)** can take **up to 90 days**. Therefore, we advise students planning to apply for OPT to **do so as early as possible!**

Due to the large number of students who attend **OPT/CPT Seminars** in the Spring Semester, we will **move these seminars** to other areas on campus until Wednesday, March 27. The earlier you attend a seminar, the earlier you can submit your OPT application!

**CPT Seminars** begin at **3 PM** and **OPT** begins at **3:45 PM**, dates and locations listed below.

**OPT and CPT processing** times are on **Mondays from 3 – 5 PM** or **Thursdays from 10 AM – Noon**.

#### March

Friday, March 13 – Watson Theater  
Wednesday, March 18 – Kittredge Auditorium, HBC  
Friday, March 27 – Kittredge Auditorium, HBC

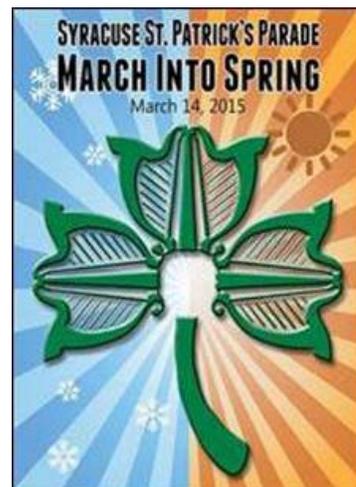
### St. Patrick's Day Parade

March 14, 12 noon - 2 PM

Join us as we join the Syracuse community downtown for the 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest St. Patrick's Day Parade in the US.

If you would like to join us, please email [lescis@syr.edu](mailto:lescis@syr.edu).

We will meet at the bus stop between Bird Library and the Schine Student Center, on College Place at 11:20 AM to catch the bus downtown. The cost for the bus is \$2 each way. Dress warmly and wear green.



## Syracuse University Events

**Muslim Women's Struggle for Equality:  
Between Theology and Politics**  
March 17, 5:00 PM  
220 Eggers Hall

Ziba Mir-Hosseini, renowned scholar and women's rights activist is a legal anthropologist specializing in Islamic law, gender and development and a founding member of the Musawah Global Movement for Equality and Justice in the Muslim Family ([www.musawah.org](http://www.musawah.org)). Currently a professorial research associate at the Centre for Islamic and Middle Eastern Law, University of London, she has held numerous research fellowships and visiting professorships. More information is available [here](#).

**UNICEF SU World Water Week 2015  
Kick-off Event**  
March 18, 11 AM  
Schine Center Atrium

With \$1, UNICEF can provide a child with clean and safe drinking water for 40 days. Help us raise awareness and funds to help families and children through this campaign.

For more information, [click here](#).



**OrangeAbility 2015:  
Accessible Athletics Expo**  
March 28, 1 - 4 PM  
Flanagan Gym

Experience Relays, Sled Hockey, Wheelchair Basketball, Power Soccer, and more! Engage with local teams on the court, as well as organizations in our expo area. Try some equipment out yourself, and bring some friends along! You don't have to be able-bodied to play, and you don't have to have a disability to play accessible sports! Drop in to join or sign up online to: play with a team, volunteer, table with your group request specific accommodations (ASL Interpretation Provided)

For more information, [click here](#).

**Cultural and Community Events**

**Syracuse Crunch Ice Hockey vs.  
Adirondack Flames**  
March 13, 7 PM  
The Oncenter War Memorial Arena  
800 S State St, 13202

For more information, [click here](#).

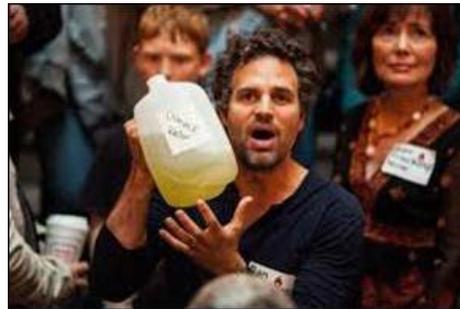


### **Documentary “Dear President Obama”**

**March 12, 7 PM  
City Hall Commons Atrium  
201 E Washington St, 13202**

Oceans 8 Films is partnering with New York state's biggest anti-fracking organizations, including Food and Water Watch, Frack Action, and New Yorkers Against Fracking, to preview its new documentary “Dear President Obama: Americans Against Fracking in One Voice”, bringing awareness to the dangers still posted by fracking to the citizens of New York state and the United States as a whole.

Admission is free.  
For more information, [click here](#).



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### **Quotes to keep you thinking**

- “If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one.” –**Mother Theresa**
  - “Learn what is true in order to do what is right.” –**Thomas Huxley**
  - “Bad weather always looks worse through a window.” –**Tom Lehrer**
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