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Daily Travel Seminars

December 1 - 12
Slutzker Center

Don't wait until the last minute! If you are planning to travel this winter, we hold travel seminars daily until Friday, December 12. It is vital that you have a valid travel signature before traveling outside the US. In order to obtain a travel signature, you must attend a Travel Seminar. Bring your Passport, Visa, I-20/ DS-2019, most recent I-94 print out, and health insurance valid for at least 6 months into the future and you will receive a travel signature at the seminar.

For more information about seminars, please check the [SCIS webpage](#).



Seminar Schedule

Thursday, December 4, 3:00 PM
Friday, December 5, 12:00 noon
Monday, December 8, 5:00 PM
Tuesday, December 9, 10:00 AM
Wednesday, December 10, 1:30 PM
Thursday, December 11, 3:00 PM
Friday, December 12, 12:00 noon

IMPORTANT Travel Precautions

West African countries of Liberia, Guinea, and Sierra Leone currently have a [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) Warning Level 3 stating nonessential travel to these countries should be avoided.

Therefore, any faculty, staff, or students planning to travel to these countries on University-sponsored business must first consult with the Office of the Provost (Suzanne Barch smbarch@syr.edu) to discuss the nature of the trip and determine whether it is necessary.

Along with the CDC, Syracuse University is strongly discouraging personal travel to any Level 3 country.

Faculty, staff, and students who may come in contact with someone who has recently traveled to a CDC Level 3 country, or who may have traveled personally to a CDC Level 3 country, must consult with University Health Services at 315-443-9005. A Health Services clinician will administer a brief telephone assessment based on CDC guidelines to determine next steps.



HELPFUL HINT Avoid Scams

At this time of year, there are extra sales and extra shoppers. There are also extra scams. Increasing your online shopping makes you more vulnerable to new and ever more creative scams. Simply clicking a link, even if it comes in a respectable looking email could get you a virus. Such links may take you to fraudulent sites, and about fifty percent of people that click through to such sites will end up giving out personal and private data.

We want you to know how to protect yourself this holiday seasons. Therefore, in a separate email, we will offer extensive information about how you can protect yourself. Scams in the holiday season range from bogus fundraising appeals to fake travel offers.

Scammers often use links and a sense of urgency to trick people. Therefore, you should avoid clicking links in emails, especially if they make claims like, "great deal will end soon" or "unless you act now. . . ."

The above information and advice came from Steve Yoder's, "11 Ways to Keep Scammers from Stealing Your Holiday" in *The Financial Times* of November 30, 2014.

REMINDER "Green Days"

Syracuse University will be closed beginning Wednesday, December 24 and will reopen on Monday, January 5. Therefore, the Slutzker Center will also be closed, and advisors will not be available during this time.

If you have an emergency please contact DPS, (315) 443-2224, which will continue to operate the dispatch center over the holidays.

Also, SU-Home and Shuttle 44 services do not run through the semester break.



Slutzker Center News and Events

Volunteers needed for Spring Orientation

The Slutzker Center will be holding the Spring International Orientation on Friday, January 9, 2015. We expect about 200 new international students to arrive in January. We need materials

delivered to the rooms, assistance with technology in the rooms, help stamping "passports" for attendance, etc. If you can spare a few hours on Friday, January 9 between 8 am and 5 pm, WE COULD REALLY USE YOUR HELP! And new international students will be grateful.

Please email midzior@syr.edu if you can help us out. Thanks!



Mix It UP
December 5, 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Schine 304 ABC

Mix It Up brings people together from all groups on campus. At this event, the discussion will center around universal design and inclusion. Dinner is provided.

To RSVP please email ejvoigt@syr.edu.



Picture of the Week

Chen Liu, captures this photo of the Hall of Languages at night.



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

Basketball

SU Basketball Games are one of the aspects of the University which DOESN'T close down during the Christmas/New Year/"Green Days" break in December! In fact, we might get free tickets from people who cannot attend games because of their own travels during that time period. If anyone is absolutely certain that they will be here on December 31, and would like 1 or 2 tickets – especially if you have never been to the DOME before (first preference will be given to those who have never been to the Dome yet), please send an email to LESCIS as soon as you have read this. We will give out the free tickets to the first respondent(s) who have never been to the DOME before and are certain that they will be in Syracuse on New Year's Eve, and WILL DEFINITELY attend the game. You may not resell these tickets, and you must take a photo of yourself at the game and write an email "thank you" note to the donor who gave us the tickets. Anyone interested?

"Green Days" Home [Schedule](#) (Men's)

December 22, 7:00 PM, v. Colgate
December 28, 2:00 PM v. Long Beach State
December 31, 6:00 PM v. Cornell

"Green Days" Home [Schedule](#) (Women's)

December 28, 6:00 PM v. Cornell
December 30, 7:00 PM v. Central Connecticut State
January 4, 1:00 PM v. Notre Dame



10th Annual SPM Club Charity Sports

**Auction to Benefit Make-A-Wish CNY
December 6, 3 PM
Carrier Dome**

In the backcourt, during the SU men's basketball game against St. John's University, there will be silent bidding on hundreds of items. Doors open at 3:15 PM for the auction through Gates A, B, C and E. Purchase of a basketball game ticket is necessary for entry to the auction. For more information, [click here](#).



**Annual Holidays at Hendricks Concert
December 7, 7:30 PM
Hendricks Chapel**

Holidays at Hendrick's is SU's annual holiday concert featuring the Hendricks Chapel Choir, the SU Brass Ensemble and the University Organist Anne Laver. Admission is free, but arrive early to find a seat. For more information, [click here](#).



Cultural and Community Events

**Plowshares Craftsair and Peace Festival
December 6, 10 AM – 5 PM
December 7, 11 AM – 5 PM
Nottingham High School
3100 E. Genessee St, 13210**

Central New York's premier multi-cultural craftsair, *Plowshare*, includes over 120 area craftspeople and 20 community organizations. The show features ongoing live entertainment and tasty food. This event is brought to you by the Syracuse PEACE Council.

Admission is sliding scale, \$2 to \$5
For more information, [click here](#).



**Syracuse City Ballet's The Nutcracker
December 6, 2 PM and 7 PM
December 7, 2 PM
The Oncenter Civic Center Theaters
421 Montgomery St, 13202**

Central New York's only professional ballet company will perform Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker*.

The performance features colorful costumes and sets, powerful dancing, and international stars like Anton Kandaurov and Oksana Maslova.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, [click here](#).



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Quotes to keep you thinking

- "Judge a man by his questions rather than his answers." – **Voltaire**

- "The mind is everything. What you think, you become." - **Buddha**

- "You're time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life." – **Steve Jobs**

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