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Tax Information

GLACIER Tax Prep is now available for Syracuse University students. You can request an access code by going to our [website](#). Please allow 3 – 5 business days for processing. Make sure that you type the correct information in each field on the form. Wrong information could delay getting an access code. If you have a scholarship or fellowship that is not taxable or a tax treaty you should wait until you receive your 1042s form from the Payroll Office. If you're not sure if you should receive this form, you can contact Payroll Office at payroll@syr.edu. By law, the Payroll Office must send out these forms by March 15.

We will have a tax seminar in Maxwell Auditorium at 5:00 PM on Thursday, March 5. Watch the SCIS News and the [Slutzker Center website](#) for more information.

*If you have worked on campus, your W-2 from Syracuse University is available through your MySiice.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers needed for a Focus Group discussion. Syracuse University is moving to a new mandatory health insurance program for 2015-2016. This will affect all international students, both UG and GR. You are invited to join your voices in discussing what such a plan should include, and the issues related to adopting this new program. Please send an email to lscis@syr.edu, and put in the subject line "FOCUS GROUP." Please give us your name, email, citizenship and level at the University (UG vs. GR, or non-matriculated). We will share that information with Health Services for their use in setting up several focus groups next month. Let your voice be heard!! Thanks!



Slutzker Center News and Events

Hendricks Chapel Open for Silent Reflection Following North Carolina Shooting

Hendricks Chapel will open the small chapel on the lower level today (Feb. 11) from noon-5 PM for silent reflection as the University mourns with the campuses of University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University.

"We are deeply saddened to learn of the loss of their three students, Shaddy Barakat, Yusor Mohammad and Razan Mohammad Abu-Salha," says Hendricks Chapel Dean Tiffany Steinwert. "We understand that their death may have a significant impact on many of our own students."

Chaplains will be available in the small chapel and the Chaplains' Lounge for students needing assistance. More information is available [here](#).



Immigration Status After OPT February 26, 4 - 6 PM Watson Theatre

Hilary Fraser of the Ithaca, NY immigration law firm, Miller Mayer, will present an information session on **Immigration Status After Practical Training**. It will include topics such as:

- H-1B status
- Labor Certification
- Outstanding Professors and Researchers
- Permanent Residence
- and more

**April 2, 4 - 6 PM
Crouse Hinds 010**

Immigration Attorney, Dan Berger, from the law firm Curran and Berger will be on campus to present information on **Immigration Status After Practical Training**.



Mentor Information

We are seeking applications from both international and U.S. national students to serve as 2015-2016 mentors for new first year and transfer international students.

[Connections Mentors](#) are trained in the spring and are assigned 5 to 10 mentees during the undergraduate orientation held the second and third week of August. Mentors will support new student success throughout the semester.

[Click here](#) to apply.

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 **file their applications as early as February 10**. 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 **apply 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 from Wednesday, February 4 to 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**.

February

Wednesday, February 4 - Kittredge Auditorium, HBC
Friday, February 13 - Hall of Language 107
Wednesday, February 18 - Kittredge Auditorium, HBC

March

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Wednesday, March 18 - Kittredge Auditorium, HBC
Friday, March 27 - Kittredge Auditorium, HBC

Picture of the Week

Phi Beta Delta

Be one of the Phi Beta Delta leaders at SU!

Join students who have demonstrated academic excellence, faculty who are committed to intercultural understanding and communication on campus and staff who dedicate their time and efforts to support internationalization on the SU campus.

Announcing the Call for 2015-2016 Nominations for the Syracuse University Alpha Sigma Chapter of the Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society. Interested faculty, students and staff should contact Dr. Elane Granger at elcarras@syr.edu.

Nomination forms available [here](#).



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

Careers in University Administration

For PhDs

February 12, 1 – 2:30 PM
HBC Kittredge

Career Service will host a panel discussion on careers in University Administration. Panelists include: Gine Lee-Glausner, Mike Haynie, Patricia Burak, and Corri Zoli.

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Remembering EuroMaidan

February 18, 3:30 – 5 PM
209 Eggers Hall

And

February 19, 6:30 – 8 PM
Kittredge Auditorium at HBC.

Commemorating the first anniversary of the Maidan Revolution in Ukraine. A visiting artist presentation by Klementia Dymyd, a young artist from Lviv, Ukraine. Her photographs from EuroMaidan in Kiev are a personal account from the center of the movement in Ukraine dubbed the 'Revolution of Dignity.'

Both events are free and open to the public.

Please email lescis@syr.edu or [click here](#), for more information.



Women and Gender in the Arab World

Information Session

February 10, 4PM
Hall of Languages 101

[ENG 360/730, WGS/MES/QSX 400/600](#): You will travel to Beirut and Amman for two weeks to directly engage with issues pertaining to the study of gender and sexuality in the Arab world. This course will provide tools to address some of the widespread assumptions and stereotypes that dominate Western discussions about the Arab world.

Apply by February 20.

For more information, contact Professor Carol Fadda-Conrey at cfaddaco@syr.edu, Professor Dana Olwan at dmolwan@syr.edu, or visit suabroad.syr.edu.



Housing Lottery
Information Sessions and Open Forums

Is time to start planning your housing for Fall 2015 already. If you would like more information about the housing lottery. Please attend one of the following meetings.

Monday, February 16, 2015 – 7:00pm
Shemin Auditorium (Shaffer Art Building)

Tuesday, February 17, 2015 – 7:00pm
Grant Auditorium (White Hall/Falk College)



Cultural and Community Events

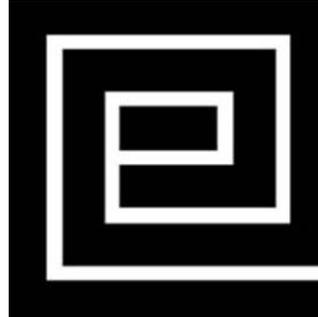
Sweet Encounters: Music and Art

February 14, 7:30 PM
Everson Museum of Art
401 Harrison St, 13202

Symphoria and the Everson come together to present a one-of-a-kind evening. Art and music go hand in hand as Ken Meyer performs Rodrigo's most famous work, *Concierto deAranjuez*.

Artwork in the galleries pairs perfectly with works by Tchaikovsky and Faure, and are sure to make for a special Valentine's Day treat. Refreshments available.

\$5-\$25 per person, <http://www.experiencesymphoria.org/> for tickets.



Winter Farmers' Market
February 14, 10 AM -1 PM
Baltimore Woods Nature Center
4007 Bishop Hill Rd, Marcellus 13108

Visitors to the market will enjoy a diverse mix of local farm and artisanal food products from top regional producers. Held on the second Saturday of each month through April. Indoors at Baltimore Woods, with free parking.

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



Important Reminders

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Quotes to keep you thinking

• "Better three hours too soon than a minute too late." – William Shakespeare

- "It usually takes more than three weeks to prepare a good impromptu speech." ~ **Mark Twain**
- "We cannot become what we need to be by remaining what we are." ~ **Max de Pree**

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