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WARNING

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), 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.

Important 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 are not sure if you should receive this form, you can contact the 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 MySlice.

Helpful Hint from SCIS Last Semester Memo

While you can be less than full-time in your last semester, you must file a [Last Semester Memo](#). This form allows you to be less than full-time in your last semester, and you can only have one last semester. If Spring 2015 is your last semester, you need to submit this form as soon as possible.



Slutzker Center News and Events

Additional Travel Seminars

Due to the high number of people preparing to travel over Spring Break and Summer, we will hold additional travel seminars in the coming weeks. It is best to attend a travel seminar and get your travel signature as soon as possible.

Friday, February 20 – 12 Noon
 Monday, February 23 – 5 PM
 Wednesday, February 25 – 1:30 PM
 Friday, February 27 – 12 Noon
 Monday, March 2 – 5 PM
 Wednesday, March 4 – 1:30 PM
 Friday, March 6 – 12 Noon

English and Academia Mondays - Thursdays 9AM - noon, by appointment Slutzker Center

One-on-one and small group tutoring will be available for international students who want to improve their writing skills.

Appointments are limited, for more information, please contact psawinad@syr.edu.



Commencement 2015 For International Students February 19, 4 - 5 PM Watson Theater

Commencement is Sunday May 10. If you have questions or concerns about how to prepare, attend this session this evening.

WE are serving cider and donuts. For more information, email lescis@syr.edu.



Immigration Status after Practical Training

February 26, 4 - 6 PM

Watson Theater
Hilary Fraser

Or

April 2, 4 - 6 PM

Crouse Hinds 010
Dan Berger

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



If you have questions, contact 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 **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**.

March

Wednesday, March 4 - Kittredge Auditorium, HBC

Friday, March 13 - Watson Theater

Wednesday, March 18 - Kittredge Auditorium, HBC

Friday, March 27 - Kittredge Auditorium, HBC

Extended Practical Training Processing Times

Once you have attended a practical training seminar and are ready to process your practical training application, the Slutzker Center will have additional processing times until Wednesday, March 25. The additional times are listed below.

Mondays: 3 - 5 PM
Tuesdays: 3 - 5 PM
Wednesdays: 3 - 5 PM
Thursdays: 10 AM - 12 Noon

After March 25, we will resume normal processing hours (Mondays 3 - 5 PM and Thursdays 10 AM - Noon). To ensure the fastest processing time we recommend that you review the [seminars](#) on our website and make sure you have all documents together with the appropriate copies before coming in to process your OPT/CPT.

Syracuse University Events

**A Reflection:
Syracuse University Vigil for Chapel Hill Victims
February 19, 5 PM
Hendricks Chapel**

Syracuse University's [Muslim Student Association](#) in collaboration with [Hendricks Chapel](#) and Student Association is sponsoring a candlelight vigil for the victims of the Chapel Hill shooting. Three college students and Muslim Americans – Deah Barakat, Yusor Mohammad, and Razan Mohammad Abu-Salha were murdered on Tuesday, February 11th, 2015 in their apartment in Chapel Hill. Join us as we honor their lives by coming together in solidarity and prayer.



**Tanner Lecture on Ethics, Citizenship,
And Public Responsibility
February 23, 5PM
Maxwell Auditorium**

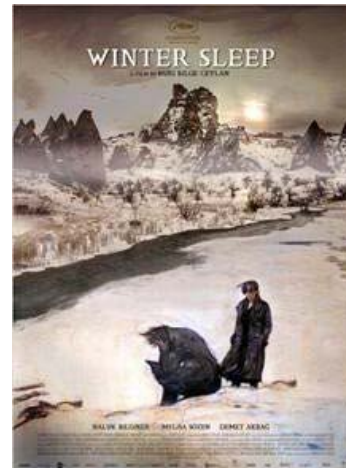
Collin O'Mara is a 2006 graduate of the Maxwell School (MPA) who now serves as president and CEO of the World Wildlife Federation, America's oldest and largest wildlife conservation and education organization. He was previously head of the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, that state's top environmental official.

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



**Winter Sleep (Kis Uykusu)
February 26, 6 PM
Tolley 115**

Winter Sleep (2014) is a Turkish drama directed by Nuri Bilge Ceylan, adapted from the short story 'The Wife,' by Anton Chekhov. The story, set in Anatolia, examines the significant divide between rich and poor as well as powerful and powerless in Turkey.



Cultural and Community Events

**Jazz at Citrus – E.S.P.
February 20, 6 - 9 PM
Sheraton Syracuse University**



Free and open to the public, live Jazz music at Citrus on Friday.

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

Musica del Corazon
February 20, 7 PM
La Casita Cultural Center
109 Otisco St, 13204

La Casita Cultural Center will present the 2015 edition of *Música del Corazón* or *Music of the Heart*, a recital featuring classical compositions, rhythms and melodies of Latin America by composers Astor Piazzolla from Argentina, Ignacio Cervantes, from Cuba and Pixinguinha from Brazil.

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



Important Reminders

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Quotes to keep you thinking

- "Courage is the ladder on which all other virtues mount." –**Clare Boothe Luce**
 - "Too much agreement kills a chat." –**Eldridge Cleaver**
 - "Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other." –**Abraham Lincoln**
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