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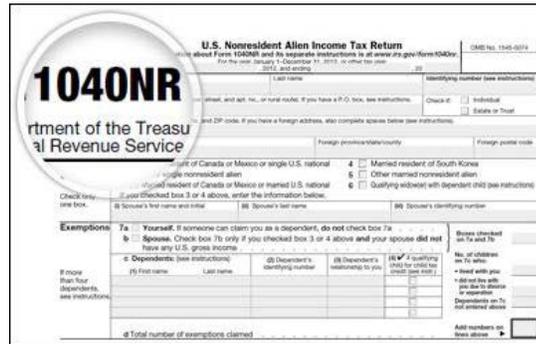
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**Important
Tax Information**

Tax information is not available at this time. **GLACIER Tax Prep will be available for Syracuse University students in mid-February. You should not request a passcode until this information becomes available. If you request one sooner, you will only have to submit another request after mid-February.**

We will also have a tax seminar in Maxwell Auditorium at 5:00 PM on Thursday, March 5. Please watch the SCIS News and the [Slutzker Center website](http://www.slutzkercenter.com) for more information.

If you have been working on campus, your W-2 from Syracuse University is available through MySlice.



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 lescjs@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

**New American Beat
February 5, 4:30 -6:30 PM
Slutzker Center**

This is the first of three sessions to help you discover the best of American culture. Mirit Hadar, PhD Candidate at IDD&E, School of Education will facilitate a workshop exploring cross-cultural communications and attending



Phi Beta Delta

[Phi Beta Delta](#) is the first honor society dedicated to recognizing scholarly achievement in international education and intercultural engagement in the community. This honor society recognizes undergraduate (must have a 3.4 GPA), and graduate students (must have a 3.7 GPA), including students who study abroad, as well as faculty and staff involved in international research or commitment. Executive board members of the SU Alpha Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Delta select nominees for recognition based on their academic performance and/or commitment to internationalization on campus. For more information, visit our [website](#), or contact Dr. Elane Granger, elcarras@syr.edu.

American universities. Workshop participants will discuss and reflect of our interpretations, ideas, and hopes of what America means to each person. Pizza and drinks provided.

If you are interested in joining, please email, ejvoigt@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**.

February

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

March

Wednesday, March 4 – Kittredge Auditorium, HBC
Friday, March 13 – Watson Theater
Wednesday, March 18 – Kittredge Auditorium, HBC
Friday, March 27 – Kittredge Auditorium, HBC

Picture of the Week

A snowy morning on Walnut Place.



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

Love is a Verb February 5, 5:30 PM Hergenhan Auditorium, Newhouse 3

Peace Islands Institute and TCC Syracuse are hosting a screening of the award winning documentary "[Love is a Verb](#)." The 55 minute film examines a social movement of Sufi-inspired Sunni Muslims that began in Turkey in the 1960s and now spans the globe. Refreshments will be served after the film. Please RSVP to rsvp@tccsyracuse.org, if you plan to attend the film.



Work-family Interface in India February 10, 12:30 PM 341 Eggers Hall

The South Asia Center presents Kamal Ramadoss, Assistant Professor, Department of Child and Family Studies, SU. Economic liberalization in India has increased employment opportunities, particularly for women. Women have entered the paid work force in large numbers, leading to increasing numbers of dual-earner households. The results of such a shift on work-family balance have implications for one's health situation, marital commitment and life satisfaction. This talk examines the ways in which the Frone model of work-family conflict works differently in the context of India, with the goal of designing interventions that will promote better quality of life. For more information, [click here](#).



TNGO presents: Josephine Oguta February 11, 12:30 PM 341 Eggers Hall

Josephine Oguta, regional governance adviser for West and East Africa, World Vision International Board Governance as Institutional Linchpin or a Necessary Bureaucracy? Good corporate governance is said to be the linchpin to sustainable organizations. World Vision, one of the largest and most influential Western transnational NGOs, believes that its institutional strategy is dependent on good board governance. For more information, [click here](#).



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)



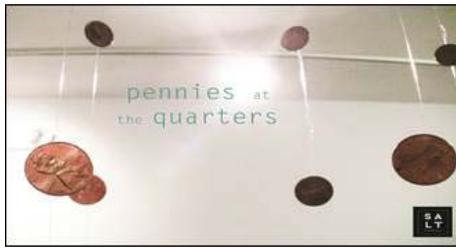
Cultural and Community Events

Pennies at the Quarters February 7, 7-9 PM

SALT Quarters
115 Otisco St, 13204

Join us for the opening reception for Artist-in-Residence, Brendan Rose's first exhibition at SALTQuarters Gallery. Come experience a space-altering installation full of colorful fields of pennies. Inspired by the resilient beauty of the Near Westside in the face of economic challenges, 10,000 pennies inquires about the cost of attraction and art.

[Click here](#) for more information.



Dogsled Demo

February 8, noon - 3PM
Green Lakes State Park
7900 Green Lakes Rd, 13066

Choose either the 12pm or 2pm session. Meet at the Green Lakes Park Office to see the dogs of Adirondack Kennel and learn all about dogsledding. Warm up inside with complimentary coffee and hot chocolate.

Please note that rides will NOT be provided at the program.

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



Important Reminders

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Quotes to keep you thinking

- "Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later." – **Og Mandino**
- "With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts." ~ **Eleanor Roosevelt**
- "What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals." ~ **Henry David Thoreau**

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