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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](#) for more information.



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 lescis@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

Seminars
Optional Practical Training
Curricular Practical Training

Due to the large volume 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 18. Because seminar sessions may fill up, it is in your best interest to attend early.

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

March

Wednesday, 4 – Kittredge Auditorium, HBC
Friday, 13 – Kittredge Auditorium, HBC
Wednesday, March 18 – Kittredge Auditorium, HBC

**Late Spring 2015 International Student
Orientation**

**January 30, 3 – 5 PM
Whitman 101**

3 – 3:40, Immigration Information
3:40 – 4:20, Health Services and Insurance
4:20 – 5, Academic Success in the U.S.



Picture of the Week

Kannan Kutalam captured this serene picture of Onondaga Lake frozen solid.



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!

**Setnor's Opera Theater Presents
'Dido and Aeneas'**
January 23 - 25, 8:00 PM
Setnor Auditorium

"Dido and Aeneas" will be performed in English with orchestra conducted by Jose "Peppie" Calvar. Both Johnson and Calvar are faculty members in the Setnor School.

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



Counseling Center Information
Healthy Relationships 101
Thursdays 3:30 - 4:30 PM
Schine Student Center

This weekly groups explores components of healthy and abusive relationships of all types. For more information, contact the [Counseling Center](#), (315) 443-4715. A pre-group orientation is required.

Sexual Assault Recovery Group
Mondays 3:30 - 4:30 PM
[Office of Health Promotion](#)

A group for female students who are survivors of sexual assault. Members will be able to share their experiences and feelings in an understanding and accepting environment. Contact the [Counseling Center](#) for more information, (315) 443-4715. A pre-group orientation is required.



"Enhancing Internationalization" Working Group hears from students and faculty

On January 20, five students responded to questions about the "global nature" of Syracuse University and their experiences as international students on this campus, and as SU students studying abroad. Professor Yingyi Ma, a Professor of Sociology from China, presented findings from her research about Chinese students in the U.S. The insights, candor and wisdom of these students, and Professor Ma, has helped the working group formulate its recommendations for the Chancellor's initiative in the "Fast Forward" project now underway. In the photo, from left to right: Professor Yingyi Ma, Nour Taher (GR student from Ramallah), Arnav Kavadia (GR student from India), Ruitong Zhou (UG from China), Gabriela Esther Escalante Mejia (UG from El Salvador) and Stephanie Beetle (UG from the USA).



Cultural and Community Events

21st Century Prize Winners
January 25, 2:30 PM
Everson Museum of Art

Society for New Music presents 21st Century Prize Winners including, Steven Stucky, Jorge Villavicencio Grossmann, Arthur Levering, David Liptak, and Joseph Schwantner.

Tickets are \$12 for students. [Click here](#) for more information.



**Lodging Landmark the Heritage of
the Hotel Syracuse**
January 21 - June 14
321 Montgomery St. 13202

The Onondaga Historical Association Museum (OHA) opened a new photography exhibit to celebrate the pending renovation of downtown Syracuse's landmark, Hotel Syracuse. The hotel opened in 1924, but has been dormant for several years. A new owner has started a project to restore its grand architecture.

The exhibit features 20 images and a selection of original archival items and artifacts. For more information, [click here](#).



Important Reminders

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Quotes to keep you thinking

- "To be prepared is half the victory." – **Miguel de Cervantes**
- "Winter is not a season, it's an occupation." – **Sinclair Lewis**
- "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." – **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

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