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I-20 Form Distribution

On June 26, 2015, the Student Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) released a newly designed I-20 Form and requires that all active I-20s be replaced. The I-20s will be available to be picked-up at Bird Library Room 550 at the following times:

Thursday, October 22 9:00 am– 4:00pm
Friday, October 23 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

To receive your revised I-20, you must bring:

- your SUID card
- a printed copy of your **UPDATED** MySlice **CURRENT** address (write your SU ID number on the page)
- proof of health insurance:
 - If you have Gallagher/Aetna insurance provided through SU, bring your card
 - If you have another insurance, bring a printed copy of your card and write your SU ID number on the page
 - If you have POMCO, bring printed copies of your **POMCO** card and **MedEx** card and write your SU ID number on the pages



Slutzker Center News and Events

Optional Practical Training

If you are graduating in December, you are now within the 90 day window to apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT). We recommend that you apply early because it can take 60 – 90 days for USCIS to process your applications.

Step 1: You must attend an OPT Seminar before you apply for OPT. OPT seminars are the first and third Wednesday, and second Friday, of each month at 3:45 PM in the Slutzker Center. The next OPT seminar is Wednesday, October 21 at 3:45 PM.

Step 2: Once you have attended an OPT seminar, you need to bring all required documents to the Slutzker Center during our Practical Training processing hours (Mondays from 3PM – 5PM and Thursdays from 10 AM – 12 Noon).

For more information please refer to our [website](#).

Immigration Status After Practical Training

November 10, 4:30 – 6PM

Crouse-Hinds 010

Andrea Godfread-Brown, an immigration attorney from the law firm of Brown and Palumbo in Syracuse, NY will present on: H1-B Temporary Workers, O-1 Aliens of Extraordinary ability, TNs under NAFTA, Permanent Residence/ Green Cards, Labor Certification, Outstanding Professors/ Researchers, and Extraordinary Ability Aliens.

Syracuse University Events

Build a Global Perspective

October 26, 7PM

120 Crouse Hinds Hall

This lecture deals with cultural awareness and how to build a global perspective. Harnessing and developing cultural awareness to connect, build, and network with others will make a difference on a worldwide basis. The European Student Association will host and present Tim Schermerhorn, an SU alum with over 25 years of international experience in every region of the globe.

Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs presents:

Bishop Borys Gudziak

Ukraine's Maidan: Revolution of Dignity, Civil Society and Education

October 28, 7PM

Maxwell Auditorium

Bishop Borys Gudziak, Bishop of Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of France and the Benelux Countries; President, Ukrainian Catholic University

His Excellency Borys Gudziak, who hails from Syracuse, N.Y., is a 1980 alumnus of the Syracuse University College of Arts and Sciences and the son of Ukrainian immigrants. He moved to Ukraine after earning his doctorate from Harvard University in 1992. In Ukraine, Gudziak re-established what grew into the new Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU). Under his leadership since 2002, UCU has been recognized as a "leading force of democratic reform and ethical business practices." Hear Gudziak reflect on the "Revolution of Dignity" and engage in a powerful experience which is educational, inspirational and spiritually uplifting. Dessert reception follows.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Cultural and Community Events

Rocky Horror Picture Show

October 24, 6PM

**Palace Theatre
2384 James St, 13206**

This annual Halloween bash will feature Last Man on Earth & Killer Klowns From Outer Space on 35 MM, followed up by a costume dance party contest. Topping off the evening will be "one of the Master's affairs!" an all props go showing of Rocky Horror Picture Show.

Click [here](#) for more information.

The Global Citizen: Graphic Art of Marlena Buczek Smith

Ends October 24

ArtRage Gallery, 505 Hawley Ave, 13203

Buczek Smith is a New Jersey-based artist originally from Poland. She has exhibited her insightful and passionate posters in North America, Asia and Europe, and her work has appeared in publications such as Graphics and Print.

For more information click [here](#).

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"Our work is the presentation of our capabilities." - **Edward Gibbon**



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