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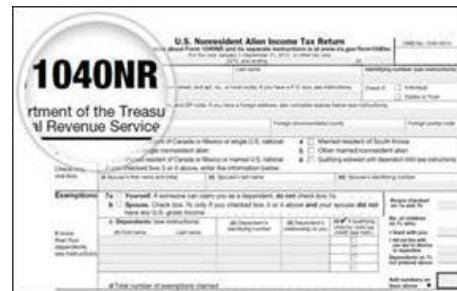
Immigration News and Events

**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.

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



**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.

On February 22, the Post Standard offered advice for avoiding these scams. Keep in mind, the IRS will not initiate contact with you via phone or email to ask for your personal financial information. If you are unsure about a tax bill, call the IRS at (800) 829-1040. The IRS will NOT give you an ultimatum to pay up immediately or else. Nor will the agency call to congratulate you on getting your refund (this is a variation of the scam). The IRS will not dictate how you pay your bill either (example: they will not direct you to a certain ATM location while you are on the phone).

Helpful Hint: Time Change

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 AM. You should set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

In the past, the [Post Standard](#) gave some interesting information about Daylight Saving Time.



Slutzker Center News and Events

Immigration Status after Practical Training

April 2, 4 – 6 PM
Crouse Hinds 010
Dan Berger

Dan Berger from the law firm of Curran and Berger in Northampton, MA will present on matters related to immigration after OPT including 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 **now file their applications**. 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 **do so 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 until 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

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.

St. Patrick's Day Parade March 14, 12 noon – 2 PM

Join us as we join the Syracuse community downtown for the 2nd biggest St. Patrick's Day Parade in the US.

If you would like to join us, please email lescis@syr.edu, by March 11 to let us know.

The 10:30 bus from College Place will arrive downtown with enough time to walk to the parade route. Dress warmly and wear green.



Syracuse University Events

Concert in Celebration of Pushing the Line: American Women Printmakers from the Syracuse University Art Collection March 5, 5:30 PM SU Art Galleries

Join sopranos Eileen Stempel and Kathleen Roland and friends for a musical evening honoring the SU Art Galleries exhibition "Pushing the Line: American Women Printmakers from the Syracuse University Art Collection." Presented during Women's History Month, the evening will feature songs by American women composers specifically selected to illuminate the musical and historical interconnections with the exhibit.

More information is available [here](#).



Mindfulness Goes to School: Linking Research with Practice March 6, 12 Noon - 1 PM Sims 123

Contemplative Collaborative Brownbag Series. The SU Humanities Spring Symposium features the scholarship of resident fellows for the benefit of the College of Arts and Sciences and participating divisions of SU. As part of their appointment, HC fellows have the opportunity to bring their research into conversation with faculty and students across the College, as well as outside experts and colleagues.



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

**OrangeAbility 2015:
Accessible Athletics Expo**
March 28, 1 - 4 PM
Flanagan Gym

Experience Relays, Sled Hockey, Wheelchair Basketball, Power Soccer, and more! Engage with local teams on the court, as well as organizations in our expo area. Try some equipment out yourself, and bring some friends along! You don't have to be able-bodied to play, and you don't have to have a disability to play accessible sports! Drop in to join or sign up online to: play with a team, volunteer, table with your group request specific accommodations (ASL Interpretation Provided)

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

Cultural and Community Events

New Voices from Selma
March 5, 7 - 9 PM
ArtRage Gallery
505 Hawley Ave, 13203

Local high school students joined with Syracuse poet, Jackie Warren Moore to share their writings, thoughts, art, and spoken word poetry in a one time performance at the ArtRage Gallery. Six workshops held at the high school focused on the 50th Anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery March and what it means to today's youth.

For more information, see the ArtRage [website](#).



**Sustainability and the Interstate 81
Challenge**

March 6, 12 - 1:30 PM
Syracuse Center of Excellence
727 E. Washington St, 13210

Confirmed panelists to date: Robert Haley, AIA, Architect, Urban Design Center and Peter Sarver, Moving People Transportation Coalition. This event is FREE. Attendees are welcome to bring their Green Bag Lunch. Seating is limited. Registration Required.



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

Important Reminders

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Quotes to keep you thinking

- "He who fears he will suffer already suffers because he fears." –**Michel De Montaigne**
- "Let us act on what we have, since we have not what we wish." –**John Henry Newman**
- "Never interrupt someone doing what you said couldn't be done." –**Amelia Earhart**

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