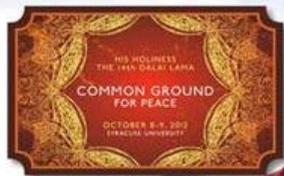




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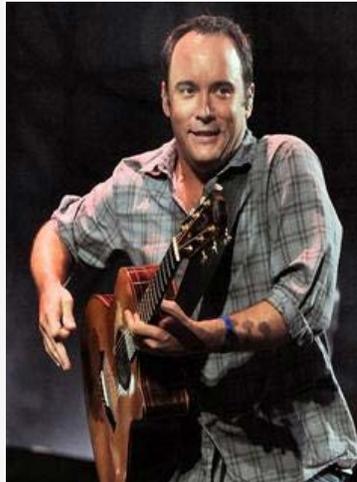
New students – If you haven't already checked in with the Slutzker Center, please remember to do so immediately

- If you have trouble viewing this message, please view this email using your SYR email account. Every week we also post this SCIS Newsletter on the Slutzker Center website. <http://international.syr.edu/newsletters/index.html>
- Feeling sick? Pick up your over the counter medications at the Health Services Pharmacy. All purchases can be charged to your bursar account. Call 315-443-5691 if you want to know if your medicine is in the pharmacy. Call (315) 443-9005 if you're interested in receiving a flu shot ! - SU Health Services

One World Concert – Be there to witness this amazing event !!



Tuesday will witness some of the biggest stars in the music industry performing live in a historic celebration of peace, music and common ground.



[Read more about the One World Concert](#)

[Learn more about the One World artists](#)

To Purchase Click [HERE](#) or Call the Carrier Dome Box Office at 888-DOMETIX (366-3849) or 443-2121.

Memorial Service for SU student Bassel Shahade



Bassel Shahade

A memorial service will be held in Hendricks Chapel for slain Syrian student Bassel Shahade.

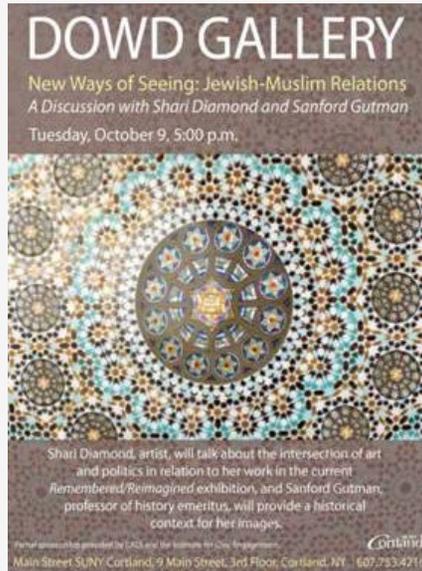
Schedule of Events – Wednesday, October 10th

10:30 a.m.	Memorial Service in memory of Bassel will be held at Hendricks Chapel
2 p.m.	Symposium on Bassel and Syria, Public Affairs Room, Maxwell School, with panelists, James Steinberg, Dean Maxwell School, journalist Rami Khouri, Malek Jandali, and Mohamed Alsiadi. Symposium to include the screening of several of Bassel's short films.
7 p.m.	Concert - Malek Jandali and Mohamed Alsiadi at Setnor Auditorium. Concert to include the screening of several of Bassel's short films. \$12 for students, \$25 for general public, \$100 for sponsors (includes concert ticket plus donation to the festival award fund for Peace and Social Justice)

In May 2012, Syracuse University student Bassel Shahade was killed in the fighting in Homs, Syria. Shahade had left behind his Fulbright fellowship in the Film Program (CVPA) at Syracuse University to return to Syria and act as and train citizen journalists to document what was (and is still) taking place in his country.

This day of memorial is made possible by support from Laila and Edward Audi, additional support from Syracuse University's Department of Transmedia, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, and Graduate Student Association.

Multi-cultural discussion with photographic artist



New Ways of Seeing: Jewish-Muslim Relations

When : October 9, at 5:00 p.m.

Where : 9 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Cortland (Main Street SUNY Cortland)

Shari Diamond, artist, will talk about the intersection of art and politics in relation to her work in the current Remembered/Reimagined exhibition, and Sanford Gutman, professor of history emeritus, will provide a historical context for her images.

Shari Diamond is a Brooklyn-based photographic artist who seeks to highlight the similarities between the Jewish and Muslim faiths. Her work was inspired by a group of Muslims who risked their lives in Paris during World War II to rescue many Jews. She offers us a glimpse into a reimagined contemporary Jewish-Muslim community through her digitally combined imagery of synagogues and mosques.

Sanford Gutman taught European, French and modern Jewish history at SUNY Cortland and has also been a visiting professor of modern Jewish history at Cornell University, Ithaca College and Syracuse University. For more information, please call the Dowd Gallery at 607.753.4216.

English Conversation Program accepting new students



If you (or your spouse or partner) feel a need to improve your informal English language skills, please feel free to join one hour weekly meetings of the English conversation program. The conversation groups usually consist of 4 to 5 international students or scholars and one English speaking group leader. The group leader could be an S.U. student or someone from the Syracuse community.

By joining this program you will have an opportunity to practice and improve your English language skills and also to learn more about life in the USA, while meeting new people and making new friends.

When : Weekly meetings will continue during this entire semester during regular office hours

Where : The Slutzker Center

In order to apply for this program please contact Riet DeKleermaeker, Coordinator of English Conversation Program at mdekleer@syr.edu. She will contact you by email to inform you about the day and time of your meetings.

Arts and Recreational Events

Six plays offered this season to mark Syracuse Stage's 40th Anniversary



“Moby Dick”

A Riveting, Physical Adaptation with 18 Authentic Sea Shanties

Adapted for the stage by Julian Rad
Adapted from the book by Herman Melville
Directed by Peter Amster

When : October 10 to November 4, 2012
Where : Syracuse Stage, 820 East Genesee Street

“Riveting. A brilliant new adaptation... interspersed with a score of haunting traditional sea shanties.” – *Nassau Herald*

Alive with a soundscape of 18 authentic sea shanties and performed by an ensemble of nine, this highly physical adaption cuts to the core of Melville’s searing narrative and plays with the fury of a Nantucket sleigh ride. A young man seeks adventure on a whaling vessel and finds himself a pawn in an obsessive pursuit of vengeance that threatens death and destruction for all. Director Peter Amster (*The 39 Steps* and *The Fantasticks*) returns to guide the ensemble in this thrilling and critically acclaimed telling of a classic American tale.

Schedule of upcoming plays

Production	Time
Irving Berlin’s <i>White Christmas</i>	Nov 23 – Dec 30, 2012
August Wilson’s <i>Two Trains Running</i>	Jan 30 – Feb 17, 2013
<i>A Midsummer Night’s Dream</i>	Mar 6 – 31, 2013
<i>Good People</i>	Apr 24 – May 12, 2013
<i>An Iliad</i>	May 15 – Jun 9, 2013

SYRFILMFEST '12 - International Film Festival



An excellent schedule of International Films is lined up this year. The prime focus of 2012 Syracuse International Film Festival is “Social Justice”. In celebration, Ron Pearlman, Tom Bower and Rob Nilsson will be gracing the event with their presence as special guests.

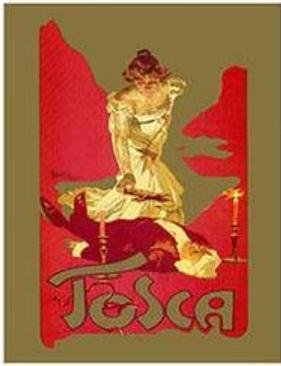


This year's Festival is dedicated to SU student Bassel Shahade - filmmaker, social activist, and student in the Film Program (CVPA) at Syracuse University.

When? : Oct 11th to 14th (multiple theatres)

For a detailed schedule on the films being showcased and the locations please click [here](#).
For booking the tickets please visit [this](#) link.

Puccini's breathtaking opera "Tosca" is coming to Syracuse!



When : Friday, Oct. 19 @ 8 pm & Sunday, Oct. 21 @ 2 pm

Where : The Oncenter Crouse-Hinds Theater - 411 Montgomery Street

Sung in Italian with projected English titles

Honor and justice are bitter enemies in Puccini's dramatic clash of art and power. A passionate diva wields a vengeful blade to save her lover in one of the most riveting confrontations in all opera. Sung by three of opera's most prominent artists, our production will steel all of your senses. Puccini's heart wrenching melodies will twist the dagger in a compelling evening of opera... you will not soon forget.

For more details visit [here](#).

Looking for a getaway? The Fall Festival is on the way



The Greek Peak Mountain Resort Fall Festival means food, foliage and fun for the entire family. There will be a variety of activities and rides for everyone, from face and pumpkin painting, to bounce houses and wagon rides. Kids will love the Bubble Man and Ross Park Zoo's petting zoo. We will have a rock climbing wall and the Euro Bungee from our Adventure Center and so much more! There will be food, drinks and music to enjoy all day!

Date: Saturday October 13, 2012. 12pm – 5pm

Admission:

\$20.00 for adults (15 and over)

\$15.00 for ages 7-14

FREE for kids 6 and under

Included with Admission:

Wagon Rides, Bubblemania, Bounce Houses, Home Depot Activities, Petting Zoo, Chairlift Rides, Face Painting, Sheriff Department K-9 unit demonstrations, Vendors, Food and Drinks (excludes alcoholic beverages), And More.

EuroBungy: \$5.00

Wall Climbing: \$5.00

Pumpkin Painting \$1.00 per pumpkin

Charicature Drawings \$5.00

Paintball: TBD

Massage \$5.00

For more details visit their [page](#).





Cross Country : SU Men make it to Top-10



The Syracuse men's cross country team has broken into the top-10 in the USTFCCA Men's Cross Country Coaches' Poll. The Orange garnered its highest ranking so far this season coming in at number 10. The men have won every race so far, finishing in first at the Harry Lang Invitational, the Dartmouth Invitational and the Toledo Bubble Buster. Read the full story [here](#).

Soccer : SU defeats Rutgers 2-1



Senior Lars Muller scored in the 93rd minute, clinching a 2-1 victory for the SU men's soccer team (9-3-0, 2-1-0 BIG EAST) against Rutgers (5-4-0, 1-2-0 BIG EAST) on Wednesday, Oct. 3 at the SU Soccer Stadium. With its ninth win of the season, the Orange has now won the most games in a season since 1999, when SU finished 11-9-0.

Syracuse first captured the lead in the 28th minute when a corner kick from Jordan Murrell found the soaring Jordan Vale, who headed it into the back of the net for his fifth goal of the season. Read the full story [here](#).

Family Weekend to invigorate SU this weekend



Parents and family members of Syracuse University students will be joining the campus community this weekend, from October 5-7, for Family Weekend 2012. This year, more than 4,000 people and 1,300 families will be attending, representing more than 37 states, including Montana, Nevada and Arizona, as well as Puerto Rico, and three other countries (Canada, Great Britain, and Switzerland).

"Family Weekend provides an opportunity for parents and family members in the states and abroad to connect with their student in their environment, as well as experience the festive atmosphere and school spirit of a home football game in the Carrier Dome," says Colleen Bench, assistant vice president for the Division of Student Affairs and director of the Parents Office. "For many family members, this is their first visit to campus and the time when they are able to see their student in their new 'home away from home.'"

For more info visit [this](#) page.

U.S. Embassy Announces New Visa Processing System In India



Applicants will encounter changes to appointment and fee payment procedures starting September 26.

The U.S. Embassy in India announced on September 5 that it is implementing a new visa processing system at all U.S. consular posts in India. The changes will impact fee payment and appointment scheduling.

Changes to Appointment Scheduling

Effective September 26, 2012, individuals who need to make consular visa appointments will be able to do so through a new website [here](#). Applicants will also be able to schedule appointments through a call center. Call center agents will answer questions in Hindi, English, Punjabi, Gujarati, Tamil, and Telugu. Call centers will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. IST on Monday through Friday and from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. IST on Sunday. The telephone numbers are (91 120) 660 2222 or (91 22) 6720 9400 in India or 1.310.616.5424 in the United States. Applicants can email requests for appointments in English or Hindi to support-india@ustraveldocs.com, or they can chat with information agents directly on the new website during call center hours. There is currently no fee for using the call center. In addition, visa applicants will be able to pay visa application fees via electronic fund transfer (EFT), through their mobile telephones, or in cash at branches of Axis Bank and Citibank.

Separate Biometric Appointment

Under the new system, many first-time applicants and some renewal applicants will have to make two appointments. Prior to their visa interviews, many first-time applicants and a smaller number of renewal applicants will have to visit an Offsite Facilitation Center (OFC) to submit their fingerprints and a photo. OFCs are located apart from the embassy and consulates in Delhi, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, and Mumbai.

Passport Delivery

Under the new system, passports, visas, immigrant visa packets, and other documents will be delivered to 33 document pickup locations across India within a week at no charge. Applicants will be asked to choose a delivery location when they schedule their appointments and will be able to track the progress of their visa application on the website. When documents are ready for pickup, applicants will be notified via email and/or short message service (SMS) on their mobile telephones.

Implications

Individual applicants and their employers should factor into their planning the need for two separate appointments as well as the potential for delays or glitches as this new system is implemented. We will monitor developments in this area and publish additional Immigration Alerts as warranted.



Source: [JDSUPRA](#) Link to official release located [here](#).

Unsung Heroes Nomination 2013



The Syracuse University Martin Luther King Jr. 2013 Celebration committee seeks nominations for the Unsung Heroes Awards, which will be presented during the 28th Annual MLK Celebration in the Carrier Dome in January 2013. The awards are presented annually to people who, in the spirit of Dr. King's "beloved community", have made a positive difference in the lives of others, but who are not widely recognized for their efforts.

Nominations may be made in any of the following categories:

- Youth/Teen from Onondaga County or the immediate surrounding counties
- Adult from Onondaga County or the immediate surrounding counties
- Student at SU or SUNY ESF
- Faculty or Staff from SU or SUNY ESF



ONLINE NOMINATION - [Click Here](#)
PDF NOMINATION FORM - [Click Here](#)

Please send nomination forms to:

Awards Committee
Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee
Hendricks Chapel
Syracuse University
Syracuse, NY 13244-1110

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Who: Open to all SU international students
Where: Slutzker Center
When: Tuesdays 3:30 - 5 p.m.

If you have questions about this service, please contact MJ Doh, Ph.D., or Susan Levy, LCSW, at 443.4715.

No appointment necessary!

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Keeping Catholic in Turbulent Times



SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
The College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Religion



Please join us for the Inaugural Joseph and Amelia Borgognoni Lecture
in Catholic Theology and Religion and Society

Kathleen Kennedy Townsend
"Keeping Catholic in Turbulent Times"

Monday, Oct. 15, 2012

7 p.m.
Maxwell Auditorium
Reception to follow

Click here for more information about the:
[Lecture Parking Campus Map](#)

Questions: Deborah Pratt, 315-443-3863 / dpratt@syr.edu

A Special Announcement from The College of Arts and Sciences

Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, the eldest daughter of the late Robert Kennedy, is the author of "Failing America's Faithful: How Today's Churches Are Mixing God With Politics and Losing Their Way" (Warner Books, 2007).



Monsignor Charles L. Borgognoni (a.k.a. Father Charles) established the Joseph and Amelia Borgognoni Fund in memory of his parents, to promote the study of Catholic theology and religion in society. During his 30 years on campus, he served as the Roman Catholic chaplain of the St. Thomas More Campus Ministry, raised more than \$1 million for the construction of the John C. Alibrandi Catholic Center, and was chaplain of the SU football and basketball programs. Monsignor Borgognoni was a visionary, teacher, mentor, and friend to students and faculty alike. Augmented by leadership gifts from SU friends and alumni, the Borgognoni Fund exemplifies the affinity he felt for the University.

Click here to make a gift to the Borgognoni Fund.
https://secure.syr.edu/giving/thecollege_giving.aspx

Sponsored by the Borgognoni Fund for Catholic Theology and Religion in Society, with additional support from the Campbell Public Affairs Institute in the Maxwell School and the Religion and Society Program in The College of Arts and Sciences.

Last chance to "Mix-It-Up" for the Fall !



An SCIS initiative to further the Chancellor's mandate of Scholarship in Action and the Division of Student Affairs goals to Enliven Education through Engaged Citizenship and Inclusive Communities. Meets most Fridays at 5:00 P.M. Schedule for this term is available below:

October 12 at 5pm @ Slutzker Center

Originally begun as a comprehensive program to prepare students for [study abroad](#) and to keep students connected to the skills and knowledge garnered internationally upon return to the home campus, *Mix It Up* is now hosted by SCIS to embrace all groups on campus, providing them with a space for dialogue and opportunities to work together on fun projects that focus on the international on the campus and in the city of Syracuse. Discussions and lectures explore identity, intercultural communication, and integration on the SU campus.

Full-time Course of Study



NOTE: For Syracuse University F-1 students, a full-time course load is required during the Fall and Spring semesters. Full time enrollment means **Graduate** students must enroll for at least **9 credits** every semester. **Undergraduate** students must register for at least **12 credits** every semester. Students are not required to enroll in courses during the Summer. However, if **Summer session is your first semester** then you must maintain full time enrollment of at least 6 credits for that summer session.

Under Federal Immigration Rules, **to maintain F-1 status, no more than 3 online credits per semester may count towards the "full course of study" requirement.** For example, a graduate student required to register for 9 credits per semester to maintain full time status can take only 3 of those credits through an on-line class each semester – **6 credits must be live, in classroom courses.**

However, an F-1 student can take as many on-line or distance education as they wish (with SCIS's approval) during the Summer or over Winter break.

If it is your last semester and fewer than 12 credits are required to graduate for undergrads and 9 credits for grads; it is acceptable to carry only those credits required to complete your degree. **If a student needs less than a full course load in the final semester to finish his/her degree, the course(s) cannot be taken solely online or as distance education. You must be enrolled in a live, in classroom course during your last semester.**

Students considering on-line courses or courses at a different institution should first discuss the plan with an SCIS advisor. It is necessary to maintain valid F-1 status at all times.

If you are taking less than 9 credits this semester you must fill out a Certificate of Full-Time Status http://international.syr.edu/documents/forms/full_time_status_certification-Jan04.pdf

If this is your last semester you will have to fill out the Last Semester Memo <http://international.syr.edu/documents/forms/2008lastsemestermemo-su.pdf>

Meeting Your Health Requirements



MEETING YOUR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Please be certain that you are currently enrolled in an approved health insurance policy for the upcoming 2012 – 2013 academic year. If you have renewed or changed your health insurance please provide the Slutzker Center with an updated copy of it via e-mail lescis@syr.edu or in person. If you have questions, or need helping enrolling in an approved health insurance policy, please make an appointment with an adviser at the Slutzker Center, or see Linda Deon at the Health Center for assistance.

Syracuse University Health Services has determined that many international students are not in compliance with immunization requirements defined by New York State public health law. Enrolled students found not to be in compliance risk strict administrative consequences including **inability to register, suspension of I.D. card privileges, and may be required to leave campus.**

You must be in compliance with these immunization requirements in order to remain on campus.

The Health Service will be sending an email to all those who are not in compliance via the syr.edu email address. Please watch for that notice (check your syr.edu email address!). If your registration is cancelled, you will also lose your F-1 or J-1 student status. Don't put yourself at risk. Contact the Health Service as soon as you receive that email!

The South Asia Center Events



South Asia Center Schedule of Events

 invites you to Hindi-Urdu Table Fall 2012  आप का स्वागत है! خوش آمدید Please join us for some chai and conversation. All are welcome to attend, from beginners to native speakers. Wednesday, September 5th Wednesday, September 19th Wednesday, October 3rd Wednesday, October 31st Wednesday, November 28th 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm 352 Eggers Hall MOYNIHAN @Maxwell	 Fall 2012 Speaker Series Thursday, September 13th, 4:00 pm Maxwell Auditorium <i>Clinical Encounters and Citizenship</i> <i>Projects in South India</i> Lucinda Ransberg Department of Anthropology, Cornell University (Co-sponsored by Department of Anthropology) Tuesday, September 25th, 12:30 pm 341 Eggers Hall <i>The Age of the Sickle: Postcoloniality,</i> <i>Culture and Maxims in Bengal</i> Anurita Majumdar Department of English, Syracuse University Tuesday, October 23rd, 12:30 pm 341 Eggers Hall <i>India: The Disposable Nation?</i> Vikash Yadav Political Science Department, Hobart and William Smith Colleges (Co-sponsored by Department of Political Science) Tuesday, October 30th, 12:30 pm 341 Eggers Hall <i>Memory, History, Conflict and Claim:</i> <i>Rishabhdeo temple, Rajasthan</i> Anisha Saxena Center for Historical Research, Jawaharlal Nehru University Tuesday, November 6th, 12:30 pm 341 Eggers Hall <i>The ITTs and the Social Life of Caste</i> Ajanta Subramanian Department of Anthropology, Harvard University Tuesday, November 27th, 12:30 pm 341 Eggers Hall <i>Pakistani Cinema in the 1950s</i> Iftekhar Dadi Department of History of Arts & Visual Studies, Cornell University (Co-sponsored by Department of Art and Music Histories)
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Events to look out for !!





There's a lot happening in downtown Syracuse the next few weeks! Check it out here:
<http://t.co/2B35dvC8>

Progressive Insurance 19th Annual Big East Powersports Show

The 19th Annual Big East Powersports Show is back and better than ever. The premier powersports event in the Northeast, this is the only show where you can SEE, BUY, and WEAR the latest from Arctic Cat, Polaris, Ski-Doo and Yamaha.

Come check out the newest sleds, ATVs, aftermarket products, accessories and clothing, open and enclosed trailers, resorts and lodges, destination information, associations and more! See what's new in products and accessories from deal

When - October 5 - 7, 2012

Time - Friday: 5pm - 10pm
Saturday: 10am - 8pm
Sunday: 10am - 4pm

Where - Oncenter Convention Center
800 South State Street
Syracuse, NY 13202

Cost - Adults (E-Club) \$8
Regular Adult Admission: \$10
Children 6-12: \$4
Children 5 & under: Free

Click [here](#) to buy the tickets
Website - <http://www.gsevents.com/shows/display.cfm?showid=54>

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Scan the QR code to go to our new website.

Some great upcoming events through the Whitman School. Be sure to visit [their calendar page](#) often for professional development opportunities, programmatic offerings, open-houses and more.



E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors List



The lists below cover employers and federal contractors enrolled in E-Verify through March 15, 2012. The federal contractors listed within self-reported that their contract has the E-Verify FAR clause. The lists contain the following:

- Business name (the name which was used during registration with E-Verify, whether the legal name of the business or individual, a trade name or abbreviation)
- Federal Contractor Identifier (yes/no)
- Federal Contractor Employee verification (all new hires or entire workforce)
- Employer city, state and ZIP code used at registration
- Workforce size (five or more)

- [E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors \(AK-AZ\) as of March 15, 2012](#) (XLS)
- [E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors \(CA-CT\) as of March 15, 2012](#) (XLS)
- [E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors \(DC-MA\) as of March 15, 2012](#) (XLS)
- [E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors \(MD-NJ\) as of March 15, 2012](#) (XLS)
- [E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors \(NM-SC\) as of March 15, 2012](#) (5863KB XLS)
- [E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors \(SD-WY\) as of March 15, 2012](#) (XLS)

[Click here for more information](#)

CPT/OPT seminars



An advisor will be able to process your CPT or OPT on one of the days listed below:

- October 9 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
- October 11 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
- October 16 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
- October 18 - 10:00am - 12:00pm



F-1 students who will graduate this December 2012 and plan to apply for post-completion Optional Practical Training (OPT) are reminded that they must submit their application paperwork to the Slutzker Center, and then send the processed documents to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) so that it is received at the USCIS **no later than 60 days** after their degree completion date. The program completion date for the fall semester is December 14, 2012.

F-1 students who have not yet begun the practical training application process are urged to do so soon so that you will have the best possible opportunity to obtain your employment authorization card (EAD) in a timely manner. Currently, it is taking the USCIS Service Centers approximately 70-90 days to process OPT employment authorization applications. Employment cannot begin until you have the card "in your hands".

- Also, a student in F-1 or J-1 status cannot be employed away from the Syracuse University campus unless they have obtained appropriate federal authorization to do so before employment can begin. This includes internships, research and volunteering.

Important Reminders



Although rare, a fire drill or evacuation could be an opportunity for a thief to strike. To prevent someone from taking your irreplaceable documents and passports we recommend the following:

- Keep your documents in a secure location.
- Be able to access and take your documents with you quickly if you need to evacuate the building.
- A small safe, briefcase, folder or backpack maybe the best way to keep your documents organized.
- Rent a safety deposit box at your local bank (i.e.: HSBC, Chase, etc.)

You should never spend time searching for your documents in an emergency situation. **REMEMBER**, while you want to do your best to protect your valuable property, your personal safety is the highest importance in emergency!

A Reminder About Optional Practical Training EAD Cards

F-1 students who have obtained authorization for Optional Practical Training from the USCIS are reminded to please email a copy of their EAD cards (front + back) to the SCIS at lescis@syr.edu so that we can keep a copy for your files. Having a photocopy in the SCIS could become very important to you in the future, if we need to verify your F-1 status or if the card is lost or stolen.

Important Reminder from Human Resources

International students who have jobs on campus (GA positions, TA positions, RA positions and hourly wage assignments) are reminded to be sure to copy the appropriate Human Resources Office on campus for any change of U.S. address. Be sure to look at your address on your most recent pay stub. If it is not accurate, report it to your department or office where you work so that the address can be updated by your department. If you are on any payroll, your change of address is needed so that you can receive your W-2 Wage and Tax Statement forms in late January, as well as any checks that may be coming to you if you are leaving at the end of this semester.

Also, if you have obtained a social security number since starting work, it is essential that you report your social security number to your payroll office for W-2 purposes. If you are uncertain whether or not this is a problem for you, check your most recent pay stub, and look to see if your social security number as well as your current address are included properly.

Transferring out of SU?



If you are planning to transfer out of SU, the immigration regulatory process for **transferring** your F-1 status from Syracuse University to a new school in the United States requires you to complete a Transfer Out Form with the SCIS so that your federal SEVIS record can be transferred to your new school. The Transfer Out Form and more detailed information may be found on our website: <http://international.syr.edu/current-students/maintaining-visa-status/transfer-out.html>

Is this your last semester at SU?



Students who will be completing their studies this May but have no plans to apply for practical training (F-1), academic training (J-1) or continue at a new school or in a new field or level of study (i.e. Master's, J.D., Ph.D), or seek a change of non-immigrant status must depart the United States within 60 days of their academic program end date if they are in F-1 status (see item #5 on your current I-20), or within 30 days if they are in J-1 status.

Studying Abroad?



Planning to Study Abroad during the **Spring 2013** semester? If so, please talk to an international advisor at the Slutzker Center soon. There are steps which you must take in order to insure your continued non-immigrant status for re-entry to the U.S

IMMIGRATION UPDATES



Don't Be Fooled by Copycat Immigration-Help Sites



Some private websites that charge to prepare immigration forms mimic the look and feel of official government sites, leading users to mistakenly believe they are dealing directly with the government and paying USCIS fees. Many copycat sites add to the confusion by charging applicants the same amount for preparing an immigration form that USCIS charges for filing that same form.

As a result, some applicants have sent forms to USCIS without submitting the filing fees. These applicants mistakenly believed they had paid the USCIS filing fee when they paid the private firm for preparing the forms.

To learn more, visit: <http://blog.uscis.gov/2011/09/dont-be-fooled-by-copycat-immigration.html>

International Students and Arrests



Although it is not a pleasant subject, there are a few situations where an international student might be arrested in the United States and charged with a crime. Common misdemeanor or felony arrests can include theft, drunk driving, shoplifting (stealing goods from a store without paying for them) and drug possession (with or without intent to sell).

Binghamton University has published an article that discusses the consequences such arrests can create with a student's U.S. immigration status, even if the charges themselves are dismissed or reduced. The article may be viewed at: <http://www2.binghamton.edu/iss/publications/instuarrest.html>

Housing and Safety



Keeping Good Rental Records



Lack of knowledge regarding leases or other rental agreements can cause a variety of problems. By keeping records of rental repair requests, security deposit disputes, and other important issues related to rental agreements, you can alleviate many of these types of problems. The most frustrating problems occur when the tenant cannot document their grievances. To prevent this, start a rental file as soon as you sign the lease and add to it throughout your lease term. A rental file is easy to keep, considering the money you may recover through rental modification or qualifying for full return on your security deposit. If a rental problem arises, it is easier to negotiate a solution with the landlord when you have written records that show the extent of the problem, what you asked the landlord to do about it, and how the landlord responded.

Your Rental File Should Hold:

A Rental Log

Use a simple notebook to write all dates and times you contacted or tried to contact your landlord; make a note of any discussion. Logs are a useful permanent record of how the landlord did or did not respond to problems.

Apartment Condition Checklist

This is proof of the condition of the apartment when you move in and out. Keep a copy and send the original to the landlord by certified mail and return receipt.

Correspondence With Your Landlord

Make any complaints or concerns in writing and keep copies on file. All verbal requests should be followed up in writing with copies in your file.

Reports

Keep copies of the Certificate of Suitability, building inspection reports, police reports, and any other reports from other agencies.

Photographs

Photos may be the evidence you need to document a repair or security deposit problem. Photos should be dated and signed by a witness.

Housing Update: Address Change



Address Change?

All International Students and Scholars that will be moving into their new on-campus and off-campus housing must update their US Address where you will be living during this Fall semester via your "MySlice self-service" and select CURR address.

You must update your address immediately in order to be in compliance with the Immigration Regulations. If you do not update your address we will not be able to register your record with SEVIS and you will be jeopardizing your Immigration requirements to comply with reporting changes of addresses while you are here in the USA

studying at Syracuse University.

Please always update your address within 10 days of your move on MySlice.

Department of Public Safety Reminder



FOR YOUR SAFETY, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- To safeguard your personal property—DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PROPERTY UNATTENDED
- On campus after dark, use DPS' free escort service. Off campus, use SU Home (it's free), call 443-SAFE (7233) for more information about these services.
- Centro Bus or taxi service.
- Walk, bike or jog in groups of three or more – away from bushes, cars, and other objects a suspect could hide behind.
- Look and listen. Headphones and cell phones can create tunnel vision.
- Travel in well-lighted and well-traveled areas.
- Keep porch lights on at night.
- Don't approach strangers or let them get close to you.
- If you think someone is following you, switch directions or cross the street. Go toward an open business or lighted house.
- Have your house or car keys in hand before you reach your door.
- Know where "Blue Light" phones are and how to use them.
- If someone tries to rob you, don't resist. Give up your property, not your life.
- Try to get a description of the suspect(s) and any associated vehicle & tag number.

"Your Safety and Security at Syracuse University" is part of Syracuse University's ongoing commitment to the prevention of crime. It is available online at:
<http://publicsafety.syr.edu/PublicSafety/ckfinder/userfiles/files/2011%20Clery.pdf>

Protect your Property



All your personal belongings are insured against a wide range of losses. The SCIS supports this policy and we encourage every student to have this insurance.

- Laptops, cell phones, jewelry, watches, iPods, cameras, clothes, books, sports equipment, furniture **all** your "stuff" is covered. You're insured for countless types of losses, including theft, vandalism, fire, and accidental damage.
- Worldwide coverage on and **off** campus (in your apartment, in a foreign country, "at home", in storage, or anywhere else they may be).
- Property of the University is covered while in your care
- Buy \$4,000 of coverage for less than \$94! Also there is up to \$20,000 coverage available for an annual premium of only \$250.

For more information about our student personal property program, call 1-866-535-0456 and ask for a college specialist to assist you. Or better yet Enroll online! It's fast and easy. Simply log on to: www.haylor.com/student or send an e-mail to: student@haylor.com

Motivational Quotes of the Week:



"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young." – **Henry Ford**

"Silence is argument carried out by other means." – **Che Guevara**

"More than a half, maybe as much as two-thirds of my life as a writer is rewriting. I wouldn't say I have a talent that's special. It strikes me that I have an unusual kind of stamina." – **John Irving**

"If you have knowledge, let others light their candles in it." — **Margaret Fuller**

"Hope is important because it can make the present moment less difficult to bear. If we believe that tomorrow will be better, we can bear a hardship today."— **Thich Nhat Hanh**

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