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Thursday, May 8, 2008

## **Solzhenitsyn Open Forum**

Syracuse University College of Arts and Sciences and the Slutzker Center for International Services are pleased to invite you to an open forum recognizing 2008 honorary degree recipient Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn featuring Stephan Solzhenitsyn, son, and Edward Ericson, J., professor emeritus, Calvin College.

### **An inside view of Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn: A conversation with Stephan Solzhenitsyn**

Day: Friday, May 9, 2008

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Location: Hall of Languages, Room 500  
Syracuse University

[Event Flyer](#)

Reception following forum

This event is open to the public.

## **2008 Hisako Fujitsuka Award Winner**

Congratulations Hisako Fujitsuka Award Winner, Aminata Sidibe!

Aminata received the award in recognition of her exceptional service, academic excellence, commitment, and caring within the Syracuse University community.

Photo includes: Professor Kofi Appiah Okyere- WSOM (left), Aminata Sidibe (middle), and Tom Harblin- Vice President, Office of Global Development.

## **Extra CPT and OPT Seminar To Be Offered May 14**

Because so many students have waited until the end of the academic year to begin thinking about CPT and OPT, we have decided to offer an extra CPT and OPT seminar next Wednesday, May 14. The CPT seminar will begin at 3 p.m. It will be followed by the OPT seminar at 3:45 p.m. Please plan to attend that session if you are interested in either CPT or OPT this summer.

The next session will be held on May 21. There will not be a session on May 28. In June, we will return to our normal [schedule](#) which is posted on our website, the first and third Wednesday of each month CPT at 3 p.m. and OPT at 3:45 p.m.

## **Additional Travel Seminars**

Traveling after the semester ends? Additional travel seminars will be held next week. The Director has recently met with representatives of Customs and Border Patrol, and updated information about travel requirement for foreign nationals will be reviewed. Information is also posted on our website.

### Schedule for May 13-15

Tuesday, May 13- 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14- 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 15- 2:00 p.m.

The travel seminar will resume its regular schedule, the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm, after next week.

## **SCIS News Summer Issues**

SCIS News will be issued on a reduced schedule for the summer. Summer issues will be monthly, on the first Thursday or Friday of each month, beginning the first week of June. Please continue to monitor the front page of the Slutzker Center website, <http://international.syr.edu/>, for immigration updates and important news.

## **Commencement Weekend Schedule: May 9-11**

### Schine Student Center

#### Building Hours

Friday May 9 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday May 10 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday May 11 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Schine Dining Hours

Friday May 9 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday May 10 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday May 11 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### Syracuse University Bookstore Hours

**Living in Syracuse**

**Life at SU**

**Social Security**

**Taxes**

**Centro Bus System**

**Driving in the U.S.**

**Getting settled in Syracuse**

**Off Campus Housing**

**Orange Housing**

Friday May 9 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
 Saturday May 10 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Sunday May 11 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Computer Cluster will open when the building opens and will close ½ hour before the building closes.

#### Goldstein Student Center

Building Hours

Fri May 9 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
 Sat May 10 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
 Sun May 11 CLOSED

#### Goldstein Dining Hours

Friday May 9 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
 Saturday May 10 CLOSED  
 Sunday May 11 CLOSED

#### Goldstein Bookstore Hours

Friday May 9 CLOSED  
 Saturday May 10 CLOSED  
 Sunday May 11 CLOSED

### **Shuttle U Home Program Hours Extended**

The Shuttle U Home Program will be extending its hours to help accommodate students during Reading Days and final exams. SUH will run from Wednesday, April 30 until Thursday, May 15. The hours the shuttle will run are 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., with the last sign-in at 4:30.

### **University Summer Office Hours Begin May 12**

Summer office hours for Syracuse University will begin on Monday, May 12 and will be in effect through Friday, August 22. Office hours are 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### **Upcoming On-Campus Employment Seminars Cancelled**

The On-Campus Employment Seminars scheduled for Friday, May 16 and Tuesday, May 27 have been canceled. Please plan accordingly. Information regarding on-campus employment is available online: [webpage](#) and [seminar](#).

### **Full-Time On-Campus Employment Over the Summer**

On-campus employment is limited to 20 hours per week during the academic semester and may be increased to full-time employment (more than 20 hours/week) during approved winter, spring, and summer breaks. The 20 hour limitation applies to all international students (including RA's, TA's, and GA's) unless additional employment has been authorized by the USCIS or Slutzker Center (e.g., CPT). [More information...](#)

Approved University breaks when full-time on-campus employment is acceptable:

Summer: May 8 through and including August 24, 2008

Winter: December 12, 2008 through and including January 11, 2009

Spring: March 8, through and including March 15, 2009

### **Your Security Deposit**

When you moved into your apartment, your landlord probably required you to pay a security deposit. Your landlord must return your security deposit to you, less any lawful deduction, at the end of the lease or within a reasonable time after the end of your lease. A landlord can use your security deposit for the following reasons: 1) as reimbursement for the reasonable cost of repairs, beyond normal wear and tear, if the tenant damages the apartment, or 2) as reimbursement for any unpaid rent.

In the City of Syracuse, local law requires a landlord to refund a security deposit within twenty-one days of the end of the lease or to provide an itemized list of damages or back rent owed for which the security deposit is being withheld.

Landlords of buildings with six or more apartments must put your security deposit in an interest-bearing bank account. Tenants must be given the option of having this interest paid to them annually, applied to rent, or paid at the end of the lease term.

Keep as much proof as possible that you have kept your apartment well maintained and that you cleaned it before you moved out. This includes photographs or video of your apartment before and after you lived there, receipts of cleaning supplies you used prior to moving out, a checklist or inspection of damages present in the apartment before and after you lived there (preferably made in writing and with your landlord present). Designate one roommate to save all of this proof until everyone's security deposit has been returned.

If a problem arises with the return of your security deposit, you should first try to resolve it with your landlord before taking other action. If the dispute cannot be resolved, you may contact Student Legal Services at 443-4532. You may also file a complaint with the New York State Attorney General's Office. Complaint forms can be found online (under "Consumer Issues") at <http://www.oag.state.ny.us>. You can also call the Attorney General's Consumer Hotline for more information at 1-800-771-7755.

**Reminder:**

Before you move, be sure to complete a Change of Address form with the United States Post Office. For more information contact the US Post Office at: [www.moversguide.com](http://www.moversguide.com). Also, for international students and scholars, in order to maintain valid immigration status, you must update your address information in [MySlice](#) and submit the appropriate online [form](#) within 10 days of moving.

**Ten Tons of Love**

*Ten Tons of Love* is Syracuse University and SUNY ESF's annual food and clothing drive. Last year over 20 tons of donated goods were collected. The drive runs from April 29-May 16, 2008. *Ten Tons of Love* is only possible with the assistance of many volunteers, like you, to help load, move and sort all the donated items. [To volunteer...](#)

**Intersession Recreation Facility Schedule**

The intersession recreation facility schedule is available online at: <http://recreationservices.syr.edu>

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