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1. Walk In PT Step 2 Service

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To accommodate student requests at this busy time of the semester, we will have another "Walk In PT Step 2 Service" session next Wednesday morning, **April 13**, from **10:00am to 12:00pm** at the Slutzker Center . A number of advisers will be on hand to process your applications on a first come, first served basis. You may have to wait, so please bring something to read, or plan to watch television or work on the computer. We will process as many student applications as possible during the two hours. If we have more applications than we can process, we will take them in and work on them throughout the rest of the week.

Please be sure to have all documents completed and ready for advisor review. We will work diligently to see as many students as possible during this time. If you feel that your case needs personal attention or you have many questions, please call our office to schedule a regular CPT or OPT Step 2 Appointment so that your case can get the attention it needs. We are now scheduling appointments on and after April 15th.

We hope that this extra service will meet the needs of students who are applying for practical training. Of course, we will continue our regular schedule of CPT and OPT Step 2 Appointments throughout April and May. Depending on the utility (and success) of this walk-in session, we will consider another future date for an evening session.

We look forward to serving you.

2. TAX Powerpoint and Webcast information

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CINTAX passwords need to be requested by noon on April 15, in order to file your taxes by April 18!

[Click here](#) for more information.

PowerPoint Presentations

- Federal (IRS) Income Tax Workshop Powerpoint (for F-1 and J-1 students who had been in U.S. for 5 years or less in 2010, and J-1 scholars who had been in U.S. for 2 years or less in 2010), [click here \(2 MB\)](#)
- New York State Income Tax Workshop Powerpoint (for F-1 and J-1 students who have been in U.S. for 5 years or less in 2010, and J-1 scholars who have been in U.S. for 2 years or less in 2010), [click here](#)
- Federal (IRS) Income Tax Workshop Powerpoint (for F-1 and J-1 students who had been in U.S. for 5+ years in 2010, J-1 scholars who had been in U.S. for 2+ years in 2010 and H-1B employees), [click here \(1.4 MB\)](#)

Webcasts Information:

[Federal Tax Webcast Presentation](#) (2010)

[NY State Tax Webcast Presentation](#) (2010)

[Download](#) the free Real Media player to view these webcasts

3. FREE Immigration Web Seminar for F-1 Students

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Presented by the Wolfsdorf Immigration Law Group



When: Wednesday, April 27

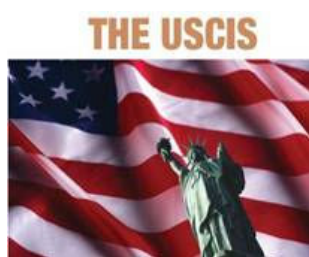
Where: Maxwell Auditorium, Room 100

Time: 3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Do not miss this web seminar that will cover:

- ✦ H-1B Visas
- ✦ F-1/H-1B Cap-Gap Relief
- ✦ Alternatives to the H-1B Visa, including Free-Trade Agreement visas for Australians, Canadians, Mexicans, Chileans and Singaporeans; O-1 visas, etc.

- ✦ Curricular Practical Training (CPT)
- ✦ Optional Practical Training (OPT)
- ✦ Immigration Options for Spouses and Children
- ✦ "Green Card" Options: Diversity Lottery, Family-Based Immigration and Employment-Based Immigration
- ✦ U.S. Citizenships



4. **Peace Building in Sri Lanka – A Dialogue** (with a reception following the program in 341 Eggers)

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Recovering from the man-made tsunami in Sri Lanka

Everyone knows about the ravages of the 2004 tsunami in Asia. And many in Syracuse know about the Central New Yorkers who were instrumental in raising money to build houses for 100 tsunami-affected families and to sponsor the education of 100 tsunami-affected children in Sri Lanka.

But few realize that the little-publicized, 30-year-long armed conflict in Sri Lanka between the government forces and the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam caused more damage and took more lives than were lost in the tsunami – more than 100,000 people were killed during the armed conflict, which ended in 2009.

On Tuesday, April 12, the Maxwell School's South Asia Center will sponsor an event to encourage the ongoing reconciliation process between the two sides. Professor Lou Kriesberg, Maxwell Professor of Social Conflict Studies, will moderate a dialogue between Dr. P. Kohona, the Sri Lankan Ambassador to the United Nations, and Dr. K. Arulanantham, a representative of the U.S. Tamil Political Action Council. **The event begins at 12:30 p.m. in 060 Eggers Hall, with a reception in 341 Eggers following the program. All are welcome to attend or watch the event live at <http://www.maxwell.syr.edu/live>.**

Note to Editors: Speakers may be available for interviews before or after the event.

For more information, please contact Professor Alex Thevaranjan, athevara@syr.edu, 315-443-3355.

South Asia Center

Co-sponsored by PARCC at Maxwell School and
the Moynihan Institute's Societal Security Program

Peace Building in Sri Lanka—A Dialogue Between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Tamils of America



Participants:

Dr. P. Kohona, UN Ambassador of Sri Lanka
Dr. K. Arulanantham, United States Tamil Political Action Council

Discussant:

Dr. L. Kriesberg, Maxwell Professor Emeritus of Social Conflict Studies, and Founding Director of the Program on the Analysis and Resolution of Conflicts.

Tuesday April 12, 2011
12:30 pm
060 Eggers Hall
Reception in 341 Eggers following program

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5. **Mix it up**

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SLUTZKER CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL SERVICES
310 WALNUT PLACE

FUN **MIX-IT-UP** FOOD
EVENTS

A forum for students of all backgrounds to explore international and cultural differences and similarities, creating a more peaceful, sustainable, and interdependent global community!



SPRING SEMESTER 2011

5:00pm on Wednesday

· April 27th

Questions?

Contact Elane Granger: elcarras@syr.edu

6. Travel Seminars:

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Travel Seminars starting everyday from April 18th.

Monday – 5:00pm
 Tuesday – 12:00pm
 Wednesday – 1:30pm
 Thursday - 10:00am
 Friday – 12:00pm

7. Practical Training Seminars

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Additional Practical Training seminars will be held on the following days:

CPT – 3:00pm
 OPT – 3:45pm

4/6/2011, Wednesday
 4/15/2011, Friday
 4/20/2011, Wednesday
 4/29/2011, Friday
 5/4/2011, Wednesday

8. Important Upcoming Dates

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4/22 – Good Friday (no classes)
 5/3 – Classes End
 5/14 – Commencement Weekend
 5/15 – Commencement Weekend
 5/15 – Residence Halls Close for
 Spring Semester at 6 p.m.

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Events

April 13—From University Life to Federal Life: How to Begin an Academic Career that Serves the United States. Wed, 12-1:30pm. Peter Graham Scholarly Commons, Bird Library
 April 13—Graduate Student Organization Special Budgets and Elections meeting. Wed, 4pm. Inn Complete
 April 15—4th Annual Central New York Conference on Public Scholarship and Creative Practice in Graduate Education. Fri, 9:30am—1:30pm. The Warehouse, Room 100. 350 West Fayette St.
 April 15—Open House! Fri, 4-6pm. Drumlins Country Club, 800 Nottingham Road
 April 26—WISE Norma Slepecky Lecture and Award Ceremony. Dr. Catherine Badgley. Tues, 4-5:30pm. Life Science Complex 105
 May 7—Graduate Student Organization End-of-Semester Social. Sat, 5pm. Inn Complete.
 May 13—Doctoral Hooding Ceremony (by invitation only). Fri, Schine Student Center
 May 14—All College Convocations. Sat, 9am-7pm. Various locations
 May 15—Syracuse University Commencement. Sun, 9:30am. Carrier Dome

Deadlines

April 11—Registration for Fall 2011 courses begins.
 April 19—Last day to withdraw from Spring classes.
 May 1—Receipt-of-degree deadline for doctoral candidates participating in Commencement.
 May 2—Diploma Request Form deadline for masters and doctoral candidates participating in commencement.
 May 6—Registration deadline for FPP conference attendees.

from the office of enrollment management

Click on the links below...

[All about graduating!](#)
[Steps for your final semester](#)
[Procedures of defending a thesis or dissertation](#)
[Thesis Format Guidelines](#)
[Graduation Deadlines](#)

[For full-length articles and events, click here!](#)

10. For iSchool Grad Students – iProm 2011

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11. Food for Fines day

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The Library's fine amnesty program, **Food for Fines**, will take place on Thursday, April 14th at Bird Library, the Science and Technology Library, Geology Library, Barclay Law Library, the Architecture Reading Room, and the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library. On that day, individuals who owe overdue fines will have \$1.00 deducted from their fine balance for each nonperishable food item they donate. To qualify for credit, bring food items to the Business Office on the lower level of Bird Library, or to any of the libraries listed above between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Libraries will also gratefully accept donations from those not owing fines. For more information, contact Bevan Angier at beangier@syr.edu or 443-9765.

12. Help SU beat UConn in month-long blood drive competition

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Students, faculty and staff at Syracuse University and University of Connecticut will compete in the annual "Are you up for the challenge?: Give Blood" competition. For the second year, the competition determines which school donates the most pints of blood to the American Red Cross.

The SU vs. UConn Blood Battle, sponsored by the American Red Cross and the Division of Student Affairs, takes place throughout the month of April, which is also blood drive month for the American Red Cross. All blood donations collected on campus this year will benefit the Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital. Nine drives will be held on the SU campus in April, beginning Wednesday, April 6 in SUNY ESF's Nifkin Lounge from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

"Hosting blood drives on campus allows Syracuse University students, faculty and staff to conveniently give back to their community," says Bridget Yule, director of Student Center & Programming Services. "It's a win-win situation: save a life and beat UConn in a competition!"

New this year, the Division of Student Affairs and Office of Academic Affairs are sponsoring a faculty and student drive that takes place Tuesday, April 26, in Flanagan Gym from 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Faculty and staff members are encouraged to participate in the cause and competition. However, all drive locations are open to the campus community. The SU vs. UConn Blood Battle was initiated by the Connecticut and New York-Penn American Red Cross offices in 2009-10 in an effort to increase blood donations at college campuses. The SU vs. UConn Battle was patterned after the Ohio State vs. Michigan Blood Battle, which began in 2004.

UConn won the challenge last year, collecting 501 April units with an enrollment of 16,998 for a winning ratio of 2.95 percent. SU collected 208 April units with an enrollment of 12,491 for a participation ratio of 1.66 percent. To win this year, SU students, faculty and staff need to collect 438 units of blood in April for a participation rate of 3.10 percent. Each pint of blood can help save three lives. Throughout the past five years, students, faculty and staff have increased their blood donations by 58 percent, from 915 pints collected in 2005-06 to 1447 pints donated in 2009-10. The Sigma Lambda Upsilon benefit drive for sickle cell anemia patients saw 36 first-time minority donors. The Winnick Hillel Jewish Student Organization grew from a single drive to three drives annually, while Greek organizations Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Alpha Mu and Sigma Chi sponsor two drives annually. In all, SU blood drives have helped save more than 100,000 lives since the partnership began 40 years ago.

Blood drives on campus:

- April 6: SUNY-ESF Nifkin Lounge 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- April 7: Sigma Chi 1-6 p.m.
- April 11: Schine Underground 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- April 12: Goldstein Student Center (South Campus) 3-8 p.m.
- April 13: Goldstein Student Center (South Campus) 4-9 p.m.
- April 14: Day Hall 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- April 15: Schine Underground 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
- April 18: College of Law 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- April 26: Flanagan Gymnasium 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- April 27: Haven Hall noon-5 p.m.

For more information about the vs. UConn Blood Battle and campus blood drives, contact Yule at 443-9142 or bmyule@syr.edu. Not everyone is eligible to donate blood, and blood donation is not the only way to support this event. If you are interested in volunteering to support the effort, in lieu of donating blood, please contact Lynne Fox at foxlynn@usa.redcross.org.

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Spring Fever

Important Reminders

As warmer weather returns it is important to keep safety in mind. Everyone shares the responsibility for maintaining our community. **The following city ordinances are strictly enforced within the City of Syracuse**, and it is very important to abide by them to avoid a fine and referral to the Office of Judicial Affairs. Be respectful to your neighbors by keeping the noise down and cleaning up your property!

Nuisance Party

This ordinance allows the Syracuse Police Department to order a party host to stop his/her party and disband non-residents at the gathering. A party may be deemed a "nuisance party" for a number of reasons. This list includes, but is not limited to, the following: disorderly conduct, outdoor urination or defecation in a public place, unlawful sale, furnishing, dispensing or consumption of an alcoholic beverage, unlawful pedestrian or vehicular traffic; damage or destruction of property without the consent of the property owner.



Noise

This ordinance prohibits excessive or unnecessary noise that can be heard across property lines. Prohibited actions include playing a radio, stereo, television, musical instrument, or any other device in such a manner that its sound crosses property lines. This includes not only music, but also noise created by your guests from yelling and talking.

Open Container

This ordinance prohibits carrying open containers of alcoholic beverages on city streets and sidewalks. This means any alcohol that is not in a manufacturer's sealed container.

Barbecues

Fire ordinances prohibit the use of any open-flame device on porches or overhangs. Grills must be placed at least 12 feet from a structure.



Littering

Littering on any public or private property is prohibited. The ordinance defines littering as the discarding of a single item of waste onto the ground by a person.

Fireworks

New York State law prohibits possessing and using fireworks.

Questions or comments? Contact:

The Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services:
754 Ostrom Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13244
Phone: (315) 443-5489
Email: offcampus@syr.edu

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14. Breaking the Silence to Stop The Violence

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A Men's Issue Presents...

Breaking the Silence to Stop Violence

An open mic night featuring Omekongo Dibinga

Life Sciences Milton Atrium
April 12 | 7pm

Your Student Fee

Co-sponsored by: The R.A.P.E. Center, S.A.S.S.E., Pride Union, M.E.N., S.T.A.N.D., African Students Union, Groove Stand, The Mandarins

15. Win a dinner for two!!

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We are thinking on changing the title for our SCIS News and we need your help!!

Please click on the link below and suggest different titles that you think that would be the most appropriate for our weekly newsletter.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MZBC7Z7>

The best title for our SCIS newsletter will win a dinner for 2 at **Samrat Restaurant in Syracuse, NY** and your name will be announced in the next Newsletter!!

16. Free 2-Hour Self Defense courses

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Free 2-Hour Self Defense courses are available on the following dates:

April 8th from 5-7 PM

April 11th from 4-6 PM

Both sessions will be held at Archbold Gym, downstairs in the Fencing Room. These sessions are designed to present you with some basic crime prevention tips and an overview of some basic techniques.

To sign up, please email jlentz@syr.edu Provide your name, SUID, and which class you will be attending.

Classes are presented by the Department of Public Safety.

For more information: http://publicsafety.syr.edu/display.cfm?content_ID=%23%28%281%2D%0A

17. Social Networking Survey for Ph.D students[Back>>](#)

Click on the link below to take the survey. If sufficient interest is demonstrated, the first "Grads Group" for international Ph.D. students will be held soon at the Slutzker Center for International Services. More information will follow. Please fill out the following survey. Thank you. <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TJ2MX29>

18. Hasan Abdullah Yabroudi Student Paper Award 2011[Back>>](#)

During the 2010-11 academic year the Middle Eastern Studies Program will continue its tradition of holding an annual essay contest for undergraduate and graduate students.

The Hasan Abdullah Yabroudi Prize will be awarded to the best two essays dealing with any aspect of the Middle East and North Africa that are written by one undergraduate and one graduate student enrolled at Syracuse University. The authors of the winning papers will each be presented with a certificate and a \$500 stipend.

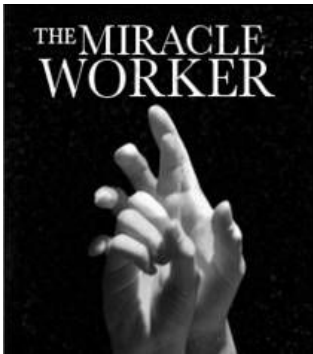
The entries, which can originate as course papers, will be evaluated anonymously by a faculty committee on the basis of originality of research and conceptualization, cogency of argument and clarity of writing. The essays must not exceed 7500 words (including bibliography) and must have been produced between August 25, 2009 and April 14, 2011. Essays can be nominated by the faculty or by students. The committee will only consider one paper from any one student.

Please send three (3) copies to:

The Yabroudi Prize Contest, Executive Education Office-Middle Eastern Studies Program, 219 Maxwell Hall or electronically to jgganson@maxwell.syr.edu. Your name should appear only on the cover page and not in the pages of the essay itself (to allow for anonymous review by the committee). For further information, please send an e-mail to tojgganson@maxwell.syr.edu.

Submission deadline is April 15, 2011.

The awards will be presented at a reception on April 28, 2011 at 5:00 PM in the Public Events Room in Eggers Building.

19. Syracuse Stage: The Miracle Worker[Back>>](#)

"Once I knew only darkness and stillness... my life was without past or future... but a little word from the fingers of another fell into my hand that clutched at emptiness, and my heart leaped to the rapture of living." In her own words, Helen Keller captures the inspirational heart of William Gibson's classic American play. Between the emptiness and the rapture, though, came a fierce struggle of wills, with Helen, in her darkness and stillness, on one side, and the determined Annie Sullivan on the other, a young woman who had endured a lifetime of pain in just twenty years. Gibson's text is unsparing and unflinching in its depiction of their confrontation and mutual triumph. The hearts that will be leaping will be ours.

"A powerful, brutally honest, yet life-affirming, family drama that is truly a rewarding evening of top-notch theatre." - The Post-Standard

"Superb production. The two leads...conquer both roles." - Syracuse New Times

"Fine cast and skillful directing captures the many facets of the celebrated play and conveys a message likely to resonate with audiences of all ages." - CNY Cafe Momus

[Click here for more information and to buy tickets](#)

20. Commencement Weekend[Back>>](#)

Commencement Weekend (May 13-15) planning has been underway for several months, bringing with it new opportunities, new collaborations, and changes to the weekend's schedule of events. I want to take the opportunity now, as we prepare to send the Commencement Information Booklet to students and parents – to bring you up to date on these changes, which evolved from a variety of factors including a larger class size, new campus venue guidelines, off-campus venue limitations and more. To view the Convocation and Reception schedule, please visit our website, <http://commencement.syr.edu>.

The Engineering convocation has outgrown its previous Schine Student Center location and will move to Manley Field House at 9:00 a.m.; Management will move to the Carrier Dome for a 3:00 pm Convocation; and VPA will shift its Dome Convocation start time to the evening (7:00 p.m.). Graduate Management will move into Schine at noon. Manley Field House will hold three Convocations in the refurbished football practice arena (Engineering, Education, and Human Ecology) and the Carrier Dome will host four Convocations (Arts and Sciences, Newhouse, Management, Visual and Performing Arts) eliminating the dinner dance option. There will be other campus dining opportunities offered this year at Ernie Davis Hall (315-443-3102) and Drumlins Country Club (315-446-4555). Off-campus dining options are listed on The Syracuse Convention and Visitors Bureau website <http://visitsyracuse.org/dine>.

Also new this year, SU Commencement is on Facebook at facebook.com/sucommencement. We look forward to communicating important Commencement-related updates and notices to students and families through this social media tool. We encourage you to share our Facebook address and help us build our 'friend' list.

The Office of Special Events is looking forward to partnering with each of the schools and colleges as we prepare to celebrate our students' accomplishments, and showcase our campus during the weekend of May 13 – 15.


21. Email Scam - Avoid Green Card Lottery Fraud[Back>>](#)

Have you or someone you know recently received an e-mail claiming you've won the Green Card lottery and asking you to send or wire money?

Don't fall for it – **the sender is trying to steal your money!**

Fraudsters will frequently e-mail potential victims posing as State Department or other government officials with requests to wire or transfer money online as part of a "processing fee." You should never transfer money to anyone who e-mails you claiming that you have won the Diversity Visa (DV) lottery or been selected for a Green Card.

Learn more at: <http://blog.uscis.gov/2011/03/e-mail-scam-avoid-green-card-lottery.html>

22. Late Night at the Gym[Back>>](#)


Archbold/Flanagan Wednesday Night Belly Dancing Thursday Night Salsa Merengue Friday Night Break Dancing Meditation Saturday Night Yoga	Women's Building Every Saturday Night Indoor Soccer - Cricket Free Fruits on alternate Thursdays All Activities at the Late Night at the Gym are Free Tennity Ice Skating Pavilion Every Friday/Saturday Night skate@syr.edu Contact: ERNIE RIVERA at errivera@syr.edu or 443-3288
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SPRING BREAK

Wed 3/23 Belly Dancing
 Thurs 3/24 Salsa, Merengue / Open Volleyball
 Fri 3/25 Break Dancing / Meditation / Open Volleyball
 Sat 3/26 Yoga / Open Volleyball

Wed 3/30 Belly Dancing
 Thurs 3/31 Salsa, Merengue / Open Volleyball
 Fri 4/1 Break Dancing / Meditation / Open Volleyball
 Sat 4/2 Yoga / Open Volleyball

Wed 4/6 Belly Dancing
 Thurs 4/7 Salsa, Merengue / Open Volleyball
 Fri 4/8 Break Dancing / Meditation / Open Volleyball
 Sat 4/9 Yoga / Open Volleyball

Wed 4/13 Belly Dancing
 Thurs 4/14 Salsa, Merengue / Open Volleyball
 Fri 4/15 Break Dancing / Meditation / Open Volleyball
 Sat 4/16 Yoga / Open Volleyball

Wed 4/20 Belly Dancing
 Thurs 4/21 Salsa, Merengue / Open Volleyball
 Fri Easter Break: No Late Night
 Sat Easter Break: No Late Night

Wed 4/27 Open Rec.
 Thurs 4/28 Open Rec.
 Fri 4/29 Open Rec.
 Sat 4/30 Open Rec.

Wed 5/4 Open Rec.
 Thurs 5/5 Open Rec.
 Fri 5/6 Open Rec.
 Sat 5/7 Open Rec.

All events start at 10 p.m.

23. Multicultural Spring Program 2011[Back>>](#)


MULTICULTURAL SPRING PROGRAM 2011
Pursuing Academic and Cultural Excellence
 April 17 - April 19, 2011

Host a Prospective Student!
April 17 - 19, 2011

Applications are available in the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Office of Admissions. MSP hosts must reside in Syracuse University housing (North or South Campus). Please submit your application by April 1.

For more information or to request an application via e-mail please contact:
 Natalie Garza
 Assistant Director
 100 Crouse Hinds Hall
 (315) 443-3486
 ngarza@syr.edu

24. LGBT events[Back>>](#)**Jimmy Creech****Free to Love Without Fear: A Pastor's Calling to Defy the Church's Persecution of LGBT People**

Jimmy Creech is a former United Methodist pastor who was defrocked in 1999 for performing a same-sex wedding. His recently released memoir, *Adam's Gift: A Memoir of a Pastor's Calling to Defy the Church's Persecution of Lesbians and Gays*, documents his own journey as an advocate for the full inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in the Church: from his first meeting with Adam through his ecclesial trials to his work with [Soulforce](#) and [Faith in America](#).

Jimmy Creech will be speaking in a number of venues on campus and in the wider community on April 7th and 8th, 2011. Sponsored by Hendricks Chapel, Carnegie Religion and Media Program, LGBT Resource Center, Pride Union and University United Methodist Church. See below for details.

In addition, the Shower of Stoles will be on display at University United Methodist Church. The Shower of Stoles is a collection of liturgical stoles representing the lives of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people of faith who have been excluded from service because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. For more information see, <http://www.welcomingresources.org/sosp.htm>

Fired for Justice: A Public Interview by Gustav Niebuhr, Director, Carnegie Religion and Media Program**Thursday, April 7th at 5:00 pm, Hergenhan Auditorium (Newhouse III)**

A public interview with Jimmy Creech discussing his new memoir and the intersections of religion and the media.

Discussion with LGBTQ Students**Thursday, April 7th at 7:00 pm, Hall of Languages, Room 205**A discussion with Jimmy Creech on the intersection of faith, Christianity, sexuality, gender, and activism sponsored by The LGBT Resource Center, Pride Union, and Hendricks Chapel. This event is for students only. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to Elizabeth Cronk at eacronk@syr.edu or calling 315-443-2902.**Hendricks Chapel Luncheon Series:****A Conversation with Jimmy Creech****Friday, April 8th at 12 Noon, Noble Room in Hendricks Chapel**Come for an open conversation with Jimmy Creech as he discusses his life's work advocating for those on the margins. Lunch is provided for those who RSVP by April 1st. Reservations can be made by contacting Elizabeth Cronk at eacronk@syr.edu or calling 315-443-2902.**"Reconciliation or Incompatibility: Word Choices Matter"****A Public Lecture by Jimmy Creech****Friday, April 8th at 7:00 pm, University United Methodist Church**

A lecture exploring the struggle of communities of faith working to end the persecution of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and to be authentically inclusive. This is a community wide dialogue event with a small reception to follow.

Shower of Stoles Installation**University United Methodist Church**

Wednesday, April 6th – Sunday, April 10th, 2011

This event is free and open to the public during the following hours:

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 Wednesday, April 6 – April 8, 9:00am-1:00pm
 Friday, April 8, 6:00pm-8:00pm
 Saturday, April 9, 10:00am-4:00pm
 Sunday, April 10, 9:00am – 12:00pm

For more information, please contact Tiffany Steinwert at 443-2901 or tsteinwe@syr.edu

25. Healthy Monday Campaign

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Move it Monday is a part of the Healthy Campus Initiative. This is a program that focuses on participation in activities that promote the various components of wellness on campus at little or no cost to the user. Various fitness classes will be offered for **FREE** every Monday from **1:00pm-1:50pm** in the Flanagan Exercise Room on a first-come, first-served basis. The maximum enrollment for each class will vary based on the activity. Please arrive early for each class:

April 11 - Zumba
 April 18 – Power Hour
 April 25 – Pilates

For the full Spring 2011 Fitness class Schedule, [click here](#)
Registration Begins Friday 1/21/11 at 8am

Meatless Monday Every Monday, choose a meatless option at dining centers or where you decide to eat. Also, be sure to check out the Try Me program at Dining Services!

Time- All day, Monday, April 11th, 2011
Location: Campus Dining Centers, Sponsoring department/organization:Healthy Monday Campaign
Contact: Jessica Leeds, 443-5775

Restock Monday: Visit Health Services from 9 a.m. until noon to stock up on condoms, fresh fruit and tea or swing by Schine Atrium from 12-3 p.m. for condoms, lubricant and dental dams!

Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm, Monday, April 11th, 2011
Location: Health Services & Schine Atrium, Price:**free**, Sponsoring department/organization: Healthy Monday Campaign; Contact:Jessica Leeds, 443-5775

Stress Less Monday: Feeling stressed? Stop by Schine Atrium from 12-3 p.m. for a professional massage!

Time: 12:00pm to 3:00pm, Monday, April 11th, 2011
Location: Schine Atrium; Price: **free**; Sponsoring department/organization: Healthy Monday Campaign
Contact: Jessica Leeds, 443-5775

Meditation Monday: Meditation helps you reconnect and renew. Clear your mind by coming to a meditation class at 2 p.m. in the Lower Hendricks Chapel.

Time: 2:00pm, Monday, April 11th, 2011, **Location:** Hendricks Chapel, Price: **free**, Sponsoring department/organization: Healthy Monday Campaign
Contact: Jessica Leeds, 443-5775

26. SU Toast Toastmasters Club Meeting

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SU Toast Toastmasters Club



“A Student Public Speaking Group”

In both academia and in the workforce, there will be many instances where you will need the courage and skills to stand up and speak in front of a group of people.

Make an impression and it will go a long way towards advancing your career.

SU Toast members develop leadership and communication skills by participating in club activities and a targeted speech program.

We can get rid of the butterflies in your stomach!

Come to see our weekly meeting in Room 369, Link Hall on Thursdays, from 7 pm through 8 pm!!

(Exception applies on Feb. 3 & Feb. 10: “Meet us in Room 371 same time.”)

For more information @ <http://sutoast.freetoasthost.biz/index.html>

Or contact our President, Joseph T. Heard at jtheard@syr.edu

Or call him at 267 – 815 – 5155.

**27. Weekly Salsa Update**

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Your "WEEKLY SALSA UPDATE" is organized as follows:



at
SAN JUAN NIGHTS
LATIN DANCE PARTY !!!

- Guest DJs spin the **HOTTEST** Salsa from Puerto Rico, NYC and classic hits from the 60s, 70s & 80s! Salsa, Merengue, Bachata & Chachacha!
- Every 2nd, 4th & 5th Saturdays of the month with dancers from all over the world... 17+ event!
- Huge hardwood dance floor, air-conditioned, plenty of free parking.

Every 2nd, 4th & 5th Sat of the Month
10 pm - 2am 17+ event! Cover \$5
Ballybay Pub, 550 Richmond Ave.,
Syracuse, NY

lafamilia@twcny.rr.com www.lafamiliadelasalsa.com
 315-636-7133 or 315-447-6287 cell

THIS SAT: Don't miss our 2nd installation of "San Juan Nights" Latin Dance Party at Ballybay!

Our first "San Juan Nights" was a great success with **63** dancers in attendance!

THIS Sat we are proud to feature our special guest, **DJ Felix from Pura Vida in Ithaca!** He'll be spinning his amazing mix of Salsa Dura from Puerto Rico, New York City and Classic hits from the '60s, '70s & '80s .

We're VERY excited to bring you this special mix of music every 2nd, 4th & 5th Saturdays of the month at Ballybay Pub/Nightclub!!!

We hope to see you all there, it's gonna be AWESOME!

...our sincere thanks to DJ JAM of SMAC in Binghamton for DJ our very first installation of "San Juan Nights" and spinning his top Salsa hits spanning 5 decades! The dancers LOVED your music, hermano...que viva la SALSA!!!

Brought to you by "la Familia de la Salsa"
 Brian A. Bromka - Founder/Artistic Director
 "bridging cultures through dance...one step at a time"
www.lafamiliadelasalsa.com
 315-636-7133

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- **Planning to Study Abroad during the Summer 2011 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.**

- **MEETING YOUR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

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!

- **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!

- **Students who are planning to do an Internship the Spring semester should apply for Curricular Practical Training (CPT) Please remember that you have to register for at least 1 credit for CPT.**

Curricular Practical Training Seminar (CPT) – Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday @ 3:00pm and every 2nd Friday at 3:00pm.

Optional Practical Training Seminar (OPT) - Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday @ 3:45pm and every 2nd Friday at 3:45pm.

- **Address Change?**

All International Students and Scholars that will be moving out from the "Campus Housing" must update the US Address where you will be living during the Fall semesters via your "MySlice self-service" and select CURR address.

You must update your address immediately in order to be in compliance with the Immigration. If you do not update your addresses 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 and at Syracuse University.

You must always provide a current physical address to the SCIS in order to keep your SEVIS registration current and to maintain your lawful status. You have 10 days to inform the SCIS of any address changes or you are in violation of your status. http://international.syr.edu/address_update_opt.htm

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Immigration Update: The Clock is Ticking on Some Practical Training Applications

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F-1 students who will be graduating in May 2011 and plan to apply for post-completion **Optional Practical Training (OPT)** are reminded that they must submit their application paperwork to the SCIS, 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 conferral date, which this year is May 15, 2011.

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 in a timely manner. Currently, it is taking the USCIS Service Centers approximately 75-90 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 volunteer work.

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/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/>

USCIS Reaches FY 2011 H-1B Cap

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced today that it has received a sufficient number of H-1B petitions to reach the statutory cap for fiscal year (FY) 2011. USCIS is notifying the public that yesterday, Jan. 26, 2011, is the final receipt date for new H-1B specialty occupation petitions requesting an employment start date in FY2011.

Is Your I-20 or DS-2019 Expiring Soon? Do You Need an Extension of Stay?

This is the time of year when many international students whose I-20 or DS-2019 will expire this month, but who will be continuing their studies for Spring 2011, are applying for an extension of stay. Students who will begin a new level of study (e.g., completing bachelor's and commencing master's or completing master's and commencing PhD) receive a new I-20 for the new level of study. Changes in level of study require an admission letter from the Graduate School (if completing a bachelor's and commencing master's) or from the student's academic department (if completing master's and commencing PhD) verifying that the student has been approved for the new level of study, and the semester that the new level will begin.

Student's with I-20s or DS-2019s expiring in December 2010 but who will continue their studies at SU **must** begin the extension of stay process (or change in level of study process) well before that date so that the new I-20 is issued before the I-20 expiration date.

Complete information and the required forms are available on-line at: http://international.syr.edu/extension_stay.htm

Important Reminders

A Reminder About Optional Practical Training EAD Cards

F-1 students who have obtained authorization for Optional Practical Training from the USCIS and who used a mailing address other than the SCIS Office for their Employment Authorization cards are reminded to please email their EAD cards to the SCIS so that we can make a photocopy 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.

Bus Schedule

- New Late Night Orange Express Bus Route

Beginning **Friday, Feb. 4**, Syracuse University will be implementing a new Late Night Orange Express Bus service. This service, operated by Caz Limo, will run between 3:30 a.m. and 5 a.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings, and all students will be required to present an SUID in order to board the bus. This bus will operate from College Place to Day, Flint, Sadler, Lawrinson, Brewster-Boland halls, as well as South Campus and the Goldstein Student Center.

Buses leaving the shelter at College Place at 3:30 a.m., 4:15 a.m., and 5 a.m. will proceed directly to Day Hall, Flint Hall, through South Campus, onto Winding Ridge, and will proceed to the Goldstein Student Center. From Goldstein, the bus will return to College Place via Colvin and Comstock. The bus will not operate through the Manley complex in either direction.

Buses leaving the shelter at College Place at 4 a.m. and 4:45 a.m. will proceed directly to West Campus, stopping at the corner of Irving Avenue and Forestry Drive, and at the corner of Henry and Van Buren streets before returning to College Place via Waverly Avenue, University Place and College Place.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: Parking & Transit Services, 621 Skytop Road, Phone: 443-4652, Email: parkmail@syr.edu

Web: <http://parking.syr.edu>

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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.

Off-Campus Housing 101

It is that time of year: time to begin looking for off-campus housing for the 2011-12 academic year. The rental season begins very early in Syracuse, but that does not mean that you have to sign a lease right now; you should not rush to sign a lease and should learn about off-campus housing prior to making the decision to move off-campus. A lease should not be signed until the property has been researched, roommates are confirmed, and the lease has been reviewed by Student Legal Services.

There are a number of rental units available in the University area and one of the best sources for advice and information about off-campus housing are friends and classmates. Another good place to search is Orange Housing. Orange Housing maintains a web site of apartment offerings in the neighborhoods adjacent to campus. The Orange Housing website is www.orangehousing.com. It is important to keep in mind that this local company is not affiliated with Syracuse University or SUNY ESF and there are absolutely no guarantees about the quality and reliability of the information posted on the website. Orange Housing also offers roommate searches, sublet listings, and information relevant to apartment hunters. Apartment listings can also be found in the *Daily Orange* and at www.apartmentfinder.com.

Your first step in your apartment search is determining your needs. Important considerations include:

- Distance from campus
- How much you can afford for rent and utilities
- On or off-street parking
- Number of roommates
- Furnished or non-furnished apartment
- Length of lease
- Pets

Once you have determined your needs you will want to view two or more rentals that meet your criteria. Check out each apartment thoroughly; don't be afraid to test faucets, doorknobs, etc. and make sure you are satisfied with the safety features available (window locks, security lights, etc.). You should talk with the current tenants about the apartment; ask about location and experiences with the landlord. Once you decide on an apartment and have done all needed research, you should have the lease reviewed by Student Legal Services.

The Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services (OCCS) is a resource that you should also utilize in your search for off campus housing. OCCS staff will assist you in your search by educating you on what is needed to have a successful off-campus living experience. OCCS is available for in person assistance at 754 Ostrom Avenue, via phone at 315-443-5489, online at offcampus.syr.edu, via email at offcampus@syr.edu

Apartment Safety Tips

Burglars strike in any neighborhood. They are opportunistic and always look for such easy targets as homes that are left open, not well maintained, out of eyesight or earshot of neighbors, or obscured by landscaping or fencing. The best way to minimize your chances of becoming a victim is to take sensible precautions.

The following tips offered by the City of Syracuse Police Department are designed to help you reduce your chances of becoming a victim of crime. You may already be aware of some strategies, but others may be new to you. Remember to trust your instincts and use common sense. Do not let yourself become a victim of a crime!

Before Renting an Apartment

Survey the residence for the following security features:

- Does the apartment have metal or solid core wooden entry and exit doors? Are these doors equipped with deadbolts? Are the locks mounted securely? Have the doors been re-keyed since the last tenant moved out?
- Can visitors be observed without opening the apartment door either through a door "peephole" viewer or window?
- Does any outside vegetation block doors or windows from public view? Does the vegetation provide places or concealment at entrances at or along walkways?
- Is there adequate lighting at the building entry doors and along walkways? Are the outer doors kept locked at all times?

In Your Apartment

- Keep your doors locked at all times, especially when you are alone, sleeping, or the apartment is unoccupied (even if only for a few moments).
- Determine who is on the other side of the door before opening it. Have repair or service personnel show official identification and confirm their presence with the person requesting the service. Delivery persons should remain outside to await the person requesting the delivery.
- If you return home and something looks questionable (e.g., a slit screen, broken window, or open door) do not go inside. Call the Syracuse Police Department from a safe location.
- Be sure you have blinds or curtains on your windows to discourage window peepers. Always keep your windows covered at night and leave lights on in two or more rooms.
- Make a list of your valuables and record any serial numbers.
- Be sure all outdoor lighting fixtures are in working condition. Ask your landlord to make immediate repairs.
- Place items of value out of sight and in locked areas. Do not leave valuables unattended in such common areas as laundry rooms and lounges.
- Ask your landlord to maintain and trim shrubbery.

Register your valuables

Your new iPad sells for
\$600 on eBay



In recent weeks, SU's Department of Public Safety has investigated the theft of several laptops and other personal property stolen from within academic buildings on campus. In each instance, the thefts occurred when students stepped away from their work area for only a brief period of time. Upon their return, the property was missing.

Everyone is reminded to never leave personal property unattended, even for a short period of time. Anyone with questions or concerns may contact the Department of Public Safety at 443-2224.

Getting Repairs Made in Your Apartment

As a tenant, you are entitled to a livable, safe and sanitary apartment. Failure to provide heat or hot water on a regular basis or to rid an apartment of insect infestation is an example of a violation of this entitlement.

All landlords are required to maintain **electrical, plumbing, sanitary, heating and ventilating systems** in good working order. Landlords of buildings with three or more apartments must keep apartments and public areas in "good repair." Landlords also have a duty to keep every part of a dwelling clean and free of vermin, dirt, garbage, and other offensive material.

All landlords in the City of Syracuse must maintain their premises in accordance with Syracuse Property Code. The Housing Complaint section of the Division of Code Enforcement enforces the City Code by responding to reports and complaints about housing maintenance, overgrown yards, trash and debris and disabled vehicles on private property. In addition they work with other agencies to improve residential neighborhoods.

If you have a complaint concerning the habitability or repair of your apartment, contact the Syracuse Division of Code Enforcement at **(315) 448-8695**.

If you have any questions you can call our office @ 443-5489.

Landlord Information Sharing Program

The **Landlord Information Sharing Program (LISP)** is designed to provide students with a method for communicating with each other from year to year about their rental housing challenges and successes.

Process

Any Syracuse University or SUNY ESF student can fill out a Comment Form found on our web site at offcampus.syr.edu or in our office at 754 Ostrom Avenue. Students must clearly explain their concerns or issues in the form provided or by attaching a separate typed letter. They must use facts to describe the situation that is the basis for their documentation—they cannot simply provide an opinion of their landlord with no supporting factual basis.

OCCS staff would also like to hear about any positive interactions that students might have with their landlords. If students have positive experiences that they would like us or other students to know about, they should send us a letter clearly explaining the interaction, using facts to describe the situation—they should not simply provide an opinion of their landlord with no supporting factual basis.

What happens when a Comment Form is filed?

OCCS staff will review all completed Comment Forms. If any include unprofessional language or are not appropriate to share with other students, it will be returned to the student with a letter explaining why. OCCS staff will forward a copy of the submitted Comment Form to the student's landlord. The landlord may respond to the concerns or issues directly

or may respond by sending a letter to the OCCS. If the OCCS receives a response, a copy will be mailed to the student. OCCS staff will keep a copy of all Comment Forms and landlord responses in our office at 754 Ostrom Avenue. All names, contact information, and any other identifying information will be redacted from the Comment Forms and responses. Other SU/SUNY ESF students will be able to view your Comment Form and your landlord's response when they are searching for off-campus housing.

We encourage students viewing the landlord files to consider not only the number and type of concerns or issues raised, but the landlords' responses to them. Please note that the views expressed in these materials are solely those of students and local property owners and not those of Syracuse University.

Sometimes your landlord may not respond to your concerns or issues, or may respond unfavorably. OCCS staff will work with you throughout the process to seek to accomplish a resolution to your problem. When appropriate, OCCS staff will refer you to agencies that are better able to assist you, such as the Syracuse Police Department, City of Syracuse Division of Code Enforcement, Conflict Mediation Center, Student Legal Services, etc.

Lease Disputes and General Landlord Complaints

- If you have a disagreement with your landlord concerning either of your responsibilities, it is best to try to reach an agreement.
- After reaching an agreement with your landlord in person or over the phone, follow up your discussion in writing. Include anything you or your landlord agreed to in your letter.
- If a dispute still exists between you and your landlord, you may want to consult Student Legal Services (443-4532). They can provide free legal consultation and advice about landlord-tenant issues.
- You can also file a complaint against your landlord with the New York State attorney general's office. To obtain a complaint form, call 448-4800 (ask for the Consumer Affairs Department) or 1-800-771-7755 (Consumer Helpline); visit www.oag.state.ny.us (go to Consumer Issues); or contact The Office of Orientation and Off-Campus Programs.
- When you file your complaint with the attorney general's office, include a copy of your lease and copies of any correspondence you've had with your landlord concerning the problem.
- Once you file your complaint, staff from the attorney general's office will conduct an informal mediation session between you and your landlord, usually by phone, and provide advice for resolving the dispute.

Parking Regulations In The University Neighborhoods



Parking in the neighborhoods surrounding campus may be a new experience for some. To avoid ticketing and towing, and to help maintain the quality of life in the University area, members of the University community are reminded to observe city parking regulations.

Many city streets have alternate side (**odd-even**) parking, which takes effect at **6 p.m. On odd dates, parking starts at 6 p.m. on the side of the street with odd address numbers; on even dates, parking starts at 6 p.m. on the side with even-number addresses.**

*Parking illegally on a city street creates traffic hazards to motorists and pedestrians, obstructs vehicular and pedestrian traffic, prevents emergency vehicles from entering areas, and delays public services such as trash collection and snow removal. And parking on front lawns and across sidewalks is not only illegal, but also poses a safety threat to pedestrians who are forced to walk off the sidewalks. Working collaboratively with the Syracuse Police Department, we want the campus community to know the rules so they can follow them.

"To reduce and discourage illegal parking, the Syracuse Police Department will strictly enforce the parking regulations in the University area and will routinely conduct Ticket and Tow Operations in persistent violator areas. Drivers should obey the posted parking regulations in order to avoid being ticketed and towed, and should be mindful that failure to respond to parking violations may result in collection agency involvement or other punitive action against the registrant and/or the vehicle.

Cell phone Offers to SU International Students



18% off for Syracuse University Students use Discount Code [2386165](#)

- World Phones available
- Exclusive provider of the Apple iPhone & BlackBerry TORCH
- Competitive domestic and international plans available
- Only domestic carrier that offers rollover minutes
- Receive 18% off monthly voice and data plans (not prepaid)
- Text messaging plan discounts available on select phones
 - \$2 Off 200 Message Plan - Your Cost \$3
 - \$5 Off 1500 Message Plan - Your Cost \$10
 - \$5 Off Unlimited Plan - Your Cost \$15
- Offer excludes iPhone Text Messaging Plans
- Prepaid service plans available
- Waived security deposit for one line of service (only available only at Company Owned Retail Stores, not available online or at Authorized Dealers.)
- Prices reflect 18% Syracuse University Student Discount Code [2386165](#)
- Rates apply to calls made from within the U.S., Puerto Rico and U.S Virgin Islands
- Convenient and affordable calling from the U.S to over 220 countries
- International Roaming agreements in over 100 countries, rates vary
- For more details on International Roaming, see www.att.com/international

T-Mobile also offers prepaid **Pay-As-You-Go** plans. Which are designed for single subscribers (no family plans) who are in the USA for only a couple of years. For further details please check the following website

<http://www.t-mobile.com/shop/plans/prepaid-plans.aspx>

Special Registration (NSEERS)

Further security checks after initial immigration inspection are typically required for:

© Certain citizens or nationals of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan and Syria, as designated by the DHA Secretary in the Federal Register.

© Males age 16-45 from Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen

© Foreign nationals of any country may be asked by a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) officer to undergo Special Registration if they feel they may be a national security threat.

If you are subject to [special registration procedures](#), **it is your responsibility to make certain that your entry and departure is documented by a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) inspecting officer, every time you leave and re-enter the U.S. (This may add a significant amount of time onto departure so please plan accordingly).**

A helpful reminder of where the pertinent NSEERS registrations may be found at the following airports in the state of New York. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-28418.htm>

Buffalo Peace Bridge POE, New York;
 Cape Vincent POE, New York;
 Champlain POE, New York;
 Chateaugay POE, New York;
 Fort Covington POE, New York;
 Heart Island POE, New York;
 John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK), New York;
 Lewiston Bridge POE, New York;
 Mooers POE, New York;
 Niagara Falls, Rainbow Bridge, New York;
 Newark International Airport (NEW), New Jersey;
 Ogdensburg POE, New York;
 Rochester-Ferry Terminal, New York;
 Rouses Point POE, New York;
 Seaway International Bridge/Massena POE, New York;
 Thousand Islands POE, New York;
 Trout River POE, New York



Pedestrian Safety Tips

Stay safe while you're walking to campus. Here are some tips:

- Use sidewalks and paths whenever possible.
- Use crosswalks, and don't start walking until you see the "WALK" signal. Walk facing traffic so you can see vehicles as they approach, and they can see you.
- Always walk in groups of three or more!
- Remember, pedestrians only have the right-of-way if a driver sees them! As a driver, it is important to be familiar with pedestrian safety laws. When a pedestrian is crossing at a crosswalk, drivers must wait until the pedestrian has *completely* crossed the street and has reached the other side safely.
- When making a right-hand turn at a red light, it is important to come to a complete stop and check for pedestrians crossing the street. Also remember there are many "No Right on Red" turns in the Syracuse University area!



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



For your safety, please remember...

- On campus after dark, use DPS' free escort service. Off campus, use SU Home (it's free); call 315-443-2224 for more information on these services. Additional options are 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.
- 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 and tag number.
- IMMEDIATELY report emergencies or suspicious activities, persons and vehicles. For SU's Department of Public Safety, **dial 711** on campus or #78 (from a cell phone); for the Syracuse Police Department, **dial 911**

Your quick report may help prevent others from becoming victims.

Fall 2011 Bus Schedule

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Motivational Quotes of the Week:

"Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is, not a preparation for life; education is life itself."

- **John Dewey**

"Eighty percent of success is showing up."

- **Woody Allen**

"Let us realize the arc of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice."

- **Martin L. King**

"The only good is knowledge and the only evil is ignorance."

- **Socrates**

"The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet."

- **Aristotle**

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