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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 to get a flu shot ! - SU Health Services**

## International Day of Peace on the Quad Friday, September 21st

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**EAT together  
FOR PEACE**

**FRIDAY - September 21st**  
**International Day of Peace on the Quad**  
**Peace Sign + Silence + Oranges**

**11:30 a.m. Make a 'living' peace sign**  
Come together on the Quad to form a 'living' peace sign.  
A photo will be given to the Dalai Lama when he visits SU.  
Meet at the intersection near Link Hall. Go Orange!

**12:00 p.m. Chimes, 1-minute of silence, music**  
Bring friends, roommates, student groups.  
Free oranges after 12 p.m. while supplies last.



ET4Peace t-shirts at the SU Bookstore  
benefit the Food Bank of CNY

Share stories and pics  
[facebook.com/ET4Peace](https://facebook.com/ET4Peace)



Syracuse University  
Humanities Center  
[syracusehumanities.org](http://syracusehumanities.org)

As you may know, tomorrow (Friday the 21<sup>st</sup>) is the International Day of Peace. It also marks the culmination of Eat Together for Peace, a weeklong series of events at SU designed to foster community. Tomorrow at 11:30 a.m., students, faculty, and staff will be converging on Shaw Quad to form a "living" peace symbol. The event will be captured by the media for posterity.

A photograph of it will be presented to the Dalai Lama during his visit.

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Please come out and show your support!

## Students show school spirit as NBC's 'Today' show films on campus

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More than 100 SU students, including the marching band and cheerleading squad, were filmed live on the "Today" show on Monday morning to compete for a chance to bring "Today" show hosts Kathie Lee Gifford and Hoda Kotb to the university. They posed in shades of orange and blue, and held signs on the hill in front of the Newhouse III building for the shoot.

"Syracuse University was one of the top six schools to be picked for showing school pride on social media, Twitter specifically," said Haines.

The broadcast was part of a weeklong competition that pits SU against Ohio State University, University of Tennessee, University of South Florida, Creighton University and Brandeis College in a showcase of school spirit. At the end of the week, viewers will decide the winner. Read more [here](#).

## Newly Proposed STEM Visa Bill to provide 55,000 green cards to international students

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New York Democratic Senator Charles Schumer unveiled new legislation on Tuesday that could make it easier for foreign students to remain in the US after graduation.

The Brains Act would allow tech startups to hire more foreign born engineers. Some foreign students who graduate from American universities find it difficult to secure visas and are forced to return to their native countries.

Schumer's new legislation, which he proposed alongside Senator Chris Coons of Delaware, would make 55,000 new green cards available to foreign science, technology, engineering, and math graduates who attended American universities.

"We should be encouraging every brilliant and well educated immigrant to stay here, build a business here, employ people here, and grow our economy. Fixing our broken green card system will help ensure that the next eBay, the next Google, the next Intel will be started in America, not in Shanghai." Read more [here](#).

Source: Google News, Irish Central

## Japanese Student Association Presents – Kimono Dress Up, September 28th

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JSA will be hosting a Kimono Dress Up event this Friday, where students can try on traditional Japanese clothing at no charge.

In addition to this, JSA will be selling Takenoko-Gohan (rice with edible bamboo sprouts) for \$2.00.

*Come join us ! Bring your camera ! Take home a cool memory !*

Check out the flyer for additional details.

A flyer for the JSA Kimono Dress-up event. The background is black. On the right side, there is a photograph of a woman in a traditional black kimono with a red and yellow obi, and her hair is styled in a traditional Japanese fashion with white flowers. On the left side, the text is in white and red. The title "JSA Kimono Dress-up" is in red. Below it, the event details are listed in white: "When: September 28 from 6pm~8pm", "Where: Hall of Languages 202", "What: Try on traditional Japanese clothing! Bring your camera to take photos of you in yukata/kimono. Japanese foods will be served by \$2~", "Email: jsasyracuse@gmail.com", and "for any questions!".

**JSA**  
**Kimono Dress-up**

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for any questions!

## The Great Syracuse Oktoberfest is back – Happening this weekend : Sept 21<sup>st</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup>

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Enjoy three days of authentic German entertainment, food and beverages starting this Friday.



**Location & Contact Info:**  
**CNY Regional Market Authority**  
**2100 Park Street**  
**Syracuse, Finger Lakes, NY, 13208**  
**Phone: 315-470-1910**

How do you reach there? – Board any Centro bus to the Downtown Hub and transfer to any Route 50 bus for The Regional Transport Center as your destination.

<b>Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Family Day Sponsored by Price Chopper</b>
NOON - 2:00 P.M. LIVERPOOL COMMUNITY BAND  3:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. ENZIAN BAVARIAN BAND AND DANCERS  6:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. OPENING CEREMONIES AND ALPHORN PLAYING CONTEST WITH OUR LOCAL DIGNITARIES  8:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. KAT TALES	NOON - 2:00 P.M. Liverpool Community Band and The Deutscher Gesangverein Men's Chorus  2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. The Twin Magicians, David and Paul Jackson  3:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Enzian Bavarian Band and Dancers + The Edelweiss Schuhplattlers from Utica, N.Y.  8:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. Under The Gun	NOON - 2:00 P.M. Liverpool Community Band and The Syracuse Liederverein Mixed Chorus  2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. The Twin Magicians, David and Paul Jackman  2:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. THE 18 GRAMMY AWARD WINNING JIMMY STURR AND HIS ORCHESTRA + THE ENZIAN BAVARIAN DANCERS  5:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. RAFFLE AND CLOSING CEREMONIES

Source: Central New York Regional Market Authority

**Love Movies? Don't miss the promotional event organized by Landmark Theatre**

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The Landmark Theatre and Syracuse International Film Fest have teamed up for a joint happy hour fundraiser to promote the Landmark Theatre's 2012-2013 Season and the 2012 Film Festival. Join us on Friday September 21st from 5-7pm for the following:

- Clips from movies either shot in the City of Syracuse or highlighting the region
- Silent Auction
- Cash bar and popcorn
- Opportunity to purchase tickets to the 2012 Syracuse International Film Festival
- Opportunity to purchase tickets to upcoming Landmark Theatre shows including WICKED and Jersey Boys

**Event information:**

Date: Friday, September 21, 2012  
 Time: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Location: The Landmark Theatre  
 362 South Salina Street  
 Syracuse, NY 13201

Cost: \$10 per person

\*Tickets can be purchased at the Landmark Theatre box office or on Ticketmaster.com now!

## Football : Syracuse defeats Stony Brook 28-17

Photo story [here](#)



## SU leaves politics aside, builds academic relationship with North Korea



North Korea and the United States don't have a diplomatic relationship and the strain means there is little interaction among the people of the two countries. North Korea is hardly a destination spot for U.S. citizens, college students don't study abroad there and the barrier remains. Syracuse University professors and university officials have long worked to break down barriers with North Korea, and SU is one of the only universities to have an ongoing relationship with the country. Through academic exchange programs that first began in 2002, SU has put the politics aside and forged a relationship using what the university knows

best: knowledge. Read More [here](#).



## Syracuse University, SUNY ESF rank among best schools for B students

Syracuse University, which has a U.S. News Best Colleges rank of 58, ranked third on the list of "A+ Schools for B Students" behind Fordham and Pepperdine. Its acceptance rate in the fall of 2011 was 49.4 percent and the middle half of its students' scored between 1050-1270 on their SAT.

The significantly smaller SUNY ESF ranked tenth on the list with a U.S. News rank of 77 and a 39.7 percent acceptance rate in fall 2011. The middle half of ESF students scored between 1100-1270 on their SAT, U.S. News said.

Read full story [here](#).

Source: [Daily Orange](#), [Syracuse.com](#)

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

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### 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](mailto: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

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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.



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

#### 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

#### Please send nomination forms to:

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

## Let's Chat!

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Family problems, roommate difficulties, academic concerns, or financial struggles?  
Stressed, sad, or feeling lost? Need to talk to someone?

### Try Let's Chat!

**Brief (15-20 minutes) confidential consultation and support on a variety of issues.**  
**Drop in and talk to a consultant for support and to find resources.**


**Who: Open to all SU international students**

**When: Slutzker Center**


**When: Tuesdays 3:30pm - 5:00pm**

**No appointments necessary!**

For questions about this service, contact MJ Doh, Ph.D., or Susan Levy, LCWS, at 443-4715



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 / [depratt@syr.edu](mailto:depratt@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. Fther 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](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.

"Moving Borders" is organized and presented by faculty members of the Program on Latin America and the Caribbean (PLACA) in the Moynihan Institute for Global Affairs in the Maxwell School, and is enabled by a major bequest from the estate of Ray W. Smith '21.

At the beginning of the second decade of the 21st century, we are still struggling to reach a clear understanding of how cultural, political, and economic displacement challenge individuals and nations. The changes in global conditions brought about by political, military, cultural, and economic crises have caused mass movements of people, which in turn lead to intense debates over identity politics, economic policy, and immigration. In light of these changes, emerging notions of citizenship, homeland, movement, and borders need to be explored, questioned, and then reevaluated. The symposium will explore issues of borders and displacement through multiple disciplinary perspectives and different forms of representation, including films, music, dance, and literature. It will feature keynote addresses and seminars by eight renowned scholars and artists. For more details click [here](#).



2012-13 Ray Smith Symposium: "Moving Borders: The Culture and Politics of Displacement in and from Latin America and the Caribbean"

Lecture Series

Presents

Teddy Cruz (University of California, San Diego)

And

Jose Manuel Valenzuela Arce (College of Northern Border, Mexico)

Thursday, Sept. 27, at 6 p.m.  
Maxwell Auditorium

Refreshments will be provided  
Please RSVP Elane Granger @ [elcarras@syr.edu](mailto:elcarras@syr.edu) by Sept. 26

## Mix-It-Up Fall Schedule – Only 3 Meetings Remaining for the Fall Semester

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**"Mix it Up"  
FALL 2012**

**ALL Students Are Welcome Bring a friend and Make a Friend Sharing Food, Fun, & Stories with Students from Around the World**

**EVENTS**

August 31	September 24	September 21	September 28
Location: Shine Student Center 304			
October 5 @ SCIS			
Location: Slutzker Center 330 Walnut Place			

2012 BY AN ESSENCE TO BEC ABBAS/STYRE/DE/ELANE GRANGER/  
Sponsor: The Slutzker Center for International Services, 330 Walnut Place

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:

- **September 21 @ Schine 304**
- **September 28 @ Schine 304**
- **October 5 @ 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.

## One World Concert Tickets Still Available

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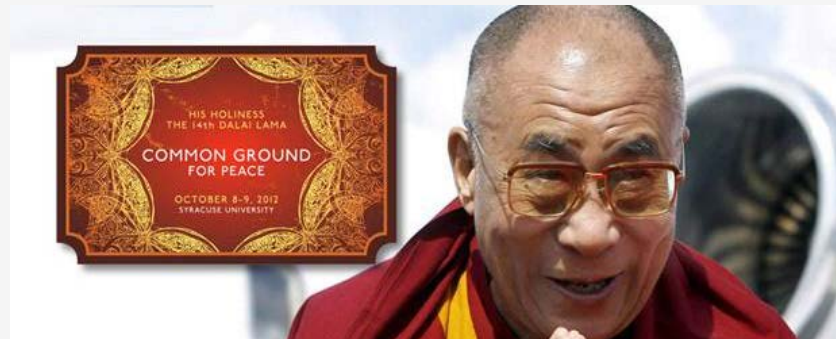
OCTOBER 9, 2012

# One World Concert

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY CARRIER DOME

**Featuring**

Don Was and his All-Star Band	Andy Grammer	Souad Massi	Natasha Bedingfield
Dave Matthews	Matisyahu	David Sanborn	Joanne Shenandoah
Counting Crows	Swizz Beatz	Andy Madadian	Voices of Afghanistan
Philip Phillips	Cyndi Lauper	Liel Kolet	Engelbert Humperdink
Nas	Bebe Winans	Roberta Flack	with
A.R. Rahman	Angélique Kidjo	Nelly Furtado	Whoopi Goldberg
	David Crosby	Emmanuel Jal	



[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.

## Full-time Course of Study

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**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.

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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](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

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### 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](mailto:lescis@syr.edu) or in person. If you have questions, or need help 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

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### South Asia Center Schedule of Events

# South Asia Center

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

# South Asia Center

## Fall 2012 Speaker Series

Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm  
Maxwell Auditorium  
*Critical Encounters and Citizenship  
Projects in South India*  
Lucinda Rumberg  
Departments of Anthropology,  
Cornell University  
(Co-sponsored by Department of Anthropology)

Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 pm  
341 Eggers Hall  
*The Age of the Sickle: Postcoloniality,  
Culture and Marxism in Bengal*  
Anirito Majumder  
Department of English, Syracuse University

Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12:30 pm  
341 Eggers Hall  
*India: The Disposable Nation?*  
Vikash Yadav  
Political Science Department, Hobart and  
William Smith Colleges  
(Co-sponsored by Department of Political  
Science)

Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 pm  
341 Eggers Hall  
*Memory, History, Conflict and Claim:  
Rishabhdeo temple, Rajasthan*  
Anisha Saxena  
Center for Historical Research,  
Jawaharlal Nehru University

Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 pm  
341 Eggers Hall  
*The ITIs and the Social Life of Caste*  
Ajanta Subramanian  
Department of Anthropology, Harvard  
University

Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 pm  
341 Eggers Hall  
*Pakistani Cinema in the 1950s*  
Iftikhar Dadi  
Department of History of Arts & Visual Studies,  
Cornell University  
(Co-sponsored by Department of Art and Music  
History)

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## Call For Volunteers Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

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# Call for volunteers!

## Westcott Street Cultural Festival

Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

This year marks the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary for the Westcott Street Cultural Festival! This amazing neighborhood event embraces diversity and fosters a sense of community among the more than 8,000 people who gather to enjoy music and dance at the seven stages, visit the arts crafts booths and learn about local not-for-profit agencies. It starts with the kickoff parade at noon and continuing until 6:30 PM. Community service hours range from 10:15a-8:30p.

The success of this event is highly dependent on volunteers. **Each year 100+ students from Syracuse University volunteer at the Fair.** Volunteer assignments include set up and take down of chairs and tables, monitoring street barricades, facilitating activities in Kids Korner, and responding to the needs of the performers. Sign up solo, with a friend, or even as a group!

If you would like to be an integral part of this volunteer effort, the process is simple. Just email me, Kate Hammer, with the following information and you will promptly receive an assignment based on your request.

**In your email please include:**

- Name
- Email

- Phone
- Number of hours you would like to volunteer (between 2-8 hours)
- Time of day you are available (ex. morning, afternoon, evening)
- Name of the class, org, or club you are earning hours for- or if you're volunteering on your own

For more information or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call. I can be reached at 315-443-3919.

*Kate Hammer*

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There's a lot happening in downtown Syracuse the next few weeks! Check it out here:

<http://t.co/2B35dvC8>

### Nine MORE Operas in Ninety Minutes, Friday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup>



Syracuse Opera's "Nine MORE Operas in Ninety Minutes" features opera's fastest rising stars singing tantalizing scenes from music's greatest hits. Timeless stories told in modern settings offer hair-raising, heart-gripping and hilarious moments that will leave you inspired and invigorated. Each scene is fully-staged with a dynamic set and colorful costumes. Appropriate for all ages, this performance breaks traditional opera stereotypes for everyone! Admission:

suggested donation \$10 adults, \$8 students, under 12 free. Click [here](#) for more information.

- 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.
- Best ways to introduce yourself. – Read [here](#).

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## E-Verify Employers and Federal Contractors List

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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)

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## CPT/OPT seminars

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

September 25 - 10:00am - 12:00pm  
 September 27 - 10:00am - 12:00pm  
 October 2 - 10:00am - 12:00pm  
 October 4 - 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.

## Full-time Course of Study

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**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.

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If you are taking fewer 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](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>

## Important Reminders

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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 [lescjs@syr.edu](mailto:lescjs@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.

## MEETING YOUR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

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Please be certain that you are currently enrolled in an approved health insurance policy for the 2012 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 [lescjs@syr.edu](mailto:lescjs@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!

## Transferring out of SU?

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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:

## Is this your last semester at SU?

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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?

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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

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## Don't Be Fooled by Copycat Immigration-Help Sites

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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

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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>

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### Keeping Good Rental Records

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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**

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### **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**

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### **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](http://www.haylor.com/student) or send an e-mail to: [student@haylor.com](mailto:student@haylor.com)

## **Motivational Quotes of the Week:**

"Success is a lousy teacher. It seduces smart people into thinking they can't lose."

**-Bill Gates**

"An actress can only play a woman. I'm an actor - I can play anything."

**-Whoopi Goldberg**

"Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it's time to pause and reflect."

**-Mark Twain**

"The purpose of life is a life of purpose."

**-Robert Byrne**



"Any change, even a change for the better, is always accompanied by drawbacks and discomforts."

**-Arnold Bennet**

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