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Slutzker Center News and Events

Orange Dialogue for Peace a Success

The Fulbright/SU Orange Dialogue for Peace retreat, one of SCIS' inclusive events focused on intercultural communication and peace building, was held last weekend at Adams Eden Camp with 21 students representing various countries.

The first activity during the retreat was preparing a meal together on Friday evening. Pictured in the photo is Rio Indra Maulana, Fulbright Student from Indonesia, Ibrahim Pagedame Game, Fulbright student majoring in Environmental Science at SUNY ESF, from Togo, and Tuo Wu, a Master's student in Linguistics, College of Arts and Sciences, from China.

In addition to preparing a meal together, students participated in outdoor low and high ropes courses, and engaged in several discussion circles.

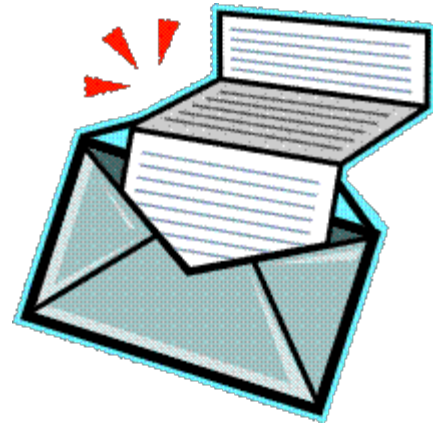


Wondering Why You Never Received That Mail?

Students: if you have provided the address of the Slutzker Center to a company or individual, please check with us regularly until you receive your mail. These five students have what looks like important mail waiting for them at the Slutzker Center.

Bhattad, Drumil Thakurdas

Peng, Kaijun
Beum, Kim Seung
Lee, (Michael) Yun Chang
Li, Jing



We have tried to reach them multiple times via email, but they haven't replied. If you know any of these students, please ask them to come to the Slutzker Center immediately to retrieve their mail. We are required to return any unclaimed mail within 30 days of receipt!!! Thank you.

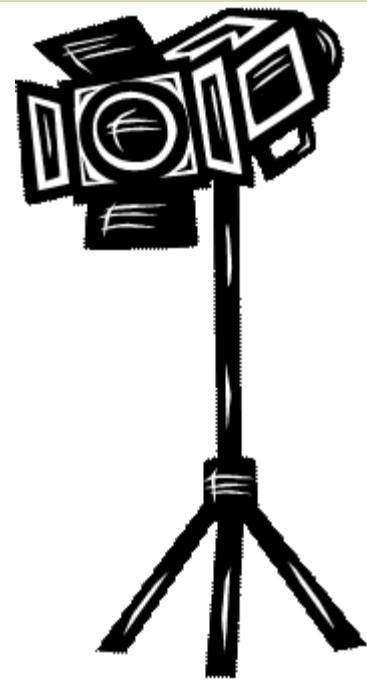
IS² International Student Spotlight

The international students at SU are an exceptional group of people. Some of the best athletes and most talented students are members of the international community, but they remain hidden in the crowd.

The Slutzker Center wants to shine a spotlight on them, so that others can see the unique gifts our international students possess and the diversity and global views they bring to Syracuse. That is why we have created the new

IS² feature of this newsletter.

If you are an international student at SU, and would like to share your story, please write to us at lescis@syr.edu. We may feature you in the next edition of SCIS news.



Picture of the Week

This picture was taken by Danni She in the Tibetan region of China. Danni is a second year Masters student in Electrical Engineering at SU. This summer, Danni rented a car in Lhasa with some of her friends and spent 15 days driving to different locations in the region. This photo was taken on the way to Nam Lake. The colorful fabrics are prayer flags. Each of the five colors is arranged in a specific order and each are meant to symbolize a different element. The Tibetans believe the prayers will be blown by the wind and spread good will and compassion to all.



For the chance to have your picture featured as Picture of the Week, please send it via email to lescis@syr.edu with the subject line of "Picture of the Week." Submissions can be from anywhere on the globe!

Immigration News and Events

F-1 Student Final Term Reminders

Are you graduating this Fall? If so, the Slutzker Center would like to remind you of your options after graduation. As an F-1 student, you have the following options:

- Work in the US on [Optional Practical Training \(OPT\)](#)
- Pursue a new degree program/level at SU
- [Transfer out](#) to another university
- Change to another immigration status
- Return to your home country

You have a 60 day grace period following your graduation to complete any of the above options. If you plan on working in the US, you should start the OPT application process now by attending an [OPT Seminar](#).

If your I-20 end date is this Fall, but you will not be completing your degree program on time, you must [apply for an extension](#) before your I-20 expires.

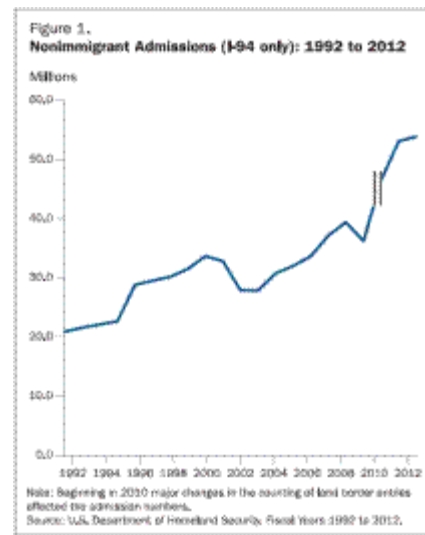


DHS Issues Report on Non-Immigrant Admissions to the US

Last month, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Immigration Statistics issued the report [Nonimmigrant Admissions to the United States: 2012](#). This

annual flow report provides data organized by class of admission, country of citizenship, age, gender, port of entry, and state of destination.

F-1 students made up almost 3% of all non-immigrant I-94 admissions to the US last year. The majority (89%) of non-immigrant admissions in 2012 were for business or pleasure.



E-Verify Webinars

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will offer a variety of webinars on E-Verify throughout the month of September. Topics discussed include an overview of the E-Verify system and an overview of the new "Self Check" program, a free service that allows employees to check their own employment eligibility.

For further details and to register for a webinar, visit the [USCIS website](#).



Syracuse University Events

Chinese Mid-Autumn Cultural Fair hosted by CSSA TOMORROW, 12:30-3pm

Experience Chinese poetry, calligraphy, painting and paper cut! Play fun games you might never have played before! Taste various kinds of Chinese refreshments (mooncakes included) for free! SU Chinese Students&Scholars Association (CSSA) would like to invite all the community members to the Chinese Mid-Autumn Cultural Fair on SU QUAD between 12:30pm-3:00pm this Thursday, September 19th!

The full round moon is coming this Thursday! So is the Mid-Autumn Festival, the second grandest festival after the Spring Festival in most parts of China.

So come on to celebrate it with us and bring your best Mid-Autumn wishes to our community, your family, your friends or just yourselves! For more information, you can visit the event's [facebook page](#).

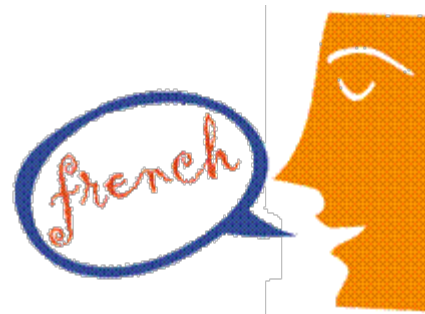


French Speaker Wanted

The French Department is looking for a graphic designer and/or proofreader (2 positions or one qualified to do both jobs) to work on the lower-level French program's newsletter this year. A student who is eligible to work on campus legally, and preferably a native speaker of French, is eligible to apply for this paid position.

The material for the newsletter is written by students in our lower-level French program (primarily FRE 202 students), and the designer just puts the articles together into a "newsletter" format for us. The proofreader obviously reads over the material and corrects any mistakes of any kind that are found. There are only three, or four maximum, issues per academic year to produce.

Anyone who is interested should e-mail Constance L. Dickey, French Language Coordinator, at cldickey@syr.edu.



Prepare for the Career Fair Workshop

**Schine Student Center, 235
September 23, 5:30-6:30pm**

The Fall Career Fair at the Dome is only days away. Are you ready?

A career fair can be life changing if you are prepared. You could land the job of your dreams by making an employer contact or learn about a new industry or job that you didn't know existed!

Learn how the career fair works, what to wear, what to bring, how to approach potential employers, and how to navigate the fair. Ask questions and leave ready to take on the Career Fair!

For additional information, please visit the [SU Career Services website](#).



Cultural and Community Events

Salt City Spirits Ghostwalk September 20 & 21, 6-8pm

Take a stroll through the historic Near Eastside of downtown and encounter personalities from the Salt City's past who can't wait to share their stories from yesteryear.

Tours begin at 6:00 p.m. and leave every 15 minutes from the Onondaga Historical Association located at 321 Montgomery St. The tour lasts approximately 1 ½ hours. Rain or Shine. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Please call Karen at 428 -1864 X 312

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



Gala Opener
Masterworks I – All Russian
Crouse Hinds Concert Theater
September 21, 7:30pm

Ray Chen, winner of the 2009 Queen Elisabeth International Violin Competition joins Symphoria to perform the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto. Since winning the Queen Elisabeth competition, Chen has performed with major orchestras around the world. Rochester native Ward Stare will conduct the program. Mr. Stare recently completed his tenure as resident conductor of the St. Louis Symphony, with engagements with many orchestras, including the London Symphony and Philharmonia orchestra during the 2012-13 season.

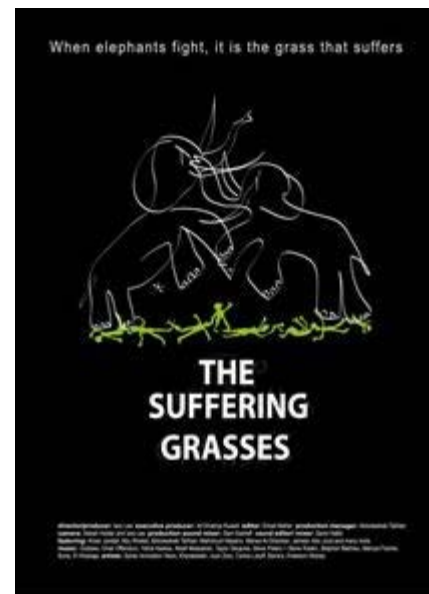
For further details and to purchase tickets, visit the [Symphoria website](#).



Syria Film: The Suffering Grasses
ArtRage Gallery
September 24, 7pm

With thousands dead and counting, the ongoing conflict in Syria has become a microcosm of political tensions in the Middle East and an unsavory reflection of the world at large. Against the backdrop of the Arab Spring and the complicated politics of the region, this film seeks to explore the Syrian conflict through the humanity of the civilians who have been killed, abused, and displaced to the squalor of refugee camps.

Join the Peace Council for a film showing and skype discussion with director Lara Lee. For more information, please visit the [Syracuse Peace Council website](#).



Important Reminders

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Quotes to keep you thinking

- “The practice of patience toward one another, the overlooking of one another's defects, and the bearing of one another's burdens is the most elementary condition of all human and social activity in the family, in the professions, and in society.” – **Lawrence G. Lovasik**
 - “For every minute you remain angry, you give up sixty seconds of peace of mind.” – **Ralph Waldo Emerson**
 - “Action is a great restorer and builder of confidence. Inaction is not only the result, but the cause, of fear. Perhaps the action you take will be successful; perhaps different action or adjustments will have to follow. But any action is better than no action at all.” – **Norman Vincent Peale**
 - “It is no measure of health to be well adjusted to a profoundly sick society.” – **Jiddu Krishnamurti**
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