

# ISSS Newsletter, Fall Term '09, Nr. 4

## "Events"

### Colored Pencils Art and Culture Night

Friday, October 30th

5:30PM-8:30PM

SMSU 101 (Parkway North)

Colored Pencils Art and Culture Night is a non-profit organization supported by the City of Portland's Office of Human Relations and many other non profit organizations. It was created in order to support and welcome new immigrants and refugees to Portland, OR.

5:30PM Art Reception  
6PM Open Mic  
7:30PM Social Hour

\$3 "Donations"/Kids FREE  
\$5 Cambodian Dinner will be available

The following international student artists will represent PSU:

Parfait Bassale ([www.parfaitonline.com/parfait](http://www.parfaitonline.com/parfait)) (composer, musician, and human rights Advocate); Randa BenAziz (Musician); Michelia Kramer (Photographer); Fathiah Zain Aldeen (Artist), and Layla Bohlikah (Artist).

This month's event will benefit the survivors of the Philippine flood, Samoan tsunami and the Indonesian earthquake.

Performers from these communities will offer song, poetry and music from their cultures.

"October is People with Disabilities Month, so painters and poets and people who celebrate Portland arts, and are also disabled are especially invited to eat and enjoy an evening of how Portland really looks, sounds, and ambulates."

For more information go to:

<http://www.coloredpencilsart.com/news/Oct-09-news.html>

For more info e-mail Anna Brozek at [brozek@pdx.edu](mailto:brozek@pdx.edu) or call 503-725-9766



### Halloween Costume Party and Dance Night

Come join us for fun and frightful night of dancing, music, food and fun. There will be a costume contest and a DJ to play some tunes for the night.

Don't forget that there will be prizes and free food .

This event is sponsored by Organization of International Students and the Intensive English Language Program.

Friday, October 30th  
Multicultural Center, SMSU 228  
6-9PM



#### Special points of interest:

- Colored Pencils Art and Culture Night at PSU!
- Halloween Party!
- Join the International Student Coffee Hour
- Get tickets for "Journey to Mecca" Movie Showing
- International Student Legal Rights Workshop
- OPT/CPT and Beyond OPT workshops

## Student Legal Rights Workshop

SMSU, MCC 228

November 4th, 5-6PM

### DO YOU KNOW YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AS AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT?

Frequently Asked Questions:

What should I do if I rent an apartment or house?

What should I do if I have a car accident?

What happens if I am arrested?

What are my rights?

What do I do when a debt collector calls?

Student Legal & Mediation Services (SLMS) offers the following services: mediation, notary, consumer issues, traffic tickets, employment, family law.

Protect yourself & take advantage of SLMS services for free if you are a current student at PSU!  
This workshop is organizing by SLMS and ISSS.



### “Journey to Mecca” Movie Showing

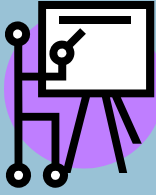
Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI)

November 15th, 6PM

\$5 -Tickets available in EH 101

Journey to Mecca is an IMAX® dramatic and documentary feature that tells the amazing story of Ibn Battuta, the greatest explorer of the Old World, following his first pilgrimage between 1325 and 1326 from Tangier to Mecca. His perilous journey resonates with adventure while presenting an unforgettable picture of Islamic civilization during the 14th century, culminating with Ibn Battuta's first Hajj. The story is book-ended by a close-up look at the contemporary Hajj, a pilgrimage to Mecca that draws three million Muslims from around the world.

[www.omsiedu/omnimax](http://www.omsiedu/omnimax)



## OPT/CPT Workshops

Are you seeking internships off-campus as part of your study?  
Are you graduating this term?

The Office offers OPT/CPT Workshops for students who are seeking; internships off-campus (Curricular Practical Training) as part of their studies and/or to work for a year in the U.S. after completing their studies (Optional Practical Training).

11/10 Tuesday 2:30-4:00pm East Hall 326	11/23 Monday 1:00-2:30pm East Hall 326	12/11 Friday 10:30am-12:00pm East Hall 326
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The basic information about OPT/CPT is online ([http://oia.pdx.edu/intl\\_students/f1/opt\\_cpt/](http://oia.pdx.edu/intl_students/f1/opt_cpt/))  
Please attend one of these workshops if you are planning on doing OPT/CPT.

**Please come to East Hall 101 to sign up!**

## “Beyond OPT Workshop”

Are you considering working in the US after graduation and would like to know about your options for employment authorization after OPT (Optional Practical Training) or AT (Academic Training)? Come to the "Beyond OPT" workshop to find out about possible routes for employment after OPT. We will focus on the H-1B Temporary Worker Visa. The workshop will include information on H-1B eligibility, regulations, and application procedures as well as a brief overview of paths to permanent residence. There will be time for Q&A.

-This workshop is for any PSU student in F-1 or J-1 status (no matter where you are in your studies), either currently enrolled or on OPT/AT. It is meant to be a general overview of the H-1B process; it is not legal advice and is not designed to teach one how to apply for H-1B or permanent residence status.

Beyond OPT Workshop Schedule

11/12 (Thurs): 12 noon in East Hall 109  
No advance sign-up required



## Join the International Student Coffee Hour!

**Every Wednesday (FALL Term)**  
**3:30-5:30PM**  
**Multicultural Center**  
**SMSU 228**

International Coffee Hour is welcoming all new students from all over the world! This event is sponsored by OIS and IELP.

For more info, e-mail:  
[ois@pdx.edu](mailto:ois@pdx.edu)



## “Let’s Talk”

Free and off site confidential consultation for international students & support on a variety of issues.

**Wednesdays**  
**1-4PM**  
**EH 221**

“Let’s Talk” is a place to talk about what’s stressing you out (academic adjustment, family difficulties, depression, or financial pressures). No appointments necessary.

**Just drop in!**  
Provided to you by SHAC

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