

ISSS Newsletter, Fall Term '09, Nr. 5

"Events"

"Celebration of International Diversity at PSU"

Photo Exhibition

Opening Reception

Thursday, November 12th (5PM-7PM)

White Gallery, Smith Union (2nd floor, near room #236/238)

You are invited to the opening reception of the "Celebration of International Diversity at PSU" photo exhibit brought to you by the International Student and Scholar Services office.

This exhibition will highlight photos of many international students, scholars, and community members.

Light refreshments will be served.

All photos will be on display in the White Gallery starting Friday, November 5th through Tuesday, November 24th.



Student Legal Rights Workshop

SMSU, MCC 228

November 4th, 5-6PM

Light refreshments will be served.

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.

Special points of interest:

- International Student Legal Rights Workshop
- Celebration of International Diversity Art Reception
- Join the International Student Coffee Hour
- Get tickets for "Journey to Mecca" Movie Showing
- OPT/CPT and Beyond OPT workshops
- FOCUS Coffee Hour



“Journey to Mecca” Movie Showing

Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI)
November 15th, 6PM

\$5 come and get your tickets 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.omsi.edu/omnimax



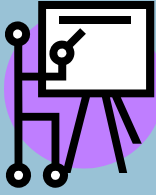
FOCUS International Coffee House
November 6th
7-10PM

Is Their Hope In Current Events?

With the state of the economy, opportunity for jobs, world conflicts, debate about healthcare in the US, etc., the news seems always bad. Is their hope in the midst of these events. Come and let's discuss about these and see what good things are going on in the world. Dinner and discussion and the chance to meet new friends included.

FOCUS Coffee House is every Friday night from 7-10PM at the historic First Baptist Church downtown (at the intersection of SW Taylor and SW 12th). You can get information, maps, etc. at the FOCUS website www.focuspsu.com or stop by our office in 312 East Hall.

FOCUS is a community coalition of non-profit organizations, churches, campus ministries and individuals in the Portland metropolitan area that provides support and services for international students and scholars of all cultures and beliefs. The FOCUS office is in 312 East Hall. We can be reached at 503-725-4196 at focus@pdx.edu.



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/)
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



“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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