Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives

This news blast is published every Friday during the academic year, and information pertaining to the academic experience for undergraduate students will be considered. Deadline for submission is 12:00 noon on Thursday to oadi_news@cornell.edu Information sent to any other email address will not be included.

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OADI News and General Announcements

Spring Diversity in Scholarship and Engagement Symposium & OADI Honors Awards Ceremony

The Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives (OADI) and the Graduate School Office of Inclusion and Student Engagement (OISE) invite your participation in the Spring Diversity in Scholarship and Engagement Symposium. Each year, OADI and OISE celebrate the research and scholarship pursuits of our growing community of scholars. The Diversity in Scholarship and Engagement Symposium provides an opportunity for students to present to the wider campus community on their OADI or OISE sponsored research, community engagement, or academic and professional development opportunities. This academic year-end event is a great way for the communities to come together to celebrate the achievements of these up-and-coming scholars. We encourage you to join us for this event to engage with the students and learn more about their work and interests.

Additionally, OADI would like to invite your participation in our annual OADI Honors Awards Ceremony, following the symposium. OADI has created 10 awards to recognize the achievements and excellence of our scholar-leaders and campus partners. The award winners are selected from nominations made by the Cornell community in recognition of outstanding students, faculty, staff, alumnus, administrators, or local community partners who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, high academic achievement, and strong community engagement and commitment.

These events will take place on Friday, May 5, 2017 in the Statler Hotel

Spring Diversity in Scholarship and Engagement Symposium
Time: 4:30 - 6:00 pm
Location: Statler Terrace Lounge

OADI Honors Awards Ceremony
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Location: Statler Ballroom

RSVP: By Friday, April 14, 2017
Click here to RSVP
Tuesday, April 18, 2017 | 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM | 200 Computing & Communications Center (CCC). **Tuesday Lunch Engagement Series: Scholar Presentations, OADI Funding Recipients.** OADI’s longest-running weekly series features a wide array of speakers throughout the academic semester. While enjoying casual conversation with the speaker, all are invited to have lunch. For more information, email vl76@cornell.edu.

Tuesday, April 11, 2017 | 5:00 – 7:00 PM | 225 King-Shaw Hall | **Meeting of the Minds** | Meeting of the Minds will connect first generation students with first generation faculty and staff at Cornell. The format will be a round-robin style discussion so that students are able to network and hear the stories from our faculty volunteers. Representatives from multiple colleges will be there to discuss your questions. Come out and join the first-gen family! [Click here to RSVP.](#)

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**Campus and Community Partners**

**Mondays, 7:00 -9:00 PM, Tuesday and Thursdays, 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM | Tatkon Center | Study Skills Tutor.** Not getting enough sleep? Drowning in reading? Learn about the best time management and study skills tips at Cornell! From reading more efficiently to weekly planning, start getting your schedule back on track. 1:1 help.

**Latina/o Studies Program | Fall 2017 Pre-enrollment begins on Wednesday, April 12, 2017** and Latina/o Studies has a wide range of [course offerings](#) for you to discover and explore. [Learn more.](#)

**Planning on being at Cornell over the summer?** Want a great opportunity to work with and help other students? We are hiring! The Learning Strategies Center (LSC) is looking for Course Assistants for the Prefreshman Summer Program. We’re recruiting for the following courses: Introductory Math (Calculus, Statistics, and/or Algebra), Introductory Chemistry, Introductory Economics, and Introductory Non-Majors Biology. If you are interested and would like more information and our application, please contact the Learning Strategies Center at learningstrategiescenter.com.

**Sunday, April 16, 2017 | 3:30 – 5:00 PM | Tatkon Center, | **For Better or Verse.** Spoken word...Slam...Rap...Freestyle. You know the words but do you really know about them? Come experience these genres with the Tatkon Center, The Swoopers and Bashers and Vagabond. There will be performances from various artists as well as discussion of personal experiences. At the end of the performances you can display your own talent at the Open Mic! Need some creative inspiration? Join us For Better or Verse.
Tuesday, April 18, 2017 | 12:30 PM | 4th Floor Rockefeller | Latino/a Studies Program | “Art in Action” campus visit of artist & activist Melanie Cervantes. Join us for lunch and tour of We See you/Witness Project & artwork by Yasmin Hernandez ’97 with Melanie Cervantes, co-founder of Dignidad Rebelde.

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 | 4:30 PM | 107 Olin Library | Cornell University Library | Chats in the Stacks Book Talk by Dawn Alexandria Berry: Governing the North American Arctic. For more information, please visit olinuris.library.cornell.edu/booktalks.

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 | 4:30 – 6:00 PM | Tatkon Center | Summer in Ithaca: explore the opportunities. Considering staying in Ithaca this summer? Hear about the options for working, research, volunteering, living. Presented by the City and Local Government Committee of the Student Assembly.

Tuesday, April 19, 2017 | 4:30 – 6:00 PM | Tatkon Center | Finish the Semester Strong. Check out this Study Skills workshop for pointers on upcoming end of term work. Presented by the Learning Strategies Center.

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 | 4:40 PM | 120 Physical Sciences | Latino/a Studies Program | Lecture: Dignidad Rebelde: Art in Action. For more information click here.

Thursday, April 20, 2017 | Noon – 1:00 PM | 6-2-6: Center for Intercultural Dialogue | The new Cornell Health: what’s there for you? Learn more about Cornell Health from staff who will be on hand to discuss and answer questions. Lunch served.

Thursday, April 20, 2017 | 4:30 PM | Tatkon Center, Room 3330 | Resume and Personal Statement Writing. Workshop for Internal Transfer and Concurrent Degree Applicants. Please bring your resume and/or personal statement (laptop or hard copy).

Thursday, April 20, 2017 | 4:30 – 5:30 PM | Tatkon Center | Classes Beyond the Classroom. Pre-registration Options to Consider. Explore academic coursework that directly engages you with the local Ithaca or global community! Cornell offers over 200 SERVICE-LEARNING/COMMUNITY-ENGAGED COURSES to choose from! From biodiversity research apprenticeships to urban design workshops to tutoring people experiencing incarceration and everything in-between, learn about cool options as you consider what to pre-register for next Fall! Open to all students,
not only first years. Past participants will discuss their personal experiences and answer questions. Presented by Amanda Wittman, Ph.D., Associate Director, Community-Engaged Curriculum and Strategy in the Office of Engagement Initiatives with Treijon Johnson, CALS 2017.

Thursday, April 20, 2017 | 4:30 PM | Schwartz Center for Performing Arts, 124 Reading Room | Book talk with Albert Laguna. In this talk, he will focus on how the transnational circulation of standup comedy and a media distribution system on the island known as “el paquete” (the package) are producing cultural and economic connections that are transforming life in Miami and Cuba.

Thursday, April 20, 2017 | 7:30 – 9:00 PM | Wendy Purcell Room, RPCC | "Latin Beats & Global Issues: Bilingual Hip-Hop and Creative Social Change". Claudia de la Cruz will present on the power of Spanish and English language hip-hop to contribute to social change, and on her work as part of Rebel Diaz Arts Collective (RDAC).

Friday, April 21, 2017 | 5:00 – 7:00 PM | Willard Straight Hall Memorial Room | Dining with Diverse Minds: “Activism Then, Activism Now”. Come hear a panel of community activists discuss their work toward education, political action, and institutional change. Panelists will include Miguel Martinez of the DREAM Team, Jillian Solomon who is one of the founders of Anabel’s Grocery, Simone Klein of Sexual Assault Awareness Week, and much more! Dinner will be served from Roy Joseph’s Cuban Food.

Friday, April 21, 2017 | 10 am – 4 PM | Room 160 Mann Library | Earth Day Film Fest. Drop in when you want.

Friday, April 21, 2017 | 12:20 - 2:00 PM | Milstein Auditorium | Beyond CRP: Careers that Make a Difference in Diverse Communities. This panel discussion will feature URS and MRP graduates at various career stages working to create more inclusive and equitable communities. A reception will follow in B1 Sibley with light refreshments and opportunities to speak with the panelists in small groups. The panel discussion and reception are open to students from all fields of study. Please contact Andrea Kiely at akiely@cornell.edu with questions about the event.

Sunday, April 23, 2017 | The ISSO trip to the Corning Museum of Glass | Home of the world’s best collection of art and historical glass! See trip details at: http://www.issotickets.com. Please carefully look over the information, so that trip registration goes smoothly. Note that tickets are not transferrable to another person.
Monday, April 24, 2017 | 5:00 – 7:00 PM | Memorial Room, Willard Straight Hall | The Office of Engagement Initiatives presents their annual Community Engagement Showcase. The application to present at the 2017 Showcase can be found here<https://cornell.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_55swn2ORSOR5FB3>. Students can apply for a monetary award using this same link. The annual spring Community Engagement Showcase is a poster presentation session where students and faculty display community-engagement projects, network with peers, and recruit for upcoming opportunities. Participants are eligible to apply for monetary awards to further the sustainability of their community-engagement projects. The Community Engagement Showcase is co-sponsored by the Office of Engagement Initiatives, Public Service Center, Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives, and Community Learning and Service Partnership. Contact Rochelle Jackson-Smarr at engagedleadership@cornell.edu for more information. If you do not plan to present, RSVP to attend the event with this link<https://cornell.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_d44c8oa62vPSlcF>.

Tuesday, April 25, 2017 | 4:30 PM | 107 Olin Library | Cornell University Library | Chats in the Stacks Book Talk by Raymond B. Craib: The Cry of the Renegade. For more information, please visit olinuris.library.cornell.edu/booktalks.

Thursday, May 4th | 3:00 – 5:00 PM | Tatkon Center | Changing Colleges within Cornell | Come find out more about how to apply for internal transfer or concurrent degrees, or to obtain some ideas about how to craft Certificate in Engaged Leadership Trailhead Events (Entry to all Stages) | For the first time, Cornell is offering a Certificate in Engaged Leadership. Students who apply their leadership and engagement activities toward the certificate will participate in building healthy communities while sharpening their professional skills and preparing for a lifetime of service.

- Trailheads are required entryway to the certificate
- The certificate offers mentorship, financial resources, and a critical reflection framework
- Dinner provided

Register to ensure a seat.
For more information, email us at engagedleadership@cornell.edu

Pre-Medical Minority Mentorship Program's 2017-18 Executive Board | Are you interested in supporting pre-med, ethnic/racial minority students? Are you passionate
about mentorship? If so, apply to be on the Pre-Medical Minority Mentorship Program's 2017-18 Executive Board. Application is limited to freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. Deadline is April 19th by 11:59pm. Further details or questions, please email cornellprem3@gmail.com. Click Here for Application

New Engaged Learning Curriculum in the Anthropology Department
This fall, the Department of Anthropology launches its engaged learning curriculum, with three courses designed to help students make the most of engaged and study abroad programs. The first course, ANTHR 1900, introduces students to the principles of engaged learning and provides opportunities to participate in service learning projects in the Ithaca community. The second course, ANTHR 3901, is a pre-departure course to prepare students studying abroad or going on other engaged learning programs. The third course, ANTHR 3902, is a post-departure course where students reflect on their experiences. These three courses co-meet during the fall semester so that students will learn from each other and conduct collaborative research projects. Questions? Please contact Hayden Kantor, Postdoctoral Associate for Engaged Learning in the Department of Anthropology (hk647@cornell.edu). Please see the Anthropology website for more details.

Internships and Opportunities

OADI’s Scholarship & Internship Database  Looking for a scholarship or internship? OADI has sourced many opportunities to help guide you in your search! To access the database, click here.

Work on campus for Cornell’s Reunion  June 6-11, 2017  To apply, please visit the Reunion clerk website https://www.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion/clerk/ and take a few minutes to fill out the New Clerk Application if you have never clerked before. If you have worked previously as a Reunion clerk, please fill out the Experienced Clerk Application.

William McKnight Moot Court Competition  Moot Court is an oral advocacy competition that is both fun and very popular among law school students. This competition gives diverse, undergraduate students an opportunity to argue their client’s case before a panel of judges. The winner of this competition will receive a plaque and $500. The runner-up will receive $250. Both competitors will also attend a reception with the judges. BLSA will host two information sessions at Cornell Law School for interested participants. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Food and beverages will be provided. Please RSVP for one or both sessions here so that we order enough food for everyone.
Global Youth Connect’s (GYC) Human Rights Delegation in Colombia.
Applications are open for students to participate from June 18th - June 30th, 2017. The Colombian government and FARC guerrillas recently reached a historic agreement to formally end more than 52 years of armed conflict, the longest running war in the Western Hemisphere. GYC’s delegation provides a fantastic opportunity to experience history in the making. Delegates will gain unique insight into the promises and challenges of conflict transformation, transitional justice, and human rights work in Colombia from leaders building peace throughout the country. Traveling from government meetings in the capital to site visits with social activists in the countryside, the delegation will engage with experts and inspire future work to protect human rights. **Application Deadline: May 1, 2017.** For more information, please visit: [http://www.globalyouthconnect.org/colombia](http://www.globalyouthconnect.org/colombia).

The Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program (DDCSP) | DDCSP is a two-year program that provides training in conservation-related research, leadership, and diversity and inclusion awareness. Students from all backgrounds who are graduating in Fall of 2018 or later are welcome to apply. Accepted applicants will attend a week-long training at the National Conservation Training Center and complete paid internships earning up to $10,000 over two summers. Please visit the Cornell website or the national collaborative website for more information on how to apply. The deadline has been extended until all positions are filled, and required materials include transcripts and two letters of reference.

Summer Internships with Student Conservation Association (SCA) Open for Applications | Working closely with the National Park Service and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Student Conservation Association (SCA) has developed paid internships aimed at providing students with the mentorship and hands-on experience needed for the 21st century workforce. Internships are found in a wide variety of fields—education, historical preservation, resource management, visitor service, and many others—but they all have one thing in common: they promote social, personal, and academic development, and pave the way for professional success. For more information about SCA or to search our other internship and program opportunities, please visit our website at [www.thesca.org](http://www.thesca.org).

Summer Internships with the Analyst Institute | The Analyst Institute helps Democratic and progressive groups figure out what really works in political and social justice campaigns. We share recommendations and provide education and training for the progressive community. We keep a low-profile, but we work with all the big name groups in the progressive ecosystem—labor unions, environmental
groups, racial justice organizers, LGBTQIA rights advocates, you name it—from local and state-based groups all the way up to Presidential campaigns. We’re looking to train paid interns, and to launch their careers. We offer two internship tracks: Synthesis and Outreach, and Statistics and Programming. To learn more and apply, click here.

Undergraduate Research Opportunity | The Ophir Lab at Uris Hall is looking for a few undergraduates interested in helping with scoring videos of African Giant Pouched rat experiments for this semester and part of the summer. If interested, email ebc58@cornell.edu with any questions.

Rolling Deadline - Energy Corps Summer Intern | The Energy Corps intern positions at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County offer a variety of opportunities to become engaged with solar energy and energy efficiency. The internship explores fields such as solar education, outreach, and adoption; small commercial energy efficiency education and outreach; DIY energy efficiency actions and upgrades. This is a chance to get visible projects into your portfolios and have experience in a not-for-profit organization. Cornell Cooperative Extension has 1.3 million people in its programs in NYS every year, and being part of the multi-state Extension system means you will be interning in a nationally recognized organization. For more information, please contact Gibrian Hagood at gah225@cornell.edu.

Cornell Cooperative Extension, Storm-water Field Work Intern Summer 2017. Pay: $11.00 per hour; Federal Work Study eligible students only. Communities are facing recurring flooding and erosion from intense rain in a short period of time, a trend that is likely to continue due to climate change. Road culverts, ditches & catch basins are part of the stormwater conveyance system. This project takes field measurements of culverts, ditches, and catch basins to help communities map their storm-water infrastructure and meet their NYSDEC storm-water permit requirements. Mapping of the storm-water infrastructure is done in ArcGIS. Data collected from culvert measurements are also used in a model developed at Cornell to determine their flow capacity and if they meet current storm demands. Additionally, data is used in a model developed by the North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity to assess culverts for aquatic organism passage. Positions for up to 2 interns who will work together as team. Extensive on the job training is provided. Send resume with 2 references, cover letter, and inquiries to Mariah Mahaney at mtm94@cornell.edu

Seniors, Apply for the JFK Memorial Award! | Graduating seniors in any School or program planning a career in government or other public service fields have the
opportunity to compete this spring for the annual John F. Kennedy Memorial Award. The Class of 1964 encourages graduating Cornelians committed to making a significant contribution to the public through a career in government or other public service fields where financial rewards may be low or slow to accumulate to apply for the award. This award endeavors to further President Kennedy’s intense interest in realizing the leadership potential of America’s youth. For more information, contact Nicole LaFave at nrw6@cornell.edu. All application materials, must be submitted by the April 17, 2017. Two letters of reference must be received no later than April 24, 2017.

**Blumenthal Internship** | A variety of PAID internships are available with nonprofit agencies such as the Child Care Council of Westchester, Student Advocacy, The Children’s Village, and Westchester Jewish Community Services. Cornell students must be a current sophomore or junior to apply and not have done the program before. For more information: http://www.career.cornell.edu/students/jobs/internships/alumni/blumenthal-internship-program.cfm

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