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

Students using the OADI computer lab are reminded that there is no food or drink of any kind permitted in the lab.

Tuesday, September 1, 2015 | 11:30 am – 1:00 pm | 200 Computing & Communications Center (CCC). Tuesday Lunch Engagement Series: Study Abroad. Speaker: Corinna Lewis. 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 oadi@cornell.edu.

Tuesday, September 8, 2015 | 11:30 am – 1:00 pm | 200 Computing & Communications Center (CCC). Tuesday Lunch Engagement Series: New York State Assemblyman Michael Blake. 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 oadi@cornell.edu. Co-sponsored by the Intercultural Center @ 626.

Info Session, McNair Scholars Program | Wednesday, September 9, 2015 | 5:00 pm | 200 Computing and Communications Center. Apply for the McNair Scholars Program. Criteria: 1st generation college student w/demonstrated high financial need or underrepresented in graduate education; highly dedicated to earning a PhD; sophomore class standing; GPA 2.75 or higher. Applications due Friday, October 9, 2015. https://oadi.cornell.edu/programs/student-success-programs/mcnair/application-recommendation.html. Next Info Session October 1, 2015, 6:30 pm in 200 Computing & Communications Center.
Weekly on Monday, starting September 21, 2015 | 3:00 – 4:00 pm | 200 Computing & Communications Center (CCC). Personal Finance: Drop-In Hour @ OADI with Gretchen Ryan, CPFM, Office of Financial Aid and Student Employment. Questions or curiosity about personal finance topics such as budgeting, credit, student loans, preparing financially to move off campus or saving while in college? The hour is all yours – quick questions and longer discussions welcome! Contact weh8@cornell.edu for more information.

Popular, New and Returning Courses

**Popular - Intergroup Dialogue Project | EDUC 2610 | Seeking students to enroll specifically in Wednesday and Friday sections.** Students from different social identity groups explore ways to work together to achieve greater equity/social justice around race, gender, disability, religion, socioeconomic status, sexuality using in-class exercises, readings, written assignments and collaborative action projects. Class meets once a week (M, W or F 1:25 – 4:25 pm or M 7:30 – 10:30 pm). For more information, email aeg234@cornell.edu

**Returning - Fall Semester, Weeks 8 – 14 | ASRC 1996 | The Underground Railroad Seminar.** A unique opportunity for undergraduates to explore the abolition movement of upstate New York. Taught by Professors Gerard Aching (Africana Studies) and A.T. Miller (Associate Vice Provost for Academic Diversity). Co-sponsored by OADI, EL&R, and the PSC. For more information, click here: [https://classes.cornell.edu/browse/roster/FA15/class/ASRC/1996](https://classes.cornell.edu/browse/roster/FA15/class/ASRC/1996)

**New - ASRC 3210, TR 1:25 – 2:40 pm | Black Expatriate Writing.** Taught by Professor Kevin Gaines – Africana Studies and Research Center. Examine the phenomenon of the global dimensions of post-WWII African American struggles for equality through the writings of black expatriates in Europe and Africa, and the international presence of black performing artists and intellectuals. Contact africana@cornell.edu for more information.

Campus and Community Partners

**Friday, August 28, 2015 | 5:00 - 7:00 pm | Latino Living Center Courtyard. Annual Bienvenidos BBQ.** All are invited to meet students, faculty, and staff, and learn about the organizations that are part of the Latino Living Center community. Contact Sabrina Alexander (saa236@cornell.edu)
to volunteer for the event or learn more about your organization having a table.

Sunday, August 30, 2015 | 3:00 pm | Ujamaa Residential College, outside entrance. **Ujamaa Welcome BBQ.** All are welcome for free food, games, and more. Volunteers needed – email ms3288@cornell.edu for more information.

Sunday, August 30, 2015 | 4:30 – 5:15 pm | Tatkon Center, Balch Hall. **Advice for First Year Students from Tatkon Center Student Staff.** Stop by to chat informally about what Tatkon staff wish they knew as first year students. Advice and snacks provided.

Monday, August 31, 2015 | 4:30 pm | Africana Studies and Research Center. **Africana Welcome Reception.** All are invited to celebrate the 2015–2016 academic year. Meet Africana faculty and students and enjoy refreshments. For more information email africana@cornell.edu

Wednesday, September 2, 2015 | 11:00 – 2:00 pm | Uris Hall. **International Fair.** Talk with reps from 20+ study abroad programs and universities, plus Cornell faculty and staff, to explore funding, study abroad, languages, courses and much more. Enter the raffle to win two $1,000 travel vouchers. Click here to learn more [http://events.cornell.edu/event/cornell_abroad_international_fair](http://events.cornell.edu/event/cornell_abroad_international_fair)

Wednesday, September 2, 2015 | 4:30 – 5:30 pm | Tatkon Center, Balch Hall. **Learning Strategies Center Workshop.** Learn to manage your time better, prepare smarter for prelims, stop procrastinating, get sleep and still get your work done. Mike Chen from the LSC will present strategies to help you have your best semester ever.

Thursday, September 3, 2015 | Noon – 1:00 pm | 626 Thurston Ave. **Thursdays at 626 – BlackLivesMatter – Say Her Name with speaker Prof. Oneka LaBennett.** Lunch is served. Email rta3@cornell.edu for more information.

Friday, September 4, 2015 | 4:00 pm | 3330 Tatkon Center, Balch Hall. **Info Session – Office of Internal Transfer and Concurrent Degrees.** Learn more about the internal transfer process and requirements, or explore pursuing a major unavailable in your current college. For more information, email fa227@cornell.edu
Internships and Opportunities

Let’s Talk | M-F at Rockefeller Hall | Free and confidential support available to all students. No appointment necessary, just drop in. For hours, counselor bios and more information, visit http://www.gannett.cornell.edu/services/counseling/caps/talk/index.cfm

Engineering Programs Study Abroad Info Sessions. Are you an Engineering student who is thinking about studying abroad? Come to one of these sessions to get help to think through the study abroad process, have questions answered about policies and procedures, and get assistance in planning your curriculum:

- Thursday, September 3 @ 4:45 pm, Olin 165
- Monday, September 28 @ 4:45 pm, Olin 155
- Wednesday, October 27 @ 4:45 pm, Olin 155

Application Deadline Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 11:59 pm Eastern | Goldman Sachs 2015 STEM Symposium. Held October 12-13, 2015 at Goldwin Sachs headquarters in New York. An interactive program for students with a science, technology, engineering or mathematics background to learn how to build solutions to complex problems during a summer internship. For application and more information, email kelly.conroy@gs.com

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