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

The Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives, along with Cornell, will be closed beginning December 25, 2015 for Winter Break. The office re-opens at 8:00 am on Monday, January 4, 2016. Next news blast will be January 22.

Tuesday Lunch Engagement: The programming for this series has concluded and will resume on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at 11:30 am.

SAVE THE DATE
Third Annual Posse Plus Retreat – March 4 – 6, 2016
Topic: Sticks + Stones: Language and Speech in a Diverse Society
Registration Information and Deadline: TBD

Information on how to reserve a spot will be available in January. To learn more, e-mail posse@cornell.edu

The Posse Plus Retreat brings together Cornell students, faculty, and administrators for a weekend of interactive and dynamic workshops designed to facilitate dialogue about an important social issue. Below is an in-depth description of the retreat’s potential scope:

Some people think that we have become overly obsessed with being politically correct while others think we haven’t gone nearly far enough in limiting offensive language. Illegal vs. undocumented. Gay vs. queer. Handicapped vs. differently-abled. The N-word, the T-word, the F-word. Who is allowed to say what? What about free speech? Can
speech be a form of violence? Have you ever said something and immediately wished you could take it back? Have you ever been told something that you wish people weren’t allowed to say?

Colleges across the country this past year instituted trigger warnings for material that could provoke a damaging emotional response. Conversations about micro aggressions have become a key part of how we talk about diversity in higher education. Some say that these trends have led to what a recent article in The Atlantic magazine called “The Coddling of the American Mind,” while others see this attention to language as a necessary acknowledgment of people who have experienced oppression and a way to be inclusive of diverse identities and experiences.

Email posse@cornell.edu with questions or for more information.

Get Around Guide - Travel Resources

**Student Rideboard – Zimride** – A collection of resources for fellow travelers looking for one-time trips, or for commuters looking for carpool. [www.zimride.com/cornell](http://www.zimride.com/cornell)

**Break & Vacation Charter Bus Service**


- **ShortLine Bus Co. - 1-800-631-8405** – Chartered bus rides from Cornell to NJ, Westchester, NYC, and Long Island. [www.shortlinebus.com](http://www.shortlinebus.com)

- **Swarthout Tours – 607-257-2660** – Chartered bus rides from Cornell to NJ, Queens, and Long Island. [www.goswarthout.com](http://www.goswarthout.com)

- **Cornell-Bethesda Bus** – ebbus@hotmail.com – [www.cbbus.com](http://www.cbbus.com) – Chartered bus rides between Cornell and Montgomery Mall in Bethesda, MD

- **Cornell-Boston-Ludlow** – 607-272-2000 (Student Agencies) – [www.studentagencies.com](http://www.studentagencies.com) – CSS and CoachUSA offer special charter bus service to Ludlow and Boston for most Cornell breaks

**Commercial Coach Services**

- **ShortLine Bus Co. – 1-800-631-8405** – [www.shortlinebus.com](http://www.shortlinebus.com) – Offers 8 trips daily from Ithaca to Binghamton, NYC, Long Island, Queens, Monticello, Paramus, Ridgewood, Woodbury Commons.

- **Greyhound Bus Lines – 607-272-7930** – [www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com) – Offers service to Syracuse, Rochester, Albany and other locations in the USA

**Cornell’s Express NYC Service (Campus-to-Campus)**

- **607-254-TRIP** – [www.c2cbus.com](http://www.c2cbus.com) – Express transportation between Cornell’s Ithaca and NYC campuses.

**Airports**
Ground Service to Syracuse Airport and Amtrak Station

Ithaca Airline Limousine – 607-273-3030 or 1-800-273-9197 –
www.transportationsithaca.com – Service between Ithaca and Hancock Int’l Airport and the Regional Transportation Center in Syracuse.

Campus and Community Partners

Internships and Opportunities

Deadline: Sunday, December 20, 2015. 13th Annual Men of Color Conference. Sign up by December 20th for $20 pre-registration fee ($30 after December 20th). Network with Ithaca area professionals/Cornell alumni/corporate recruiters. Sign up through http://tinyurl.com/gg9evg9. Email kk648@cornell.edu or as2588@cornell.edu for more information.

Application Deadline January 11, 2016 | Africana Studies Ph.D. program at Cornell for Fall 2016. Click here for details, more information and application details.

Campus Deadline Wednesday, February 17, 2016 | Udall Scholarship for Undergraduates. $7,000 scholarships are available annually for undergraduate sophomore and junior American Indian/Alaska Native/First Nations students who want to give back to Indian country. Visit www.udall.gov for more information. Cornell contact is btf1@cornell.edu for questions/more information.

Summer 2016 Internship Program at Cornell Plantations | Learn more and apply during break! Click here for details, more information and application http://www.cornellplantations.org/learning/internship

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