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

OADI Hours
8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Monday – Friday

LOST A PORTABLE CHARGER WITH AN UNUSUAL DESIGN ON THE CASE? Come to OADI between 8:00 – 4:30 or call 607-255-7000 and describe the case.

Tuesday, February 16, 2016 | 11:45 – 1:00 pm | 200 Computing & Communications Center. Tuesday Lunch Engagement: No Scheduled Lunch due to February break.

Thursday, February 18, 2016 | 5:30 – 7:00 pm | 200 Computing & Communications Center. Social Justice Roundtable Dinner Series: Advancing Health on Campus with speaker Jada Hamilton, MD, Gannett Health Services. Dr. Hamilton will discuss collaborative strategies to decrease barriers to health care and improve the health of Cornell’s diverse campus community. Email cdsjprogram.oadi@cornell.edu for more information. Dinner served.

Saturday, February 20, 2016 | 7:30 pm | Bailey Hall. Meeting of the Minds Series: The Vagina Monologues. This award winning play explores and celebrates women. RSVP by bringing a $5.00 deposit to the OADI front desk (200 Computing & Communications Center) between 8:00 – 4:30 M-F (deposit will be refunded to those who attend on the evening of the event). First come, first served for first 8 tickets. Email rmm324@cornell.edu with questions or for more information.
SAVE THE DATE
Cornell University’s Posse Plus Retreat 2016
March 4 – 6, 2016
Topic: Sticks + Stones: Language and Speech in a Diverse Society
Bryn Mawr Mountain Retreat, Honesdale, PA

Registration Deadline: Friday, February 12, 2016

RSVP here:
Faculty & Staff: http://tinyurl.com/na85dcu
Students: http://tinyurl.com/jjlbcjx

Packing list: Toiletries (soap, toothpaste, toothbrush); Homework (site does have WiFi); Warm, comfortable clothing. Email posse@cornell.edu with questions or call 607-255-3841.

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:

Context for this year’s retreat: The PossePlus Retreat is a unique space where students, faculty and staff come together to participate in a powerful discussion about a topic relevant to Cornell University’s community. This spring, more than 5,000 college students at 50 colleges and universities across the United States will engage in dialogue on the topic of language and speech. We’ll talk about the questions that are being hotly debated on our campus and around the country: Has free speech gone too far? Should there be rules about what we can and can’t say? Are microaggressions a type of violence? What does it look like to have inclusive conversations within diverse communities? This is a rare opportunity for you to voice your ideas and experience this important national conversation. The Posse Foundation identifies, recruits and trains incredible young leaders and sends them in Posses of 10 students to top colleges and universities across the country.

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

Campus and Community Partners

Saturday, February 13, 2016 | Noon – 1:00 pm | One World Room, Anabel Taylor Hall.  February Break Meal Kit Build.  Free and Open to All Undergraduate Students.  Staying on campus during February break? Come fill a bag with nonperishable staples to keep you going during break. Try to arrive early!  To volunteer time email lfm53@cornell.edu; to donate food, email jms854@cornell.edu.  For more information, visit https://www.facebook.com/events/576698285810482/
Thursday, February 18, 2016 | Noon – 1:00 pm | 626 Thurston Ave. Thursdays at 626 – Come for a timely and thought-provoking conversation! Lunch is served. Email rta3@cornell.edu for more information.

Thursday, February 18, 2016 | Noon – 1:00 pm | Sage Chapel. Soup & Hope – with Tracey Brant. Stories of hope that reflect diverse personal, cultural, religious, political, and philosophical beliefs and experiences. Speaker bios available at www.curw.cornell.edu. Come for hot soup and bread.

Wednesday, February 24, 2016 | 4:30 pm | Multipurpose Room, Africana Studies and Research Center, 310 Triphammer Road | On Freedom: A Conversation with Gabriela Basterra and Gerard Aching. Basterra’s “The Subject of Freedom: Kant, Levinas” (Fordham, 2015) and Gerard Aching’s “Freedom from Liberation: Slavery, Sentiment, and Literature in Cuba” (Indiana, 2015) reflect on freedom in frequently divergent fields of inquiry: namely, continental philosophy in Basterra’s book and historical slavery in Aching’s. Their public conversation describes and examines the intellectual itineraries they pursued, especially in light of their lively conversations on freedom over the last ten years. Basterra is professor of Comparative Literature and Spanish and Portuguese at NYU. Aching is professor of Africana and Romance Studies and director of the Africana Studies & Research Center at Cornell.

Internships and Opportunities

Community Partnership Funding Board Grants through Cornell’s Public Service Center. Click here for availability, deadlines, etc. https://psc.cornell.edu/awards-funding/community-partnership-funding-board-grants. Email cpfb@cornell.edu for more information.

Sign up by February 15, 2016 | Advocate for Funding in Washington, D.C. | March 1 – 2, 2016. If you have interest in public and access to higher ed and would welcome the opportunity to speak to your Senators and Representatives in Congress, join us for an overnight trip to D.C. Meals/transportation provided. No experience required. Email Kristen Adams at kadams@cornell.edu to learn more.

Application Deadline February 15, 2016 | 2016 Scholarship Awards Program. Established to create national awareness of Puerto Rican contributions, the National
Puerto Rican Day Parade empowers the Puerto Rican community through a promotion of culture, education, scholarships and civic engagement. Sixty $2,000 scholarships will be awarded to exceptional Puerto Rican youth who are making a difference in their community. For eligibility requirements, application package and submission requirements, click here [http://www.nprdpinc.org/](http://www.nprdpinc.org/)

**Auditions beginning February 17, 2016 | West Side Story.** Melodramatics, Teatrotaller and Flexible Theatre team up this April at the Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts. Based on the 2009 version with updated dialogue and Spanish language songs. For more information about audition sign-ups, and preparation information, email iet4@cornell.edu.

**Application Deadline February 21, 2016 | Summer Internship Program at the Public Policy Institute of California.** $10.00 per hour, full-time from June 2 – August 12, 2016. Any Cornell student in any major. For more information and the application, click here [http://www.cornellplantations.org/learning/internship/application](http://www.cornellplantations.org/learning/internship/application)

**Proposal Deadline February 22, 2016, 11:59 pm ET | Harvard College’s Engaged Scholarship & Social Justice Undergraduate Research Conference.** Undergraduate students have an opportunity to disseminate findings from their research on critical social issues within their respective fields. Proposals welcomed from students whose work has been supervised by faculty, and focuses on diversity, equity, and social justice. For questions and more information, click here [http://essjconference.fas.harvard.edu/](http://essjconference.fas.harvard.edu/)

**Register for February 27, 2016 Cornell Community Engagement Institute |** Learn about service opportunities, social justice efforts in the local community, campus resources and strategies and approaches of how to effectively enter and serve local communities. **Event details:** Saturday, February 27, 2016 | 11:30 – 4:00 pm | 3330 Tatkon Center. Register here [https://orgsync.com/login/cornell-university-school-of-hotel-administration?redirect_to=%2F130396%2Fforms%2F178201](https://orgsync.com/login/cornell-university-school-of-hotel-administration?redirect_to=%2F130396%2Fforms%2F178201) or email nrw6@cornell.edu with questions/more information.

**Application Deadline March 1, 2016 | SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Office of Minority Affairs Summer Research Program.** Designed for undergraduate students who have been historically underrepresented in biomedical and health professions. 8 week program (June – July). $3,000 fellowships will be awarded. No housing provided. Click here for application: [http://sls.downstate.edu/minority_affairs](http://sls.downstate.edu/minority_affairs)

**Application Deadline March 4, 2016 | Cornell Farmworker Program Summer Internship Program.** Click here for application instructions
www.farmworkers.cornell.edu. Email farmworkers@cornell.edu to request interview.

Application Deadline March 7, 2016 | The Janet McKinley ’74 Family Grant.
Grant covers applicable costs up to $5,000. Open to all Cornell sophomores pursuing original, provocative and entrepreneurial summer projects that leave a direct, lasting impact on many generations of Cornell students. Click here for information on how to apply http://www.commitment.cornell.edu/janet-mckinley-74-family-grant

Application Deadline March 15, 2016 | Minority Health and Health Disparities International Research Training Program (MHIRT). Full summer support for field and laboratory research at a training center in the Dominican Republic. Click here for more information https://www.cuabroad.cornell.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=10071. Email ma35@cornell.edu with questions.

Application Deadline March 18, 2016 | Adelante! U.S. Education Leadership Fund. Click here for current information from an organization dedicated to assisting Latino college students through scholarships, internships and professional development: http://www.adelantefund.org/#scholarships/cee5. Email manguiano@adelantefund.org to ask about the organization’s national leadership institute, scheduled for October 28-30, 2016 in San Antonio, Texas.

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