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.

OADI News and General Announcements

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 | 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM | 200 Computing & Communications Center (CCC).  Tuesday Lunch Engagement Series.  OADI Funding Recipients Scholar Presentations.  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, March 14, 2017 | 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM | 200 Computing & Communications Center (CCC).  Tuesday Lunch Engagement Series: “Post Racial Realities” with Professor F. Michael Higginbotham, author of Ghosts of Jim Crow: Ending Racism in Post-Racial America.  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.

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 | 4:30 – 6:00 PM | Klarman Hall Auditorium | “Saving the Dream for All” featuring Professor F. Michael Higginbotham, Joseph Curtis Professor of Law, University of Baltimore School of Law and author Ghosts of Jim Crow: Ending Racism in Post-Racial America.  “The law is a powerful weapon to create racial inequality and racial equality.”  Is a post-racial America possible?

Monday, April 24, 2017 | 5:00 – 7:00 PM | Memorial Room, Willard Straight Hall | Community Engagement Showcase 2017.  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.
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.

If you do not plan to present, RSVP to attend the event with this link<https://cornell.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_d44c8oa62vPSlcF>.

### Campus and Community Partners

**ONGOING DROP-IN ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES AT THE TATKON CENTER**

- Biology course tutoring -- Sun, 3-7pm, 3335
- Writing tutors -- Sun-Thursdays, 7-10pm, 3343
- Study skills tutors -- Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am-12:30pm, 3335
- Math tutors -- Tuesdays + Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm, 3331
- Economics drop-in tutoring, for 1000- to 4000-level courses -- Every Fri, 3:30-5:30pm, 3335

**Friday, February 24, 2017 | 12 Noon | 429 Rockefeller Hall Conference Room | Latina/o Studies Program: Fridays with Faculty Luncheon Seminar. Speaker Eloy Rodriguez, James A. Perkins Endowed Professor, Plant Medical Biochemistry, Cornell University click here.**

**Friday, February 24, 2017 | 5:00 – 6:00 PM | 213 Kennedy | The Pre-Minority Mentorship Program will be hosting a community discussion called "Where are the Rest of Us? The Lack of Minorities in Medicine. Dr. Jada Hamilton and Public Health Fellow Elsie Ikpot will be participating. This event is open to the public.**

**Thursday March 2, 2017 | Noon – 1:00 PM | 6-2-6: Center for Intercultural Dialogue | Thursdays at 626. Michelle Horvaith directs the Office of the Judicial Administrator. She is new in this position; learn what changes are taking place – and what you need to know. Lunch served.**

**Saturday, March 4, 2017 | 2:00 – 3:00 PM | Ujamaa Main Lounge | The Pre-Med Minority Mentorship Program presents "Q&A with Weill Cornell Medical Students of Color". Edwin Rosendo '20, Cornell alum, and Jasmin Harpe '17, John Hopkins and Yale University alumna, will be speaking about medical school applications, gap year opportunities, and what it's like to be a medical student of color.**
**Thursday, March 9, 2017 | 5:15 PM | Milstein Auditorium | Department of Art**

**Visiting Artist: Sonya Clark.** Co-sponsored by American Studies and Africana studies. As an African-American artist, Sonya Clark uses craft as a means to honor her lineage and expand notions of both Americanness and art. She uses materials as wide ranging as textiles, hair, beads, combs, and sound to address issues of nationhood, identity, and racial constructs. In some of her work, Sonya Clark explores the cultural meaning of hair and all of its heavy and joyous symbolism. The artist describes hair as power, the essence of identity and a marker of chronology, wisdom and adornment. Visit her website: [http://sonyaclark.com/gallery/](http://sonyaclark.com/gallery/)

**Friday, March 10 | 4:30 -5:30 PM | 105 Kennedy | Cornell Tradition Information Session.** Come join us to learn about The Cornell Tradition, a program that recognizes students who demonstrate work experience, commitment to campus/community service, and academic achievement. [https://www.facebook.com/events/1195499930567809/](https://www.facebook.com/events/1195499930567809/)

**Friday, March 10, 2017 | 5:00 – 7:00 PM | Willard Straight Hall Memorial Room | Dining with Diverse Minds event centered around Invisible Disabilities.** Hosted by CMM, ALANA and CUDAP. Come out to hear peers’ experiences living with invisible disabilities and to discuss what we can do take the stigma away and make Cornell a more invisible disability-friendly campus. Dinner will be served from New Delhi Diamonds. If you have any questions, email nck26@cornell.edu.

**Thursday, March 16, 2017 | 5:15 PM | Milstein Auditorium | Department of Art**

**Visiting Artist: Odili Donald Odita.** Co-sponsored by the Graduate School. Odita was born in 1966 in Enugu, Nigeria, and lives and works in Philadelphia. His abstract paintings explore ways to trigger memory and address the human condition through color, pattern and design. His work explores color both in the figurative historical context and in the sociopolitical sense. Odita says, “Color in itself has the possibility of mirroring the complexity of the world as much as it has the potential for being distinct.” See examples of his work at: [http://www.jackshainman.com/artists/odili-donald-odita/](http://www.jackshainman.com/artists/odili-donald-odita/)

**Thursday, March 23, 2017 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM | MVR 2308 | The Urban Semester is sponsoring the visit of the new Dean of Weill Cornell Medicine, Augustine M. K. Choi.** To attend, RSVP to Cassidy Nagel at crn45@cornell.edu by March 15.
Natural Leaders Initiative Community Building Events | Each evening over a meal, up to 25 students will meet 10 community members to learn how to embed your engaged leadership efforts with ongoing local efforts.

Sponsored by Public Service Center and Student Leadership Initiatives

Register here

- Attend one of (or all) three events: youth development (2/22), housing (3/23), or food systems (4/12).
- Dinner provided

For more information about the certificate email engagedleadership@cornell.edu

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

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.

Info Sessions | Rhodes and Marshall Scholarships Introduction. Of interest to rising and current seniors considering graduate study in the UK who have a strong record of academic achievement (min. GPA 3.85), leadership, and service. If interested but can’t attend any of the below programs, e-mail BTF1@cornell.edu

- Wed., Mar. 1, 4:35 pm – Barnes Hall, Room 103
- Tues., Mar., 7, 4:35 pm – Barnes Hall, Room 103
- Wed., Mar. 15, 4:35 pm – Barnes Hall, Room 103
- Tues., Apr. 11, 1:00 pm (Pre-registration required for 1:00 session at BTF1@cornell.edu) – Barnes Hall, Room 103

**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. **Early admission discount deadline: February 15, 2017.** For more information, please visit: [http://www.globalyouthconnect.org/colombia](http://www.globalyouthconnect.org/colombia).

**Cornell University Summer College Peer Tutor positions available.** Cornell University Summer College Program is seeking part-time summer tutors. -- Position responsibilities include; conducting individual meetings two – three times weekly, review class readings and vocabulary for comprehension and discuss main ideas; examine student’s lecture notes to uncover any lack of understanding and manage tutorials on the material; discuss paper topics, review outlines, and give feedback on first drafts. Throughout the program, tutor will consult with the Summer College director and/or associate director. Tutor will file weekly reports with the Summer College director. See Summer College at [www.summercollege.cornell.edu](http://www.summercollege.cornell.edu) for more information.

**CIAO: Cornell International Affairs Observer.** Do you want to get published? Interested in international affairs? Join CIAO, an online publication for short-form pieces and interviews about international affairs! A publication by the Cornell International Affairs Society (CIAS). Find our Call for Articles at [https://tinyurl.com/gv34h79](https://tinyurl.com/gv34h79).

**Columbia Business School 2017 Summer Internship Program** | Under the guidance of Columbia Business School’s leading faculty, interns will take an active role on a research project in one of the following areas: Finance, Economics, Marketing, Management, Decision Sciences, Operations, Accounting, and Data Analytics. To apply, please fill out the application form through the following website: [http://www8.gsb.columbia.edu/faculty-research/research/job-opportunities/summer-research-internship](http://www8.gsb.columbia.edu/faculty-research/research/job-opportunities/summer-research-internship). The Application Deadline is 11:59pm EST on March 1,
2017. **Apply early.** Applications will be reviewed beginning mid-January and positions **may be filled on a rolling basis.**

**Freeman-ASIA Awards for Undergraduate Study Abroad in East and Southeast Asia now open or summer 2017** | For more information, including instructions on how to apply, and the online application itself, please visit [https://iie-freeman.embark.com/apply](https://iie-freeman.embark.com/apply)

**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](http://www.thesca.org).

**Rolling Deadline - Energy Corps Summer Intern** | The Energy Corps intern ([https://energycorps.wordpress.com/](https://energycorps.wordpress.com/)) 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.

**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 Cornellians 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 10, 2017. Two letters of reference must be received no later than April 17, 2017.

**The Tatkon Center for First-Year Students is now hiring Student Assistants for 2017-18.** Join the team and help support and shape the first year experience! Application deadline: March 12, 2017 [https://orgsync.com/116752/forms/165284](https://orgsync.com/116752/forms/165284). Job description: [http://rmsp.dos.cornell.edu/org/rmspstudentstaffselection/The_Tatkon_Center](http://rmsp.dos.cornell.edu/org/rmspstudentstaffselection/The_Tatkon_Center)