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

Tuesday, February 9, 2016 | 11:45 – 1:00 pm | 200 Computing & Communications Center. Tuesday Lunch Engagement: 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.

Campus-Wide Breaking Bread Dinner

In the spirit of diversity, inclusion and dialogue, the “Breaking Bread” initiative invites students, faculty and staff to a community-wide dinner, to discuss race and campus climate at Cornell. Using recent college campus and global events as a backdrop for this conversation, students will lead table conversations with other students, faculty and staff.

Date: February 10, 2016
Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Location: G10 Biotech
RSVP: http://tiny.cc/breakingbread

Seating is limited to 90 with a priority given to students. RSVP as soon as possible to confirm participation in this event. The Breaking Bread initiative is funded by
the Office of the Provost, and is hosted by the Center for Intercultural Dialogue (6-2-6), the Office of Academic Initiatives (OADI), the Graduate School Office of Inclusion & Student Engagement, and the Office of Faculty Development & Diversity, which are directed by the University Diversity Officers.

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](http://tinyurl.com/na85dcu)
Students: [http://tinyurl.com/jjlbcjx](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

Friday, February 5, 2016 | 12:00 noon | 429 Rockefeller Hall. Latina/o Studies Program: Fridays with Faculty Luncheon Seminar. Speaker Gustavo Flores-Macias, Interim Director, Latin American Studies Program;
Asst. Prof. Dept. of Government. Lunch sponsored by Latina/o Studies Program. Email mfd1@cornell.edu for more information.

Friday, February 5, 2016 | 6:30 pm | Latino Living Center, 520 Thurston Ave. Race and Identity Abroad. Listen to Latino students recount experiences abroad and discuss issues surrounding the cultural exchange that occurs while studying outside the U.S. Email mem66@cornell.edu for more information.

Saturday, February 6, 2016 | 9:00 – 5:00 pm | B51 Warren Hall. BBMTA Annual Health Conference: Disparities in the Distribution and Access to Health Care. The day includes keynote, workshops, and panels facilitated by Cornell alumni from the fields of medicine, public health, PhD, and D.O. Registration opens at 9:00 am with breakfast; keynote at 10:00 am. No cost or RSVP needed to attend; all are welcome and encouraged to attend. Bring a friend. Email bbmta.cornell@gmail.com for more information.

Monday, February 8, 2016 | 4:30 – 5:30 pm | Tatkon Center. Info Session: Switching Colleges 101 presented by the Office of Internal Transfer and Concurrent Degrees. If you are interested in pursuing a major unavailable in your current college or want to know more about the internal transfer process and requirements. Email fa227@cornell.edu for more information.

Monday, February 8, 2016 | 5:30 – 6:30 pm | 155 Olin Hall. Cornell Hillel’s Major Speaker Series presents: Speaker, Marlee Matlin. Matlin is the youngest actress ever (and still the only deaf performer) to win an Oscar for Best Actress in a Leading Role for her debut film Children of a Lesser God. Among others, she has since appeared in The West Wing, Dancing with the Stars, and most recently, the Broadway revival of Spring Awakening. A novelist and passionate advocate for the deaf community, she speaks regularly on her struggles overcoming addiction. Free and open to the public. For more information, click here.

Thursday, February 11, 2016 | Noon – 1:00 pm | 626 Thurston Ave. Thursdays at 626 – Black History at Cornell with Corey Earle. Lunch is served. Email rta3@cornell.edu for more information.

Check Out These Courses
Timely – EDUC 4940-003/ASIAN 4495-001 | Crossing Borders in Education. Learn about Myanmar (also known as Burma) with special attention given to the role of education in the country’s recent re-emergence into commerce and interaction with the rest of the world. Weekly pen-pal exchange with education students in Myanmar, weekly interaction with local children whose parents came to the US from Myanmar, and field trip to a special high school in Brooklyn. Email bpd38@cornell.edu to learn more.

Fun – Music 2308 | The Sounds of Silent Film. The era of “silent” film was anything but silent. How did music shape the growth of this new medium? Course features discussions about 19th century musical precursors, films such as Fritz Lang’s Metropolis and Disney’s Fantasia including Cornell Cinema’s upcoming screenings with live music. Creative and written assignments, culminating in a community education project on the Ithaca silent films. Visit www.soundsofsilentfilm.com to learn more.

Internships and Opportunities

Info Session | Sunday, February 7, 2016 | 5:00 pm | Tatkon Center. Alternative Spring Breaks 101. Learn about service-learning trips across the east coast during Spring break. Working with 17 agencies involved with social justice issues in places like NYC, Cape Cod, Orlando, Lake Placid and West VA., Cornell students gain invaluable experience. Info session required in order to apply. Pizza served.

Application Deadline March 4, 2016 | Cornell Farmworker Program Summer Internship Program.

- Info Session – February 8 – 4:30 – 6:00 pm – LSP Conference Room, 4th floor, Rockefeller Hall

Click here for application instructions www.farmworkers.cornell.edu. Email farmworkers@cornell.edu to request interview.

Application Deadline February 8, 2016 | Applications Accepted for Southeast Asia and South Asia Programs. Fellowships available to assist undergraduate/graduate students to acquire a high level of competence in Cornell’s approved, less commonly taught, “priority” languages: Bengali, Burmese, Hindi, Indonesian, Khmer, Nepali, Persian, Panjabi, Sinhala, Tagalog, Tamil, Thai, Urdu and Vietnamese. Email jrs599@cornell.edu for application and more information.

Application Deadline February 9, 2016 | Cornell University Alliance for Diversity & Inclusion Summer Intern Program. Approximately 20 positions now available for the diverse student summer internship program. Click here for details, more information and application details http://adi.cornell.edu/2015/12/15/20-diverse-student-summer-intern-positions-open-apply-by-february-9/

Info Session | Wednesday, February 10, 2016 | 5:00 – 6:00 pm | RPCC Auditorium. Student Staff Opportunities for 2016 Pre-freshmen Summer Program (PSP).
Student staff live in Cornell residence halls and support students’ personal and academic transition to Cornell. Interested students MUST attend an info session to gain access to an application. Email cr526@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/

Application Deadline February 16, 2016 | Cornell Plantations 2016 Internship Program. $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

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/

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

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 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.