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

Welcome Back Students!

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday | January 27, 28, 29, 2016 | 11:30 – 1:30 pm | 200 Computing & Communications Center (CCC) | Welcome Back Lunches - First Three Days of Classes. All are invited to OADI for lunch, to meet staff, check out the space and learn about programs and resources. Email oadi@cornell.edu with questions.

Friday, January 29, 2016 | 7:00 - ?? pm | G10 Biotech. OADI’s MLK Artist Showcase, featuring Sister Outsider Poetry. Join the award-winning duo of Dominique Christina and Denice Frohman for a night of spoken word inspired by the life and work of Audre Lorde. Poetry workshop from 7:00 – 8:00 pm; performance begins at 8:15 pm. Email cdsjprogram.oadi@cornell.edu with questions or for more information.

Tuesday, February 2, 2016 | 11:45 – 1:00 pm | 200 Computing & Communications Center. Tuesday Lunch Engagement: The Method Series @ Tuesday Lunch – Social Media Networking 101. A workshop facilitated by Africana Ph.D. student and social media aficionado, Nadia Sasso. Learn to craft ways to use social media sites to enhance or pursue career opportunities, brand yourself, and present your "best face" to the public. For more information, email rg434@cornell.edu

SAVE THE DATE
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 Posse Plus 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.

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research skills for now and in the future. 1 credit. For learning objectives, more information, or questions, email sjw256@cornell.edu or cmk4@cornell.edu

Friday, January 29, 2016 | 12:00 noon | 429 Rockefeller Hall. Latina/o Studies Program: Fridays with Faculty Luncheon Seminar. Speaker Mary Jo Dudley, Director, Cornell Farmworker Program. The Farmworker Program is dedicated to improving the living and working conditions of farmworkers and their families through research, education and extension. Lunch sponsored by Latina/o Studies Program. Email mfd1@cornell.edu for more information.

Wednesday, February 3, 2016 | 4:45 – 6:15 pm | Sage Chapel. MLK Commemorative Lecture. Featuring Patrisse Cullors, Alicia Garza and Opal Tometi, co-founders of the Black Lives Matter movement. A panel discussion with Garza and Tometi, along with Janaya Khan will be featured. Introductions by Cornell President Elizabeth Garrett, and moderated by Sean Eversley Bradwell, Ph.D. ’09, assistant professor at Ithaca College’s Center for the Study of Culture, Race and Ethnicity; followed by a Q&A session. Music and dance performances by Community Unity Music Education Program dancers and Baraka Kwa Wimbo gospel ensemble. Free and open to all.

Wednesday, February 3, 2016 | 3:00 – 4:00 pm | 141 Sage Hall. Community Conversation: Discussing the Wealth Gap with speakers Lawrence Watkins, MBA and Dr. David Anderson, founder of Empowerment Radio. Come for a discussion of the wealth gap between different demographics. Email odi@johnson.cornell.edu for more information. Sponsored by the Office of Diversity & Inclusion, Johnson School.

Thursday, February 4, 2016 | Noon – 1:00 pm | 626 Thurston Ave. Thursdays at 626 – Welcome Back Luncheon - Group Discussion format (no speaker). Lunch is served. Email rta3@cornell.edu for more information.

Thursday, February 4, 2016 | Noon – 1:00 pm | Sage Chapel. Soup & Hope 2016: Speaker, Cornell Woodson. Come in from the cold. Fill your bowl with soup. Fill your heart with hope. 9th winter series ... to serve up delicious speakers to share personal stories of hope. Come, sit back, relax, and enjoy with hot soup and bread.
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 https://www.facebook.com/events/1000142520080621/1000723716689168/

Check Out These Courses

Timely – Asian Studies | ASIAN 3300/6600 | Course is being offered due to the prominence of Burma/Myanmar in current events. Many guest speakers, and should be of interest to many disciplines such as Asian studies, Southeast Asian studies, Anthro, Gov’t, History, Soc, etc. Class meets once a week on Thursdays, 3:35 – 4:25 in 106 Morrill. Contact jrs599@cornell.edu for more information.

Interesting - ASRC 4406 | African Aesthetics. Taught by Professor Salah Hassan, This seminar focuses on the wonder and the danger tied to the textualization of gesture, sound, and performance. The crisis of the textual production of black aesthetics will be studied alongside recent theoretical work on gesture and words and recent theoretical work on the archive and the repertoire. As we explore the textualization of the ephemeral, we will consider the role of both mimesis and abstraction in the production of space for black aesthetics. The conceptual art of the 1960s will matter as much as the word and image texts of Glenn Ligon and Kara Walker. Visual art, music, and literature will be brought into dialogue
as we study the aesthetics of improvisation in books that dramatize tensions between the state of becoming and the textual production of containment or closure.

**Fun and Cultural – LSP/COML/LATA 3010 | Teatrotaller.** Get credit for your work. Cornell’s premier Latino/a theatre group invites students and community members with interest in any aspect of theatre (acting, set or sound design, publicity, etc.) to the organizational meeting Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at 7:30 pm in G22 Goldwin Smith Hall. Founded in 1993 and with the idea of preserving and promoting Spanish, Latin American and Latino cultures through theatre, Teatrotaller has devoted itself to the production of plays in Spanish and "Spanglish." Over twenty years later, Teatrotaller holds a well earned reputation for excellence in artistic performances and has performed internationally in Leige, Belgium; Puebla, Chiapas, and Mexico City, Mexico; Jerusalem; Quito, Ecuador; Toronto, Canada; and in New York City, Boston, and Philadelphia. Email dac9@cornell.edu for more information.

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**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 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.

**Associated with Summer 2016 Internship Possibilities –** Internship opportunities for summer 2016 in fields such as Education, and Peace/Conflict Resolution being offered by Southeast Asia program. Enroll in EDUC 4940 or EDUC 3300/6600 to become a more competitive applicant. Email jrs599@cornell.edu with questions or for 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/

**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/)

**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](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/)

**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 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](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.