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

Fall Diversity in Scholarship and Engagement Symposium

The Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives (OADI) and the Graduate School Office of Inclusion and Student Engagement (OISE) invite your participation in celebrating the research and scholarship our growing community of scholars have been engaged in since the summer. Student presentations will be followed by the keynote speech given by Professor Chris Schaffer, Biomedical Engineering, and the event will conclude with a reception, with lunch provided. We encourage you to join us in celebrating the achievements of these upcoming scholars and consider presenting your own research. Students (undergrads and graduates), RSVP to present your research (poster or PowerPoint) by Wednesday, November 16, here. For questions or accommodation requests please email cdsjprogram.oadi@cornell.edu.

The event will take place on Monday, December 4 in Klarman Hall, Groos Family Atrium.

Time: 1:00—2:30 pm

JOIN US! Support your peers!

Please RSVP here by Monday, November 20.

1vyG Conference Application is now open! 1vyG is the largest first-generation, low-income student conference in the country. From Friday, February 16 to Sunday, February 18, over 350 students, administrators and alumni will come together at the University of Pennsylvania to celebrate the success, resiliency, and determination of first-generation, low-income students. The event will give students a chance to meet others in similar situations and celebrate their backgrounds. The event features speakers, a career fair and break out sessions for discussion.
OADI is pleased to provide full conference participation accommodations (transportation, food, and lodging) to selected students. Delegates from Cornell will be required to attend a mandatory pre-conference workshop, submit a during-conference reflection, and participate in a delegate post-conference debrief, and dates will be provided before you confirm your attendance. **Apply here by Wednesday, November 14.**

**Let’s Talk is in CCC!** “Let’s Talk” is a drop-in service that offers informal, no-commitment **FREE consultation** with a Cornell Health counselor. Counselor, Wai-Kwong Wong, PhD will be available for walk-ins, in 222B CCC, on **Tuesdays from 2:30—4:30 PM.** Let’s Talk also available Fridays from 2:30—4:30 PM in 431 Rockefeller Hall with Ginger Villareal Armas, PhD. Learn more about Let’s Talk and find other locations here.

**Tuesday, November 14, 2017 | 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM | 200 Computing & Communications Center (CCC) | Tuesday Lunch Series: Cornell Career Services.** 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.

**Thursday, November 16, 2017 | 5:00—6:30 PM | Warren Hall 101 | Off Campus Opportunities Panel.** Stressing about what to do in Summer 2018? Join our panel discussion about summer internships, study abroad, research, and community-engaged experiences. **RSVP here.**

**Tuesday, January 23, 2018 | 5:30—7:30 PM | Sage Chapel | Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Commemoration Event.** This annual Commemoration event brings the Cornell campus and Ithaca communities together through a series of events centered on the service, activism, and legacy of Dr. King. This year’s keynote speaker is award-winning author of “The Residue Years” and a prominent advocate for criminal justice reform, Mitchell S. Jackson. He is a faculty member at New York University, in addition to being a fellow with TED, the Lannan Foundation, and the BreadLoaf Conference. We are very excited for his keynote address, "From Prison to Pen: Continuing the Dream"! Light dinner will be provided. RSVP [here](#) to attend.

**Campus and Community Partners**

**Student Development Diversity Initiatives (SDDI) welcomes you!** Our mission is to support students in the development of their social and cultural identities. We are proud to carry out identity work with a focus on race and ethnicity where we consciously embrace the intersectionality of our students’ identities, including gender, sexuality, ability, class, and first generation status. We are located at 626 Thurston Ave. alongside A3C and the LGBT RC, and additional building resources include laptop rentals, study spaces, meeting rooms, free printing, “Let’s Talk” (Thursdays 3—4:30), and one-on-one advisement. Learn more about what we do [here](#).

**Tickets go sale for the 30th Annual Traditional American Thanksgiving Feast Tuesday, November 14 at 9:00 am!** All tickets sold online [here](#) (click on ISSO programs, and
choose your seating). Seatings at 12 noon and 1:30 pm. Ticket sales open to the General Public on Monday, November 20 at 9:00 am.

**Pre-enroll is here!** Do you know what courses you’re taking yet? How about **EDUC 2610, Intergroup Dialogue**? Students can’t say enough about the impact this course has had on their academic, professional and personal lives. This peer-facilitated course allows students to teach and learn from each other about issues of social identity, power structures in society, and dialogue as a communication tool that fosters deep understanding and empathy. 3-credit course, that meets in small classes, once a week for three hours. [Learn more about the program here.](#)

**Interested in joining a first year study group?** Tatkon Center has started a new initiative to help first-year students meet others looking for study partners. The sign-up board is in the center’s back library area, and first years are invited to post the class they are interested for. When three or more sign up for the same group, Tatkon will get students electronically connected, and the students can establish a time and place of study. Study groups are welcome to use available Tatkon study spaces on a first-come, first-serve basis or make a specific room reservation request through carol_tatkon_center@cornell.edu.

**The following free, drop-in services is held at the Tatkon Center, S. Balch Hall:**

- **Biology Course Tutoring:** Sundays, 3:30—7:30 PM
- **Chemistry Course Tutoring:** Sundays, 3:30—7:30 PM
- **The Knight Institute Writing Centers:** Sundays—Thursdays, 7:00—10:00 PM
- **Multi-lingual Writing Tutoring for Non-native English Speakers:** Sundays, Mondays, & Tuesdays, 7:30—10:00 PM
- **Let’s Talk:** Mondays, 2:30—4:30 PM
- **Study Skills Tutors:** Tuesdays 12:00—1:00 PM, and Wednesdays & Thursdays 7:30—9:30 PM
- **Math Tutors:** Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 7:30—9:30 PM
- **Let’s Meditate:** Tuesdays, 9:00—9:30 PM
- **Economics Drop-In Tutoring for 1000- to 4000-level courses:** Fridays, 3:30—5:30 PM

**Greetings from Cornell Health!** [Cornell Health](#) is committed to providing a welcoming and affirming environment for all students. We provide [medical care, counseling and psychiatry services](#), and [pharmacy services](#) for undergraduate, graduate, and professional students on Cornell’s Ithaca campus, plus [select services](#) for other Cornell community members. Learn more about [who we are, our services, our hours](#), and how to [schedule an appointment](#). Follow us on Twitter at [@CornellHealth](#).

**Thursdays 12:00—1:00 PM | Study Break Nature Walk!** Research shows spending quality time in nature boosts your physical, emotional, and mental health. Take a productive study break to join NatureRx on a beautiful nature walk for improved cognitive functioning.
and focus, a happier mood, a decrease in stress, and a healthier self! We cover a different trail every week and **meet at Mann 102.** Find out more about NatureRx here.

**Friday, November 10, 2017 | 11:15 am | 400 Caldwell Hall | Decolonizing Place-Based Pedagogies in Early Childhood Education.** AIS Speaker Series Lecture with Fikile Nxumalo, Assistant Professor, Early Childhood Education, Faculty Affiliate in African and African Diaspora Studies, Native American and Indigenous Studies, University of Texas at Austin. Beginning with the premise that there is an urgent need for early childhood education to find new ways of critically and generatively encountering, engaging with, and pedagogically responding to the entanglements of anthropologically damaged places and settler colonial legacies, this presentation engages with the significance of decolonial orientations to place-based environmental pedagogies in each childhood settings.

**Friday, November 10, 2017 | 12:00—1:00 PM | 4th Floor Rockefeller Hall | Career Conversation with Susan Garcia ’94.** Susan Garcia received a B.A. from Cornell University and a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law. She is an Associate General Counsel for Thomson Reuters (Legal Division), overseeing the legal functions for the business lines that operate and sell Tracker, Practical Law, Westlaw, Managed Services (Pangea), and Elite software.

**Monday, November 13, 2017 | 5:00—6:30 PM | 120 Physical Sciences | “Latinx” at Cornell Townhall Meeting.** The Latina/o Studies Program Undergraduate Representatives will be providing a brief historical overview of the term “Latinx” alongside arguments for and against its use. This will be followed up by a look at the survey results that asked students, faculty, and alumni about their thoughts on the term. We will be ending the event with a discussion of term “Latinx” and its relevance to the Cornell community. Come out and provide your thoughts! Food will be provided.

**Tuesday, November 14, 2017 | 4:35 PM | 103 Barnes Hall | Udall Scholarship Session.** Scholarships of up to $7,000 each to sophomores and juniors (including Native Americans and Alaska Natives) for leadership, public service, and a commitment to issues related to American Indian nations or to the environment. A wide range of majors eligible. *Session to be repeated Friday, November 17, 2017 at 1:00 pm in 103 Barnes Hall. Pre-registration required for Friday session at CCL4@cornell.edu. Read more here.* If you can’t attend but are interested, review the website then contact CCL4@cornell.edu.

**Wednesday, November 15, 2017 | 4:30 PM | Klarman Hall KG70 | Racism and The New Racial Science.** ISS Annual Lecture with Dorothy Roberts, acclaimed scholar of race, gender, and law from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. In her lecture, Prof. Roberts will address recent advances in scientific research that have included a renewed interest in biological concepts of race and explanations of racial inequality. *Read more here.* There will be a reception following the lecture in the Groos Atrium.

**Wednesday, November 15, 2017 | 5:00 PM | Breazzano Blg. Room 123 | Johnson Admissions Bridge.** Thinking about Graduate School? Learn about the MBA! Learn about business school and the **advantages of an MBA.** Gain **valuable** info about applying to top MBA
programs. Understand how and why you should **prepare for the GMAT now.** Connect with Johnson students and staff about future career paths. All undergraduate majors welcome! Refreshments and snacks provided! [Register here](#) and email [lam292@cornell.edu](mailto:lam292@cornell.edu) with questions, or call 607-255-0516.

**Wednesday, November 15, 2017 | 6:00 PM | Hollis E. Cornell Auditorium | Native and Palestinian Activism in the Age of U.S. Imperialism.** An AIIS Guest Lecture with Steven Salaita, an independent scholar and author of *Inter/Nationalism: Decolonizing Native America and Palestine.* This talk will explore how Natives and Palestinians develop mutual strategies of resistance and will discuss the prospects and problems of these alliances.

**Thursday, November 16, 2017 | 6:00 PM | Ithaca College, Klingenstein Lounge | Cultural Organizing at the Intersections: The Role of Media and Visual Culture in Building a Movement.** Presenter: Carol Zou, Director of Programs, Asian Arts Initiative, Philadelphia, PA.

**Thursday, November 16, 2017 | 7:00 PM | Anabel Taylor Chapel | International Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil.** The LGBT Resource Center invites the Cornell and Ithaca community to join us in honoring and remembering those we have lost this year to anti-transgender bigotry, hatred, and violence. Please join us for a moving ceremony, followed by a small reception. Contact [lgbtrc@cornell.edu](mailto:lgbtrc@cornell.edu) with any questions.

**Tuesday, November 21, 2017, 8:30—10:00 AM & Wednesday, December 13, 2017 2:00—3:00 PM | 3rd Floor Kennedy Hall | Breakfast or Afternoon Coffee at the Engaged Cornell Hub.** Drop by for a casual conversation, get your questions answered, and connect with [Engaged Cornell Hub](#) staff and student Engaged Ambassadors over a light breakfast or afternoon coffee. Open to all students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community partners. For more information, contact [engagedleadership@cornell.edu](mailto:engagedleadership@cornell.edu). *On the third floor of Kennedy Hall, the Hub houses nine programs and units that support Cornell’s mission of public engagement. In this open and collaborative space, students, faculty, staff and community partners can learn more about and become involved in a variety of engagement opportunities on and off campus.*

**Friday, April 6—Saturday April 7, 2018 | The Westin Copley Place, Boston, MA | 2018 Biomedical Science Careers Student Conference.** We are seeking underrepresented minority students, particularly **African-American, Hispanic/Latino or American Indian/Alaska Native**, who are seriously interested in or currently studying medicine, biomedical science or other science-related fields, such as chemistry, physics, biology, engineering, biotechnology, public health, allied health, or environmental science. The aim of this conference is to provide students with an opportunity to network with advisors/role models from the basic and clinical sciences, medicine, public health, academia, and the biopharmaceutical industry. *There is no fee to attend, but a four page application is required.* Interested students should contact [Lisa D. Kay](mailto:lisa.d.kay@cornell.edu) to request an application. Application deadline: February 5, 2018.

**Sunday, April 8, 2018 | 7:45 AM—4:15 PM | Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA | New England Science Symposium.** We are seeking fellows/students (particularly
African-American, Hispanic/Latino & American Indian/Alaska Native individuals) involved in biomedical or health-related scientific research who would benefit from presenting their research projects at the seventeenth annual New England Science Symposium (NESS). There is no registration fee for this symposium, but pre-registration is required. The symposium will offer opportunities for students to network with professionals from biopharma companies, academic institutions and the National Institutes of Health. The deadline to submit abstracts is January 4, 2018. Submit abstracts and register here. For more information, please contact Rodolfo Ramos at rodolfo_ramos@hms.harvard.edu or 617.432.5580.

Thursday, March 8—Sunday, March 11, 2018 | Graduate Student Diversity Recruitment Weekend. Are you considering graduate school in the biological sciences? We are seeking students from underrepresented backgrounds (including underrepresented minorities, first-generation students, low income, people with disabilities, LGBTQ) that are interested in applying for graduate school during the 2018-2019 application cycle, to spend a weekend learning about the graduate school application process and building professional connections with faculty members that share research interests. Participant housing and meals will be provided, as well as up to $600 in travel expenses. The application deadline is December 1, 2017. Visit www.inclusivecornell.org for more information and to apply.

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.

American Indian and Indigenous Studies (AIIS) Program: Tutoring Program. | Student-to-student opportunity at Lafayette High School, Onondaga Nation. Van leaves from Akwe:kon (North Campus) Wednesdays at 2:30 PM. Snacks provided! For more information contact Margit Chamberlain at mc682@cornell.edu.

Apply to be a Big Brother or Sister! | Ithaca Youth Bureau is seeking One on One Big Brothers and Big Sisters for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ithaca and Tompkins County. Contact Program Coordinator Joe Gibson at 607-273-8364 ext. 144, or jigibson@cityofithaca.org.

Goldwater Scholarship | Undergraduate scholarships of up to $7,500 for U.S. citizens or permanent residents who are sophomores and juniors in STEM majors with 1) significant research experience; 2) a minimum GPA of 3.85; and 3) the ultimate goal of obtaining a Ph.D. More information here. If interested, contact CLL4@cornell.edu.

Latino/a Studies Research Grants | Undergraduate and Graduate Research Grants are available to students who wish to engage in research projects whose ultimate goal is to enhance the understanding and knowledge of the Latina/o experience in the United States. Preference is given to registered Latina/o Studies minors for these awards. Submissions will be accepted on a rolling basis and must be received at least 4 weeks before travel. Click here for more information.
Engaged Cornell Grant RFPs are now open! View opportunities for faculty & staff [here](#) and grants for students [here](#).

Certificate in Engaged Leadership To start the [Certificate in Engaged Leadership](#), attend one of our hour-long orientations, offered six times each semester, including the date below. Dinner provided. When you leave, you will be pursuing the certificate! For students who want to turn their interest into involvement. For students already committed to community engagement or exploring/new to Cornell. [Register to ensure a seat](#). For more information, contact us at [engagedleadership@cornell.edu](mailto:engagedleadership@cornell.edu).

**Wednesday, November 29, 2017 | 5:00—6:00 PM | 229 ILR Conference Center**

Summer Research Opportunity The Center for Inclusive Education REU: Nanotechnology Program is pleased to offer a full-time research opportunity for sophomores and juniors (freshman considered), interested in eventually pursuing their doctoral degree in a Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM) discipline at Stony Brook University. We are seeking a diverse pool of applicants including underrepresented minority students. The program gives students an intensive research experience with leading researchers in the field, and participants will work with faculty mentor and become fully integrated into active research group using state-of-the-art facilities. Priority application due February 16, 2018. [Apply here](#).

Summer Opportunity! Projects for Peace is an initiative for all students to design grassroots projects for the summer of 2018, which promote peace and address the root cause of conflict among parties. [Read more here](#). Project proposal deadline January 12, 2018.

**The deadline for the 2018 Global Summer Program has been extended!** Are you interested in Global Health, and want to learn more about what working in this field actually entails? Are you interested in collaborating with other students, faculty and our partners abroad to work on public policy, research or service learning? [Apply to one of the Cornell Global Health Summer Programs](#)! The Global Health Program provides passionate and engaged students with the opportunity to spend the summer in the [Dominican Republic, India, Zambia or Tanzania](#). These programs allow students to engage in cross cultural collaboration and learn about health issues that affect communities across the globe. [Application due November 26th!](#) Email Tatyana Roberts with further questions.

**The Urban Semester/Summer Program application is still open!** For students who are looking to gain clinic al and shadowing experience in New York City over the summer of 2018. If you are interested in applying please contact PT.

**Humanity in Action Fellowships** Applications for the 2018 Humanity in Action Fellowship programs are now open! We invite applications from current sophomores, juniors, and seniors, as well as 2016 and 2017 graduates of U.S. colleges and universities, who are passionate about active citizenship, diversity, and human rights. Humanity in Action Fellowship programs in the United States and Europe. [Learn more here](#). Applications due January 8, 2018.
Newman Civic Fellowship | In the spirit of Dr. Newman’s leadership, we are seeking nominations of undergraduate or graduate students who engage in collaborative action with others in order to create long-term social change, take action in addressing issues of inequality and political polarization, and demonstrate the motivation and potential for long-term civic engagement. Online nomination forms now available here and accepted until February 1, 2018.

The Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program (DDCSP) | DDCSP is a research/internship program for undergrads with an interest in conservation and in diversity and inclusion. The program lasts two years and provides each student with two summers of paid research/internship experience, 1-unit online classes on inclusion and communication in the field of conservation, leadership training, and mentorship from graduate students and faculty. DDCSP is looking for four new students to join starting this summer, and the application deadline is November 30th. Visit our website for more information or email graduate student mentor, Vanessa Springer (vls72@cornell.edu) with any questions.

Carnegie Scholarship | A 1-year paid internship in Washington, D.C. with the Endowment designed to provide a substantive work experience for students who have a serious career interest in the area of international affairs. For current seniors and those who have graduated in the past year. U.S citizenship is not necessary but must be eligible to work in the U.S. More information here. If interested, contact CLL4@cornell.edu.

Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals (CBYX) Fellowship | Applications for the 2018-2019 program year are now open! This year-long, fully-funded fellowship gives 75 American students and recent graduates, in all fields of study and at all levels of study, including graduate students, the opportunity to study and work in Germany. Prior German language knowledge is not required, though it is preferred. Read more and apply here. Applications due December 1, 2017.

The Future Global Leaders Fellowship | An internationally competitive program granting low-income freshman and those who are the first in their family to attend university entry into the Fortis Society—the world’s first elite private network based exclusively on merit. This program has gathered students from leading universities worldwide including Harvard, Stanford, Oxford, the Russian Presidential Academy, and three of our very own Cornell University student (Jeremiah Grant, Brandon Mok, and Dalton Price).

Benefits of the Future Global Leaders Fellowship include 1) mentorship from world renowned professionals, 2) three-week intensive leadership training by NOLS, 3) funding and support for an internship abroad, 4) customized career advice and tools, and 5) access to Fortis Society upon completion. All programming costs are covered by the Future Leaders Foundation. Applications open November 1, 2017 through January 18, 2018. Find out more here, and email info@futureleaders.org with questions.

The Fortis Society Membership | The Fortis Society is the world’s first elite private network based exclusively on merit, with members from over 40 countries who have risen from challenging upbringings to excel at world renowned universities (including Harvard, Stanford, Oxford, and the Russian Presidential Academy). As you meet our stringent eligibility
criteria, we invite you to peruse our Honor Pledge and Apply for Membership. You would join a tight-knit global network of like-minded professionals committed to helping each other. The Fortis Society creates the synergy to propel its members to the highest levels of success, with nothing to lose and everything to gain. There is no application fee, and induction to the Fortis Society and membership do not carry any financial obligation. Applications are open year round. For further information, please email info@fortissociety.org.

New York Academy of Sciences Membership | To support the professional and career development of members our community, Cornell University maintains an institutional membership with the New York Academy of Sciences, one of the oldest and most prestigious scientific organizations in the United States. Through our institutional membership, interested undergraduate and graduate students, postdocs, faculty and staff are eligible for a complimentary 1-year membership with NYAS. Those interested in securing a sponsored membership with NYAS must complete the Cornell specific membership form here. Academy members benefit from free/discounted access to:

- Cutting Edge STEM Content: publications, eBriefings, and webinars featuring the latest research presented at the New York Academy of Sciences
- Career Readiness Training: online courses, webinars and other career resources to help you acquire the skills needed to succeed in a STEM-related field
- Networking & Resume Building: opportunities to present your research, apply for Travel Fellowships, qualify for intensive leadership training, or request a mentor

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