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**

*“I’m First!” campaign helps first-generation students build connections.* Cornell University enrolls approximately 2,000 first-generation students. More than 50 first-generation faculty, staff and students gathered Oct. 12 for a networking reception for the new “I’m First” campaign, hosted by OADI. The reception allowed first-generation Cornell students to network with staff and faculty who are also first-generation students. To read more about the event and the ‘I’m First!’ campaign visit [http://news.cornell.edu/stories/2017/10/im-first-campaign-helps-first-generation-students-build-connections](http://news.cornell.edu/stories/2017/10/im-first-campaign-helps-first-generation-students-build-connections).


**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 22B 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.](http://news.cornell.edu/stories/2017/10/im-first-campaign-helps-first-generation-students-build-connections)

**Tuesday, November 7, 2017 | 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM | 200 Computing & Communications Center (CCC) | Tuesday Lunch Series: OADI Funding Awardee 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.

**Wednesday, November 8, 2017 | 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM | 200 Computing & Communications Center (CCC) | First Generation College Celebration.** The Community Development and Social Justice Program (CDSJ) and Public Service Center’s Upward Bound invite you to the First Annual First-Generation College Celebration, celebrating the 52nd anniversary of the Higher Education Act. The act was intended to strengthen the educational resources of institutions of higher learning, and to provide financial assistance for students in postsecondary and higher education. Food and drinks provided. [RSVP here.](http://news.cornell.edu/stories/2017/10/im-first-campaign-helps-first-generation-students-build-connections)
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.

Pre-enroll is right around the corner. 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.

**Mondays 4:30—5:30 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 3, 2017 | 12 Noon | 4th Floor Rockefeller Hall | Latina/o Studies Program Fridays with Faculty Luncheon Series.** Join us for FREE lunch and informal discussion with Assistant Professor Carol Warrior, English, about current research and work in progress.

**Friday, November 3, 2017 | 7:00 PM | Johnson Museum, Appel Lobby | Voices and Perspective.** Coalition of Pan-African Scholars presents…An anonymous performer’s night to give a platform to members of the Pan-African community, as well as their allies, to make sure they are heard. We define ‘words of individuals’ as performances that include singing, rapping, button poetry, slam poetry, monologues and anything else that will utilize your voice to express thoughts, emotions and point of view. **Dress code is formal attire.** Pre-sale paperless tickets $6 through Venmo: @Cornell-COAS-1, and all proceeds will be donated to Sierra Leone victims. To pay with cash, please email Monique Oparaji (mdo44) or Alyssa Watson (aw673). **Cosponsored by SDDI, ALANA, and the Institute for African Development.**

**Monday, November 6, 2017 | 5:00—6:00 PM | RPCC Auditorium | Campus Input Wanted on Presidential Task Force for Campus Climate Nominations.** The Scheinman Institute on Conflict Resolution is engaging with Cornell-community stakeholders to create the process to nominate the Presidential Task Force on Campus Climate. Member across our Cornell community are being asked for their input in seven town-hall style meetings. These meetings are open to all members of the community. The charge of the task force involved Campus Experience, Regulation of Speech and Harassment, and Campus Response, thus campus transparency is needed in order to ensure the best possible job is done. **The emphasis of this meeting is undergraduate student nominations.** More information here.

**Meetings to Follow Include:**

**Wednesday, November 8 | 5:00—6:00 pm | King-Shaw Hall, Room 423 | Emphasis on graduate & professional students**

**Thursday, November 9 | 9:00—10:00 am | King-Shaw Hall, Room 423 | All-Community Emphasis**

**Saturday, November 11 | 10:15 am—12:00 pm | Ives Hall, Room 105 | Emphasis on summary and presentation of nomination process**
Monday, November 6, 2017 | 5:00—6:00 PM | Tatkon Center | Faculty Coffeehouse: Writing & Teaching Subversion. Join us for a faculty coffeehouse discussion with Professor Craib, Department of History, and one of the foremost scholars in social movements, anarchist resistance, and Chilean/Mexican politics. Free pizza!


Wednesday, November 8, 2017 | 12:30 PM | 4th Floor Rockefeller Hall Conference Room | Take Care of You! Mental Health & Self Care Workshop. Workshop facilitated by Catherine Thrasher-Carroll, Director of the Mental Health Promotion Program, Skorton Center for Health Initiatives. Lunch provided.

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 | 4:00—6:00 PM | Tatkon Center | Engineering Advising, 1:1 Help. Drop in help, no appointment needed. Open to all first year students.

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 | 4:45—5:15 PM | Tatkon Center | Exploring Careers Using the Alumni Connections Program. Explore Your Cornell Network! Did you know, that just by attending Cornell, you have been automatically immersed in a wonderful network of successful, thriving, and passionate Cornellians, many of whom are just waiting to help you? Learn how the Alumni Connections Program (ACP) can help you take advantage of our vast alumni network as your explore your career and academic opportunities.

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 | 7:00—8:30 PM | Tatkon Center | Study Break with Cornell Minds Matter and the Johnson Museum. Make your own trail mix and try your hand at mask-making with the Johnson Museum club students!

Thursday, November 9, 2017 | 5:00—6:00 PM | Tatkon Center | Zero Food Waste Write-a-Thon. Did you know that Americans discard 40% of the United States’ food supply every year? Join upper-level students in learning about food waste and the legislative system. Participants will learn how to write letters to lawmakers and then practice doing so on the topic of food waste and insecurity. Refreshments provided! All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Thursday, November 9, 2017 | 2:55 PM | 107 Morrill Hall | The Chaco Phenomenon. Dr. Adam Watson will discuss his research in human ecology and social organization among transegalitarian societies of pre-Columbian North America. Specializing in zooarchaeology and GIS, Watson has led numerous archaeological excavations and surveys in Chaco Canyon, New Mexico (a US National Park and UNESCO World Heritage Site). Watson has been involved at the forefront of recent investigations at Chaco, including application of high-tech methods that have shed light on the lives of ancient Chacoans. An American Indian & Indigenous Studies (AIIS) Speaker Guest lecture.
Friday, November 10, 2017 | 11:15 am | 400 Caldwell Hall | Decolonizing Place-Based Pedagogies in Early Childhood Education. AIIS 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.

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 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.

Sunday, April 8, 2018 | 7:45 AM—4:15 PM | Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA | New England Science Symposium. Harvard Medical School Office of Diversity Inclusion
and Community Partnership and the Biomedical Science Careers Program (BSCP) 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, LGBTQA) 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](http://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 jgibson@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.

**Winter Internship** | The Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) Mini-Semester program targets under represented minorities (URMs) in STEM. In the one week intensive program, from January 8—12, 2018, selected students will participate in lectures, visit BNL scientific facilities, and participate in workshops. [Application due November 3](#).
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.](#)

The Ewing Family Service Awards | Awards, of up to $2,000 per project, to support and foster **student, faculty, and administrative** leadership and social responsibility within the Cornell campus community, in much the same way that other programs foster public service with the community beyond the campus. Intended to support Cornell’s commitment to promoting innovation in community-engaged and real-world learning. Applications materials due **Friday, November 3, 2017.** [Apply and get more information here.](#)

**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 two dates 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).

- **Tuesday, November 7, 2017 | 5:00–6:00 PM | 209 Kennedy Hall**
- **Wednesday, November 29, 2017 | 5:00–6:00 PM | 229 ILR Conference Center**

**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](mailto:tatyana.roberts@cornell.edu) with further questions.

**The Urban Semester/Summer Program application is still open!** | For students who are looking to gain clinical and shadowing experience in New York City over the summer of 2018. If you are interested in applying [please contact PT](mailto:pt@cornell.edu).

**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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