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

Allen Porterie ‘20, is a OADI Research Scholar who spent his summer at Louisiana State University’s Pre-Doctoral Studies Institute. The research Allen conducted during his summer experience stemmed from his desire to explore how gay Black men are portrayed in theater. Click here to read more about Allen’s summer research.

P3 Applications are now open! Are you interested in pursuing a career in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, or any licensed professional field? If so, please apply to the Pre Professional Programs. Apply here by September 10, 2017 by 11:59 pm.

Leadership Opportunity - Matriculate Fellowship at Cornell! OADI is launching a new partnership with a non-profit organization based out of New York City called Matriculate. Our partnership aims to empower high-achieving low income high school students from across the country to explore, apply for, and attend college. We plan to do this with the help of students such as yourself!

We are currently accepting applications for the founding Head Advising Fellow position; however, it is important to note that applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and Matriculate hopes to make a hiring decision by the first week of September. The Head Advising Fellow will recruit, select and lead a cohort of Advising Fellows on campus who work with high school students through the college application and decision process. This is a unique opportunity to be a leader of a national education startup and change the lives of high-achieving, low-income high school students. Applicants should be able to dedicate approximately 10 hours per week to the role through May of 2019. This is a paid leadership opportunity using Federal Work Study and co-funding support through OADI. If you would like to talk through any of the details, please feel free to contact Wendy Gilmore-Fitzgerald (wg226@cornell.edu) or the Matriculate program (info@matriculate.org) directly.

In addition to the Head Advising Fellow position, we are also seeking Advising Fellow Leadership Team members and Advising Fellows. Please visit the Matriculate website to learn more about each of these opportunities and the timeline to apply.

Saturday, September 2, 2017 | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM | 401 Warren Hall | Don Asher
Graduate School Workshop. Are you interested in graduate school? If so, please consider
attending the Don Asher Graduate School Workshop. This event is FREE and open to everyone. RSVP here.

Tuesday, September 5, 2017 | 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM | 200 Computing & Communications Center (CCC) | Tuesday Lunch Engagement Series: “Opportunities through Air Force ROTC” with Capt. Molly Heath. 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 v176@cornell.edu.

Tuesday, September 12, 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 v176@cornell.edu.

Tuesday, September 12, 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 ending racism in America possible?

Campus and Community Partners

The Tatkon Center welcomes you! It has been GREAT meeting so many of you! We will be hosting programs important to first years and transfer now through May, including free peer tutoring services. Take advantage of our upper-level student staff: visit often and ask us anything! For those of you who haven’t discovered us yet, stop by soon! We have entrances off the Balch courtyard and Cradit Farm Road. Tatkon is in Balch Hall but separate from the residence hall and is open to everyone.

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

- **Biology Course Tutoring**: Sundays, 3:30—7:30 PM
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- **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
- **Math Tutors**: Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 7:30—9:30 PM
- **Let’s Meditate**: Tuesdays, 9:00—9:30 PM
Study Skills Tutors: Wednesdays & Thursdays 7:30—9:30 PM
Economics Drop-In Tutoring for 1000- to 4000-level courses: Fridays, 3:30—5:30 PM

New Fall Semester Course | ENGL 1605 - North/West Campus Dialogue on Race.
Like many elite universities in the United States, Cornell prides itself on the diversity of its student population. Yet many students remark how race influences the way Corneliens make friends, socialize, and affiliate on campus. In this interactive course based on facilitated dialogue, students will use their own histories and lived experiences to learn from, and with each other as they examine intersecting issues of race and other aspects of identity, privilege, and oppression dynamics in an atmosphere of honesty, mutual engagement, and respect. 2 credits. Open to all students. Space is limited to 20 students. Tuesdays 6—8 PM. Contact assistant dean Jennifer Majka at majka@cornell.edu for more information.

Winter Semester Course | EDUC 4940 - Special Topics in Education: Story Telling in Baton Rouge. Love children? Want to partner with a school that has ... soul like you won't believe? Check out this 2-credit winter-session course that will warm your heart and body. Spots are limited, and financial support is time-sensitive.

Certificate in Engaged Leadership | Deadline Extended: Monday, September 4, 2017 11:59 pm. Participate in this capstone experience after taking committed action in your community. Earn the full certificate, qualify for resources and guide rising generations. Stipends are available for this 32-hour commitment. This 7-week dialogue with 15 student leaders from across Cornell prepares you for life after college. If accepted into a capstone dialogue, you are eligible to apply for funding to attend a leadership or engagement conference. Apply here.

Saturday, September 2, 2017 | 1:00—5:00 PM | CU Downtown. Don’t miss the LARGEST exhibition of Cornell performing teams in the most DIVERSE show of the year! The annual CU Downtown welcome event for new and returning students is Saturday on the Ithaca Commons, Ithaca’s downtown pedestrian mall. Explore downtown Ithaca and see twenty student performances starting at 1:00 pm and continuing all afternoon. See Cornell Bhangra, the Absolute Zero Breakdance Club, Yamatai, the Big Red Prep and Marching Bands, the Original Cornell Syncopators, Cornell Lion Dance, The Men of Last Call, and many other signing and dance groups, plus an astounding juggler. All for free. Take advantage of special student discounts and activities at retail stores and restaurants. Do the scavenger hunt inspired by Game of Thrones. TCAT bus shuttles will run from North Campus to the Common all afternoon and residences halls will be organizing walking and bus groups. Last year over 2000 students and community members celebrated the start of the school year downtown! Don’t miss the party! View the CU Downtown video here.

Friday, September 8, 2017 | 12 PM | Rockefeller Hall, 4th Floor | Latina/o Studies Open House Welcome Lunch. Join the Latina/o Studies Program, Latina/o Student Success Office & La Association Latina for lunch, music, give-aways, and more as we
welcome new and returning students, mingle with faculty, staff and friends and learn about how to enhance your degree with a Latina/o Studies minor.

Saturday, September 9, 2017 | 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM | New York Marriott Marquis (Time Square) | GEM Annual Conference GRAD Lab. Calling all junior & seniors and anyone wishing to start a STEM graduate program in Fall 2018! This is an event you can’t afford to miss! Come to New York City for the day for a FREE lab on applying to graduate school, funding graduate school, and the graduate school experience! Lunch provided. Registration required here (scroll to the bottom of the page and choose GRAD Lab - Day Pass).

Saturday, September 9, 2017 | 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Call 2 Action. Interested in taking action through community service and Cornell’s mission of public engagement? Get involved through C2A! Lunch included. Register here by September 1.

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 | 3:00—4:00 PM with discussion to follow | Sage Chapel | Why Are All the Black Kids Still Sitting Together in the Cafeteria and Other Campus Conversations About Race in the 21st Century. Join Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum, President Emerita, Spelman College, a nationally recognized authority on racial issues and the psychology of racism in America, in exploring racial stereotypes and cross-racial dialogue. RSVP here. * The first hundred to RSVP will receive a fully revised and updated copy of Dr. Tatum’s critically acclaimed book, Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria And Other Conversations About Race.

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 | 4:35 PM | 103 Barnes Hall | Truman Scholarship Session. Provides up to $30,000 for graduate school. For juniors committed to a career related to social justice issues, planning to work in government or the non-profit sector, with a solid record of leadership and public/community service. U.S. citizenship required. More info here. Pre-registration required at BTF1@cornell.edu.

Monday, September 25, 2017 | 4:30 PM | 166N MVR | Urban Semester

Thursday, November 2, 2017 | 5:30 PM | 132 Goldwin Smith Hall, HEC Auditorium | Performance by Carlos Andrés Gómez. Carlos Andrés Gómez, award-winning poet, actor, speaker, and writer from New York City will be doing a public performance on Thursday, November 2, 2017. A former social worker and public school teacher, Carlos has lectured and performed at more than 500 colleges and universities, facilitated countless workshops, and delivered numerous keynotes and commencement addresses. He continues to tour the globe. He is the author of the coming-of-age memoir Man Up: Reimagining Modern Manhood, released by Penguin Random House. Named 2016 Best Diversity Artist by Campus Activities Magazine and Artist of the Year at the 2009 Promoting Outstanding Writers Awards, Carlos costarred in Spike Lee’s #1 movie Inside Man with
Denzel Washington, Jodie Foster, and Clive Owen. He appeared in the sixth season of HBO’s *Russell Simmons Presents Def Poetry* and in the third season of TV One’s *Verses and Flow*.

**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](http://www.oadi.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.*

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