

Wellesley College
Slater International Center
Spring 2016 Newsletter



Letter from Your International Student & Scholar Advisor

Dear Students,

Welcome back to campus! Every year I am amazed and inspired by the incredible experiences that many of you have over winter session. Everything from travel adventures in the U.S. and around the world, to internships, research opportunities, and good times with family and friends. Whatever you did over the break, I hope that you enjoyed the experience and that you share your stories with us at Slater.

As you transition back to your academic life I know you will bring renewed energy and dedication to your spring semester and for you seniors, your final semester. We have many interesting and informative events planned for you this semester so please take advantage of them and attend as many as you can.

Please also enjoy our newly updated kitchen in the basement. We were fortunate enough to get new countertops and backsplashes over the break to brighten up the space for your use.

This newsletter highlights upcoming events, important immigration issues, and resources. Be sure to check our website for more detailed information on many of these topics. Also, remember to like our Facebook page and join our LinkedIn group to stay connected with all the latest Slater information, news, and events.

We look forward to seeing you often at Slater!

Cheers,
Karen

Walk-In Hours

Mondays, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Wednesdays, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Thursdays, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

If you are unable to come to Slater International Center during walk-in hours, you can make an appointment by emailing [Ying Chen](#) or calling 781-283-2082 (no same day appointments).

Important Immigration Reminders

Declaring a Major

If you have recently declared or changed your major, you must request a new Form I-20 to reflect your new major. The Department of Homeland Security requires that your immigration document reflects the most accurate and up-to-date information about your program of study.

New Format I-20

In June 2015, the Department of Homeland Security, Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) created a new format for the Form I-20. The new Form I-20 is a three-page document with the following changes from the prior form:

- Page 1 contains program and biographical information that reflect the new SEVIS naming conventions and name fields; no longer contains a bar code; contains a larger "F-1" indicator to make identifying the immigration category easier to identify
- Page 2 reflects employment authorization information, other event history information, and spaces for travel authorizations
- Page 3 contains updated instructions

SEVP has set a deadline of **July 1, 2016** for all schools to reissue the revised Form I-20 to all initial and continuing students having the prior version of the form. You will be notified if you need a new Form I-20.

Working in the United States

If you are thinking about doing an internship over the summer, or if you are graduating in May, you

should learn about your employment authorization options. You can do this by attending our "Working in the U.S. Workshop" and "Immigration Attorney Visits". You can also refer to the [employment section](#) on our website for more information.

Travel

If you are traveling outside the U.S. and plan to re-enter in F-1 or J-1 status, you must have your Form I-20 or Form DS-2019 signed for travel. For F-1 students, the travel signature is valid for one year and is located on page 2 or 3 of your Form I-20. For J-1 students, the travel signature is valid for the duration of your form and is located in the lower left corner of your Form DS-2019. Refer to the travel section on our website for more information. Please carry the following documents when you travel:

- Valid Form I-20 or DS-2019, with valid travel signature (12 months for currently enrolled students)
- Valid passport (at least six months into the future)
- Valid F-1 or J-1 visa
- Proof of financial support
- Current transcript or enrollment letter (optional)

If you need a travel signature, you must bring your passport, your Form I-20, and your Form I-94 to The Slater International Center during walk-in hours. If walk-in hours are not convenient for you, you may contact [Ying Chen](#) to make an appointment.

Form I-94

Upon arrival to the U.S., an electronic Arrival/Departure document/Form I-94 will be created for you. Please print out a copy of your Form I-94 from the Department of Homeland Security website after each entry into the U.S. If you have problems retrieving your Form I-94, please see the [handout](#) on our website or contact our office for assistance.

Taxes

Tax Season is coming! You may start receiving various tax documents in the mail. Please gather them together to bring with you when you attend one of our tax sessions. Taxes are complicated, especially for international students and scholars, but we will provide support as you try to navigate the U.S. tax system. Remember that the deadline to file your taxes is April 15th! It is your responsibility to understand and comply with U.S. tax regulations in a timely manner. Keep your eyes open for more details on the availability of our tax preparation software, FNTR, and mark your calendars for these important upcoming tax programs:

1. Tax Information Session

Wednesday, March 2nd, 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Collins Cinema

2. Tax Prep Workshop 1 & 2 (Repeat Workshops)

Wednesday, March 16th, 5:00pm - 7:00pm, Library Lecture Room

Thursday, April 7th, 5:00pm - 7:00pm, Library Lecture Room

Events and Programs



Global Tea Series

Slater International Center

Join us for our weekly informal gatherings focused on intercultural exchange, learning, and support. Each week we will chat about different topics and hear from special guests. Tea and cookies always served!

- International Mother Language Day - Bangladeshi Association
 - Friday, 2/19, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
- Europe - Office of International Study
 - Friday, 2/26, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
- Perception of Women and Feminism Across Cultures
 - Friday, 3/4, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
- Disabilities Across Cultures

- Friday, 3/11, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
 - Arab Awareness Week - WAWA
 - Friday, 4/1, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
 - WASA
 - Friday, 4/8, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
 - Cultural Adaptation and Third Culture Kids
 - Friday, 4/15, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
 - Farewell Senior Tea
 - Friday, 4/22, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
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February

Life After Graduation: Senior Workshop
LCW 413

Tuesday, 2/9, 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

This is a must for seniors! If you are graduating this spring, come to this workshop to learn about employment, graduate school, returning home, or other options upon graduation.

Made in the Americas: The New World Meets Asia
Library Lecture Room

Thursday, 2/11, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Attend this lecture by Dennis Carr, a curator at the Museum of Fine Arts, to learn about the ongoing exhibition called "Made in the Americas: The New World Meets Asia". This lecture will discuss the rich and largely unknown influence of Asian culture and tradition in the New World.

March

Working in the U.S. #3
LCW 413

Tuesday, 3/1, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

An information session for F-1 International Students. If you are graduating this spring, and you are interested in working in the U.S., you should attend this session. This is a repeat of the first and second "Working in the U.S." information sessions held earlier year.

Tax Information Session
Collins Cinema

Wednesday, 3/2, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

This session will overview the U.S. tax system, review your tax responsibilities as an international student, introduce the WindStar FNTR Tax Prep software, and provide you with some helpful information and handouts.

Tax Preparation Workshop #1
Library Lecture Room

Wednesday, 3/16, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

The first of two informal and interactive workshops to help you navigate the Windstar FNTR

software. Bring your laptop, immigration documents, and tax documents to begin working on your taxes!

April

Tax Preparation Workshop #2

Wednesday, 4/7, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Library Lecture Room

The last informal and interactive workshop to help you navigate the Windstar FNTR software. Remember to bring along your laptop, immigration documents, and tax documents.

Fellowship Opportunities for International Students

Monday, 4/11, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Slater International Center

Join Slater Director Karen Pabon and CWS Director of Fellowship Programs Elizabeth Mandeville in a workshop on fellowship opportunities for international students.

Immigration Attorney Visit #2

Thursday, 4/14, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Library Lecture Room

Are you an international student interested in working in the U.S. after you graduate and complete your OPT? Come hear an overview of common visa options from an immigration lawyer!

Spring Festival

Saturday, 4/16, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Tishman Commons

Spring Festival is a celebration of traditions from around the world to mark the beginning of spring. Everyone is welcome to eat food, watch performances, and enjoy other fun activities.

May

End of Semester Gathering

Tuesday, 5/3, 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

Slater International Center

Join the Slater E-Board and Slater International Center Staff in celebrating the end of the semester and hear updates on what's happening at Slater! Food will be served.

Travel Signature Day

Friday, 5/6, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Library Lecture Room

If you are traveling outside the U.S. and plan to re-enter in F-1 or J-1 status, come to Slater to have your Form I-20 or Form DS-2019 signed for travel.

Slater International Senior Reception

Thursday, 5/26, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Library Lecture Room

Seniors, come to Slater to celebrate your time at Wellesley!

Other Reminders

Host Families

Reconnect with your host family this semester to learn more about North American culture and to share your culture with them too! They would love to hear from you.

Spending Time at Slater

Don't forget you can always spend time at Slater! Your Wellesley ID gives you swipe access and allows you to come relax, eat snacks, meet with friends, or watch movies 24/7. Just remember to follow the posted clean-up guidelines, and return all DVDs after use. Please be respectful of the Slater space.

Resources

Going Global

Check out "[Going Global](#)," a Wellesley College resource that links students to a comprehensive database of international employment opportunities and country-specific information on industries and networks. It is recommended that you set up your own account to save searches and information.

Dining and Transportation Services

Dining and transportation services change during academic breaks. For more information, please contact [Dining Services](#), [Residential Life](#), or the [Housing & Transportation](#) office, or see the posted schedules for Thanksgiving Break below.

Slater E-Board

The Slater E-Board is a student organization closely affiliated with the Slater International Center. The organization encourages greater understanding among cultures and acts as an advocate for international students and scholars. Its members collaborate with other student groups and departments to coordinate and organize events that increase intercultural awareness and involve the diverse Wellesley community.

Voices at Slater

"The great thing about the Slater community is how we celebrate our diversity, while also highlighting and treasuring our similarities!"

-Refilwe Kotane, South Africa, Class of 2017



Fun at Slater

A collection of memories from the end of last semester...



Slater Cultural Show

Various groups on campus performed to showcase the culture and heritage of Wellesley's international students.



The Grew-Bancroft Foundation

Members of the Grew-Bancroft Foundation visited Slater and met with students and employees.



United World College Fall Reception

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