

**April 2016**

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**1. U.S. Tax Season – Deadline to File: April 18**



**ALL international students and scholars** (except those who arrived in the U.S for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in 2016) are required to report income or physical presence in the US to the Internal Revenue Service. This involves completing a regular tax return, or only form 8843 if you had no income.

- Sprintax is safe, secure software designed specifically for international students and scholars.
- ISSS provides a free code for your federal forms via e-form request.
- **DO NOT** use any other software or service you see advertised until reviewing the link below.
- To get started, click >> [HERE](#).

**2. Visit Washington, D.C. this May**  
**Only a few spots left**



**What:** A low-cost, exciting, visit to Washington, D.C. with other GSU international students.

**When:** May 3-7, 2016

**Cost:** \$225 (**\$10 discount** if paid in full by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 5pm.)

**Capacity:** Only a few spots left. 45 is the capacity.

**Trip Leaders:** The trip will be led by 3 ISSS staff members: Brett, Christy and Kaori.

**Website:** All the details and registration form are >> [HERE](#).

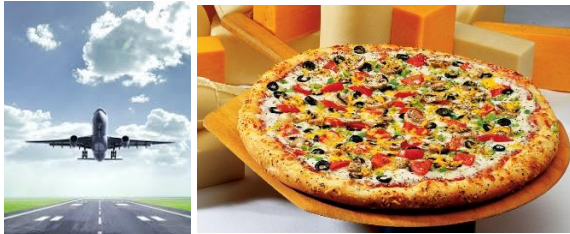
### 3. CPT / OPT Employment Workshops

**3 Remain for Spring Semester**



- Final Workshops Spring Semester offered: 4/28, 5/11, and 5/24.
- All workshops take place in Sparks Hall, Room 248 (Map Room). They are offered to prepare you for CPT or OPT, and are a mandatory part of the application process
- To view the schedule of all upcoming workshops or to sign up via iStart, click >> [HERE](#).

### 4. Travel Signature & Updated I-20 Day\*



**What:** Come by to get your travel docs checked, I-20 or DS-2019 signed, and pizza (while it lasts!)

**Updated I-20?** Form I-20 was revised in June 2015. All F1 students are required to have the newly formatted version by July 1, 2016. If you don't have one yet, we can provide it.

If your looks like >> [THIS SAMPLE](#) << you already have it.

**When:** Tuesday, April 18, 11:30 – 2pm

**Where:** ISSS Map Room

### 5. Students & Orgs Needed for the Asian - Pacific Heritage Celebration at GSU!



**Who:** Students, clubs and orgs are needed to participate!

**When:** April 7, 2016.

**Why:** To honor the first Japanese immigrants to the U.S. in 1843 as well as the Chinese immigrants who helped build the transcontinental railroad across the U.S., and many others!

**To Get Involved:** Contact Christina Wan / [cwan@gsu.edu](mailto:cwan@gsu.edu) or call 404-413-2395

## 6. Get Training on Social Change & Activism













Atlanta is home to [The Center for Civil and Human Rights](#) located in Centennial Park a few blocks from GSU. One of their educational initiatives is “The International Human Trafficking Institute.” IHTI is offering training this July on “how to plan, strategize and ignite an activist movement on campus.” The 2-day training program includes: meals, 2 nights housing, all materials, and a certificate of completion.

**When:** July 22-23, 2016

**For more information or to apply:** Click >> [HERE](#)

## 7. Events for You - All in One Place

	Georgia State Athletics. Go Panthers!
	International Student Associations Council (ISAC)
	Student Recreation Center (SRC)
	Multicultural Center
	International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS)
	Rialto Center for the Performing Arts
	Office of International Initiatives (OII)

	Date	Time	Location	Description	For More Info
	Varies	Varies	<a href="#">Baseball Complex</a> <a href="#">Softball Complex</a>	11 Home Baseball games 7 Home Softball games	Click >> <a href="#">HERE</a>
	3/4-5	8pm	Rialto Center Theatre	Off the Edge Contemporary Dance Festival	Click >> <a href="#">HERE</a>
	4/1	10am-2pm	GSU's Confucius Institute	Practice Chinese & Enjoy Tea	Click >> <a href="#">HERE</a>

	4/1	12pm	Oll, Room 350	Athletics Talk, "The Path to College Athletics"	Click >> <a href="#">HERE</a>
	4/1	5pm	Hurt Park	HOLI (Festival of Colors)	Click >> <a href="#">HERE</a>
	4/2	6pm	Dahlberg Hall	Culture Shock	Click >> <a href="#">HERE</a>
	4/2	9am	Piedmont Park	Women's Tennis vs. Charlotte	Click >> <a href="#">HERE</a>
SOM	4/3	3pm	Kopleff Recital Hall	GSU Symphony Orchestra & Choirs (School of Music)	Click >> <a href="#">HERE</a>
	4/9	2pm	Sports Arena	Volleyball vs. Georgia	Click >> <a href="#">HERE</a>
	4/7	TBA	TBA	Asian-Pacific Heritage Celebration	Click >> <a href="#">HERE</a>
	4/13	6-8pm	SRC at the Omni Gym & Indoor Track	Panther Duathlon (Participation is free)	Click >> <a href="#">HERE</a>
	4/18	11:30-2pm	ISSS, Map Room	Travel Signatures, Updated I-20 if needed, and Pizza	NA
	4/19	6-9pm	SRC	Spring Break Kickoff Party	Click >> <a href="#">HERE</a>
	4/19	4-7pm	SRC, Main Gym	International Volleyball	Click >> <a href="#">HERE</a>
	4/22	5:30am - 10pm	SRC - Indian Creek Recreation Area	Earth Day Environmental Stewardship Party.	Click >> <a href="#">HERE</a>
	5/3-7	5 days	Washington, D.C.	Visit the U.S. Capital City	Click>> <a href="#">HERE</a>

## 8. Follow ISSS on Facebook



**Current Likes = 1741**

Just click the Facebook icon above and like ISSS to get helpful reminders about deadlines, workshops, events and campus jobs right on your smart phone!

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