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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 1st 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 1st, 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](#).

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3. **CPT / OPT Employment Workshops**

**3 Remain for Spring Semester**

- 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](#).

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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

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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 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

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