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Adventureland Trip TOMORROW!

Our first trip of the year will be on Saturday, September 27th to the Adventureland Amusement Park (<https://www.adventurelandpark.com>) near Des Moines, Iowa. The bus will be leaving from Wisconsin Street behind Maucker Union at 8:30 am and returning at approximately 6 pm. Total cost of the trip is \$33 per student, \$10 for transportation and \$23 for park ticket. Lunch may be purchased on your own. Come to the ISSO Office (113 Maucker Union) to sign up. Please bring \$10 cash (exact change) when signing up. This is a great opportunity to ride rides, play games, shop and hang out with friends. You can still sign up **TODAY!** See the attached flyer for details.

Lunch and Learn Workshop - IRB: Training for Research in the U.S.

Come learn how to properly conduct scholarly research and receive a quick overview of IRB at our October 8 Lunch and Learn. This Lunch and Learn is on Wednesday, October 8 at noon in the ISSO Conference Room (right next to ISSO in 113 Maucker Union.). Also, there will be free lunch for all who attend and one lucky attendee will leave with a prize. See the attached flyer.

Book Bistro Grand Opening Celebration October 1

The Book Bistro inside of Rod Library will have a grand opening celebration on Wednesday, October 1 from 10-11 am. There will be a ribbon cutting, a short presentation and a special appearance from TC.

Constitution Day Panel Discussion October 1

A panel will discuss whether or not Ed Snowden, who leaked NSA documents, should be considered a patriot or a traitor on Wednesday, October 1, from 7-8:30 pm in Sabin Hall, Room 2. Panelists are Dennis Damon, former intelligence analyst and counterterrorism specialist; Tom Hall, UNI Associate Professor of Organizational Communication; and John W. Johnson, UNI Professor of History and author of several books on American civil liberties. The event is free and open to the public. See the attached flyer for more details.

The 2014 InternationalStudent.com Annual Travel Video Contest

The 2014 InternationalStudent.com Travel Video contest is now open. Now in its ninth year, students once again have the chance to win the \$4,000 grand prize. Submit the best video you can make, no longer than 5 minutes long, that tells about your proposed study abroad, or if you are already an international student, the video can tell about any trip you would like to take. Submission deadline is October 22. For more details click [here](#).

Optional Practical Training (OPT) for Eligible F-1 Students

If you have an F-1 visa and you are planning to graduate in December 2014, now is the time to think about applying for Optional Practical Training as you are probably eligible for this 12 month period of employment authorization within the U.S. See our website for more information on OPT [here](#). You may also go ahead and schedule an application appointment with the Immigration and Visa Coordinator if you are ready to submit your application or if you have questions. Contact the Immigration and Visa Coordinator Ross Schupbach at Ross.Schupbach@uni.edu for questions.

UNI On-Campus Break Meal Options

As a convenience for those living on-campus over academic breaks, UNI dining

will provide a food option for 3 meals per day during the time that a dining center and retail dining operations are not open on-campus. The option(s) provided will be based on the number of students signed up. Options could include opening a dining center, opening a retail operation, providing sack meals to halls, providing transportation and meals at local restaurants (will have a purchase limit) or groceries to make your own meals. Your U-bill will be charged a daily rate of \$28.45 for each day you request meals. Sign up deadlines are November 10 for Thanksgiving Break and December 1 for Winter Break. UNI On-Campus Break Meal Option can be found [here](#) and the UNI On-Campus Winter Holiday Meal Option can be found [here](#).

International Student Profile Feature

The International Students and Scholars Office is excited to feature a new international student profile each week. To be featured, please submit the form found [here](#).

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