

# International Student News Letter Week 8

## Beyond OPT (H1-b) Workshop 2/26 (Thurs): 12:30-2:00 pm in EH 109



Are you considering working in the US after graduation and wondering what your options for employment authorization are after OPT (Optional Practical Training) or AT (Academic Training)? Come to the "Beyond OPT" workshop to find out about possible routes for employment after



Each year, FOCUS volunteers have **tax review workshops** to help international students and scholars with their tax documents. Before coming to the workshop, you need to visit the tax help website at <http://isstax.elpidzo.com> to print out your forms and fill them

OPT. We will focus on the H-1B Temporary Worker Visa. The workshop will include information on H-1B eligibility, regulations, and application procedures as well a brief overview of paths to permanent residence. There will be time for Q&A.

Please note:

-This workshop is for any PSU student in F-1 or J-1 status (no matter where you are in your studies), either cur-

rently enrolled or on OPT/AT. It is meant to be a general overview of the H-1B process; it is not designed to teach one how to apply for H-1B status, a complex process that often involves the use of an attorney or other trained individual.

-This workshop does NOT cover OPT regulations. If you would like more information on OPT, please plan to attend regular OPT/CPT Workshops announced above.

**No sign-up required**

## It's Tax Time Again! The 2009 Tax Form Review Workshops

out. Then bring your completed forms to the workshop where we can help you review them and answer questions.

### Schedule

**Tuesday, March 24,  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm,  
Smith Room 238**

**Tuesday, March 31,  
1:00 - 6:00 pm,  
Smith Rooms  
296/298**

**Tuesday, April 7, 1:00  
- 6:00 PM, Smith Room  
238**

*"... in this world  
nothing is certain  
but death and taxes." - Benjamin  
Franklin*



Did you know ... ?

The state of Oregon was established on February 14th, 1859, and had its 150th birthday on Feb. 14th this year!

This issue includes:

**Beyond OPT/  
H1B Workshop**

**OPT/CPT  
Workshops**

**Focus Tax  
Review  
Workshops**

**International  
Night Meeting  
Information**

**PSU Skills  
Enhancement  
Training Center  
Workshops**

**International  
Student and  
Scholar  
Services at  
Portland State  
University**

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oia@pdx.edu**

## Graduating soon? Do not forget to apply for OPT!

If you are an F-1 student graduating this term and wanting to use OPT, please submit your OPT application as soon as possible. The USCIS takes 60-90 days to process OPT applications.



Did you know who your immigration advisor is? Check the last 2 digits of your ID #

00—36: Christina Luther

37—63 Joshua David

64—99 Megan McLaughlin

Their immigration advising times are:

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 1—4 p.m.**



## Traveling during spring break?

If you're planning to go overseas this winter break time, but were not able to attend the travel signature day, please remember to request your travel signature **5 days before you travel**. Also, please make sure that **you register full-time for the spring term** when you request the signature.



## Join the International Night 2009 meeting!!!!!!

International Night is the biggest international event in PSU, and we want you to be part of our team to rock this event!

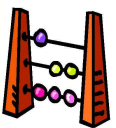
**Meeting schedules—March 13th & March 20th**

## Skills Enhancement and Tutoring

The Skills Enhancement and Tutoring Center offers one-on-one tutoring as well as Supplemental Instruction for BIO 101-103; workshops in learning strategies and public speaking; and a resource area for students to use. Use these great resources for your academic success at Portland State!

For more information, please check:

[uhttp://www.setc.pdx.edu/Workshops.phpU](http://uhttp://www.setc.pdx.edu/Workshops.phpU)



**FREE CALCULATOR WORKSHOPS**


Wednesday 9-10am  
Thursday 12-1pm  
SMSU 425 Conference

Introduction to Graphing Calculators

Thurs 1/15 (12:00)	Wed 2/11 (9 am)
Wed 1/21 (9 am)	Thurs 2/19 (12:00)
Thurs 2/5 (12:00)	Wed 3/4 (9 am)

Advanced Applications Using Graphing Calculators

Thurs 1/29 (12:00)
Wed 2/18 (9 am)
Thurs 3/5 (12:00)



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## Want to be a better student?

Come to these workshops!

Tuesdays 1:30 pm, Wednesdays 10:30 am, SMSU 425 conference room

### Time Management Techniques

Tuesday, Jan. 6  
Wednesday, Jan. 7  
Tuesday, Jan. 27  
Wednesday, Jan. 28  
Tuesday, Feb. 17  
Wednesday, Feb. 18

### Note-taking and Reading Skills

Tuesday, Jan. 13  
Wednesday, Jan. 14  
Tuesday, Feb. 3  
Wednesday, Feb. 4  
Tuesday, Feb. 24  
Wednesday, Feb. 25

### Test-taking Strategies

Tuesday, Jan. 20  
Wednesday, Jan. 21  
Tuesday, Feb. 10  
Wednesday, Feb. 11  
Tuesday, March 3  
Wednesday, March 4  
Tuesday, March 10  
Wednesday, March 11

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