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Do you have ideas for the Global Perspective or know a student who deserves to be featured? Email us at ois@pitt.edu!

Cover: Cathedral of Learning
What’s the Deal With Pumpkin Spice?

The United States has a Pumpkin Spice obsession.

If you have been to the grocery store, Starbucks or anywhere on social media this month you have definitely seen people going crazy for anything and everything pumpkin spice flavored.

The fad started with the infamous Pumpkin Spice Latte at Starbucks, and has spiraled out of control! Now there is a pumpkin spice flavor in everything from granola bars to ice cream to cookies and even pizza. Is pumpkin spice the best part of fall, or is it just too much?

Be sure to try it out, and order yourself a Pumpkin Spice Latte (hot or iced) before it goes away for the year. Don’t miss out on your chance to see what all the hype is about!
Meet the New OIS Staff!

Jordan Lutz

Jordan Lutz joined OIS at the end of June, following Juliann Mehall’s retirement. Jordan previously worked as a legal assistant for First National Bank and an Operations Manager for Pandora Jewelry. Originally from Hershey, Pennsylvania, Jordan has been calling Pittsburgh home for six years with her dog and cat.

Jean Wenner

Pittsburgh is my hometown... well sort of. From a young age, I had the good fortune to grow up in big cities and small towns in the mid-west (U.S.) which led me to study intercultural communication and Spanish at Bowling Green State University. My curiosity in different cultures was further fueled by studying abroad in Spain and Austria. After graduating and realizing that I wanted to continue to work with people from all over the world, I pursued an MA in Student Affairs in Higher Education from Indiana University of PA. I recently returned to the States after living and teaching English as a foreign language in Chonburi, Thailand. Prior to that I was a study abroad advisor at the University of Idaho. I’ve assisted both outgoing and incoming international visitors in higher education and enjoy the work that international education has to offer. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with family and friends and exploring my adopted hometown, Pittsburgh!
Natalie Cooke

Natalie is a new Graduate Assistant at OIS and will be working on the Experience America Program as part of the Employment team. She is currently a first year master’s student at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, majoring in Governance and International Public Management. Before coming to Pitt, Natalie graduated with an Economics and International Studies degree from UConn and then spent two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ethiopia. She is new to Pittsburgh, and is excited to watch and become one of the infamous fans of Pittsburgh sports!

Abby Helvering

Abby is a new Graduate Assistant at OIS this year, and will be working with the student team. She is a first year master’s student at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, majoring in Security and Intelligence Studies. After graduating from the College of Wooster with BAs in Political Science and History, Abby worked for the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, DC. Originally from Lapel, Indiana, Abby’s favorite things about Pittsburgh are the beautiful mountains and eating at Pamela’s. In her free time she enjoys hiking, watching classic movies, and reading.
USCIS will begin enforcing an old rule this month. If you are applying for Legal Permanent Residency as an Adjustment of Status based on employment you should plan for an **in-person interview** at the local USCIS office.

Under the current administration, Department of Homeland Security is resurrecting the in-person interview requirement to “further strengthen” USCIS’s fraud detection and national security initiatives. According to the USCIS announcement “Conducting interviews will provide USCIS officers with the opportunity to verify the information provided in the application directly with the individual(s), discover new information that may be relevant to the adjudication, and determine the credibility of the individual(s) seeking permanent residence in the United States.

The return of the mandatory interview, which had been waived at the discretion of USCIS since 2005, will likely cause further delays in the green card process. Current USCIS processing times for I-485 adjudications are approximately 8 months or longer.

**Will you be affected?**

If you are applying for employment-based lawful permanent residency after October 1, 2017, yes you will be subject to an in-person interview before a decision on your case is rendered. In fact, any applicant whose I-485 petition is receipted on or after March 6, 2017 will be subject to an in-person interview. Dependent children under 14 may be waived from the interview requirement.

**What to expect?**

The interview will be at the local USCIS office. If you are based in the greater-Pittsburgh area, this would be the office located in Penn Hills. The interview appointment request will be sent via a letter to the applicant. The interviewing officer is likely to ask for confirmation of your responses on the I-485 form and possibly request updated employment history verification or an updated medical exam.

**How to prepare?**

Report any and all address changes to USCIS via the AR-11 to ensure that your current address is on file with USCIS. Your family members included on the I-485 may be asked to attend the interview as well. Your attorney may accompany you to the interview. Applicants should be able to articulate the education and training that qualified them for the employment based I-140.

*Disclaimer: This article is written merely to share information and should not be construed as legal advice. As always, OIS urges you to consult with your immigration attorney on all matters related to your adjustment of status to Legal Permanent Resident.*
For students who will be completing their degree requirements in December 2017, now is the time to begin thinking about work authorization after graduation. Even if your I-20 does not expire in December, if you will be completing your degree requirements, regulations require OIS to shorten your I-20 to reflect degree completion. OPT applications take about 3 months to be processed by USCIS, so submit your applications early! You can watch the tutorial on my.ois.pitt.edu and if you have additional questions, your Immigration Specialist is happy to meet with you.

Updated Travel Restrictions

As many of you are aware, the U.S. Government announced updated travel restrictions. OIS has been communicating directly with individuals who are directly impacted by these policies. If you have questions or concerns, you can see our general communication on our website, http://www.ois.pitt.edu/travelban.

NEW OIS Photo Contest!

What is this a picture of?

For your chance to be entered into a raffle; look at this zoomed in picture of someplace around the Pitt campus.

If you think you know what/where this picture is from, email us at ach90@pitt.edu. Even if you don’t know where the picture was, take a guess!
Bobbing for Apples: A Classic Autumn Game!

This game is played at children and adult parties alike, usually around Halloween time. Historically, this was played as a marriage game. Whoever was the first to get an apple, according to superstition, was the next to get married!

So How Do You Play?

1. Fill a large bucket with water.

2. Place apples in the bucket.

3. Choose the order of players to try to get the apple.

4. When it is their turn, tie their hands around their back (they are not allowed to use their hands) to get an apple just using their mouths/face! (Usually the player will bite down on the apple)
Fall is the best time to pick up some local produce, baked goods, and other local treats while enjoying the different neighborhoods in Pittsburgh! Don’t miss a chance to experience these farmer’s markets before the season comes to an end! Most will stop around late October, early November.

**Saturdays:** Lawrenceville, Arsenal Park 1:00-4:00  
Bloomfield, 5050 Liberty Avenue  9:00- 1:00  
Shadyside, Liberty School Lot, 10:00- 2:00

**Sundays:**  Squirrel Hill, Station Street and N. Euclid Ave  
Parking Lot, 9:00 -1:00

**Tuesdays:**  Southside, 18th Street & Carson Street  
Parking Lot, 3:00- 7:00

**Thursdays:** Downtown, Market Square, 10:00-2:00

**ALSO**  William Pitt Union, 10:30- 2:00
Explore Pittsburgh!

Downtown

Check out free events and restaurants in Market Square

Point State Park and bridges are illuminated at night

Go from place to place downtown on the T (free with your ID!)

Take in the views of the city while watching the Pirates play at PNC Park

Staff Recommended Restaurants:

- Meat & Potatoes ($$$, American)
- Sienna Mercato ($$, Italian)
- Yovi’s ($, American)
- Pirata ($$, Caribbean)
- Souper Bowl ($, American)
- Täkō ($$, Mexican Fusion)
Student Spotlight

What is your favorite thing about Pittsburgh?

- **Seunghwan Lee**
  Engineering
  South Korea
  “The Incline”

- **Riddhi Jain**
  College of Business Administration
  New Delhi, India
  “The convenient transportation and a bunch of bars and entertainment to enjoy with friends”

- **Ziheng Huang**, GSPIA
  Amoy, China
  “The Cathedral of Learning building”
International Week
October 15-21, 2017

An Evening With George Takei
7pm Tuesday, Oct. 17 • Soldiers & Sailors
As keynote speaker for International Week, Takei will discuss his experience being imprisoned in a WWII internment camp for Japanese-Americans, as well as his time on Star Trek, his current social media stardom, and his advocacy for LGBTQ rights and marriage equality. Student tickets just $10!

American DREAM-er: Julissa Arce
6pm Thursday Oct. 19 • WPU Kurtzman Room
Julissa immigrated to America from Mexico at the age of 11 and was undocumented for almost 15 years. Come hear how she rose to prominence on Wall Street despite the challenges she faced. First 50 attendees get a free copy of her NYT Bestseller, My (Underground) American Dream.

Hidden Children
Child Survivors of the Holocaust
3pm Wednesday Oct. 18 • O’Hara Ballroom
Renée L. Sachs was part of the only 5% of Jewish children in Europe who survived the Holocaust. Her legacy is one of educating future generations against the mistakes of the past. Today, Renée’s husband and Pitt alumni Keith Sachs continues that legacy by telling her story.

*See a complete schedule of events at iweek.pitt.edu
Community Art Project: Remembrance and Storytelling
Exhibit open all week • Frick Fine Arts Cloister
Artist Judy Shintani will facilitate 2 community art projects: Tracing Remembrance on Saturday October 14th at 1:00pm, and Displacement Storytelling and Walking Meditation Circle on Sunday October 15 at 10:30am. All are invited to participate in this community project for remembering and honoring those who are gone.

Broadway Musical Allegiance
7pm Sunday, Oct. 15
Carnegie Museum of Art
Allegiance tells the story of the Kimura family, whose lives are upended when they and 120,000 other Japanese-Americans are forced into internment camps during WWII. Student tickets $15!

Displacement 2-day Film Series
Frick Fine Arts • 6-10pm Friday, Oct. 20
10am-11pm Saturday, Oct. 21
The University Center for International Studies is pleased to present a carefully curated series of films focusing on the theme of displacement from a variety of different angles and contexts. Each film will include commentary, a lecturette, and/or question and answer session.

Brain Candy Podcast
7pm Monday, Oct. 16
WPU Assembly Room
Susie Meister is a reality TV star, a diversity trainer, and she has a Ph.D. from Pitt! Come see a live taping of her hilarious podcast with fellow reality TV icon Sarah Rice as they explore topics like global travel, social media, and everything in between!
### Free RAD Days for October

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RADical Days is an annual event in Pittsburgh that provides (mostly) free admission to all kinds of cultural, musical, arts, dancing and other fun family activities from local organizations. Take a look at the calendar and pick out some of these great offers before it ends on October 21st!

More free events at: [https://radworkshere.org/pages/radical-days-2017-sweet](https://radworkshere.org/pages/radical-days-2017-sweet)

### Some Other October Activities:
- **Cheap Seats Deals** ([www.pittarts.pitt.edu/cheapseats](http://www.pittarts.pitt.edu/cheapseats))
- **Venture Outdoors Activities** ([www.ventureoutdoors.org/activities-calendar](http://www.ventureoutdoors.org/activities-calendar)) 20% discount for students!
- **Duquesne Incline**—free rides with your Student ID
- **Pittsburgh Sports Leagues** (must make an account) ([www.pump.org/?PSLHomepage](http://www.pump.org/?PSLHomepage))
**Dates and Deadlines**

**Every Friday**
- J-1 Scholar Orientation @ OIS, 10:30-Noon

**Oct. 9, Monday**
- Fall Break for Students (no classes)
- Offices and buildings remain open

**Oct. 10, Tuesday**
- Normally scheduled Monday classes will meet today, Tuesday classes will not meet

**Oct. 13-15**
- Homecoming Festivities

**Oct. 18, Wednesday**
- EB-1b Permanent Residency Info Session @ OIS, Noon-1:30PM

**Oct. 27, Friday**
- Fall deadline for Monitored Withdrawal
- Spring Term enrollment appointments begin

**Oct. 27-28**
- Pitt Family Weekend

**Oct. 30, Monday**
- Spring Term enrollment begins for Non-Veteran students

**Oct. 31, Tuesday**
- Halloween

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**Experience America Activities:**

- Mondays 6:30—7:45PM: $5 Yoga @ Irman Freeman Center for Imagination
- Wednesdays 12:00-1:00PM: Artful Wednesday’s at Nordy’s Place (Pitt Union)
- Sundays 2:00-3:00PM: Arts Celebration at Carnegie Library
- Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 8, 27-29 6:00PM—Midnight: Kennywood Phantom Fright Nights
  - $17 College Nights