# Boise State International Insider

News for International Students

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International Student Services



## Note from Christy

Hí, Everyone,

It is that time of year again! If you are leaving the US at all during the summer break, you will need to drop your I-20 off at the ISS so that we can sign it for you before you leave the country. Even if you are not leaving until July, feel free to bring your I-20 to us any time now to get it signed. Also, if your visa has expired and you plan to renew it this summer you will want to request a Visa Support Letter from us. Be sure to fill out the letter request form so we can create the visa letter for you. You will find the form at:

http://iss.boisestate.edu/content/documents/ISS\_Letter\_Request\_form.pdf

You will find more details under "Immigration Info" below. Thanks, Christy

#### Coming Events & Activities

Friday, April 22, 5:00pm: TRANG DOAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE! Submit applications to International Student Services.

Tuesday, April 26, 7:00pm: Carl Wilkens will present a lecture on the Rwandan Genocide, in the Special Events Center. Please see story on page 2 for details.

Friday, May 6, 3:00 - 6:00pm: End-of-Year Celebration. International Student Services and Multicultural Student Services invite you to Celebrate the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Join us in the Student Diversity Center for food, fun and festivities!! (More details later)

## **Immigration Info**

Are you planning to travel outside the US this summer?

- ① Remember, you must have your I-20 signed before you leave.

  Bring your I-20 to the ISS office at least 72 hours before you travel to give us time to complete the process.
- 2 <u>Check the status of your visa</u>. If it has expired, or will expire while you are outside of the US, you must plan to have it renewed before you return. Documents you will need for this process are an unofficial transcript, a copy of your class registration for the Fall semester and a Visa Support Letter from ISS.
- © Check the status of your passport. If your passport will expire while you are away, be sure to follow the regulations of your home country to renew your passport before you return. If you are remaining in the US, you still must have a valid passport. You may contact the consulate for your country in the US to find out the renewal process.

## Activist Carl Wilkens to Speak on Rwandan Genocide April 26

(Copied from the Boise State UPDATE)



Boise State University's Honors College has invited Carl Wilkens, former head of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency International in Rwanda, to give a free public lecture at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, in the Special Events Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The lecture is titled, "Who is My Brother and Who is the Other: Stories of Resistance from the Rwandan Genocide," and it will be followed by a question-and-answer session. Wilkens will recount his experiences working with high-ranking Rwandans, most of whom participated in the murder of almost 800,000 Tutsis and Hutus, to bring aid to orphans trapped around the country. He will relate the lessons he learned while in Rwanda to the current crisis in Darfur, Sudan.

Wilkens was one of the only Americans to remain in Kigali, Rwanda, once the genocide began in 1994. After returning home

in 1996, Wilkens became a high school teacher until 2008, when he decided to dedicate his life to public outreach. He currently is director of World Outside My Shoes, a non-profit educational and professional development organization that is committed to inspiring and equipping people to enter the world of "The Other."

For more information, call 426-1122

### To the volunteers of the International Food, Song, and Dance Festival,

We would like to thank you for your contribution to the International Food, Song, and Dance Festival! If not your effort, this festival would not have happened. We want to thank each participant, MC, organizer, cook, decorator, or anyone who made this festival so successful. To show our appreciation, ISA wants to invite you for a very nice lunch at Idaho Pizza (located at 1677 Broadway avenue) on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 12pm-2pm.

We will chat, eat, and remember all the good memories we have from the festival. We hope to see you there!

**International Student Association** 

P.S. Please RSVP to anisabduqodirova@u.boisestate.edu so we will know how many people are attending.



For Sale from David Na:

Black I-POD Home with remote control: \$35. Must sell by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please contact me directly through email: keunyoungna@u.boisestate.edu or cellphone: 702-927-4545, Price is negotiable.:)



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