



*Meet new people and practice English.
All levels are welcome.
All groups led by experienced facilitators.
FREE. No registration required.*

All members of the Yale Community who want to improve their English through informal conversation are welcome to join.

Questions? Email erin.gustafson@yale.edu.

IMPROVING YOUR ENGLISH

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUPS

September 8 to December 5, 2008
January 12 to May 1, 2009

MONDAY CONVERSATIONS – Every Monday from 12:30pm to 1:30pm at the IC, 421 Temple Street.

TUESDAY CONVERSATIONS – Every Tuesday from 12:30pm to 1:30pm at the IC, 421 Temple Street.

“MOMMY AND ME” GROUP – Every Wednesday, from 10am to 12pm at the McDougal Center, 320 York Street, HGS Basement. This special baby-friendly conversation group is for those ‘mommies’ and ‘daddies’ who wish to practice English conversation along with their babies and children. Enjoy complimentary kid-friendly snacks & refreshments.
Co-sponsored by Graduate Student Life @ McDougal Center.

WEDNESDAY CONVERSATIONS – Every Wednesday from 12:30pm to 1:30pm at the IC, 421 Temple Street.

THURSDAY CONVERSATIONS – Every Thursday from 12:30pm to 1:30pm at the IC, 421 Temple Street.

FRIDAY CONVERSATIONS – Every Thursday from 12:30pm to 1:30pm at the IC, 421 Temple Street.

Find updates to the English Conversation Groups schedule on-line at:
www.yale.edu/icenter/events

ENGLISH CONVERSATIONS @ THE MEDICAL SCHOOL

PLEASE NOTE TIME & ROOM CHANGE
FOR SPRING SEMESTER:
Tuesdays, 6pm to 7pm
Fulton Room, Room SHM L-210
Sterling Hall of Medicine, 333 Cedar Street

This series is designed to meet the needs of our scholar population, particularly those in the Medical School area. Informal conversations feature a different topic each session. Light snacks will be provided.

September 9 - Small Talk Tips

How to have a conversation with your lab mates.

October 7 - Idioms

The most popular turns of phrase that come up in conversation.

November 11 - Reading a Newspaper

How to follow current events and use them in conversation.

December 9 - Pronunciation

The most commonly mispronounced words and how to overcome being misunderstood.

January 13 - Making an Introduction

How to introduce yourself or others.

February 10 - Work Relationships

How to talk to your lab mates and your boss.

March 10 - English Language Etiquette

The importance of “please” and “thank you”.

April 21 - Conversation Game

Having fun while keeping a conversation going.

Co-sponsored by The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2008-2009

Last Updated 1.9.2009



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The IC is your home away from home!

Drop in, study, enjoy complimentary tea or coffee, play a game of chess, surf the Internet, access the Yale wireless network, and simply enjoy the welcoming space.

The Yale community is invited to enjoy these events and programs hosted by the Office of International Students and Scholars. All programs are free and held at the International Center, 421 Temple Street (unless otherwise noted). Complimentary coffee and tea are always available at the IC. Details and updates to this calendar can be found at www.yale.edu/icenter.

HAVING FUN!



DISCOUNTED NY THEATRE TICKETS

Broadway and Off-Broadway shows at a serious discount through OISS' TDF membership. For more information, contact warrena.wilkinson@yale.edu.



FREE LONG WHARF TICKETS

Periodically, OISS receives free Long Wharf Theatre tickets to distribute. Watch for email announcements and be sure to respond quickly to the free offers!

COMING THIS SUMMER...



OISS Bus trips to local places of interest! Watch for more details to come in the OISS Summer Calendar of Events!

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY CAMPUS CELEBRATIONS January 15 to 23, 2009

Because of His Dream: 'YES WE CAN'

Martin Luther King Jr. is remembered for his powerful and inspiring teachings of non-violence and social justice. All are welcome and encouraged to join in the spirit of the holiday by attending campus-wide events, which include lectures and workshops, a celebratory ball, and a day of community service.

For a complete calendar of MLK events, visit www.yale.edu/icenter/images/mlk

Friday, January 23, 7:30pm to 8:45pm

PRE-BALL RECEPTION

OISS invites everyone to a festive reception in commemoration of the holiday – honoring the cause of a more peaceful and just world. Gather before the Unity Ball to mingle and enjoy an international array of snacks and refreshments, before heading over to Commons to dance the night away. We will also be showing film clips highlighting the shared legacies of Martin Luther King Jr., Mohandas K. Gandhi and Daisaku Ikeda, all of whom sought to forge an existence filled with dignity, freedom, and happiness for all people. Please email oiss@yale.edu if you plan to attend.

International Center, 421 Temple Street

Friday, January 23, 9:00pm to 1:00am

UNITY BALL: A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

Come to this semi-formal affair, which celebrates diversity and intergroup collaboration at Yale—with mash-up DJ, appetizers and desserts. This event is free, but tickets are required. More information online. Commons (Woolsey Hall), 168 Grove Street @ College

To self-subscribe to the various email listservs, send a blank email from your account to the addresses below.

For anyone in the Yale community:
YaleInternational-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

For Yale postdocs & scholars:
PostdocYale-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

For the spouses & partners of Yale students & scholars:
I_SPY-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

IC CAFÉ



Thursdays, 7pm to 9pm

This social hour is an opportunity for you to enjoy good company, refreshments and lots of fun and relaxation with new and old friends @ the IC!

Welcome Social — September 25

Join other newly arrived G&P students and post-docs for a fun social evening featuring a wine-tasting.

Halloween & Harvest Time — October 30

Celebrate Halloween and the harvest season with traditional autumn food, games, and activities.

International Education Week Celebration — November 20

See IEW details below.

Pizza & Games Night — December 4

End-of-semester celebration! Join others for some pizza and play a few games of Guitar Hero or Wii.

Welcome Social — January 22

A wine-tasting reception for mid-year arrivals — continuing students and scholars welcome too!

Chocolate Fest — February 12

CHOCOLATE, CHOCOLATE, CHOCOLATE! Yummy treats for all during this chocolate-themed evening.

International Women's Day Celebration — March 5

IWD is March 8, but we begin the celebration early with an evening featuring performances, refreshments, and flowers for all the women in attendance.

Spring Fling: Sushi & Karaoke Night — April 23

It's the end of the year and you need another study break! Join us for a fun night of Japanese culture — karaoke and sushi-making.

Watch for OISS announcements about other special events @ the IC, including student group organized cultural nights, events and performances. If your group is interested in having such an event @ the IC, please contact warrena.wilkinson@yale.edu.

CREATING COMMUNITY

Make connections in the local community and enjoy friendship and cultural exchange. For information about, or to sign up for any of these programs, please email abigail.borchert@yale.edu



COMMUNITY FRIENDS

A program that matches international students with local "hosts" who provide an introduction to U.S. culture and to the New Haven area. Hosts and students keep in touch throughout the academic year and meet occasionally to share a meal or activity.



ONE-ON-ONE CONVERSATIONS

A program that matches international students, scholars and their spouses/partners at Yale with volunteers from the New Haven and Yale communities for language and culture exchange. Due to the popularity of this program, participants may have to wait a while before being matched with a partner.



HOLIDAY AT HOME

Each Thanksgiving, the OISS makes special arrangements for interested international students and scholars (and their families) to join a local family for the traditional holiday feast. To participate, please pre-register by November 15.

CROSSING CULTURES



Wednesdays, beginning at 5:30pm

Informal conversations feature a different moderator and topic, including a survey of U.S. cultural values and norms, culture shock, etiquette, holiday traditions, and more. Email oiss@yale.edu to pre-register for each session.

AMERICAN LIFE

Food Etiquette in Social Settings — October 1

A hands-on workshop for learning about and mastering the social faux-pas that can occur surrounding food etiquette in social settings.

Dating & Relationships — February 4

Are the norms so different in the U.S.?

LANGUAGE FOR LIVING

Dangerous English — January 28

All the words you should not use, and why!

Email Etiquette Workshop with Julie Vance — Thursday October 2 @ 6:30pm

A discussion on the American approach to email and how to use American email style to make your communication more effective.

CULTURE & SOCIETY

Cultural Transitions — November 19

Discussion of general U.S. values and how to make the cultural transition to a new environment.

LGBTQ Across Cultures — March 25

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues on a U.S. campus.

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



CAR OWNERSHIP

September 10, repeated on February 11, 5pm

License. Registration. Taxes. Parking tags. Insurance. Review check points and the paperwork you'll need to purchase a car, both new and used. You'll be able to pose questions to a local car expert. Protect your car from harsh winter weather conditions and get tips for driving in snow and ice. Learn what to do if your car is in an accident. Ready to sell your car? Learn from the experts about detailing and mechanical tips, pricing guidelines, best advertising venues, required paperwork, transfer of title and more. Sponsored by East Rock Auto.



IDENTITY THEFT

October 14, 5pm

Identity theft is one of the fastest-growing crimes in the U.S. What should you do if you become a victim? We'll cover the types of identity theft, how to protect yourself, signs of identity theft, and what to do if it happens to you.



WINTER CARE DAY: FLU SHOT CLINIC, COLD CLINIC, AND COAT CLOSET

Thursday October 30, 2pm

Free flu shot appointments begin at 2pm. At 4pm, the Yale Health Plan will present a Cold Clinic with tips on how to stay healthy and survive a New England Winter. Immediately following, we will open the Coat Closet where you can select gently used winter coats and other winter apparel (scarves, mittens, etc.). Donations of unwanted gently-used coats and winter apparel accepted by Monday, October 27.

UNDERSTANDING AMERICA



Wednesdays, beginning at 5:30pm

These dinner discussions, inspired by talks given by each of the invited guests, aim to get below the surface of U.S. culture and society by tackling some of the toughest most topical issues. A light supper and refreshments will be served. For more information and to pre-register, please email elisabeth.kennedy@yale.edu.

October 22

Presidential Elections U.S. Style

With the 2008 presidential election fast approaching, and the efforts to win the White House for 'change' in America, one is likely to hear talk about grassroots campaigning and federal election reforms, both of which require more scrutiny of voter registration, voting technologies, media coverage, campaign funding and more. What allows and supports a politician's rise to the level of a presidential nomination? How does a candidate win an election? What is the electoral college? Is a president really the people's choice?

Thursday November 6 @ 7pm

SPECIAL FILM SCREENING of "The Corporation"

In leading up to the session on 11/12, we will be screening this award-winning Canadian documentary, a timely, critical inquiry that invites CEO's, whistle-blowers, brokers, gurus, spies, players, pawns and pundits on a graphic and engaging quest to reveal the corporation's inner workings. It features illuminating interviews with Noam Chomsky, Michael Moore, Howard Zinn and many others.

HGS, 320 York Street, Room 119

November 12

Living with Corporations

In the life of a private citizen, corporations play a significant role that is largely invisible. What is a corporation, and in what ways does corporate power affect the way of life in the U.S.? Corporations do some things well, but at what cost? People or profit? How do corporations help best? Making things? Providing services? Explore corporate authority and influence, and consider how the rise of its presence in daily life affects how we live.

February 18

Criminal Justice and Race

African-Americans represent about 13 percent of the U.S. population, but count for about half of the incarcerated population. What are the social realities of justice in America? Is there an inherent racial bias in the U.S. justice system? What social inequities and realities contribute to this alarming statistic?

April 1

The Greening of Consumerism

Can U.S. consumers go Green? Organic foods have shifted into the mainstream and are now marketed by some of the biggest brand names. Even Wal-Mart offers its customers green choices that have resulted in billions of profits and sales. The organic green lifestyle, kitchen gardening, natural life magazines, organic clothing, low carbon footprint vehicles and travel, all this seems to be shifting from fad to a lifestyle - with the movement spreading worldwide. Still, taking the green road has an aura of gourmet upscale trendiness, so how ready are U.S. consumers to change to a low-environmental-impact life?

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

November 17 to 21, 2008

www.yale.edu/iew iew.state.gov



Visit Yale's *International Education Week* website, www.yale.edu/iew, to see the many campus-wide events. OISS will participate by screening a foreign film at the IC Café on Thursday, November 20, 7pm to 9pm. Enjoy a pre-screening discussion and light refreshments at 6:30pm. More details to come!