

## OISS Calendar of Events: Spring 2019

**PRO TIP:** EVENTS WITH THE  SYMBOL CAN FULFILL AN "OISS PASSPORT" REQUIREMENT!

### Color Coding Legend

**Field Trip**  
**Lunch and Conversation Series**  
**Other KGI events**  
**Taste of Culture**  
**Highlighted International Place events**



**Friday, January 25: REQUIRED WORKSHOP: CPT, OPT, and H1-B Regulations**   
**12-1:30 pm**

This incredibly important workshop will cover all employment eligibility regulations with regards to Curricular Practical Training and Optional Practical Training (including STEM OPT). Adam Green, Immigration Attorney at the Law Offices of Adam Green, will then present a special session on the topic of H1B visas.

**Cost:** FREE! KGI will provide lunch 😊.

**Meet:** 535, 152 classroom. Please do not be late.

**Tuesday February 5: Taste of Culture**  
**Lunar New Year**  
**535 Lobby, while supplies last**

2019 is the Year of the Pig, sharing this title with the years 1922, 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, and 2006. The Office of International Student Services invites you to join in the celebrations occurring around the world in China, Hong Kong, Korea, Mongolia, Taiwan, Tibet, and Vietnam by enjoying some traditional snacks. They'll be available in the 535 lobby while supplies last.



**Tuesday, February 12: Lunch and Conversation**  
**"Identity Intersections in the US"**   
**12 pm to 1 pm**

Have you ever stopped to think about how identity affects you? Key facets of identity—like gender, social class, age, sexual orientation, race and ethnicity, and religion—play significant roles in determining how we understand and experience the world. Our identities shape the types of opportunities and challenges we face, and our interactions with others. Entering into a new culture can raise several issues of identity or introduce you to new cultural constructs you may not be familiar with. Join us for a discussion on identity construction in the US including the proper use of gender-neutral pronouns (i.e. "they/them/theirs").

**Cost:** FREE! Bring your lunch. The International Student Services office will provide a dessert item.

**Meet:** 535, 111 classroom

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### Friday, February 22: “Ace That Interview” Workshop 12-1 pm

Led by Career Services, this session will focus on skills needed to ace your interviews. Get ready for the CPT/OPT season and do not miss this important workshop!

**Cost:** FREE! Bring your lunch and please do not be late!  
**Meet:** 517, 165 Founders Room

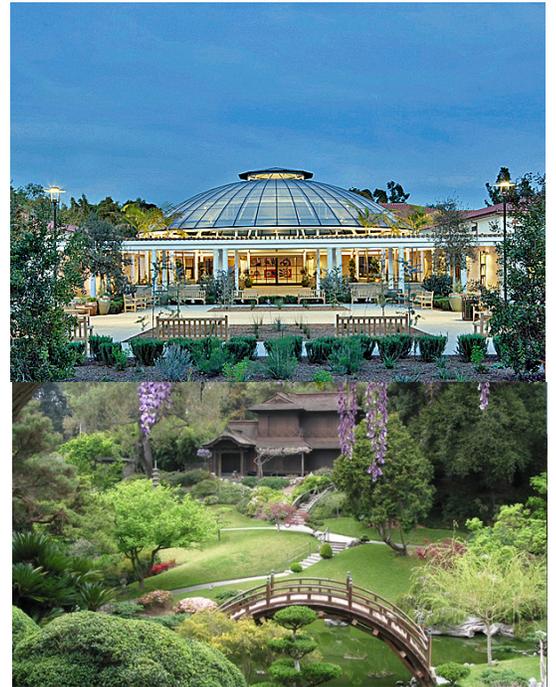
### Saturday, February 23: Huntington Library San Marino 10:00 am to 5:30 pm

A popular tourist stop and one of Southern California’s must-see cultural destinations, this 207 acre complex was once the private estate of railroad magnate Henry Huntington and is home to a library collection of rare books and manuscripts, a special 18<sup>th</sup> century art collection and 12 stunning specialized gardens representing different parts of the world (Japan, Australia, and China are just a stroll away). Feeling extra fancy? You may want to make a lunch reservation for the [Rose Garden Tea Room](#) and enjoy The Huntington’s signature teas, scones and a buffet of finger sandwiches, imported and domestic cheeses, fresh fruit, chilled seasonal salads, and specialty petite desserts. Reservations are required.

**Cost:** \$15 (save \$10 off regular admissions)

**Meet:** Meet at 535 Building at 9:45 am. Bus departs promptly at 10:00 am

**Register: By Friday, February 8 in the OISS office.** Space is limited to 30 attendees so reserve your spot now! First come, first served. Cash or check/money order made payable to Keck Graduate Institute only. 15 reservations are required to run the event.



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### Friday, March 8: International Women's Day

International Women's Day celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. Plug the day into your calendar and check for event announcements from KGI's OISS and International Place as this date nears!

### Sunday, March 10: Holi Festival

Whittier Narrows Park, El Monte 🌍

10:30 am to 2:30 pm

Holi, also known as the *festival of colors*, is a Hindu spring festival in India and Nepal signifying the victory of good over evil and the arrival of spring. It is a festive day to meet, play and laugh, forget and forgive, and repair broken relationships, and is celebrated as a thanksgiving for a good harvest. At the Holi Festival, we'll enjoy live music from great bands, yoga, mantras, dance, Indian cuisine and the throwing of colors! Color bags can be purchased on-site for \$3 per bag (\$12 for 5). [Click here](#) for more information about the festival.



**Cost:** \$7. KGI will provide the transportation.

**Meet:** 535 E Building at 10:15 am. Bus departs at 10:30 am.

**Sign up: Required by Friday, March 2.** Space is limited to 30 attendees so reserve your spot now! Sign up in the International Student Office (535, Rm #16). \$7 ticket cost required at time of sign up.



### Wednesday, March 12: Lunch and Conversation

"Stress Management" 🌍

12 pm to 1 pm

Want to learn new ideas on how to manage your stress, deal with worrisome thoughts, or understand emotions? Attend this month's L&C to learn coping strategies to enhance your well-being, manage a range of emotions, and increase stress management skills. These skills can really come in handy when preparing for midterms and finals!

**Cost:** FREE! Bring your lunch. The International Student Services office will provide a dessert item.

**Meet:** 535, 111 classroom

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### Thursday, March 21: Taste of Culture Eid'e Nowruz (Iranian New Year) 535 Lobby, while supplies last

Although having Iranian and religious Zoroastrian origins, Eid'e Nowruz has been celebrated for over 3,000 years in Western Asia, Central Asia, the Caucasus, the Black Sea Basin, and the Balkans. Marking the beginning of spring, Nowruz honors the cyclical, renewing quality of nature. Enjoy snacks and a traditional haft-seen in the 535 lobby while supplies last.



### Wednesday, March 27: Tax Workshop 12 pm to 1 pm

Did you know you have to file taxes as an international student, *even if you did not work*? Taxes can be quite a confusing subject – **and your international student advisor is not a tax advisor** 😊. To help you prepare for tax season, we invite you to attend this valuable workshop, which will explain the basics of the

US tax system and how to maximize your return using Sprintax, a tax preparation software designed specifically for international students. International Place of the Claremont Colleges offers all Claremont College international students access to Sprintax for free (look for more information from them).

**Cost:** FREE! Bring your lunch. The International Student Services office will provide a dessert item.  
**Meet:** 517, 129 classroom

### Tuesday, April 2: Dodgers Game 5:45 pm to 11 pm



Bond with your fellow KGI students as we watch a Dodgers baseball game! This is your chance to see Dodger favorites Clayton Kershaw and Hyun-jin Ryu in action. As an extra bonus, we'll be sitting in the all-you-can-eat section! You will be treated to all the hot dogs, popcorn, nachos, peanuts and soda your heart (or stomach) desires. Do you think you can beat last year's record of 11 hot dogs eaten?



**Cost:** \$31 for ticket (save \$10!). First 10 international tickets sold out of OISS will be discounted an extra ten dollars to just **\$21!** KGI will provide the transportation.

**Meet:** 535 E Building at 5:45 pm. Bus departs promptly at 6 pm.

**Sign up:** First 10 tickets reserved for international students until **Friday, February 1.**

Regular sale through Student Affairs ends February 8<sup>th</sup>. Exact change or check only at time of registration. Maximum 30 people may attend so don't delay! Sign up in the International Student Office (535, Rm #16).

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### Saturday, April 6: Hike to Bridge to Nowhere San Gabriel Mountains

**6:45 am to 4 pm**

Pack a lunch, slather on the sunblock and celebrate the lovely spring weather with a hike in the beautiful San Gabriel Mountains! The Bridge to Nowhere hike is a moderate 5 mile (10 mile round trip) walk through beautiful scenery to an abandoned and out-of-place bridge with a unique history! You WILL get wet on this adventure as river crossings are involved! Don't miss this unforgettable hike.



**Cost:** \$10 refundable reservation fee

**Meet:** 535 Building at 6:45 am. Bus departs promptly at 7 am. **Do not be late!**

**Register: By Friday, March 29 in the OISS office.** Space is limited to 30 attendees so reserve your spot now! First come, first served. Cash or check/money order made payable to Keck Graduate Institute only. All students who attend will be refunded their \$10 reservation fee on the day of the event.



### Tuesday, April 9: Lunch and Conversation

**"Idioms, Idioms, Idioms!"** 🌍

**12 pm to 1 pm**

The phrase "Kill two birds with one stone" is an idiom...but what is an idiom? In simple terms, an idiom is a sentence that does not make sense just by looking at the words, but still has meaning that is understood by the speakers and listeners. You might be thinking, "why should I care about idioms?" Because they are often used in polite or casual conversation, using or reacting to idioms properly becomes an important part of interacting with friends, co-workers, supervisors or customers. If you have ever found yourself scratching your head at a puzzling sentence unsure how to respond, then this workshop is right for you! Join us as we discuss the meanings behind some of the most commonly used idioms in the English language and better prepare yourself for those future networking or water-cooler conversations.

**Cost:** FREE! Bring your lunch. The International Student Services office will provide a dessert item.

**Meet:** 535, 111 classroom

