

**Fall 2009**  
**International Graduate Student Orientation**  
**and**  
**Celebrating New York! Activities**

The International Graduate Student Orientation program takes place on Friday, August 28th but orientation to Columbia and New York City may begin earlier and extends through your first few weeks here. Through *Celebrating New York! (CNY!)* activities, you will have opportunities to get acquainted with other new students, peer advisers, and your new home, NYC! Be sure to scroll down to see all your options. Information on how to buy tickets online and reserve a place for free events will be forthcoming.

For those who are arriving early to enroll in summer or early start fall programs—or just to settle in, the ISSO has arranged with several campus offices for information sessions and tours.

- ❖ Health Services
- ❖ Visitors Center / Campus Tours
- ❖ Butler Library

See **Campus Information Sessions and Tours August 11 - September 3** at [www.columbia.edu/cu/isso/incoming/Info\\_Sessions\\_2009.pdf](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/isso/incoming/Info_Sessions_2009.pdf)

See **Early Arrivals Activities at a Glance** for all activities between August 13 and August 28 at [www.columbia.edu/cu/isso/incoming/Early\\_Arrivals\\_2009.pdf](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/isso/incoming/Early_Arrivals_2009.pdf)

## **Celebrating New York! (CNY!)**

### **ABOUT THE CNY! EVENTS**

**CNY!** events are designed to provide opportunities to meet other new students and Peer Advisers and expose newcomers to different parts of NYC that are off the tourist circuit in addition to visiting some well-known sites. All **CNY!** events are escorted by Peer Advisers unless otherwise indicated.

**MEETING PLACE:** All events will meet at the campus side of Earl Hall in front of the steps, unless otherwise indicated in the event description. Earl Hall is located on the Broadway side of the campus, next to Low Library. In the event of rain you may still meet there for an alternative indoor group activity.

**MONEY FOR EVENTS:** Unless the activity is an organized meal that requires advance ticket purchase, bring money for food, refreshments and other incidentals.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Unless otherwise indicated, the group will travel from campus to its destination by public transportation, most often by subway. You must use a MetroCard to pay for your fare. It is important that you purchase a MetroCard before meeting for a **CNY!** event or it will delay the departure of the group. MetroCards can be bought at subway station machines with cash or credit cards. A roundtrip is \$4.50 unless you buy a type of MetroCard that provides discounts.

**METROCARDS:** To save time and money, we recommend you buy a weekly MetroCard for \$27, which allows unlimited travel on buses and subway for 7 days from the first time swiped for use. Other options include an unlimited 14-day card for \$51.50, a monthly card for \$89, or the one-day Fun Pass MetroCard, \$8.25, for unlimited usage from the time you first use it until 3:00AM the next day. The pay-per-ride MetroCard deducts \$2.25 for each trip.

### **TICKET SALES AND RSVP FOR EVENTS**

As space is limited for most events, tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets will go on sale online in mid-August by credit card through the Ticket and Information Center (TIC) or by cash or credit card in person at the TIC located in Lerner Hall. An email will be sent to all incoming students with the procedure by August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Events requiring tickets are limited to two per person. Spouses and partners are welcome to attend all events. There are no reservations for ticketed events without payment, and no refunds after a ticket has been bought.

You are also asked to reserve a space for the many **CNY!** events that do not require tickets. This is especially important for the Orientation Program on August 28<sup>th</sup>, and events that involve restaurants.

#### **Thursday, August 13 – Early Arrivals Get-Together**

Relax and enjoy the sunset with others new international students and Peer Advisers at this casual outdoor spot, the Hudson Beach Café, in Riverside Park and 105<sup>th</sup> Street. The group will walk together from campus. (Rain location: Haakon's Hall on Amsterdam Ave. between 118-119<sup>th</sup> St.)  
**Meeting time:** 6:00 PM

#### **Friday, August 14 – Lincoln Center Festival: Slavic Soul Party followed by Auktyon with Vladimir Volkov and John Medeski and Plastic People of the Universe**

Join other New Yorkers under the stars at Lincoln Center, beginning at 7:00PM. Tonight, features Slavic Soul Party, a brass band that mixes Balkan rhythms with gypsy music, funk and jazz. High energy and lots of fun! At 7:30, Auktyon, a 12-piece band from Russia and Plastic People of the Universe, musicians from Prague, will perform. We'll take the #1 subway to Lincoln Center at Broadway and 65th St. **Meeting time:** 5:45 PM

### **Sunday, August 16 – Governors Island**

Downtown Dance Festival, conceptual art exhibit and various outdoor activities

Enjoy the free 7-minute ferry ride from the southern tip of Manhattan to Governors Island. The festival features 9 days of ethnic, classical and contemporary dance from around the world. The art exhibit will be there all summer with a free tour at 2:30. Even if you're not into dance or art, G.I. is a great place where you can rent a bicycle, play miniature golf, hear a lecture on the 200-year history of the island, take a walk, relax under a tree, or have something to eat on the sand "Water Taxi Beach"! Ferry leaves every half hour until 7pm. Ferry, festival and art are all FREE! #1 subway downtown to last stop South Ferry <http://creativetime.org/programs/archive/2009/plot09/visitor.php> **Meeting time:** 10:45 AM

### **Thursday, August 20: An evening in the Lower East Side (LES)**

Home to waves of immigrants over the decades, this historic neighborhood is now a very young, hip, artistic and vibrant area. The group will travel by subway and head to the upstairs lounge at Pianos bar, restaurant, and lounge at 158 Ludlow St. at Stanton, for drinks and something to eat. Must be 21 and over. **BRING PHOTO ID.** [www.pianosnyc.com](http://www.pianosnyc.com) **Meeting time:** 5:45 PM

### **Saturday, August 22 – National Comedy Theatre (NCT)**

The NYC NCT Show is a comedy competition between two teams of professional comedians who perform a series of scenes—all based on audience suggestions, all completely improvised. 90-minute performance begins at 7:30 p.m. The group will walk through Times Square on the way. The theater is at 347 W. 36<sup>th</sup> St. near 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Meeting time:** 6 PM. The show begins at 7:30 PM  
**Ticket price:** \$10 at the NCT box office.

### **Sunday, August 23 – Shopping on 34<sup>th</sup> Street**

Whether you need things for your home or your body, you can find it on 34<sup>th</sup> St.! The block-long department store Macy's is located there, H & M, K-Mart, shoe stores, the Empire State Building, and much more! The #1, 2 and 3 subway lines stop at 34<sup>th</sup> St. and 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Go to <http://www.exploringmonkey.com/> and type "West 34<sup>th</sup> Street" under search  
**Meeting time:** 1 PM

### **Wednesday, August 26 Getting to Know You—Happy Hour in the 'hood**

Happy hour, usually between 4pm- 7pm, is a time where most restaurants and bars offer drinks, and sometimes food, at a discounted price. Meet other newcomers and seasoned Peer Advisers for drinks, snacks and conversation at Haakon's Hall, located at 1187 Amsterdam Ave. between 118<sup>th</sup> and 119<sup>th</sup> St. **BRING PHOTO ID.**  
**Meeting time:** 5:30 PM

## **FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION**

**Event time:** 1:30 – 5:00 PM at Alfred Lerner Auditorium. Please enter through the campus entrance near 115<sup>th</sup> St. [http://www.columbia.edu/about\\_columbia/map/lerner.html](http://www.columbia.edu/about_columbia/map/lerner.html)

*Note that there will not be any food or refreshments served, so eat before coming and perhaps bring a bottle of water.*

**MIX AND MINGLE AT HAVANA CENTRAL!** After sitting in an auditorium with hundreds of other new students all afternoon, now is the time to get to know some of them! Relax after the Orientation program with fellow new graduate students, Peer Advisers and ISSO staff with some food and refreshments across the street from Lerner Hall at the Havana Central West End, a lively Cuban restaurant and bar. The entire place is reserved for our group! 2911 Broadway between 113<sup>th</sup> and 114<sup>th</sup> St. Havana Central  
**Ticket price:** \$20, includes two drinks (soft drinks, draft beer or red and white wine sangria and "finger food". Ticket must be bought in advance through the TIC, and presented at the restaurant for admission.  
**5:00 to 7 PM**

### **Saturday, August 29 – Village Walking Tour**

Discover the heart of the Village with a FREE walking tour that weaves together the highlights of history with inside stories. The neighborhood association, the Village Alliance, offers free walking tours of St. Marks Place & 8th Street. Tours depart from the northwest corner of 2nd Avenue & St Marks Place at 11:30. <http://www.villagealliance.org>  
**Meeting time:** 10:15 AM

### **Saturday, August 29 – Campus Scavenger Hunt**

Join us for a scavenger hunt at Columbia's campus and around the neighborhood. Work in teams and follow the clues to learn about the history of the University and other fun facts! Prizes will be awarded. An optional picnic in Riverside Park or lunch in a local restaurant will follow.  
**Meeting time:** 11:00 AM

### **Saturday, August 29 – Picnic in Riverside Park**

We'll walk to Fairway, one of NY's great food markets, to buy something to eat, and then to Riverside Park for lunch. Meet new friends in a relaxed outdoor environment. In case of rain, we'll go to a nearby restaurant  
**Meeting time:** 1:00 PM

### **Saturday, August 29 – Charlie Parker Jazz Festival in Harlem's Marcus Garvey Park (FREE!)**

The annual Charlie Parker Jazz Festival assembles some of the finest musicians in the world who reflect Parker's musical individuality and genius. The two day festival is in Harlem on Saturday and downtown in the East Village in Tompkins Square Park on Sunday. Bring something to sit on in the park. Marcus Garvey Park (124th Street & Mt. Morris Park West). The group will walk east across 125<sup>th</sup> St. to Fifth Ave. Music begins at 3pm.  
[http://www.nycgovparks.org/sub\\_things\\_to\\_do/things\\_to\\_do.html](http://www.nycgovparks.org/sub_things_to_do/things_to_do.html) Click on "Upcoming Events" and then date on calendar.  
**Meeting time:** 2:00 PM

### **Saturday, August 29 –Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream** outside in Riverside Park (FREE!)

This production by Hudson Warehouse takes place outside at the North Patio of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument at West 89th and Riverside Drive. The Upper West Side neighborhood offers lots of eating options after the play is over. The Performance begins at 6:30pm  
<http://www.hudsonwarehouse.net/>  
**Meeting time:** 5:45 PM

### **Sunday, August 30 – Flatiron District Walking Tour**

Join a professional guide on a 90-minute journey through the vibrant Flatiron neighborhood, viewing some of the City's most notable landmarks, including the New York Life Insurance building, the MetLife tower, the Appellate Courthouse and the famous Flatiron Building. The free tour takes place every Sunday at 11AM from the southwest corner of Madison Square Park at 23<sup>rd</sup> St. and Broadway.

<http://www.flatironbid.org/tour.html>

**Meeting time:** 10 AM

### **Sunday, August 30 – Shopping at Bed, Bath and Beyond**

Everything you need for your room or apartment can be found at Bed, Bath and Beyond on Broadway on Broadway between 65<sup>th</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup>. You can get there any time by the #1 subway or the M104 bus, but today the store is running free shuttle buses for the Columbia community from 1 - 6pm, and offering a discount coupon for your purchase.

[www.bedbathandbeyond.com](http://www.bedbathandbeyond.com)

**1- 6pm from Amsterdam Ave. and 116<sup>th</sup> St.**

### **Sunday, August 30 – Midtown: Fifth Avenue and the Top of the Rock Observation Deck at Rockefeller Center**

From the southern end of Central Park, we'll make our way down Fifth Avenue, home to Saks Fifth Avenue, the Apple Store, Trump Tower, Rockefeller Center, the NY City Public Library, and the Empire State Building. Catch a great, 360 degree view of Manhattan and beyond from this centrally-located observation deck at the top of 30 Rockefeller Center. Tickets are \$20 at venue, or \$18 if you purchase in advance online at <http://www.topoftherocknyc.com/>. Entrance is on 50<sup>th</sup> St. between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Meeting time:** 3:00 PM

### **Sunday, August 30 – Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum Annex in Soho**

The R & R Hall of Fame is in Cleveland, Ohio. The NYC annex opened last year in Soho. Feel the rush of the live concert experience as you watch footage of Rock's most electrifying performances in an immersive theater—The Beatles, Jimi Hendrix, Michael Jackson, Buddy Holly, and many, many more. You'll be given a set of stereo headphones that use wireless technology to transmit audio content as you walk through the galleries. The Annex is now featuring John Lennon: The New York City Years which explores his passion for music, art, politics and film, with New York City as his backdrop. Capturing a time in Lennon's life that was full of political and social activism, the exhibit reflects the spirit of the era during which he created some of his best work. Highlights of Lennon's artifacts include iconic photographs, legendary instruments, original handwritten lyrics and artwork. (event repeated on Sept. 3 but price will be \$15 because special summer discount ends August 31).

**Meeting time:** 6:00 PM

**Ticket price:** \$10. Must be bought in advance via TIC.

### **Monday, August 31 – Shuttle Buses to Bed, Bath and Beyond**

from 9 AM to 12 noon from Amsterdam Ave. and 116<sup>th</sup> St.

See August 30.

### **Monday, August 31 – Dinner with Peer Advisers at local restaurants**

Relax at the end of the day by sharing a meal with a Peer Adviser and a small group of other new students at one of the area's many restaurants. Sign up for the dinner at

Orientation on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at the Peer Adviser table from 4:30 to 5pm.

**Meeting time:** 6:30 PM

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Home to waves of immigrants over the decades, this historic neighborhood is now a very young, hip, artistic and vibrant area. The group will travel by subway and head to the upstairs lounge at Pianos bar, restaurant, and lounge at 158 Ludlow St. at Stanton, for drinks and /or something to eat. Must be 21 and over.

[www.pianosnyc.com](http://www.pianosnyc.com)

**Meeting time:** 5:45 PM

### **Tuesday, September 1 – South Street Seaport**

This renovated American landmark is right on Lower Manhattan's historic waterfront, complete with a world-class maritime museum, breathtaking views of the Brooklyn Bridge and the NY Harbor and many shops, cafes and restaurants. There is an inexpensive food court in the complex, and benches outside to sit and enjoy the view. New this year is the addition of a sand beach bar/café. You must be 21 with photo ID to enter the Beach after 8 pm.

\$4.50 roundtrip transportation by subway.

**Meeting time:** 6:00 PM

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**Meeting time:** 6:30 PM

### **Tuesday, September 1 – Broadway Show**



More than 50 years ago, a modern day version of Romeo and Juliet in a New York City setting with rival white and Puerto Rican gangs changed musical theatre forever. Now, it's come home to make history again! **Ticket price:** \$50. Must buy ticket in advance through the TIC.

**Meeting time:** 6:00 PM (show begins at 7 PM)

### **Wednesday, September 2 – Shopping at IKEA in Brooklyn.**

IKEA sells everything you need for your room or apartment at competitive prices. Travel is by chartered bus, about 45 minutes each way. Check out their products and prices at [www.ikea-usa.com](http://www.ikea-usa.com) Ticket price: \$5 in advance from the TIC. **Meeting time and place:** 10 AM at the Main Gate at 116<sup>th</sup> and Broadway

### **Wednesday, September 2 – Bohemian Hall and Beer Garden**

Enjoy a relaxed casual atmosphere, a cold beer and grilled food in an outdoor setting at the last remaining original beer garden in NYC. Bohemian Hall and Beer Garden is just across the East River in Astoria, Queens.

**Meeting time:** 5:30 PM

### **Wednesday, September 2 – A Walk on the High Line**

Originally constructed in the 1930s to lift dangerous freight trains off Manhattan's streets, the High Line was in disuse and disrepair for many years. Part of it, from Gansevoort Street in the Meatpacking District to 20th Street in Chelsea has been renovated and just opened in June 2009 as a public park. The High Line, open from 7 AM to 10 PM daily, combines meandering concrete pathways with fixed and

movable seating and naturalistic plantings, and has great views of the Hudson River and surrounding neighborhoods. The group will start the walk from southern end.

Meeting time: 6:00 PM.

### Wednesday, September 2 — Broadway Show



A highly acclaimed Broadway show, *Wicked* is described as a musical prequel to the Wizard of Oz.

**Ticket price:** \$45. Must buy ticket in advance from the TIC

**Meeting time:** 7:00 PM

### Thursday, September 3 – Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum Annex in Soho

See description under Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Takes 90 minutes to 2 hours. After, you may want to join up with the group going to Café Wha? for the 9:30 set.

**Meeting time:** 5:30 PM

**Ticket price:** \$15. Must be bought in advance through TIC.

**Thursday, September 3 – Café Wha?** in the heart of Greenwich Village. The club Café Wha? has been a hot spot in the Village since the 1950's, frequented by talents such as Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, and Bruce Springsteen as well as comedians Richard Pryor and Bill Cosby. On Thursdays, one of their 3 house bands will play. The group will go downtown to walk around the neighborhood or get something to eat first. Must be at the club by 9 pm to hold reservation. Must be 21 or over. **BRING PHOTO ID.**

Located at 115 McDougal between Bleecker and 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

<http://cafewha.com/>

**Meeting time:** 6:30 PM

**Ticket price:** \$5 cover charge at the door. Reserve online through TIC.

### Thursday, September 3 – Broadway show



Winner of seven 1988 Tony® Awards including Best Musical, Andrew Lloyd Webber's masterwork is the longest-running musical in Broadway history. Ticket price: \$45. Must buy ticket in advance from the TIC.

Meeting time: 7:00 PM

### Friday, September 4 –Piano in the Park

This midday series takes place at Bryant Park in the center of Manhattan on 42<sup>nd</sup> St. between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. behind the New York Public Library on Fifth Avenue, a magnificent Beaux-Arts building. Enjoy the surroundings and the music of pianist Frank Owen. FREE. 12:00 to 1:45 PM

**Meeting time:** 11:30 AM

### Friday, September 4 – The NY Aquarium in Coney Island, Brooklyn

This is a great way to spend the afternoon if you have the time and don't mind the long subway ride (an hour and 15 minutes) while you chat and get to know the others. This is the last of the "summer Fridays" when admission is free after 3 pm (normally \$13). The Aquarium closes at 6, when you may enjoy a walk on the Coney Island boardwalk along the Atlantic Ocean beach.

**Meeting time:** 12:00 PM

### Friday, September 4 – A Walk in Central Park

Central Park, beloved and well-used by New Yorkers, is in the center of Manhattan, from 59<sup>th</sup> St. up to 110<sup>th</sup> St. on its northern border. The group will enter the Park from Columbus Circle at 59<sup>th</sup> St., the southern end of the park, and walk up the west side. After, join other Columbia graduate students at The Parlour for the end of the week get-together (see below).

**Meeting time:** 5:30 PM

**BRING PHOTO ID FOR PROOF OF AGE OF 21 OR OLDER.** You must be 21 years-old to be served alcohol in the U.S. Please carry proof of your age with photo to any event that takes place where alcohol is served. For most new students, this will be your passport, unless you have an unexpired U.S. or Canadian driver's license. You may not be able to enter some establishments if you're under 21, even if you don't intend to drink.

### Friday, September 4 – Chill at The Parlour!

The Parlour, a spacious Irish pub and restaurant on W. 86<sup>th</sup> St. has a relaxed, friendly atmosphere and a large room downstairs reserved for our group tonight, from 8 pm on. Meet up with fellow Columbians and celebrate the beginning of the long holiday weekend before classes begin on Tuesday, with drink specials and food. The Parlour is located at 250 West 86<sup>th</sup> St. between Broadway and West End, close to the #1 86<sup>th</sup> St. subway station.

**Meeting time:** 7:30 PM, or go directly if you're already out.

### Saturday, September 5 – Lower East Side

#### Guided Walking Tour

The Lower East Side (LES) has been home to many waves of immigrants, and currently to a new generation of emerging artists and innovative merchants. Take a journey down historic Orchard Street and discover the origins of New York's first discount retail district! Lots of places to have lunch after the tour. Our guide will meet us at 11:30 in front of Katz's Delicatessen at 205 East Houston and Ludlow St. IF you still have energy after the tour, you can go catch the ferry to Governors Island and meet up with other Columbia students there.

**Meeting time:** 10 AM

### Saturday, September 5 – Ferry to Governors Island

Enjoy the free 7-minute ferry ride from the southern tip of Manhattan to Governors Island. The art exhibit is outdoors and indoors in several buildings, with a free tour at 2:30. Even if you're not into art, G.I. is a great place where you can rent a bicycle, fish, play miniature golf, hear a lecture on the 200-year history of the island, take a walk, relax in a hammock under a tree, or have something to eat at the sandy "Water Taxi Beach"! The ferry leaves G.I. every half hour until 6:30 pm.

<http://creativetime.org/programs/archive/2009/plot09/visitor.php>

(Rain Alternative: The American Museum of Natural History to see the Space Show at the Planetarium)

**Meeting time:** 12:30 PM

### Saturday, September 5 – Metropolitan Museum of Art

The "Met", one of the world's largest and most important art museums, has a lovely roof garden and café, perfect for a summer evening. Free admission to the Met with a Columbia student ID; for others there is a suggested donation, but you may pay what you wish. On Fridays and Saturdays, it is open until 9 PM. The cafeteria is open until 7 and the Roof Garden until 8.

**Meeting time: 4:00 PM**  
**Sunday, September 6 – Jazz Brunch at Hudson River Café**

A weekend tradition, brunch is a cross between a very late breakfast and lunch. Work up an appetite as we walk from campus to the Café located at 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 133<sup>rd</sup> St.

**Ticket price: \$25**, includes the meal and unlimited brunch cocktails. Must buy in advance from the TIC.

<http://www.hudsonrivercafe.com/>

**Meeting time: 11:00 AM**

**Sunday, September 6 – Brooklyn Botanical Garden**

BBG is a 52-acre living museum where beauty, romance, and fun blossom among world-class plant collections and specialty gardens. Enter another world when you get off the subway (express #2 or 3) and walk in. Admission is \$4 with a student ID. Visit their web site for more information and video clips. <http://www.bbg.org/abo/> There's a café in the Garden and places to eat nearby. The BBG closes at 6. (Rain Alternative: The American Museum of Natural History to see the Space Show at the Planetarium)

**Meeting time: 12:00 PM**

**Ticket price: \$4** at the entrance with student ID. Must reserve online through TIC so we know how many people to expect.

**Sunday, September 5 – Broadway Show**



Inspired by Sesame Street, this clever and irreverent comedy uses puppets operated by actors on stage. Winner of 3 Tony awards in 2004 including Best Musical. **Ticket price: \$40**. Must buy in advance from the TIC. Starts at 7 PM.  
*Meeting time: 6.00 PM.*

**Sunday, September 6 – Irish music at Doc Watson's**

Doc Watson's is a friendly neighborhood pub on Second Ave. and 77<sup>th</sup> St. on the Upper East Side that has live Irish music on Sunday nights from 9 pm -12 am. Second Ave. is full of restaurants and bars, so the group will go earlier to explore the neighborhood before the music begins. Doc Watson's also serves food. Must be 21 or over. **BRING PHOTO ID.**

**Meeting time: 7:00 PM.** Please RSVP through TIC

**Monday, September 7 –Museum of Modern Art (MoMA)**

FREE admission with Columbia student ID, \$20 without. MoMA is among the most important modern art museums in the world, and provides a very pleasing space, including an outdoor sculpture garden with a lot of seating, in addition to the great exhibits. Review the website in advance of your visit at [www.moma.org](http://www.moma.org). Located at 11 W. 53<sup>rd</sup> St. between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. The MoMA Design Store is across the street at 44 W. 53<sup>rd</sup>. \$4.50 roundtrip transportation by subway or bus.

**Meeting time: 10:30 AM**

**Monday, September 7 – Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum**

This is another of the 27 NYC museums that permits free admission with a Columbia student ID, so be sure you have yours with you! (Regular student admission is \$15.50) The Museum is centered on the aircraft carrier Intrepid, one of the most successful ships in US history, and now a national historic landmark and one of the most unique attractions in New York City. In 1943, Intrepid was commissioned and served in World War II. She went on to serve as one of the primary recovery vessels for NASA, three tours of duty off Vietnam, and submarine surveillance in the North Atlantic

during the Cold War. Today she continues her service as a premiere educational center. The Museum features a range of interactive exhibits and events.

**Meeting time: 11:30 AM**

**Monday, September 7– Walk across the Brooklyn Bridge**

Enjoy a walk across the world-famous Brooklyn Bridge connecting lower Manhattan to downtown Brooklyn. We'll take a subway to Brooklyn, spend some time enjoying the views and the neighborhood and then walk across the bridge back to Manhattan. Bring money for an optional dinner, or buy a ticket in advance to join the group at Congee Bowery for a Chinese dinner and Karaoke.

**Meeting time: 2:30 PM**

**Monday, September 7– Chinese dinner and Karaoke at Congee Bowery**

We'll walk through the streets of Chinatown to the neighborhood known as "NoLiTa" (North of Little ITAly) to the Chinese restaurant Congee Bowery (207 Bowery). We'll have dinner in a private room downstairs and you can impress the group with your singing ability—or cheer others on!

**Meeting time: 6:00 PM**

**Ticket price: \$25.** Must buy ticket in advance through TIC

**Friday, September 11 – Immigration Information Session**

This essential information session is for new students who weren't able to attend either the Orientation Program or an ISSO information session held in their school of enrollment. Topics include your immigration documents, maintaining legal student status, returning to the US after a trip abroad, and employment eligibility.

Bring your immigration documents--passport, I-94 card and I-20 (for F-1 status) or DS-2019 (for J-1 status). Students who haven't yet checked in with the ISSO before this date will be able to complete SEVIS registration at this session.

**Meeting time: 3:00 pm** in Room 614 Schermerhorn.

[http://www.columbia.edu/about\\_columbia/map/schermerhorn.html](http://www.columbia.edu/about_columbia/map/schermerhorn.html)

**Friday, September 11– Outdoor Dance Party at Pier 1**

Join hundreds of others who come to dance the night away at the open-air summer dance parties with the GlobeSonic Sound System DJs accompanied by the Body Temple Drummers, 7 – 11p.m. Pier 1 is on the Hudson at 70<sup>th</sup> St.

**Meeting time: 8 PM**

**Saturday, September 12 – Soccer Match: NY Red Bulls vs. the Kansas City Wizards**

This professional NY league soccer team plays their home matches at Giant Stadium in New Jersey. Their players come from 16 countries! See their roster at <http://web.mlssnet.com/players/roster.jsp?club=t107>.

**Ticket price: \$25**, includes stadium ticket and roundtrip transportation by bus from campus. Must buy ticket in advance from the TIC.

**Meeting time: 6:15 PM**