

Sunday, August 27, 2023
Welcome to Smith College!
Arrival Day

NOTE: We purposely have a light schedule today, since travel plans vary greatly from student to student. If you arrive earlier in the day, feel free to settle in and unpack your belongings.

Our first “official” event will happen after dinner, at 7pm. Until then, we’ll have a few informal activities happening in and around our Registration and Check-In location.

Attendance is required at all sessions marked with an asterisk (*).

- 12:00 – 8:00pm ***Registration and Check-In** *Wright Hall lobby*
Shuttles from Bradley International Airport, Hartford, CT and Boston Logan International Airport, Boston, MA to Smith College
Enter building from Chapin Lawn (use 3 Nielson Drive, Northampton, MA for GPS navigation to parking).
- 12:15 – 1:30pm **Student Lunch** *Various locations (Cutter/Ziskind, King, Lamont, Tyler, Gillett, Dawes houses)*
Throughout the week, students can choose a dining facility for breakfast, lunch, and dinner that will suit their needs and desires. Menus are available on the Dining website: <https://www.smith.edu/dining>. Family members are encouraged to explore some of the local cuisine downtown.
- 2:00 – 6:00pm **Various Activities led by ISP Leaders**
Sign-up sheets and more information will be available at Registration.
- 4:00 – 4:45pm **Introductions & Group Games** *Wright Hall lobby & Lewis Center*
Venture out of your new room and join your international classmates in a few introductions and get-to-know-you games, for those who have arrived on-campus.
- 4:45 – 5:30pm **Group Discussion: Shopping, Logistics, & Questions** *Wright Hall lobby & Lewis Center*
Get prepared for the week! Talk through resources on-campus and off-campus, and think about what your shopping list might include (or not include!) for tomorrow’s trip to the local mall.
- 5:30 – 7:00pm **Student Dinner** *Various locations (Cutter/Ziskind, King, Lamont, Tyler, Gillett, Dawes houses)*
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7:00 – 8:00pm

Opening Performance: Bomba de Aquí *Weinstein Auditorium, Wright Hall*

Bomba de Aquí is a local dance and music company that performs and teaches Afro-Puerto Rican traditions in western Massachusetts and central Connecticut. They provide workshops at schools and other community venues. They educate the community about the history of Afro-Puerto Rican music, foster understanding of the richness of Puerto Rican arts, and encourage active participation in that heritage. Come celebrate the start of ISP with some music and fun!

8:30pm

***Welcome to Your House!** *House Living Rooms*

You're not alone! Meet your Residence Life staff, Heads of New Students (HONS), as well as other students who have returned to campus early. Ask any questions you have regarding housing and living in Smith's diverse community! Report to your house's living room to gather with others in your house.

Monday, August 28, 2023

STUDENT SCHEDULE

7:30 – 8:45am	Breakfast <i>Various locations (Cutter/Ziskind, King, Lamont, Tyler, Gillett, Dawes houses)</i> Throughout the week, students can choose a dining facility for breakfast, lunch, and dinner that will suit their needs and desires. Menus are available on the Dining website: https://www.smith.edu/dining .
9:00 – 10:00am	*Program Overview & Welcome Session with Dean of the College <i>Helen Hills Hills Chapel</i> A joint session for families and students. Welcome remarks by Interim Dean of the College & Vice President for Campus Life Alexandra Keller.
10:00 – 10:45am	*Orientation Group Introductions <i>Various locations</i> Get a chance to meet your orientation group, which represents a cross-section of ISP!
10:45am – 12:15pm	*Scavenger Hunt! <i>Start on Chapin Lawn</i> Explore Smith's campus with your Orientation Group. Your group could even win a prize!
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1:30 – 5:30pm	Shopping trip to Holyoke Mall <i>Holyoke Mall at Ingleside, Holyoke, MA</i> Find all your housing needs at the local mall! <u>Bring your shopping list.</u> Bus sign-ups are located in Wright Hall lobby. Getting to the mall: 1:30pm Buses 1 & 2 departs from Smith, <i>John M. Green Hall</i> 2:15pm Bus 3 departs from Smith, <i>John M. Green Hall</i> Getting back from the mall: 4:00pm Bus 1 departs from Holyoke Mall 5:00pm Buses 2 & 3 depart from Holyoke Mall
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7:15 – 9:15pm	*Cultural Transitions – Part I: Culture & Self <i>Paradise Room, Conference Center</i> Work with ISSO staff to think through what “culture” is, and reflect on how you personally fit into different definitions or models. Follow the ISSO on Instagram (@smithcollege_iss) and join ISP 2023 on Slack! Tag ISP using #SmithIsGlobal or #SmithISP2023

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FAMILY SCHEDULE

- 8:30 – 9:00am **Parent/Family Registration** *Helen Hills Hills Chapel*
At registration, families/friends will receive name tags and a welcome bag.
- 9:00 – 10:00am **Welcome to Smith!** *Helen Hills Hills Chapel*
A joint session for families and students.
- 10:00 – 10:30am **Refreshment Break** *Alumnae House*
- 10:15 – 11:45am **Academic, Global Experiences & Career Resources Panel** *Alumnae House*
A panel discussion about the Smith student experience, moderated by Director of International Alumnae Relations and Development Jacqui DeFelice, featuring:
- Associate Dean of the College/Dean of Students Julianne Ohotnicky
 - Dean of the First Year Class Jane Stangl
 - Associate Dean for International Students & Scholars Caitlin Szymkowicz
 - Associate Dean for International Study Lisa Johnson
- 12:00pm **Free Time for Lunch**
Please enjoy one of our many Northampton area restaurants for lunch.
- 2:00 – 3:30pm **OPTIONAL TOURS** ([Please see here for a campus map](#))
- Botanic Garden**
Smith College Botanic Gardens (<https://garden.smith.edu/>) will be open 9am – 4pm.
- Smith College Museum of Art**
Smith College Museum of Art (<https://scma.smith.edu/>) will offer a ticket to enter the Smith College Museum of Art free of charge when you register on August 26th.
- Campus Walking Tour**
A booklet for [self-guided walking tours](#) of the campus will help you navigate. You will receive a hard copy of this in your welcome bag at registration on August 26th. Here you can experience a video recorded campus tour with Julie Graves '21: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Ed8hhEfM5c>.
- Smith College Campus Bookstore**
The Smith College Bookstore is located on the corner of Green Street & West Street. Visit <https://www.bkstr.com/smithstore/store-hours> to check store hours, email smith@bkstr.com or call 1(413) 585 4140.
- 4:00pm **Family Networking Tea** *Alumnae House*
An opportunity to get to know other international parents and meet staff/faculty from around campus. We are thrilled to be joined by Smith's new President, Sarah Willie-LeBreton.

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

TODAY YOU WILL NEED (Bring to breakfast):

Passport, Visa, Form I-20 (and \$25+ USD cash to open a bank account)

7:30 – 8:45am **Breakfast** *Various locations*
(Bring your passport, visa, and I-20!)

9:00am – 12:20pm ***GROUPS 1 - 3: Registration Rotations**

9:00 – 10:00am Group 1 – Smith is Global
Group 2 – Required Forms
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***Smith is Global** *Lewis Center, Wright Hall*

Register your documents with ISSO, and learn about Smith's global community. **Bring your passport, visa, and I-20!**

***Required Forms** *Seelye Hall 212*

Locate your I-94 Arrival Record, and complete other required paperwork in your Smith Workday account. **Bring your original passport, visa (no copies), and I-20! And know your Workday login info!**

***Health Services** *Schacht Health & Wellness Center, 21 Belmont Avenue*

Visit the Health & Wellness Center; Blood test and/or vaccinations required for some students. Make sure to drink lots of water and eat breakfast!

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1:45 – 2:30pm ***Immigration Workshop I: Documents & Maintaining Status** *Stoddard Auditorium*

Required for all students in F-1 visa status
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2:30 – 3:00pm **Money & Budgeting at Smith** *Stoddard Auditorium*

Learn about resources at Smith and at the ISSO to help with managing your finances in college.

3:15 – 3:45pm **US Health Insurance 101** *Stoddard Auditorium*

Private health insurance in the US is confusing, even to those who have grown up here! This session will talk about how to navigate US healthcare systems, and how to better understand your Smith Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance.

3:45 – 4:30pm ***Schacht Center for Health and Wellness, Counseling Services** *Stoddard Auditorium*

Meet staff from Counseling Services, and hear about resources for students.

- 4:45 – 5:30pm ***Student Financial Services (required if receiving Financial Aid)**
Stoddard Auditorium
David Belanger, Director of Student Financial Services (SFS)
Michael Ireland, Senior Associate Director of Outreach, Student Financial Services
An overview of Financial Aid policies at Smith. Bring any questions you have regarding your aid package.
- 5:30 – 7:00 pm **Dinner** *Various locations*
- 7:30 – 8:30pm **ISP Leader Academic Panel** *Stoddard Auditorium*
Learn more about academics at Smith from a panel discussion with your ISP leaders! Bring and ask any questions you have!
- 8:30 – 9:30pm **Introduction to International Orgs** *Stoddard Auditorium*
Come hear from returning international students about student organizations in which they take part! Learn about ways to get involved throughout the year.

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Lane Hall-Witt, Director of AMS Diploma Program
Participants in the Interdisciplinary Studies Diploma Program (ISDP) will gather to eat and discuss the program.

1:45 – 3:15pm ***Race & Ethnicity in the US *Stoddard Auditorium***
Marjorie Valdivia, Action Planning Project Coordinator & Facilitator, Office of Equity & Inclusion
Javier Puente, Associate Professor of Latin American and Latino/a Studies & Lewis Center Faculty Liaison
Learn more about race constructions in the US, and how racial and ethnic diversity play a role in campus conversations and the national environment.

3:25 – 4:25pm ***Cultural Transitions – Part II: Connections & Resilience *Stoddard Auditorium***
We'll take the next step in navigating your arrival to Smith: making connections with your fellow ISP-ers and developing strategies for resilience.

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5:30 – 7:00pm **Dinner** *Various locations*

7:30 – 10:00pm **Karaoke Night & Ice Cream Social!** *Cutter-Ziskind dining room*
Come enjoy an ice cream sundae (with all the toppings!) and join in a long-loved ISP tradition – KARAOKE! No singing ability required, but enthusiasm appreciated.

Thursday, August 31, 2023
Final ISP Day!

- 7:30 – 8:45am **Breakfast** *Various locations*
- 9:00 – 10:30am ***Gender & Sexuality at Smith** *Stoddard Auditorium*
Tobias Davis, Inclusion Education Trainer/Facilitator, Office for Equity & Inclusion
Annie Del Busto Cohen, Leadership Development Designer, Wurtele Center for Leadership
Engage in a rich discussion to understand the role and dynamics around gender identity and sexual orientation at Smith College and beyond.
- 10:45am – 12:15pm ***Writing at Smith** *Stoddard Auditorium*
Jane Stangl, Dean of the First-Year Class & Lecturer in Exercise & Sports Studies
Miranda McCarvel, Multilingual Writing Specialist & Lecturer in English Language & Literature and Education & Child Study
Learn about Smith’s system for academic advising, as well as about Smith’s Honor Code, cultural approaches to writing, and how to access resources for writing across languages. This information is relevant as a native or non-native English speaker.
- 12:15 – 1:30 pm **Lunch** *Various locations*
- 1:45 – 3:15pm ***Cultural Transitions – Step III: Reflection Writing** *Stoddard Auditorium*
In the busy days to come, it’s easy to jump right into the next program. We feel strongly that it’s important to reflect on all that you’ve experienced this week.
- 3:30 – 4:30 pm ***Meet & Greet Reception with International Faculty & Staff** *Seelye Lawn*
Want to know more people who have been “in your shoes”? This will be a chance to meet and talk with international faculty and staff members at Smith, who have connections to other countries around the world. And there will be ice cream and cold drinks!
- 5:00pm ***ISP Group Photograph** *Steps of John M. Green Hall*
We encourage you to wear traditional festive clothing, or your ISP t-shirt!
****Please arrive promptly (or a few minutes early!).****
- 6:00 – 7:00pm **Final Dinner** *Various locations*
- 7:00pm **ISP Closing Ceremony & Talent Showcase!** *Stoddard Auditorium*
We’ll close out the program with a few thank yous and prizes. Then we’ll turn it over to you – strut your stuff! Dance, sing, read a poem, show us something about home. Let’s celebrate your experience at ISP! Sign up at Wright Hall, or join in at the last minute!

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Friday, September 1, 2023 All-student orientation begins

- 7:30 – 8:45am **Breakfast** *Various locations*
- 8:00 – 11:00am ***Central Check-in** *Indoor Track and Tennis Facility (ITT)*
All new undergraduate students are welcome at Central Check-In. You've already completed your necessary steps during ISP, but here you will receive vital information about course registration and have the opportunity to connect with various campus departments and services. *Transfer Students and Ada Comstock Scholars are highly encouraged to stop by their applicable table at Central Check-In for specific information about their entry into Smith.*
- 8:00am – 1:00pm ***ISP Online Evaluation** *TBD by your leader*
Make plans as a group to find 15 minutes to meet up. Tell us what we've done well and how to make ISP even better next year. Maybe you can walk to Central Check-In or one of the other day's activities together!
- TBD **Shuttles to Social Security Administration** *Meet at Wright Hall lobby*
If you have a campus job, you will need to apply as soon as possible for a Social Security Number in the US. ISSO will have shuttles to the Social Security Administration during the week before classes begin. After that, ISSO will still assist students in applying, but you'll be responsible for your own transportation.

Please complete the online application for your social security number at: <https://www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/>. Then bring your original passport, entry visa, and I-20/DS-2019.

***You must have a job in order to apply for a Social Security Number. Signing up for a dining job satisfies this requirement!*

Sign up in Wright Hall lobby for a shuttle to take you to the Holyoke Social Security Office (200 High Street, Holyoke, MA).
♦ **Shuttle sign-ups will close at 12:00pm on Tuesday.**
♦ **If you have another job on campus, please drop off or email your Employment Evidence Form** to the ISSO (www.smith.edu/about-smith/isso/current/ssn-id) by Tuesday at 5pm.

If you would prefer to take public transportation to the SSA, the PVTA B-48 (Schedule: <https://www.pvta.com/schedules/B48.pdf>) runs from Holyoke to Northampton and costs \$1.50 cash each way.
- 11:30am - 12:30pm **Lunch for New Students and Families** *Various locations*
- 12:45pm ***President's Welcome Assembly** *John M. Greene Hall (JMG)*
All entering students and their families are invited to the president's first community address of the academic year.
- 1:45 – 2:45pm **Welcome Reception** *Chapin Lawn*

New students and their families are invited to an informal mixer to meet members of the faculty, administration, returning students and one another. Light refreshments will be served until 2:45 p.m., when you will want to start heading to your separate sessions.

AFTERNOON EVENTS TO FOLLOW!

Please refer to All-Student Orientation schedule on the Smith College app for First-Year Experience or on the Student Life web site under “For New Students”:

<https://www.smith.edu/student-life/orientation>.

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