

Spring Immigration Workshop (SIW)

Session Schedule

Monday, March 7, 2016

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), Worcester, MA

>> *Arrival/Registration Check-In 8:15 - 9:15 am*

Session I: 9:15 – 10:45 am

- Introduction to F-1 Basics (Mini-Workshop – Part I)
- SEVP Field Reps: What to Expect At Your First Visit, featuring current field reps
- Advocacy
- TPS, Asylee, and Refugee Status
- All J, All Day: Campus Policy Makers and J-1 Subpart A

>> *Break 10:45-11:00 am*

Session II: 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

- Introduction to F-1 Basics (Mini-Workshop – Part II)
- SEVIS I-17 Updates and Recertification
- An Overview of the H-1B Visa for F-1 Advisors
- Trends and Strategies: USCIS RFEs and Denials
- All J, All Day: J-1 Scholar Overview

>> **Lunch: 12:30 - 1:45 pm** *(provided as part of the SIW program)*

Session III: 2:00 – 3:30 pm

- Reinstatement
- STEM OPT Update
- Travel Updates and Hot Topics, featuring Department of State & CBP officials
- All J, All Day: J-1 Basics for Hosting Sponsored Students & Scholars on Your Campus

>> *Break 3:30-3:45 pm*

Session IV: 3:45 – 5:00 pm

- Updates from the Vermont Service Center, featuring USCIS-VSC representatives
- Taxes (yes, here we are again, and we're not going away!)
- SEVIS 6.23: Impact & Implications
- All J, All Day: J-1 Student Overview