TAX SCAMS
Tax Season is officially here and with that unfortunately comes scam artists. To help keep you safe here are some helpful tips. For more, please read the articles the tips were taken from.

Tips collected from:

• The IRS would not initiate a call to you about a tax debt. You would get a letter that is actually very polite and respectful.
• The IRS would not threaten to send police to arrest you.
• The IRS would not ask you to pay your debt using iTune gift cards or any other type of gift or debit cards.
• If you get a call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and you hadn’t called the agency, it is 100 percent a con.
• The IRS will not call you and demand payment for a tax bill.
• Some scammers are even telling folks they have to pay the bill with bitcoin.
• The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media; it sends letters by U.S. mail.

RUMORS RELATED TO H-4 EAD PROGRAM CHANGES
In May 2015, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) passed regulations allowing eligible H-4 dependents of H-1B visa holders with approved I-140 petitions for permanent residency to apply for Employment Authorization Documents (EAD). The EAD give these eligible foreign nationals permission to work legally in the United States as long as their H-1B spouses maintain status.

Recently, there have been rumors alluding to the current administration ending the H-4 EAD program. While new regulations have not been published yet, the DHS did issue a notice stating that they are in the process of proposing regulatory amendments that would eventually end the H-4 EAD program. Again, the proposed regulations have not yet been published.

Even with the introduction of these new amendments, this process will take several months before the new rules will go into effect. OIP will keep those affected updated on any changes. Visit Bordeau Immigration Law’s website for more information. https://www.kcvisa.com/.

UPCOMING EVENTS
ISI International Night “Potluck” Dinner
Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
Terrace Room at Colonial Presbyterian Church
9500 Wornall Rd. Kansas City, MO
Please Register at https://tinyurl.com/ydza55me

Culture Hour
Every Thursday, Noon in G004 Orr-Major
1st and 3rd Thursdays Wichita ITV in Prairie Room

Clinical Culture & Diversity Series
Tuesday, February 20, 2018
SON Auditorium 12-1 p.m.

The Fulbright Experience: Living Abroad
Presented by Abiodun Akinwuntan, PhD, MPH, MBA
Dean and Professor, School of Health Professions
University of Kansas Medical Center
Lunch is provided

*The November Clinical Culture & Diversity Series is part of Black History Month.

TAX WORKSHOPS
The Office of International Programs is sponsoring two FREE tax workshops with KU Lawrence Legal Services Department. The workshops will be held in G027 Dykes Library.
Thursday, March 29 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 6 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2018 EVENTS
Celebrate and Honor African American & Black History at KUMC

Biographical Posters of Researchers, Faculty & Staff
February 5-28, 2018, Daily, 1st Floor Murphy Hall

EVC Diversity & Inclusion Cabinet
February 15, 2018, 8:00-9:00 a.m.
SON Auditorium, Livestream/ITV available

BHM Research Day: Panel Discussion and Poster Session
February 27, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
SON Atrium & 4024
Poster Presentations 10:00 a.m.
Luncheon with Panel 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Summer 1938: Desegregation of the KU School of Medicine
Daily exhibit through February 28
Clendening History of Medicine Exhibit