Dear International Student and Scholar Community,

On Monday, March 6, 2017, the White House signed a new Executive Order (EO) which reinstates the travel ban for nationals from six countries: Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen. The Executive Order is effective at 12:01 A.M., Eastern Standard Time, on March 16, 2017. Here are some key points:

- Iraq has been removed from the original list of countries.
- Only individuals who are currently outside the U.S. and do not have a valid U.S. visa are affected by this EO. Persons in the US with valid multiple entry visas on the effective date of the EO are eligible for travel to and from the United States, provided that the visa remains valid and the individual is otherwise admissible to the U.S.
- The EO exempts lawful permanent residents of the U.S.
- The EO has an exemption for dual nationals (people who hold two passports) entering the U.S. on a passport issued by a non-designated country;
- Individuals granted asylum or refugee status before March 16, 2017 are not impacted;
- The EO also suspends the Visa Interview Waiver Program. All individuals applying for a non-immigrant visa (such as F-1 and J-1) will need to undergo an in-person interview. We anticipate that this EO will increase visa processing times for our students and scholars.

As with the previous Executive Order issued on January 27, 2017, this new EO may also be contested in the courts. Here is some advice regarding travel:

- International students and scholars who are not from one of these countries planning to travel over Spring Break should have no difficulty returning to the U.S. with their student visas. However please make sure you travel with all required documentation. The travel section of our website has great detail that will assist you. Please make sure you have your documents in order before departing for Spring Break.
- If you are a student or scholar from one of these six countries with an expired visa in your passport, we recommend that you avoid international travel at this time.
- If you are a student or scholar from one of these six countries with a valid multiple-entry visa, we still encourage you to refrain from travel until the situation becomes clearer.

If you have any concerns about travels plans, please consult an ISSS advisor by email or in person during our Walk In Advisor Hours.

The ISSS Office will continue to analyze this new EO and its impact on our community, and we will update you with any new developments. As always, please know that Stevens supports its international population. We believe our school and community are enriched by your presence, talents, and contributions.

Warm regards,
The ISSS Staff