

NIOT Weekly Digest: February 6, 2015

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FEBRUARY MEETING REMINDER

The next NIOT meeting will be on **Thursday, February 12 from 2 – 4pm** in Room 314, Bowen-Thompson

Student Union. Minutes from the January 15th meeting will be sent prior to the meeting. All NIOT meetings are open to the public.

Free Parking passes are available for off-campus guests attending the NIOT meeting. Prior to each campus meeting, we will send a new parking permit. These are only valid on the date listed and for the particular lots. These passes will allow you to park only in Lots E, F, 3, 4 across the street from the Union along Thurston. You can access a formal parking map here: http://www.bgsu.edu/content/dam/BGSU/parking-services/documents/Parking_Map_Fall_2014.pdf

NIOT COMMUNITY PHOTOSHOOT AT WINTERFEST

Please join us at Winterfest taking place next weekend (February 13th and 14th). Due to the contributions we received, we are able to participate by having an Ice Sculpture at the event. It will be displayed on Friday, February 13 from 6:00 p.m. until Sunday, February 15 at 5:00 p.m. *We are planning to take a picture in front of the sculpture with anyone who would like to be in the picture (wear your buttons and shirts!) on Saturday, February 14 at 10:00 a.m.* We do not know the exact location of the sculpture, however, they will be lined on either side of Main Street within the one block of Wooster and Clough Street.

SAVE THE DATE: March 6, 2015 – INTERFAITH COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

On Friday, March 6, 2015, NIOT BG in partnership with the City of Bowling Green, BGSU and other groups will be coordinating an Interfaith Community Breakfast with the theme of “Building Pathways toward Peace together”. The event will take place from 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Simpson Garden Park (1291 Conneaut Ave). To RSVP your spot, please contact Carol Lenox at church.office@fumcbg.org or at 419-353-0682. (Flier is attached.)

Taste of February – February 6, 2015

Taste of February will be held on Friday, February 6, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in Room 101 Olscamp Hall. The registration form is available at <https://orgsync.com/98234/forms/129308>. This event is free to all students, but space is limited, so don't wait to sign up!

The theme this year is “The Harlem Renaissance”, and we ask that you come to the event dressed in period correct clothing if possible. (If not, nice pants and a nice shirt will do. No jeans, leggings, or sweats, please.) The SMART Program coordinates this effort on behalf of the Office of Residence Life. For additional information, please contact the SMART Program office at 419-372-9428.

ArtTalk by Contemporary Artist LaShawnda Crowe Storm

On Friday February 6, 2015, the BGSU Graduate Art Student Organization will host an ArtTalk by contemporary artist and founder of The Lynch Quilts Project, LaShawnda Crowe Storm. The talk, "Art as a Vehicle for Dialogue and Social Change," will take place at 6pm in Room 204 of the Fine Arts Center. The Lynch Quilts Project is a community-based initiative that explores the history and ramifications of the racial violence, particularly lynching, in the United States through the textile tradition of quilting. The project itself consists of six quilts that explore the phenomenon of lynching through the perspective of gender, collective memory, communal conflict, politics, and healing. During February 5, 2015-March 5, 2015 Quilt I of the Lynch Quilts Project, *Her Name Was Laura Nelson*, will be on exhibition in the lobby of the Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery.

The 2015 Ray Browne Conference on Cultural and Critical Studies

Cultural Landscapes and Critical Possibilities: Perspectives on the Local & Global

The Ray Browne Conference on Cultural and Critical Studies aims to create a space for inter- and cross-disciplinary dialogue in the fields of Popular Culture Studies, Cultural Studies, American Studies, Ethnic Studies,

Women's Studies, Communications, History, Literature, Rhetoric and related fields. The conference begins on Friday, February 13th and runs through Sunday, February 15th. To learn more:

<http://bgsu.orgsync.com/org/pcs/a/conference>

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS AT BGSU

February marks the start of Black History Month in the United States. There are a number of events taking place throughout BGSU and the community. The full listing on events can be found here:

<http://www.bgsu.edu/black-history-month.html>

SAVE THE DATE – February 24, 2015, "BREAKING STEREOTYPES"

On February, 24, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., the Graduate Student Senate is hosting "*Breaking Stereotypes: Who I Am and Who You think I am.*" This program is a diversity/educational event aimed at addressing discrimination and stereotyping of people of minority backgrounds. This event will be located in 101A Olscamp Hall. This event will include a panel discussion from students and other individuals talking about different stereotypes and training. For more information, please contact Michael Smith at smimich@bgsu.edu. A flier is attached.

SAVE THE DATE: 16th Annual Black Issues Conference, February 28, 2015

The 16th Annual Black Issues Conference, sponsored by the Black Graduate Student Organization and the Office of Multicultural Affairs, will be held on Saturday, February 28th from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., in the Bowen Thompson Student Union. The keynote speaker will be Wes Hall. To Register:

<http://www.bgsu.edu/multicultural-affairs/black-issues-conference/register-for-the-black-issues-conference.html>. The conference is Free to BGSU students; non-BGSU students is \$20; staff, faculty and community members is \$30.

iStand ADVOCACY TRAINING

The iSTAND Advocacy Training program was created by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Center for Leadership to help teach participants practical skills for addressing micro aggressions in our society and to stand up and advocate for others. Upcoming iSTAND Advocacy Training dates include March 19th, March 31st, and April 9th. Register here: <https://orgsync.com/8315/forms/127550> . For more information, please contact Claire Austin at clairea@bgsu.edu .

INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE

The Center for Leadership is continuing with the Inclusive Leadership Certificate (ILC) that was first done in Fall 2014. It is now a partnership with the Office of Multicultural Affairs. The ILC is six-part program that will help you develop the attitudes, knowledge, and skills for inclusive leadership in an increasingly diverse world. Employers are looking for leaders who value and develop inclusive leadership skills. The ILC is the perfect way to incorporate that competency into your leadership toolkit, meet people who share your interests, and contribute to making BGSU a more inclusive community. The first session begins on Monday, February 23rd. Register at <https://orgsync.com/8315/forms/127305> . For more information, please contact Claire Austin at clairea@bgsu.edu .

LGBTQ+ LEADERSHIP SERIES

The LGBTQ+ Leadership Series is a semester-long curriculum of six sessions, each detailing a different aspect of the intersection of leadership and the LGBTQ+ community. Sessions range from focusing on leadership styles, the history of the queer sexualities and gender identities, identification of racism within the LGBTQ+ community, fostering allyship, and more. For more information, please contact Vern Cooper at

cooperv@bgsu.edu on attending.

GIVING TO NIOT BG

As NIOT BG prepares to mark its second anniversary this April 2015, one of our goals is to ensure that this effort remains sustainable and viable. In order to ensure this, we need to develop more steady streams of funding. NIOT BG does not get any formal funding from the University and the City. Nonetheless, we have been able to make things happen through the generous donations and contributions of different university/city offices and individuals, as well as the in-kind efforts of many campus and community volunteers.

We are pleased to announce that we can now accept tax-deductible donations and contributions. We have been able to open a formal account through the BGSU Foundation. This will allow individuals and others to donate and contribute funds specifically for NIOT BG initiatives.

We also understand that some members of the community may feel uncomfortable in donating funds to a BGSU account. We are working on finalizing an account with the BG Community Foundation and hope to have those details available in the next few weeks.

We are now collecting donations and contributions. There will also be a way to donate online as well, but this is not active as of yet. The attachment in today's Digest is a copy of the pledge form.

#LIVENIOTBG

NIOT has introduced a new hashtag **#LIVENIOTBG** as a way to highlight strategies and other ways that individuals are living by the NIOT pledge. Join us in spreading the positive message of NIOT through this new hashtag.

INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

NIOT has three working groups – Outreach Initiatives, Education & Programs and Marketing & Public Relations. We are looking for interested individuals to help with these efforts. If interested, please sign-up via this link: <http://tinyurl.com/lvexb9k>. The respective heads of the working groups on the next steps will contact you.

VIDEO LIBRARY

BGSU and BG now have a video library of NIOT films. A full listing can be found here: <http://www.bgsu.edu/not-in-our-town/video-library.html> These DVDs are available for check out and can be reserved by emailing niot@bgsu.edu.

UPCOMING DIVERSITY EVENTS

An added feature to the NIOT Weekly Digest will be a listing of diversity-related events in the BGSU & BG community for the upcoming week. If you have events that you would like listed, please contact Gary or myself (emails listed below).

Friday, February 6, 2015

ArtTalk by Indianapolis Contemporary Artist:

LaShawnda Crowe Storm

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

204 Fine Arts Center, BGSU

Taste of February

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

101 Olscamp Hall (RSVP Required)

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

Movie Night sponsored by the Black Student Union

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Business Administration 1000

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

Women's Center Discussion Series: *Feel the Burn: Jane Fonda and the 1980s Fitness Revolution*

12:00 p.m. -1:00 p.m., 107 Hanna Hall

Ethnic Student Center Discussion Series:

“But you don’t LOOK like a...”

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., 318 B Math Sciences

Thursday, February 12, 2015

NIOT BG Monthly Meeting

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., 314 BTSU

LGBTQ+ Leadership Series: *Social Identities & Connecting LGBTQ+ Histories*

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Olscamp 229

I.N.T.E.R.S.E.C.T.I.O.N.S.

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., 318 B Math Sciences

Friday, February 13, 2015

Black History Month Assemblies

BGHS Auditorium

9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

17th Annual Africana Studies Student Research Conference

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Olscamp 101

Winterfest begins (*and continues through weekend*)

6:00 p.m.

Downtown Bowling Green

Saturday, February 14, 2015

NIOT Community Photo shoot at the Ice Sculpture

10:30 a.m.

Downtown Bowling Green

Ray and Pat Browne Keynote Address: AtPeace Matika Taylor of Detroit Water Brigade, *“Water Goes, Where Energy Flows”*: An Exploration of How the Current of Popular Culture Affects the Tidal Wave of the Global Water Crisis

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Theater Room 206, BTSU

Battleground States Keynote Address:

Brittney Cooper, Rutgers University and Crunk Feminist Collective
We Can't Breathe: Making Black Lives Matter in the 21st Century
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Theater Room 206, BTSU

Sunday, February 15, 2015

Featured Workshop: *Justin Wedes of Detroit Water Brigade, Where the Tweets Meet the Streets: How Social Media Does (and Doesn't) Transform Social Justice Work*

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.
Mylander Room 207, BTSU

** Please feel free to share this Weekly Digest with interested colleagues and friends. If individuals and groups want to receive the emails, they can sign-up at the NIOT website at www.bgsu.edu/notinourtown or contact Gary or myself. **

If you have items that you wish to be included for future editions of the NIOT Weekly Digest, you can submit to: niot@bgsu.edu.
You can also contact the NIOT Co-Chairs, Ray Plaza (rplaza@bgsu.edu) or Rev. Gary Saunders (pastorgary@bgpresb.org)