

NIOT Weekly Digest: January 23, 2015

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#BLACK LIVES MATTER – A Community Discussion

Last night on Thursday, January 22nd, NIOT BG hosted a Community discussion focused on #Black Lives Matter at the Wood County Public Library (Downtown BG). Almost 60 individuals from throughout the community came out to engage and dialogue with each other. Topics ranged from discussing the meaning and roots behind #blacklivesmatter, to the role of social media, to the role of community members in engaging with topics of diversity and social justice in a college community to a discussion about what each individual could

do in this area. Thanks to everyone that came out.

We look forward to continued dialogue and discussion on this and other topics.

Special thanks to Tobias Spears for facilitating the discussion and to those involved in the planning process Vicky Kulike, Susana Peña and Jackie Luedtke. In addition, thanks to the Wood County Library for the usage of the space and to Kabob-It for the food.

KUDOS ON THE MLK CELEBRATIONS

NIOT BG wanted to acknowledge the efforts of everyone involved in the planning of the MLK Celebrations that recently took place in the BG Community. It was an excellent series of events from the 26th MLK Celebration hosted by the City of Bowling Green and the Human Relations Commission, the annual Day of Service on MLK Day sponsored by the Office for Service Learning at BGSU and concluded with the BGSU MLK Keynote given by former President Sidney A. Ribeau. We look forward to next year's efforts.

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". More details to come in early February in regards to time, place and RSVP details.

NIOT: FACULTY FOCUS SERIES

On January 26th, Dr. Lisa Hanasono will be giving a presentation from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. in 202 University Hall on service-learning and community-building. Her presentation is part of the Office of Service-Learning's Faculty Focus Series. In addition to chatting about service-learning, she plans to feature some of her COMM 3030 students' NIOT projects and activities at this event. All are welcome to attend! (*PDF of 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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: 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.

#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).

Monday, January 26th

Faculty Focus Series: Dr. Lisa Hanasono

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

202 University Hall

Wednesday, January 28th

Women's Center Discussion Series:

The Super Bowl and Sex Trafficking

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

Ethnic Student Center Discussion Series: *Suis-je Charlie?*

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

LGBTQ+ Leadership Series

Session #2 – Dismantling Racism

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

TBA (please contact Vern Cooper at cooperv@bgsu.edu)

Thursday, January 29th

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, January 30th

Feminist Resistance to Web Personalization in an Age of Digital Surveillance in Facebook Advertisements

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., 107 Hanna Hall (Women's Center)

** 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)