

NIOT Weekly Digest: February 27, 2015

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MARCH MEETING REMINDER

The next NIOT meeting will be on Thursday, March 5, 2015 from 2 – 4pm at the BG City Council Chambers. The Chambers are located in the City Administrative Services Building on 304 North Church Street. Minutes from the February meeting will be shared prior to the meeting next week. The meetings are open and all are encouraged to attend.

March 6, 2015 – INTERFAITH COMMUNITY BREAKFAST – SPOTS AVAILABLE ** RSVP ASAP **

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 a.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.

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. *Registration is closed, but interested individuals can still attend sessions but may not be able to attend the lunch due to space limitations.*

TEA CULTURAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE NIGHT, March 2, 2015

The College of Education's International Democratic Education Institute (IDEI) and the Office of Multicultural Affairs are hosting 18 Teaching Excellence and Achievement (TEA) Fellows from 17 different countries. TEA is a six-week professional development program for secondary (middle and high school) school teachers. This year, our TEA fellows are from Azerbaijan, Bolivia, Cambodia, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Guatemala, India, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nigeria, Peru, South Africa, Sudan, Vietnam, and Yemen. These teachers are going to do interactive presentations on some aspects of their country's culture and education.

This event takes place on March 2, 2015 in the Pallister Conference Room in the Jerome Library beginning at 5:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Dr. Sharon Subreenduth at 419-372-7510 or Dr. Krishna Han at 419-372-2642.

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The month of March is Women's History Month throughout the country. The BGSU Women's Center and the Women's Gender & Sexuality Studies program has planned a variety of events throughout the month for the BGSU and BG community. A listing of the different programs can be found at: <http://www.bgsu.edu/womens-center/events-and-programs/womens-history-month.html>.

BG4Unity: LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We invite YOU to take a stand against hate by supporting BG4Unity! BG4Unity is a community-based project that encourages people to use social media more responsibly to advocate against hate AND offer messages of hope to those affected by discrimination. Every day, thousands of hurtful and careless messages are shared on sites like Twitter, Yik Yak, and Facebook. BG4Unity strives to provide a contrast to this sea of negativity by spreading more positive, thoughtful, and constructive social media messages.

YOU can make a difference! Getting involved is FREE and easy:

1. Like them on Facebook: www.facebook.com/BG4Unity
2. Follow them on Twitter (@BG4Unity)
3. Share YOUR Message by posting a BG4Snapshot:
 - Write a message that challenges a stereotype or takes a stand against hate
 - Take a selfie with the photo.
 - Post it on their Facebook page and/or share it on Twitter with the hashtag #BG4Unity

NIOT BG ON FACEBOOK

This week, NIOT BG unveiled its new Facebook page. Follow us (by liking the page) at **Not In Our Town**

Bowling Green for photos, latest news, and updates. Here is the direct link:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Not-In-Our-Town-Bowling-Green/411179839042009>

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 started 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.

Information about Giving to NIOT BG is now available on the website: www.bgsu.edu/notinourtown. Please consider making a gift today.

NATIONAL NIOT NEWS

NIOT BG is part of the broader Not In Our Town Movement. We are grateful for the support and encouragement that they have provided during this effort. Recently, the National NIOT released its 2013-2014

Progress Report and NIOT BG is prominently featured, especially on the cover with BGSU students (Kevin Lewis, Luke Grabski and Vivienne Felix). You can access the report via this link:

<https://www.niot.org/progress/2014>

#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 rplaza@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).

Note: BTSU = The Bowen Thompson Student Union

Friday, February 27, 2015

Black Lives Matter! A critical discussion #BlackLivesMatter

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Room 207, BTSU

Black Student Union's Legacy Dinner: We're Still Standing

6:30 p.m. – 8:30p.m.

Lenhart Grand Ballroom, BTSU

Limited Tickets may be available at the door

Chinese New Year Celebration!

101 Olscamp Hall

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$10.00 (can be purchased at the door)

Saturday, February 28, 2015

16th Black Issues Conference

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Lenhart Grand Ballroom, BTSU

Monday, March 2, 2015

Inclusive Excellence Certificate

Session 2: Me & You – Different Perspectives

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

BTSU 315

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Women's Center Discussion Series: *Education for Girls: Global Reflections from IREX-TEA Teachers*

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

Ethnic Student Center Discussion Series:

Martyrs & Mavericks: Are We Waiting on the Next MLK?

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

Thursday, March 5, 2015

NIOT BG Monthly Meeting

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

BG City Council Chambers

City Administrative Services Building

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, March 6, 2015

Inaugural Community Interfaith Breakfast

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Simpson Garden Building

(1291 Conneaut Ave)

** 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)