

NIOT Weekly Digest: January 30,, 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

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. Any donation/contribution is appreciated.

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

More information will be posted on the Not In Our Town website next week. However, 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.

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.

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.

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).

Sunday, February 1, 2015

“The Bible and Gay Marriage” Class

The worship service is at 10 a.m.; the class will be at 11:30 a.m.

126 S. Church Street

The First Presbyterian Church

Monday, February 2, 2015

#WeAreHere Part 1: Celebration of presence and kickoff to Black History Month

12:30 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.

Falcon's Nest, Bowen-Thompson Student Union

Call To Action Updates and Open forum

9:15 p.m.

Business Administration 106

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

Ethnic Student Center Discussion Series:

Are You an Ally for Social Justice?

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

Thursday, February 5, 2015

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

Holocaust Speaker: Mr. Leslie (Laszlo) Schwartz

sponsored by Hillel & History Club

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

210 Math Sciences

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

** 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)