

# NIOT Weekly Digest: April 17, 2015

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## **THANK YOU for making the Film Premiere a Success**

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone that was able to attend and make the Film Premiere of “A Bowling Green Legacy” a huge success at the Clazel. It was a fitting occasion as we marked the second anniversary of the NIOT effort in Bowling Green.

Special thanks to our panelists, which included: Chief Brad Conner, BG Police; Chief Monica Moll, BGSU Police; Sandy Rowland; Heather Saylor; Vicky Kulicke; Tobias Spears; Luke Grabski; Adriana Darris; Kevin Lewis and Arpan Yagnik.

In addition, a special thanks to The Clazel Theatre, the Human Relations Commission, Grounds for Thought and BGSU's Access Diversity and Inclusion Programs Area for their contributions.

### **THANK YOU for participating in the NIOT Informal Discussions**

Thanks to everyone that participated in the three stakeholder informal discussions with officials from National NIOT. They appreciated your candidness and perspective and this will help to continue to grow and advance the effort. Special thanks to the Wood County Library.

### **ADDITIONAL SHOWINGS OF "A BOWLING GREEN LEGACY"**

Currently, NIOT BG is working on scheduling additional showings of the NIOT Film over the next few weeks and months. If you are interested in hosting a screening and wanting representatives from NIOT BG to assist in facilitating a showing and discussion, please contact Ray Plaza ([rplaza@bgsu.edu](mailto:rplaza@bgsu.edu)) and/or Gary Saunders ([pastorgary@bgpresb.org](mailto:pastorgary@bgpresb.org)).

### **NIOT PRESENTATION AT BOWLING GREEN BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

This upcoming Tuesday, April 21, representatives from NIOT BG will be doing a short presentation in front of the Board of Education for the Bowling Green City Schools during the first part of the meeting. The meeting begins at 5:00 p.m., in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center, and is open to the public. We would welcome support from the community and would encourage you to wear your NIOT shirts and buttons.

NIOT BG looks forward to working with the BG City Schools in helping to introduce Not In Our Town to this important facet of the Bowling Green community.

### **RAINBOW DAYS CONCLUDES**

The week of Rainbow Days events concludes with a series of programs this Friday and Saturday. Rainbow Days was filled with a variety of programs and activities that helped to promote and educate the community about LGBTQ issues.

### **ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION**

The Asian Heritage Month Celebrations officially start this Saturday with the annual Ohanami Cherry Blossom Festival. The Celebration consists of a wide variety of programs throughout the remainder of April into early May. Programs for this week are listed below and a formal schedule is attached. For more information, please contact Dr. Krishna Han at [krishh@bgsu.edu](mailto:krishh@bgsu.edu)

### **TOSS THE TIARA**

Organized by students in CCS 3710 course (Race, Gender, and Culture in Community Based Practice), Toss the Tiara is an alternative dress-up day to challenge gender stereotypes in young children. Aimed at children aged 3-6, the fun event encourages girls and boys to explore beyond princesses and superheroes! At Toss the Tiara kids visit stations related to careers in which women and minorities are under-represented, such as chemists, farmers, artists, athletes, etc. At each station, kids get to play dress-up, engage in activities and games, and learn about those fields. The event takes place on Sunday, April 19th from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Veteran's Hall, City Park (Bowling Green, Ohio)

For more information, please contact Dr. Rainey at [sarah@bgsu.edu](mailto:sarah@bgsu.edu) or 419-372-6949 for more information. Please visit [www.tossthetiara.org](http://www.tossthetiara.org) for more information, or “like” us on facebook!

### **THE BOL AWENG STORY**

Bol Aweng, a “Lost Boy of South Sudan”, will be speaking on Sunday, April 19th from 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. in Olscamp 101. Bol will speak about the current situation of South Sudan, a nation that is experiencing genocide, war, and famine; and how he journeyed his way through Africa to flee to the states. This event is free of charge to all, but the group (Aid for Change) will be accepting donations that will all be directly sent to Piol Clinic, a clinic in South Sudan that aims to assist people who suffer from the country’s widespread famine.

### **LATINO AWARENESS WEEK**

The Latino Student Union’s Latino Awareness Week (LAW) officially kicks off this weekend and includes a variety of events for the university and local community. Events range from a Potluck with students in the Spanish Language Learning community (La Comunidad), to testing your knowledge of U.S. History as you take the U.S. Citizenship test, to learning about aspects of Latino culture and culminating with the annual LSU Formal (semi-formal dinner) and Latino night celebration. Events listed below and flyer is attached. For more information, please contact Kandann Coleman ([kandanc@bgsu.edu](mailto:kandanc@bgsu.edu)).

### **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](http://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**

NIOT BG is on Facebook. 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>

### **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](http://www.bgsu.edu/notinourtown). Please consider making a gift today.

### **#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](mailto: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, April 17, 2015***

##### **LGBTQ + homelessness and sex work**

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Hanna Hall 107 (Women's Center)

##### **Oye Loca: A Narrative of Cuban Queer Culture by Dr. Susana Peña**

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Business Administration Bldg., 101

##### **Grad Pride Graduate Student Panel**

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Math Sciences 236

##### **World Student Association (WSA) Karaoke Night**

7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Business Administration 112

##### **Envisioning Wonderland**

VISIONS Annual Queer Prom  
9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.  
Harshman Community Room  
(Enter side facing McDonald's)

***Saturday, April 18, 2015***

**Ohanami Cherry Blossom Festival**

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
BTSU Lenhart Grand Ballroom

**Not So Straight Skate**

9:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.  
BGSU Ice Arena

***Sunday, April 19, 2015***

**Toss the Tiara: Alternative Dress-up Day for Ages 3-6**

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Veteran's Hall, City Park  
Bowling Green

**La Comunidad/LSU Potluck**

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Kohl Hall, First floor kitchen

**The Bol Aweng Story: A Lost Boy from Sudan**

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Olscamp Hall, 101

***Monday, April 20, 2015***

**Latino Awareness Week Kickoff**

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
BTSU Oval (outside)

**Asian American Heritage Month Kickoff**

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Mileti Alumni Center

**Toxic Communities**

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
BTSU 316

***Tuesday, April 21, 2015***

**Conversation about Japanese Internment**

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
BTSU 314

**Volunteering with La Conexión**

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church (126 S. Church Street)

**Comedian: Elliott Chang**

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

BTSU Multipurpose Room

**Wednesday, April 22, 2015**

**Earth Day Activities** through BGSU Campus

**Women's Center Discussion Series:** *“The Catskills in Crumbles: Reviving Jewish Memories through the exploration of abandoned and decayed resorts”*

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall

**Desi Youth Hanging Out in Digital Diaspora**

Presented by Dr. Radhika Gajjala

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Olscamp 120

**Can you pass the U.S. Citizenship Test?** With guest speaker Baldemar Velasquez

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

BTSU 207

**Documentary: “American Revolutionary: The Evolution of Grace Lee Boggs”**

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Film Screening

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Discussion facilitated by Dr. Lisa Hanasono

Gish Theatre, Hanna Hall 104

**“Let's Talk Marginalization”** by Delta Xi Phi Multicultural Sorority Inc.

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Hanna Hall 207

**Thursday, April 23, 2015**

**Asian American Stereotypes and Reflections**

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

BTSU 208

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

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Math Sciences 318B

**Quien Soy! Talent Showcase**

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Math Sciences 210

**Friday, April 24, 2015**

**Cost of Poverty Experience**

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Olscamp 101

**Cultural Appreciation Expo** (*featuring art work and performances*)

10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Hanna Hall 208

**Culture Shock!** by Delta Xi Phi Multicultural Sorority, Inc.

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Business Administration 1001

**Asian American Students, Faculty, Staff Social Potluck**

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Carter House (located behind Wood County Library)

***Saturday, April 25, 2015***

**LSU “Carnaval” Formal** – Semiformal dinner

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Harshman Community Room (across the street from McDonald’s on Wooster)

**Latino Night Celebration**

10:30 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.

Guajillo’s (1096 North Main Street)

\*\* 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](http://www.bgsu.edu/notinourtown) or contact Gary or Ray. \*\*

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](mailto:niot@bgsu.edu).  
You can also contact the NIOT Co-Chairs, Ray Plaza ([rplaza@bgsu.edu](mailto:rplaza@bgsu.edu)) or Rev. Gary Saunders ([pastorgary@bgpresb.org](mailto:pastorgary@bgpresb.org))