

NIOT Weekly Digest: April 10, 2015

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PREMIERE OF “A BOWLING GREEN LEGACY” on April 14th

Mark your calendars and join us on Tuesday, April 14th, as the NIOT produced film, “A Bowling Green Legacy” will be premiered in Bowling Green. The event will take place from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at The Clazel. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The event is FREE and OPEN to the entire community.

The event will feature the film premiere as well as a panel discussion with various stakeholders representing the university, city and community. In addition, officials from the National Not In Our Town movement will be here for the premiere. This event helps to mark the second anniversary of the NIOT effort in the BG community.

NIOT INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH KEY STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

As part of the events surrounding the Film Premiere of “A Bowling Green Legacy” by Not In Our Town (Tuesday, April 14th), a series of informal discussions will be held between April 13th – April 15th for the different stakeholders in this effort. You are invited to participate in a series of informal discussions led by the National NIOT representatives. For the purposes of the discussion, three separate discussions have been scheduled for the three primary stakeholders (BGSU Students; BGSU Faculty/Staff; BG Community/Officials). Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

If your schedule permits, we would welcome your participation. While not required, you can RSVP your attendance by contacting Ray or Gary.

BGSU Students: Monday, April 13, 2015

8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Education Building 114

BG Community Members/Local Officials - Tuesday, April 14, 2015

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Carter House (behind the Wood County Library)

BGSU Faculty/Staff - Wednesday, April 15, 2015

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; McFall 140 (OED Conference Room)

DIVERSITY IN THE NEWS

NIOT BG will periodically spotlight events and news taking place around the country/world focused on diversity-related challenges and concerns. As mentioned previously, we understand that each of us has a choice in how and where we get our news. Whether it is social media, radio, television or print.

If you have not heard, we encourage you to consider the following sample of recent headlines from this week:

- Murder charges filed against South Carolina Police Officer that shot and killed an unarmed Walter Scott
- President Obama calls for end of LGBT ‘conversion’ therapy
- April 9th marked the 150th anniversary of the end of the U.S. Civil War in 1865
- Voters in Springfield, Missouri repealed protections for LGBT residents

Even though these events have not taken place here in Bowling Green, they still have an impact. NIOT BG will continue to monitor current events and provide opportunities for awareness, dialogue and engagement as necessary.

APRIL PROGRAMMING

April on the BGSU Campus/BG community will consist of a wide variety of programs and activities dealing with themes and topics related to Not In Our Town. Over the next few weeks, we will provide additional details regarding the following programs and more:

- Rainbow Days (April 12 – 18) – flyer attached
- Asian American Heritage Month (April 18 – May 1) – flyer attached

- Latino Awareness Week (April 18 – 25)

These will be great opportunities to learn more and to engage on the related topics.

The 5TH ANNUAL LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINO/A STUDIES STUDENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The 5th Annual Latin American and Latino/a Studies Research Conference, featuring original scholarship by BGSU graduate and undergraduate students, and alumni, will take place on Monday, April 13. Research panels (in English and/or Spanish) are scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Room 314 (BTSU). Please see the attached program for details about presenters & topics.

At 4:00 p.m., they will have the keynote speech “Looking at La Frontera Tijuana-San Diego Border” (BTSU Theater (Rm. 206)) by photojournalist David Maung, followed by a reception and the kick-off his photo exhibit “Looking for Calm in the Chaos, 20 Years in Tijuana, Mexico” in the Union Gallery.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Thursday, April 16th marks the annual Holocaust Remembrance Day, also known as Yom HaShoah. BGSU Hillel welcomes Rene Lichtman, Holocaust survivor, to speak about his experience as a hidden child during the Holocaust in France. The talk will be followed by a Q&A panel session with guests of various backgrounds related to the Holocaust. It will be from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in Olscamp 111.

The panelists are: Rene Lichtman, Ph.D. – Child Survivor of the Holocaust; Judith Wahrman, Ph.D. - Professor of Education, University of Findlay; Jamie Wraight – Curator of the “Voice/Vision Holocaust Survivor Oral History Archive” at University of Michigan-Dearborn; Sheila Solhtalab – Ph.D. Candidate at the University of Toledo

If you have any questions, please contact Hillel President, Emily Daiell (edaiell@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 sasarah@bgsu.edu or 419-372-6949 for more information. Please visit 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.

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

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>



Not In Our Town Bowling Green | Facebook

This is the official Facebook page for Not In Our Town Bowling Green (NIOT BG).

[Read more...](#)

GIVING TO NIOT BG

As NIOT BG 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: <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.

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 10, 2015

Prime time Showcase Stroll Competition part of NPHC Week

7:00 p.m.

Olscamp 101

**Tickets are on sale at the front desk in the Union. They are \$7 general and \$5 for Greeks. At the door, prices will be \$7 for Greeks and \$10 general.

Saturday, April 11, 2015

Carnival of Huejotzingo

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

204 Fine Arts Building

“Roots of Royalty” African People’s Association Celebration and Dinner

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Olscamp 101

Tickets: \$10.00

Monday, April 13, 2015

2nd Annual Queer Art Show

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

BTSU 201

NIOT Informal Discussion with BGSU Students

8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Education Building 114

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

NIOT Informal Discussion with BG Community/Officials

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Carter House (behind Wood County Library)

“No Bullying, No Shame: Making Kids Books That Love Kids Back” by S. Bear Bergman

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Wood County Library Meeting Room (childcare provided)

NIOT Film Premiere: “A Bowling Green Legacy”

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

The Clazel

127 N. Main Street, BG

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Women's Center Discussion Series: “Can you see me now? A perform study of Femme Invisibility

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Women’s Center, 107 Hanna Hall

NIOT Informal Discussion with BGSU Faculty/Staff

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

McFall 140

Lavender Graduation

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

BTSU 201

Delta Lambda Phi Drag Show “Polished”

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

BTSU Lenhart Grand Ballroom

Thursday, April 16, 2015

Inclusion and Non-Discrimination in the Work Place

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Business Administration 109

Open to Students - Please RSVP to CFaulkn@bgsu.edu

Holocaust Remembrance Day Panel

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Olscamp 111

Body Diversity

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Math Sciences 318B

Collaboration or Competition work as People of Color

7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

BTSU 316

Friday, April 17, 2015

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

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Business Administration Bldg., 101

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

The Bol Aweng Story: A Lost Boy from Sudan

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Olscamp Hall, 101

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