

NIOT Weekly Digest: February 20, 2015

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THANK YOU for WINTERFEST

We want to thank everyone that made NIOT BG’s participation in Winterfest a reality. Even with the snowy weather, we were able to have a community photo op this past Saturday. Photos will be posted soon. A

special thanks to those that contributed funding to make this possible.

SAVE THE DATE: March 6, 2015 – INTERFAITH COMMUNITY BREAKFAST -

**** RSVP Deadline is Monday, February 23rd ****

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. Spots are limited.

WOOD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN SUNDAY

The Wood County District Public Library is hosting an African American Read-In program this Sunday, February 22nd at 2:00 pm in the Children's Place Programming Room. Shriley Faulkner-Springfield, a Ph.D. candidate in the BGSU Department of English, is partnering with the library and organizing readers of all ages to share short selections from Jacqueline Woodson's award winning novel, *Brown Girl Dreaming*. This Read-In was inspired by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English and is locally sponsored by the Bowling Green Not In Our Town campaign. Refreshments will be served.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS AT BGSU

February marks the start of Black History Month in the United States. There are a number of events taking place throughout BGSU and the community. The full listing on events can be found here:

<http://www.bgsu.edu/black-history-month.html>

“BREAKING STEREOTYPES” - February 24, 2015

On February, 24, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., the Graduate Student Senate is hosting “*Breaking Stereotypes: Who I Am and Who You think I am.*” This program is a diversity/educational event aimed at addressing discrimination and stereotyping of people of minority backgrounds. This event will be located in 101A Olscamp Hall. This event will include a panel discussion from students and other individuals talking about different stereotypes and training. For more information, please contact Michael Smith at smimich@bgsu.edu. A flier is attached.

FRUITVALE STATION MOVIE SHOWING AND DISCUSSION – 2/24/15

On Tuesday, February 24th, there will be a special showing of *Fruitvale Station* (2013) and a talk with Oscar Grant’s mother prior to the film showing at 7:30pm in the Gish Theatre (located in Hanna Hall). Featuring a Q&A with Rev. Wanda Johnson, mother of Oscar Grant.

Fruitvale Station tells the story of Oscar Grant, who died after being shot by a transit cop in at a BART station in Oakland, California. Videos of the incident were broadcast and posted online; protests and riots followed the shooting and the involuntary manslaughter verdict. This award winning film (Cannes, Sundance, elsewhere) starring Michael B. Jordan transforms the media spectacle into an event in a real person’s life by focusing on Oscar’s interactions with family and friends the day before he died. Event is organized by BGSU’s Department of Theatre & Film and Rev. Grant’s visit is sponsored by the Chapman Learning Community.

RANFLAS Y BAIKAS: LOWRIDING AS AN INDIGENOUS MIGRATION STORY (2/26/15)

On Thursday, February 26, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., in 208 BTSU, Dr. Dylan Miner from Michigan State, will discuss popular cultural practices related to lowrider automobiles (ranflas) and bikes (baikas). He will use this material as a starting point to think about issues related to Latino migration and Indigenous ways of moving

through time and space. He will reflect upon his book *Creating Aztlán: Chicano Art, Indigenous Sovereignty, and Lowriding Across Turtle Island*, as well as his ongoing project building bikes with Native American youth - Anishinaabensag Biimskowebshkigewag (Native Kids Ride Bikes).

DYLAN MINER (Métis) is a border-crossing artist, activist, and scholar. He is Associate Professor at Michigan State University, where he coordinates a new Indigenous Contemporary Art Initiative and is adjunct curator of Indigenous Art at the MSU Museum. He holds a PhD from The University of New Mexico and has published more than fifty journal articles, book chapters, critical essays and encyclopedia entries. In 2010, he was awarded an Artist Leadership Fellowship from the National Museum of the American Indian (Smithsonian Institution). Since 2010, he has been featured in more than fourteen solo exhibitions and been artist-in-residence at institutions such as the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, École supérieure des beaux-arts in Nantes, Klondike Institute of Art and Culture, Rabbit Island, Santa Fe Art Institute, and numerous universities and art schools. Co-sponsored by Popular Culture Scholars Association, School of Cultural and Critical Studies, Ethnic Studies, and Latin American and Latino/a Studies Cluster.

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. 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.

SAVE THE DATE - 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.

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.

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 contacting 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 20, 2015

LGBT Resource Center Open House

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

318 Math Sciences

Gospel Fest

Lenhart Grand Ballroom, BTSU

7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:00 p.m.)

Saturday, February 21, 2015

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7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:00 p.m.)

Lenhart Grand Ballroom, BTSU

Sunday, February 22, 2015

National African-American Read-In featuring the works of Jacqueline Woodson

2:00 p.m.

Wood County Library, Downtown BG

Monday, February 23, 2015

Inclusive Excellence Certificate

Session 1: Who Am I?

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

BTSU 315

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

“Breaking Stereotypes” by the Graduate Student Senate

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

101A Olscamp Hall

Diversity Training Workshop - NCBI (Part II)

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

314 BTSU

Registration encouraged:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/180adHvYWA5lxIDyFxEuoVOUlw3YHJuVE8ciBDfVhIY/viewform>

Fruitvale Station Movie Showing and Discussion

7:30 p.m.
Gish Theatre, Hanna Hall

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

Women's Center Discussion Series: *"Women Helping Women Around the World"*
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, February 26, 2015

Ranflas Y Baikas: Lowriding as an Indigenous Migration Story by Dr. Dylan Miner
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
208 BTSU

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5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., 318 B Math Sciences

Friday, February 27, 2015

Black Student Union's Legacy Dinner: We're Still Standing
6:30 p.m. – 8:30p.m.
Lenhart Grand Ballroom, BTSU
Registration required: <https://orgsync.com/10119/forms/135204>

** 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)