

# NIOT Weekly Digest: January 16, 2015

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In honor of the MLK Celebrations, we ponder the following words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. -

*“People fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don't know each other; they don't know each other because they have not communicated with each other.”*



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## JANUARY MEETING REVIEW

Thanks to everyone that was able to make the January NIOT meeting that was held yesterday, Thursday,

January 15th. Highlights from the meeting included:

- Updates from the working groups on efforts with outreach, education and programming and marketing
- Updates on upcoming programs - #Black Lives Matter and the Inter-faith Community Breakfast
- Discussion on ways to better engage Downtown Businesses and other entities in regards to NIOT
- Discussion of future programming efforts to include law enforcement and ally-building
- Discussion of current events and lack of awareness in the mainstream media in regards to different diversity/social justice related events. NIOT BG will explore ways to share this information more broadly.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12th from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., in room 314, Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Minutes, and parking passes (for community guests) will be sent prior to the meeting.

### **UPCOMING MLK CELEBRATIONS**

A number of events and activities are planned as the BG Community honors the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The MLK Celebrations kickoff today, Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> and continue throughout the following week. The events include:

*Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>:*

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual MLK Program

1:30 pm – 3pm

Keynote by Marshall Rose

Wood County Library, Downtown BG

*Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>:*

BGSU Service Learning hosts their annual Day of Service

8:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Bowen-Thomson Student Union

*Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>:*

BGSU MLK Speaker: Former BGSU President Sidney A. Ribeau

7:00 p.m.

Lenhart Grand Ballroom

Bowen-Thompson Student Union

### **#BLACK LIVES MATTER – A Community Discussion**

On Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, NIOT BG will be hosting #Black Lives Matter at the Wood County Public Library (Downtown BG) at 5:30 p.m. This is open to the entire community and it is opportunity to dialogue and discussion. Light refreshments will be served.

### **SAVE THE DATE: March 6, 2015**

On Friday, March 6, 2015, NIOT BG in partnership with other groups will be coordinating an Interfaith Community Breakfast with the theme of “Building Pathways toward Peace together”. More details to come in late January.

### **NIOT: FACULTY FOCUS SERIES**

On January 26th, Dr. Lisa Hanasono will be giving a presentation from 1-2pm in 202 University Hall on service-learning and community-building. Her presentation is part of the Office of Service-Learning's Faculty Focus Series. In addition to chatting about service-learning, she plans to feature some of her COMM 3030 students' NIOT projects and activities at this event. All are welcome to attend! (*PDF of flier is attached*)

### **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 January 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup>, March 31<sup>st</sup>, and April 9<sup>th</sup>. Register here: <https://orgsync.com/8315/forms/127550>. For more information, please contact Claire Austin at [clairea@bgsu.edu](mailto: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. 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. Register at <https://orgsync.com/8315/forms/127305>. For more information, please contact Claire Austin at [clairea@bgsu.edu](mailto: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. The first session is Tuesday, January 20th at 5pm in Olscamp 229. Contact Vern Cooper at [cooperv@bgsu.edu](mailto:cooperv@bgsu.edu) for information 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](mailto: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).

*Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>*

### **The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual MLK Program**

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wood County Library, Downtown BG

*Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>*

### **MLK Day of Service**

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Lenhard Grand Ballroom, BTSU

*Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>*

### **LGBTQ+ Leadership Series**

Session #1 – Overview of Effective Leadership

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

229 Olscamp Hall

### **BGSU MLK Speaker: Dr. Sidney A. Ribeau**

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Lenhard Grand Ballroom, BTSU

*Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>*

### **Ethnic Student Center Discussion Series: From Selma to Ferguson**

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

*Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>*

### **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

### **#Black Lives Matter**

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Wood County Public Library (Downtown BG)

### **iStand Advocacy Training**

8:30 p.m. – 9:45 p.m., Olscamp 223

\*\* 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 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](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))