

NIOT Weekly Digest: February 13, 2015

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FEBRUARY MEETING REVIEW

Thanks to everyone that was able to make the February NIOT meeting that was held yesterday, Thursday, February 12th. Highlights from the meeting included:

- Updates from the working groups on efforts with outreach, education and programming and marketing
- Follow-up to the successful #BlackLivesMatter discussion and the themes that arose from that community

dialogue

- Updates on the upcoming Inter-faith Community Breakfast
- Updates on the new foundation account
- NIOT BG to begin to schedule times to visit on-campus organizations and provide updates about NIOT and a similar effort to take place for community organizations
- Initial discussions about planning for a visit by the National NIOT organization in mid-April to Bowling Green

Formal minutes will be sent prior to the March meeting. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5th from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., at the City Council Chambers located at the City Administrative Services Building (304 N. Church Street).

NIOT COMMUNITY PHOTOSHOOT AT WINTERFEST

Please join us at Winterfest taking place this weekend (February 13th and 14th). Due to the contributions we received, we are able to participate by having an Ice Sculpture at the event. It will be displayed on Friday, February 13 from 6:00 p.m. until Sunday, February 15 at 5:00 p.m. *We are planning to take a Community picture in front of the sculpture with anyone who would like to be in the picture (wear your buttons and shirts!) on Saturday, February 14 at 10:00 a.m.* We do not know the exact location of the sculpture, however, they will be lined on either side of Main Street within the one block of Wooster and Clough Street. A full schedule of events is included as an attachment.

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”. The event will take place from 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.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.

The 2015 Ray Browne Conference on Cultural and Critical Studies

Cultural Landscapes and Critical Possibilities: Perspectives on the Local & Global

The Ray Browne Conference on Cultural and Critical Studies aims to create a space for inter- and cross-disciplinary dialogue in the fields of Popular Culture Studies, Cultural Studies, American Studies, Ethnic Studies, Women's Studies, Communications, History, Literature, Rhetoric and related fields. The conference begins on Friday, February 13th and runs through Sunday, February 15th. To learn more:

<http://bgsu.orgsync.com/org/pcsa/conference>

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>

SAVE THE DATE – 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.

SAVE THE DATE: 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.

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 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).

Friday, February 13, 2015

Black History Month Assemblies

BGHS Auditorium

9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

17th Annual Africana Studies Student Research Conference

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Olscamp 101

Winterfest begins (and continues through weekend)

6:00 p.m.

Downtown Bowling Green

Saturday, February 14, 2015

NIOT Community Photo Shoot at the Ice Sculpture

10:00 a.m.

Downtown Bowling Green – South Main Street

Ray and Pat Browne Keynote Address: AtPeace Matika Taylor of Detroit Water Brigade, *"Water Goes, Where Energy Flows": An Exploration of How the Current of Popular Culture Affects the Tidal Wave of the Global Water Crisis*

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Theater Room 206, BTSU

Battleground States Keynote Address:

Brittney Cooper, Rutgers University and Crunk Feminist Collective

We Can't Breathe: Making Black Lives Matter in the 21st Century

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Theater Room 206, BTSU

Sunday, February 15, 2015

Featured Workshop: *Justin Wedes of Detroit Water Brigade, Where the Tweets Meet the Streets: How Social Media Does (and Doesn't) Transform Social Justice Work*

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.

Mylander Room 207, BTSU

Executive Action on Immigration

Organized by La Conexión and ABLE

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church (126 S. Church Street)

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

Diversity Training Workshop - NCBI (Part 1)

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

314 BTSU

Registration encouraged:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1qRSaEdgH3qCwyUGSITdbeW41BLWpTal7ME3rab7P4M/viewform>

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Women's Center Discussion Series: *Somebody's Son...My Son: Mothering African-American Boys*

12:00 p.m. -1:00 p.m., 107 Hanna Hall

Ethnic Student Center Discussion Series:

Race and the Media

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

Love's Diary: Women of Color and Expression through Poetry

By the National Council of Negro Women Inc.,

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall

Wes Moore – Author of "The Other Wes Moore"

7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Lenhart Grand Ballroom, BTSU

Thursday, February 19, 2015

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

** 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)