

NIOT Weekly Digest: April 3, 2015

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SAVE THE DATE: 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. Light refreshments will be served.

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.

APRIL MEETING REMINDER

The next NIOT meeting will be on Thursday, April 9th from 2 – 4pm in Room 314, Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Minutes from the March 5th meeting will be sent prior to the meeting. All NIOT meetings are open to the public.

Free Parking passes are available for off-campus guests attending the NIOT meeting. Prior to each campus meeting, we will send a new parking permit. These are only valid on the date listed and for the particular lots. These passes will allow you to park only in Lots E, F, 3, 4 across the street from the Union along Thurston. You can access a formal parking map here: http://www.bgsu.edu/content/dam/BGSU/parking-services/documents/Parking_Map_Fall_2014.pdf

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 to you to consider the following sample of recent headlines from this week:

- Public outcry regarding recent “religious freedom” legislation in Indiana and Arkansas has led to changes in the respective laws
- Noose found hanging from tree on the campus of Duke University
- This week on March 31st marked the International Trans* Day of Visibility
- Violence in Kenya as 147 university students and staff killed in terrorist attack

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 events:

- Rainbow Days (April 12 – 18)
- Latino Awareness Week (April 18 – 25)
- Asian American Heritage Month (April 18 – May 1)

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

FEATURED SPEAKER FOR 5TH ANNUAL LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINO/A STUDIES STUDENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The 5th annual conference will feature a keynote by David Maung, “Looking at La Frontera Tijuana-San Diego Border” and will also serve as the kick-off for the photo exhibit “Looking at the Calm in the Chaos, 20 years in Tijuana, México”. The keynote will take place on Monday, April 13 at 4 PM in the BTSU. To learn more about the artist: <http://borderartists.com/2012/07/28/david-maung/>

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>

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. The last upcoming iSTAND Advocacy Training date takes place on 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 started on Monday, February 23rd. Register at <https://orgsync.com/8315/forms/127305> . For more information, please contact Claire Austin at clairea@bgsu.edu .

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 soon.

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 3, 2015

Hillel's Passover Seder

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

BTSU 201

Sunday, April 5, 2015

Easter Sunday

Monday, April 6, 2015

Inclusive Excellence Certificate

Session 6: Social Justice

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

BTSU 315

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

Women's Center Discussion Series: Identity Meaning-Making Among Polyamorous Students in Postsecondary Educational Contexts: A Constructivist Queer Theory Case Study

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall

Friendship Day

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

101 E Kreisher Quad (Arts Village)

Holi Festival of Colors Celebration

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Spirit Rock (behind Fine Arts Building and Kreisher Quad)

Ethnic Student Center Discussion Series: “Religious Freedom

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

“The World Split Open” Women and Poetry

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Grounds for Thought

174 S. Main Street

Thursday, April 9, 2015**iStand Advocacy Training**

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

BTSU 316

April NIOT Monthly Meeting

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

BTSU 314

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

Uncovering the Truth behind BlackFace

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Business Administration 1001

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

** 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)