Welcome to ITT newsletter!

Here you will find our latest news, information about our projects and activities, upcoming events, live performances and more....
On January 19, 2015, ITT participated in the KU Campus MLK celebration in the Kansas Union. ITT’s performance was dedicated to continuing quests to challenge the inequality that exists in the justice system of the United States and the ongoing problem of racial profiling in American society.

2) **What’s Wrong With This Picture?** ITT is planning to film the third episode of its web series focusing on the issue of sexual assault on and off KU’s campus. The story is written and will be directed by the ITT members and will be available on our website by mid April.

3) The collaboration between ITT and KU’s IOA office has reached its most productive days as ITT has accepted to mount a stage reading of one of the three scripts that it has received from honor student Anna Wenner who has written these scripts by specifically focusing on the issue of sexual violence on KU’s campus.

4) ITT is in development to create mini "site specific" performances that happen flash mob style on campus. The first will launch in Fall 2015.

5) ITT continues its interactive theater workshops which use undergraduate and graduate students’ suggestions to create improvised scenarios to address issues of race, gender, ethnicity, sexuality and disability. ITT held its first workshop on Hair and Make-up on January 29th in the green room of Murphy Hall. This workshop helped grad and undergrad students to learn more about the diversity of skin tones, hair textures, and cultural differences that many make-up and hair artists encounter during TV, theatre, and film productions.
CFP Free-styling Change:
Improvising Solutions for Social Justice

Seeking student, staff and faculty speakers! ITT members will begin a monthly salon in Fall 2015 entitled “Free-Styling Change: Improvising Solutions for Social Justice” We will invite students, faculty and staff to talk about a moment in their lives where they realized that they wanted to be a catalyst for change in their communities. We have selected our very own Kathy Pryor to the inaugural speaker for our first talk. Stay tuned for date and time.

ITT will help facilitate the improvised talks. Inspired by “TED Talks,” we ask that students, faculty or staff speak for a minimum of 5 minutes and a maximum of 18. ITT director Nicole Hodges Persley and GTA/Community Artists Rana Esfandiary will facilitate a community dialogue after each talk that will work to connect the improvised experiences and create potential solutions for further dialogue about social issues. Please email Dr. NHP hodgespersley@ku.edu or or Rana Esfandiary rana244@ku.edu if you would like to be on the fall roster.
Upcoming Performances and Presentations

- Freestyle for Change- Kathy Pryor Talk- Date in late April-May TBD- email alert forthcoming
- ITT Director facilitates Diversity Symposium- with Chancellor Gray Little- April 14th, 2015
  - KU English Department April 23rd, 2015 Diversity in the Classroom
- Staged reading of Sexual Assault (tentative) April 30, 2015 email alert forthcoming
  - KU Medical Center- Diversity for Nurses- June 2015
  - KU Teaching Summit- August 2014
ITT is happy to announce the launching of its website on January 25th, 2015. The website frames ITT’s goal and its past and present activities. For more information please go to: http://ittkansas.wix.com/awareness

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