Welcome to ITT newsletter!

Here you will find our latest news, information about our projects and activities, upcoming events, live performances and more....

Also, this information will soon be featured on the new ITT website!

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1) This semester we started filming and producing *What’s Wrong With This Picture?* A Web Series created by Nicole Hodges Persley that includes Teaching Guides and Community Kits for student organizations, staff, and faculty to engage in “difficult discussions” about diversity. Episode 1, *The Thanksgiving Play,* was written and directed by our GTA Gina Sandi-Diaz, and is currently being edited by Gina and Thomas Thong.

2) In March ITT started a partnership with Haskell University thanks to the collaboration of professors Nicole Hodges Persley (KU), Rebecca Rovit (KU), Margaret Pearce (KU), Julia Goodfox (Haskell), Diane Reyner (Haskell), and Theatre Grad Student Gina Sandi-Diaz. We are currently running Improv. Theatre sessions on both campuses, building communication and friendship between institutions.

3) ITT collaborated with KU Title IX campaign to prevent Sexual Harassment on campus. We dedicated two improvisation theatre sessions to play with common scenarios of sexual harassment. Based on the improvisation and devised theater workshops conducted by professor Nicole Hodge Persley and GTA Gina Sandi-Diaz, five scripts were written addressing important themes of consent, dating violence, sexual assault and bystander intervention. Hodges Persley and Sandi-Diaz will direct the mini-episodes that will show in various venues across KU’s campus during Hawk Week in the fall.

Scheduled activities for the rest of the Spring semester

1) We are proud to announce our ITT “difficult discussions” workshop: *Tackling GTA Nightmares in the Undergraduate Classroom,* scheduled for May 15th 5-7pm in room 235. See more information on page 3.

2) We are shooting our second episode of “What Wrong With This Picture?” Student prescription drug use.
ITT “difficult discussions”
Workshop:

Tackling GTA Nightmares in the Undergraduate Classroom

This interactive theater workshop will use graduate student suggestions to create improvised scenarios that enable GTA’s to troubleshoot some of the most challenging issues that arise in the undergraduate classroom such as race, gender, ethnicity, sexuality and disability. The goal of the workshop is to help graduate students find positive strategies to engage diversity and to identify supplementary educational and teaching resources that help to foster a safe and enriching teaching and learning environment in KU classrooms.

Mark your calendars!
Orders for Fall 2014:

Interested in theater for social change? Audition for the troupe in the Fall.

- Stay tuned for flyers.
- Community outreach activities
- Web series
- Strengthening our partnership with Haskell University
- Launching our new interactive website and YouTube Channel
- Helping students become the change they want to see in the world

Congratulations to the students of ITT for making a difference at KU. ITT was featured in the April 21, 2014 issue of Lawrence Journal World. Cut and paste into your browser:

http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2014/apr/21/group-using-power-brevity-tackle-sexual-assault/

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