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Immigrants may be denied entry to U.S. based on their sexuality, new Ethne Luibheid book shows

The topic of distance learning has brought nearly 50 educators from across the state to the University this week. BGSU is among six colleges and universities—and the only one in northwestern Ohio—hosting a “learning institute” sponsored by the Ohio Learning Network. OLN, an Ohio Board of Regents initiative, is a consortium of colleges and universities.

On campus for the institute today (Jan. 6) and tomorrow are 26 small, OLN-funded groups, called learning communities. One group is from Kent State University and another, from Belmont Technical College (St. Clairsville). Three other participating learning communities have representatives from, respectively: Kent State, Cleveland State, Youngstown State and the University of Akron; Ohio University; Columbus State and Sinclair (Dayton) community colleges, and from Sinclair and Owens community colleges and Hocking College (Nelsonville).

For the event is a nine-member BGSU learning community led by Julia Mangs, educational foundations and inquiry; and called the EFFECT (Educational Foundations For Every Classroom Teacher) Consortium. Funded by $280,000 in OLN grants, the group plans to create four online graduate courses in EDFI for Ohio classroom teachers seeking advanced degrees.

A second BGSU learning community, backed by similar grants, is traveling to Kent State to attend a learning institute. Led by Connie Molnar, center for Teaching, Learning and Technology, that group intends to offer Web-based instruction in technical topics—Excel and Web page development, for instance—to graduate teaching assistants wishing to become more proficient in instructional technology.

Like the other host institutions, BGSU received $75,000 to plan, present and assess the learning institute, which will address how students learn using new technology.

The institute will be “a great place for sharing ideas,” said Dan Madigan, director of the Center for Learning and Technology and a member of OLN’s Professional Development Committee.

“Learning Institute” comes to campus

The two-day program includes keynote addresses by Donald Hanna, professor of educational communications for the University of Wisconsin—Extension; Chris Ramnarain, Distinguished Professor of Women’s Studies, Linguistics, and Speech Communications at the University of Illinois, and Van Weigel, professor of economics and economic development at Eastern University in St. Davids, Pa.

All three keynote speakers will also help present two-hour workshops, along with local experts. BGSU presenters are: Savilla Banister, Division of Teaching and Learning and a co-director of Project PICT (Preserve Infusion of Computer Technology); Kris Blair, English and a director of that department’s Digital Language and Literacy program; Gwen Evans, University Libraries; Terry Herman, director of online learning for Continuing Education, International and Summer Programs; and graduate student Tara Clark.
Student Support Services provides essential help

On the cusp of its 30th year at Bowling Green, Student Support Services (SSS) has seen some changes.

The federal grant-funded program, which is targeted to low-income, first-generation and disabled college students, has become an independent department and is no longer a program of Multicultural and Academic Initiatives or Academic Enhancement, said director Sidney Childs. The office falls under the domain of the vice president for student affairs.

Funded through the U.S. Department of Education, Student Support Services offers a broad array of services to help its population be successful in higher education. It has met its retention goals each year, and serves about 330 students annually.

“El Students and to continuing students and as well,” Childs said. “If we describe the program as ‘backbone,’” said Kristin Coombs, who has been with SSS since she was a freshman. “They keep you standing and keep you going. It feels so good to know they are there for you and can help you.”

Our relationships with the advisers are wonderful. They realize we’re the first generation in our families to go to college, and give us all the support we need to go on and graduate,” added the fourth-year interpersonal communication major who also works in the SSS math resource lab.

Also for the first time this year, SSS has received an additional $60,000 from the U.S. Department of Education to supplement first- and second-year students’ BGSU financial aid packages. Research has shown that one of the primary factors preventing low-income, first-generation students from continuing in college is the financial burden of student loans.

“Also the additional money is designed to ease the loan burden and help students stay in school,” Childs said. BGSU matches the federal funds by about a third, he added.

The department asks recipients of the additional aid to reciprocate by performing some community service. This has turned out to be more popular than expected, Childs said, and many have said they are not obligated to volunteer have participated in such activities as helping the Bowling Green senior citizen center or in the local soup kitchen. Last spring, the group did maintenance and repair work at a camp and cleanup in Bowling Green city parks. These activities complement the basic services offered by SSS.

Working closely with Disability Services, which identifies and provides accommodations for students with disabilities, SSS provides any additional academic support needed.

For all its students, SSS provides “prescriptive” academic advising that supplements the University’s academic advising. “Students really take advantage of our advising services,” the director noted.

The office provides free, one-on-one tutoring in almost any subject area, plus sections of developmental math and reading, including math and reading specialists in the office and a writing specialist in the Writing Lab. It also sponsors a UNIV 100 University Success course and holds a series of workshops each year.

To promote bonding among the students and the University, SSS sponsors cultural excursions and group activities such as ice skating and camping.

“We want to create a community of learners,” Childs said. “Our goal is to empower students to become lifelong learners. We want to teach them to take responsibility for their own learning, to become proactive. They can even then become mentors to younger students.”

Extended hours are set for MyBGSU

MyBGSU will have extended hours of availability the three days prior to the start of spring semester. Faculty and students are strongly encouraged to log on during these additional times to obtain student class schedules and faculty class rosters, which are no longer being printed.

To avoid the delays logging on that the University experienced during peak usage times last semester, users may visit the portal during these extended hours:

Saturday, Jan. 11, from noon-6 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 12, from noon-midnight
Monday, Jan. 13, from 12:01-6 a.m.

Note: The “Parking,” “Change of Home Address” and “Hire a Student Employee” applications will not be available during these extended hours

For more information, call the Technology Support Center (TSC), 129 Hayes Hall, at 2-0990, or email use@bgnet.bgsu.edu. TSC will be open from noon-6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11 and Sunday, Jan. 12.

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in memory

Eva Parnell, 68, died Dec. 10 in Bowling Green. She was an instructor in the German department from 1961-76.

Mel Brodt, 76, died Dec. 17 in Florida. Recently inducted into the U.S. Track Coaches Hall of Fame, Brodt served for 23 years as BGSU's cross country coach and 20 seasons as head men's track coach. He retired in 1984, and was inducted in 1986 into the BGSU Athletics Hall of Fame.

William Reichert, 83, professor emeritus of political science, died Dec. 26 in New Hampshire. He was with the University from 1969-84, retiring as chairman of the department.

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campus calendar . . . .

Thursday, Jan. 9
Administrative Staff Council, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Pallister Conference Room, Jerome Library.

Friday, Jan. 10
Domestic Violence Conference, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 101B Olmstead Hall. Sponsored by The Women's Center. To register, call 2-7227.

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