

McLean County Museum of History

Not In Our Town Collection

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Collection Information

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Brief History

The Not In Our Town (NIOT) movement began in Billings, MT, in 1992 to “stop hate, racism and bullying, and build safe, inclusive communities for all.”

After PBS aired a film on NIOT in December 1995, a Bloomington-Normal group began to form. The PBS documentary was screened locally with community discussions for youth and for adults; the Bloomington Police Dept began using the film in training. More forums and discussions were held after a failed human rights ordinance vote that January. In July 1996 the first NIOT march was held, with an event several summers after that. Church burnings in the south that year were one motivator for the march and a group went south to help rebuild churches. In August 1996 Bloomington erected its first NIOT sign at the city’s limits, with Normal following.

Over the coming years, the group responded to a visit from a white supremacist, initiated “no discrimination” and “no bullying” pledges for high school students, further engaged with local police, responded to the 2015 shootings of black church members in Charleston NC, and addressed other emerging local and national concerns.

Scope

The collection includes documents involving the Bloomington-Normal NIOT such as organization history; public event planning and publicity, photos, and newspapers coverage; school programming; etc.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Histories & Miscellaneous

- 1.1 Chronology of NIOT activities, 1995-2006 with cover email, 3pp
- 1.2 Perspective & history, 2016. 2pp.
- 1.3 Congressional Records, 25 Jun 1997. Captures Illinois’ Senator Durbin’s Comments on “Bloomington-Normal’s ‘Not in Our Town’ Program.”
- 1.4 History of local NIOT, 20 Oct 2014.
- 1.5 History of local NIOT, slightly different from immediately above, nd.
- 1.6 Email “How it started,” 19 Jun 2015. 3pp.

Folder 2: General Promotional Materials

- 2.1 Not In Our Town II: Citizens Respond to Hate. Promotional postcards for PBS television special 23 Dec 1996. Postcard photo by Darlene Miller. 3 copies.
- 2.2 The Working Group brochure for ordering videos on NIOT, nd. 2 copies.
- 2.3 Unused Bloomington-Normal pledge cards in English & in Spanish. 1 copy each.

- 2.4 No Racism cards: A short discussion guide. One each for Ages 3-6, Grades K-6, & general, nd.
- 2.5 No Racism decal, nd.
- 2.6 Colorful pledge cards, 3 copies. c.2016.
- 2.7 The Community Leader, booklet, Department of Agricultural Economics, Extension Service in Agriculture and Home Economics, University of Illinois, College of Agriculture, Urbana, Illinois, January-February 1939.

Folder 3: Photos

Most photos by Darlene Miller. Some identify individuals on back side of photo.

- 3.1 Nine photos of march from Courthouse to Mt. Pisgah, July 1996.
- 3.2 Eight photos of unveiling of NIOT sign at entries to Bloomington, August 1996.
- 3.3 Thirteen photos of "Circle the Courthouse," 15 Jul 1998.
- 3.4 Seven photos of Constitution Trail Walk, Oct 1999. Including one of Irving School students with banner.
- 3.5 Nineteen photos of Uptown Normal Rally, July 2001.
- 3.6 Three photos at Normal Community High School, 20 May 2002.
- 3.7 Three photos at Bloomington High School pledge card sign up, 2007.
- 3.8 Seventeen photos of church building trip to MS, 2006. Photographer and subjects not identified.
- 3.9 Two unidentified photos, including one school-related.

Folder 4: 1996 March: Courthouse to Mt Pisgah Part A

Planning, publicity, newspaper coverage. Includes response to church arsons in US South.

- 4.1 Notice of meeting of Bloomington Ad Hoc Committee on Church Arsons, 24 Jun 1996.
- 4.2 Memo from Community Relations Coordinator of City of Bloomington to Human Relations Commissioner Marc Miller about NIOT Rally preparations, 25 Jun 1996.
- 4.3 "Citizens fired up to battle racism," *Pantagraph*, 25 Jun 1996.
- 4.4 Email to many community leaders from Marc and Darlene Miller with output from recent meeting and soliciting input, 1 Jul 1996. 3pp.
- 4.5 Letter from Marc & Darlene Miller to Jim Fruin of Bloomington City Council soliciting his feedback on the output of the recent meeting of Committee on Church Arsons and his participation in July 15 rally, 2 Jul 1996. With Fruin's handwritten response.
- 4.6 Memo from rally organizers enclosing flyer and announcing final planning meeting, 3 Jul 1996. (no enclosure)
- 4.7 Letter from organizers to County Facilities Manager requesting electricity for the rally, 3 Jul 1996.
- 4.8 Notice from organizers about conclusions from Committee on Church Arsons meeting and requesting participation in upcoming rally, 3 Jul 1996.
- 4.9 Press release on upcoming rally and pledge card project, 4 Jul 1996.

- 4.10 Letter to *Pantagraph* editor from Marc Miller about the press downplaying seriousness of recent church arsons, 6 Jul 1996.
- 4.11 Two *Pantagraph* clippings: "Racial motive largely absent in rash of fires," 7 Jul 1996, and "Even one racially noticed church arson is too many" 12 Jul 1996 (Marc Miller's letter to editor)
- 4.12 Rally preparation details, 6 Jul 1996. 2 pp.
- 4.13 March Against Racism Event Location /Parade Route: Report by Barb Adkins," nd. 2pp.
- 4.14 Handwritten list of attendees at NIOT meeting, 8 Jul 1996. 4pp.
- 4.15 Flyer for rally, 15 Jul 1996.
- 4.16 Half-page flyer for rally with St. Luke's Union Church statement on verso, 14 Jul 1996.
- 4.17 Unused pledge card.
- 4.18 Photocopies of *Pantagraph*:
 " Not in Our Town! Even sent clear message to all (Willie Holton Halbert letter to editor)
 "Understand racism, then make commitment to end it (Gary Muhammad letter to editor)
 "Anti-racism march set for Monday," 13 Jul 1996.
- 4.19 "Citizens march against racism," *Vidette*, 15 Aug 1996.
- 4.20 Press release: March Against Racism-Seven Days Later, 22 Jul 1996. 2pp.
- 4.21 Sample text "Marc's speech" on signing pledge, 22 Jul 1996. 2pp.
- 4.22 Photocopy of *Pantagraph*, 5 Aug 1996:
 "'Some people' are in fact truly assured of victory" (Gary Muhammad letter to editor)
 "Much work still needed on B-N race relations" (Bob Dennison letter to editor)
- 4.23 Newsletter of City of Bloomington article: "Not In Our Town Anti-Racism Goal," Fall 1996.
- 4.24 "City called Illinois' most 'enlightened,'" *Pantagraph*, 26 Apr 1997.

Folder 5: 1996 March: Courthouse to Mt Pisgah Part B

Proclamations, endorsements, etc.

- 3.1 Proclamation from Town of Normal, 8 Jul 1996.
- 3.2 Proclamation from City of Bloomington, 3 Jul 1996. Original and photocopy.
- 3.3 Resolution from Illinois chapter of National Assn of Human Rights Workers, 15 Jul 1996.
- 3.4 YWCA of McLean County.
- 3.5 Coalition for Diversity and Reconciliation, 12 Jul 1996.
- 3.6 "SFAN roundup" notice in State Farm's ALFI news about options for employees to support, 19 Jul 1996.
- 3.7 Memo from City of Bloomington Community Relations Coordinator to City Manager about having all city departments to display a NIOT Racism poster, 30 Jul 1996.
- 3.8 Don Skaggs at *Pantagraph* to Marc & Darlene attaching article from sister newspaper in Worcester, MN, 22 Jul 1996.
- 3.9 Nancy Froelich's note to Millers appreciating the rally, postmarked 23 Jul 1996.

Folder 6: 1997 March: IWU to ISU

- 6.1 Letter from The Working Group to Darlene Miller returning NIOT negatives and thanking for use of photo, 28 May 1997.
- 6.2 Fax from California Working Group to Marc Miller drafting release form for photograph, faxing press release, 17 Sep 1996. 3pp.
- 6.3 Air bill from California Working Group, 23 Oct 1996.
- 6.4 Fax from California Working Group to Barbara Adkins of City of Bloomington about attaching invoice for buttons, 25 Jun 1996.
- 6.5 March Against Racism Planning Calendar, spanning 1 May – 11 Jun 1997.
- 6.6 Flyer from Community Relations Coordinator of City of Bloomington announcing march and asking residents to display a NIOT sign that day, for 15 Jul.
- 6.7 Press release: NIOT – Bloomington-Normal, 9 Jul 1997 2pp.
- 6.8 Color flyer for 15 Jul event.
- 6.9 Small card for 15 Jul event.
- 6.10 Handout for participants in event including welcome and songs.
- 6.11 “Anti-violence March 10-97.” Recounts threat re’cd from white supremacist church last July, history of selected events and changes, and work to be done.

Newspapers:

- 6.12 “Bloomington-Normal March Against Racism,” *African American Voice*, 25 Jun 1997.
- 6.13 “March against racism makes return to Twin Cities,” *Summer Vidette*, 9 July 1997.
- 6.14 “March against racism walks backwards,” *Vidette* editorial, 9 Jul 1997.
- 6.15 “B-N March Against Racism to be held,” *Twin City Community News*, 9 Jul 1997.
- 6.16 “Marchers committed to unity,” *Pantagraph*, 16 Jul 1997.
- 6.17 “March takes steps against racism,” *Summer Vidette*, 16 Jul 1997.
- 6.18 “Bloomington-Normal Communities Denounce Racism,” and “Not In Our Town Rally,” *African-American Voice*, 23 Jul 1997.
- 6.19 “Anti-racism march draws responses,” *Daily Vidette*, 14 Aug 1997.

Folder 7: 1997 March Display

- 7.1 Flyer on foam posterboard with pocket containing cards publicizing the rally on 15 Jul.

Folder 8: 1998 “Circle the Courthouse”

Planning & Publicity:

- 8.1 Typed note to Barb Adkins from Marc & Darlene Miller with proposed text of meeting notice, 11 Feb 1998.
- 8.2 Memo of Meeting Notice from Marc & Darlene Miller, 12 Feb 1998.
- 8.3 Memo from Barb Adkins with minutes of 24 Feb 1998 meeting. 2pp.
- 8.4 Fax from Marc Miller to Barb Adkins attaching draft of letter to recruit churches and requesting meeting date, 25 Mar 1998. 2pp.
- 8.5 *Pantagraph* letter to editor from Michele A. King, 5 April 1998.

- 8.6 Fax from Mike Matejka to "Mark & Darlene" suggesting edits to proposed church letter, 10 Apr 1998.
- 8.7 Planning Calendar, 1 Jun-3 Jul, 2 copies.
- 8.8 List of NIOT committee members, 3 Jun 1998. 4pp.
- 8.9 Proposed agenda for 1 hr project meeting.
- 8.10 Agenda for 1 hr meeting with handwritten notes, 9 Mar 1998.
- 8.11 Fax of agenda for 1 hr meeting, 8 Apr 1998. With handwritten notes. 2 copies.
- 8.12 Meeting minutes, 8 Apr 1998. 2pp.
- 8.13 Meeting agenda, 1 May 1998. 2 copies with handwritten notes.
- 8.14 Meeting minutes, 1 May 1998. 2pp.
- 8.15 Press release, 6 May 1998.
- 8.16 Typed letter to Jack Moody reserving courthouse square for event, 14 May 1998.
- 8.17 Fax of agenda for meeting, 1 Jun 1998, with handwritten notes. 2 copies.
- 8.18 Fax of press release 2 Jun 1998. Plus *Pantagraph* clipping "Not in Our Town sets July event" 11 May 1998.
- 8.19 Copy of press release, 2 Jun 1998 with markups for Jun 3.
- 8.20 Press release, 3 Jun 1998, with handwritten note to Bob and Julie Dobski.
- 8.21 Press release 3 Jun 1998 with handwritten note to add 3 churches.
- 8.22 Letter from NIOT to "HR Administrator" about upcoming rally and with tear off advice, 5 Jun 1998.
- 8.23 Letter from NIOT to "Pastor" about upcoming rally and with tear off advice, nd.
- 8.24 Press Release, 16 Jun 1998.
- 8.25 Fax of checklist for churches, 12 Jun 1998.
- 8.26 Agenda for meeting, 12 Jun 1998. 2 copies, one with handwritten markups.
- 8.27 Planning calendar with markups, 12 Jun 1998.
- 8.28 Checklist for churches, 12 Jun 1998.
- 8.29 Meeting minutes, 12 Jun 1998. 2pp.
- 8.30 Fax of press release about Committee kickoff of 16 Jun 1998.
- 8.31 Meeting agenda, 26 Jun 1998 with handwritten notes.
- 8.32 Meeting minutes, 26 Jun, 1998 with handwritten notes, 3pp.
- 8.33 Press release, 29 Jun 1998. 2pp.
- 8.34 Postcard from Centrillio Council of Girl Scouts to all Scout leaders in B-N, nd.
- 8.35 Eastview Christian Church bulletin, 27-28 Jun, 1998. Includes blurb on NIOT rally.
- 8.36 Second Presbyterian bulletin, 3 Jul 1998. Includes front page announcement of rally.
- 8.37 Press release, 1 Jul 1998. 2pp.
- 8.38 Meeting agenda, 10 Jul 1998, with handwritten notes. 2pp.
- 8.39 Meeting minutes, 10 Jul 1998 2pp.
- 8.40 Two different color flyers for rally, 15 Jul 1998.
- 8.41 Small publicity cards for rally, 3 copies.
- 8.42 Program, 15 Jul 1998.

- 8.43 Unused pledge card, nd.
- 8.44 Meeting agenda, 17 Jul 1998. 2 copies with handwritten notes.
- 8.45 Meeting minutes, 17 Jul 1998. 4pp including financials.
- 8.46 Letter from Second Presbyterian Church to Millers, 18 Jun 1998.

Newspapers:

- 8.47 Letter to *Pantagraph* editor from Mary Jo Hillyer, 19 Jul 1998.
- 8.48 "Signs tout fight against racism," *Peoria Journal Star*, 20 Aug 1996.
- 8.49 "A community takes a stand against racism," *Twin City Community News*, 8 Jul 1998.
- 8.50 "'Circle the Courthouse' part of anti-racism events," *Peoria Journal Star*, 17 Jun 1998.
- 8.51 "Circle the Courthouse July 15, 1998," *African American Voice*, 10 Jun 1998.
- 8.52 "Circle the Courthouse Date Set," *African American Voice*, 24 Jun 1998.

Folder 9: 1999 Constitution Trail Walk Part A

Planning & publicity, school participation, and newspaper coverage.

Planning & publicity:

- 9.1 Letter from Robert Owen of Decatur to Barb Adkins about Macon County's Anti-Racism Resolution, 17 Mar 1999 2pp.
- 9.2 Meeting agenda with handwritten notes plus planning calendar, 2 Sep 1999. 2pp.
- 9.3 Meeting agenda with handwritten notes, 9 Sep 1999. 2pp.
- 9.4 Press release, 13 Sept 1999.
- 9.5 Website printout for "Not In Our Town – Preview" accessed 16 Nov 1999.
- 9.6 Meeting agenda with handwritten notes, 16 Sep 1999. 2 pp.
- 9.7 Meeting agenda with handwritten notes, 23 Sep 1999. 2 pp & 2 copies with different notations.
- 9.8 Press release, 23 Sep 1999. 2 copies.
- 9.9 Meeting agenda with handwritten notes, 30 Sep 1999. Plus 2 copies of proposed program for event.
- 9.10 Press release, 7 Oct 1999. 2pp.
- 9.11 Event flyer, 9 Oct 1999.
- 9.12 Flyer for \$5 anti-racism t-shirts, Oct 1999.
- 9.13 Letter from Norene Ball of YWCA to Jennifer Nkonga of YWCA and Barb Adkins of City of Bloomington sharing thoughts on Oct 9 event, 11 Oct 1999.
- 9.14 Sample copy of thank-you letter, 14 Oct 1999.

School Participation:

- 9.15 NIOT Teaching Resources for our fight against racism 1999-2000, 12 Aug 1999. Four copies including drafts and markups.
- 9.16 Letter to "Teachers" about NIOT School Project, 15 Sep 1999. 2pp.
- 9.17 Flyer with tear off for Irving School attendees for "Not In Our School" participation at Oct 9 rally, nd.

- 9.18 "From the Principals' Desk" of Bloomington High School, 5 Oct 1999. Include bullet regarding Anti-Racism pledge cards in teacher's mailboxes.

Newspapers:

- 9.19 "Walk against racism to be held," *Twin City Community News*, 6 Oct 1999.
9.20 "Not in Our Town works to curb racism" and "B-N to walk together against ignorance," *Daily Vidette*, 8 Oct 1999. 2 copies.
9.21 "Anti-racism signs express worthy goal, not yet reality," *Pantagraph* editorial, 8 Oct 1999.
9.22 "Take a walk against racism," *The Argus (IWU)*, 8 Oct 1999.

Folder 10: 1999 Constitution Trail Walk Part B

Event Program and speech texts.

- 10.1 Program, 9 Oct 1999.
10.2 Text for Chief Joseph's speech (Durango Mendoza).
10.3 Texts for speeches/presentations, 20pp.

Folder 11: 1999 Constitution Trail Walk Part C

- 11.1 Resource documents used in developing speeches for Oct 9 event.

Folder 12: 2000 Miller Park

- 12.1 Letter from Marc Miller to City of Bloomington about mission of NIOT and its study circles, nd.
12.2 Handwritten notes, nd. 3 pp.
12.3 Letter from Marc Miller to *Pantagraph* editor, 22 Jun 2000.
12.4 Letter to Pastor from NIOT with return advice and attached publicity card, nd.
12.5 Activities for Preschoolers, School Age Children, etc. pp4-5only, Jun 2000.
12.6 Meeting agenda with planning calendar and inventory, 21 Mar 2000. 2 copies with handwritten notes.
12.7 Meeting agenda with handwritten notes and attached planning calendar, 29 Mar 2000.
12.8 Meeting agenda with handwritten notes, planning calendar(2), event flyer(2), 12 Apr 2000.
12.9 Meeting agenda with handwritten notes (2) and planning calendar, 26 Apr 2000.
12.10 Meeting agenda with handwritten notes, planning calendar, draft program, draft label, 5 primary causes of tensions, 10 May 2000. 2 copies.
12.11 Meeting agenda with handwritten notes (2), inventory, planning calendar (2), 24 May 2000.
12.12 Meeting agenda with handwritten notes, draft announcement letter, inventory, planning calendar, 7 Jun 2000. 2 copies.
12.13 Meeting agenda with handwritten notes, planning calendar, draft program, draft letter to editor, 21 Jun 2000.

- 12.14 Meeting agenda, draft program, planning calendar, all 5 July 2000. Plus press release (4 July).
- 12.15 Flyer, 12 Jul 2000. 2 copies English; 1 Spanish.
- 12.16 Cards: Event program, publicity card for 12 Jul 2000 rally.
- 12.17 City of Bloomington proclamation for 12 Jul 2000 "Not in Our Town Awareness Celebration Day," 10 Jul 2000.
- 12.18 "Not in Our Town rally scheduled," *Community News*, 12 Jul 2000.
- 12.19 Financial statement, 1 Jan- 28 Jul 2000.
- 12.20 Fax from Nkonga to Miller with draft of thank you notes, 1 Aug 2000.
- 12.21 Copy of letter from B-N Junior Woman's Club to NIOT enclosing \$50 donation, club project research form, club letter about support opportunities, fax cover letter, Aug-Dec 2000. 4pp.

Folder 13: 2001 Uptown Normal Part A

Planning.

- 13.1 Summary for presentation in McComb, Aug 2001.
- 13.2 List of board members, 2001. 2pp.
- 13.3 Meeting agenda with handwritten notes, assignment list & planning calendar, 30 Apr 2001. 2 copies.
- 13.4 Meeting agenda with handwritten notes, assignment list, planning calendar, proposed flyer (English & Spanish versions), button proposal, 21 May 2001. 2 copies.
- 13.5 Meeting agenda with handwritten notes, assignment list, planning calendar, 4 Jun 2001. 2 copies.
- 13.6 Meeting agenda with handwritten notes, assignment list, planning calendar, 11 Jun 2001. 2 copies.
- 13.7 Meeting agenda with handwritten notes, assignment list, planning calendar, 9 July 2001. 2 copies. Plus 1 copy of Press Releases 1,2, & 3 and list of materials distribution sites & dates.
- 13.8 Meeting agenda with handwritten notes, 16 July 2001. 2 copies.
- 13.9 Meeting agenda with handwritten notes and draft of event program, 23 July 2001. 2 copies.
- 13.10 Card distribution list with locations and date, planning calendar, emails and further lists about distribution, Jun-Jul 2001.
- 13.11 Character biographies for four persons to be theatrically presented on Jul 16, nd.
- 13.12 Email with words of song for event, 24 Jul 2001.
- 13.13 Email about acknowledging cash donation from B/N Trades & Labor, 12 Jul 2001.
- 13.14 Email chain about song & lyrics considered for event, 6-16 Jul 2001.
- 13.15 Emails about Native American Student Assn of ISU participating in upcoming event, 18 Jul 2001.
- 13.16 YWCA Newsletter, Summer 2001. Includes NIOT 2001 rally notice.

- 13.17 NIOT Pre-Rally Event for youth at YWCA info handout, 20 Jul 2001.

Folder 14: 2001 Uptown Normal Part B

Press releases, publicity flyers, event activities, posts-event communications.

- 14.1 Press releases 1,2, 3 & 4
- 14.2 Event publicity signs with one side in English & one in Spanish, 25 Jul 2001. 3 copies.
- 14.3 Table tent event publicity signs with one side in English & one in Spanish, 25 Jul 2001. 2 copies.
- 14.4 Event publicity cards with one side in English & one in Spanish, 25 Jul 2001. 2 copies.
- 14.5 Event program, 25 Jul 2001. 3 copies.
- 14.6 Packet with copy of event program and 15pp of text for speakers, 25 Jul 2001.
- 14.7 Diversity bingo card, unused. One side in English & one in Spanish.
- 14.8 Tear off sheet with notices to "Tell us you're heard our message against racism," nd.
- 14.9 *In Whose Honor?* Flyer for movie at Normal Theatre, 25 Jul 2001.
- 14.10 Invoices & fax about payment for printed materials, Jul-Aug 2001. 6 sheets.
- 14.11 "Minister offers Spiritual guidance to area's Native American," *Pantagraph*, 28 Apr 2001. Peoria native & United Methodist minister Rev. Carol Lakota Eastin.
- 14.12 "Not in our town?" about incident in Normal in February; full page ad about racial make up of local law enforcement agencies sponsored by Other Ports. Both from *Post Amerikan*, Jun/Jul 2001.

Folder 15: 2002 Gay Rights

- 15.1 Press release from City of Bloomington with attached copy of proposed (and approved) changes to Human Relations Ordinance, 14 Feb 2002. 2pp.
- 15.2 Copy of letter from Marc Miller to Frank McSwain & Chas Halbert with proposed function and mission of local NIOT, 1 May 2002. Limits scope to racism and ethnic discrimination.
- 15.3 Email chain with Halbert & Millers about proposed mission statement, 3 Sep 2002. 3pp.
- 15.4 Copy of never-sent letter to *Pantagraph* editor from Marc Miller on gay rights, 14 Oct 2002. Plus drafts. And, letter to Paul Meyer on stance of Christian Coalition, 14 Oct 2002.
- 15.5 Email about upcoming NIOT wrap up meeting, 4 Oct 2002; email from Halbert to Marc Miller about proposed stance of NIOT on gay rights, 7 Oct 2002.
- 15.6 Email chain with Camille Taylor and many others, 23-24 Oct 2002.
- 15.7 Email chain 15-24 Oct 2002 with Marc Miller, Mike Matjka, Barb Adkins, Shirley Boykin, et al.
- 15.8 Email chain 23-25 Oct 2002 with Quincy Cummings, Barb Adkins, Camille Taylor, et al.
- 15.9 Email chain 22-25 Oct 2002 with John Elliot, Quincy Cummings, Camille Taylor, et al.

- 15.10 "Flick Facts" from *Pantagraph*, 9 Feb 1996 about two different Marc Miller's on HR commissions.

Folder 16: Schools 2003-2008

- 16.1 Email from Darlene Miller to District 87 schools about future events, 24 Jan 2003.
- 16.2 "Educating the Future," *Pantagraph* 28 May 2004.
- 16.3 Schedules for Info Table in schools: 6 Sep 2002, 26 Feb 2003, 30 Mar 2004, 19 Oct 2004.
- 16.4 NIOT Info Tables in Schools 2003-04 Academic Year, notice to principals.
- 16.5 NIOT Info Tables in Schools 2004-05 Academic Year, notice to principals, 2pp.
- 16.6 NIOT Info Tables in Schools for 2005-06 Academic Year, notice to principals, 2pp. 2 copies.
- 16.7 Email chain from Stan Geison about State Farm Action Network program for volunteers, Apr 2005.
- 16.8 Two email about soliciting volunteers, 26 May & 8 Jun 2005.
- 16.9 Email from Tim Arnold at Peper Ridge School with quote for upcoming notice to principals, 6 Aug 2005.
- 16.10 Email call for Volunteers, 12 Aug 2005. 3pp including schedule of events for 2005-06
- 16.11 Unit 5 Diversity Advisory Committee to NIOT about the committee, 5 Dec 2005.
Enclosing Unit 5 brochures on "Diversity Plan" and "Unit 5 Embraces Diversity, nd.
- 16.12 Updated schedule of 2005-06 events, 19 Apr 2006.
- 16.13 "Our Strategy is Inoculation" summary, 15 Dec 2005. Draft & final.
- 16.14 Email from Darlene Miller notifying of upcoming meeting & agenda and meeting summary for 23 May 2006 meeting.
- 16.15 Email Darlene Miller to Anthony Duong about meeting with Supt. Gary Neihaus of Unit 5. 15 Aug 3007.
- 16.16 Meeting minutes, 28 Apr 2008. Highlights School activity status.
- 16.17 Draft of Postcard for ages 7-8-9, 19 Aug 2006.
- 16.18 "The Pledge Card Project (sample card enclosed)" Cover sheet for packet of materials.
Also shows "No Racism Stickers" for use on all City of Bloomington vehicles.
- 16.19 Flyer for Pledge card project, nd.
- 16.20 Full sheet logo with "What Is Racism" on verso, nd.

Folder 17: Bully Pledge Cards

Designed for school children.

- 17.1 Pledge card, unused.
- 17.2 Three drafts of pledge card, Dec 2005-Apr 2006.
- 17.3 Handwritten list of volunteers, nd.
- 17.4 Packet of policies & statutes:
 - Illinois Compiled Statues: 105 ILCS 5t/27-23.7 Bullying prevention education.
 - District 87 "Anti-Bullying Policy"

- 2001 Illinois Public Act 92-060, H.B. 646 creating discipline policy for bullying, etc.
- 2001 Illinois Public Act 92-96, S.B. 1026 preventing intimidation of school children
- District 87 board of education members, Aug 2006
- 17.5 District 87 Anti-Bullying Policy, 4 Apr 2006 per Dr Nielsen.
- 17.6 Photocopy of four unused Anti-Bullying pledges, nd.
- 17.7 Thirteen sets of emails/email chains about anti-bullying cards and text, Sep-Nov 2005.
- 17.8 Three sets of email chains about anti-bullying cards, content of text including discussions of lifestyles, Mar-Apr 2006.

Folder 18: NIOT signs in Normal, March 2006

- 18.1 Email from City of Bloomington's Barb Adkins about removing the words "Not In Our Town" from the signs at entrances into City of Bloomington, 7 Dec 2004.
- 18.2 Email from Miller to Normal mayor with info on Bloomington's signs, 12 & 19 Oct 2005.
- 18.3 Email from Marc to Darlene Miller showing new Normal sign installed in February, 16 Mar 2006.
- 18.4 "Encourage new 'Racism-not in our town!' signs," *Pantagraph* editorial, 24 Jul 2006.

Folder 19: 2006 IWU Rally Part A

Publicity flyers, newspapers.

- 19.1 Publicity cards, two versions (1 copy of first for NIOT month & 3 of the second for the Rally).
- 19.2 Two-sided posters for 2006 NIOT month, 4 copies.
- 19.3 Flyer, nd.
- 19.4 Pledge card fact sheet, 19 Oct 2004, 2pp.
- 19.5 NIOT art exhibit opening & reception program, 16 Jun 2006.
- 19.6 McLean County Diversity Project brochure, 2006.
- 19.7 "Peace Justice Democracy" brochure from Bloomington-Normal Citizens for Peace & Justice, nd. Includes list of their current action groups.
- 19.8 "Rally against racism goes down in town," *Summer Vidette*, 19 Jul 2006.
- 19.9 "Film details town's hate-filled division," *Pantagraph*, 7 Jun 2005. (*The Fire Next Time*)
- 19.10 "Movie prompts ideas for uniting community," *Pantagraph*, 10 Jun 2005.

Folder 20: 2006 IWU Rally Part B

Planning, May-Aug 2005.

- 20.1 Email chain on pursuing 501c3 status, 10 May -17 May 2005. Also includes proposal for meeting in May. 5pp.
- 20.2 Draft of advance notice for 2006 Rally, 26 May 2005.
- 20.3 Email advance notices of events for 10th anniversary in 2006, 26 May & 8 Jun 2006.

- 20.4 Four emails about project manager volunteer, vision of 2006 rally, possible McLean County Human Relations ordinance, 14-21 Jul 2005.
- 20.5 Letter and emails about reserving 2006 rally space at IWU, 26 May-22 Jul 2005.
- 20.6 NIOT directory, 30 Sep 2005. 2pp.
- 20.7 Meeting agenda with handwritten notes, 13 Jul 2005 2 copies.
- 20.8 Minutes, 13 Jul 2005. 4pp.
- 20.9 Draft minutes, 13 Jul 2005. 4pp.
- 20.10 Draft of topics for proposed meeting, 13 Aug 2005.
- 20.11 Meeting agenda with handwritten notes, 23 Aug 2005. 2 copies. Attached vision of 10 yr anniversary elements, 16 Aug 2005. 2 copies.
- 20.12 Minutes, 23 Aug 2005.
- 20.13 Email about t-shirts, 25 Aug 2005.
- 20.14 Email chain about website developer from State Farm and pursuing 501c3 status, 26 Aug 2005.

Folder 21: 2006 IWU Rally Part C

Planning, Sep 2005-Jul 2006.

- 21.1 Meeting agenda with handwritten notes, 20 Sep 2005. 3 copies.
- 21.2 Bloomington Human Relations Commission members, from Barb Adkins 20 Sep 2005.
- 21.3 Meeting agenda with handwritten notes, 18 Oct 2005. 2 copies.
- 21.4 Meeting minutes, 18 Oct 2005.
- 21.5 Meeting agenda, 6 Dec 2005.
- 21.6 NIOT WBS Dictionary listing planning responsibilities and lead persons, 2 pp. 2 copies.
- 21.7 Timeline for 10th anniversary events, 3pp.
- 21.8 "We're all looking forward to 10th Anniversary ... Rally," with agenda for 31 Jan 2006 meeting and handwritten notes, 3 copies. Attached Vision for the NIOT Rally 2006 plus NIOT Directory as of 31 Jan 2006 and proposed text for Informercial.
- 21.9 Emails on McDonald's Trayliners for 2006 Rally, 6 Mar 2006. 4pp.
- 21.10 Draft for postcard targeting children for 2006 Rally, 26 Mar 2006. 2pp.
- 21.11 Email with photo of NIOT sticker on cab, 26 Apr 2006.
- 21.12 Letter to pastors about upcoming 2006 Rally, 26 Jun 2006. 2pp.
- 21.13 Application form for table or booth at 2006 rally, due by 10 Jul 2006.
- 21.14 List of table requests for rally, as of 27 Jun 2006.
- 21.15 NIOT Draft Resolution for local municipalities for 2006 rally, 2006.

Folder 22: 2006 National Conference

Hosted by Bloomington-Normal NIOT.

- 22.1 Email with planning info, 10 Mar 2006.
- 22.2 Brochure for National Gathering, 6-8 Oct 2006.
- 22.3 Postcard for event, Oct 2006. 2 copies.

22.4 Program booklet, 24pp. 2 copies.

Folder 23: 2014

- 23.1 Email about upcoming planning meeting, 3 Feb 2014.
- 23.2 Draft: NIOT: The New Initiative 2014, 31 Mar 2014. 2 copies.
- 23.3 NIOT In Schools, 2pp typescript.
- 23.4 Photocopy of flier for community gathering, 25 March 2014. Featuring film producer Patrice O'Neill.
- 23.5 NIOT Gold Star Cites Criteria (Draft), 18 Jun 2014. 2pp
- 23.6 Email with questions & comments from Jun 28 meeting, 28 Jun 2014.
- 23.7 Email with Marc's rewrite of vision/mission, 11 Jul 2014.
- 23.8 Email with Mike Matejka's suggested questions for small group discussions, 17 Jul 2014.
- 23.9 Bloomington City Manager thanking for NIOT presentation to Bloomington Human Relations Commission, 17 Oct 2024.
- 23.10 Agenda for Strategic Planning Meeting, 2 Aug 2014. 3 sheets.
- 23.11 Meeting minutes, 11 Jul 2014. 3 sheets.
- 23.12 Draft of BIOT B-N Structure and Formation Proposal, 30 Nov 2014. 3pp.
- 23.13 Email from Matejka with meeting agenda, 30 Nov 2014. 5 sheets.
- 23.14 Meeting agenda, 1 Dec 2014.
- 23.15 Email to major donor about recognition, 31 Dec 2014.
- 23.16 Comments on upcoming 9 Dec Kickoff meeting from Marc Miller, nd.
- 23.17 List of projects, nd.
- 23.18 "Not In Our Town can be a force again in our area," *Pantagraph* editorial, 26 Jun 2014.
- 23.19 B-N NAACP intent on working with police," *Pantagraph* guest commentary, 27 Aug 2014.

Folder 24: 2015

- 23.1 Flyer for "Breaking Barriers" A Community / Police Dialogue," 22 Jan 2015.
- 23.2 Letter on racist sign at Checker Cab, 5 May 2015.
- 23.3 "Sign draws protest," *Pantagraph*, 6 May 2015.
- 23.4 Program for Prayer Vigil Service for Charleston, 24 Jun 2015. 2 copies.
- 23.5 Letter from Marc Miller to Mother Emanuel Hope Fund of Charleston, SC, expressing support and enclosing contribution, 26 Jun 2015. 2 different versions.
- 23.6 Email summarizing NIOT finances for Steering Committee Meeting 2 Jul, 29 Jun 2015.
- 23.7 "A Time for Justice – A Civil Rights Timeline" covering 17 May 1954-9 Jul 1965.
- 23.8 Feedback form for 29 Aug 2015 NIOT event.
- 23.9 Marked up draft for Basic Proposal to work with YWCA, nd.

Folder 25: 2016 - onwards

- 25.1 Flyer for 20th anniversary celebration, 28 Jun 2016.

- 25.2 Press release for 20th anniversary celebration to be held 28 Jun 2016.
- 25.3 “B-N group celebrates 20 years with walk,” *Pantagraph*, 8 Jun 2016.
- 25.4 Letter from Marc Miller to Henry Livingston of Towanda about his offensive, misogynistic political sign, 17 Oct 2016. Attached sheet of brief research on Livingston.
- 25.5 “Anti-Clinton sign causes stir,” WEEK News 25 Peoria, 19 Oct 2016.
- 25.6 Flyer for The Light Vigil to Commemorate victims of Baton Rouge, St. Paul, and Dallas, 11 Jul 2016.
- 25.7 Pledge card fact sheet, 9 Aug 2020. 2pp.
- 25.8 Materials for 14 Nov 2023 “When Words Fail Us” vigil at Museum of History. Includes WGLT news coverage, sign, handouts inviting reflection, etc.
- 25.9 Print of flyer for “United We Stand” rally, 30 Aug 2025.

Folder 26: Donations/Sponsorships

- 26.1 Solicitations, grant application, correspondence primarily involving local businesses and organizations, 1999-2003.

Loose Media:

DVD: *Not In Our Town* video documentary by The Working Group, 2005.

DVD: *More Love Less Hate in 2007*, by the Working Group, 2007.

DVD: Local NIOT photographs, including those from school events, etc.