



Jonathan Mooney

The Short Bus - A Journey Beyond Normal

**Sunday, April 13th at 2:00pm
Riley Auditorium, Otterbein College, Westerville, OH**

In the summer of 2002, Jonathan Mooney bought an old short school bus – the kind that transports students in many school districts to special education classes—and converted it into an RV. For four months, he drove 35,000 miles through 45 states to explore disability culture in America. What surprised him was that this journey led him straight to the myth of normalcy. Jonathan, like many labeled abnormal, spent his life chasing that myth before his trip. But he learned that people with disabilities make up a nation-wide movement that actively resists the constraint of normalcy for all of us.

In Jonathan’s presentation he brings to life some of the individuals with disabilities that he encountered on his trip and profiled for his book. Jonathan shows how schools, institutions, and public policy enforce normalcy. He empowers his audience with ideas of resistance and encourages listeners to create an authentic and deeply human definition of themselves and their exceptional children. To see and hear more about Jonathan Mooney and his work, go to his web site at <http://www.jonathanmooney.com/> .

**This FREE event is co-sponsored by Otterbein College Courtright Memorial Library
in connection with *The Erin McKenzie Virtual Welcoming Space*
and Ohio TASH – Promoting Equity, Opportunity, and Inclusion for People with Disabilities**

DIRECTIONS:

If traveling from the north or south on I-71, Rt. 315, or Rt. 23, take I-270 East. If traveling from the east or west on I-70, take I-270 North. Then follow I-270 to the Cleveland Ave. North exit. Drive north on Cleveland Ave. approximately 1 mile to Main St. and turn right. Otterbein College is immediately after the second traffic light. Riley Auditorium is in the Battelle Fine Arts Center, 170 West Park St., Westerville, OH 43081.

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