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**Peace in Troubled Times**

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# Welcome to the Conference!

On behalf of the City of Muncie and all the other co-sponsors, I am thrilled and humbled to welcome you to the 2<sup>nd</sup> "Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Conference: Peace in Troubled Times." Like our 1<sup>st</sup> Conference, this meeting features excellent presentations and also many opportunities for rich dialogue. Our presenters include scholars, undergraduate and graduate students, and activists from many different disciplines traveling far distances to share their knowledge, research, experiences, strategies, and recommendations related to peacemaking and peacebuilding with all of us.

Similar to the 1<sup>st</sup> conference, we decided to host this meeting in April. Sadly, some of the most horrific acts of violence in the recent history of the United States have happened during April including the FBI's siege of the Waco compound that left seventy-six dead, the Oklahoma City bombing that killed one hundred and sixth-eight people, and the Boston Marathon bombing that killed three civilians and injured an estimated 264. The Boston event occurred a little more than 2 weeks after the 1<sup>st</sup> Cohen Peace Conference. Unfortunately, school campuses also have been the target of extreme violence during April including the Columbine High School Massacre that left fifteen people dead, and more recently, the Virginia Tech Massacre that resulted in a death toll of thirty-three persons.

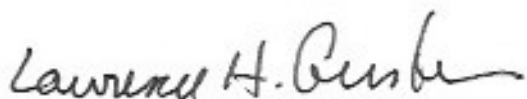
To promote a message of nonviolence and to remember and honor those that have lost their lives in April, for the past nine years, the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies at Ball State University has hosted a series of programs on nonviolence. This Conference extends the previous work of the Peace Center to promote nonviolence during April.

I want to thank our dignitaries, The Honorable Muncie Mayor Dennis Tyler and Ball State University Acting President Terry King, for their willingness to participate and support this Conference. I also wish to thank our keynote speakers, Dr. Nazgol Ghandnoosh (Research analyst, The Sentencing Project-Washington, D.C.) and Reverend Charles R. Harrison (Senior Pastor, Barnes United Methodist Church-Indianapolis, President, Indianapolis Ten Point Coalition, and Chaplain, Indiana State Police), for enriching us with their knowledge and experiences.

I am deeply appreciative as well for the support we received from the City of Muncie, Benjamin V. Cohen Memorial Endowment Fund, H.C. Gemmer Family Christian Foundation, Champions for a Safe Community, and a number of units at Ball State University. The members of the host committee including Lindsay Blom, Steven Hall, Roger Hollands, Beth Messner, Hunter Sully, Tacianna Indovina, Gerry Waite, and Craig Webster committed countless hours planning and then implementing this event and I cannot thank them, along with Marie Douglass and all the other volunteers enough for their tireless effort.

Lastly, I want to thank each of you for attending this 2<sup>nd</sup> Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Conference. Hopefully, you will acquire some new knowledge and skills to promote a strong message of nonviolence, conflict resolution, and peacebuilding in your communities.

Yours,



Lawrence H. Gerstein, Ph.D.  
Director, Ball State University Center for Peace and Conflict Studies  
George & Frances Ball Distinguished Professor of Psychology-Counseling

# About Benjamin V. Cohen



Born in Muncie, Indiana on September 23, 1894, Benjamin Victor Cohen graduated from the University of Chicago Law School in 1915. He then attended Harvard Law School where he attracted the attention of Felix Frankfurter. In 1933, Franklin Roosevelt summoned Cohen from private practice in New York to public service.

Cohen became a major legal architect of much of the New Deal legislation including the Securities Act and the plan for Lend-Lease and economic stability during World War II. A shy man, Cohen worked behind the scenes where his brilliance as a legal draftsman was widely recognized.

Following World War II, Cohen turned his talents to the problems of world peace and became one of the architects of the United Nations, serving on the U.S. delegation to the UN and on the United Nations Disarmament Commission. His abiding interest in world peace and his outstanding legal ability influenced him until his death in 1983.

On December 24, 1984, Mr. Bernard W. Freund, a nephew of Benjamin V. Cohen created a fund at the Ball State University Foundation to honor his uncle's memory, and continue his uncle's interest in the attainment of world peace. For many years, Mr. Freund served as a Ball State staff member providing legal services to students.

Lindsey Blom & Kendall Bronk  
Faculty Fellows — February 2016  
Steven R. Hall & Misa Nishikawa  
Faculty Fellows — November 2015  
Christopher Thompson  
Faculty Fellow — June 2013  
Jacob Cooper  
Graduate Student Fellow — July 2012  
Sunnie Lee Watson & Gilbert Park  
Faculty Fellow — June 2010

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## Previous Ball State Cohen Fellows

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Gregory Witkowski  
Faculty Fellow — August 2009  
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Faculty Fellow — June 2007  
Steven R. Hall  
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Gerald Waite  
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Faculty Fellow — June 2002  
Scott Moeshberger  
Graduate Fellow — June 2001  
Helene Hoover  
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Matt Aalsma  
Graduate Fellow — June 1998  
Francine Friedman  
Faculty Fellow — June 1997

Program held at the Ball State University Alumni Center  
2800 W. Bethel Avenue, Muncie, Indiana 47304

6:00-6:45 p.m.

Conference Registration in Alumni Center Lobby

6:45-7:00 p.m.

**Welcome Statement**

(Assembly Hall B)

Dr. Lawrence Gerstein

Director, Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, Ball State University

7:00-8:30 p.m.

**A Town Hall Discussion: Community and Campus Initiatives Promoting Peace in Troubled Times**

(Assembly Hall B)

Featuring:



Terry King, Ph.D.  
Acting President, Ball State University



The Honorable Mayor Dennis Tyler  
Muncie, Indiana

Program held at the Ball State University Alumni Center  
2800 W. Bethel Avenue, Muncie, Indiana 47304

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Conference Registration in the Alumni Center Lobby

9:00-9:50 a.m.

**Keynote Speech, "Black Lives Matter: Eliminating Racial Inequities throughout the Criminal Justice System"**

(Assembly Hall B)

Nazgol Ghandnoosh, Ph.D.

Research analyst, The Sentencing Project-Washington, D.C.

10:00-10:50 a.m. – Session One

**Symposium: Creating a Compassionate, Just, Sustainable, and Conscious Indy and World**

(Conference Room 1)

Chair: Connie Dillman (Compassionate Indy)

Co-Chair: Lynn Jackson (Compassionate Indy)

Topic: The Global Compassionate Community Movement

Betty Brandt (St. Luke's United Methodist Spiritual Life Center)

Topic: Successful Global Compassionate Community Initiatives

Vanessa Hurst (Compassionate Indy)

Topic: Emergent Indianapolis Compassionate Community Movement

Connie Dillman (Compassionate Indy)

**Paper Session: State Repression**

(Conference Room 2)

Chair: Brandon Millsbaugh (Ball State University)

Topic: Media: In the Middle of Nowhere

Mehmet Ali Yavuz, B.A. (University of Massachusetts, Lowell)

**Paper Session: Refugee Issues**

(Conference Room 3)

Chair: Hunter Sully (Center for Peace and Conflict Studies)

Topic: Intersection of Research and Activism

Tabitha Mpamira, M.A. (Illinois School of Professional Psychology)

Twesigye J. Kaguri, M.A. (Nyaka Aids Orphans Project)

Topic: A Dual Framework of Statelessness of Trafficked Women in Thailand

Mackenzie Anderson (Goucher College)

Thavy Bullis (Goucher College)

SATURDAY APRIL 2, 2016 PROGRAM

10:00-10:50 a.m. – Session One (cont.)

**Paper Session: Narrative and Peace**

(Conference Room 4)

Chair: Kelly Eby (Center for Peace and Conflict Studies)

Topic: Peace Building through Story Telling

Emily Tusick, B.A. (John Carroll University)

Topic: Personal and Collective Responsibility in Mary Doria Russell's *The Sparrow*

Sarah Foust Vinson, Ph.D. (Cardinal Stritch University)

Topic: Transformative Mind-Mapping for Peace

Michelle Glowacki-Dudka, Ph.D. (Ball State University)

Cathy Mullett, M.A. (Ball State University)

Amy Ward, M.A. (Ball State University)

**Paper Session: Language and Peace**

(Conference Room 5)

Chair: Lauren Dalicandro (Ball State University)

Topic: Fighting Words: Why Respectful Language is More than "Political Correctness"

Mai Kuha, Ph.D. (Ball State University)

Elizabeth M. Riddle, Ph.D. (Ball State University)

Topic: Spanish Globalization: Dissolving Negative Hispanic Stereotypes through Community Education

Jared Knotts (Ball State University)

11:00-11:50 a.m. – Session Two

**Symposium: Importance of Power Analysis and Organizing in Youth Leadership Development**

(Conference Room 1)

Chair: Clare Wildhack-Nolan, M.A. (Peace Learning Center)

Co-Chair: Mathew Davis (School for Community Learning and Just Education Coalition)

Topic: Importance of Power Analysis and Organizing in Youth Leadership Development

Clare Wildhack-Nolan, M.A. (Peace Learning Center)

Mathew Davis (School for Community Learning and Just Education Coalition)

**Paper Session: War and Peace**

(Conference Room 2)

Chair: Brandon Millsbaugh (Ball State University)

Topic: Hellfire from Heaven: Resisting Weaponized Drones in Upstate New York

Harry Murray, Ph.D. (Nazareth College, Peace and Justice Program)

Topic: Six Wars and a Wake-Up: Warriors to Peace-Workers

Gerald Waite, M.A. (Ball State University, Peace Studies)

Richard "Mac" McKinney (Ball State University, Peace Studies)

11:00-11:50 a.m. – Session Two (cont.)

**Paper Session: At-Risk Youth**

(Conference Room 3)

Chair: Lauren Dalicandro (Ball State University)

Topic: Children’s Hope: Bridging the Success of At-Promise Homeless Youth  
Neffisatu Dambo, Ed.M., M.S. (Southern Illinois University Carbondale)

Topic: Indigenous Youth Suicide and the Role of Art Therapy, Tribal Culture, and History

Karen Posner, A.A. (John Carroll University)

Topic: Using Sport for Peace Building and Development

Lindsay Blom, Ed.D. (Ball State University)

Lawrence Gerstein, Ph.D. (Ball State University)

**Paper Session: Mediation and Training**

(Conference Room 4)

Chair: Kelly Eby (Center for Peace and Conflict Studies)

Topic: Community Mediation Centers: A Hidden Resource in Troubled Times  
Cherise D. Hairston, M.A., ABD (Dayton Mediation Center)

Topic: Conflict Response Teams: A New Method of Mediation

Christopher Held (Ball State University)

Topic: Sexual Assault Prevention: Bystander Intervention Team

Kendra Mehringer (Ball State University)

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Poster Presentations**

(Atrium and Commons Area)

Reading for Life: A Mentoring Alternative for Juvenile Offenders

Amy Jobst, M.A. (Reading for Life, Inc.)

Leah Landry (University of Notre Dame)

Incorporating Mental Health into the Concept of “Self-Sufficiency”

Megan Day (Butler University)

An Exploratory Look at Assets and Crime on Milwaukee’s Near West Side

Patrick Kennelly, MLS (Marquette University, Center for Peacemaking)

Max Bertellotti (Marquette University)

Shivani Chokshi (Marquette University)

Zapatista Autonomy: Resisting Global Hegemony or Escaping Coloniality

Burke Stanton (DePauw University)

Transformative Conservation: Applying Peace Studies to Endangered Species Conservation

Sherrie D. Alexander (University of Alabama at Birmingham)

Domestic Violence through the Lens of Law Enforcement

Megan Little, M.Ed., LAC (University of Arkansas)

Interpersonal Communication with First-Year Community College Students as a Retention Strategy in ECI

Katharine Herbert, M.S. (Ball State University; Ivy Tech Community College)

I and Thou and the Four Fold Path

Karen Laing, M.S. (Michigan School of Professional Psychology)

Sustainability & Peace

Andrea McDermott (Ball State University)

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Poster Presentations (cont.)**

(Atrium and Commons Area)

Project for Awesome

Sammy Iskrzycki (Ball State University)

One Story, A Million Lives

Anna Smith (Ball State University)

Post Conflict Reconstruction

Brandon Ball (Ball State University)

The Esquipulas Peace Accords: Regional Negotiation in the 1980s

Victoria Ison (Ball State University)

Project SHIFA

Kellie Juarez (Ball State University)

Tiny Houses

Taylor Blevins (Ball State University)

Who is Bayard Rustin?

Deja Hopkins (Ball State University)

Friends of Earth

Mallory Thatch (Ball State University)

Save the Dunes

Taylor Livingston (Ball State University)

The Effect of Public Art in Distressed Area

Paul Penn (Ball State University)

The War at Home

Haley Reifel (Ball State University)

Immigration and Foreign Policy Issues

Jackline Kingori (Ball State University)

The Rainforest Alliance

Larissa Warner (Ball State University)

12:00-1:50 p.m. – Lunch in Assembly Hall B

**Keynote Speech, "The 10-Point Coalition: Assessing and Mobilizing the Community to Address and Prevent Violence"**

(Assembly Hall B)

Reverend Charles R. Harrison

Senior Pastor, Barnes United Methodist Church (Indianapolis, Indiana)

President, Indianapolis Ten Point Coalition

Chaplain, Indiana State Police

2:00-2:50 p.m. – Session Three

**Symposium: The Freedom Bus: Promoting Social Justice through Immersive Learning**

(Conference Room 1)

Chair: Beth Messner, Ph.D.

Topic: The Freedom Bus: Promoting Social Justice through Immersive Learning

Linda Bellamy (Ball State University)

Ciara Johnson (Ball State University)

Samuel Lawson (Ball State University)

Tiffany Watt (Ball State University)



2:00-2:50 p.m. – Session Three (cont.)

**Paper Session: Animal Rights**

(Conference Room 2)

Chair: Richard McKinney (Center for Peace and Conflict Studies)

Topic: Revised Personhood, Hierarchy of Rights: A Case for Species-Based Personhood

Quintin Thompson (Ball State University)

Topic: The Case for Including Animal Advocacy in the Helping Professions

Troy Gregorino (Counselors for Animal Advocacy)

**Paper Session: Religion and Peace**

(Conference Room 3)

Chair: Chris Held (Center for Peace and Conflict Studies)

Topic: True Islam and Extremism Campaign

Muzaffar Ahmad, MBA (Ahmadiyya Muslim Community)

Topic: From Local to Global

Sarah Hazen (Ball State University)

**Paper Session: Pedagogy I**

(Conference Room 4)

Chair: Kelly Eby (Center for Peace and Conflict Studies)

Topic: Disguising Discrimination: Student Reactions to Teaching the New Jim Crow

Richard Clark, Ph.D. (John Carroll University)

Gloria Vaquera, Ph.D. (John Carroll University)

Topic: Still Separated and Still Not Equal: The Effects of Early Education on the School to Prison Pipeline

Alexandria Boutros (DePaul University)

Topic: Keeping and Creating Peace: The Alliance of Black Teachers Club

Dr. Darolyn "Lyn" Jones, Ed.D. (Alliance of Black Teachers Club)

Rita Mitchell (Alliance of Black Teachers Club)

Dr. Sheron Fraser-Burgess, Ph.D. (Alliance of Black Teachers Club)

3:00-3:50 p.m. – Session Four

**Symposium: Transcendental Meditation in the Schools: Improving Performance and Reducing Violence**

(Conference Room 1)

Chair: Victoria Lee Peterson, B.A. (Maharishi Foundation; David Lynch Foundation)

Co-Chair: John C. Peterson, M.D. (T.M. Health Professionals Program)

Topic: Transcendental Meditation in the Schools: Improving Performance and Reducing Violence

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3:00-3:50 p.m. – Session Four (cont.)

## **Symposium: Reuniting Our Community through Engagement and Reconciliation**

(Conference Room 2)

Chair: Jason Donati (R.A.C.E. Muncie)

Co-Chair: Renae D. Mayes, Ph.D., NCC (R.A.C.E. Muncie; Ball State University)

Discussant: Yvonne Thompson (R.A.C.E. Muncie; Muncie Human Rights Commission)

Topic: Reuniting Our Community through Engagement and Reconciliation

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## **Paper Session: Genocide and Ethnic Conflict**

(Conference Room 3)

Chair: Richard McKinney (Center for Peace and Conflict Studies)

Topic: Breaking the Silence: The Ugep Massacre and the Politics of Memory

Obasesam Okoi (University of Manitoba, Peace and Conflict Studies)

Topic: Promoting Peace in Multi-ethnic African Countries by Reducing Ethnic

Marginalization

Kibujjo M. Kalumba, Ph.D. (Ball State University, Philosophy and Religious Studies)

Topic: Transforming Ethnic Conflict and Building Peace in the CHT of Bangladesh

Mohammad Azizur Rahman, M.A. (University of Manitoba)

## **Paper Session: Pedagogy II**

(Conference Room 4)

Chair: Chris Held (Center for Peace and Conflict Studies)

Topic: Creating a Peace and Justice Course for a Professional Writing Program

Jonathan Ritz, Ph.D. (Michigan State University, Professional Writing Program)

Topic: Curriculum Analysis in Elementary Schools for Peace-Building and

Educational Transformation in Nigeria and Cameroon

Michael T. Ndemanu, Ph.D. (Ball State University)

Topic: Peace Building in the Minds of Young Children, Parents, and Teachers

Seema Zainulabdin (Ball State University)

## **Paper Session: Architecture**

(Conference Room 5)

Chair: Kelly Eby (Center for Peace and Conflict Studies)

Topic: Changing the Landscape for Peace in Newark, NJ

Norma Bowe, Ph.D. (Kean University)

Jillian Mahon, B.A. (Kean University)

Corina Hernandez, MPA (Kean University)

Joe Lentini, M.A. (Kean University)

Gabrielle Ardolino, B.A. (Kean University)

Topic: Prioritizing Environmental Conservation in the Implementation of Colombia's

Peace Accords

Becca Williams (University of Notre Dame)

Topic: Resilient Design for Human Capital Based Buildings

Joseph Bilello, Ph.D. (Ball State University, Department of Architecture)

4:00-4:20 p.m. – **Live Dance Performance**  
**For All Its Invisibility**

(Assembly Hall B)

Susan Koper M.F.A. (Ball State University)

Dancers: Laura Mansur, Rachel Stewart, and Lacy Smith

Ensemble Dancers: Aria Baird, Christie Bellish, Ciara Borg, Carolyn Meier, Josie  
Meiss, Lyle Oberman, Lisa Schreck, Adina Stuhlman, and Rachael Wieczorek

4:30-4:45 p.m. – **Closing Remarks**

(Assembly Hall B)

Gerry Waite, M.A. (Research Fellow, Center for Peace & Conflict Studies)

Lindsey Blom, Ed.D. (Advisory Board Member, Center for Peace & Conflict Studies)

# **Cohen Memorial Fund Mission**

## **Research and Travel Fund**

The mission of the Benjamin V. Cohen Memorial Endowment Fund is to provide a lasting memorial to Benjamin Cohen by fostering new approaches to the problems of peacemaking. This fund supports the Cohen Peace Fellowship Program. Awards from the fund shall be used to memorialize Mr. Cohen's commitment to the attainment of world peace by focusing on the study and discussion of world issues that affect world peace.

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### **Ball State University**

Ball State University is an innovative, supportive academic community that inspires students by: offering action-oriented learning, including immersive out-of-class experiences, research, and study-abroad, providing extraordinary access to and collaboration with professors who create scholarship to advance knowledge, improve teaching, and transform learning, engaging state, national and international communities to enhance educational, economic, and cultural development.

### **Benjamin V. Cohen Fellowship Fund**

The Benjamin V. Cohen Memorial Fund was established in 1984 to support the Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Fellowship Program, which awards funds to Ball State faculty members and graduate students for research in fields related to progress toward a peaceful world.

### **H. C. Gemmer Foundation**

The H.C. Gemmer Family Christian Foundation was created in 1956 by a gift of Hiram C. and Edith Gemmer, and was substantially grown in 1993 from the estate of H. Robert Gemmer. The primary charitable interests of the founders were causes promoting peace, justice, sobriety, and racial harmony. The founders were also strong supporters of the ecumenical movement and the cooperative work of local, state, national, and world councils of churches. The main emphases of the Foundation's grant-making are in the following areas: peace, economic justice and human rights, ecumenical and interfaith cooperation, sobriety, funding priorities, and funding prohibitions.

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### **City of Muncie**

The City of Muncie is an agricultural center with a college-town element and a variety of industries. In the 19th century the Ball family started manufacturing canning jars, and Ball jars are still the world standard. Thanks to the sociological Middletown studies first conducted in the 1920s, Muncie is said to be one of the most studied U.S. cities of its size. The community is grounded with a diverse economic base that includes advanced manufacturing, information technology, logistics, and life science firms.

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