

## **Integration of the Indiana Center for Cultural Exchange**

In Spring 2011, Professor Donald Mitchell of Purdue University, contacted BSU's Dr. Lindsey Blom to discuss the possible integration of the mission and initiatives of Purdue University's Indiana Center for Cultural Exchange (ICCE) with the BSU Center for International Development (CID) and the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies. Dr. Mitchell informed Dr. Blom that ICCE was in the process of closing and he hoped BSU could incorporate its work.

After much discussion, it was concluded that all three Centers had a similar agenda. As a result, the mission and initiatives of ICCE were integrated with the work of our Center and the CID. Hence, the revised mission of the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies was created:

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