

Ball State University
Center for Peace and Conflict Studies

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Spotlight: Animal Rescue Fund (ARF)

"The mission of the Animal Rescue Fund (ARF) is to provide shelter, medical care, and love to abused, abandoned, neglected, and unwanted animals until permanent homes can be found. Through educational efforts, public awareness, and community involvement, ARF seeks to relieve animal suffering; to prevent cruelty, abuse, neglect and overpopulation; to eliminate euthanasia as a way of animal control, thereby creating a "no-kill" community in which both animals and humans benefit from the goodness of each other."

-ARF Mission Statement

Founded in June of 1998, ARF was originally a sanctuary for homeless animals. ARF has since grown and expanded its services to the community and now functions as a non-profit no-kill animal rescue. ARF currently is home to 65 dogs and 60 cats. The shelter does not confine the animals to small kennels but, rather, allows them to roam freely in rooms that offer interaction with other animals. ARF currently has seven employees who manage the organization and take care of the animals.

ARF offers various programs to benefit the community, including SNIP, Meow and Mutt Market, Nibble Nook, and ARF Park. SNIP (Spray Neuter in-Need Pets) is "a special program to help low-income pet owners afford the cost of spaying or neutering their pets." Meow and Mutt Market is a fundraiser for the animals selling gently used pet supplies, and ARF Park is a fenced in area that allows dogs to run freely and safely. ARF also offers the adoption of animals on the property.

There are various ways in which you can give to ARF. Because ARF is funded entirely through public donations and grants, donations are always welcome. They also accept material donations of pet toys and supplies. Items needed are listed in their Wish List section of the website. Volunteers are, as always, welcome and needed. If you are interested in learning more about ARF, or possibly giving to ARF in one of the above-mentioned ways, I would encourage you to visit the property at 1209 W. Riggin Road in Muncie or visit their website: www.munciearf.com.

~Katrina Pieri

Newsflash

Reel Hope Film Festival

Saturday November 10, 12-5 PM

First Mennonite Church (4601 Knollton Road, Indianapolis, IN)

Reel Hope is a **free**, one-day film event dedicated to promoting the works of socially conscientious filmmakers, with films reflecting messages of peace, community and social justice. A centerpiece of this year's festival will be the premiere screening of "The Accidental Missionary", a new comedy from Christian/spiritual filmmaker Chip Rossetti, a homegrown Hoosier talent hailing from Evansville, Indiana. The event will be presented free of charge to the public, with free-will donations accepted to benefit the future work of the Indy Artists' Peace Project. There will be a Q&A with the filmmakers at the conclusion of the last film, as well as free food, beverages and a time of fellowship following the event

"The Promise of America" - 12 PM

Janet Fitch's moving documentary explores the Million Mom March, the participants' personal motivations to attend, barriers overcome to do so, and responses to the experience.

"The Accidental Missionary" - 1:15 PM

Chip Rossetti's film could best be described as a faith-based comedy. A man on vacation accidentally ends up on the other end of the world, and learns that sometimes there are no accidents.

"The Invocation" - 3:10 PM

This documentary was filmed around the world and challenges viewers to move beyond their cultural, racial, and religious differences to seek the common goal of world peace.

On-Campus Events

Synagogues in Turkey: Ancient and Ottoman—Wednesday November 7, 7:30 PM

Join us for a lecture by Andrew R. Seager, Professor Emeritus of Architecture, for his lecture, *Synagogues in Turkey: Ancient and Ottoman*. Professor Seager's lecture is sponsored by the Friends of A.M. Bracken Library, Zeigler Committee for Jewish Studies, and the College of Architecture and Planning. The event will be held in Bracken Library room 104.

Veterans Day Honor Ceremony—Friday November 9, 11 AM-12 PM

Join LTC Kevin Faughnder, a Ball State Graduate and member of the US Army based in Fort Hood, Texas, for the Veterans Day celebration. The Ball State Veterans Wall of Fame will be presented. The goal is to highlight the successes and sacrifices of our WWII Veterans. The event will be held in the Ball Room of the Student Center.

Second Saturday with SVS—Saturday November 10, 12:45-4 PM

Looking to have some fun and get some volunteer hours? Volunteers will be scraping, priming, and painting a fence that surrounds the grounds of St. Mary's Church and School. Plan to be outside and wear warm clothes that you do not mind getting dirty. To sign up, please visit bsu.edu/svs and look for the "One Time Events" link.

Body Language—Monday November 12, 7-9 PM

This workshop with Comedy Sportz Indianapolis will use multiple scenarios of improvisational role to allow participants to feel the effects of body language on emotional content for both the speaker and the listener. We will also lead participants through mirroring exercises which allow them to not only fully focus on the body language of another person, but also illustrate to them what their body is showing to someone else. REGISTER FOR THIS SESSION @ https://www.bsu.edu/webapps/minicourse2/course_session_detail.asp?CourseID=7744.

Lead with No Title—Tuesday November 13, 8:30-11:30 AM

Whether you are in a leadership position as a supervisor or manager, or aspire to be a leader, this session is for you. At "Lead with No Title: Leadership Mindset at Every Level" you'll learn practical tips for leading others. Among the topics to be covered: Instilling / Developing Teamwork, How to be Self-Policing, and Empowering Others. It will be held in the Student Center room 303.

Off-Campus Events

Heroes from the Heartland—November 1-11

The Indiana State Museum explores the contributions of Hoosier veterans through their exhibit this November, *Heroes from the Heartland*.

JROTC Cadets Veterans Day Ceremony—Friday November 9, 2:30-3:30 PM

The Junior ROTC Cadet Battalion will be hosting this ceremony in the Muncie Central High School Student Center. This year's ceremony will include a speech by Cadet Battalion Commander Heather Chance, a wreath laying tribute and the playing of Taps. All veterans and the public are invited to attend.

Fall Festival—Saturday November 10, 8 AM-1 PM

Join Lutheran Church of the Cross for this fun Fall festival. Shop for homemade crafts, desserts, and attic treasures, attend workshops on how to make candy and craft items, and enjoy a bowl of soup for lunch. For more information, visit lccmuncie.org.

Jennie DeVoe and the MSO—Saturday November 10, 8-10 PM

Join the Muncie Symphony Orchestra for a night of soul and blues featuring Jennie DeVoe. This benefit concert will give proceeds to Cornerstone Center for the Arts and the Muncie Symphony Orchestra. General seating costs \$15. For tickets, please visit munciesymphony.org.

Scholarly Journals

Peace and Animal Welfare

Animal Welfare

Animal Welfare is an international scientific and technical journal. It publishes the results of peer-reviewed scientific research, technical studies and reviews relating to the welfare of kept animals (eg on farms, in laboratories, zoos and as companions) and of those in the wild whose welfare is compromised by human activities. Papers on related ethical and legal issues are also considered for publication. The journal also includes letters to the editor, commentary on topical issues such as developments in legislation and codes of practice relating to animal welfare and book reviews.

<http://www.ufaw.org.uk/animal.php>

Journal of Applied Animal Welfare

The Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science is the leading peer-reviewed journal on the science of animal welfare for veterinarians, scientists and public policy makers. It presents articles and reports on practices that demonstrably enhance the welfare of wildlife, companion animals and animals used in research, agriculture and zoos. Forthcoming topics include forced molting in chickens, noise in animal shelters and the head-neck position of Dressage horses.

<http://www.animalsandsociety.org/journal-of-applied-animal-welfare>

Journal of Animal Ethics

The Journal of Animal Ethics is the first named journal of animal ethics in the world. It is devoted to the exploration of progressive thought about animals. It is multidisciplinary in nature and international in scope. It covers theoretical and applied aspects of animal ethics – of interest to academics from the humanities and the sciences, as well as professionals working in the field of animal protection. The *Journal* is published by the University of Illinois Press in partnership with the [Ferrater Mora Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics](#). The aim of the Centre is to pioneer ethical perspectives on animals through academic research, teaching, and publication.

<http://www.press.uillinois.edu/journals/jane.html>

BSU Project in Pakistan



Dr. Gerstein is currently in Pakistan beginning to implement with Dr. Kenneth Holland and other colleagues from Ball State a U.S. State Department grant that establishes a partnership between Ball State University and Quaid-i-Azam University in Islamabad. Left to right: Dr. Lawrence Gerstein (Director, Center for Peace and Conflict Studies), Dr. Kenneth Holland (Director, Center for International Development), and Dr. Noman Satter (Director, Quaid i Azam University Area Study Centre of Africa, North & South America).

Grants and Fellowships

Middle East Regional Cooperation (MERC) - deadline: December 17

USAID's MERC program funds collaborative research projects between Israel and its Arab neighbors. The program funds a wide variety of scientific research, but most projects focus on subjects such as agriculture, water resources, health and the environment. This grant (\$1m) is open to academic institutions. Visit transition.usaid.gov/our_work/merc/program_description.html for more information.

USAID APS for Conflict Mitigation and Reconciliation—deadline: March 9, 2013

The objective of this APS (\$100,000+) is to make significant strides in the overall goal of conflict mitigation, peace, and reconciliation in selected eligible conflict-affected countries. Qualified non-profit organizations may apply for funding under this APS. Visit www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=138514 for more information.

Conferences

Peacebuilding in an Ever More Globalized World

The conference marks the 20th anniversary of the United Nations' *An Agenda for Peace*. The conference is focused on how globalization, broadly conceived, has advanced and/or retarded progress on various, central dimensions of the longer term process of peacebuilding. It is November 9-10 in Columbus Ohio, and is FREE to the public. Register by contacting Ann Powers at powers.108@osu.edu.

Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Conference: Promoting nonviolence at home and beyond

Muncie, Indiana, April 5 and 6, 2013

www.bsu.edu/cohenpeaceconference

Deadline for submitting proposals: December 31, 2012

Deadline for pre-registration: March 22, 2013

Learn more about the Cohen Peace Conference at www.bsu.edu/cohenpeaceconference



Call for Proposals

To honor the legacy and dedication of Benjamin V. Cohen to resolving worldwide conflicts peacefully, on the 30th anniversary of his death, the Ball State University Center for Peace and Conflict Studies along with the City of Muncie will host this conference on nonviolence.

Scholars, students, and activists from all disciplines are invited to submit proposals to present symposia, papers, and posters on the theme "Promoting Nonviolence at Home and Beyond". Proposals will be blind reviewed. We welcome submissions that focus on strategies, research, and recommendations related to peace-making and peacebuilding, and those that explore what activism and research can offer each other.

Suggested topics include (but are not limited to):

- Community peacemaking/peacebuilding theory and praxis
- Community violence causes, analysis, alternatives, solutions
- School violence causes, analysis, alternatives, solutions
- Structural violence relative to race, gender, sexuality, class, religion
- Justice and reconciliation
- Mediation
- Volunteerism
- Restorative justice
- Community corrections
- Community organizing
- Legislative access
- Internet and social media for peacemaking/peacebuilding
- Post-conflict resolution
- National/international law and local politics
- International peacemaking/peacebuilding across borders
- Ethnic conflict
- Religious conflict
- Meditation and mindfulness

A \$100 award will be given to the best student poster!

To submit proposals, register (early registration ends March 22, 2013). To learn more about this conference, visit www.bsu.edu/cohenpeaceconference.

Questions about the conference can be directed to the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies (765-285-1622; peacecenter@bsu.edu; www.bsu.edu/peacecenter).

Benjamin V. 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, Mr. Cohen worked behind the scenes where his brilliance as a legal draftsman was widely recognized. Following WWII, Mr. 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 and on the United Nations Disarmament Commission. His abiding interest in world peace and his outstanding legal ability influenced American Presidents and world leaders until his death on August 15, 1983.

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updates.

The Center for Peace and Conflict Studies is an interdisciplinary knowledge unit devoted to conducting research on various forms of structural and direct violence and conflict, and also dedicated to implementing projects that employ nonviolent strategies to resolve conflict.

Our programs include:

- Mediation training and services
- Meditation classes
- The Brown Bag lunch speaker series
- The Muncie Interfaith Fellowship
- The Social Justice League on-campus organization

If you would like YOUR events to be included in the newsletter, please contact:

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Disclaimer: the events described in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect the views of the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies

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