

The Olive Branch

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Evolution of Peace Studies



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The first academic peace studies program began in 1948 at Manchester University, in North Manchester, Indiana. However, the tradition of peace activities on college campuses began far sooner. In the United States, college clubs opposing war existed as early as the late 1860s, after the end of the American Civil War. Historically, college students have been influential in pushing colleges to pay attention to the causes of war, both in the United States and Europe. According to Harris, Fisk, and Rank,

“Fifty years after the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, the existence of 200 peace studies programs on college campuses in North America and Western Europe provides powerful testimony for the desire of human beings to avoid Armageddon by studying peaceful ways to resolve conflicts.”

Peace studies is an extremely new academic field. Its evolution has occurred rapidly, in response to changing times and concerns. Many of the first academic programs began in response to the Vietnam War. A further increase in programs came as a result of alarm about the use of nuclear weapons. Courses focuses primarily upon violence and war, the nuclear arms race, and international understanding, among other themes.

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However, course themes shifted after the Cold War from a focus upon international politics to domestic issues, including structural, domestic, and civil violence, as well as collective security. This suggests a shift in focus from negative peace, or the absence of violence, to positive peace, which focuses upon eliminating the causes of violence.

These new ways of thinking about peace are crucial to advancing the cause of peace, particularly within our rapidly changing world. The focus upon interdisciplinary courses has shifted the field a great deal and provided a number of new and unique perspectives that have had a great impact. International issues, such as the crisis in Syria, the war in Iraq, and even nonviolent, yet equally serious issues, such as global warming, provide the opportunity for new dialogue and the possibility for collective peaceful solutions and interactions. It is interesting to consider whether and how the field of peace will shift as much in the next 20 years as it did in the last.

For more information, see: http://www.gmu.edu/programs/icar/ijps/vol3_1/Harris.htm

-Ashli Godfrey



Spotlight:

Samuel Ruiz Garcia



Samuel Ruiz Garcia, Catholic bishop and activist, was an excellent living example of the practice of positive peace, which involves identifying the root causes of conflict and attempting to address them rather than simply fighting the violence itself.

Garcia began his career in the Catholic Church at the Diocese of San Cristóbal de las Casas of Chiapas Mexico with absolutely no intent to become a peace activist. He and his fellow clergymen were of the consensus that the top-down methods of Western civilization were the best means by which to govern the Church. This had a specific consequence to the indigenous peoples of Mexico who had been oppressed since the time of Spanish settlement in the country. Relations with the Maya Indians were especially strained, and the

Church was of the opinion that if they were simply to “civilize” these people that both parties would be much happier with the outcome. However, like almost all indigenous populations of all the world experiencing colonialization, the Maya resisted these efforts, much to the frustration of the government and the Catholic Church.

Garcia’s opinion changed, however, when he decided to take a mule tour across his diocese to familiarize himself with the people and terrain. What he saw on this trip shocked him: the poverty and oppression of the indigenous peoples in his diocese was like nothing he had witnessed before. He quickly realized that the reason he and his colleagues had such a negative view of the Indians was because they had never actually observed their struggle. Ruiz Garcia proceeded to question the Church’s practices and those of the Mexican government. He witnessed horrific brutality on the part of the government used to ensure the marginalization of the Maya. He was convinced that his duty was to help these peoples to a better tomorrow and to pull them out of the devastation in which their lives had become so entrenched. He learned to speak four Mayan languages and taught that the Bible was an important text to which the

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could look for advice. He especially emphasized that the Book of Exodus drew many parallels to their lives. He translated the Book into local languages so that the Indians were able to read and participate in mass, something that the Catholic Church was staunchly against.

Bishop Garcia was elected president of the Department of Missions of The Conference of Latin American Bishops in 1968. A conference was held that year, and Garcia was able to convince many of its participants that the reason indigenous people were suffering was a result of Western imperialism, particularly from the United States, and that what was happening was a perfect example of dependency theory in action. Dependency theory states that when an area is colonized for so long, the indigenous people become dependent on their colonizers for jobs, food, money, and the like. Then, once the area's occupiers leave, those native to that land are left not knowing how to fend for themselves anymore. The Catholic Church disagreed with this thought and claimed that it reduced the Gospel to earthly rather than heavenly purposes. Garcia ignored the ire of the Church and continued to uplift the Indians by training them to take responsibility in their lives and to use the Bible to create peaceful solutions to their everyday problems.

Those who practiced this method of interpretation of Christianity were labeled Marxists and had a horrible reputation with the Church and the Government. Matters boiled over when a group of politically oppressed Indians calling themselves Zapatistas began practicing guerilla warfare against the government. Garcia was on neither side but became an important mediator throughout the struggle. Appearing successful, he was able to get the Indians and the government to agree on a treaty which was to ensure the respect, safety, and dignity of the indigenous in exchange for the cessation of warfare. The agreement was accepted by both the Zapatistas and the federal government, but Mexican President Zedillo refused to agree to the treaty.

Shortly after this failure to agree to peace, Bishop Garcia Ruiz retired. This was not an act of abandonment but rather the beginning of a fight to be finished by other peace activists. His legacy lives on today, and we still admire his ability to look past his own circumstances and to help others who may not be able to fight for themselves.



On Homeland Security

On Homeland Security is an upcoming art show, scheduled for the month of February at The Cup (The Village of Muncie), that will focus on the instability and fear accompanying the still expanding War on Terror. The show strives to highlight the many faces that insecurity takes at home and abroad. Possible themes include: surveillance, extrajudicial detention centers, drones, and suspension of civil rights here and around the world.

Local artists, writers, and performers of any media who are interested in participating in this exhibition or the associated video and website are welcome to submit pieces by **October 15th, 2013**.

For more information or to make a submission, contact Mary Ogle (ogle.mary@gmail.com).



Fall Discussion Series

The Ball State Center for Peace and Conflict Studies

presents

Ahmadiyya Muslims for Peace, Loyalty and Life

as part of its Fall 2013 Discussion Series



Speaker: Mr. Muzaffar Ahmad, Treasurer,
Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's Indiana

Date: November 21 2-3 PM

Location: Student Center, Pineshelf room

Course Offering

RELS 380 **Religion, Nonviolence and War**

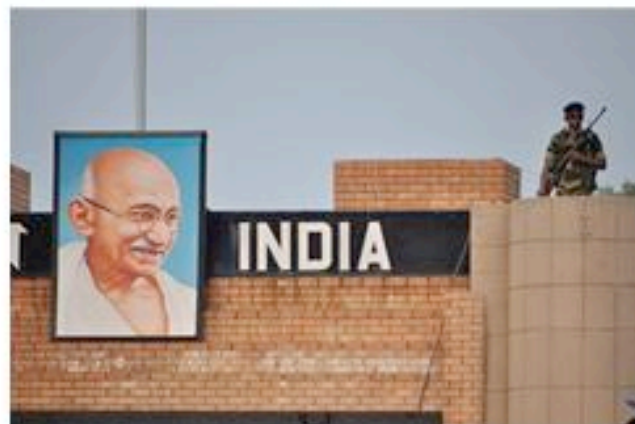
Spring 2014, T/R 2-3:15

Prof. Elizabeth Agnew

An investigation into traditions, theories, and practices of



nonviolence and war in the 20th and 21st centuries



Questions? Email eagnew@bsu.edu

Eligible for credit in Peace & Conflict Studies

On Campus Events

International Conversation Hour

Time and Location: Every Tuesday, 6-7:30 pm, 310 Student Center

This program is designed to help international students practice English, learn studying skills and classroom culture, and make American friends. We recruit both domestic and international students from the BSU campus. Through interactive discussion, they can normalize their experiences and decrease their isolation, worries, and stress as well as get support from American students. They will also learn different kinds of study skills to help them succeed at Ball State University. We hope through students' participation, domestic students will learn about different cultures without studying abroad and international students will increase their sense of belonging to BSU and adjust to their transition from their countries to BSU better.

Please join ICH facebook-BSU International Conversations.

Bracken Lecture: Environmental Activist to Share Blueprint for Social Change

James Gustave Speth has worked for more than three decades to bring about environmental policy change in the United States, founding two major environmental groups, leading the United Nations Development Programme, and advising two presidential administrations. He will share his thoughts on building a new political economy that benefits both the American people and the environment as part of the 2013 Bracken Environmental Lecture Series at Ball State University.

Gus Speth presents: "America the Possible: For a Bright Future Change the System"

Thursday, November 7

7 p.m., Student Center, Cardinal Hall

Free and open to the public

Speth is a change agent, working with and challenging world leaders to develop policy that will help create a sustainable future for our planet. In 2011 Speth concluded that to transform the American system, he would have to step outside of it and found himself under arrest in front of the White House following a peaceful protest of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline.

On Campus Events continued...

Write Your Legislator Days (WYLD)

Students for Creative Social Activism (SCSA) will be hosting Write Your Legislator Days (WYLD) in the Atrium on November 14th and 15th. The goal of the WYLD event is to show students that they have the ability to make their opinions heard to their representatives. We believe that every student should graduate ready to be active and informed citizens. We will have tables set up in the Atrium with information on how to research legislation, legislators, and effective writing.

Heritage Film Series: We are Egypt

Date: 11/20/13

Time: 7:00-8:00 PM

Location: Arts and Communications Building, Room 144

The Heritage Film Series features various films throughout the spring semester. These films present historical and social perspectives from various cultures. Each month, a different culture is featured.

The Amazing Taste: Global Food Fair & International Festival

Date: 11/14/2013

Time: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Student Center, L. A. Pittenger

Sample International foods, learn about other cultures, and have fun! This event is co-sponsored by Ball State Dining & Rinker Center for International Programs.

Off-Campus Events

Well-being and Innovation: A Panel Discussion

Location:

IUPUI University Library

Room: Lilly Auditorium - UL 0130

755 W. Michigan St.

Indianapolis, IN 46202

Can future policy decisions make communities happier? Strengthen economies through a focus on contentment? Innovate the well-being of cities? A developing area of study assesses the impact of entrepreneurship, innovations, happiness and equality on individual and community well-being and considers how those factors affect overall prosperity. Join thought leaders of this new research at “Well-being and Innovation: A Panel Discussion” on Monday, November 4, at 5-7 p.m., in Lilly Auditorium of University Library (UL 0130).

Featured panelists include:

Dan Breznitz - Munk Professor of Innovation Studies, University of Toronto

Don Coursey - Ameritech Professor of Public Policy, University of Chicago

Erin Krupka - Assistant Professor of Information, University of Michigan

Donald Kuratko - Jack M. Gill Chair of Entrepreneurship, Indiana University

Ryan Streeter - Senior economic policy advisor to Gov. Mike Pence

This event is free and open to the public.

Combat Paper

This exhibition will feature several works made through papermaking workshops where veterans use their uniforms worn in service to create works of art. The uniforms are cut up, beaten into a pulp and formed into sheets of paper. Through this process, participants reclaim their uniforms as art and express their experiences with the military. Please see the website for exact schedule details.

Location: IUPUI Herron School of Art and Design Eskenazi Hall

Robert B. Berkshire, Eleanor Prest Reese & Dorit and Gerald Paul Galleries

For more information, visit <http://www.herron.iupui.edu/galleries/exhibitions/>

Off-Campus Events Continued

Friends Memorial Church Food Pantry

A food pantry that is open the third Saturday of each month for clients to receive both food and non-perishable items free of cost. This food pantry is sponsored by Friends Memorial Church. Volunteers help clients select food and assist to their vehicles.

Volunteers can participate at times scheduled with the agency throughout the month. Or, volunteers can participate on the third Saturday of each month, must check in at 8:15 a.m. at the church. Pantry is open until 11:30 and volunteers will remain until approximately 12:00 noon to help service everyone in the building.

Please contact Linda Daniel, cell 765-212-4775, ldaniel1234@comcast.net, to arrange placement.

Misrepresentations and Mascots: Panel Discussion

Location:

IUPUI Campus Center

Room: 310

420 University Blvd.

Indianapolis, IN 46202

Join faculty from African Studies, Asian American Studies, Latino Studies, and Native American Studies with the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI for an interdisciplinary panel discussion about the contemporary challenges of misrepresentations and mascots as each identifies the specific stereotypes and misinformed media images.

Sponsored by IUPUI American Indiana Programs, IUPUI Latino Studies Program, IUPUI African Studies Program, IUPUI Asian American Studies and the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI.

Grants and Fellowships

The Davis Projects for Peace:

In its sixth year, the Davis Projects for Peace program is an invitation to undergraduates at the American colleges and universities in the Davis United World College Scholars Program to design grassroots projects that they will implement during the summer of 2013. The projects judged to be the most promising and feasible will be funded at \$10,000 each. The objective is to encourage and support today's motivated youth to create and try out their own ideas for building peace.

Deadline for submissions is January 2014. For more information, visit <http://www.davisprojectsforpeace.org/>

The Jennings Randolph Senior Fellowship Program (USIP)

These are awarded to scholars, practitioners, policy analysts, policy makers, and others to spend 9-10 months in residence at the USIP during which time they will reflect and write on international peace and security challenges. Citizens of any country are able to apply. The program beginning in October 2014 is now open. Visit <http://www.usip.org/grants-fellowships/jennings-randolph-senior-fellowship-program> to learn more.

Rotary Peace Fellowships

The Rotary Foundation provides these fellowships to fund master's degree or professional development certificate study at one of the six Rotary Peace Centers. Recipients of this fellowship promote peace, cooperation, and successful conflict resolution on both the national and international levels. Visit <https://www.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowships> to learn more.

Conferences

Because Kids Count Conference

Registration is now open for the 2013 Because Kids Count Conference!

December 3-4, 2013

Our two-day conference has more than 60 workshops on youth development and nonprofit management topics, nearly 100 exhibitors with helpful resources to share, networking time, a Talent Show and Welcome Reception, a free screening of the documentary film Bully... and more!

Location:

Indiana Convention Center

100 South Capitol Avenue

Indianapolis, IN

For more information, see: <http://www.iyi.org/conferences/kids-count.aspx>

Notre Dame Student Peace Conference

The annual Notre Dame Student Peace Conference, which takes place during the spring semester, attracts undergraduate and graduate students from across the U.S. and abroad who want to change in the world and who are committed to a rigorous, multi-disciplinary academic work on peacebuilding. Students present original research and showcase innovative peacebuilding practices.

For more information, see <http://kroc.nd.edu/undergraduate/notre-dame-student-peace-conference>

The conference will be held March 29-30, 2014. More information regarding deadlines for research proposals will be posted online as the information becomes available.

Conferences continued...

National Conference on Undergraduate Research

The mission of the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) is to promote undergraduate research, scholarship and creative activity done in partnership with faculty or other mentors as a vital component of higher education.

The conference will be held on April 3-5, 2014. The deadline for applications and abstracts is Dec. 6, 2013.

http://www.cur.org/ncur_2014/

National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education (NCORE) 2014

The NCORE* conference series constitutes the leading and most comprehensive national forum on issues of race and ethnicity in American higher education. The conference focuses on the complex task of creating and sustaining comprehensive institutional change designed to improve racial and ethnic relations on campus and to expand opportunities for educational access and success by culturally diverse, traditionally underrepresented populations.

Conference Date: May 27 2014 - Jun 1 2014

Location: Indianapolis, IN

Contact Email: meganvinson@ou.edu

The call for proposals is coming! See <https://www.ncore.ou.edu/>

Black Solidarity Conference

The Black Solidarity Conference at Yale seeks to bring undergraduates of all colors together to discuss issues pertaining to the African Diaspora. Through discussions, panels, networking, and social gatherings, over 700 students from across the country analyze issues affecting our community and explore solutions to undertake at their respective college campuses. The Conference is hosted annually in February at Yale University in New Haven, CT by a student organization. In the past, the Conference has hosted Drs. Michael Eric Dyson, Angela Davis, and Cornel West as Keynote Speakers as well as J. Cole, Big Sean, and Phony Ppl as Concert Performers.

Conferences continued

NAIS People of Color Conference and Student Diversity Leadership Conference

December 5 - 7, 2013, in National Harbor, Maryland

Adult practitioners and student leaders: We hope you'll join us for the 2013 PoCC and SDLC. With the Washington DC area as our backdrop, we will explore the theme of "A Capitol's Mosaic: Independent School Leaders Building an Interconnected World." Register by November 4.

Follow and contribute to the conversation via Twitter at #PoCC13 and #SDLC13.

To register, visit <http://pocc.nais.org/Pages/default.aspx>. Register by Oct. 11 to save.

2014 Grinnell Peace Studies Student Conference

Conference Date: February 28, 2014 – March 1, 2014

Call for Papers: September 25, 2013 – December 20, 2013

Location: Grinnell, IA

Contact: Anthony Wenndt wenndtan@grinnell.edu.

Purpose: The conference will address issues of peace and conflict from the sciences, social sciences, and humanities.

<http://digital.grinnell.edu/ocs/index.php/peace/peace2014/index>

Butler University Undergraduate Research Conference

The Butler University Undergraduate Research Conference invites presentations of undergraduate research across a broad spectrum of disciplines, a full list of which can be found on the website.

The conference is currently in the planning process, but will be held 4/11/14.

<http://www.butler.edu/undergrad-research-conference/registration/>

Conferences continued...

“Engaging the Other” The Power of Compassion

Conference Date: May 4-5, 2014

Location: Dearborn, MI

Contact Email: SOlweean@aol.com Steve Olweean

Purpose: Focuses on unresolved communal trauma and transference of the trauma experience into future generations as potent fuel for future animosity and violence, including: the implications for fear-based systems, negative stereotypes, prejudice, alienation, polarization, scape-goating, and forming enemy images that promote adversarial perceptions of the “Other” and the power of compassion and humanitarian service to victims in healing communal trauma, re-empowerment, and promoting positive relations within and between societies.

http://www.cbiworld.org/Pages/Conferences_ETO.htm

International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry

The Tenth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry will take place May 21-24, 2014 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry (ICQI) will celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2014. The 10th Congress will be built around the changes that have occurred in the field of qualitative inquiry in the decade since the Congress was launched as an alternative site for collaboration and discourse. The 2014 Congress will offer delegates an opportunity to assess the major changes that have taken place over the last decade. What might the Congress, and indeed the broader landscape of qualitative inquiry, look like in another decade? What should our mandate be for the next decade? What have we learned? Where do we go next?

The proposal deadline is December 1, 2013.

Peace Organiza-

Social Justice League

I am Morgan Ulyat, the president for Social Justice League this year. Below is a short description of our organization:

The Social Justice league strives to better the world through awareness, local involvement, and fundraising for worthy causes. We aim to bring greater awareness of social justice issues to Ball-State and the community. Join us to explore both domestic and international issues and to confront and combat injustices.

Our club meets every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies. We can be reached at either sjl@bsu.edu or bsu.social.justice@gmail.com.

Timmy Global Health

Timmy Global Health is a nonprofit organization based out of Indianapolis that seeks to eliminate healthcare disparities worldwide. At Ball State, our chapter works through the academic year to raise awareness, money, and medical supplies for our annual trip to Ecuador during spring break.

Contact Info: bsutimmy@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BSUTimmy>

Meetings: Tuesday @ 7pm. Education Resource Room 1 in the Bracken Library Basement

Delivering Educational Support to Kenya

Delivering Educational Support to Kenya (DESK) is a student-led organization designed to assist students in Kenya. In Kenya, all students are required to have a school uniform to attend school. Unfortunately, some families are not in a position to buy school uniforms or school supplies for their children. To help these families, DESK organizes various fund raising activities to raise money to buy school uniforms and supplies. Some of these activities have been bake sales, calendar sales, and boxed lunch sales.

Peace Organizations continued...

Contact email: desk@bsu.edu

Fall 2013 Meeting Dates & Times:

September 23, 6-7pm in TC 542

October 28, 6-7pm in TC 542

November 25, 6-7pm in TC 54

Ball State TOMS

Our club is directly affiliated with the TOMS company. Our main goal and focus as a club is to raise awareness about the company and what they do. We do this through sponsoring and holding several events throughout the school year. We meet every Wednesday night at 9 PM in Bracken, room 401.

Contact info: TOMSCLUB@bsu.edu

Taylor Cardini, President

Students for Responsible Consumerism

Students for Responsible Consumerism aims to educate consumers about their relationship with products and the corporations that make them. Our mission is to make students aware of the socioeconomic and environmental influence of their purchases. We foster consumer activity that promotes ethical products that avoid exploiting labor or the environment.

Our club meets Tuesdays at 5 p.m. in the Student Center, Room 308. We can be reached at the following emails: src@bsu.edu or responsible.consumerism.bsu@gmail.com. This is our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/responsibleconsumerism>, and we also have a tumblr page: <http://responsibleconsumerism.tumblr.com/>.

Peace Organizations continued...

Ball State Circle K

Circle K International (CKI) is the premier collegiate community service, leadership development, and friendship organization in the world. CKI blends community service and leadership training with the opportunity to make friends. Our motto is: "Live to Serve, Love to Serve!" Our club offers weekly service opportunities and larger service events for those who wish to become involved.

Our club meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 in WB 136.

Club email: ballstatecki@gmail.com

Club Website: <http://ballstatecki.weebly.com/>

Vegan Association

The Vegan Association is a judgment-free zone for Ball State students, employees, and alumni who are vegan and wish to positively promote a life free from animal products. We are a campus-affiliated network dedicated to the support, promotion, and education of people regarding veganism.

Meeting information can be found on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/354765237926317/members/>

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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

To get all the latest updates on activities and news from the Peace Center, follow us on Twitter @bsu4peace or "Like" our Facebook page!



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