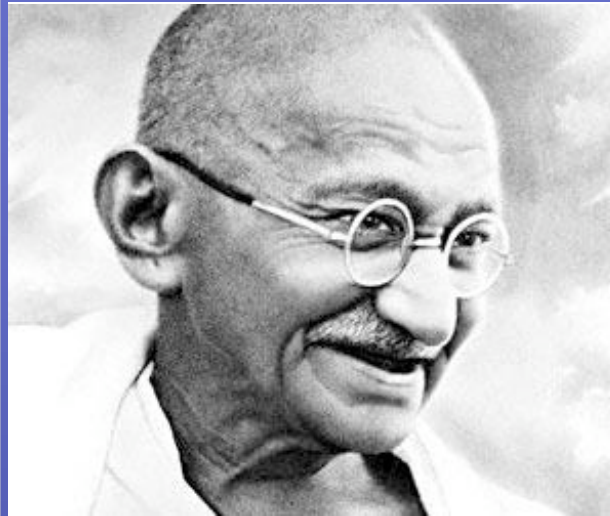


The Olive Branch

Week of October 18, 2013

Satyagraha



The term satyagraha was coined by Mahatma Gandhi in the Indian independence movement to represent his philosophy of nonviolence. The term translates to “holding firmly to the truth,” “truth force,” or “soul force” and was coined to clarify the difference between Gandhi’s philosophical ap-

proach and passive resistance. While passive resistance can sometimes involve violence, Gandhi conceptualized satyagraha as a “weapon of the strong” that often involved personal struggles, but did not allow for violence under any circumstances.

According to the theory of satyagraha, means and ends are inseparable. This is significant because many have justified horrible acts due to their ultimate goal. For instance, a component of just war theory is the concept of proportionality, which states that the benefits of waging a war must be proportional to its expected harms. This claim suggests that violent means can and should be taken to advance specific types of end goals. Satyagraha, on the other hand, denies this claim. According to Gandhi, “If I want to deprive you of your watch, I shall certainly have to fight for it; if I want to buy your watch, I shall have to pay for it; and if I want a gift, I shall have to plead for it; and, according to the means I employ, the watch is stolen property, my own property, or a donation.” The ends, therefore, are directly tied to the means used to achieve them.

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Gandhi claimed that satyagraha should be practiced both in individual conflict and on a larger scale. Satyagrahis, or individuals who had been trained to live out the principles of satyagraha, were to practice an extreme obedience to the law, except those laws against which they practiced civil disobedience. Satyagrahis also lived by other principles, such as non-violence, truth, respect for all religions, and non-possession, or the practice of taking only what one needs.

The concept of satyagraha was extremely influential for Martin Luther King, Jr., in the civil rights movement and has influenced other thinkers, including survivors of the Holocaust. As peace workers, the concept of satyagraha is extremely relevant today, as well. If we accept the principle of non-violence and strive to live peaceful lives, it is important to seek consistency between our beliefs and actions, particularly if we wish others to do the same. Do the ends ever justify the means, and should we all become satyagrahis? This is a question we must all decide.

Ashli Godfrey



Spotlight:

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Desmond Tutu was born in 1931 in South Africa, the son of a schoolteacher and a janitor. Tutu recalls as a child what inspired him to eventually become a leader in human rights: he was standing outside the school in which his mother worked and a white man in priests' clothing tipping his hat to her. This act of respect was not at all common in the Apartheid-era South Africa Tutu grew up in. The man who tipped

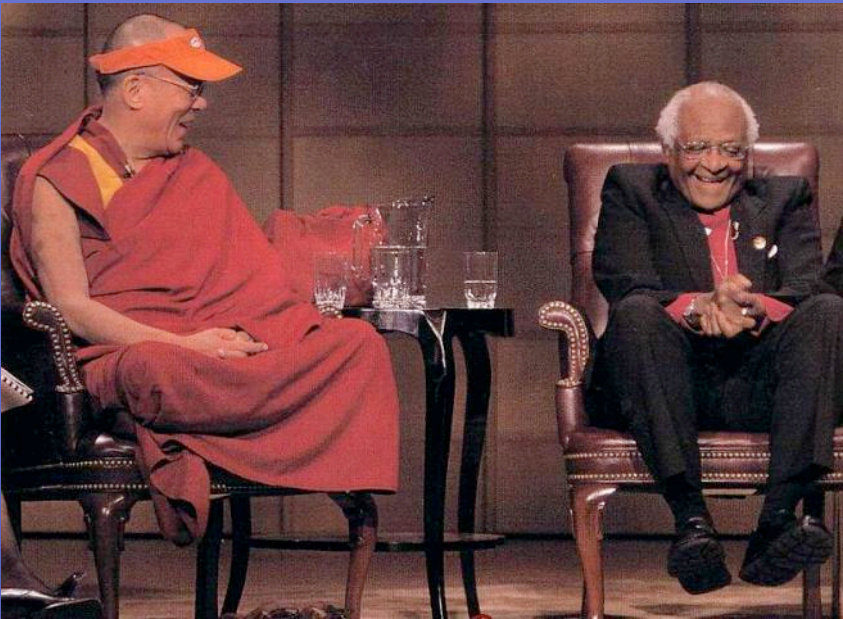


his hat turned out to be famous anti-Apartheid activist Trevor Huddleston, who became Desmond Tutu's inspiration and eventual mentor.

Career-wise, Desmond Tutu longed to be a doctor but his family could not afford to pay for his education. Instead, he decided to follow in his father's footsteps and become a schoolteacher. He taught at two South African high schools until he could no longer tolerate the way black schoolchildren were being deprived of a proper, well-rounded education. Tutu then went back to school, this time to study theology, eventually becoming an Anglican priest much like Trevor Huddleston was. Afterward, he travelled to King's College in London to obtain his masters' degree in theology from 1962-1966. In 1967, he returned to South Africa, attempting to end Apartheid by informing diplomats from other nations how badly the situation was worsening. This was largely to no avail, but Tutu did become the chaplain at University of Fort Hare, one of the very few adequate universities for black students in South Africa, and he also lectured at the National University of Lesotho for two years.

Desmond Tutu's greatest peacemaking effort was against the regime of Apartheid that had been put in place in South Africa since colonization by the Dutch and officially made law in the late 1940s. Apartheid was much like segregation in the United States: Blacks were not allowed to eat, drink, swim, walk, or live in the same areas as Whites were. In the 1970s, it was made official that no non-white person was allowed in government, and all races except for whites were

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into tribal communities. Outside nations, such as the United States, enforced economic sanctions against South Africa. Desmond Tutu agreed to this method, but did not agree with many of the ways to go about it. He declared that the best diplomatic policy was for these outside countries to use “disinvestment,” which was to remove all foreign aid so that at least the poor who were already suffering would be suffering for a good reason.

This tactic succeeded, and caused South African currency to plummet in value.

In the 1980s, Tutu became the Secretary-General of the South African Council of Churches, a post which he used to advance his anti-Apartheid cause. All of the churches in this council unanimously agreed to fight against national segregation from a reconciliatory standpoint. He often compared the racist regime to Nazism and for that his passport was revoked twice and he was jailed. However, Tutu did not let this stop him or at all alter his nonviolent method of reconciliation. When Chris Hani, leader of the anti-black South African Communist Party passed away, Tutu was able to lead the angry black mob which had gathered at the funeral in peaceful chants, stopping them from committing acts of violence which could have prolonged the end of Apartheid even further.

Desmond Tutu has become the patron of several hospitals and medical research facilities, has won dozens of peace prizes including the Nobel Peace Prize of 1984, and has inspired his own children to follow in his footsteps. He has been recognized by Queen Elizabeth II and by Nelson Mandela as being one of the strongest leaders against Apartheid. His admirable methods of nonviolence and reconciliation won admiration in the hearts of the entire world, which was partially what made him capable to continue to fight the racist regime in South Africa.

-Katie Munn

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).



On Campus Events

Heritage Film: Not Just a Game

Date: 10/23/2013

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Arts and Communications Building, Room 114

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.

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.

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.

On Campus Events continued...

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.

"The Butler: Witness to History"

Wil Haygood

Wednesday, October 30, 7:30 p.m.

Pruis Hall

Wil Haygood is the author of *The Butler: A Witness to History* and the associate producer of a movie based on the book starring Oprah Winfrey, Forest Whitaker, and Cuba Gooding Jr. Both tell the true story of a White House butler who served eight presidents. Haygood's presentation will explore leadership, civil rights, and the idea that through service, we can all lead.

Sponsored by Excellence in Leadership, Black Student Association, Office of Housing & Residence Life, Office of Institutional Diversity, Multicultural Center, & Student Government Association

On Campus Events continued...

Prevailing Security Environment of Pakistan: Challenges and Responses

Presented by Dr. Noman Sattar

Acting Director, Area Study Centre for Africa, North & South America-Quaid-i-Azam University (Islamabad, Pakistan)

October 23 10-11am

Student Center Cardinal Hall A

Dr. Sattar will be available to meet in Cardinal Hall A with Ball State faculty and students following his presentation from 11-11:30am.

Please consider attending this timely presentation and spreading the word to interested others!

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.

Off-Campus Events

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.

Halloween at the Muncie Y – Volunteers Needed

Date: Friday, Oct. 25, 2013

Time: 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Contact Kelly Petroviak at 765-741-5017

Costumes optional!

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...

The Meaning of Matthew with Judy Shepard

October 21, 2013

Indiana University-Bloomington; Whittenburger Auditorium

900 E 7th St

Bloomington , IN 47405

On October 12, 1998, Judy Shepard's 21-year-old son, Matthew, was brutally murdered in an anti-gay hate crime. Judy urges her audiences to make their schools and communities safer for everyone, regardless of their race, sex, religion, or gender identity and/or expression. Culture of Care is proud to be a sponsor of the Judy Shepard presentation.

Special Exhibition, Art Interrupted: Advancing Art and the Politics of Cultural Diplomacy

September 15, 2013 - December 15, 2013

Venue: Indiana University Art Museum

Address: E. 7th St., Bloomington, IN 47405

Phone: 812-855-9647

Times: Noon - 5 pm

Recurrence: Recurring weekly on Sunday

Admission: Free

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

2013 Indiana Governor's Conference for Women

The highly successful Midwest Invent Your Future Conference for Women is joining forces with Indiana Governor Mike Pence to create the first annual Indiana Governor's Conference for Women this Fall.

As the Midwest's premier educational event for businesswomen and entrepreneurs, the conference will feature nationally-recognized keynote speakers, best-selling authors, thought leaders and business experts offering seminars, tools and techniques to accelerate your career advancement.

November 5, 2013

JW Marriott Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana

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.

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...

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>

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/>

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/>

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 Wennedt 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>

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, scapegoating, 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 Organizations

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!



If you or your organization would like to submit content or information about an event to be included in our newsletter, please email Tacianna Oliver at tpoliver@bsu.edu or Katie Munn at ksmunn@bsu.edu.