

The Olive Branch

Week of November 8, 2013

Peace Corps



The Peace Corps began in 1960, when Senator John F. Kennedy challenged students at the University of Michigan to promote peace in developing countries. From this initial challenge, a federal agency devoted to promoting peace began. Since 1960, over 210,000 volunteers have served in 139 countries across the globe, including Guatemala, Paraguay, Ethiopia, and Thailand, among many others. There are currently 8,073 active volunteers serving in 76 countries; on average, volunteers are 28 years old.

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Since its beginnings, the Peace Corps has adapted and changed its service based upon the needs of the communities in which they have served. They have had to learn many cultural lessons, such as when a volunteer in Nigeria wrote a letter home describing her first impressions of local life. Expecting the Nigerian postal service to work similarly to the confidential postal service in the United States, she was shocked when the letter was found by a local student and taken as an offense by her host community. Similarly, volunteers have had to learn to deal with new assumptions and expectations when fitting in within new communities away from home. Many volunteers report an initial anxiety about fitting in to their new homes, followed by a sense of community and fulfillment over time.

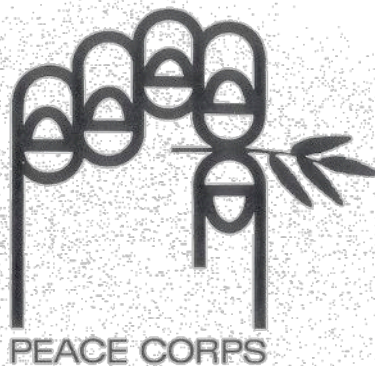
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The type of work volunteers do is dependent upon their personal experience prior to going abroad, as well as the needs of the host country. Volunteers work in many areas, such as education, health, economic development, and agriculture. For instance, the largest area of need is in education, and volunteers attempt to address this need through a variety of methods, such as working with teachers and creating after-school programs to promote life skills and HIV/AIDS prevention. Within agriculture, volunteers work with small-scale farmers to increase food security, as well as utilize conservation practices.

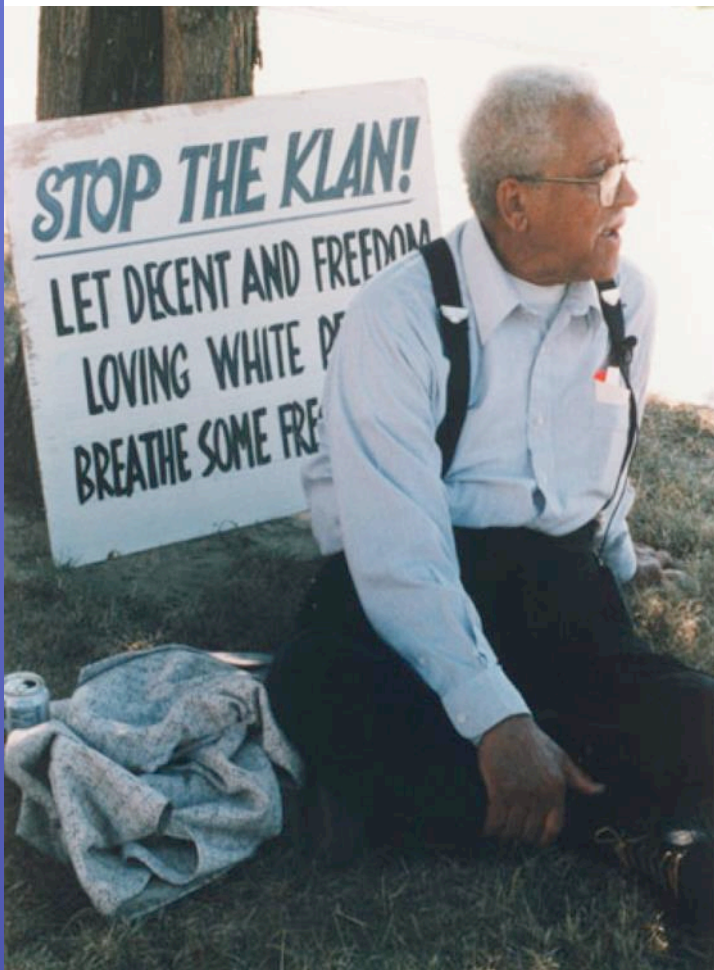
Overall, becoming a Peace Corps volunteer is an extremely fulfilling job that requires an immense amount of dedication. Returned volunteers include “members of Congress, diplomats, educators, business leaders, researchers, doctors, and writers.” Service in the Peace Corps has a huge impact on the lives of the communities, but it also changes the lives of volunteers by providing them with a new perspective on life and the opportunity to have a meaningful impact on the lives of others. As John F. Kennedy said, “But if the life will not be easy, it will be rich and satisfying. For every young American who participates in the Peace Corps... will know that he or she is sharing in the great common task of bringing to man that decent way of life which is the foundation of freedom and a condition of peace.”

-Ashli Godfrey



Spotlight:

James Cameron



On August 7, 1930, a brutal blot on the history of Indiana occurred. On that day in the city of Marion, about 45 miles north of Muncie, the lynching of three young black boys took place. They had been accused of murdering a white teen and raping his girlfriend. While the three were in jail, they were dragged out by an angry mob and hung from a tree. The horrible picture of this event which depicts onlookers seeming happy or entertained is often used in history books and documentaries as the epitome of the evil racism that existed during that time. Two of the boys died in the lynching, but one miraculously survived. James Cameron, age sixteen at the time, claims that a voice insisted he be let down from the tree and that he was innocent. He would later learn that nobody else in the crowd could hear it.

James Cameron could have easily become a hateful, vengeful soul, and those of us living today would have little cause to blame him. The fact that he was the only African-American to ever survive a lynching in the United States was likely a double-edged sword granted the horror he was forced to recall. However, Cameron instead chose the path to self-fulfillment. After being charged with the murder, he spent time in jail composing a memoir about his life. He then was able to self-publish the book upon his release, which sold quite a few copies. Cameron went on to become a human rights activist, fighting for justice for black people around the country. He became a brilliant self-taught historian and speaker. He dedicated his life to exposing the terror that lynching had, not only on the victims but on society as a whole.

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In 1988, James Cameron opened the Black Holocaust Museum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It was dedicated to all black victims of slavery, oppression, poverty, and institutional racism. Although the physical building is now defunct, the museum remains open online at abhmuseum.org. He has said that he has lived his life in constant peaceful reaction to devastating violence. Cameron has said that he once witnessed a knife fight in which a woman was stabbed to death and was also forced to watch a public lynching by a white man just years after his own. None of these things were able to deter Cameron from his mission of hope and progress.

Mr. Cameron accomplished many things throughout his life aside from the museum. He helped organize events for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, or NAACP, was the Indiana Director for Civil Liberties, travelled cross-country lecturing on the dangers of hatred, marched against the Ku Klux Klan, and received an honorary degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He was finally vindicated by the federal government in 2005, when he was personally invited to hear the U.S. Senate issue an official apology to victims and families of lynchings. More importantly to Cameron, however, was an official pardon from Indiana governor Evan Bayh and the Indiana Parole Board. In his mind, this moment finally freed him from the burden he carried around for so long. He died peacefully at age 92, and is forever remembered as an Indiana hero.-*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).



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

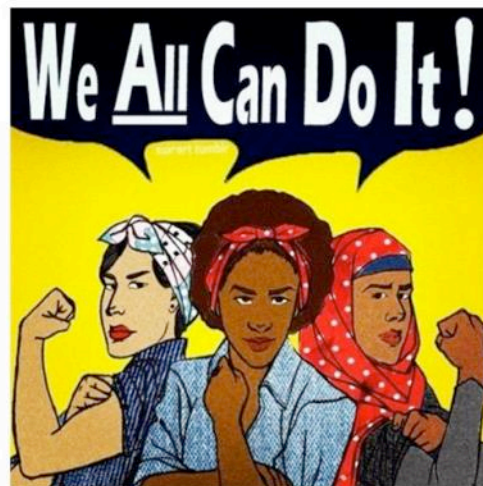
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Location: Student Center, Pineshelf room

Fall Discussion Series

The Ball State Center for Peace and Conflict Studies
Presents

Feminist Intersectionality: A Brown Bag Panel Event



November 14, 2013

2:00 – 3:00 PM

Student Center Forum Room

Featuring:

Dr. Heather Adams, Department of Psychological Science

Dr. Amit Baishya, Department of English

Dr. Jennifer Erickson, Department of Anthropology

Dr. Juli Thorson, Department of Philosophy

How should feminists respond to and incorporate diversity into their conceptual frameworks? Much of feminist thought has come from the perspective of white, privileged, middle-class women and has tended to neglect the experiences of women outside of that group. This panel will address issues of intersectionality and the feminist response to diversity.

Fall Discussion Series

The Ball State Center for Peace and
Conflict Studies Presents

Advocacy in the Age of Facebook: The Influence of Social Media on Social Justice



When: Monday, 11/25 7:00-8:00

Where: Teachers College Room 121

Who: Brandon Waite, Ph.D. and Kristen McCauliff, Ph.D.

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.

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.

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.

On Campus Events continued...

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.

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Ahmadiyya Muslims for Peace, Loyalty and Life

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

Date: November 21

Time: 2-3 PM

Location: Student Center, Pineshelf Room

Advocacy in the Age of Facebook: The Influence of Social Media on Social Justice

The Ball State Center for Peace and Conflict Studies Presents a Social Media Activism Panel:

Date: November 25, 2013

Time: 7 – 8 p.m.

Location: TC 121

Speakers: Brandon Waite, Ph.D., and Kristen McCauliff, Ph.D.

Off-Campus Events

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/>

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.

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.

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

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 peace-building 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.

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...

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...

“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 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.