

# THE OLIVE BRANCH

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2013

## LOGIC OF DOMINATION



Identified by ecofeminist philosopher Karen J. Warren, the “logic of domination” is an oppressive conceptual framework which posits the moral superiority of humans or groups of humans and claims that this superiority justifies the subordination of inferior groups. She claims that historically, oppressors have used this logic to justify oppressing groups thought to be inferior, including women, minorities, and even the environment. Warren focuses especially on women and the environment and claims that because women have been historically identified with nature, the logic of domination has been utilized to subordinate and oppress both. Because all types of oppression are ultimately connected to this same logic, individuals who oppose any type of oppression must oppose all others.

The concept of the logic of domination is especially applicable for peace workers, who work to promote positive peace in all areas of life. Many peace workers have dedicated their lives to ending particular causes, yet through their actions fail to consistently oppose other harms. Of course, it is unreasonable to expect any one person to take on all the harms of the world.

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However, I believe effective peace work requires a degree of attention toward the underlying cause of the problem, as well as actively opposing other related oppressions. Such failure to acknowledge the underlying problem results in efforts to resolve isolated manifestations of the problem, rather than the problem itself.

Warren suggests that an alternative to the logic of domination can be found in a change of perspective to the loving eye. The loving eye requires a shift in the way we perceive the world to a view of ourselves in relation to others. This type of perspective is ideal for peace workers because it values difference and is an expression of love for those different from ourselves. As peace workers, learning to adopt this perspective is a vital part of how we come to promote positive peace.

For more information, see: Warren, Karen. (1990). In *The Environmental Ethics & Policy Book* (3rd Ed.) (Wadsworth, 2003). 282-296.

-Ashli Godfrey



# SPOTLIGHT: NIKOLAY ALEXEYEV

The state of human rights in the United States for lesbians, gays, bisexuals, the transgendered, and the queer (LGBTQ) have never been outstanding, but things have been improving in the past decade or so. There are some parts of the world in which sexual minorities face a far more stringent form of discrimination, one of those places being Russia. With all of the media coverage on the moves by Vladimir Putin to shut down LGBTQ progress, it is interesting to delve into the past and learn about those who did, in fact, fight for equality in the face of such hate.

Nikolay Alexeyev is one of the most prominent activists in the Russian LGBTQ community. As a university student he studied constitutional, administrative, and municipal law. The first real challenge Alexeyev faced in his academic career was being forced out of Moscow State University due to the rejection of his thesis concerning the legal status of homosexuals in Russia. He became a published author, composing works which explored legalizing prostitution and the history of British Parliament. In 2005 he decided to devote his full effort to improving the legal status of sexual minorities in his home country. On International Day Against Homophobia 2005, he launched a website, GayRussia.ru, which was designed as an LGBTQ community for news, forums, campaigning, and organizing national events. At the time this article is being written, the website, which is now GayRussia.eu, has not been updated in two years. He was married to his Swiss partner in Geneva City, Switzerland in 2008, becoming the first figure in Russian history ever to marry a person of the same sex.



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Although Alexeyev is known for executing countless acts of protest against the oppressive Russian regime, his most famous is his activism in favor of a gay pride festival to take place every year in Moscow. He first began this effort in 2006, with Moscow Pride. The mayor, Yuri Luzhkov, insisted he would not allow the festival to move forward, stating that the citizens of Moscow were “categorically opposed” to the idea. He also said that pride festivals were Satanist gatherings, and “weapons of mass distraction from the West.” Alexeyev became extremely vocal about the outrage he felt towards the mayor, stating that banning LGBTQ gatherings was a violation of the right to freedom of assembly, and taking the issue to the European Court of Human Rights. He took matters to this Court rather frequently, which raised his position in the gay community to that of a leader. For five years all of Nikolay Alexeyev’s plans for pride festivals and other various events were outlawed by city officials and arrests were made in order to scare participants.

Nikolay Alexeyev fought many issues under the spectrum of sexual civil rights, including same sex marriage, hate speech, the banning of propaganda, the prohibition upon gay blood donation in Russia, and the closing of a gay club in Moscow. He was instrumental in bringing down walls of hate which prevented progress and demonstrated that with hard work, minds can indeed be changed.



**Note:** Recently, Nikolay Alexeyev has come under fire for his harshly anti-Semitic Tweets and Facebook posts, and for using harsh homophobic slurs. He claims that someone has hijacked his accounts, but by all reports, it was indeed Alexeyev who was behind them. This calls to our attention the nature of fighting for justice—why is it that we will fight for one oppressed group while consciously persecuting another? We, as peace activists, must not fall into this dangerous trap. For all Mr. Alexeyev has done for the LGBTQ community in Russia, his work has become marred by his violent and unacceptable speech toward an ethnicity of people.

## SPONSORED EVENTS

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

## SPONSORED EVENTS

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

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



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

: Teachers College Room 121

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

# Course Offering

## **RELS 380** **Religion, Nonviolence and War**

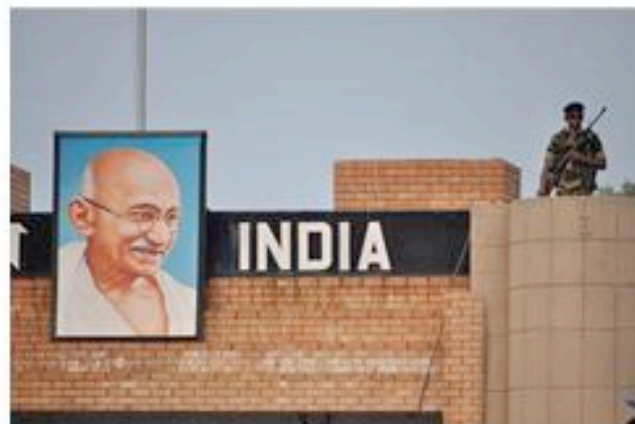
**Spring 2014, T/R 2-3:15**

**Prof. Elizabeth Agnew**

**An investigation into traditions, theories, and practices of**



**nonviolence and war in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries**



***Questions? Email [eagnew@bsu.edu](mailto: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.



## ANGELS FOR LIFE - BALL STATE UNIVERSITY BLOOD DRIVE

Location: Pruis Hall

Dates: Tuesday, November 19, 2013 09:00AM-04:00PM

Wednesday, November 20, 2013 09:00AM-04:00PM



The donation process takes less than an hour. It is recommended that donors have a light snack before donating. Most people are eligible to donate. There are very few causes for deferral and very few medications that are not acceptable. Not sure if you are eligible to donate? Email Eligibility. Indiana Blood Center must see 550 individuals each and every day to meet patient needs at the 60+ hospitals it supplies.



# ON CAMPUS EVENTS CONTINUED...

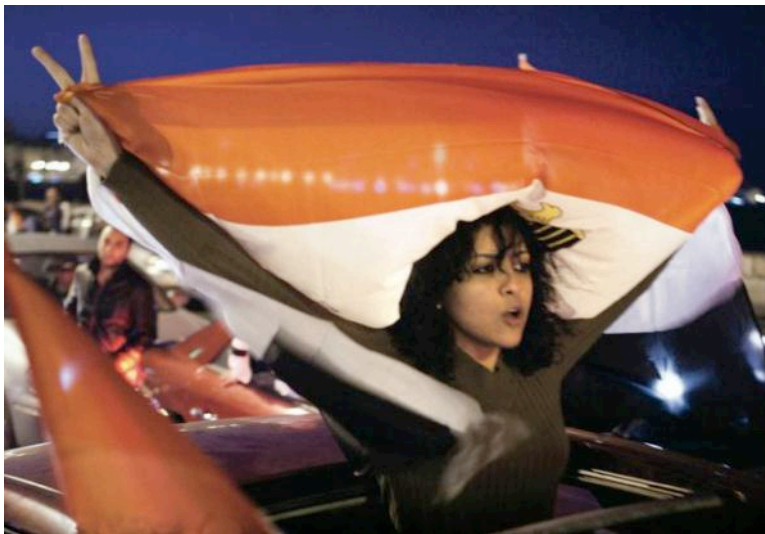
## HERITAGE FILM SERIES: WE ARE EGYPT

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.



# OFF-CAMPUS EVENTS

## CHILI LUNCH FUNDRAISER AT THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH



Location: 4800 W. Bradford Drive, Muncie, IN 47304

Date: Sunday, Nov. 17

Time: 12:00 PM

OUTreach will be serving four kinds of delicious chili Sunday, November 10th at noon. Chili, vegetarian chili, Fire hot chili and white chicken chili. Please come join us for lunch and bring all your friends. OUTreach, an LGBTQ & Ally youth drop in center, runs on your donations. Help provide a safe, confidential, and fun place for our local youth to come and connect to others. We are also raising money so all our kids can go to the Midwest LGBTQ Youth Conference in December. The conference will be a great learning experience and will help us grow our group. If you would like to donate, but can't make it for chili, check out our web site to make a donation. <http://www.muncieoutreach.com/donate-now.html>

## RESTORATIVE YOGA AT LOTUS YOGA SCHOOL



Location: Lotus Yoga School at 814 W. White River Blvd, Muncie, IN 47303

Date: Tuesday, November 19

Time: 6:30-7:30 PM

Ticket Pricing: \$10

A relaxing class in which positions are held for a longer period of time with the aid of props for comfort. Good for all students who want to enjoy a restorative practice by candlelight. Come and melt into your mat before the week gets hectic!

## NAMI FAMILY TO FAMILY COURSE



Location: College Avenue United Methodist Church at 1968 W. Main Street, Muncie, Indiana 47304 Room 107

Date: Thursday, November 21

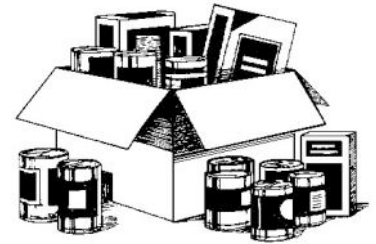
Time: 6:30-9:00 PM

Family to Family is a course for caregivers and friends of people with a mental illness. The course helps caregivers and others understand and support individuals with serious mental illnesses while maintaining their own well-being. It covers all major mental illnesses. There is no cost to participants.

# 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.

## GREEN THE STATEHOUSE SIXTH ANNUAL FORUM

Location: IUPUI Campus Center at 420 University Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46202

Date: Saturday, November 16

Time: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Ticket cost: \$10 for students, \$20 for all others

Indiana's largest gathering of foodies and environmentalists. Focus will be on supporting sustainable agriculture with discussions about advocating on behalf of children's health issues with IndyTalks. From mercury contaminated fish, to air pollution, factory farm-induced asthma and pesticide-laden foods, children's lives are affected by the choices of our policy makers. Registration includes entry to the forum, panel discussions, lunch, and keynote speaker and sustainable agriculture expert, John Tuma.



# 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/>

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## **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.

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## **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>

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## **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/](http://www.cur.org/ncur_2014/)

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## **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](mailto:meganvinson@ou.edu)

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

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## **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.

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## **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](mailto: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>

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## **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](mailto: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](http://www.cbiworld.org/Pages/Conferences_ETO.htm)

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## **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.

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# 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](mailto:sjl@bsu.edu) or [bsu.social.justice@gmail.com](mailto:bsu.social.justice@gmail.com).

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## **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](mailto:bsutimmy@gmail.com)

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

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

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## **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](mailto: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

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## **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](mailto:TOMSCLUB@bsu.edu)

Taylor Cardini, President

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## **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](mailto:src@bsu.edu) or [responsible.consumerism.bsu@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ballstatecki@gmail.com)

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

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## **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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