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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Thurgood Marshall

Emily Hart

Thurgood Marshall is known as a civil rights advocate and was the first African American justice to serve on the United States Supreme Court. He was instrumental in overturning the legal basis for discrimination and segregation, arguing for such cases as *Murray v. Pearson*, *Brown v. Board of Education*, and *Browder v. Gayle*. His determination in enforcing the civil rights of African Americans in the United States has influenced many advocates for peace and will serve as an inspiration for generations to come.

Marshall was born in 1908 in Baltimore, Maryland. As the grandson of a slave and the son of a teacher, from a very young age he had instilled in him an appreciation for the justice and freedom protected by the United States Constitution. He excelled during his early years of education, consistently placing with the top of his class and graduating a year early from high school. He then went to Lincoln University with the intention of eventually studying law; among his classmates at the university were notable figures such as the poet Langston Hughes and musician Cab Calloway. Described by Hughes as a “rough and ready, loud” figure, he soon became involved with civil rights protests and became a prominent member of the school’s debate team. Marshall graduated with honors and a degree in American literature and philosophy; he then intended to study law at the University of Maryland, but was denied admittance due to the school’s segregation policy. Instead, Marshall attended Howard University School of Law where he fell under the mentorship of prominent lawyer and dean Charles Hamilton Houston, who himself was instrumental in doing away

with Jim Crow Laws. With Houston’s tutelage, Marshall’s views on discrimination were solidified and he graduated at the top of his class with the intention of using his law degree to fight for civil rights.

Working with both his private practice and as a lawyer for the NAACP, Marshall won his first civil rights case in 1936, *Murray v. Pearson*. In this case he represented an African American student denied admittance to the University of Maryland on the basis of his race. Like Marshall himself, who had also been denied admission for the same reason, the student in question had excellent grades and credentials, but was passed over in favor of white students. Marshall was able to prove that the “separate-but-equal” doctrine embraced by so many institutions was unconstitutional, unjust, and inhumane. During this case, he famously declared that “compliance with the

Constitution cannot be deferred at the will of the state. Whatever system is adopted for legal education must furnish equality of treatment now.” As a result of this decision, the University of Maryland became integrated.

For the next decade Marshall became a prominent, well-respected lawyer and argued several civil rights cases for the U.S. Supreme Court. His most famous case as a lawyer was *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, in which the Supreme Court officially ruled that legalized segregation in public schools was unfair and unconstitutional. All public educational institutions within the U.S. were resultantly declared desegregated by the federal government; though this was met with backlash from several state leaders such as Alabama governor George Wallace, it ultimately resulted in a national movement towards integration (continued)



IN THE SPOTLIGHT (cont'd)

and equality. In total, during his career as a lawyer, Marshall won 29 out of the 32 cases argued before the Supreme Court.

In 1967, Marshall was nominated for a position on the Supreme Court by President Johnson and was voted in as an associate justice. The first African American to hold this position, Marshall's presence on the court was widely regarded as a positive sign of progress; Johnson asserted that Marshall's nomination was "the right thing to do, the right time to do it, the right man and the right place."

Marshall fulfilled that prediction, serving on the court for nearly 30 years and maintaining a strong advocacy for civil rights and individual freedom. He worked to protect all people prone to discrimination, including racial minorities, convicts, and women. He concluded during this time that the death penalty was "in all circumstances unconstitutional" and sought to use the U.S. Constitution to "protect human rights."

Upon his death in 1993, Marshall bequeathed all of his personal papers and notes to the Library of Congress in order to allow the public to access and learn from them. He clearly intended to leave behind a positive legacy that would allow his work towards civil rights to continue; indeed, many of his mentees and law clerks during his times as a Supreme Court Justice went on to become lawyers and judges themselves, often also argu-

ing cases to improve the status of oppressed or repressed individuals and groups. Around the nation, many monuments and buildings have been dedicated in honors of Marshall, and the Episcopal Church named him a saint in 2009, assigning May 17th as his feast day. Artists and peace workers have collaborated on several projects to document the life and works of Marshall through theatre; the 2006 play "Thurgood" was described as "one of the most frank, informed and searing discussions of race you will ever see." Clearly, Marshall's legacy continues to influence hearts and minds for the betterment of our society.

ARTICLE

BSU at the Games

Kate Giglio

As part of an Immersive Learning Program, “BSU at the Games,” Ball State has 22 students, 3 faculty members, and 1 alumnus in Sochi, Russia covering the 2014 Winter Olympics.

During the days leading up to their journey of a lifetime reality began to set in. Hearts were beating faster due to the anxiety and nerves regarding the unknown, including their own safety.

The security in Sochi has been a looming concern for many people traveling to this year’s games. “We remember tragic situations which happened in the past during international competitions, including the one in the United States during the marathon. It’s all quite recent,” said Russian President, Vladimir Putin, leading up to the Opening Ceremony.

The fears of many were renewed last week when the Department of Homeland Security announced a warning that terrorists may attempt to smuggle explosives in tubes of toothpaste into Russia. Some air travelers heading to Sochi have defied Russia’s temporary ban of liquids in carry-on luggage by unnoticeably bringing toothpaste and other toiletries on board.

When the “BSU at the Games” crew arrived in Sochi, student Allyson Burger said that “there was no shortage of curiosity” when it came to what they would face when they stepped off the plane.

She continued to say that she

feels “sufficiently confident” that when it comes to the safety in Sochi, with one concern regarding the walk to the Olympic Park.

“This is where I see security lacking most. From our dock to the start of the park, there was just one (unfinished) security checkpoint. Squad cars were still scattered about the streets every couple hundred feet or so, but I did expect to see more thorough measures for visitors and spectators on the walk to the venues.”

Holly Demaree, a producer for Ball Bearings Online, published a blog post regarding a situation where she felt that her safety could be at risk. She and a few of her colleagues were in line to buy a day pass to the Olympic Park when some intensity arose. She reports that as they got closer to the building the crowd became very loud and forceful.

The announcements regarding the ticket information were in Russian and following each announcement there was an abundant amount of yelling. She attempted to decipher whether the announcement was positive or negative by listening to the crowd’s tone.

The real trouble began as they were trying to leave as Holly and one of her colleagues linked arms to make their way out of the angry crowd. They turned around to see their professor pinned up against a window. He mouthed to them

that he was okay, so they stood and waited for him to make his way out of the crowd, with the assistance of someone who spoke Russian.

This came as a major shock to Holly because she did not understand why the crowd became intense and nearly violent. This incident is a great example of how the sense of “safety” can vary between cultures.

Russia responded to a terrorist threat from North Caucasus that brought two suicide bombings to Volgograd near the end of December by implementing what is likely to be the most extensive security team to guard the Olympic Games. The enormous presence of security seems to be calming the nerves of many visitors in Sochi.

To keep up with the journey of the students and faculty who are in Sochi for the Winter Olympics:



@BSUattheGames



sochi.bsuatthegames.com

BLOG OF THE WEEK

Denise Blankenberger

From attending the Art of Injustice anti-war art exhibit at The Cup, I was reaffirmed in my belief that war is utterly taxing on physical, social, and mental realms of our world. The two testimonies from Caleb and Professor Waite were heartbreaking but empowering. Both of the veterans experienced the horrors of warfare that still impact them to this day.

Keeping the focus on the personal level, I will discuss how terrorism, which is typically nation-based, has an effect on individuals. Acts of true terrorism are widespread and devastating, but their true intention is to disturb people emotionally and upset huge groups of people. Following the 9/11 attack, people nation -and world- wide felt the effects of fear. These people who had once taken their safety for granted suddenly questioned the ability of their nation to keep them safe. They were outraged: not only at the terrorists, but also at their leaders for letting such an attack take place. This was no accident; the terrorists were successful in upsetting a nation. Bruce Hoffman defined terrorism as “a form of psychological warfare.” Though the attacks are clearly violent and physical in their implementation, the long-term effects of a terrorist attack harm people mentally.

What is it that drives these terrorists? They are still human beings, no different that you and me. People driven to such extremes

as losing one's life for a cause must mean there is a serious disturbance at play. Some terrorists are driven by radical religions, calling for its believers to offer up themselves as a sacrifice for some reason or other, with the premise of being rewarded in the afterlife.

However, this is not always the case. Many suicide terrorists are part of an organized campaign to change democratic policy in world-power countries. ((Robert Pape stated that of all the attacks between 1980 and 2003, only 3 percent were suicide attacks, but they accounted for 48 percent of all fatalities. This statistic reveals the troubling truth that suicide terrorism is the most effective manner of widespread terror. Perhaps these terrorists have an off-balance view of heroism and honor that leads them to suicide. Maybe they believe that they have nothing left to lose and think that the terrorists' cause is a noble way to end their lives. It is obviously difficult to understand their intentions, because they cannot be questioned post-attack. Regardless, something had to affect these humans into losing the value of life and the primal instinct of self-preservation.

Cultural differences are sometimes the reason behind these acts of extreme violence. An “us versus them” is developed over time due to tension between cultures. Cultural differences are far more difficult matters to solve because they are ingrained in people due to their

heritage, as opposed to political affiliations or religious beliefs, which are developed over time.

One would think that people could look beyond what race a person is, but sometimes that is all people see. It is almost like we are taught (from a young age) to embrace this tension. For example, my high school had a rival high school that drew the biggest crowds of the year at football and basketball games. Emotions ran high, and these events were what everyone looked forward to. They are the bad guys; we are the good guys.

Why is it that we need to identify as a separate entity? Can't we just appreciate the players without needing to divide a fan base into two different parts? I understand the purpose behind a friendly rivalry, but these games always seem to go too far. I cannot even think of an easy way to solve this problem, so ending culture clashes is quite the undertaking. It would only make sense to start with the youth.

Stop encouraging people identify themselves as “this or that,” and rather, end dehumanization by identifying strangers as people like us. We are all composed of the same material and should be treated as such. In the words of Caleb, who spoke at the Art of Injustice exhibit, “The sooner you can recognize them as human beings, the better off you are.”

EVENTS On Campus

OUTREACH GROUPS **Multicultural Center Library**

ETHNIC/RACIAL MINORITY SUPPORT GROUP:

Safe, supportive place for ethnic/racial minority students to explore and discuss navigating 2+ cultures.

KNOWING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT STORIES:

This is designed to provide support for international students by coming together and sharing cross-cultural stories. Through sharing our stories, participants will find similarities and differences as well support from each other.

Please visit the Counseling Center or call 285-1736 for more information.

INTERNATIONAL CONVERSATION HOUR **Tuesdays from 6:00-7:30 pm** **L.A. Pittenger Student Center** **Room 310**

This program is designed to help international students practice English, learn studying skills and classroom culture, and make American friends. 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.

COUNSELING CENTER GROUP THERAPY SESSIONS **Require appointment @ Center**

CHOICES:

Group for students who are exploring changes in their relationship with substances.

JOURNEY TO WHOLENESS:
Safe, supportive place for survivors of sexual trauma to explore the meaning of their experiences and to explore effective ways of coping.

UNDERSTANDING SELF/OTHERS:
Group members explore patterns of relating to self & others through understanding and acceptance.

WEIGHT NOT, WANT NOT:
Support group for women with eating disorders or body image struggles.

SAFE HAVEN:
This therapy group provides a safe place for GLBQ students to explore and discuss patterns of relating to self and others by discovering understanding and acceptance of themselves and others.

MINDFULNESS GROUP:
Assists students in alleviating uncomfortable feelings, such as anxiety, stress, anger, and sadness. The group will practice and discuss relaxation and mindfulness

AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENT EXPERIENCE EXHIBIT **Bracken Library** **Archives & Special Collections**

As part of the celebration of Black History Month, the University Libraries are proud to present The Ball State University African-American Student Experience, 1970-2013: available until Feb. 28. The display draws from several collections; featured are the Black Student Association Records, the Allen Williams Black Ball State Alumni Collection, the Robert Foster Papers, and the Marie Fraser Papers and Photographs.

CULTURE EXCHANGE: **BANGLADESH** **Feb. 19 from 12:00-1:00pm** **L.A. Pittenger Student Center** **Room 102**

Want to learn about the world beyond Muncie? Join us at the Rinker Center for International Programs for a culture exchange! Each week a different country is highlighted; presenters are typically natives that can offer an insider's look into the country and its culture. Attendees are welcome to bring a lunch to the presentation and are reminded to show respect and prevent distraction to presenters by arriving on time.

EVENTS On Campus

**WISECRACKS FOR
WELLNESS MOVIE NIGHT:
It Happened One Night
Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 5 pm
Bracken Library
Lower Level Educational
Resources Meeting Room**

Staying positive is essential to maintaining optimal mental health and there are several easy ways in which to accomplish this. Laugh. Learn. Live your life the fullest. Be a part of the community.

The Fisher Institute for Wellness and Gerontology is promoting Ball State University's objective towards faculty, staff and student wellness by showcasing a series of comedy films throughout the semester. Our first feature will focus on Romantic Comedies, just in time for Valentine's Day. Come be a part of this community event, learn about different types of romantic comedies, and enjoy our very first feature film event.

**MEDITATION
IN THE MUSEUM
Fridays @ 3:30pm
January-April
David Owlsey Museum of Art**

The last hour of the weekday is reserved for quiet time at the David Owsley Museum of Art.

**MAJOR BARBARA
Feb. 14-15 at 7:30 pm
University Theatre**

Join us for George Bernard Shaw's masterpiece, a witty social commentary wrapped in the complex story of a father's love for his daughter.

Tickets: General Public-\$14, Faculty/Staff-\$13, Senior Citizens-\$10, Students-\$8. Box Office Hours: Monday-Friday 12pm-5pm and one hour before each performance.

For more information, please contact the University Theatre Box Office at 765-285-8749.

**HJR-3 PHONE BANK
L.A. Pittenger Student Center
Wednesdays & Sundays @ 5 pm
Room 310
Saturdays @ 11 am
Second Floor Lounge**

Help us encourage our fellow Hoosiers to push our state politicians to oppose HJR-3!

We are at a pivotal point in the next couple weeks when it comes to the way LGBTQ Hoosiers are treated.

If we all come together now to fight this, we could beat it once and for all.

**CALL ME CRAZY: A Five
Film
Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 pm
Pruis Hall**

The Counseling Center presents CALL ME CRAZY: A Five Film (Courtesy of A&E Television Networks, LLC). Through the five shorts named after each title character, powerful relationships built on hope and triumph raise a new understanding of what happens when a loved one struggles with mental illness.

The film is presented in cooperation with the JED Foundation (www.jedfoundation.org) and the Love is Louder Campaign (www.loveislouder.com)

**NEW ECOSYSTEMS FOR
HIGHER EDUCATION:
"The Road Ahead"
Feb. 17 @ 7:30 pm
Pruis Hall**

Higher education observer Rich DeMillo discusses how 2012 brought a global conversation about the nature and value of universities that defined a new ecosystem for higher education and looks to the road that lies ahead.

EVENTS

On Campus

NATIONAL EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK

MON
25

**“EVERYBODY CAN
EAT MINDFULLY”**

5:00-6:00 pm

**L.A. Pittenger Student Center
Pineshelf Room**

**IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THE
EVENTS, THERE WILL BE
EATING DISORDER
SCREENINGS
AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT
THE WEEK**

TUE
26

**“DIETS: WHAT EVERYBODY
DOESN’T KNOW”**

5:00-6:00 pm

**L.A. Pittenger Student Center
Pineshelf Room**

**Sunday-Thursday
5:00-9:00 pm
Student Recreation Center**

WED
27

**“MEDIA LIES: ONE SIZE
DOES NOT FIT EVERY-
BODY”**

5:00-6:00 pm

**L.A. Pittenger Student Center
Pineshelf Room**

**Monday-Thursday
Student Center Tally
11:00 am-1:00 pm**

**Free T-Shirt or Water Bottle
with each screening
while supplies last!**

THU
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**“EVERYBODY WANTS TO
LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER:
THE FAIRYTALE EFFECT”**

5:00-6:00 pm

**L.A. Pittenger Student Center
Cardinal Hall C**

EVENTS

Off Campus

ANTI-WARFARE WEEKLY VIGIL

Feb. 14 from 4:30-5:30 pm
Federal Building
North and Pennsylvania
Indianapolis, ind.

Join us for our weekly vigil protesting warfare, sponsored by the Indianapolis Peace & Justice Center. Bring an appropriate sign or have one provided. For more info, phone Gilbert Kuhn at 926-3068 or email Ron Haldeman at ronjane@igc.org.

INDOOR WINTER FARMERS MARKET

Feb. 15 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Minnetrista Cultural Center
Muncie, ind.

Farmers Market has moved indoors for the winter season! Experience good company and remarkable finds while supporting local farmers every third Saturday of the month. Don't miss out on Super Saturday programming, including Family Fun Days at Minnetrista and special offers in The Orchard Shop at Minnetrista—during both Saturday Market dates.

HOOSIER INTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT ENERGY-SAVING PRESENTATION PEACE VIGIL

Feb. 16 from 2:00-5:00 pm
White Violet Center @ St. Mary of the Woods
Terre Haute, ind.

An engaging, interactive presentation will offer practical tools to help congregations and households significantly reduce their utility bills; one Indiana congregation reduced its annual utility bills from \$19,562 to \$10,632!

Hoosier Interfaith Power & Light calls together Hoosiers of faith as stewards of creation in order to promote renewable energy and energy conservation and efficiency, as a faith response to climate change. For more info, email hoosieripl.members@gmail.com or phone 654-1524.

INDIANA SOCIALIST COALITION MEETING

Feb. 16 @ 2:00 pm
Worker Justice Center
1734 W. Washington Ave.
Indianapolis, ind.

The Indiana Socialist Coalition welcomes anyone interested in social justice to their monthly meeting. The Coalition includes both the local branches of the Socialist Party-USA and the Democratic Socialists of America.

For more info, contact John Strinka at hoosiersocialist@gmail.com or 848-2912.

FELLOWSHIPS

ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIPS

If you are looking to make an impact by promoting cooperation and tolerance than this may be for you!

Rotary Foundation provides 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.

There are two types of peace fellowships available.

The deadline for submitting applications is July 1, 2014.

Please visit <https://www.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowships> to learn more information.

TAPIR PROGRAM

The Transatlantic Post-Doc Fellowship for International Relations and Security (TAPIR) Program is open to candidates who have recently received their doctorate in social and political sciences or economics and whose research focuses on topics of international relations and/or international peace and security issues.

Fellowships are granted for a duration of 24 months to prepare Fellows for a career in international policy-oriented research at renowned think tanks and political consulting research institutes. Fellows spend three eight-month stays at institutions participating in the program - at least one on the Eastern and one on the Western side of the Atlantic.

The TAPIR fellowship is administered by the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik in Germany.

Visit <http://www.swp-berlin.org/de/projekte/tapir/call-for-applications.html> for more information about placements and applying.

CONFERENCES

NOTRE DAME STUDENT PEACE CONFERENCE

March 29-30

The Annual Notre Dame Student Peace Conference attracts both undergraduate and graduate students from all across the United States and abroad who are committed to a rigorous, multi-disciplinary academic work on peace-building. Students present original research and showcase innovative peace building practices.

More information regarding deadlines for research proposals will be posted online at kroc.nd.edu/undergraduate/notre-dame-student-peace-conference

THE 19th ANNUAL BLACK SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE

February

**Yale University
New Haven, CT**

Through a series of panels, discussions, and speakers, this year's conference participants will gain a historical understanding of the evolution of black art and analyze what role different forms of art play in the expression of black culture. by a student organization.

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON'S 10th BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

Oct. 31 - Nov. 1

The conference will be focused on Conflict Studies and the new generation of ideas.

Please visit <http://www.umb.edu/academics/mgs/crhsgg/conferences> for more information.

THE PEACE AND JUSTICE STUDIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

**"Courageous Presence: Shifting
Stories and Practices of Peace"**

October

San Diego, CA

The conference will be held on the beautiful campus of the University of San Diego on a mesa overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Proposal submission deadline is April 1, 2014.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RACE AND ETHNICITY IN AMERICAN HIGHER EDUCATION (NCORE)

Indianapolis, IN

May 27- July 1

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.

See <https://www.ncore.ou.edu/> for more information.

ORGANIZATIONS

THE ALIVE CAMPAIGN

Wednesdays at 9:00 pm

Student Center

Pineshelf Room

The Alive Campaign is a student-run organization at Ball State that is dedicated to raising awareness towards suicide prevention and awareness by representing ourselves as a “life appreciation group”. In the United States, suicide rates currently exceed 38,000 per year. We believe something can be done. We believe students across the nation should step up and let their voice be heard. We believe that if we stood together and gave people a reason to believe in life, a reason to be ALIVE, we can make a difference.

BALL STATE ‘TOMS’ CLUB

Wednesdays at 9:00 pm

Bracken Library

Room 201

TOMS Campus Club promotes the awareness, reality, and consequences of children living without shoes, and aids in charitable giving to this cause through programming and activities in accordance with the TOMS Shoes company.

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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.

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Mediation training and services

Meditation classes

The Brown Bag lunch speaker series

The Muncie Interfaith Fellowship

The Social Justice League organization



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