# CENTER FOR PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES

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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT ANGELA ROSE

**EMILY HART** 

pril is National
Sexual Assault Awareness
Month. In the United
States, it is estimated that 1 in 4
women and 1 in 6 men will be
sexually assaulted in their lifetime.

In order to combat these disturbing statistics and to support survivors of sexual assault, activist Angela Rose has worked tirelessly with her organization Promoting Awareness, Victim Empowerment (PAVE), produced documentaries and art installations, and appeared on various media to promote her cause.

Rose is herself a victim of sexual assault; at the age of 17, her story made headlines when she was kidnapped from a mall and assaulted at knifepoint. Her attacker was a practiced convict on parole for murder and had a long history of kidnappings and assault.

When Rose escaped, she was subjected to further victimization by authorities who doubted her story and blamed her for the attack.

One detective, upset that the crime had delayed his trip to the Olympics, accused Rose of lying. "He was sure I had made it up," remembers Rose.

Frustrated and scarred by her treatment at the hands of her attacker and the police, she vowed to work to prevent similar tragedies from befalling other individuals.

In 2001, five years after her attack, Rose founded an international nonprofit organization called Promoting Awareness, Victim Empowerment, or PAVE.

Her mission is to ensure that no victim of sexual assault feels blamed, alone, or disempowered, to improve the way assaults are handled by authorities, and eventually end sexual assault in the United States by educating communities about sexual and domestic violence.

Through PAVE, Rose has created educational programming tools, grassroots action campaigns, and a documentary entitled "Transition to Survivor."

This film illustrates the struggle of sexual assault survivors as they navigate the aftermath of their attacks. Sexual assault is often a silent crime; the shame and stigma attached to sexual violence often leaves victims unwilling or unable to report or talk about the attack.

"Transition to Survivor" documents this silence and the pain it causes, and shows victims ultimately freeing themselves and beginning to heal with the help of support systems that allow them to express themselves.

PAVE's Survivor Justice Campaign works to bring attention to the ways in which the criminal justice process often degrades, blames, or otherwise disrespects victims of sexual assault.

Through this activism, Rose has sought to educate authority figures about sexual assault and to help victims speak up for their rights.

Rose has also launched an international art campaign designed to empower victims and to generate dialogue about sexual assault.

"The Binding Project:
Breaking Old Binds, Creating
New Ties" allows participants to
write a supportive, empowering
word on plastic zip ties. One tie
is worn on the participant's wrist,
and the other becomes part of an
installation art display.

This endeavor began on the anniversary of Rose's abduction; the zip ties are representative of the bonds used to restrain her hands during the assault, and are a way to transform them from a tool of violence to a form of encouragement.

Internationally, Rose has worked in Uganda with rape survivors and has led educational programs about sexual violence in the Bahamas.

Every year, Rose presents at the International Conference on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma, and has participated in the Women's Global Dialogue for Action in France. (continued)

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT ANGELA ROSE

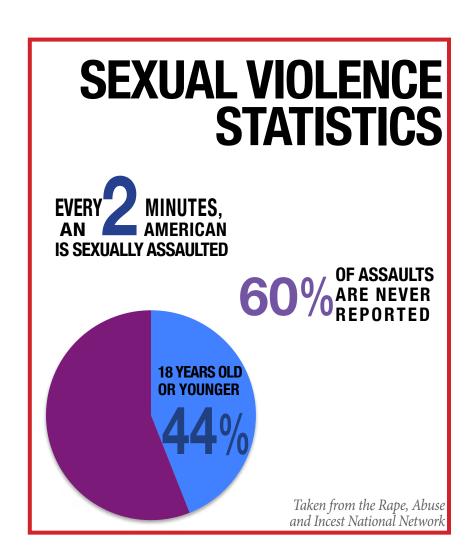
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Rose has worked tirelessly to promote her cause, appearing on Oprah, the Today Show, CNN, and the Biography Channel to encourage victims of sexual assault to stay strong and to educate the nation and world as a whole on ways to end sexual violence.

In 2008, Rose was elected to the Executive Committee of the National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence; with this partnership, Rose has united organizations on all levels, from grassroots, to federal, in an effort to increase public awareness about sexual assault and other forms of violence, increase education about these issues, advocate for victim's rights, and encourage healthy relationships.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION ON:

PAVE and The Binding Project, visit www.pavingtheway.net/wordpress



## BLOG OF THE WEEK SHELBY SIMONSEN

Barash calls religion a

#### "double-edged sword"

and I tend to agree.

Religion is a source of comfort, fellowship, and solace to many. It is unfortunately also the root for many conflicts, types of discrimination, and general mean spirited "Us versus them" mentalities.

There are many peace movements that have been inspired by the spirit of religion and they are to be lauded for their good work. One such example from this class is the Mennonites who were one of the first to act when they learned of all the un exploded bombs left in Laos.

As wonderful and amazing as many religious works are, I feel like, at certain points, religion needs to be taken out of the equation.

Incorporating religion into governance can be tricky. As evidenced by the current state of America's government.

One half says "Yes, let us all be Jesus... But not feed the poor, aid the elderly, or do anything that doesn't directly benefit people with money" The other half just sort of protests and uses logic to attempt to create a system of governance that is actually beneficial to everyone and prevent disenfranchisement.

Both sides, the religious and non religious have their good points and their bad points.

I am by no means saying that all religious individuals are hypocritical idiots. Not in the slightest. I may not be conventionally religious or embrace the tenants of any one faith, but I can admire the people who do good in the name of their god.

I just happen to believe in people. Not god. Whether god made people or people made god is irrelevant.

What matters is doing good for the sake of doing good. When people pull together to change something, magic happens. It leaves an indelible mark on the world and can set in motion a ripple effect of goodness.

My favorite illustration of people doing good is the movie, 'Pay it Forward.' Trevor

(The Protagonist) only had one motivation, to change something for the better. So he did one thing. One act of kindness with no benefit to himself that was supposed to be "paid forward" to another person and so on and so forth.

Seeing things like that in action gives me hope that things really are not as bad as they seem, and even if they are, they will get better.

I personally find a certain solace in being held accountable for my actions, not by some great all knowing spirit, but by myself.

Keeping in mind before I do things like; "Is this going to affect others?" "How will it affect them?" and "Is it going to be worth it?"

I am never afraid or alone. One of my favorite inspirational quotes is, "You are a ghost driving a meat coated skeleton made of stardust. What have you got to be scared of?" And it is true.

Human beings are amazing and complex things. We have nothing to fear really, but each other... and a handful of poisonous snakes and spiders.

## ARTICLE APRIL KATE GIGLIO

#### JOIN THE CONVERSATION

The month of April has been designated Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the United States with the goal of educating individuals and communities of sexual violence prevention as well as raising awareness about sexual violence.

The first national observance of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month took place in 2001, highlighting sexual violence as a "major public health, human rights and social justice issue" as well as the need for prevention efforts (www.nsvrc.org).

Since April 2001, when Sexual Assault Awareness Month was first nationally recognized, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center has made it a priority to raise sexual violence awareness and provide prevention resources to the United States territories as well as the healthcare community.

In the past few years, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center has increased emphasis on the prevention of sexual violence. Consequently, the Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaigns have included a larger focus on prevention.

The Sexual Assault Awareness Month kicks off with a "Day of Action" that provides prevention advocates with an opportunity to engage their communities.

Nationally, "Day of Action" takes place on April 1st to prepare and set the stage for the remainder of the month. Advocates raise awareness through the coordinated planning of events in order to gain the media's attention as well as

national momentum for ending and preventing sexual violence (www.nsvrc.org).

If you visit the Sexual Assault Awareness Month's website you will find campaign materials in addition to ideas on how to observe "Day of Action" in and around your community.

April is upon us and you can join the movement and participate in the Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign on social media outlets including Twitter and Facebook.

The slogan of Sexual Assault Awareness Month states that "It's time to talk about it" and encourages us to "Talk early, talk often. Prevent sexual violence." Join the conversation.

SEE THE NEXT PAGE
FOR EVENTS HAPPENING AT BALL STATE
SPONSORED BY THE COUNSELING CENTER'S SEXUAL THREATS
AND OPPRESSION PREVENTION TEAM.

## **EVENTS**ON CAMPUS

NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

#### FREE T-SHIRTS AND BUTTONS WILL BE GIVEN AWAY AT THE EVENTS

### WED 16

## PUTTING THE 'SENSUAL' BACK IN 'CONSENSUAL' Teacher's College, Room 120 7:00 p.m.

A panel of experts in the field of sexual assault prevention will answer anonymous questions from the audience. No question is too tough!

## MON 21

### CLOTHESLINE PROJECT Scramble Light

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

This project will display t-shirts with messages that affirm and support victims and survivors of sexual assault.

To create a t-shirt with your own message, visit one of the scheduled programs.

## TUE 22

#### CLOTHESLINE PROJECT

Scramble Light 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

See event description above.

## STOP TEAM TALK SHOW Scramble Light 7:00 p.m.

This program presents a dramatization of a real-life same-sex sexual assault situation and includes audience participation. This program was organized in part by Ball State's Spectrum organization.

## WED 24

#### **CLOTHESLINE PROJECT**

Scramble Light 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

See event description above.

## THU 25

#### **WRAP-UP PARTY**

The Cup 7:00 p.m.

Come hear music, poetry, and published stories from survivors.

Bring your buttons from the previous events and be entered to win a gift certificate to The Cup.

#### **EVENTS ON CAMPUS THIS WEEK**

## **FRI**

#### STUDENT ACTION TEAM'S 24 HOURS OF SERVICE **Various Locations**

April 11 6:00 p.m. - April 12 6:00 p.m.

Students across Ball State's campus will come together to serve our community.

If you do not like the places or the times do not fit your schedule, then you can volunteer at DeHority Complex for overnight activities.

> For more information or to register, please visit: www.bsu.edu/sat

### SAT 12

#### "WHITE LIKE ME: RACE, RACISM, AND PRIVILEGE IN AMERICA" FILM **SCREENING AND DISCUSSION**

**Student Center, Room 310** 

10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

BSU graduate students, in partnership with It Is Well With My Soul Program Team, hope to increase awareness of historical inequalities and mobilize engagement for social action.

Faculty, staff, students, and the public interested in the complexities and history of the cultural inequalities and recommendations for social action/justice are invited to attend.

#### **OPERATION JUNGLE RED 2014: "ARE YOU MAN ENOUGH?" Scramble Light** 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Global prevalence figures indicate that 35% of women worldwide have experienced either intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence in their lifetime.

In April 2012 and April 2013, 4000 BSU male students painted one of their nails red to show support for the cause of preventing violence against women. Visit us and tell us that you are MAN enough to stop violence against women, by getting one of your nails painted red!

### **TUE** 15

#### RAMZI FAWAZ LECTURE "FLAME ON: NUCLEAR FAMILIES, UNSTABLE MOLECULES, AND THE QUEER HISTORY OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR"

April 15 @ 7:30 p.m. **Burkhardt Building, Room 109** 

Ramzi Fawaz, an assistant professor of English at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, will be visiting Ball State as the fourth and final speaker in the Department of English's Marilyn K. Cory Lecture Series.

Dr. Fawaz will explore the surprising transformation the 1950s nuclear family into icons of 1960s radicalism in the comic-book series.

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## WED

## LEADING CHANGE WORKSHOP SERIES: "THE OUTER DIMENSION: HOW OTHER PEOPLE CREATE YOUR IDENTITY" L.A. Pittenger Student Center, Room 303 7:00 pm

Have you ever considered how others shape your identity? This workshop will explore the concept of double-consciousness.

LEADING CHANGE is a workshop series sponsored by a newly formed social justice peer education program sponsored by the Office of Student Life and is designed to engage undergraduate students in open dialogues focused on social justice topics to promote awareness, change, and intergroup understanding.

Please register for the workshop at: www.bsu.edu/forms/studentlife/leadingchange

### THU 17

## TIMMY GLOBAL HEALTH BENEFIT BANQUET Delaware County Fairgrounds: Heartland Hall 6:00-8:00 pm

Come join Timmy Global Health for their benefit banquet! The evening with consist of farm-to-table food from Barn Brasserie, a silent auction supported by local businesses, and a cash bar. The event is semi-formal.

We are also honored to host Timmy Global Health's founder, Dr. Chuck Dietzen, as our keynote speaker for the evening! \$30 for a single ticket or \$50 for a double.

Please register at: http://eventpayment.bsu.edu/profile/?form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x35341b5ae

## **EVENTS**ON CAMPUS

#### AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE SEMESTER

#### CULTURE EXCHANGE: GERMANY

April 16 from 12:00-1:00pm L.A. Pittenger Student Center Rinker International Center Room 102

Want to learn about the world beyond Muncie?

Join us for a culture exchange!

Each week a different country is highlighte, typically by 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.

## 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 AND OTHERS:

Group members explore patterns of relating to self & others through understanding and acceptance, as well as discover common bonds through emotional experiences.

#### WEIGHT NOT, WANT NOT:

Suppor group for women with eating disorders or body image struggles who want to explore ways to cope.

#### SAFE HAVEN:

This therapy group provides a safe place for GLBQ students to explore and discuss patterns of relating to self 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 techniques.

### 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.

For more information, please: visit the Counseling Center or call (765) 285-1736

## **EVENTS**OFF CAMPUS

#### FRIDAY APRIL 11

#### ANTI-WARFARE WEEKLY VIGIL

4:30-5:30 pm Federal Building Indianapolis, IN

Join our vigil to protest warfare, sponsored by the Indianapolis Peace & Justice Center.

Bring an appropriate sign or have one provided.

For more information, please contact: Gilbert Kuhn at (765) 926-3068 or Ron Haldeman at ronjane@igc.org

#### **SATURDAY APRIL 12**

#### MORAL MONDAYS COALITION MEETING

10:00 a.m. Worker Justice Center

Indianapolis, IN

Organizations are encouraged to send representatives to a meeting of the Moral Mondays coalition (based on Rev. Barber's movement in North Carolina).

For more information, please email: Nancy Holle at nancyholle1@aol.com

#### POWER INDY FORWARD CAMPAIGN RALLY

1:45 p.m. Monument Circle Indianapolis, IN

Join us for a rally to launch the Power Indy Forward campaign, which demands that IPL makes a commitment to stop burning coal at the Harding Street coal plant by 2020 and invest in clean, renewable energy.

For more information, please:

sc.org/PowerIndyForwardRally or email Megan Anderson at megan.anderson@sierraclub.org

#### "WAR IS NOT THE ANSWER!" PEACE VIGIL

6:00 p.m.
Brown County Courthouse
Nashville, IN

This vigil is sponsored by Brown County's branch of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

For more information, please contact: Tom Hougham at 878-4210 or annntom@hotmail.com

## **EVENTS**OFF CAMPUS

#### **SUNDAY APRIL 13**

#### TAKING BACK APRIL: RELAY FOR NONVIOLENCE 12:30-4:30pm Muncie Fieldhouse and Track

See next page for event description.

#### **DIGNITY INDIANAPOLIS MONTHLY MASS AND PITCH-IN**

6:00 p.m.

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church Indianapolis, iN

Join Dignity Indianapolis, a Catholic GLBT and friends group, for its monthly Mass and pitch-in meal.

For more information, please: visit dignityindy.com or email Steve at dignityindy@rocketmail.com

#### **MONDAY APRIL 14**

MEDITATION 6:00-6:20 pm Unity of Indianapolis Indianapolis, IN

Join us for our weekly meditation with Michael Wright to hold the vision of the inevitable occurrence of world peace.

Please enter the building from the parking lot behind building.

For more information, please: call Michael at 627-3225, or email Dorothy Mack at mackda@att.net



PLEASE JOIN THE CITY OF MUNCIE, BALL STATE'S SOCIAL JUSTICE LEAGUE, AND BALL STATE'S CENTER FOR PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES IN

#### THE RELAY AGAINST NONVIOLENCE

12:30 Registration—1:00 Relay Starts—4:00 Relay Ends

12:30-4:30
THERE WILL ALSO BE:

SOCIAL JUSTICE FAIR YOGA & FOOD & ZUMBA AMERICA'S HOMETOWN BAND

www.bsu.edu/peacecenter/relay

#### **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.

For more information, please visit: https://www.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowships

#### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP

The International Affairs Fellowship is a distinguished program offered by the Council on Foreign Relations to assist scholars and professionals in advancing their analytic capabilities and broadening their foreign policy experience. The program aims to strengthen career development by helping outstanding individuals acquire and apply foreign policy skills beyond the scope of their professional and scholarly achievements. Interested candidates who meet the program's eligibility requirements can apply online between July 1 and October 31 on an annual basis.

For more information, please visit: http://www.cfr.org/thinktank/fellowships/iaf.html

#### **CONFERENCES**

## NOTRE DAME STUDENT PEACE CONFERENCE March 29-30 Notre Dame, IN

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 peacebuilding. Students present original research and showcase innovative peace building practices.

For more information regarding deadlines for research proposals, please visit: kroc.nd.edu/undergraduate/notre-dame-student-peace-conference

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RACE AND ETHNICITY IN AMERICAN HIGHER EDUCATION 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.

For more information, please visit: https://www.ncore.ou.edu/

#### PEACE STUDIES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE Indianapolis, IN May 1- May 3

Inspired by the correspondence between Albert Einstein and Sigmund Freud in 1931-2 on the question, "Why War?" and its goal of exerting "a significant and wholesome moral influence on the solution of political problems," The Alliance For Peace is inviting scholars and practitioners to Bradford to debate the intellectual agenda for peace studies in the next century. The conference begins on May 1st and ends on May 3rd, registration ends March 31st.

For more information, please visit:

www.allianceforpeacebuilding.org/event/2014/05/peace-studies-international-conference/

## THE PEACE AND JUSTICE STUDIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE: "COURAGEOUS PRESENCE: SHIFTING STORIES & 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.

## UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON'S 10th BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 Boston, MA

The conference will be focused on conflict studies and the new generation of ideas.

For more information, please visit: http://www.umb.edu/academics/mgs/crhsgg/conferences

#### **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 INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION**

Every other Tuesday at 6:00 pm L.A. Pittenger Student Center Room 301 (though location may vary)

Ball State IJM is a group of students who are passionate about ending slavery and human trafficking around the world. We believe that through Christ we can create tangible change in the lives of slaves through prayer, educating ourselves and others, changing our behavior, and volunteering as we are able.

For more information, please email ballstateijm@gmail.com

## 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.

## GO FOSSIL FREE BALL STATE Mondays at 5:00 pm Bracken Library Room 201

Go Fossil Free Ball State is part of an international movement to get universities, communities, churches, and businesses to divest from the fossil fuel industry and reinvest in green technology. Through various sorts of events we inform the public and the Ball State Foundation on why it is critical to divest if we want to be seen as a sustainable campus.

For more information, please email Kourtney Dillavou at kmdillavou@bsu.edu.

### BALL STATE UNIVERSITY



Rinker Center for International Programs

### Friendship Family Program

Become a host family for Ball State's Friendship Family Program!

We are in need of host families for BSU's International student applicants who want to learn more about American culture! This is a great way to get a global experience without leaving the United States

- There is no financial obligation
- The student does not live with you
- We ask you to commit to at least one activity a month!

#### Make an everlasting impact on a student's life!







#### **GET STARTED**

Apply online: www.bsu.edu/international/friendship If you have additional questionscontact: friendship@bsu.edu



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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:**

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MEDITATION CLASSES
THE BROWN BAG LUNCH SPEAKER SERIES
THE MUNCIE INTERFAITH FELLOWSHIP
THE SOCIAL JUSTICE LEAGUE ORGANIZATION