


# THE OLIVE BRANCH

APRIL 4, 2014



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# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## TANK MAN

### EMILY HART

One of the most well-known peace activists is also one of the most mysterious.

The Tank Man, also known as the Unknown Protestor, is the nickname for the unidentified man who blocked a line of tanks on the morning after the Tiananmen Square Massacre.

Photographs of this man standing in front of the tanks circulated rapidly among media outlets, making him an international symbol for human rights and one of the most iconic figures of the 20th century.

Though some have identified the Tank Man as a 19-year-old student named Wang Weilin, his identity has still not been confirmed, nor his fate following his act of protest.

In 1989, the Tiananmen Square protests were met with violent military retaliation that left hundreds, if not thousands, of civilians dead and injured.

The protests had been organized by university and high school students in Beijing, decrying their country's economic and governmental corruption, and calling for government accountability, workers' control over industry, and the freedom of the press and of speech.

At the pinnacle of the protests, roughly one million people had assembled in Tiananmen Square. However, after they

had spent seven weeks occupying the area, uncompromising government leaders ordered the military to enforce martial law and forcibly disperse the protesters.

The massacre occurred on June 4th when troops opened fire with assault weapons on crowds of unarmed civilians.

Because the Chinese government wrote the protests off as a "counter-revolutionary riot," the events that took place at Tiananmen Square in 1989 are prohibited from being discussed or memorialized in China.

However, journalists that were covertly documenting the Tiananmen protests have allowed pieces of the story to be revealed to the rest of the world; one of these pieces is the lone Unknown Protester.

Following the brutal massacre on the 4th of June, the Chinese military still patrolled Beijing, rounding up and arresting remaining protesters and anyone suspected of being sympathetic to their cause.

As can be seen in the now-famous images of the incident, columns of tanks lined the streets surrounding Tiananmen Square.

However, the path of these vehicles was halted when the Tank Man took up his position directly in front of them. According to footage taken from nearby hotel balconies, the man held two shopping bags and was dressed simply.

As he stood in front of the tanks, they rolled to a halt before attempting to drive around him. As the tanks maneuvered, the man repeatedly repositioned himself to remain in their path.

Eventually, the tank immediately in front of the Protester shut off its engines. The Protester, having successfully staved off the advancement of the vehicles, climbed onto the lead tank and called to its driver.

According to eyewitnesses, the Tank Man and the driver had a brief conversation, during which the Tank Man reportedly asked "Why are you here? My city is in chaos because of you." However, the driver was unfazed and restarted the tank's engine, prompting the Protester to return to his spot in its path.

Shortly after this continued standoff, the Protester was pulled away by two equally mysterious figures in blue suits. Some witnesses of the incident believe the figures were part of the government's Public Security Bureau, while others believe that they were simply citizens concerned for the Tank Man's wellbeing.

In any case, the Tank Man quickly disappeared; his fate and whereabouts following his brave protest are unknown, though there has been a great deal of speculation. Initially, the British tabloid "The Sunday Express" identified him as Wang Weilin and (continued)

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## TANK MAN

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reported that he had been arrested and charged with “public hooliganism” and “attempting to subvert members of the People’s Liberation Army.”

However, the Chinese government has denied these reports and maintains that they know nothing of his whereabouts, though they have been looking for him.

On the tenth anniversary of the incident, an assistant to Richard Nixon declared that the Tank Man had been executed two weeks after his protest by the

government; another source said that he was jailed for several months before being killed by firing squad.

In her book *Red China Blues: My Long March from Mao to Now*, author Jan Wong states her belief that the Tank Man escaped prosecution and is currently hiding from the government in mainland China.

Whatever his fate, the Tank Man, the Unknown Protester, has inspired many nonviolent protesters and peace activists.

In their April 1998 issue, *Time*

Magazine included him in a list of the “100 Most Important People of the Century.”

Images of his post in front of the column of tanks have been globally circulated among newspapers and other media, making him an international icon for justice and human rights.

Through his actions, people around the world became aware of the situation in China and joined in solidarity with the Chinese people to decry the corruption of the nation’s elite government officials.

*The most widely distributed photograph of the Tank Man was taken by Jeff Widener, a photographer for the Associated Press, from a sixth floor terrace of the Beijing Hotel.*



# BLOG OF THE WEEK

## KIM SERVAAS

When I think about the term nonviolence I imagine equality, working together, and having common goals.

To some degree almost all people want to perceive themselves as nonviolent. People want to believe that they are the good guys or that they are doing the right thing.

When a person attempts to adopt a nonviolent lifestyle they may find it more difficult than they originally thought. In order to remove violence in a person's life, sources of the violence must be found and removed.

It is on the internet, tv, radio, in schools, religion, and throughout history; if a person removed all violence a new culture would be made. Not a single culture like this exists today.

Does nonviolence mean you cannot stand up for yourself? Does it mean that you have to follow all of the rules set down by the government? No!

There are ways to stand up for yourself in a way that is nonviolent. You could explain your thoughts and listen to another side of the story. Being nonviolent does not turn a person into a punching bag, it means that they chose to have respect for themselves and others.

Making the mental decision to not make snide remarks or slam your fist into someone's face takes

much more restraint than making a rash decision. The government puts rules in place for a reason and for the most part many of them are important.

However, there comes a point where the rules have to be thrown out of the window. Henry David Thoreau said:

“THE ONLY OBLIGATION WHICH I HAVE A RIGHT TO ASSUME, IS TO DO AT ANY TIME WHAT I THINK IS RIGHT.”

We cannot blindly follow the government like mules. We have to use our brains and make conscious decisions. If a rule or ideal is blatantly wrong it must not be followed; it must be pointed out over and over again until it is removed or changed.

No one likes change; the government does not like change, and government officials do not like change. Change is difficult and comes with risks like losing a job.

When a government official is sitting comfortably, making well over \$200,000 a year, why risk anything? The government of all things must be flexible to change.

Rights and rules will never improve instead they will become stagnant and citizens will rebel if change is avoided. We want to see where our money is going; we want it in our schools, in our roads, in our health care, not in our official's

pockets. Thoreau also said:

“IF A THOUSAND MEN WERENOT TOPAY THEIR TAX-BILLS THIS YEAR, THAT WOULD NOT BE A VIOLENT AND BLOODY MEASURE, AS IT WOULD BE TO PAY THEM, AND ENABLE THE STATE TO COMMIT VIOLENCE AND SHED INNOCENT BLOOD.”

If we want change we have to be willing to take risks for the good of our country.

Albert Campus talked a great deal about the end of murder in his piece “Neither Victims Nor Executioners.”

It is really hard for me to imagine a world without murder as sad as that is. Wars seem constant; as soon as one ends another one begins. When I turn on the news all I hear about is murder.

People being killed in war, schools, movie theaters, stores, in their own homes it is everywhere. I am quite positive that I will not see the end murder in my lifetime.

So much would have to change; people's attitudes would have to change. I am all for the ending of violence but in order for us to get there people have to be willing to feel uncomfortable, break norms, and find new values.

Any rule that justifies the killing of innocent people I am against. Let's stop murder, and stop violence.



# ARTICLE

## APRIL

### KATE GIGLIO

To many people the month of April is all about baseball, blooming flowers, and enjoying the weather but in 1922 T.S. Elliot stated that “April is the cruelest month.”

Perhaps he was not a fan of rain showers or tax season... Or maybe he was onto something. When you take a look at the violent events that have happened in the month of April, you might be surprised.

We are approaching the one year anniversary of the bombings at the Boston Marathon that killed three people and left 264 injured (CNN).

Days after the approaching anniversary of the Boston Marathon bombings is the 19th anniversary of the Oklahoma City blasts that killed 168 and injured 500 when Timothy McVeigh responded to the law enforcement raid on David Koresh's compound in Waco, Texas, that had happened on the same day two years prior (Chris Opher).

The shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado took place on April 20, 1999 leaving twelve students and one teacher dead (CNN).

On April 16, 2007 thirty-two people were killed on the Virginia Tech campus when a 23 year old student opened fire before taking his own life (CNN).

In addition to these violent events that have taken place during the month of April, Martin Luther King Jr. was shot and killed on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee while he was standing on the balcony in front of his room at the Lorraine Motel (Jennifer Rosenberg).

According to a CNN story published last May, April of 2013 was the deadliest month Iraq had experienced in nearly 5 years. A total of 712 people died and 1,633 more were injured “in acts of terrorism and acts of violence,” according to the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq.

Civilians made up the majority of these deaths leading the month of April's death total to the highest death total since June of 2008 (CNN, Mohammed Tawfeeq).

As April is historically a very violent month, the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies organizes an event each year to promote non-violence and to memorialize the victims of violent events.

On April 13, 2014, we are planning a relay similar to “Relay for Life” called “Taking Back April: Relay for Nonviolence.” Event activities will begin around 12:30pm, with the relay from 1:00pm-4:00pm, where participants, in teams, will walk/run in honor of an organization that supports victims affected by a violent event.

Throughout the event, there will be activities for all ages of participants as well as an informational fair with social justice related organizations from both Ball State and the surrounding community.

We welcome your participation in the event as a way to honor the victims of the violent events that have taken place in April's history.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE:**

**TURN TO THE EVENT DESCRIPTION  
ON FOLLOWING PAGE**

**OR VISIT THE CENTER FOR PEACE  
AND CONFLICT STUDIES' WEBSITE**

**[WWW.BSU.EDU/PEACECENTER/RELAY](http://WWW.BSU.EDU/PEACECENTER/RELAY)**



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](http://www.bsu.edu/peacecenter/relay)

# FEATURED ARTICLE

## KATRINA PIERI

Although I always recognized the importance and significance of the ability to interpret and even create maps, I never had the opportunity to truly acquire these skills prior to the ArcGIS mapping course I completed last Saturday.

Indeed, I've always had trouble following simple directions and reading basic road maps. So, when I was informed that I would be able to participate in this online course alongside the students of the ID 301 class, I was promptly filled with nervous energy.

Various questions and assumptions filled my mind: would I have to somehow draw a map on a computer, or virtually follow directions on a map?

As it turns out, the mapping technology we explored over the course of 5+ hours last Saturday was informative, fairly easy to understand, and surprisingly fun!

After learning the basics of the mapping technology from Steve Radil, an associate professor of geography at Ball State who taught the class, I proceeded to plot the hypothetical course of a future CPCS-sponsored run/walk on the map of Ball State's campus.

Granted, the course I ended up creating was convoluted and a

highly inefficient route for a running/walking event, but I successfully created it nonetheless.

I then moved on to explore various features of the technology on a virtual map of South Sudan.

This exercise proved to be particularly enlightening, as I located the areas where recent large-scale conflicts occurred and was able to visually identify their geographic distribution.

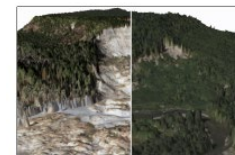
I then analyzed several data sets to see, for example, how the locations of conflict compared to locations of major towns or roadways, and so forth. The ability to, say, identify whether conflicts in a country occur mainly in certain ethnic regions, or near major transportation systems, can potentially serve as a vital tool in the peace worker's toolbox.

The ArcGIS mapping technology therefore allowed me to conquer some of my mapping fears and become more proficient in my ability to interpret maps, but it also showed me how a computer-based technology could play a role in current or future peace-related work.

Pictured to the right are a few examples of what this program is capable of creating.



Earthquake Web Map



Oso Landslide Swipe Before/After (DSM)



USA Senate



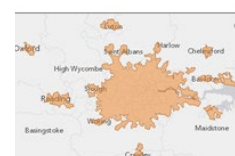
10 Most Popular Minnesota State Parks



JSDOI USGS Earthquake Faults



Access to Health Care



World Urban Areas



Before and After the Washington 530 Slide



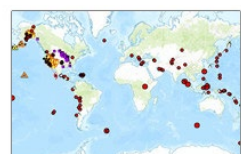
Our Global Footprint



Crisis in Crimea



A Look at the Head Coaches of the 2014



USDOI USGS Current Global Natural Hazards



Back to DC's Transit Future



World Globe 1812

# EVENTS ON CAMPUS THIS WEEK

## **OONYA KEMPADOO LECTURE**

**April 10 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Arts and Journalism Building, Room 175**

The Office of Institutional Diversity and the Department of English proudly present novelist and social development researcher Oonya Kempadoo.

Kempadoo was awarded a Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence with Naugatuck Valley Community College and Capital Community College, Waterbury, Connecticut, where she is currently teaching creative writing and working on a narrative of local perspectives of sexual abuse.

She was born in England to Guyanese parents and has lived in Europe and on various islands in the Caribbean, where she has also worked with the U.N. and other non-governmental organizations to help provide educational resources to local schoolchildren.

## **LEADING CHANGE WORKSHOP SERIES:**

**“THE OUTER DIMENSION: HOW OTHER PEOPLE CREATE YOUR IDENTITY”**

**April 16 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**L.A. Pittenger Student Center, Room 303**

Have you ever considered how others shape your identity?

This workshop will explore the concept of double-consciousness.

“This sense of always looking at one’s self through the eyes of others, of measuring one’s soul by the tape of a world that looks on in amused contempt and pity.” - W.E.B. Du Bois

LEADING CHANGE is a workshop series sponsored by MOSAIC (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](http://www.bsu.edu/forms/studentlife/leadingchange)



# EVENTS OFF CAMPUS

## FRIDAY APRIL 4

### **ANTI-WARFARE WEEKLY VIGIL**

**4:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

**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](mailto:ronjane@igc.org)

### **MAKING THE DREAM A REALITY: “REAFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO ADDRESS THE ROOTS OF VIOLENCE”**

**5:00 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Park  
Indianapolis, IN**

Civic groups will gather to commemorate U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's historic Indianapolis speech given on the day Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated.

The meeting will be held at adjoining school #27 in the event of bad weather.

Speakers include U.S. Reps. André Carson and Susan Brooks and Rev. Tammy Robinson, facilitator for the Citywide Crime Prevention and Reduction Plan.

For more information, please contact:

Ed Delaney at [h86@in.gov](mailto:h86@in.gov)

# EVENTS OFF CAMPUS

## SATURDAY APRIL 5

### COMMUNITY, FAITH, AND LABOR COALITION MEETING

**Begins at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Unleavened Bread Café**  
**Indianapolis, IN**

Join the Community, Faith and Labor Coalition for our meeting at the Unleavened Bread Cafe

For more information, please contact:  
Nancy Holle at [nancyholle1@aol.com](mailto:nancyholle1@aol.com)

### AFGHAN WOMEN AND KIDS EDUCATION AND NECESSITIES 12TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

**Begins at 5:30 p.m.**  
**Unitarian Universalist Church**  
**Muncie, IN**

Please join AWAKEN for an evening of authentic Afghan cuisine and learn about the work we are doing for the women and children of rural Afghanistan.

All of the meal's proceeds will be used to maintain a medical clinic, open a women's vocational training and literacy program, and provide education for girls, boys, and young women in the Nangarhar Province of Afghanistan.

Tickets for this dinner are \$200 for a table of six; \$35 for one adult; \$25 for students; \$15 for children 12 and under.

For more information or to register, please:  
visit [www.awakeninc.org](http://www.awakeninc.org) or email [awakenbibi@comcast.net](mailto:awakenbibi@comcast.net)

### COMMUNITY, FAITH, AND LABOR COALITION MEETING

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

Join our Peace Vigil, sponsored by the 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](mailto:annntom@hotmail.com)

### BENEFIT EVENT FOR VICTIMS OF FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

**Begins at 9:00 p.m.**  
**Indianapolis Incrediplex**  
**Indianapolis, IN**

Join us for an event to benefit girls who are subjected to female genital mutilation and trafficking in Uganda as well as to aid Coburn Place, a home for victims of domestic violence in Indianapolis.

There will be a Basket Balancing Race plus Zumba, music, & food.

For more information, please visit:  
[youtu.be/JXcz-NlOLFg](https://youtu.be/JXcz-NlOLFg) or email Sister Stella Omukaziaw at [omukaziaw@yahoo.com](mailto:omukaziaw@yahoo.com)

# EVENTS OFF CAMPUS

## SUNDAY APRIL 6

### **THE ART OF INJUSTICE: ANTIWAR ART SHOW DECOMMISSIONING**

**Begins at 3:30 p.m.**

**The Cup  
Muncie, IN**

Join us at The Cup for a series of presentations to celebrate the success of "The Art of Injustice" antiwar art exhibit.

Topics will include "The Importance of Peace Studies and the Arts" and "Community Activism."

A discussion on "War and Nonviolent Activism" will begin at 5:00.

## MONDAY APRIL 7

### **MEDITATION**

**6:00-6:20 p.m.**

**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](mailto:mackda@att.net)

### **"EDUCATING AND EMPOWERING LEADERSHIP TO CREATE A NEW WORLD"**

**Begins at 7:00 p.m.**

**Butler University Pharmacy Building Room  
Indianapolis, IN**

Colia Clark, lifetime activist for peace and civil, human, women's, and worker's rights and former special assistant to the late Medgar Evers, field secretary of the NAACP in Mississippi during the civil rights movement, will speak on "Educating and Empowering Leadership to Create a New World."

For more information, please email:

Terri Jett at [tjett@butler.edu](mailto:tjett@butler.edu)

### **PEACE ACTION COALITION MONTHLY MEETING**

**7:00 p.m.- 8:45 p.m.**

**Monroe County Public Library Room 1-A  
Bloomington, IN**

For more information, please email Timothy Baer at [timothybaer2003@hotmail.com](mailto:timothybaer2003@hotmail.com)

# EVENTS ON CAMPUS

AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE SEMESTER

## **CULTURE EXCHANGE: ISRAEL**

**April 9 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.**  
**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  
highlighted, 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 p.m.** **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 mean-  
ing of their experiences and to explore effective ways of coping.

### UNDERSTANDING SELF AND OTHERS:

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

### WEIGHT NOT, WANT NOT:

Support 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



# 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](mailto:ballstateijm@gmail.com)

## **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.

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

# 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>

## 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.

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

# CONFERENCES

## 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/](http://www.allianceforpeacebuilding.org/event/2014/05/peace-studies-international-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/>

## 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.

## 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>

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