

SPOTLIGHT PERSON : ERNIE LAPOINTE

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On September 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the BSU Center for Peace and Conflict Studies co-hosted Mr. Ernie LaPointe at the BSU Alumni Center. Mr. LaPointe will gave a presentation entitled, "Diversity Competencies in Higher Education: Educating a Diverse Nation." This event was also co-hosted by the BSU Office of Institutional Diversity, and the BSU History and Anthropology Departments.

Mr. LaPointe is a sun dancer and lives in the traditional way of the Lakota Nation and follows the rules of the sacred pipe. He has spoken at many universities, museums, and organizations not only about his Lakota lifestyle, but also about his heritage and the way he strives for peace. Mr. LaPointe especially likes to speak about his Great Grandfather, the world renowned Lakota Chief, Sitting Bull. Mr. LaPointe is Sitting Bull's only living great grandson, and he is the president of the Sitting Bull Family Foundation. The foundation exists to fulfill their mission of offering an accurate oral history of Sitting Bull, his life, and legacy as well as to create cultural awareness for the Lakota

way of life. Mr. LaPointe and the Sitting Bull Family Foundation, Inc. strive to emphasize their efforts on educating young people on the Lakota culture and language as well as incorporating environmental and genealogical teachings in community settings.

Mr. LaPointe's Great Grandfather Chief Sitting Bull is one of the Plains Indian's most well-known and revered figures. He was born in May of 1831 near the Yellowstone River in Montana. Throughout his life, his people honored him for his devotion to his people as well as his self-discipline, patience, bravery, compassion, generosity, courage, and humility. Chief Sitting Bull was a brilliant warrior, and a member of the Midnight Strong Hearts, an elite group of the Strong Hearts Society. He is best known for his sacrifice at the Battle of the Little Bighorn where he was the last Chief to put down his rifle. In the early hours of the morning of December 15, 1890, Chief Sitting Bull was killed by a group of his own people along with 13 others that included his son and adoptive brother.

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After he was murdered, his face was beaten beyond recognition and the leggings he was wearing along with a lock of his hair were taken as souvenirs. Chief Sitting Bull's legacy lies in the way he sacrificed everything for his people. He was a revered holy man among the Lakota people and acted as a Sun Dancer like his great grandson does now.

When he was eighteen years old, Mr. LaPointe joined the military and was stationed in Korea, Turkey, and even singing sacred songs. When he was eighteen years old, Mr. LaPointe joined the military and was stationed in Korea, Turkey, Germany, and various places in the United States. He was honorably discharged from the Army in 1972 after a tour in Vietnam from 1970 to 1971. In 1992, Mr. LaPointe was told it was time to speak and he broke his silence by speaking at the induction of Chief Sitting Bull into the Hall of Fame of American Indian Chiefs in Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Since 1992, Mr. LaPointe has published a book about his heritage and relation to Chief Sitting Bull titled, *Sitting Bull: His Life and Legacy*. He also has been the subject of the documentary *Sitting Bull's Voice*, which analyzes the Sitting Bull family oral history and shares Mr. LaPointe's journey from childhood to becoming a voice for his great-grandfather and his legacy. Mr. LaPointe spends much of his time now traveling around the country, and even around the world, speaking at universities, museums, and other organizations about the Lakota heritage and culture as well as the history of Chief Sitting Bull. He was in Indiana in 2010 as a Keynote speaker at the graduation ceremony of the University Notre Dame in South Bend.

A key event in Mr. LaPointe's career as a peacemaker was when he was invited to the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of Natural History on December 5, 2007 to take part in a repatriation ceremony which would return the pair of leggings and lock of hair

belonging to Chief Sitting Bull to his family. The lock of hair and leggings were taken from Chief Sitting Bull's body after his murder as souvenirs, and were eventually donated to the Smithsonian Institution to become part of their collection. The ceremony, which was held only days before the 117th anniversary of Chief Sitting Bull's murder, was the Smithsonian Institution's way of formally returning the items to where they belonged. In accordance to Lakota culture, the lock of hair was burned, aside from a few strands, which Mr. LaPointe sent to a laboratory in Europe to allow for those who believe they are related to Chief Sitting Bull to conduct a DNA test. Mr. LaPointe keeps the leggings locked away in his home so they can rest from years of being displayed in the National Museum of Natural History.



Ernie LaPointe, great grandson of Chief Sitting Bull, will be speaking at Ball State University Monday, September 19th, at the Alumni Center at 6pm—8:30pm

NATIVE AMERICANS UNITE TO FIGHT DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE

A 1,100-mile pipeline developed by Energy Transfer Partners, that is nearly complete in the North Dakota region is quickly becoming an international, and environmental affair. The pipeline, estimated to cost \$3.7 billion dollars, will run just north of the reservation of the Standing Rock Sioux. It will carry more than 500,000 barrels of crude oil, traveling through 50 counties, 4 states, and across 200 rivers, including the Missouri and the Mississippi, which supply drinking water for millions of people.

In the last week of August, the Native American Nations that occupy this land have stood their ground in protest of the pipeline. Indigenous rights are in violation as the Nations were not included in the decision to allow construction in the first place. Protesters believe the pipeline has the potential to contaminate the drinking water that many Native Americans rely on. Additionally, the construction of the pipeline will also disturb sacred indigenous sites. The Native American Nations concerns are not unfounded, as North Dakota has had problems with oil spills in the past. In 2014, a leak in the existing pipelines allowed 20,000 barrels worth of oil to seep into a wheat field, resulting in a \$4 million cleanup.

A petition to stop the construction has gained almost 100,000 signatures, and the effort to delay the project has allowed protesters from 50 other Native American Nations to come support the Standing Rock Sioux Native Americans. The North Dakota governor has declared a state of emergency, and approximately 20 protesters have been arrested as part of the demonstrations so far.

Beyond legal issues, the Nation has raised cultural objections to the pipeline, calling it the latest maneuver from companies and governments seeking to profit off of natural resources on or near tribal lands. Tomas Joseph from the Hoopa Valley Nation, who has been protesting alongside the Standing Rock Sioux people believes, that money is being placed above human rights.

“This is not just about indigenous people,” states Joseph, “We have people of all faiths and of all races here standing up against corporate America and telling them enough is enough and that our water comes before money.”

Moreover, Federal District Judge James Boasberg has stated that he will rule on an injunction against the pipeline’s construction by September 9th. Allies of the Standing Rock Sioux Nation said the injunction request is just the beginning of the legal battle. They could pose environmental questions next, which is already a discussion point for Vermont Senator, Bernie Sanders, who has spoken out against the pipeline due to its impact on climate change. Several environmental groups including the Sierra Club have written President Obama asking him to block the final permits needed as well as revoke those already granted.

The Standing Rock Sioux Nation chairperson, David Archambault, has stated that no matter what the verdict is in court,

“I believe we have already established an important principle – that is, tribes will be heard on important matters that affect our vital interests.”

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DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE, CONT.

Although the Native American people of this area continue to stand strong in their beliefs, they cannot stand alone. If you want to help the thousands of people who are trying to stand up against this issue, please click here to sign the petition to stop the Dakota Access Oil Pipeline: <https://www.change.org/p/stop-the-dakota-access-pipeline>.



If you would like more information on this matter, please visit the following:

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-sej-north-dakota-pipeline-20160827-story.html>

<http://fortune.com/2016/08/28/pipelines-vs-trains-oil-transport/>

ORGANIZATIONS

International Justice Mission

Tuesdays @ 6 p.m. in the Student Center, Rm. 301

November 17 - 6-8 p.m. - Documentary Night @ Student Center Ballroom

November 21 - 6 p.m.-Midnight - Benefit Concert @ The Living Room

IJM is a global organization that protects the poor from violence in the developing world. Ball State's chapter is a group of students who are passionate about ending slavery & human trafficking around the world. They believe that through Jesus Christ, they can create tangible change in the lives of slaves through prayer, educating people, changing our behavior, & volunteering. IJM fights by rescuing victims, bringing criminals to justice, restoring survivors, & strengthening justice systems.

Feminists for Action

Tuesdays @ 6pm in Burkhardt Building Rm. 220.

A group dedicated to the empowerment of women, men, & children through advocacy & education. They strive to educate others about issues in the global, national, & community level. They encourage thought-provoking discussions & work to organize events to benefit feminist causes.

ORGANIZATIONS

Ball State University Social Justice League

Wednesdays @ 5pm at the Center for Peace & Conflict Studies.

SJL seeks to promote awareness, equality, & justice on the BSU campus, in the state, in the country, & in the global community. SJL desires to educate & discuss modern injustices & social justice topics, promote the distribution of advantages to be fair & equitable to all, & actively work to change current injustices.

Cardinal Kitchen

Cardinal Kitchen is Ball State University's campus food pantry. The pantry is located on the second floor of the Multicultural Center & is available for use to all undergraduate & graduate students. The pantry is open the first three Wednesdays of every month from 5:00 - 8:00pm. The mission is to ensure that no Ball State student goes hungry on our campus.

Ethnic Theatre Alliance

Mondays @ 5:00 p.m. in Arts & Communications Building Rm. 308.

ETA uses theatre to explore cultures, diversity, & racial-discrimination to develop worldviews in BSU students, & create well-rounded artists.

Global Brigades

Global Brigades is an international non-profit organization that empowers communities to meet their health & economic goals through university volunteers & local teams. GB offers skill-based 1-3 week brigades to Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, & Ghana. Each of these programs meets an aspect of GB's holistic model to strengthen the health & economic development of communities. Social Media: Twitter; Instagram; Facebook

MOSAIC

MOSAIC is a social justice peer education program whose mission is to engage undergraduate students in open dialogues focused on diversity and social justice topics to promote awareness, change, and inter-group understanding.

ALIVE Campaign

Wednesdays @ 9 p.m., in the Student Center Rm. 308

The Alive Campaign is a student-ran group at Ball State that is dedicated to raising awareness towards Suicide Prevention by representing as a "Life Appreciation Organization."

OXFAM America

Oxfam America is a global organization working to right the wrongs of poverty, hunger, & injustice. Oxfam saves lives, develops long-term solutions to poverty, & campaigns for social change.

ORGANIZATIONS CONTINUED

Call to Action

Wednesdays @ 7:30pm in Teacher's College Room 108

CTA is a student organization at Ball State looking to educate & create awareness of lesbian, gay, bisexual, & transgender (LGBT) political issues at the local, state, & federal levels in order to empower students to take positive action to-wards equality for LGBT individuals & to influence others to take positive action.

Students for Life

Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Monday of each month @ 7:30pm in Bracken Library, Educational Resource Rm. 1 Ball State Students for Life (BSSFL) is committed to the protection of all human life; from conception until natural death. We strive to educate our members & the Ball State University community about why we value life in all its forms. We strive to respond with love, compassion, & support to those who suffer from restrictions of life.

Timmy Global Health

Wednesdays @ 8:00pm in Bracken Library Schwartz Complex.

Timmy Global Health expands access to healthcare & empowers students & volunteers to tackle today's most pressing global health challenges.

Student Action Team

Mondays @ 4:00pm in the Kinghorn Multipurpose Room.

SAT is an organization made up of general members & housing and residence life representatives. This organization is dedicated to volunteering & supporting Ball State University

“Live in Tune with Mother Earth” with Mr. LaPointe

On the morning of Monday September 18, the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies hosted Mr. Ernie LaPointe of the Lakota tribe and President of the Sitting Bull Family Foundation. The event started with a meet-and-greet and refreshments. Afterwards, Mr. LaPointe led a discussion about his family history, common misconceptions, his time in Vietnam, and how people should live more in tune with Mother Earth. He also discussed issues with the Dakota Access Pipeline. After the formal discussion the floor was opened



Left to Right: Ernie LaPointe, Sali Kay Falling (BSU Vice President and General Counsel), and Gerry Waite (Research Fellow, BSU Center for Peace and Conflict Studies. Photograph by Fritz Dolak.

ON-CAMPUS EVENTS

Walk Indiana 2016

When— Saturday, September 10

Where—Wysor Depot on the Cardinal Greenway

Walk Indiana is a community collaboration aimed toward making Delaware County a healthier, happier community. Walk Indiana is celebrating its seventh annual NON-COMPETITIVE half-marathon, 10k, and 5k taking place on the gorgeous Cardinal and White River Greenways, whose paved trails makes it possible for walkers of all ages and abilities to participate. Kids 12 and under walk free with a paid adult registration. *Be sure to register your kids as well and use your Ball State email address when registering.

Remembering 9/11 - Day of Service

When - September 11 - 8 a.m.

Come join Student Voluntary Services as we volunteer at the 10th Annual White River Clean Up with Muncie Clean & Beautiful. Pre-registration with Student Voluntary Services is required.

Lifelong Learners: The Future of the Mounds Greenway

When - September 13 - 3pm

Where - The Alumni Center

The Hoosier Environmental Council has published "Mounds Greenway", a sustainable park and trail plan to connect existing amenities and enhance the area along the West Fork White River. Michael Popa, Mounds Campaign Outreach Associate, will talk about the project and present to attendees the benefits of the Greenway development projects to the economic, health, and environmental well-being of surrounding communities.

Women of the World

When - September 15 - 7:30pm

Where - Puris Hall

Women of the World is a Boston-based international ensemble performing original and folk music from around the world, with a contemporary twist. Ayumi Ueda, a Berklee College of Music alumna from Japan, created a multicultural ensemble that not only crossed boundaries musically, but one that has committed to the ongoing practice of peace in their daily interaction.

Center for Peace and Conflict Studies Discussion Series, Student Activists: Getting Started and Staying Involved

When - September 28th - 5pm

Where - Arts and Journalism Building 175

Come join the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies in an engaging conversation with a panel of four BSU student activists. They will be discussing how they first got started with activism and what their experiences are today. They will also be answering audience questions.

ON– CAMPUS SUPPORT GROUPS

INTERNATIONAL CONVERSATION HOUR

TUESDAYS from 6:00-7:30 pm – STUDENT CENTER MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

This program is designed to help international students practice English, learn studying skills and classroom culture, and make American friends. Through interactive discussion, they can normalize their experiences and decrease their isolation, worries, and stress as well as get support from American students. ICH begins September 8th, 2015.

COUNSELING CENTER THERAPY GROUPS:

(Therapy groups require appointment at counseling center before joining. Call 285-1736 or let your intake counselor know you are interested in a group.)

UNDERSTANDING SELF & OTHERS

Group members explore patterns of relating to self and others by discovering understanding and acceptance of themselves and others. Discussions vary greatly from depression, anxiety, relationships, family concerns, eating issues, alcohol abuse and/or personal growth. The groups thrive on diversity as members discover the common bond through emotional experiences.

Mondays 1:30-3:30; Wednesday 3:00-4:30; Thursday 1:00-2:30

WEIGHT NOT, WANT NOT

Supportive group for women with eating disorders or body image struggles who want to explore effective ways of coping. Time to be determined by availability of group members.

SAFE HAVEN: GLBQ SUPPORT GROUP

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. Topics of discussion vary greatly from coming out, finding support, relationships, family concerns, depression, anxiety, and/or personal growth. Mondays 10:00-11:30

C.A.L.M.:

Care for myself, manage my Anxiety, Live in the moment, practice Mindfulness - This group offers a secure space for students struggling with anxiety to not only explore their fears and worries, but also receive feedback and support from others with similar concerns. The group also focuses on teaching students about a variety of techniques, including mindfulness meditation, which can be particularly helpful in managing anxiety. Another benefit of being in a group is having a place to experiment applying new skills and ways of relating to others, in a safe and supportive environment. Tuesdays 3:00-4:30

ON– CAMPUS SUPPORT GROUPS, CONT.

L.I.F.E. SKILLS

Are you struggling with how to deal more effectively with stress? Are you your own worst critic? Do you ever wish you had some better ways to take care of yourself? This group can help teach you tangible coping skills to take with you, and from the very first session, you can begin taking active steps toward change. These brief, 4-session workshop style groups will be running at different times throughout the semester.

OFF-CAMPUS EVENTS

WIPB Be My Neighbor Day

When - September 10 - 1pm - 4pm

Where - Canan Commons 500 S. Walnut St

Meet PBS Kids star DANIEL TIGER and participate in lots of fun "neighborly" activities with our community's great neighbors - service organizations, arts organizations, neighborhood groups and more!

Flags of Honor

When - September 4 - September 11

Where - Minnetrista

Experience with friends and family a 'sea' of red, white, and blue as more than a thousand American flags adorn Minnetrista's lawn beside the White River Greenway. *Flags of Honor* is in partnership with the Muncie Exchange Club in honor and memory of local veterans, current service personnel, fallen heroes, and all who wish to display their pride for our country. Friends, families, and organizations can purchase a ribbon sponsorship as a personal dedication to a loved one, on sale now at Minnetrista. For more information, visit minnetrista.net/exchange.

Farmers Market at Minnetrista

When - Saturdays 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Where - Minnetrista, 1200 West Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie, IN 47303 United States Experience good company and remarkable finds every Saturday. Explore the fresh, local finds and homemade treats from local vendors. Visit the Farmers Market Canning Experience Booth from June through September, discover new recipes, taste free samples and get your canning questions answered by Minnetrista canning experts! Starting in June, Farmers Market extends to Wednesdays and Saturdays to bring more exciting local items to you! From June through September, join friends and families on Wednesday from 3 to 6pm.

CONFERENCES

2016 Annual International Conference on Ethnic and Religious Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding

One God in Three Faiths: Exploring the Shared Values in the Abrahamic Religious Traditions — Judaism, Christianity and Islam

The Interchurch Center, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115- November 2, 2016- November 3, 2016

<http://www.icermediation.org/featuredevents/2016-annual-international-conference/>

2016 Because KIDS COUNT Conference—Indiana Convention Center

100 S Capitol Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46225—November 28, 2016 - November 30, 2016

<https://www.iyi.org/professional-development/conferences/2016-because-kids-count-conference>

Peace Science Society (International)

Fiftieth Annual North American Meeting Preliminary Program

University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana- October 20-22, 2016

<http://sites.psu.edu/pssi/conferences/2016-conference/>

IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs

"What the Next President Should Do About U.S. Manufacturing: An Agenda for the First 100 Days"

National Press Club

529 14th St NW, Washington, D.C.- September 14, 2016

<https://spea.indiana.edu/mpp/2016-conference.html>

ABOUT US

The Center for Peace and Conflict Studies is an interdisciplinary center whose mission is to pursue research on structural and direct forms of violence and conflict; to implement nonviolent strategies to resolve conflict; to offer mediation services to individuals, groups, and organizations; and to train people in conflict resolution, mediation, peace-building, leadership, meditation, and sportsperson-ship skills. The center also pursues public diplomacy, sports diplomacy, and cultural exchange as part of local, regional, national, and international projects designed to promote mutual understanding, appreciation, cooperation, and respect.

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The Brown Bag lunch speaker series

The Muncie Interfaith Fellowship

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