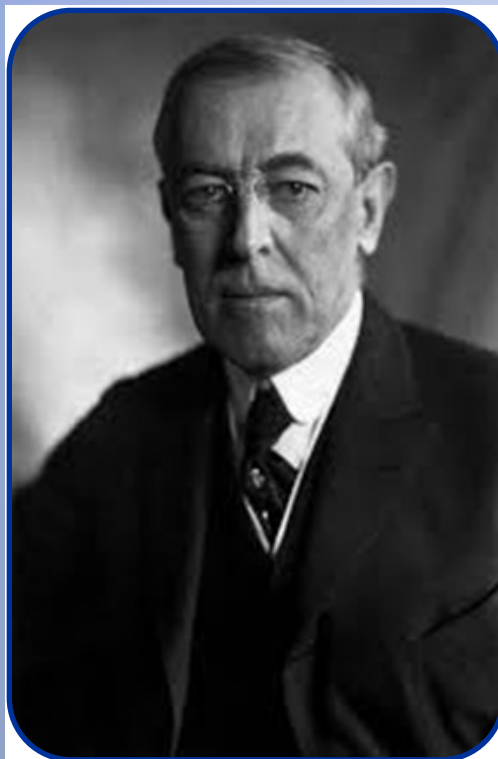


### Spotlight Person: President Woodrow Wilson



U.S. President, Woodrow Wilson

Growing up, he was known in town as “Tommy Wilson” and he spent his young life growing up between Augusta, Georgia, and Columbia, South Carolina. When he was only six years old, the Civil War began and his father served as a chaplain in the Confederate Army and even converted his church into a hospital for injured Confederate soldiers.

In 1879, Wilson graduated from the College of New Jersey, which we now know as Princeton University, and enrolled into the Law School at the University of Virginia. Upon graduation from Law School, Wilson practiced law in Atlanta, Georgia and then received his Ph.D. in political science from Johns Hopkins University. He then taught at Bryn Mawr College and Wesleyan College before being hired by his alma mater, Princeton, in 1890. He worked at Princeton as a professor of jurisprudence and politics until he was promoted to President at the University; a position he held from 1902 to 1910.

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Former U.S. President Woodrow Wilson’s name has been written down in the history books for many reasons, but most notable are his peacemaking efforts in the aftermath of World War I, which paved the way for future efforts of peace on an international scale.

Thomas Woodrow Wilson was born in 1856 in Staunton, Virginia. A member of a prominently Christian family, his father was a minister in the local Presbyterian Church and his mother was a minister’s daughter who was born in England.

## Spotlight Person: Woodrow Wilson, cont.

Wilson began his political career in 1910 when he was elected governor of New Jersey where he was to take down machine politics and gain a national reputation as a progressive reformer. Two years later, the Democratic Party nominated him as their presidential candidate. In the general election in November, Wilson swept past opposing candidates President William Howard Taft and former President Theodore Roosevelt to claim the office of President of the United States. He would go on to serve two terms in office.

The world was fairly peaceful for Wilson's first Presidential Administration. After he was sworn into office in March of 1913, Wilson would soon pass legislation to create the Federal Reserve and Federal Trade Commission. Some of Wilson's actions were made in his first term when he passed legislation that abolished child labor and created an eight-hour workday. In his first term, Wilson was also the first President to appoint a person of Jewish Heritage to the U.S. Supreme Court when he appointed Justice Louis Brandeis to the bench.

As Commander in Chief during World War I, Woodrow Wilson tried desperately to keep his country out of the conflict. During his first term, he was successful, and even ran for re-election with the slogan "he kept us out of war" and won. Nevertheless, as Wilson entered into his second term, it was apparent that the country that desperately wanted to remain neutral would have to take up arms. When German submarine attacks began to target U.S. merchant ships, Wilson had no choice but to convene with Congress and declare war on Germany on April 2, 1917, defending the action by stating, "the world must be made safe for Democracy." Only 19 months later, the Germans signed an armistice agreement and the war was over. In

January of the following year, Wilson met with leaders of the British, French, and Italian governments at the Paris Peace Conference where he helped to negotiate the details of the Treaty of Versailles; a peace treaty signed at the end of World War I that ended the war between Germany and the Allied Powers. It was at the Paris Peace Conference, with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles, that the charter for the League of Nations - a precursor to the United Nations was forged as a way to arbitrate international conflicts without the use of warfare to prevent a conflict of World War I's magnitude to ever happen again. In 1920, President Wilson received the Nobel Peace Prize for his role as the father of the League of Nations and the organization's contributions to the advancement of Peace. Woodrow Wilson died on February 3, 1924 in Washington, D.C. after years of suffering with various health problems.

While Woodrow Wilson may no longer be with us, his legacy remains in the United Nations. His push for adding the charter for the League of Nations into the Treaty of Versailles has evolved into one of the greatest peace making powers in the world. With his work, a platform of peaceful, international conflict resolution was created and allowed to flourish to make our world a better place.



Treaty of Versailles signing, Hall of Mirrors

## Spotlight Event : Hurricane Matthew in Haiti

On October 4, disaster struck Haiti, the poorest country in the Western hemisphere, yet again. In 2010, it suffered a severe earthquake that left nearly 220,000 people dead, and for the last three years, it has been suffering from a drought, which has destroyed nearly 70% of its crops. This time, catastrophe came in the form of Hurricane Matthew, a category four hurricane that caused intense flooding and severe damage to the already dilapidated infrastructure of the country. The effects of the wind, torrential rainfall, and flooding are responsible for the deaths of a recorded 546 people, the injuries of 438, and the displacement of 175,000 individuals, according to an updated report from the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Haiti. Not only do the Haitians face the daunting task of rebuilding basic structures, such as homes, schools, and hospitals, but they must also combat the imposing threat of cholera and food insecurity. Especially in remote areas, where medical access and food distribution is nearly cut off due to the lack of roads and infrastructure, cholera and food insecurity are prevalent.

Already, there have been approximately 1,400 cases of cholera suspected, and 34 centers to treat the disease were destroyed by the vicious storm (OCHA report). Cholera, according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), is “an acute intestinal infection causing profuse watery diarrhea, vomiting, and circulatory collapse.” Though there are few cases of cholera that occur in the United States and other industrialized nations, developing countries are much more vulnerable to the disease. An individual may contract cholera if he or she drinks from a polluted water source where the cholera bacterium is present, or if he or she eats contaminated food. Though the disease can be prevented by boiling water, and treated by oral rehydration solution, most people in Haiti do not have access to clean water and other resources to prevent the spread of disease. The 2010 outbreak of cholera left behind devastating results, and the country is hoping to avoid another epidemic of that magnitude.

Furthermore, 806,000 Haitians are currently at

an extreme level of food insecurity. In some areas, over 75% of the population was affected by the hurricane, and these are the areas where food insecurity is most common. These areas rely heavily on agriculture to sustain their livelihoods, and their livestock and fishing were almost completely destroyed by the storm. In some areas of Grand Anse, which is located in the southern peninsula, 100% of the crops were destroyed, according to a World Food Programmer in Haiti. Moreover, local products are going to be depleted and more funding will be necessary to distribute food to all those in need. Although there have been efforts to deliver food to the hard-hit areas, floods often impede the ability to do so. As a result, only 200,000 of the 800,000 people in need of food have received it.

It is evident that Haiti is still suffering from the effects of Hurricane Matthew and is in need of humanitarian assistance. For those looking for a way to contribute to the effort, and alleviate some of the devastation left from the hurricane, they can look into donating to non-profit organizations, such as Catholic Relief Services, Clean Water for Haiti, Hands Helping Haiti, and HERO, all of which seek to enhance the livelihood of the nation.



After Hurricane Matthew, Haiti



## Muhammad: Messenger of Peace

November 16, 2016, 5-6 pm

Teachers College, Room 121

On November 16, The Center for Peace and Conflict Studies and the Muslims for Peace campaign will be hosting speaker Muzaffar Ahmad for a program entitled “Mohammad: Messenger of Peace.” The hour-long program will focus on the life of the Islamic prophet, Mohammad, and how he promoted peace throughout his life and teachings. The speaker also will discuss the 11 points of the True Islam campaign, a counter narrative to ISIS, and other terrorist organizations that claim to represent Islam. This event is free to the public and will be held in Teachers College Room 121. Books, brochures, and snacks will be available. We hope to see you there!



## Justice 2016: Parties, Platforms, & Presidential Candidates

Members from the Green, Libertarian, Democratic, and Republican parties came together on October 26, 2016 to discuss social, environmental, and criminal justice issues as part of a panel discussion — Justice 2016: Parties, Platforms, and Presidential Candidates, hosted by the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies and moderated by Beth Messner, a Ball State University Associate Professor for Communication Studies and Peace Center Advisory Board Member.

Sue Errington (Democratic state representative), Will Statom (chairman of the Delaware county Republican Party), Rich Turvey (Libertarian candidate for U.S. congress), and Anthony Amstutz (coordinator for Delaware County’s Green Party) were asked a series of questions regarding the parties and presidential candidates official platforms on issues including the U.S. energy use, gun control laws, the war on drugs, and immigration.

This was the second event in a series of programs hosted by the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies this semester.



*From left to right: Anthony Amstutz, Rich Turvey, Sue Errington, and Will Statom*

## 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.

### 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

## ORGANIZATIONS, CONT.

### **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.

### **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

## Off– Campus Events

### FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays 8am-12pm

1200 North Minnetrista Parkway

Join friends and families in exploring the market-fresh finds and homemade treats, brought to you by the local community.



### OPEN SPACE: ART ABOUT THE LAND

October 15-November 13

1200 North Minnestrista Parkway

Spectacular art inspired by the land. Celebrate the significance of land and its importance in Indiana in an art competition and exhibition, which recognizes and encourages local artists who derive creative inspiration from the land, or whose work celebrates the notion of open space as it relates to the land.



### GLASS WORKSHOP: COPPER ENAMELING HOLIDAY JEWELRY WORKSHOP

November 14

1200 North Minnestrista Parkway

Kiln fire powdered glass onto copper to create an original copper enameled holiday jewelry piece. Take it home as a gift or to wear it yourself!

Cost: \$35; member discounts apply

Registration Deadline: November 8

### CANNING WORKSHOP: CRANBERRY CHUTNEY

November 15

1200 North Minnetrista Parkway

Add a twist to a holiday favorite at your family gatherings! Think outside the store-bought can of cranberry sauce and try something new with your own fresh, scrumptious cranberry chutney.

Cost: \$20; member discounts apply

Registration deadline: November 13



## 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

### 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.



## 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 2-3, 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 28-30, 2016

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

## 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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