

Spotlight Person : Thomas Jefferson

With the popularity of the musical Hamilton, many see Thomas Jefferson as an antagonist of history. It is true that Thomas Jefferson was a cocky, stubborn man who was incredibly passionate about his political views and his outline for the future of the newly formed United States. He disagreed with many founding fathers, especially Alexander Hamilton, but Jefferson actually made some of the first and most influential steps towards peace and the sustainment of human rights.

Thomas Jefferson was born on April 13, 1743 at his father's Shadwell plantation, near present-day Charlottesville, Virginia. Both of his parents came from successful and prominent Virginia families. He would go on to graduate from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia in 1762. Since there were no official law schools in the United States at the time, Jefferson went on to study under a respected Virginia attorney and eventually began working as a lawyer in 1767. From 1769 to 1775, Jefferson was a member of colonial Virginia's House of Burgesses and it was there that he began his work as a rights activist. He

gained recognition for his pamphlet "A Summary Review of the Rights of British America," which he penned in 1774. The document would act as a precursor to the Declaration of Independence, and laid out a set of grievances against King George the III and Parliament in response to the Boston Tea Party. Jefferson wrote that Parliament did not have a right to govern the thirteen colonies, and he argued that since the individual colonies founding, they had been independent of British rule. The document helped to establish Jefferson's reputation as a skillful and radical political writer.

Jefferson was selected as a delegate to the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, during the summer of 1775. He was chosen at that time to draft what would be known as the Declaration of Independence. The document outlined to the British crown that the United States wanted to be free of British rule, as well as describing the importance of individual rights and freedoms. Jefferson's Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4, 1776.

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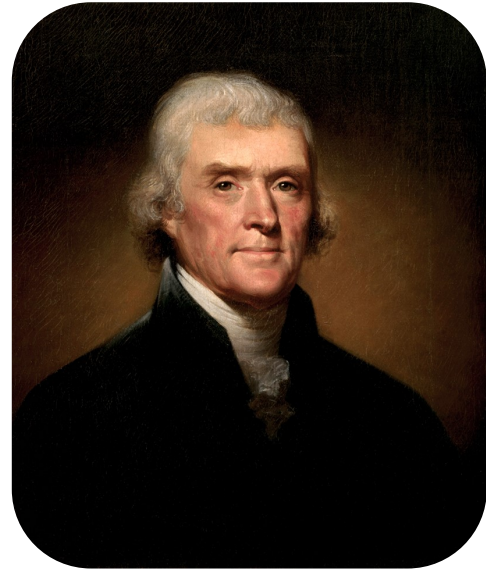
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That fall, Jefferson resigned from the Continental Congress and was reelected to the House of Burgesses, now called the Virginia House of Delegates. It was there that he presented the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom in the late 1770s. This statute was a forerunner to the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment, which protects the right to worship any religion chosen.

One of Jefferson's most noteworthy achievements in preserving the rights of (specifically) the American People was in his advocating for the inclusion of the bill of rights, and presidential term limits in the Constitution of the United States. With this document, all Americans would be allowed to pursue their individual rights without fear that the government would take them away at a moment's notice. Jefferson's legacy lives on in the first ten amendments to

our Constitution and his most noteworthy phrase that Americans should live and strive for the purpose of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."



Spotlight Event : Noble Peace Prize Ceremony

This month several Nobel Laureates will be awarded for their "greatest benefit to mankind" on December 10, in Stockholm where they will receive the Nobel Medal, Nobel Diploma, and a document confirming the Nobel Prize amount from King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden. However, recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize will gather in Norway to be honored for their efforts in peacemaking. This year, Mr. Juan Manuel Santos will be presented the Nobel Peace Prize for his resolute efforts to end a more than 50-year-long civil war in Columbia.

Juan Manuel Santos Calderón was born in 1951 to a wealthy family. Mr. Santos served in the Colombian navy and then attended the University of Kansas where he studied business and finance. The peace recipient then went on to receive his master's degree at the London School of Economics while representing

Colombia's coffee growers at the International Coffee Federation in London. His next stop was Harvard Kennedy School where Santos earned a degree in public administration. Upon completion, he returned to Colombia to run the family newspaper for some time.

In early 2010, Mr. Santos won the Colombian presidency after serving as defense minister under former President Alvaro Uribe. Santos held an essential position for Colombia as it has suffered years of rebel activity. Halfway through his first term, Mr. Santos revealed the Colombian government had been holding secret peace negotiations with The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) and their rebel leader, Rodrigo Londono, known as Timochenko. FARC had been fighting for decades with the Colombian government.

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Spotlight Event : Noble Peace Prize Ceremony, cont.

This month several Nobel Laureates will be President Santos was re-elected in 2014 and after years of negotiations, he reached a peace deal with the FARC rebels in 2016 that would bring “long-lasting peace” to Colombia. The peace deal was admired by several other world leaders, including Pope Francis and President Obama. At the core of the deal was a pledge by the rebels to surrender their weapons. FARC leaders also were able to avoid prison by the admission of guilt and compensating victims.

However, in a surprisingly popular vote, Colombian citizens rejected the deal by a very narrow margin. Many believing the agreement was too lenient on the rebel group. However, Mr. Santos has vowed to continue efforts to reach an agreement with the group. His efforts to reach peace and end the conflict earned him the

Noble Peace Prize in 2016. He will receive this honor on December 10, while the true prize - peace in Colombia - is still a work in progress.



Muhammad: Messenger of Peace

On November 16, the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies hosted an event with the Muslims for Peace campaign. The speaker, Muzaffar Ahmad, gave a presentation on the life of the Prophet Muhammad, as well as the eleven pillars of True Islam. This campaign is aimed at promoting awareness for a peaceful campaign that acts as a counter narrative to radical extremism that Isis promotes. His presentation encompassed topics such as the life and teachings of Muhammad, interfaith harmony, and the permission to fight in order to defend not only Mosques, but also Churches, Monasteries, and Synagogues. Mr. Ahmad described the misconceptions that surround Islam and the Muslim community, while also addressing the fundamental teachings of the Prophet Muhammad. Those teachings include the worship of one God, freedom of slaves, rights for women, mercy for all worlds, forgiveness, justice, tolerance, equality, and a myriad of other peace-related topics. A question and answer session followed, in which the real meaning and application of jihad was addressed, as well as the different sects and beliefs of Islam.

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

To learn more about “Muslims for Peace” visit this web-site: www.muslimsforpeace.org/



Conferences

2016 Because KIDS COUNT Conference

For the past 15 years, the Indiana Youth Institute has hosted the largest gathering of youth workers and educators in the Midwest. The Because KIDS COUNT Conference is a two-day, first-class conference experience packed with educational workshops, nationally recognized speakers, a resource tradeshow and amazing networking opportunities.

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>

Unity Connections Conference

The goals of this year's conference are to help participants: Construct meaning from ideas and concepts related to diversity and inclusion; Explore unique human experiences that make up the lives of everyone; Understand the intersection of socially and culturally constructed identities based on race, ethnicity, gender/gender expression, sexuality, class, age, ability, and religion; and develop ways to build an inclusive community at Ball State University.

L.A Pittenger Center Ball State University

January 21, 2017 9am-3pm

<http://cms.bsu.edu/campuslife/multiculturalcenter/unity-connections-conference>

International Studies Association: Understanding Change in World Politics

ISA welcomes advertising, exhibitors and sponsorship from universities, non-profit organizations, publishers and other businesses with products and services of interest to our over 5,900 estimated attendees. The ISA Annual Convention draws scholars and practitioners in wide fields related to international studies from all across the globe.

Hilton Baltimore

Baltimore, Maryland

February 22-25, 2017

<http://www.isanet.org/Conferences/Baltimore-2017>

Rotary World Peace Conference 2017

The World Peace Conference 2017 will focus on how to prevent and mediate conflict. It is a unique opportunity to exchange ideas and solutions with professionals from government, business, healthcare, media, and faith-based organizations. Diverse perspectives will challenge our thinking.

University of Michigan Ann Arbor

March 31-April 1, 2017

<http://2017peaceconference.org/>

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.



CANNING EXPERIENCE

August 12—December 6

1200 West Minnetrista Parkway

While you're visiting Farmers Market at Minnetrista and finding fresh ingredients for your cooking and canning recipes, stop by the Canning Experience Booth! Discover new recipes and get your canning questions answered by experienced Minnetrista canners!

FIRST ART THURSDAY

December 1 @ 5pm

Explore the galleries, enjoy opening receptions and take in artists talks in Downtown Muncie.

HOLIDAY MUNCIE MAKERS MARKET

December 1 @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Canan Commons Downtown Muncie, 500 S. Walnut St.

Support local artisans and buy unique gifts at the Holiday Muncie Makers Market, from 5-8pm at Canan Commons, during Light Up Downtown on Thursday, December 1st! Spread the word and invite all your friends!

Light Up DWNTWN

December 1 @ 5pm– 8pm

Downtown Muncie

Galleries, restaurants and retailers invite you to spend the evening with them as they kick off the holiday shopping season. The Community Tree Lighting ceremony will take place at Canan Commons (located in the 500 block of S. Walnut St.).



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.

Crossword Puzzle

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CONFLICT
DIVERSITY
HATE
HOPE
INTERDEPENDENCE
MEDIATION
PEACE
PREJUDICE
SUSTAINABILITY
VIOLENCE

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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