

Spotlight Person : Anne Frank

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In the summer of 1942, a young, German-born teenager named Anne Frank received a red checkered diary for her thirteenth birthday. This diary, written to an imaginary friend named "Kitty," would eventually become a world-renowned best seller, *The Diary of a Young Girl*, and one of the first published narratives on the experience of a Jewish person in Nazi Germany written by a child.

At the beginning of her life, Anne Frank had absolutely no idea the impact she would have on the world after her death. She wrote in her diary that she dreamed to be famous, and that she wanted to be a writer. While she would never actually see this dream come to fruition, she would go on to become one of the most famous young figures, and writers, in history.

Anne Frank was born on June 12, 1929 in Frankfurt, Germany. Her parents, Edith and Otto Frank, were both Jewish. Otto Frank had served in the German military during World War I, and was an avid businessman. He moved his family to Amsterdam to escape persecution by the Nazis in the fall of 1933. The Franks lived a happy and peaceful life in Amsterdam until May of 1940, when Nazi Germany occupied the Netherlands, putting its government under Hitler's control. Beginning in October of 1940, Nazi occupiers began to impose anti-Jewish laws in the

Netherlands. This forced Jews to wear yellow stars on their clothing, observe strict curfews, and give up ownership of their businesses.

After Anne's older sister Margot received a letter from the government calling for her deportation to a concentration camp, the family went into hiding in a secret annex that was attached to her father's office building. From early July 1942 until their arrest, on August 4, 1944, the Franks lived in the annex with four fellow Jews. Anne recorded their time in the annex in her diary. She described her first love, and her vivid, childlike imagination, with day-to-day life in the annex on the small pages. Her inquisitive mind also helped her to write about the stories she heard on the radio about the impending war and her longing for peace. Her diary was nearly seized by the Gestapo upon her family's arrest, but a friend to the Franks, Miep Geis, retrieved the pages and stored them in her desk to return them to Anne upon her return. However, Anne would perish in the Nazi concentration camp, Bergen Belsen, only weeks before the war's end. Her father Otto - being the sole survivor of the Jews hiding in the secret annex - was given her diary. He published it on her behalf for the first time in 1947.

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Since its first publication, Anne Frank's diary has been published in over 60 languages. The first English translation was released in 1952. Her diary has served as a highly recognized source of discussion for Holocaust scholars of all ages worldwide. Her legacy of dreaming for a more peaceful world full of love and kindness lives on in her words written on the pages of her diary. While she was not ever alive to witness her noteworthy achievements, she definitely achieved her goal in death.

Pictured: Anne Frank writing at a desk, licensed under creative commons



Spotlight Event : Indonesian Earthquake

In the early hours of the morning on December 7, 2016, around 5:00 a.m., disaster came to the Aceh province of Indonesia. As many locals were preparing for their morning prayers, a 6.5-magnitude earthquake shattered what was going to be a habitual day. With more than 100 people killed, and over 160 homes destroyed, this natural disaster takes the throne as being one of the most devastating powers to shake the Aceh province since 2004. Along with personal damage, this earthquake devastated 100 other buildings, including 14 Mosques and one school. Despite the lack of a tsunami warning, Indonesian authorities claimed that many residents of the province fled to the hills in an effort to escape any possible residue. The 9.1-9.3-magnitude quake that hit Indonesia still traumatizes many, as it left in its wake a death toll of more than 80,000 people and millions homeless.

So what is being done? In times of crisis, humanitarian efforts ban together to protect and support those that are in need. Shortly after the Governor of Aceh declared an "Emergency Response Disaster" for 14 days, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent

Societies initiated the beginnings of an Emergency Plan of Action that has a budget of approximately CHF 941,847, or \$938,655.61 USD. Their hopes of being able to assist 5,000 people are large, but not unrealistic. Other efforts are being made worldwide, including in the European Union. On the 22nd of December, the European Union proclaimed that it would provide €200,000, or \$245,800 USD. This money is being sent to the Indonesian Red Cross Society in an effort to help at least 5,000 of the most critically impacted members of the community.

These steps to recovery are still in process, and efforts continue to help the highly devastated country of Indonesia. On 12 January 2017, the Indonesian Red Cross, or PMI, started their early recovery operations that focus not only the health of the citizens, but also on getting them shelter and maintaining their livelihoods. Even though we do not often think about the disasters that are spreading across the world, they could easily happen right here, in the United States.

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Spotlight Event : Indonesian Earthquake, cont.

It is vital to maintain our relationships with our near and distant neighbors, and our family, and our friends, because we never know when we will be the members of a society that are at the mercy of a crisis. Our relationships make us strong, they make us connected. Poor relationships with one another only result in conflict and devastation, and neither of these feelings will help us grow as people or society. We never know what moment will be our last, so we might as well live it and help others.



Indonesia after the earthquake

Former Ambassador to Afghanistan Visits Peace Center

On the morning before the 2016 Fall Commencement, the Speaker, Lieutenant General (ret.) Karl Eikenberry, a former Ambassador to Afghanistan, and his wife, Ching Eikenberry, visited the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies. General Eikenberry and Mrs. Eikenberry met with the staff of the Center and discussed their research interests, plans, and shared personal stories about their experiences in the conflicts of Afghanistan. A main point of discussion was the need for further education for military personnel involved in foreign conflicts to learn more about the culture of the place where they are being stationed to better understand the people. General Eikenberry is currently the Oksenberg-Rohlen Fellow and Director of the United States-Asia Security Initiative at the Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center at Stanford University. It was a great honor for the Peace Center to host General Eikenberry and Mrs. Eikenberry.



Left to Right: Ching Eikenberry, Beth Messner, Bibi Bahrami, Larry Gerstein, Karl Eikenberry, Mac McKinney, Gerry Waite, George Wolf

Conferences

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/>

Unruly vs. Respectful Communication: An Interactive Experience

On the evening of January 24, the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies co-hosted “Unruly vs. Respectful Communication: An Interactive Experience” with the Department of Counseling Psychology, Social Psychology and Counseling’s Diversity Committee. The Diversity Committee performed skits inspired by real experiences in order to show unruly communication between people that are in the middle of having an argument. These arguments included a family that had different political beliefs and how they discussed them, an online messaging battle over social justice movements, an individual angry over immigrants “stealing” jobs, and an argument between two roommates having boundary issues. Once each skit had been performed, the audience was asked about what went wrong between the individuals and then how they could have engaged in civil discourse to create more respectful, empathic, and understanding between them. The audience discussion highlighted the importance of employing active listening skills (e.g., respect, empathy, understanding, finding common ground) when communicating with others in order to decrease the likelihood of unruly transactions.



Left to Right: Craig Deken, Wendy Gonzales-Canal, Hunter Sully, and Lawrence Gerstein

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

On and Off Campus Events

Monday Feb. 5. 2017

What: The W. Kamau Bell Curve: Ending Racism in About an Hour

When: 7:30 pm

Where: Pruis Hall

Through a seamless mix of stand-up comedy, video and audio clips, personal stories and solo theatrical performance, W. Kamau Bell offers a comedic, topical exploration of the impact of race on American culture and a humorously accurate portrayal of life in the so-called "post-racial" United States. He's been seen or heard on Comedy Central's @midnight, HBO's Real Time with Bill Maher, WTF with Marc Maron, The Rachel Maddow Show, and Fresh Air with Terry Gross, but he might be most excited about his new podcast called *Denzel Washington is The Greatest Actor of All Time Period*.

Tuesday Feb. 6. 2017

What: Lifelong Learners: International Programs and their Importance for Ball State University

When: 3 pm

Where: Alumni Center

Do you know about the many unique international programs Ball State participates in? From Academic Engagement Programs to participation in the International Ambassador Association, Ball State reaches out to students and partners around the world. Dr. Ken Holland, PhD Professor of Political Science and Director of International Studies will explain the importance of the university's global efforts.

Sunday Feb. 4. 2017

What: Kick-Off to Black History Month Celebration

When: 10 am

Where: Minnetrista

FREE Community Event Join the community and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Dream Team's Kick-Off to Black History Month Celebration at Minnetrista! Full of fun activities, history, and culture, the Kick-Off to Black History Month Celebration is an event you don't want to miss.

Saturday Feb. 11. 2017

What: Walk a Mile in My Shoes

When: 8 am

Where: Muncie Fieldhouse

The purpose of the walk is to raise awareness about the harsh conditions that homeless and desperate people must endure during the winter months even if they don't have warm clothing and shoes. As well to raise funds for the Mission's ongoing daily services provided at no cost. This is a non-competitive walk from the Fieldhouse to the Mission. MITS buses will be available to return everyone to the Fieldhouse at no cost.

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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