

Spotlight Person : Sue Klebold

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In 1999, Sue Klebold's life turned upside down when her 17-year-old son, Dylan went on a rampage with his friend Eric Harris at Columbine High School – killing 12 of their classmates, one teacher, and injuring dozens of others before turning his weapon on himself. She went from a typical suburban mother to a scapegoat for an entire community. Since the families of her son's victims did not have her son to be angry with, they were angry with her for raising a killer. In the years since the massacre at Columbine the world watched as she lost her community, her marriage, and her privacy – but they failed to remember that she also lost her son.

In 2016, Klebold published her memoir titled *A Mother's Reckoning: Living in the Aftermath of Tragedy*. In her memoir, she not only describes her experience raising her sons in a home that frowned upon violence, praised good works, and encouraged life-long growth and learning; she also describes the shock she felt learning that her son was a killer, had been hiding guns in her home, and bottling up thoughts of rage, depression, and unrequited love. Her loss led to a life of pursuing not only answers to the millions of questions she had about her son Dylan and the last few years of his life, but also how our society views those with mental illnesses and those who struggle to be accepted by their peers.

Dylan's struggle to fit in at high school was not apparent to Klebold until the police gave her and her husband copies of the notebook pages of their son's journal. His feelings of anger and depression are strewn across every page in detail. Sue Klebold had never known her son was depressed. She describes how she would have done anything she could have to prevent the tragedy at Columbine if she would have known – and the first step would have been helping Dylan through his depression. She emphasized the need for society to embrace those who struggle with depression and anxiety rather than stigmatizing and shutting them out. Her research on "brain health" and her promotion of a positive view of those with mental illness has influenced all of the individuals who have heard her story.



Spotlight Event : 2017 Hurricanes

As Ball State students finish up their first month of classes, thousands of people down South are struggling to regain some normalcy in their lives. People in states such as Texas, Florida, and Georgia, to list a few, have been ravished by relentless hurricanes since late August. Hurricane Harvey was the first this year; in fact, it was the first major hurricane (Category 3 or higher) to make landfall in the United States since Hurricane Wilma in 2005. It has been called the worst disaster in Texas history and the affected area is not expected to recover for many years. The cost of damages has been estimated to be over \$180 billion, and there have been 82 confirmed deaths as of September, 20th.

Almost immediately after Harvey hit Texas, Hurricane Irma devastated Florida and the surrounding states. Like Harvey, it was a historic storm. It was the most intense Atlantic Hurricane to hit the United States since Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and the first major hurricane to make landfall in Florida since 2005. It reached a peak intensity of 185 mph winds and at one point was a Category 5 hurricane. Preliminary damage cost estimates have been set at around \$100 billion and the death toll has risen to over 100.

As if the people living along the Atlantic do not already have enough to worry about, now there is a third Hurricane heading toward the U.S. coast- Hurricane Maria. It has already devastated the island of Dominica and Puerto Rico, and it has surpassed the wind speed needed to categorize it as a Category 5 storm. It is too early to determine if and where it will make landfall in the U.S., but experts believe Florida will be missed.

Thousands upon thousands of people have had to evacuate their homes, and the country has pulled together to help. Law enforcement, organizations like the American Red Cross, and volunteers have been working since day one, but they cannot do everything alone.

Well known businesses have also

stepped up to help with relief efforts. Airbnb has once again launched its disaster response program that was first implemented in 2012 during Hurricane Sandy. Local hosts were given the option to participate in the program that opens up their homes to evacuees free of charge. So far, over 300 hosts have signed up to help. The program was originally planned to run through the first of September, but it has now been extended to the 25th. Lyft has partnered with the American Red Cross in its "Round Up and Donate" program. This program gives customers the option to round up their fares to the nearest dollar and donate to relief efforts. This program is also set to run through the end of September. In addition to "Round Up and Donate," Lyft has donated \$100,000 to the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund and will be hosting supply drives in nearby areas. Uber has donated \$300,000 worth of rides and supply deliveries to victims and affected areas. Ball State students have also jumped on board to help. Countless student organizations and athletic teams have collected funds, toys, and clothes to be shipped down to victims.

While there is immense heartache and loss that comes with natural disasters, there is also hope in the form of those willing to donate their time and resources to those in need. It will be a long road to recovery for the thousands of people affected by these disasters, but one thing is certain: they are not alone!



The Rise of Neo-Nazism and White Supremacy

When: September 27, 2017

Where: AJ 175 at 5:00 pm

Featuring:

Bryan Byers, Ph.D.

Professor of Criminal Justice and Criminology

Nathaniel Rose

Muncie Reconciliation Achieved through Community Engagement (R.A.C.E.)

- Learn about the history of Neo-Nazism and White Supremacy in the United States
- What are the repercussions of these movement
- Discuss how to safely and effectively protest or counter-protest hate



Unite the Right Rally in Charlottesville, VA

Muncie Social Justice Groups

Starting in the fall of last year, the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies collaborated with local social justice groups in the Muncie area to create a directory. This directory gives details and contact information for social justice organizations in Muncie. If you are curious about local social justice advocacy, or want to get involved, please visit: <http://www.muncieneighborhoods.org/socialjustice/> to get connected! Many thanks to the individuals who contributed information and made this possible, especially Erin Moore and Jes Beals from the BSU Division of Community Engagement and Jessica Deckard-Mills & Kailah Glock from our Peace Center.



Conferences

International Youth Peace Conference 2017 (IYPC)

Where: Sogn og Fjordane, Norway, Sept. 30-Oct.8 2017

Registration: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScvPnrYInReXnEdYcQNjxD9zk6hE5ozPVv8BRALdM5QDINgdg/viewform>

Description: "The International Youth Peace Conference 2017 (IYPC) invites participants from around the world who are aged 16-25 to join us in Sogn og Fjordane, Western Norway for our opening conference and workshop series. Our theme this year is CLIMATE CHANGE and PEACE and features several engaging and inspiring workshops hosted at different venues in the region."



Sol Kanee Lecture on Peace and Justice

<http://economicsandpeace.org/events/sol-kanee-lecture-on-peace-and-justice/>

Where: Manitoba, Canada
Canadian Museum for Human Rights
Oct. 4, 2017, 1:30 pm

Registration: Pre-registration is NOT necessary: free admission



Description: "Sponsored by the Richardson Foundation, and in partnership with the Rotary Clubs of Winnipeg, the Mauro Centre presents the Annual Sol Kanee Lecture series featuring distinguished leaders in the field of peace and justice."

On and Off Campus Events

ON CAMPUS

September 22

Dr. Angela Davis “Institutional Racism in the Penal and Criminal Justice Systems”

7:00PM – 8:30PM

Emens Auditorium

Marking the relaunch of Ball State’s African American Studies program, Dr. Angela Davis’ speech will discuss the prison industrial complex and the racism that exists within said institution. Davis is a political activist, academic, and author, most known for her activism in the 60s as a prominent figure in the Civil Rights movement.

September 27

Marilyn K. Cory Speaker Series: Mahogany Browne

8:30PM

Student Center Ballroom

Mahogany Browne, an artist and activist, will be presenting her own performance poetry, bridging the gaps between poetry and emceeing. The Marilyn K. Cory speaker series is sponsored by the Department of English, as well as African American Studies, Sociology, the Office of Institutional Diversity, and the Multicultural Center.

OFF CAMPUS

September 24

Put Yourself in Her Heels 2017 Community Walk

Starting point: YWCA || 310 E. Charles St.

8:30AM – 11:30AM

A one mile walk through downtown Muncie to show support for women in the YWCA’s residential program. T-shirts and breakfast offered; the walk benefits women and children in need.

October 5

Muncie YART (The Yard Sale for Art!)

5:00PM – 9:00PM

The Canan Commons || 500 S Walnut St.

A yard sale with a wide variety of local artists. All art is under \$40, keeping things affordable and maintaining the yard sale vibe! Stop by and find something unique!

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-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.

Pies for Peace

On Saturday, September 9, the Muncie and Ball State Communities came together for the *Pies for Peace* Event at Cannon Commons in Downtown Muncie. Not only was there free pie for everyone at the event, but there were countless businesses, associations, and other organizations who had tables set up with a common goal: to promote peace. There was not one frown to be seen as people enjoyed the various performances by local singers and dancers, as well as lively music to dance along to in between. It was a day full of meaningful and eye-opening conversation, and ultimately, peace. The Ball State Center for Peace and Conflict Studies was right in the middle (quite literally) of all the excitement with the Center's travelling Peace Pole. Constant streams of people were coming over to contribute their thoughts of peace and learn more about the Peace Pole. Excitingly, multiple Muncie community members expressed interest in having the Peace Pole at their upcoming charity events. Since Saturday, the Peace Pole has been reserved for three events in the coming months, and more are sure to come!



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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