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Peacemakers: People, Politics, and Possibilities

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Welcome to the Conference!

On behalf of the City of Muncie and all the other co-sponsors, I am thrilled and humbled to welcome you to the 3rd “Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Conference - Peacemakers: People, Politics, and Possibilities.” Like our previous two Conferences, this meeting features excellent presentations and also many opportunities for rich dialogue. Our presenters include scholars, undergraduate and graduate students, and activists from many different disciplines traveling far distances to share their knowledge, research, experiences, strategies, and recommendations related to peacemaking and peacebuilding with all of us.

Similar to our earlier Conferences, we decided to host this meeting in April. Sadly, some of the most horrific acts of violence in the recent history of the U.S. have happened in April including the FBI's siege of the Waco compound that left seventy-six dead, the Oklahoma City bombing that killed 168 people, and the Boston Marathon bombing that killed three civilians and injured an estimated 264. The Boston event occurred a little more than 2 weeks after the 1st Cohen Peace Conference. Unfortunately, school campuses also have been the target of extreme violence during April including the Columbine High School Massacre that left fifteen people dead, and more recently, the Virginia Tech Massacre that resulted in a death toll of thirty-three persons.

To promote a message of nonviolence and to remember and honor those that have lost their lives in April, for the past eleven years, the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies at Ball State University has hosted a series of programs on nonviolence. This Conference extends the previous work of the Peace Center to promote nonviolence during April.

I want to thank our dignitaries, The Honorable Muncie Mayor Dennis Tyler and Ball State University President Geoffrey S. Mearns, for their willingness to participate and support this Conference. I also wish to thank our keynote speakers, Dr. Linda Daniel (Clinical Director, Inpatient Behavioral Health - Indiana University Health Ball Memorial Hospital) and Sister Norma Rocklage (Executive Director for Education Formation Outreach - Marian University), for enriching us with their knowledge and experiences.

I am deeply appreciative as well for the support we received from the City of Muncie, Benjamin V. Cohen Memorial Endowment Fund, the H.C. Gemmer Family Foundation, and the Community Champions Fund. The members of the host committee including Bibi Bahrami, Lindsay Blom, Michael Daehn, Marie Douglass, Kailah Glock, Steven Hall, Jacqueline Harris, Beth Messner, John Peterson, Christine Satory, and Gerry Waite committed countless hours planning and then implementing this event and I cannot thank them, along with Shawna Sewell and all the other volunteers enough for their tireless effort.

Lastly, I want to thank each of you for attending this 3rd Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Conference. Hopefully, you will acquire some new knowledge and skills to promote a strong message of nonviolence, conflict resolution, and peacebuilding in your communities.

Lawrence H. Gerstein, Ph.D.

Director, Ball State University Center for Peace and Conflict Studies

George & Frances Ball Distinguished Professor of Psychology-Counseling

About Benjamin V. Cohen



Born in Muncie, Indiana on September 23, 1894, Benjamin Victor Cohen graduated from the University of Chicago Law School in 1915. He then attended Harvard Law School where he attracted the attention of Felix Frankfurter. In 1933, Franklin Roosevelt summoned Cohen from private practice in New York to public service.

Cohen became a major legal architect of much of the New Deal legislation including the Securities Act and the plan for Lend-Lease and economic stability during World War II. A shy man, Cohen worked behind the scenes where his brilliance as a legal draftsman was widely recognized.

Following World War II, Cohen turned his talents to the problems of world peace and became one of the architects of the United Nations, serving on the U.S. delegation to the UN and on the United Nations Disarmament Commission. His abiding interest in world peace and his outstanding legal ability influenced him until his death in 1983.

On December 24, 1984, Mr. Bernard W. Freund, a nephew of Benjamin V. Cohen created a fund at the Ball State University Foundation to honor his uncle's memory, and continue his uncle's interest in the attainment of world peace. For many years, Mr. Freund served as a Ball State staff member providing legal services to students.

List of Cohen Peace Fellows

Ali Kanan, Lindsey Blom, & Lawrence H. Gerstein (July 2017)
Simon Balto (July 2017)
Lindsey Blom & Kendall Bronk (February 2016)
Steven R. Hall & Misa Nishikawa (November 2015)
Christopher Thompson (June 2013)
Jacob Cooper (July 2012)
Sunnie Lee Watson & Gilbert Park (June 2010)
Gregory Witkowski (August 2009)
Lucinda Woodward (June 2007)
Steven R. Hall (June 2006)
David Dixon (June 2005)
Gerald Waite (June 2004)
Jui Shankar (June 2003)
Kevin Smith (June 2002)
Scott Moeshberger (June 2001)
Helene Hoover (June 2000)
Matt Aalsma (June 1998)
Francine Friedman (June 1997)

Conference Schedule

Friday, April 6, 2018

6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Conference Registration in Alumni Center Lobby

6:45 – 7:00 p.m.

Welcome Statement

(Assembly Hall A)

Lawrence H. Gerstein, Ph.D.

Director, Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, Ball State University

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

A Town Hall Discussion

Better Together: Promoting Peace on Campus and the Community

Dennis Tyler

Mayor-Muncie, Indiana

Geoffrey S. Mearns, J.D.

President-Ball State University



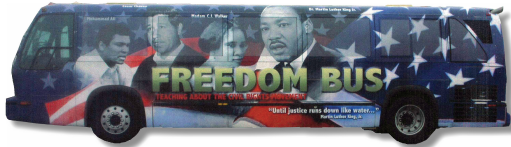
Saturday, April 7, 2018

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Conference Registration in the Alumni Center Lobby

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Freedom Bus



Alumni Center

A traveling museum featuring the civil rights history of East Central Indiana

<https://www.thefreedombus.org/>

9:00-9:50 a.m.

Keynote Speech, The Role of Social Capital in Attenuating Addictions: Recovered Lives, Recovered Communities

(Assembly Hall A)

Chair: Rocio Paez (Ball State University)

Linda Daniel, Ph.D.

Clinical Director, Inpatient Behavioral Health

Indiana University Health Ball Memorial Hospital

Muncie, Indiana



10:00-10:50 a.m. – Session One

Symposium: Concrete, Individual Initiated Steps Towards Community Betterment- Just Do IT

(Conference Room 1)

Steve Robert

Jason Donati (RACE Muncie)

Mary Dollison, M.A. (Motivate Our Minds)

Paper Session: International Approaches to Peace

(Conference Room 2)

Chair: Roger Hollands (Ball State University)

Positive Peace through Sport Development Global Youth Programs

Lindsay C. Blom (Ball State University)

Revisiting the Colonial Borders in Africa: The Case of Southern Camaroons

Michael T. Ndemanu, Ph.D. (Ball State University)

Paper Session: Strategies of Activism

(Conference Room 3)

Chair: Beth Messner (Ball State University)

Academics as Activists

Gerald Waite (Ball State University)

Nonviolence for Activists: Recent Research from Academics

Marc V. Simon, Ph.D. (Bowling Green State University)

Empathy as the Framework for Social Justice Advocacy

Le'Ann Somonson, Ph.D. (Stephen F Austin State University)

Suzanne Maniss, Ph.D. (Stephen F. Austin State University)

Paper Session: Violent Crime

(Conference Room 4)

Chair: Theresa Kruczek (Ball State University)

Correlates of Violent Victimization among a Sample of Hispanic Immigrants in the United States

Rocio Paez, Ph.D. (Ball State University)

Violence in Brazilian Favelas

Olivia Haskett (Ball State University)

Prohibition by Price Masked in Good Intentions

Todd Nesbit, Ph.D. (Ball State University)

11:00-11:50 a.m. – Session Two

Symposium: “Facing Peacemaking”

(Conference Room 1)

Beth A Messner (Ball State University)

Michael Daehn (Ball State University)

Aimee Robertson Fant (Muncie Action Plan)

Kelsey Timmerman (The Facing Project)

JR Jamieson

Renae Mayes (Ball State University)

Paper Session: Soldiers and Peace

(Conference Room 2)

Chair: Kenneth Hall (Ball State University)

Preparing UN Peacekeepers for Their Missions
Harvey Langholtz (College of William and Mary)

Mission Possible: Helping Student Veterans Navigate College
Jacqueline Harris, Ed.D. (Ball State University)

The Nuremburg Trials, International law, and a Search for Reconciliation
Brent M. Blackwell, Ph.D. (Ball State University)

Paper Session: Language and Discourse

(Conference Room 3)

Chair: Maria Hernandez Finch (Ball State University)

From Language that Polarizes to Language that Integrates
Mai Kuha, Ph.D. (Ball State University)

Ideologies and Linguistic Discourse: Variation in the Use of Adjectives
Shelley Spillman, B.A. (Ball State University)

Our Socratic Moment: Greco-Roman thought Wrestling with Empathy & Outrage Online
Serge Danielson-Fraçois, M.A. M.S. (Divine Child High School)
J. Mike Courage M.A. (Divine Child High School)
Noah Hayden (Divine Child High School)

Paper Session: Identity and Peace

(Conference Room 4)

Chair: Todd Nesbit (Ball State University)

Being Queer as an Inherently Political Identity
Rosalie Adams (Ball State University)

How Women in STEM Disrupt Toxic Masculinity through Innovative Technology
Cheri Ellefson, M.A. (Ball State University)
Aimee Robertson-Fant (Muncie Action Plan)
Zoey E. Spengler (Ball State University)
Lena Neff-Tompkins (Ball State University)
Rashida Peete (Ball State University)
Chazney Gates (Ball State University)

Arab and Childean Americans: White without the Privilege
Jennifer Gruber, B.S. B.A. (Michigan State University)
Lucas Al-Zoughbi, B.A. (Michigan State University)
Mona Abdallah-Hijazi (Access Community Health and Resource Center)

Paper Session: Human Trafficking

(Conference Room 5)

Chair: Theresa Kruczek (Ball State University)

Child Trafficking Discourse: An Alternative Paradigm A Romanian Case Study
Rebekah York, M.A. (Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary)

Healing from Chaos: Therapeutic Interventions for Human Trafficking Survivors
Merissa Hauptstueck, B.A. (Ball State University)

The Latin American Fight Against Human Trafficking
Jared Knotts, B.A. (Ball State University)

11:00 a.m. - 1:50 p.m.

Poster Presentations

(In Atrium and Commons Area)

Promoting Double-E Educational Opportunities for marginalized Students in Higher Education

Bin Zhang, M.E. M.A. (Ball State University)

Mindfulness and Person-Centered Practices to Increase Multicultural Competencies with College Students

Melinda Frazee, B.S. (Indiana State University)

A Space for Race: Buildings, Rooftops, Party Parlors and Other Architectural Representations of Racial Discrimination in Nella Larsen's *Passing*

Sakina Alkhalifa, Ph.D. (Ball State University)

Institutionalized Moral Injury in Postmodern Combat Veterans

David Gosling, M.S. NCC (College of William & Mary)

Customs, Lore, and Language: An Analysis of Alcoholics Anonymous Literature for the Volunteer Organization

Caroline Heston, B.S. (Ball State University)

Trauma Experiences of Displaced Populations: Recommendations for Interventions and Research

Hope Covington, B.A. (Ball State University)

Rawan Atari, M.S. (Ball State University)

Lawrence H. Gerstein, Ph.D. (Ball State University)

Huda Al Herz, M.A. (Ball State University)

Increasing Syndemic Production is Associated with Suicide Attempts Among U.S. Youth
Jonathan L. Poquiz, M.A. (George Washington University)

Michael Plankey, Ph.D. (George Washington University)

Rethinking Black Children's & YA Lit: #blacklivesmatter

Darolyn Jones, Ed.D. (Ball State University)

Eileen Porzucek (Ball State University)

Poster Presentations continued

(In Atrium and Commons Area)

Validity Assessment of the Cultural Mistrust Inventory

Marcy Beutlich, B.S. (Ball State University)

International Sport for Peace: Overview of Research, Theory, and Best Practices

Ali S. Kanan, B.A. (Ball State University)

Lindsey C. Blom, Ed.D. (Ball State University)

Lawrence H. Gerstein, Ph.D. (Ball State University)

The Lantern Festival Supports Sustainability Awareness

Andrea Fulton (Ball State University)

Maternal Mortality of African Women in the United States

Dayna Arnett, M.Sc. (Ball State University)

Adverse Impact of Poverty and School Mobility on Student Development

Brandy Pugh, B.A. (Ball State University)

Theresa Kruczek, Ph.D. (Ball State University)

International Travel and Spread of Unity and Peace

Genevieve George (Ball State University)

Historical Connections to Haiti in the Modern Era

Allison Nash (Ball State University)

The Early Implementation of Meditation and Mindfulness Practices in Schools

Jacob Nichols (Indiana Academy)

The Pervasiveness of Ostracism with Perceived Cultural "Differences"

Jocelyne Rico (Ball State University)

Charter Schools: Creating a Safe Haven for the LGBTQ Movement Through Policy and Curriculum

Amy Crouch (Ball State University)

Towards Empowering Impoverished Communities

Cassandra Hudak, B.S. (Ball State University)

Bryan Shurigar, B.S. (Ball State University)

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Madeline Grosh (Ball State University)

12:00-1:50 p.m. – Lunch and Keynote in Assembly Hall B

Keynote Speech: Practicing Peace: Challenging Steps to Dialogue

Sister Norma Rocklage

Executive Director for Education Formation Outreach

Marian University - Indianapolis, Indiana

(Assembly Hall B)



2:00-2:50 p.m. – Session Three

Invited Cohen Fellowship Presentation - Liberian Youth's Experiences of Positive Peace: Participation in a Sport for Development Program

(Assembly Hall A)

Lindsay Blom, Ed.D. (Ball State University)

Symposium: Education Access: Leveling the Playing Field: Pregnant and Parenting Students

(Conference Room 1)

Nora Hopf (Ball State Students for Life)

Christian Guy

Neal Hazen (Ball State University)

Elizabeth Wehren (Ball State Students for Life)

Hannah Sullivan

Symposium: Listen Up, Stories Matter!

(Conference Room 2)

Willow Walsh, B.A. (Valparaiso University, Welcome Project)

Jessica Sunblade, B.A. (The Welcome Project)

Reagan Skaggs (The Welcome Project)

3:00-3:50 p.m. – Session Four

Symposium: Faith & Iman: A Muslim /Christian Youth Interfaith Initiative

(Conference Room 1)

Emily Secen, M.Ed. (Niagara Foundation)

Liz Digitale Anderson (Peace Catalyst International)

Symposium: The Cost of Doing Nothing: Social Justice Education Now!

(Conference Room 2)

Melita Carter (Peace Learning Center & Natural Born Leaders Academy, The Entrepreneurs in Training Program)

Clare Wildhack-Nolan (Peace Learning Center)

Paper Session: Accommodating Immigration

(Conference Room 3)

Chair: Roger Hollands (Ball State University)

Hoosiers and Globalization: Free Trade and Legal Immigration (**CANCELLED**)

Chad Kinsella, Ph.D. and Charles Taylor, Ph.D. (Ball State University)

Democracy: Community of Immigrants

Obed Frausto, Ph.D. (Ball State University)

Lives of Burmese Refugees in Indy

Megumi Hamada, Ph.D. (Ball State University)

Katie Wah (Ivy Tech Community College)

Esau Bustamante (Ball State University)

Paper Session: Theology and Peace

(Conference Room 4)

Chair: Rocio Paez (Ball State University)

Planetary Crisis

Kyle Koeller, B.S. (Ball State University)

Paper Session: Identity and Interpersonal Interaction

(Conference Room 5)

Chair: Kenneth Hall (Ball State University)

Person Perception on Peace

Anita Puri Singh (Maharani Laxmibai Government Girls' Post Graduate College)

Smita Sing (Maharani Laxminai Government Girls' Post Graduate College)

The Pride and the Fall: Nationalism, Media, and War

Benjamin Bishop (Ball State University)

4:00-4:50 p.m. – Live Dance Performance

(Assembly Hall B)

A Dialogue About Race and Social Justice Through Dance Performance

Kendra Lowery, Ph.D. (Ball State University)

Susan Koper, MFA (Ball State University)

4:50-5:00 p.m. - Closing Remarks

(Assembly Hall B)

Gerry Waite, M.A.

Research Fellow, Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, Ball State University

Lindsey Blom, Ed.D.

Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Fellow

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The Cohen Memorial Fund was established in 1984. Awards from the fund are used to memorialize Mr. Cohen's commitment to the attainment of world peace by focusing on the study and discussion of world issues that affect world peace. The Center for Peace and Conflict Studies manages the logistics of the Cohen Fellowship Grant and Travel Awards.



The Community Champion Fund's mission is to improve the lives of the most vulnerable citizens of our community. In our core cause area of supporting the prevention of violence as well as the protection and care of victims of violence, we aim to accelerate progress, accountability, and discovery, while also reducing the social stigma that sometimes keeps these issues in the shadows. We will take a people-centric approach on all projects to break traditional barriers and build a better future for all high-risk people, because we know that the greater the support, the more empowered people feel to take control of their present and future. We will support those efforts that most contribute to the reduction of violence and all those circumstances that promote to it.

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The H.C. Gemmer Family Christian Foundation was created in 1956 by a gift of Hiram C. and Edith Gemmer, and was substantially grown in 1993 by a gift from the estate of H. Robert Gemmer. The primary charitable interests of the founders were causes promoting peace, justice, sobriety and racial harmony. The founders were also strong supporters of the ecumenical movement and the cooperative work of local, state, national and world councils of churches.

City of Muncie

The City of Muncie is an agricultural center with a college-town element and a variety of industries. In the 19th century the Ball family started manufacturing canning jars, and Ball jars are still the world standard. Thanks to the sociological Middletown studies first conducted in the 1920s, Muncie is said to be one of the most studied U.S. cities of its size. The community is grounded with a diverse economic base that includes advanced manufacturing, information technology, logistics, and life science firms.

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