

Speakers for Peace: April 2019

Keeping in line with our past events for peace and nonviolence, in April 2019, we invited two eminent speakers to address Ball State University.

Dr. Jill Davidson

Dr. Jill Davidson is a school psychologist who has worked in the field for nearly forty years after earning her Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. Her professional interests include understanding the development of reading and writing skills, managing aggression in children, special education eligibility, and ethics of her practice. She is also a determined advocate of gender acceptance and legislation that will make inclusivity a priority in schools. This past February, she spoke with the Washington state Senate Early Learning and K-12 Education Committee in support of a proposed bill to begin creating a safer, more inclusive space for transgender students in schools through mandatory training and other policies.

Date: April 4th, 2019

Professor Deirdre McCloskey

A Distinguished Professor of Economics, History, English and Communication at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Deirdre McCloskey has written 17 books and over 400 other scholarly works in fields from economic theory, to feminism, to law. Although known as a “conservative” economist, she claims herself to be a literary, quantitative, postmodern, free-market, progressive-Episcopalian, Midwestern transgender woman from Boston. Having turned to ethics and the creation of a “philosophical-historical apology for modern economies,” her most recent book trilogy discusses the world since the Industrial Revolutions, the “Bourgeois Era,” and argues that the major increase in human welfare has come about by innovation, not capital accumulation.

Date: April 18th, 2019

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