

Welcome to the Conference!

On behalf of the Ball State University Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, I am thrilled to welcome you to the 5th "Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Conference: Places and Spaces for Peace." Like our previous four Conferences, this meeting features excellent presentations and dance performances, and many opportunities for rich dialogue and networking.

This year, the Conference includes presentations from scholars, undergraduate and graduate students, activists, community leaders, and laypersons from many different disciplines and backgrounds, and nine countries including the USA, Canada, India, Austria, Colombia, Ethiopia, France, Australia, and Zimbabwe.

I want to thank our esteemed keynote presenters, De'Amon Harges (Asset Based Community Development Institute, The Learning Tree, and Grassroots Grantmakers Association Board) and Martin Gurri (Mercatus Center, George Mason University) for agreeing to enrich us with their vast knowledge and experiences.

This Conference would not be possible if not for the generosity of the Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Fund, and many kind individuals. Thank you!

I am also deeply appreciative to the Center's Graduate Assistant, Madison Pavone, the Center's interns (Jailee Acevedo, Karisa Candreva, Ashlyn Dows, Christiane Habeshy, Holley Hannegan, Sydney Sparks, & Briana Towns), and the Center's Advisory Board Members for the countless hours planning and then implementing this event. This Conference could not have happened, especially given its virtual format, without your dedication and creativity. You ALL ARE AMAZING!

Lastly, I want to thank each of you for attending this 5th Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Conference. Hopefully, you will acquire some new knowledge and skills to support and promote additional "Places and Spaces for Peace!"

peace,



Lawrence H. Gerstein, Ph.D.

Director, *Ball State University Center for Peace and Conflict Studies*
George & Frances Ball Distinguished Professor of Psychology-Counseling



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.

BENJAMIN V. COHEN PEACE FELLOWS

Aashna Banerjee, Lawrence H. Gerstein, & Mellisa Holtzman *July 2023*

Keisha Warren-Gordon *July 2022*

Emily Hayes *July 2021*

Jagdish Khubchandani *July 2020*

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*

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PLACES & SPACES for peace

SCHEDULE Friday, April 7th 2023

8:30-9:00_{am} / OPENING SESSION

Laughter Yoga: More laughter for world peace

Cindy Cash, Ph.D. *Ball State University*

9:00-9:50_{am} / LIGHTENING ROUND (5 min. each)

EDUCATION

Distributive Justice and Ohio's School Funding Plan

Kimberlie Kowalka Todd, M.Ed. *University of Toledo*

A Unified Model for Risk Assessment in Schools: A call to action

Breanna Ellington, Ph.D. *Virginia Tech*

The Importance of Teach Local History to Youth

Clete Hassan Ladd, M.A., M.A.T. *Indiana Council on Educating Students of Color*

Creating Brave Space through Pride: Conversation hours with Brazilian educators

Cheri Madewell, M.A. *Ball State University*

Educational Disparities for Children Living in Poverty: Finding solutions

Riley Legge *Ball State University*

SYMPOSIUM: Peace-Making Is Work: Moving through conflict with connection, emotional resilience, & bravery

Chair: Rebecca L. Mathews, Ph.D. *University of North Carolina*

Peace-Making is Not the Absence of Conflict: Strategies for traveling through conflict to peace

Rebecca L. Mathews, Ph.D. *University of North Carolina*

Donna Hickman, Ph.D. *University of North Texas*

Crystal Brashear, Ph.D. *Colorado Christian University*

Nancy Thomas, Ph.D. *Colorado Christian University*

Creating Brave Spaces

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Donna Hickman, Ph.D. *University of North Texas*

Remaining Grounded: Emotional regulation strategies when engaging in spaces of conflict

Crystal Brashear, Ph.D. *Colorado Christian University*

Donna Hickman, Ph.D. *University of North Texas*

Nancy Thomas, Ph.D. *Colorado Christian University*

Rebecca L. Mathews, Ph.D. *University of North Carolina*

10:00-10:50_{am} / LIGHTENING ROUND (5 min. each)

EDUCATION

Tackling Violence in Cameroon's Secondary Schools: The need for
conductive and peaceful learning settings

Michael Ndemanu, Ph.D. *Ball State University*

Images in Action: ARC highlights the experiences of marginalized students

Kiara Johnson, M.A. *Action Research Collective, Ball State University*

Understandings of an Unpoet: Decolonial storytelling for teachers building peace

Jennifer Tesoro, Ph.D. *University of Manitoba*

Children's Well-being in At-Risk, High Poverty Communities: A call for social justice

Abdelaziz Elmadani, Ph.D. *Brooklyn College*

Addressing Bias in Special Needs Education: A scoping review mapping
special needs interventions from 2000-2020 through the lens of race

Philip Sanusi, M.P.H Student *Texas A&M University*

11:00-11:50_{am} / LIGHTENING ROUND (5 min. each)

ENVIORNMENT

The Intertwined Threats: Uncovering the intersection of climate security
and youth unemployment in the IGAD region

Kathryn Langat, Ph.D. Peace and Conflict Studies *IGAD-CEWARN*

**Understanding Climate-Related Issues and Conflict in
Sagarmatha National Park, Nepal**

Emily Hayes, M.Sc. Geological Sciences *Ball State University*

ECONOMY

Turning the War Around: Peacebuilding and economy of care

Karen Marriner, M.Sc. *Universidad Externado de Colombia*

Community Economic Inequity: Living in a border town colonia in South Texas

Sharon McIntyre, Ph.D. *University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley*

SYMPOSIUM: Increasing Awareness and Advocacy about Social Class Trauma

Chair: Lucy Parker-Barnes, Ph.D., LPC, CCMHC, NCC, CCTP *Gannon University*

Co-Chair: Courtney Rowley, B.A. *Gannon University*

Learning Best Practices for Advocacy and Clinical Interventions for Clients Facing Classism

Jessica McDannel, B.A. *Gannon University*

Mikaela Whalen, B.A. *Gannon University*

Lyndsey Lakatos, B.A. *Gannon University*

Riann Bethel, B.A. *Gannon University*

Assessing Classism that BIPOC Experience and Recognizing Their Resilience

Lyndsey Lakatos, B.A. *Gannon University*

Paribhu Thapa, B.A. *Gannon University*

Astha Tamang, B.A. *Gannon University*

Nikole Saur, B.A. *Gannon University*

12:00-12:50pm / LIGHTENING ROUND (5 min. each)

DISCRIMINATION

Poetic Healing: Using poetry to validate experiences of intimate partner violence

Kelly Gentry, Ph.D. *University of Denver*

Anti-Semitic Violence, Hate Crimes and Establishing Multicultural

Ningxin Li, Ph.D. *American Painters and Peace Educators Association*

Exclusive Textbook Contents and Prejudicial Learning: The principle driver of religiously motivated violence in Pakistan

Qamar Jafri, Ph.D. Sociology *Independent*

Zimbabwe's Disregarded Victims and the Pitfalls of State Centered Peacebuilding Interventions in Africa

Terence M. Mashingaidze, Ph.D. *Midlands State University*

Structural Violence as the Cause of Physical Violence in South Cameroons

Michael Ndemanu, Ph.D. *Ball State University*

SYMPOSIUM: Journeying Toward Racial Reconciliation: Sites of black excellence and resistance

Chair: Beth A. Messner, Ph.D. *Ball State University*

Relationships and Co-Creation: Community engagement as a tool for confronting racism in Indiana

Kendra Lowery, Ph.D. *Ball State University*

Beth A. Messner, Ph.D. *Ball State University*

WaTasha Barnes-Griffin, M.A. *CEO: YWCA Central Indiana*

Confronting Racism: Field experience pedagogy and site selection

Beth A. Messner, Ph.D. *Ball State University*

WaTasha Barnes-Griffin, M.A. *CEO: YWCA Central Indiana*

Kiesha Warren-Gordon, Ph.D. *Ball State University*

Field Experience Reflections: Coming to terms with racism, resistance and excellence

WaTasha Barnes-Griffin, M.A. *CEO: YWCA Central Indiana*

1:00-1:50_{pm} / LIGHTENING ROUND (5 min. each)

MEDIA

Media Reform and Prospects for Peace and Conflict-sensitive Journalism in Africa

Maame Peterson, Ph.D. Candidate *University of Manitoba*

Peace & Social Media: Tips for navigating a digital world

Tera Warfield, M.A. Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling *University of Memphis*

Cultivating Wisdom, Courage, and Compassion as Tenants of Global Citizenship

Dr. Gitima Sharma, Ph.D. Counselor Education *California State University*

GBV at Universities and Online Hate Speech Against Women & Femmes

Heidi Lamb, Ph.D. Student, Peace and Conflict Studies *University of Manitoba*

Who Are You Talking To?: Civic conversation in a digital world

Elizabeth Agnew, Ph.D. *Ball State University*

2:00-2:50_{pm} / LIGHTENING ROUND (5 min. each)

MENTAL HEALTH

A Case Study of Peacebuilding through Qualitative Research

Cassandra Riedy, Ph.D. *Belmont University*

Meditation and Mindfulness: Pathways to peace in the classroom and beyond

Tímea Varga, Ph.D. *Lynn University*

Maintaining Peace Within: The necessity of self-care for peacemakers

Cassandra Riedy, Ph.D. *Belmont University*

Caring for NYC's Mentally Ill Homeless Population: A peace approach

Abigail Gosselin, Ph.D. *Regis University*

SYMPOSIUM: COVID-19 Halts International Progress on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals

Chair: H. Russell Searight, Ph.D., MPH *Lake Superior State University*

Structural Violence Against Marginalized and Impoverished Groups During COVID-19

Falu Rami, Ph.D. *International Consultation Service*

COVID-19 Highlights International Health Disparities

Megan Hall, B.S. *Translational Genomics Research Institute*

3:00-3:50_{pm} / LIGHTENING ROUND (5 min. each)

ETHICS & UNITY

The Role of Post-traumatic Growth, Collective Efficacy, and Agency Among Survivors of Mass Violence

Monte-Angel Richardson, M.S.W. *University of Toronto*

Peace Proving by Fight for Fake

Laurent M. Chaudron, Ph.D. *Theorik-Lab, France*

Peace Between Generations: Better understanding Gen Z

Brenda Ross, Ed.D., L.C.P.C. *Concordia University Chicago*

Let's Talk Language: Ethical considerations for multilingual training and practice

Hannah Brier Meisels, B.A. Psychology *Counseling Psychology Dept., University of Denver*

SYMPOSIUM: Promoting Peace through Mindfulness Practices and Meditation in Teaching Spaces

Chair: Lynne Andreozzi Fontaine, Ph.D. *Community College of Rhode Island*

Co-Chair: Renee Saris-Baglama, Ph.D. *Community College of Rhode Island*

Teaching from a Place of Mindfulness

Justine Egan-Kunicki Ph.D. *Community College of Rhode Island*

Amanda Vanner, M.A. *Community College of Rhode Island*

4:00-4:50_{pm} / LIGHTENING ROUND (5 min. each)

CRIME & JUSTICE

The Effects of Police Presence on Minority Students

Cassie VanSandt, M.A. School Counseling *Department of Educational Psychology*

Radical Restructuring and Rebranding of Police as a Profession

David Vest, B.A. *Ball State University*

Unbounded Law: The symmetry of justice and its practical application in peacebuilding

Sofia Collin, J.D. Student *The Santa Barbara Colleges of Law*

RELIGION

Psychotherapeutic Ethics and the Safety of the Buddhist Precepts

David Gosling, Ph.D., L.P.C., NCC *University of Lynchburg*

Progressive Religious Organizations for Reproductive Justice: Case study review

Madison Turunen, B.A. Peace and Justice Studies *Pace University*

5:00-5:35_{pm} / DANCE PERFORMANCE

Title: TBD

Choreographers: Susan Koper, M.F.A *Ball State University* & Audra Sokol, M.F.A *Ball State University*

Dancers: Aaliyah Beatty, Kylie Benavidez, Stella Bubenzer, Katie Cole, Rachel Hosey, Olivia McFarren, Hannah Reed, Kennedy Smith, Juliana Stanger, Kierston Wells, Eliza Welton, Ashlyn Works

BREAK

7:00_{pm} / KEYNOTE SPEAKER

De'Amon Harges

Asset Based Community Development Institute, The Learning Tree, and Grassroots Grantmakers Association Board

Community, Economy and Mutual Delight

De'Amon's role is to listen and discover the gifts, passions and dreams of citizens in his community, and to find ways to utilize them in order to build community, economy, and mutual "delight." The bulk of De'Amon's work is based on the principles and practices of the Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) that brings neighbors and institutions together to discover the power of being a good neighbor.

9:00-9:50_{am} / LIGHTENING ROUND (5 min. each)

POLITICS & ACTIVISM

Relational Pedagogies for Peace(s)

Daniela Lehner, M.Sc. *Klagenfurt University*

Evaluating the Prevailing Peace in Kenya's 2022 Troubled Electoral Environment

David Traugott, M.A. Student, International Peace and Conflict Resolution *American University*

Are We Achieving Unity?: Comparing initiatives addressing political polarization

Merisa K. Mattix, B.A. Conflict Analysis and Resolution *George Mason University, Carter School Mary Hoch Center for Reconciliation*

Europe Rising (Again): A comparative study of the dynamics and types of modern European nationalisms

Tímea Varga, Ph.D. *Lynn University*

10:00_{am} / KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Martin Gurri

Mercatus Center, George Mason University

Technology and Conflict

Martin Gurri is a former CIA analyst who writes about the relationship between politics and media. He served as the Director of National Intelligence Open-Source Center in various senior positions, including director of research. He is the author of *The Revolt of the Public and the Crisis of Authority in the New Millennium*. Gurri also writes frequently for Discourse, City Journal, and other publications.

11:00-11:50_{pm} / LIGHTENING ROUND (5 min. each)

POLITICS & ACTIVISM

Ideological Diversity of Americans' Attitudes to the 2020 Black Lives Matter Protests

Kaelan Vazquez, B.S. *DePaul University*

What's the Answer to Ending Poverty?

Tami Perry, B.S. *Ball State University, School Counseling Master's Program*

Bottom-up Approach to Peace-building and Civil Society: A study of reconciliation process in post-war Sri Lanka

Lekshmi K, Ph.D. Candidate *Central University of Gujarat*

United Nations Peacekeeping: Evolution, present, state, and psychology of peacekeeping

Harvey Langholtz, Ph.D. *William and Mary, Dept. of Psychological Sciences*

SYMPOSIUM: Educating for Peace: Activating civic agency, overcoming censorship, and decolonizing institutions

Chair: Anya Russian, M.A. Student, Peace and Conflict Studies *University of Manitoba/Winnipeg*

Not Decolonized Yet: A call to peace educators to help decolonize universities

Heidi Lamb, Ph.D. Student *University of Manitoba/Peace and Conflict Studies*

International Student Activism: Can universities be agents of change?

Ha B. Dong, Ph.D. Student *University of Manitoba/Peace and Conflict Studies*

Cintia Damasceno, Ph.D. Student *University of Manitoba/Education*

Museums at the Seams: How two North Carolina museums are supporting racial literacy, critical education, and civic activism

Anya Russian, M.A. Student *University of Manitoba/Peace and Conflict Studies*

BREAK

1:00-1:50_{pm} / LIGHTENING ROUND (5 min. each)

COVID & HEALTH

COVID Relief Work by Peace Movements Amid Inter-Religious Tensions in Mumbai City

Rositta Joseph Valiyamattam, Ph.D. *Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, U.K.*

Visiting Professor of English, Government Women's College Begumpet (Osmania University) Hyderabad; Editor, Orient BlackSwan and PaperTrue India

Voiceless, Trapped, and Forgotten: The harsh reality of elder abuse

Jennifer R. Werries, Ph.D. LPC (OR, MI), NCC, ACS, EMDR Certified, BC-TMH *Walden University*

Face Mask Wearing Perpetuates Anxiety Among Asian Americans During the COVID-19

Ya-Wen Melissa Liang, Ph.D., LPC-S, NCC *Texas A&M University, Kingsville*

PEACE & HISTORY

The Political Utility of Manipulated History

Nicole Chase, Undergraduate *Oberlin College*

How King's Nonviolent Tactics Avoided the Backfire Objection

Paul Wilson, Ph. D. *Shaw University*

1:00-1:50_{pm} / LIGHTENING ROUND (5 min. each)

SAFE SPACES

Adolescents' Perceptions of Violence and Opportunities for Safe Spaces

Eduardo De la Vega-Taboada, M.S. *Florida International University*

Streets for All: Towards an inclusive public realm

Joe Blalock, M.S. *Ball State University*

Community Peacemaking/Peacebuilding Theory and Praxis

Brooke Doerflein, M.A. School Counseling *Ball State University*

Metta: Lovingkindness meditation for self and others

Troy Gregorino, Ed.D. *Naropa University*

SYMPOSIUM: Write for Change: Composing in Partner Spaces

Chair: Darolyn "Lyn" Jones, Ed.D. *Ball State University*

Co-Chair: Kathryn Ludwig, Ph.D. *Ball State University*

YWCA's Until Justice Just

Kathryn Ludwig, Ph.D. *Ball State University*

Beyond I Can

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