

## THE OLIVE BRANCH

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## About Dr. George Wolfe

Dr. George Wolfe is currently Coordinator of Outreach Programs for the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies at Ball State University, where he served as Director of Peace Studies from 2002-2006. He is the author of several publications, including his recent book *The spiritual Power of Nonviolence: Interfaith Understanding for a Future Without War*. He is also a trained mediator and ordained interfaith minister.

## International Nonviolence: Is It a Possibility?

***“The real enemy we must defeat is our own internal anger, fear, and desire for revenge.” - George Wolfe***

With all of the conflict in the world, sometimes peace workers can feel overwhelmed and unsure of what path to take. Some may even become discouraged due to the immense amount of work that needs to be done. One man who has not become discouraged, and perhaps has become more passionate as world conflicts increase exponentially, is Dr. George Wolfe, outreach coordinator for the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies.

Wolfe has over the years spoken multiple times about genocide, mass atrocities, and war, and is also prolific, having written various articles on nonviolence and the applications thereof. When we spoke, Wolfe explained why the topics of genocide and nonviolence are important to study, as well as gave some advice to those who would wish to become nonviolent activists.

When it comes to genocide, Wolfe was very adamant that military action and nonviolence need not be seen as opposites, but may in fact be one and the same when intervening in human rights atrocities around the globe. Wolfe states, “Nonviolent cooperation and military action are not necessarily opposed to one another. There were many ‘righteous gentiles’ who used noncooperation to successfully resist the Nazis during WWII. It is a mistake to think that military action makes nonviolent activism irrelevant.” Each has an important part to play in the diffusion of world conflict.

Realizing that the global climate is not responsive to American suggestion at this time, especially in the Middle East, Wolfe implores young leaders to take steps to help shape our country’s worldview in a more positive light. This is particularly relevant regarding the recent release of an internet video that poorly depicts the prophet Muhammad causing upheaval in the Middle East. It is Wolfe’s belief that in order to regain the trust and cooperation of the nations of the Middle East and the world at large, we must respect the cultural and religious values of everyone in the world, regardless of our own opinions on the matter. He believes this is crucial not only in connecting our cultures, but also in regaining our footing as a world superpower and peacekeeper. So is international nonviolence a possibility? Wolfe thinks so, especially if the youth of today learn to appreciate other cultural beliefs and inform themselves on world situations.

# Pakistan Grant Newsflash

A United States State Department Grant for \$1,000,000, initiated by the Center for International Development in collaboration with the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies as well as Ball State faculty, was recently funded in August of 2012. This grant is for a three-year period and will be utilized in the formation of a partnership between Ball State University and Quaid-i-Azam (QiA) University in Islamabad, Pakistan.

The overall mission of the partnership is to facilitate cultural growth and understanding between faculty and students at both universities and to raise the capacity of the Area Study Centre for Africa, North and South America at QiA to provide a high-quality postgraduate program in studies of the United States. The main role of Ball State's Center for Peace and Conflict Studies will be to help foster cultural understanding and exchange, and to coordinate the research training provided to the QiA faculty and students.

Travel will occur as a two-way relationship, with QiA staff and students visiting Ball State University for intensive workshops and BSU faculty traveling to Pakistan to conduct on-site training and collaborate on research. A total of six BSU faculty members will travel to Pakistan to deliver instruction and training and collaborate with QiA faculty members on research projects.

Kenneth Holland, Director of the Center for International Development, is the Principal Investigator (PI) and serves as the director of the project. Maria Stanton (Assistant Professor in the Department of English) is a co-PI alongside Lawrence Gerstein (Director of the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies), Christine Satory (Associate Professor in the Department of Art), John Rouse (Professor in the Department of Political Science), Elizabeth Agnew (Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies), Michael Doyle (Associate Professor in the Department of History), James Connolly (Professor in the Department of History), Kevin Smith (Professor and Chairperson in the Department of History), Jayne Beilke (Chairperson in the Department of Educational Studies), Ann Brown (Director of the Social Science Research Center), and Kelley Stedman (Research Operations Manager in SSRC).

## On-Campus Events

### *Journey to Wholeness*—Wednesday September 19, 3-4:30 PM

The Counseling Center offers a support group every Wednesday for sexual assault survivors to explore the effects of their experience as it pertains to their behavior, thoughts, and feelings, as well as explore effective ways of coping within a safe and supportive environment. Please contact Dr. Erin Snyder at [ersnyder@bsu.edu](mailto:ersnyder@bsu.edu) if you're interested.

### *Social Justice League*—Thursday September 20, 5:30-6:30 PM

The Ball State University Social Justice League seeks to change social institutions, political and economic systems, and governmental structures that perpetuate unfair practices in terms of accessibility, resource distribution, and human rights. Their meetings are held in the Peace Center every Thursday.

### *Safe Zone Training*—Monday September 24, 5:30-9:30 PM

Learn to be an ally/advocate for the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) community at Ball State. Register for one of the Safe Zone training options by sending an email to [safe-zone@bsu.edu](mailto:safe-zone@bsu.edu) and putting the date of Monday September 24 down! The training will be held in Student Center room 301.

### *Safe Haven*—Monday September 24, 5-6:30 PM

A support group at the Counseling Center for students of the LGBTQ spectrum. This group thrives on diversity as members discover a common bond through emotional experiences. Please contact Dr. Erin Snyder at [ersnyder@bsu.edu](mailto:ersnyder@bsu.edu) if you are interested in attending.

### *International Conversation Hour*—Tuesday September 25, 6-7:30 PM

This program facilitates interactions between international and domestic students. It is a great way for Ball State students to get an immersive and cultural experience without studying abroad, and is also helpful for international students to practice English and learn about US culture. Meetings are held in room 301 of the Student Center.

### *Un Mundo Aparte*—Wednesday September 26, 7 PM

The Multicultural Center is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month by showing the film *Un Mundo Aparte* for FREE at Pruis Hall. Bring your friends and popcorn!

## Off-Campus Events

### *Julian Jam*—Friday September 21, 6-11 PM

A cake crawl through downtown Indianapolis! Come sample cupcakes and other baked goods from various Indianapolis retailers and also enjoy live music, dinner, two Children's Museum galleries, a silent auction and much more! Tickets cost \$50 with all proceeds supporting the Julian Center, a non-profit supporting the survivors of domestic abuse. Must be 21 or older to attend. Visit [juliancenter.org](http://juliancenter.org) to get your ticket.

### *Answers for Autism Walk*—Saturday September 22, 8 AM-12 PM

The 12th Annual Answers for Autism Walk is a fun activity for the whole family to come together and spread awareness for this growing condition. The walk is both wheelchair and stroller friendly. All proceeds support the non-profit organization Answers for Autism. Register at [answersautism.org](http://answersautism.org).

### *12th Annual Raintree Ride*—Saturday September 22, 9 AM-1 PM

This scenic bicycle ride through Henry County is just what the doctor ordered! It is a fantastic way to bond with family and friends, as well as to show support for the Healthy Communities of Henry County. There is a 6 mile route, a 34 mile route and a 64 mile route to choose from, depending on your fitness level. For more information, please contact the Healthy Communities of Henry County.

### *Walk to Defeat ALS*—Saturday September 22, 10 AM-4PM

The ALS association is holding their annual Walk to Defeat ALS this Saturday at White River State Park. The walk will span 2 miles in order to raise awareness and community support for the disease. For more information, please visit [webin.alsa.org](http://webin.alsa.org).

### *All That Glitters*—Saturday September 22, 6-11 PM

Come support the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence at a wonderful gala. There will be wine tasting, a silent and live auction, dinner, dancing, and of course cake. It will be hosted at the Indianapolis Marriott. To register, please visit [icadvinc.org](http://icadvinc.org). Tickets cost \$100.

# Scholarly Journals

## International Relations and Peace

### *Global Change, Peace, and Security*

A scholarly journal that addresses the difficult practical and theoretical questions posed by the sheer scale and complexity of contemporary change. More specifically, it analyzes the sources and consequences of conflict, violence and insecurity, but also the conditions and prospects for conflict transformation, peace keeping and peace-building.

[www.latrobe.edu.au/dialogue/publications/global-change.html](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/dialogue/publications/global-change.html)

### *The International Journal of Conflict Management*

This journal publishes research in conflict management including original theoretical and empirical articles (which may be either quantitative or qualitative) and critical or integrative literature reviews relevant to the substantive domains served by the journal, including: conflict management, dispute resolution, fairness, justice, mediation and arbitration, negotiation, peace studies, and related topics.

[www.emeraldinsight.com/products/journals/journals.htm?id=ijcma](http://www.emeraldinsight.com/products/journals/journals.htm?id=ijcma)

### *International Peacekeeping*

This publication examines the theory and practice of peacekeeping and peace operations as instruments of policy at an international level. From a broader perspective the journal also reflects debates about peacebuilding and monitoring of agreements, preventive deployments, sanctions, international policing, protection of aid in internal disputes, and the relationship between peacekeepers, state authorities, rival factions, civilians and non-governmental organizations. The journal promotes debate in these issues in the field of international politics, military studies, international law and development studies.

[www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/13533312.asp](http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/13533312.asp)

## Grants and Fellowships

*SIA Foundation*—deadline: September 30

The SIA Foundation, Inc. is committed to giving \$1,000-\$10,000 to qualifying organizations or entities within Indiana that will improve the quality of life and help meet the needs of the residents of the State of Indiana. This is an organization-only grant. Visit [www.siafoundation.org/guide/guide.htm](http://www.siafoundation.org/guide/guide.htm) for more information.

*The American Councils Research Scholar Program*—deadline: October 1

The U.S. Department of State's Program for Research Training on Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union provides full support (\$5,000-\$25,000) for graduate students and faculty to conduct in-country research from three to nine months in Central Asia, Moldova, Russia, the South Caucasus, Southeast Europe and Ukraine. Visit <http://researchfellowships.americancouncils.org/researchscholar> for more information.

*Sasakawa Peace Foundation Grants*—deadline: October 31

SPF provides grants between \$20,000 and \$100,000 for projects that are intended to help resolve common challenges facing Japan in its relations with other countries, but that are difficult for the state or businesses to undertake. Visit [www.spf.org/e/grants](http://www.spf.org/e/grants) for more information.

## Conferences

*Peace and Justice Studies Association 2012 Conference:*

*“Anticipating Climate Disruption: Sustaining Justice, Greening Peace”*

This conference is open to students and educators interested in climate change. It will be held October 4-6 at Tufts University in Massachusetts. Visit [www.peacejusticestudies.org/conference](http://www.peacejusticestudies.org/conference) for more information.

*9th Annual HAC Conference, From Peace to Justice 2012*

This conference is for anyone who is involved in a human rights organization. It will be held October 12-13 in The Hague, Netherlands by the International Institute of Social Studies. For more information, visit [www.haguejusticeportal.net/index.php?id=13043](http://www.haguejusticeportal.net/index.php?id=13043).

*Ahimsa (Nonviolence) and Sustainable Happiness Conference*

This conference is aimed at those who wish to expand their knowledge of nonviolence and happiness. It will be held November 2-4 in Pomona, California. For more information, please contact Dr. Tara Sethia at [tsethia@csupomona.edu](mailto:tsethia@csupomona.edu) or visit [www.csupomona.edu/~ahimsacenter/conference\\_2012\\_callforproposals.shtml](http://www.csupomona.edu/~ahimsacenter/conference_2012_callforproposals.shtml).

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updates.

The Center for Peace and Conflict Studies is an interdisciplinary knowledge unit devoted to conducting research on various forms of structural and direct violence and conflict, and also dedicated to implementing projects that employ nonviolent strategies to resolve conflict.

Our programs include:

- Mediation training and services
- Meditation classes
- The Brown Bag lunch speaker series
- The Muncie Interfaith Fellowship
- The Social Justice League on-campus organization

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