

**Ball State University**  
**Center for Peace and Conflict Studies**

# THE OLIVE BRANCH

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## Want to be Featured in the Olive Branch?

If you are interested in being interviewed for an upcoming issue of the Olive Branch, or if you would like to write a short article, please contact e-mail us at [peace-center@bsu.edu](mailto:peace-center@bsu.edu). We would absolutely love to share your message with our readers!

## Spotlight: Peace Corps

*"The Peace Corps' mission has three simple goals: helping the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women, helping promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served, and helping promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans." - Mission Statement, Peace Corps*

The Peace Corps is a relatively new federal government agency, founded in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy. Since then, the Peace Corps now serve in 139 host countries spreading technologies, disseminating knowledge, and developing businesses and governments.

The Peace Corps offers 6 general areas of volunteer opportunities. These are education, youth and community development, health, business and information & communication technology, agriculture, and the environment. Each opportunity has a different set of qualifications, but each recommends at least a bachelor's degree or equivalent experience in the field.

To be a successful volunteer, the Peace Corps recommends a high level of education, specifically in agriculture, forestry or the environment. They also highly recommend college level French or Spanish. Applications are made all the better with leadership and community service experience, such as leadership positions in an organization or volunteering at a local senior center.

Projects by the Peace Corps currently include a girls camp in Zambia designed to empower young girls to become role models in their communities, a community library in Guyana, a school sport enrichment program in the Ukraine, and a business venture in Benin to market a highly nutritional local plant.

To donate to any of these projects, please visit [donate.peacecorps.gov](http://donate.peacecorps.gov), and to volunteer for the Peace Corps or to get more information on being a volunteer, please visit [peacecorps.gov](http://peacecorps.gov).

~Ahliah Bratzler

# Newsflash

## Reel Hope Film Festival

Saturday November 10, 12-5 PM

First Mennonite Church (4601 Knollton Road, Indianapolis, IN)

Reel Hope is a **free**, one-day film event dedicated to promoting the works of socially conscientious filmmakers, with films reflecting messages of peace, community and social justice. A centerpiece of this year's festival will be the premiere screening of "The Accidental Missionary", a new comedy from Christian/spiritual filmmaker Chip Rossetti, a homegrown Hoosier talent hailing from Evansville, Indiana. The event will be presented free of charge to the public, with free-will donations accepted to benefit the future work of the Indy Artists' Peace Project. There will be a Q&A with the filmmakers at the conclusion of the last film, as well as free food, beverages and a time of fellowship following the event

### *"The Promise of America" - 12 PM*

Janet Fitch's moving documentary explores the Million Mom March, the participants' personal motivations to attend, barriers overcome to do so, and responses to the experience.

### *"The Accidental Missionary" - 1:15 PM*

Chip Rossetti's film could best be described as a faith-based comedy. A man on vacation accidentally ends up on the other end of the world, and learns that sometimes there are no accidents.

### *"The Invocation" - 3:10 PM*

This documentary was filmed around the world and challenges viewers to move beyond their cultural, racial, and religious differences to seek the common goal of world peace.

# On-Campus Events

## *Building with Water*—Wednesday October 24, 1 PM

Tom Ryan, FASLA, practicing landscape architect and current lecturer at Harvard's Graduate School of Design has influenced the design details of several high-profile projects including New York City's High Line, Freshkills Park, and the Louisville Waterfront Park. The talk will be in the Architecture Building, room 100, and is free to the public.

## *2nd Annual Make a Difference Day*—Saturday October 27, 8:30 AM-1:30 PM

Volunteers will visit different sites in the Muncie community throughout the day. The sites include Willow Bend Nursing Home, Parkview Nursing Home, and St. Mary's Catholic Church and School. Volunteers at the nursing homes will engage in a fall-themed party with the residents of the center. Activities include, but are not limited to, pumpkin painting, creating door decorations, and Halloween themed bingo. Volunteers at St. Mary's will paint a fence that surrounds the grounds. Transportation will be provided to all the sites. Shifts begin at 8:30am, and the latest begins at 1:30pm. Register at [bsu.edu/svs](http://bsu.edu/svs).

## *Donna Fenn and Jake Sasseville*—Monday October 29, 7:30-9 PM

The David Letterman Distinguished Speaker Series is proud to present the Jake and Donna "End of the World" Tour, which starts and ends in Muncie. The talk will take place in Pruis Hall, and is open to the public. For more information, please contact Lori Byers at [jlgray@bsu.edu](mailto:jlgray@bsu.edu).

## *3rd Annual Well-o-ween Health Fair*—Wednesday October 31, 10 AM-3 PM

Come check out this annual health fair in the Student Recreation Center Gymnasium. There will be free screenings, pilates reformer demos, flu shots, free fitness classes, and much more! This event is free for Ball State students and faculty. The free fitness classes being held are Zumba at 11am, Yoga at 12:15pm, and HABIT at 1:30pm.

## Off-Campus Events

### *Community Halloween Party*—Thursday October 25, 4-6 PM

Cornerstone Center for the Arts is excited to celebrate another year of family friendly Halloween! Everyone is encouraged to come in costumes and bring friends. There will be free activities, games, refreshments, treats and prizes. The event is free to the public, and will be hosted at Cornerstone Center for the Arts in Muncie.

### *Removing the Mask Gala*—Thursday October 25, 6-9 PM

This costume party attracts guests from across the state for a fun evening of entertainment by professional entertainers, a silent auction and a sit down dinner. During a brief program, guests are reminded that people with mental illness and/or addictions are too often treated with stigma and that we all need to work together to remove the mask of stigma so that people can be treated with dignity and respect. Costumes are encouraged. To register, please visit [mentalhealthaccociation.com](http://mentalhealthaccociation.com). All proceeds benefit Mental Health America of Indiana.

### *Arts, Crafts and Collectibles Show*—Saturday October 27, 9 AM-2 PM

Sponsored by Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Eta Iota, this craft show will feature high-quality, hand-crafted items, unique gifts, collectible & antiques; a bake sale; door prizes; and a raffle for items. The event will be held at Monroe Central High School in Parker City. Entry is \$1 per adult, under 18 free. All proceeds benefit the charitable propects of Psi Iota Xi, Eto Iota, including Parker City Memorial Library. For more information, call [765-284-8282](tel:765-284-8282).

### *Mounds State Park Haunted Trails*—Saturday October 27, 7:30-10:30 PM

Don't miss the fun this Halloween at Mounds State Park! The event is \$6 per person (gate admission is \$5 per carload or a state park pass). Ticket sales benefit Anderson High School Show Choirs, Anderson High School Senior Executive Council, and Boy Scout Troop 230.

# Scholarly Journals

## History and Peace

### *Journal of International Peacekeeping*

This publication is devoted to reporting upon and analyzing international peacekeeping with an emphasis upon legal and policy issues, but is not limited to these issues. Topics include inter alia peacekeeping, peace, war, conflict resolution, diplomacy, international law, international security, humanitarian relief, humanitarian law, and terrorism. Peacekeeping is treated in a pragmatic light, seen as a form of international military cooperation for the preservation or restoration of international peace and security. Attention is focused not only on UN peacekeeping operations, but other missions as well

<http://www.internationalpeacekeeping.org>

### *Rethinking History*

This acclaimed journal allows historians in a broad range of specialities to experiment with new ways of presenting and interpreting history. Rethinking History challenges the accepted ways of doing history and rethinks the traditional paradigms, providing a unique forum in which practitioners and theorists can debate and expand the boundaries of the discipline

<http://www.history.ac.uk/history-online/journal/rethinking-history-journal-theory-and-practoce>

### *War & Society*

This journal publishes scholarly articles on the causes, experience and impact of war in all periods of history. While articles dealing with the technical and operational aspects of warfare are considered for publication, the journal's main emphasis is on the broader relationships between warfare and society. The scope of articles published since May 1983 ranges in time from Ancient Greece to the 20th century from the USSR and Europe to North America, Asia, Africa, New Zealand and Australia.

<http://maneypublishing.com/index.php/journals/war>

## Grants and Fellowships

### *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.

### *Middle East Regional Cooperation (MERC)* - deadline: December 17

USAID's MERC program funds collaborative research projects between Israel and its Arab neighbors. The program funds a wide variety of scientific research, but most projects focus on subjects such as agriculture, water resources, health and the environment. This grant (\$1m) is open to academic institutions. Visit [transition.usaid.gov/our\\_work/merc/program\\_description.html](http://transition.usaid.gov/our_work/merc/program_description.html) for more information.

### *USAID APS for Conflict Mitigation and Reconciliation*—deadline: March 9, 2013

The objective of this APS (\$100,000+) is to make significant strides in the overall goal of conflict mitigation, peace, and reconciliation in selected eligible conflict-affected countries. Qualified non-profit organizations may apply for funding under this APS. Visit [www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=138514](http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=138514) for more information.

## Conferences

### *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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