

# 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 [peacecenter@bsu.edu](mailto:peacecenter@bsu.edu). We would absolutely love to share your message with our readers!

## Non-Profit Spotlight: The Salvation Army

***"The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination." - The Salvation Army's Mission Statement***

The Salvation Army of Muncie has been proudly serving the Muncie community since 1889, but has been around globally since the 1860s. Founded by William Booth in London, England, the Army's initial cause was to spread the word of God to the destitute and the sinners of England. Many churches at that time would not help these people due to their past, yet Booth saw they were the ones with the most need. He was determined not only to spread the word of God, but also to feed, clothe, and assist those who needed it in any way he could. His message spread quickly through the British Isles, the United States, Canada, Australia, France, Switzerland, India, South Africa, and Iceland, where the Salvation Army remains a beacon of hope to those in need.

Although the Salvation Army is first and foremost a Christian institution, they are committed to helping people of all backgrounds. They have many programs for the homeless, poor, and others in unfortunate circumstances which include (but are not limited to): rent assistance, utilities, food, clothing, and transportation. They also hold youth programs for those who would otherwise be on the streets that are both educational and entertaining.

Throughout the country, the Salvation Army has also assisted when major disasters strike, such as Hurricane Katrina, or tornado relief (which is more familiar to those of us in Indiana).

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for the Salvation army, I urge you to visit their website: [corps.salvationarmyindiana.org/muncie](http://corps.salvationarmyindiana.org/muncie), or visit their center at 1015 N. Wheeling in Muncie, IN.

~Ahliah Bratzler

# Special Announcement

Ball State University is hosting

*The Hon. Roey Gilad*

Consul General of Israel to the Midwest

Tuesday, October 16

Cardinal Hall A & B (Student Center), 2-3:30 PM

**The New Strategic Equation in the Middle East—A View From Jerusalem**



The Hon. Roey Gilad is Israel's highest ranking officer in the Midwest region. He has previously served Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in London, Amman, and Nairobi. In addition to his mother tongue, he is fluent in English and Arabic.

Given the present instability in the Middle East and the ways in which key aspects of this have played into the upcoming United States Presidential Election campaign, Mr. Gilad's perspective on such issues is particularly timely. His talk is open to students, faculty, and the larger community. Please feel welcome to attend.

Mr. Gilad's visit to Muncie is being sponsored by the Provost's Office, the Zeigler Jewish Studies program, and the E.B. and Bertha Ball Center.

## On-Campus Events

### *Journey to Wholeness*—Wednesday October 3, 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 October 4, 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 Haven*—Monday October 8, 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.

### *Effective Communication Seminar*—Monday October 8, 7-9 PM

This informative session will explore how to effectively communicate. Rev. Johnson, Chaplain for the Indianapolis Colts, is an individual who is able to engage others in conversation, listen effectively, and impact people in a positive way. This program will teach the fundamentals of said effective communication. This is free to the public in Cardinal Hall A of the Student Center. Register at [bsu.edu/webapps/minicourse2/course\\_session\\_detail.asp?CourseID=7822](http://bsu.edu/webapps/minicourse2/course_session_detail.asp?CourseID=7822).

### *International Conversation Hour*—Tuesday October 9, 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.

## Off-Campus Events

### *Latino Coalition Statewide Conference*—Thursday October 4, 7 AM-5 PM

This conference is aimed towards professionals, service providers, students, and community leaders. The conference this year is geared towards giving tools for introducing and maintaining cultural change in their organizations, as well as a notable segment devoted to assisting the survivors of domestic violence. This will be held at the Sheraton hotel in Downtown Indianapolis. Please visit [www.indianalatinocoalition.org](http://www.indianalatinocoalition.org) to register.

### *Soup Crawl*—Thursday October 4, 5-8 PM

Hosted by the Second Harvest Food Bank, the soup crawl will be happening in conjunction with the First Thursday Art Walk in downtown Muncie. For \$15, patrons get a cup of soup from 12 different local restaurants! Tickets can be bought night of at the event, and all proceeds benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank.

### *Coat Give Away*—Saturday October 6, 8 AM-1 PM

Hearts and Hands United will be giving away coats at 4019 S. Walnut St. in Muncie.

### *Walk to End Alzheimer's*—Saturday October 6, 9AM-1 PM

The Alzheimer's Association is inviting residents of East Central Indiana to unite in a movement to reclaim the future for millions. The walk will start at Shadyside Memorial Park in Anderson. Start or join a team by visiting [alz.org/Indiana](http://alz.org/Indiana).

# Scholarly Journals

## Religious Studies and Peace

### *Journal of Religion, Conflict, and Peace*

A scholarly journal for policymakers, political scientists, theologians, peace practitioners, and anyone concerned about religion's various roles in conflict and peace. It addresses both the problem of religion and conflict and the possibility and practices of peace, giving particular attention to peace. Articles address everything from interpersonal relationships to international politics and draw from any discipline or combination of disciplines that can illuminate the journal's central concerns.

[www.religionconflictpeace.org](http://www.religionconflictpeace.org)

### *British Journal of Religious Education*

This journal is a termly international peer-reviewed journal. It is the leading journal in Britain for the dissemination of international research in religion and education internationally. They aim to promote and report research and scholarship in religious education and related fields such as values education, spiritual education and intercultural education insofar as they relate to the discussion of religion or religious traditions and movements.

[www.retoday.org.uk/benefit.bjre](http://www.retoday.org.uk/benefit.bjre)

### *The Journal of Inter-Religious Dialogue*

This publication is a forum for academic, social, and timely issues affecting religious communities around the world. Published online, it is designed to increase both the quality and frequency of interchanges between religious groups and their leaders and scholars. By fostering communication, the Journal hopes to contribute a more tolerant, pluralistic society.

[www.irdialogue.org](http://www.irdialogue.org)

## 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

### *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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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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