

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

# THE OLIVE BRANCH

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## Spotlight: Muncie Children's Museum

The Muncie Children's Museum is relatively new to the Muncie scene as far as non-profits go. Established in 1977 through a joint collaboration of the Kappa Kappa Kappa sorority and the Sand Association of Boston, it was determined that the Museum should be home to interactive, fun exhibits, meant to "raise questions and stimulate curiosity". The mission has not changed to this day.

The newest incarnation of the Children's Museum is 24,000 square feet, more than triple its original size. This new Museum opened in June 1996 and has "successfully brought educational entertainment to the children of our community".

Thanks to generous help from businesses and organizations throughout Muncie, the Muncie Children's Museum is still growing and is a beacon of light for curious children in the region. The Museum is proud to celebrate its 35th anniversary this year. To celebrate, every 3rd Saturday this year has been free for all attendees.

Activities available at the Museum range from a fun Dino Dig, to a Nutrition Kitchen, and Water Works, an educational exhibit meant to show the erosive power of water.

The Museum is always looking for volunteers. Teens are encouraged to volunteer for the exhibits to help their younger peers, and adults have fun opportunities as well, such as appearing in a play for the children! Donations are always welcome. To donate or learn more about volunteer opportunities, please visit [www.munciemuseum.com](http://www.munciemuseum.com).

~Ahliah Bratzler

# On-Campus Events

## *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team*—Wednesday November 14, 7-9 PM

Why do some teams fail and others succeed? How do you know when a team is failing? Using Patrick Lencioni's best selling book, *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team*, as a guide this session will present key concepts in team management. Mitch Isaacs, Associate Director of Student Life, will be hosting this session. Register for this session at: [https://www.bsu.edu/webapps/minicourse2/course\\_session\\_detail.asp?CourseID=7747](https://www.bsu.edu/webapps/minicourse2/course_session_detail.asp?CourseID=7747).

## *Going Forward*—Thursday November 15, 10 AM-12 PM

Joy can be a commonly misunderstood workplace commodity. During this 2-hour workshop, find out how the power of joy can help you move forward through your professional and personal life. Participants will walk forward with an understanding of what joy is, what joy is not, and strategies to use joy to overcome the chaos in our lives. Register for this session at: <http://www.bsu.edu/calendar/event/0,1361,143011-10682-32155,00.html>.

## *Inner Artist*—Thursday November 15, 6:30 PM

Come out and decorate your own pottery and canvases to hang up in your dorm rooms or to give away as presents. There will be free food as well as giveaways to those who attend! It will be held in the Student Center Ballroom.

## *Focus on the Search*—Monday November 19, 9-10 AM

Focus on the Search is a one-hour intensive session on searching for funding opportunities. In this session you will: understand why it is important to make searching a regular part of your grantsmanship routine; learn about the resources SPO has to offer; learn how to use COS Pivot; conduct a search of your own. This is an interactive session. Please bring your own laptop or tablet computer to participate. SPO does not have spares. Register for this session at: <http://www.bsu.edu/calendar/event/0,1361,143011-10682-31527,00.html>.

## Off-Campus Events

### *Indy International Festival*—November 16-18

This annual festival is central Indiana's largest and oldest pan-ethnic celebration! Hosted by the Nationalities Council of Indiana, the event showcases Indiana's ethnic diversity, celebrates our unique ethnic traditions, and encourages cultural exchange. A day pass is \$10. The celebration will occur at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in the West Pavilion.

### *Race for Grace*—Saturday November 17, 9–11 AM

This 5K walk/run benefits the Grace House, a residential program for men recovering from substance abuse/addiction. The race begins at Matter Park in Marion. Entry is \$25, with registration beginning at 7:30 AM.

### *Candy Cane Lane*—Saturday November 17, 10 AM–12 PM

Get in the holiday spirit with Cornerstone Center for the Arts and their Candy Cane Lane exhibit. The event is free to the public.

# Scholarly Journals

## Education and Peace

### *Journal of Peace Education*

Established in 1974 as a commission of the International Peace Research Association, the Peace Education Commission is a global network of educators interested in teaching, research, policy formulation and advocacy in the field of peace education, i.e. education for a non-violent, sustainable, just and participatory world.

<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/offer/cjpe-so.asp>

### *International Review of Education*

The International Review of Education is edited by the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning, Hamburg, with the advice of an independent Editorial Board and the assistance of consulting editors and academic reviewers. The journal is the longest-running international periodical on the comparative theory and practice of formal and non-formal education. Serving as an international forum for lifetime education and learning, the journal provides scholarly information on policy issues, educational trends, and learning innovations. It serves educational institutes, teacher-training organizations, and ministries as well as non-governmental organizations and individuals in all countries.

<http://www.springer.com/education+%26+language/journal/11159>

### *Montessori Leadership*

This journal focuses on current “best practices” in Montessori curriculum and instruction, classroom management, the prepared environment, organizational leadership, school development and teacher training. Each issue explores a wide range of topics, such as retaining your kindergarten and elementary students, peace education and character development, techniques for daily renewable environments that foster calmness, concentration and cooperation, and reestablishing harmony, trust and teamwork.

[http://www.montessori.org/imc/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=category&id=47&Itemid=59](http://www.montessori.org/imc/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&id=47&Itemid=59)

## BSU Project in Pakistan



BSU faculty are currently in Pakistan beginning to implement a U.S. State Department grant that establishes a partnership between Ball State University and Quaid-i-Azam University in Islamabad.

Pictured left to right are: David Roof (Educational Studies), Maria Stanton (English), Kenneth Holland (Center for International Development), Noman Satter (Quaid-i-Azam University), Elizabeth Agnew (Philosophy and Religious Studies), and Lawrence Gerstein (Center for Peace and Conflict Studies).

Learn more about the Cohen Peace Conference at [www.bsu.edu/cohenpeaceconference](http://www.bsu.edu/cohenpeaceconference)

## Grants and Fellowships

### *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

### *Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Conference: Promoting nonviolence at home and beyond*

Muncie, Indiana, April 5 and 6, 2013

[www.bsu.edu/cohenpeaceconference](http://www.bsu.edu/cohenpeaceconference)

Deadline for submitting proposals: December 31, 2012

Deadline for pre-registration: March 22, 2013





## Call for Proposals

To honor the legacy and dedication of Benjamin V. Cohen to resolving worldwide conflicts peacefully, on the 30th anniversary of his death, the Ball State University Center for Peace and Conflict Studies along with the City of Muncie will host this conference on nonviolence.

Scholars, students, and activists from all disciplines are invited to submit proposals to present symposia, papers, and posters on the theme "Promoting Nonviolence at Home and Beyond". Proposals will be blind reviewed. We welcome submissions that focus on strategies, research, and recommendations related to peace-making and peacebuilding, and those that explore what activism and research can offer each other.

Suggested topics include (but are not limited to):

- Community peacemaking/peacebuilding theory and praxis
- Community violence causes, analysis, alternatives, solutions
- School violence causes, analysis, alternatives, solutions
- Structural violence relative to race, gender, sexuality, class, religion
- Justice and reconciliation
- Mediation
- Volunteerism
- Restorative justice
- Community corrections
- Community organizing
- Legislative access
- Internet and social media for peacemaking/peacebuilding
- Post-conflict resolution
- National/international law and local politics
- International peacemaking/peacebuilding across borders
- Ethnic conflict
- Religious conflict
- Meditation and mindfulness

A \$100 award will be given to the best student poster!

To submit proposals, register (early registration ends March 22, 2013). To learn more about this conference, visit [www.bsu.edu/cohenpeaceconference](http://www.bsu.edu/cohenpeaceconference).

Questions about the conference can be directed to the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies (765-285-1622; [peacecenter@bsu.edu](mailto:peacecenter@bsu.edu); [www.bsu.edu/peacecenter](http://www.bsu.edu/peacecenter)).

Benjamin V. 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, Mr. Cohen worked behind the scenes where his brilliance as a legal draftsman was widely recognized. Following WWII, Mr. 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 and on the United Nations Disarmament Commission. His abiding interest in world peace and his outstanding legal ability influenced American Presidents and world leaders until his death on August 15, 1983.

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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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