

Ball State University
Center for Peace and Conflict Studies

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Spotlight: Center for Interfaith Cooperation

"To promote and strengthen the interfaith movement in Central Indiana."
 -Mission Statement

Over the years, the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies at Ball State has collaborated with the Center for Interfaith Cooperation on a number of projects. The Center for Interfaith Cooperation (CIC) "provides a platform and support for Central Indiana's religious organizations and faith-based initiatives." Additionally, the CIC seeks to alleviate social challenges in Central Indiana by forming partnerships between different faith groups in the region. The CIC attempts to understand religious conflict and religious peacemaking, and the CIC supports the common interfaith activities practiced in Indiana. Additionally, the CIC "hosts programs that explore our religious differences as well as similarities." The CIC goes beyond the normal interfaith activities normally practiced in Central Indiana in order to solve social problems. By building the capacity of partnering organizations, the CIC is able to more effectively fulfill their mission. The CIC also provides resources to religious communities in the area.

The CIC has five main approaches to strengthening partnerships. They include the following:

- Creative Innovation
- Networking Hub
- Audience Engagement
- Education
- Resource & Records

The CIC holds various programs under the categories of Interfaith Celebration, Arts & Culture, Education, and Youth. For more information about this events, visit the calendar page on their website: www.centerforinterfaithcooperation.org/ If you are interested in learning more about the CIC or ways to get involved with interfaith organizations or religious communities, I would also encourage you to visit this website. The CIC is located at 1100 West 42nd Street, Suite 125 Indianapolis, IN 46208.

~Katrina Pieri

On-Campus Events

Kwanzaa Celebration—Thursday December 6, 5:30-6:30 PM

The Multicultural Center will be hosting a Kwanzaa Celebration. This free event will take place at the multipurpose room at Park Hall.

A Christmas Carol—December 5-8, 7:30 PM

The most revered story of the holiday season, “A Christmas Carol,” will be performed at University Theatre. Celebrate the Indiana premiere of a song-filled adaption of the Dickens’ classic by Joseph Hareddy and Edward Morgan, directed by Michael Daehn. (General Public \$16, Faculty/Staff \$14, Students \$11, Senior Citizens, \$12).

Stress Tolerance & Navigation of Challenging Dynamics

—Friday. December 7, 8:30-11:30 and 1-4 PM

Learn more about how you process stress in the workplace. Consultant/facilitator J. Michelle Sybsema of Professional Skills Consulting, Inc. will lead a workshop for faculty, professional, and service personnel staff discussing communication styles and how that may affect workplaces.

Don’t Sweat It!—Thursday December 6, 8-10 PM

Hosted by the University Program Board, “Don’t Sweat It!” is a great way to distress with finals around the corner! There will be Zumba sessions and a fitness instructor from PeakFast. The counseling Center will be there to give helpful advice on healthy habits. The event will be held in the Student Rec Center Basketball Courts.

Off-Campus Events

The Artist Within—Thursday December 6, 5 PM

The Artist Within will have two exhibits and receptions which are free and open to the public. The main floor gallery will show Muncie art scene's own living legends, Bette Graham, and the upper level gallery will host the first annual "Robot Run." Come see Muncie's artists at 313 South Walnut.

Stop Kiss Fundraiser

—Friday December 7, 8 PM; Saturday December 8, 2 PM, 8 PM

Muncie Civic Theatre presents "Stop Kiss" in the Studio Theatre on 222 East Main Street. General admission tickets are \$10. Join the Muncie community in fundraising for The Trevor Project, the leading national organization that provides crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth.

MAME—December 7th and 8th at 7:30 PM; December 9th at 2 and 7:30 PM

Muncie Civic Theatre presents "MAME" at Mainstage at 216 East Main Street in Muncie. Tickets are \$10 for students and children and \$15 for adults. MAME's non-traditional family and genuine values are an absolute must this holiday season!

Donate Plasma—Monday-Saturday during business hours

Give something meaningful this holiday season—giving hope to those in need. BioLife Plasma Services is a state-of-the-art facility. You will also receive compensation (\$20 or \$30) for your donation. Check out BioLife in Muncie at 3401 N Marleon Drive.

Scholarly Journals

Peace Studies

The International Journal of Peace Studies

The Journal promotes discussion about various issues in peace research, including but not limited to, security systems, justice and basic human needs, survival for indigenous people, discourse on peace and war, human security, and nonviolent social change. This journal is dedicated to enhancing discourse on a wide range of theoretical issues in peace research and improving our knowledge in the quest for global peace. For this purpose, we promote the dialogue between peace research and policy making communities.

<http://www.gmu.edu/programs/icar/ijps/mission.htm>

Peace, Conflict & Development

Peace, Conflict and Development is a new open-access journal focusing on contemporary issues in Conflict and Peace Studies. It aims to publish innovative and accessible writing on a wide range of topics – human rights, democracy and democratisation, conflict resolution, environment, security, war, culture, identity and community, and other related areas of interest.

<http://www.peacestudiesjournal.org.uk/aboutus>

Journal for Peace and Justice Studies

The Center, an international leader in interdisciplinary Peace Studies, has produced The Journal for Peace and Justice Studies biannually since 1988. The Journal addresses contemporary issues as well as scholarly debates and tradition. The opinions expressed in articles and reviews are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the publishers, editors, or the Center for Peace and Justice Education, Villanova University.

For suggestions on topics please join the Peace and Justice [listserv](#).

<http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/artsci/peaceandjustice/journal.html>

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 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 for more information.

Conferences

7th Annual Women's Leadership Conference—January 25, 2013

Organized by the Grace E Harris Leadership Institute, this conference's theme is Destination HIGHER Ground: Your Guide to Excellence in Leadership. The conference will be held in Richmond, Virginia. For more information, visit: <http://www.pubapps.vcu.edu/gehli/AHGWLC.htm>.

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

Muncie, Indiana, April 5 and 6, 2013

www.bsu.edu/cohenpeaceconference

Deadline for submitting proposals: December 31, 2012

Deadline for pre-registration: March 22, 2013

Learn more about the Cohen Peace Conference at www.bsu.edu/cohenpeaceconference



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.

Questions about the conference can be directed to the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies (765-285-1622; peacecenter@bsu.edu; 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

If you would like YOUR events to be included in the newsletter, please contact:

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Disclaimer: the events described in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect the views of the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies

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