

The Olive Branch

Week of October 25, 2013

United Nations Day

Celebrated annually on October 24, United Nations Day is an international holiday dedicated to “making known to the peoples of the world the aims and achievements of the United Nations and to gaining their support for” its work. United Nations Day first began in 1947 to celebrate the anniversary of the Charter of the United Nations. It became an international holiday in 1971, with the recommendation that all member nations celebrate it. United Nations Day is part of United Nations Week, which runs from October 20-26.

The holiday is typically marked by meetings, discussions, and exhibits regarding the organization and its goals. Many schools take the opportunity to celebrate diversity within their student body and sponsor a cultural week, including cultural performances and a food fair. Since 1946, the President of the United States has issued a proclamation in honor of the holiday. In 2012, President Obama issued a proclamation declaring October 24 to be United Nations Day and urging the governors to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities. He described the role of the United Nations in working to achieve peace on an international scale and pledged the support of the United States in “carrying that vision forward in the years ahead.”



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The celebration of the United Nation's founding document is an occasion to remind the world of the power of collective action. Working together, member nations have achieved great strides for the advancement of human rights and making voices heard throughout the globe. The holiday is traditionally marked by an international concert in the General Assembly Hall. The event is an occasion to celebrate diversity and join together in a common appreciation of music. Regarding United Nations Day, the Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon stated:

"This year again, we saw the United Nations come together on armed conflict, human rights, the environment and many other issues. We continue to show what collective action can do. We can do even more. In a world that is more connected, we must be more united. On United Nations Day, let us pledge to live up to our founding ideals and work together for peace, development and human rights. "

This October 24 is a day of reflection and celebration. Through collective action, we have the power to support the change needed for a better world.



Spotlight:

Peace Pilgrim



Mildred Norman was born in 1908 to a poor family of German immigrants. Throughout her youth, she desired to be a flapper, a girl who followed the latest fashion trends and behaved in manners contrary to society's traditions. As she grew a bit older, Norman was able to get a very good job and became wealthy. Her relatives have often claimed that there was no indication that she would ever wish to become the advocate for peace that she would soon become. She married a military man, Stanley Ryder, in 1933, and they moved from her hometown in New Jersey to Pennsylvania. However, it was in 1938 that she began to grow disenchanted with money and other worldly pursuits and implemented plans to simplify her life. She claimed in her autobiography that the spiritual change she underwent was the result of a fateful walk in the woods she took one evening in the late 30's. Bathed in bright moonlight, she begged her creator to use her to advance world peace. She practiced mysticism, vegetarianism, and pacifism. Ryder decided to divorce her in 1946 as a result of her insistence he become a conscientious objector and retire from the Army.

After fifteen years of practicing a spiritual cleansing, Mildred Norman came to the conclusion that she wanted to fully devote her life to the promotion of peace. She knew what she had to do: she was going to travel coast to coast on foot spreading the idea of inner peace for every person with whom she came into contact. When asked why she focused on inner peace, Mildred answered that world peace could be achieved only after individuals came to love themselves.

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Practicing for months, she eventually changed her name to Peace Pilgrim and became the first woman to cross the Appalachian Trail in anticipation of her trip. Traveling with only the clothing on her back, her trademark blue tracksuit with "Peace Pilgrim" emblazoned on the front, she departed from the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California headed for the East Coast on January 1, 1953.

The pilgrimage Mildred took began during the height of the Korean War when the threat of nuclear war loomed in the minds of many people across the world. McCarthyism was in its infancy, and in the first year of her walk, Peace Pilgrim, the object of national suspicion, was jailed for vagrancy. While behind bars she was not afraid at all and in fact taught her fellow inmates songs of harmony and love: she believed it was the perfect place to advance her mission. Pilgrim's sister, Helene Young, has said that Pilgrim was released from jail after authorities determined she was not, in fact, a communist.

She never had the desire to be a mother and said that that was what made it possible to walk cross-country. Her bare-bones lifestyle required that she eat and take shelter only when they were offered to her; she said that she never went hungry for long. She had been quoted as saying, "... I love people and I see the good in them. And you're apt to reach what you see. The world is like a mirror: If you smile at it, it smiles at you." By 1964, Peace Pilgrim

had logged over 25,000 miles on foot. She had travelled all over the United States and much of Canada. As the Vietnam War began, Peace Pilgrim became more and more well known. A few weeks before her death, she was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. She died in Knox, Indiana, ironically in a car accident as she was being driven to a speaking engagement, and was finally truly free



-Katie Munn

The Ball State Center for Peace and Conflict Studies

presents

Ahmadiyya Muslims for Peace, Loyalty and Life

as part of its Fall 2013 Discussion Series



Speaker: Mr. Muzaffar Ahmad,
Treasurer, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Indiana

Date: November 21 2-3 PM

Location: Student Center, Pineshelf Room

On Campus Events

International Conversation Hour

Time and Location: Every Tuesday, 6-7:30 pm, 310 Student Center This program is designed to help international students practice English, learn studying skills and classroom culture, and make American friends. We recruit both domestic and international students from the BSU campus. Through interactive discussion, they can normalize their experiences and decrease their isolation, worries, and stress as well as get support from American students. They will also learn different kinds of study skills to help them succeed at Ball State University. We hope through students' participation, domestic students will learn about different cultures without studying abroad and international students will increase their sense of belonging to BSU and adjust to their transition from their countries to BSU better.

Please join ICH facebook-BSU International Conversations.

The Amazing Taste: Global Food Fair & International Festival

Date: 11/14/2013

Time: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Student Center, L. A. Pittenger

Sample International foods, learn about other cultures, and have fun! This event is co-sponsored by Ball State Dining & Rinker Center for International Programs.

Heritage Film Series: We are Egypt

Date: 11/20/13

Time: 7:00-8:00 PM

Location: Arts and Communications Building, Room 144

The Heritage Film Series features various films throughout the spring semester. These films present historical and social perspectives from various cultures. Each month, a different culture is featured.

On Campus Events continued...

Bracken Lecture: Environmental Activist to Share Blueprint for Social Change

James Gustave Speth has worked for more than three decades to bring about environmental policy change in the United States, founding two major environmental groups, leading the United Nations Development Programme, and advising two presidential administrations. He will share his thoughts on building a new political economy that benefits both the American people and the environment as part of the 2013 Bracken Environmental Lecture Series at Ball State University.

Gus Speth presents: "America the Possible: For a Bright Future Change the System"

Thursday, November 7

7 p.m., Student Center, Cardinal Hall

Free and open to the public

Speth is a change agent, working with and challenging world leaders to develop policy that will help create a sustainable future for our planet. In 2011 Speth concluded that to transform the American system, he would have to step outside of it and found himself under arrest in front of the White House following a peaceful protest of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline.

"The Butler: Witness to History"

Wil Haygood

Wednesday, October 30, 7:30 p.m.

Pruis Hall

Wil Haygood is the author of *The Butler: A Witness to History* and the associate producer of a movie based on the book starring Oprah Winfrey, Forest Whitaker, and Cuba Gooding Jr. Both tell the true story of a White House butler who served eight presidents. Haygood's presentation will explore leadership, civil rights, and the idea that through service, we can all lead.

Sponsored by Excellence in Leadership, Black Student Association, Office of Housing & Residence Life, Office of Institutional Diversity, Multicultural Center, & Student Government Association

On Campus Events continued...

Write Your Legislator Days (WYLD)

Students for Creative Social Activism (SCSA) will be hosting Write Your Legislator Days (WYLD) in the Atrium on November 14th and 15th. The goal of the WYLD event is to show students that they have the ability to make their opinions heard to their representatives. We believe that every student should graduate ready to be active and informed citizens. We will have tables set up in the Atrium with information on how to research legislation, legislators, and effective writing.

Heritage Film Series

Date: Tuesday, October 29th

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: AC 114

Not Just a Game: Power, Politics & American Sports

In Not Just a Game, the powerful documentary based on his bestselling book A People's History of Sports in the United States, Dave Zirin argues that far from providing merely escapist entertainment, American sports have long been at the center of some of the major political debates and struggles of our time.

Zirin first traces how American sports have glamorized militarism, racism, sexism, and homophobia, then excavates a largely forgotten history of rebel athletes who stood up to power and fought for social justice beyond the field of play. The result is as deeply moving as it is exhilarating: nothing less than an alternative history of political struggle in the United States as seen through the games its people have played.

Off-Campus Events

Friends Memorial Church Food Pantry

A food pantry that is open the third Saturday of each month for clients to receive both food and non-perishable items free of cost. This food pantry is sponsored by Friends Memorial Church. Volunteers help clients select food and assist to their vehicles.

Volunteers can participate at times scheduled with the agency throughout the month. Or, volunteers can participate on the third Saturday of each month, must check in at 8:15 a.m. at the church. Pantry is open until 11:30 and volunteers will remain until approximately 12:00 noon to help service everyone in the building.

Please contact Linda Daniel, cell 765-212-4775, ldaniel1234@comcast.net, to arrange placement.

Halloween at the Muncie Y – Volunteers Needed

Date: Friday, Oct. 25, 2013

Time: 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Contact Kelly Petroviak at 765-741-5017

Costumes optional!

Combat Paper

This exhibition will feature several works made through papermaking workshops where veterans use their uniforms worn in service to create works of art. The uniforms are cut up, beaten into a pulp and formed into sheets of paper. Through this process, participants reclaim their uniforms as art and express their experiences with the military. Please see the website for exact schedule details.

Location: IUPUI Herron School of Art and Design Eskenazi Hall

Robert B. Berkshire, Eleanor Prest Reese & Dorit and Gerald Paul Galleries

For more information, visit <http://www.herron.iupui.edu/galleries/exhibitions/>

Off-Campus Events continued...

Special Exhibition, Art Interrupted: Advancing Art and the Politics of Cultural Diplomacy

September 15, 2013 - December 15, 2013

Venue: Indiana University Art Museum

Address: E. 7th St., Bloomington, IN 47405

Phone: 812-855-9647

Times: Noon - 5 pm

Recurrence: Recurring weekly on Sunday

Admission: Free

Your Faith Has Made You Well--Or Has It?: Spiritual and Religious Dimensions of Medical Care and Wellbeing

Matthew Boulton, Ph.D., M.Div., President and Professor of Theology at Christian Theological Seminary, presents this talk on Tuesday, 10/29, from 12 noon - 1pm at Emerson Hall 304.

For many healthcare professionals and patients, religion and spirituality play important roles in how care and wellbeing are understood and experienced -- and yet in many cases, our capacities for exploring these connections are overlooked, underdeveloped, or relegated to specialists.

For example, many healthcare professionals conceive and experience their work as a spiritual or religious vocation; likewise, many patients experience illness, decline, recovery, and wellbeing in religious and spiritual terms. What we require are accessible, inclusive, engaging strategies for exploring these dimensions of life and work. This talk will survey this territory, using some specific Jewish and Christian resources as case studies, but with an eye to other traditions as well.

Presented by the Medical Humanities and Health Studies Program and the Spirit of Medicine Program. Free and open to the public. Please RSVP to medhum@iupui.edu.

Grants and Fellowships

The Davis Projects for Peace:

In the its sixth year, the Davis Projects for Peace program is an invitation to undergraduates at the American colleges and universities in the Davis United World College Scholars Program to design grassroots projects that they will implement during the summer of 2013. The projects judged to be the most promising and feasible will be funded at \$10,000 each. The objective is to encourage and support today's motivated youth to create and try out their own ideas for building peace.

Deadline for submissions is January 2014. For more information, visit <http://www.davisprojectsforpeace.org/>

The Jennings Randolph Senior Fellowship Program (USIP)

These are awarded to scholars, practitioners, policy analysts, policy makers, and others to spend 9-10 months in residence at the USIP during which time they will reflect and write on international peace and security challenges. Citizens of any country are able to apply. The program beginning in October 2014 is now open. Visit <http://www.usip.org/grants-fellowships/jennings-randolph-senior-fellowship-program> to learn more.

Rotary Peace Fellowships

The Rotary Foundation provides these fellowships to fund master's degree or professional development certificate study at one of the six Rotary Peace Centers. Recipients of this fellowship promote peace, cooperation, and successful conflict resolution on both the national and international levels. Visit <https://www.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowships> to learn more.

Conferences

2013 Indiana Governor's Conference for Women

The highly successful Midwest Invent Your Future Conference for Women is joining forces with Indiana Governor Mike Pence to create the first annual Indiana Governor's Conference for Women this Fall.

As the Midwest's premier educational event for businesswomen and entrepreneurs, the conference will feature nationally-recognized keynote speakers, best-selling authors, thought leaders and business experts offering seminars, tools and techniques to accelerate your career advancement.

November 5, 2013

JW Marriott Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana

NAIS People of Color Conference and Student Diversity Leadership Conference

December 5 - 7, 2013, in National Harbor, Maryland

Adult practitioners and student leaders: We hope you'll join us for the 2013 PoCC and SDLC. With the Washington DC area as our backdrop, we will explore the theme of "A Capitol's Mosaic: Independent School Leaders Building an Interconnected World." Register by November 4.

Follow and contribute to the conversation via Twitter at #PoCC13 and #SDLC13.

To register, visit <http://pocc.nais.org/Pages/default.aspx>. Register by Oct. 11 to save.

Black Solidarity Conference

The Black Solidarity Conference at Yale seeks to bring undergraduates of all colors together to discuss issues pertaining to the African Diaspora. Through discussions, panels, networking, and social gatherings, over 700 students from across the country analyze issues affecting our community and explore solutions to undertake at their respective college campuses. The Conference is hosted annually in February at Yale University in New Haven, CT by a student organization. In the past, the Conference has hosted Drs. Michael Eric Dyson, Angela Davis, and Cornel West as Keynote Speakers as well as J. Cole, Big Sean, and Phony Ppl as Concert Performers.

Conferences continued...

Because Kids Count Conference

Registration is now open for the 2013 Because Kids Count Conference!

December 3-4, 2013

Our two-day conference has more than 60 workshops on youth development and nonprofit management topics, nearly 100 exhibitors with helpful resources to share, networking time, a Talent Show and Welcome Reception, a free screening of the documentary film Bully... and more!

Location:

Indiana Convention Center

100 South Capitol Avenue

Indianapolis, IN

For more information, see: <http://www.iyi.org/conferences/kids-count.aspx>

Butler University Undergraduate Research Conference

The Butler University Undergraduate Research Conference invites presentations of undergraduate research across a broad spectrum of disciplines, a full list of which can be found on the website.

The conference is currently in the planning process, but will be held 4/11/14.

<http://www.butler.edu/undergrad-research-conference/registration/>

Notre Dame Student Peace Conference

The annual Notre Dame Student Peace Conference, which takes place during the spring semester, attracts undergraduate and graduate students from across the U.S. and abroad who want to change in the world and who are committed to a rigorous, multi-disciplinary academic work on peacebuilding. Students present original research and showcase innovative peacebuilding practices.

For more information, see <http://kroc.nd.edu/undergraduate/notre-dame-student-peace-conference>

The conference will be held March 29-30, 2014. More information regarding deadlines for research proposals will be posted online as the information becomes available.

Conferences continued...

National Conference on Undergraduate Research

The mission of the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) is to promote undergraduate research, scholarship and creative activity done in partnership with faculty or other mentors as a vital component of higher education.

The conference will be held on April 3-5, 2014. The deadline for applications and abstracts is Dec. 6, 2013.

http://www.cur.org/ncur_2014/

National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education (NCORE) 2014

The NCORE® conference series constitutes the leading and most comprehensive national forum on issues of race and ethnicity in American higher education. The conference focuses on the complex task of creating and sustaining comprehensive institutional change designed to improve racial and ethnic relations on campus and to expand opportunities for educational access and success by culturally diverse, traditionally underrepresented populations.

Conference Date: May 27 2014 - Jun 1 2014

Location: Indianapolis, IN

Contact Email: meganvinson@ou.edu

The call for proposals is coming! See <https://www.ncore.ou.edu/>

2014 Grinnell Peace Studies Student Conference

Conference Date: February 28, 2014 – March 1, 2014

Call for Papers: September 25, 2013 – December 20, 2013

Location: Grinnell, IA

Contact: Anthony Wenndt wenndtan@grinnell.edu.

Purpose: The conference will address issues of peace and conflict from the sciences, social sciences, and humanities.

<http://digital.grinnell.edu/ocs/index.php/peace/peace2014/index>

Conferences continued...

“Engaging the Other” The Power of Compassion

Conference Date: May 4-5, 2014

Location: Dearborn, MI

Contact Email: SOlweean@aol.com Steve Olweean

Purpose: Focuses on unresolved communal trauma and transference of the trauma experience into future generations as potent fuel for future animosity and violence, including: the implications for fear-based systems, negative stereotypes, prejudice, alienation, polarization, scapegoating, and forming enemy images that promote adversarial perceptions of the “Other” and the power of compassion and humanitarian service to victims in healing communal trauma, re-empowerment, and promoting positive relations within and between societies.

http://www.cbiworld.org/Pages/Conferences_ETO.htm

International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry

The Tenth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry will take place May 21-24, 2014 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry (ICQI) will celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2014. The 10th Congress will be built around the changes that have occurred in the field of qualitative inquiry in the decade since the Congress was launched as an alternative site for collaboration and discourse. The 2014 Congress will offer delegates an opportunity to assess the major changes that have taken place over the last decade. What might the Congress, and indeed the broader landscape of qualitative inquiry, look like in another decade? What should our mandate be for the next decade? What have we learned? Where do we go next?

The proposal deadline is December 1, 2013.

Peace Organizations

Social Justice League

I am Morgan Ulyat, the president for Social Justice League this year. Below is a short description of our organization:

The Social Justice league strives to better the world through awareness, local involvement, and fundraising for worthy causes. We aim to bring greater awareness of social justice issues to Ball-State and the community. Join us to explore both domestic and international issues and to confront and combat injustices.

Our club meets every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies. We can be reached at either sjl@bsu.edu or bsu.social.justice@gmail.com.

Timmy Global Health

Timmy Global Health is a nonprofit organization based out of Indianapolis that seeks to eliminate healthcare disparities worldwide. At Ball State, our chapter works through the academic year to raise awareness, money, and medical supplies for our annual trip to Ecuador during spring break.

Contact Info: bsutimmy@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BSUTimmy>

Meetings: Tuesday @ 7pm. Education Resource Room 1 in the Bracken Library Basement

Delivering Educational Support to Kenya

Delivering Educational Support to Kenya (DESK) is a student-led organization designed to assist students in Kenya. In Kenya, all students are required to have a school uniform to attend school. Unfortunately, some families are not in a position to buy school uniforms or school supplies for their children. To help these families, DESK organizes various fund raising activities to raise money to buy school uniforms and supplies. Some of these activities have been bake sales, calendar sales, and boxed lunch sales.

Peace Organizations continued...

Contact email: desk@bsu.edu

Fall 2013 Meeting Dates & Times:

September 23, 6-7pm in TC 542

October 28, 6-7pm in TC 542

November 25, 6-7pm in TC 54

Ball State TOMS

Our club is directly affiliated with the TOMS company. Our main goal and focus as a club is to raise awareness about the company and what they do. We do this through sponsoring and holding several events throughout the school year. We meet every Wednesday night at 9 PM in Bracken, room 401.

Contact info: TOMSCLUB@bsu.edu

Taylor Cardini, President

Students for Responsible Consumerism

Students for Responsible Consumerism aims to educate consumers about their relationship with products and the corporations that make them. Our mission is to make students aware of the socioeconomic and environmental influence of their purchases. We foster consumer activity that promotes ethical products that avoid exploiting labor or the environment.

Our club meets Tuesdays at 5 p.m. in the Student Center, Room 308. We can be reached at the following emails: src@bsu.edu or responsible.consumerism.bsu@gmail.com. This is our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/responsibleconsumerism>, and we also have a tumblr page: <http://responsibleconsumerism.tumblr.com/>.

Peace Organizations continued...

Ball State Circle K

Circle K International (CKI) is the premier collegiate community service, leadership development, and friendship organization in the world. CKI blends community service and leadership training with the opportunity to make friends. Our motto is: "Live to Serve, Love to Serve!" Our club offers weekly service opportunities and larger service events for those who wish to become involved.

Our club meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 in WB 136.

Club email: ballstatecki@gmail.com

Club Website: <http://ballstatecki.weebly.com/>

Vegan Association

The Vegan Association is a judgment-free zone for Ball State students, employees, and alumni who are vegan and wish to positively promote a life free from animal products. We are a campus-affiliated network dedicated to the support, promotion, and education of people regarding veganism.

Meeting information can be found on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/354765237926317/members/>

Email: jlgilbert3@bsu.edu



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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

To get all the latest updates on activities and news from the Peace Center, follow us on Twitter @bsu4peace or “Like” our Facebook page!



If you or your organization would like to submit content or information about an event to be included in our newsletter, please email Tacianna Oliver at tpoliver@bsu.edu or Katie Munn at ksmunn@bsu.edu.