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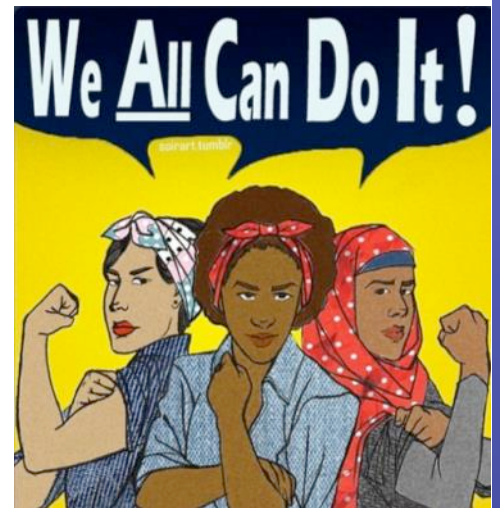
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22, 2013

PANEL: FEMINIST INTERSECTIONALITY

On Thursday, November 14, the Center held a panel on the topic of feminist intersectionality. The four panelists included Dr. Amit Baishya of the English department, Dr. Heather Adams of the psychology department, Dr. Jennifer Erickson of the anthropology department, and Dr. Juli Thorson of the philosophy department. All of them had individually interesting things to say, and came together at the end to discuss questions from the audience. Dr. Thorson commenced the

speaking portion of the event by addressing how intersectionality in general affected her and her research approaches. She said that she had to be careful to remove herself from her own place of privilege in order to contribute more to society. Dr. Baishya followed this point wonderfully with the example of Malala Yousafzai and her world fame, compared to other women who have experienced similar situations with much less media coverage. He

says that news coverage likes to portray women as “abject victims,” or as people who are inherently incapable of helping themselves out of whatever situation they’re in. Not only that, but often it is easy to view lots of other people as needing our help rather than being able to fight poor circumstances on their own. Dr. Erickson then provided a personal example in which she was put in the position of fighting for the equal treatment for an entire race of women. She said that on a trip to Bosnia on which she was present in order to help female refugees with food and shelter, that she tried to include the gypsy race of people in the mission along with



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the others. To her surprise, the others were racist against these gypsy women and refused to let them in. By using examples from American history, Dr. Erickson was very slowly but surely able to incorporate these women. She was surprised at her ability to use lessons about race learned from her home country's mistakes and apply them to new situations developing in her own life. Finally, Dr. Adams illustrated her research in studying disease symptoms and how they are psychologically interpreted by different kinds of people for different reasons. She gave the example that one girl said that her life-threatening illness brought her closer to God. While Adams coded this response as a strong spiritual reaction, an African-American student from the same religious background as the one interviewed coded the experience as a strength in relationships with others. She said it is imperative that we keep in mind the multiple issues people face in their daily lives and not exclude them for it. "Usually these things are not even done intentionally," she said, but that they are harmful nonetheless.

The question and answer section was equally interesting with many good queries from the audience. Probably the toughest one for the panel to answer was one of the first questions to be asked: What can we do about intersectionality on a larger, or macro scale? All of the panelists seemed to address how intersectionality affected them, but as we all know, policy is always the hardest thing to change and affects more people than just a few. The best answer they came up with is just that all of us have to bear in mind that we need to be inclusive in our daily lives and to encourage that from others as well.

A big thank you goes to all of our speakers listed above, as well as Ashli Godfrey for hosting and planning the event, and our gracious and unexpectedly large audience.



SPOTLIGHT: DR. LINDSAY BLOM



For some, sports may not be the first thing that comes to mind when thinking about how to teach powerful lessons about peace. But for one Ball State University professor, sportsmanship and teamwork are the perfect frameworks through which we can view conflict. Dr. Lindsay Blom, associate professor of sport and exercise psychology, has designed a program along with her colleagues called Soccer for Peace, which involves teaching coaches on how to teach conflict resolution and citizenship skills through the game of soccer. The program has several components, including curriculum building with coaches and skills practice for youngsters presented alongside discussions about conflict resolution, peaceful living, and leadership and transferring these skills off the field.

Dr. Blom says she first became involved in sport for peace work as a graduate student and furthered this work initially in after-school programs in local, Muncie, elementary schools. In fall of 2011, she and colleagues received funding from the State Department's International Sports Programming Initiative to take the program abroad, with Jordan as the first country of focus. The Jordanian mission was two pronged. Blom and her colleagues wanted to implement the program, establishing ties with Jordanian participants, as well as include a cultural exchange component.

On their first trip to Jordan in January 2012, Blom, along with other soccer coaches and peace educators, conducted workshops on the technical aspects of soccer and also taught lessons of citizenship and conflict resolution to youth soccer coaches and teachers. In Blom's words, the first step was to "train the trainer"—to make sure that by exchanging ideas, the adults participating in the event could best benefit from one another and establish ways to better educate youth athletes.

A point that Dr. Blom made very clear was that sports are not actually a metaphor for peace, but



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, but one for life. In sports and in life, everyone has the decision to be peaceful or violent. She mentioned riots erupting in Europe to illustrate that sports are not by definition a way to facilitate cultural understanding , but she argues that with the right training and perspective that sport can be used for development and peace. In September, Blom received word that she and her colleagues received a second round

of funding from the State Department to target youth soccer coaches and teachers in Tajikistan.

Because of her international experiences, Dr. Blom was invited to participate in a discussion on counter-ing extremism through education on the margins of the U.N. General Assembly in New York this past September. The goal of this meeting was to facilitate discussion among experts, leading to a document of best practices for curbing the recruitment of youth by terrorist cells. She pointed out that this was a different level of change than her typically programing, which was more on the micro or societal level. The discussion at the Assembly was more on a macro-policy scale, which was designed to be applied to multiple countries. Dr. Blom gave the example of Pakistan, where boys “caught” training in terrorist camps would be sent to a rehabilitation facility to integrate them back into society. She said that the sport psychology aspect of her training assisted her the most when considering solutions to such problems because both physical and mental health are huge contributors to the susceptibility of children to participate in violent organizations. “Sports can mirror the way in which kids want to belong and feel connected,” said Blom. Instead of joining gangs or extremist groups, if children are empowered and supported through positive outlets, like sport, they can be offered alternatives to extremism actions.



SPONSORED EVENTS

The Ball State Center for Peace and
Conflict Studies Presents

*Advocacy in the Age of Facebook:
The Influence of Social Media on Social Justice*



When: Monday, 11/25 7:00-8:00

Where: Teachers College Room 121

Who: Brandon Waite, Ph.D. and Kristen McCauliff, Ph.D

Course Offering

RELS 380
Religion, Nonviolence and War
Spring 2014, T/R 2-3:15
Prof. Elizabeth Agnew

An investigation into traditions, theories, and practices of



nonviolence and war in the 20th and 21st centuries



Questions? Email eagnew@bsu.edu

Eligible for credit in Peace & Conflict Studies

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.

KWANZAA CELEBRATION

Date: 12/5/13

Time: 5:30

Location: Kinghorn Hall, Multipurpose Room

Kwanzaa is a holiday honoring the culture and traditions of people of African origin. It is celebrated by people from a range of African countries and their descendants. Kwanzaa consists of a week of celebrations, which ends with a feast and the exchange of gifts. Anyone is welcome to come and learn about this holiday and enjoy the great tasting food!



OFF-CAMPUS EVENTS

NAMI FAMILY TO FAMILY COURSE

Location: College Avenue United Methodist Church at 1968 W. Main Street, Muncie, Indiana 47304 Room 107

Date: Thursday, November 28

Time: 6:30-9:00 PM

Family to Family is a course for caregivers and friends of people with a mental illness. The course helps caregivers and others understand and support individuals with serious mental illnesses while maintaining their own well-being. It covers all major mental illnesses. There is no cost to participants.



C.U.R.E. (Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants) will hold a monthly meeting, 10-12 am, at North United Methodist Church, W. 38 & Meridian, Indianapolis. For more info, phone Marilyn Reed at 352-0358 or Lela Ewers at 831-0765.

As part of the Reel Hope Film Festival, three documentaries from socially conscientious filmmakers will be shown at First Mennonite Church, 4601 Knollton Road: "Changing the Conversation: America's Gun Violence Epidemic" at 12 noon; "Femme: Women Healing the World" at 1:45 pm; and "Eye Of the Storm" at 3:30 pm. For more info, email Jeff Matheus at jeffmatheus@hotmail.com

The parents of Rachel Corrie, a nonviolent activist who was crushed to death by an armored Israeli bulldozer in 2003, will speak and the film "Rachel" will be shown at 6:30 pm at Broad Ripple United Methodist Church, 6185 Guilford Ave., sponsored by Christians for Peace and Justice in the Middle East. For more info, contact Mike Oles III at 281-0568 or mikeoles3@mac.com

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.



GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

THE DAVIS PROJECTS FOR PEACE:

In 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

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.

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>

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/>

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.

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/>

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 fund-raising 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 socio-economic 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: jl Gilbert3@bsu.edu



310 North McKinley Avenue
Muncie, Indiana 47306

Phone: (765)285-1622

Email: peacecenter@bsu.edu

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.