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THE OLIVE BRANCH

Spotlight: The Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County

Last week's Spotlight addressed some of the many worthy non-profit organizations in our Muncie community. One organization in particular, The Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County, assists a substantial number of these local non-profits in obtaining necessary funding for projects by awarding community grants.

A community foundation is essentially a type of non-profit organization that manages "a permanent pool of funds," received via endowments and donations, which are used to provide "grants for initiatives and programs that address current and future issues in a specific geographic area," according to the Community Foundation's brochure.

The Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County was established in 1985 and has since become essential to the various philanthropic organizations of the Delaware County, managing an endowed asset base of approximately \$40 million. Governed by a diverse, nine-member board of citizens, the Foundation awards grants based on five areas of community interest: arts and culture, human services, economic development, education, and community betterment.

In 2012, the Community Foundation granted over \$750,000 to local non-profit organizations' projects. Organizations that have recently received Foundation grants include College Mentors for Kids, Cornerstone Center for the Arts, Indiana Youth Institute, Muncie Parks and Recreation, Ronald McDonald House of Indiana, Second Harvest Food Bank, and many more. In addition to awarding grants to local non-profit organizations, the Foundation also offers nearly 40 scholarships to high school students in the area wishing to pursue higher education.

Donors to the Community Foundation who make these grants and scholarships possible include individuals, businesses, corporations, and families wishing to support the Muncie and Delaware County community. Because the pool of donors is so diverse, the Community Foundation offers a variety of ten ways for donors to support the organization through donations.

The Community Foundation's motto "Where neighbors create legacies" says it all. It is organizations like The Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County that award local non-profits with grants funded by local people who truly unite our Muncie community. To learn more about the Community Foundation and about how you can donate, visit www.cfmdin.org.



THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
of Muncie & Delaware County

—Erin Silcox



JOIN US!

FRIDAY, APRIL 5th - 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Muncie City Hall Auditorium

SATURDAY, APRIL 6th - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Ball State University Alumni Center



On-Site Registration Fees:

Student: \$35

Professional/Faculty: \$50

Community Members Presenting: \$35

**Community Attendees Not Presenting:
No Charge**

For questions: 765-285-1622 or peacecenter@bsu.edu

Visit: www.bsu.edu/cohenpeaceconference for more information

Blog of the Week:

Ethics

Kelly Hollis

After going over the topic for this week I have surprised myself. I always thought I knew what it meant to forgive someone and that it could be done not easily but that it could happen. Currently I am not so certain it is possible, and if it is, many questions have raised that as a child I would have been able to answer easily and honestly.

The first part that I struggle with the most is the question from the class's guest speaker who asked that if I were raped by a man during the fight between the Hutu and Tutsi, would I later be able to forgive and live in a peace village while seeing him every day. I pondered this through most of the class, with each subject that my peers brought up I thought more deeply and thoroughly, still not coming to a full conclusion. What I needed to do was really looking into the word and concept of forgiveness.

During the first reading Desmond Tutu focuses on religious ideology. This idea of forgiveness is not only asking forgiveness from someone who has done you wrong but also through god, once something is forgiven it is erased forever. This is the same concept I grew up on as a child. If I did something wrong all I needed to do was ask for forgiveness and all would be well. When others did something wrong to them it was easy as a child to brush it off and forgive. This type of forgiveness brings up questions like if it is even possible in today's humanity. As a child did a really brush it off when someone did me the wrong way, or was it a lesson learned that I internally carried with me forever as to not be hurt again. I would like to say my clear cut answer is that once something is forgiven it is forgotten and all is done. In this case if I were able to forgive the man who raped me it would be possible to live easily in the same village, but also this would mean that I would forget about the incident. Something as horrifying as rape is not easily forgotten, especially after the possibility of that same person killing my family. With all the love in the world I would still find it difficult to forget.

This brings up my next question. Do you necessarily have to forget something in order to forgive? Barash would say that just because you forgive someone does not mean that it is forgotten forever, or that it is something that you excuse once a conversation has been had.

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Blog of the Week, cont...

"Forgiveness does not mean condoning what has been done. It means taking what happened seriously and not minimizing it; drawing out the sting in the memory that threatens to poison our entire existence (pg 278)"

When an incident happens and there is no reconciliation it is more likely to come back to haunt you in a sort of karma way. Personally, I agree. Barash said, "True reconciliation exposes the awfulness, the abuse, the pain, the degradation, the truth (pg 278)". It almost seems like a snake-bite, you must suck out all the poison inside of you in order for you to heal. Whether it is with a friend, family member, or a stranger that has caused harm to you, without acknowledgement nothing will be resolved. The question then becomes deeper. If forgiveness means acknowledgement and reconciliation then once all of the poison is sucked out will there still be a scar? Is it possible to ever truly forget and forgive?



Photo of Cindy Sheehan. Borrowed from: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Cindy_Sheehan_at_White_House.jpg

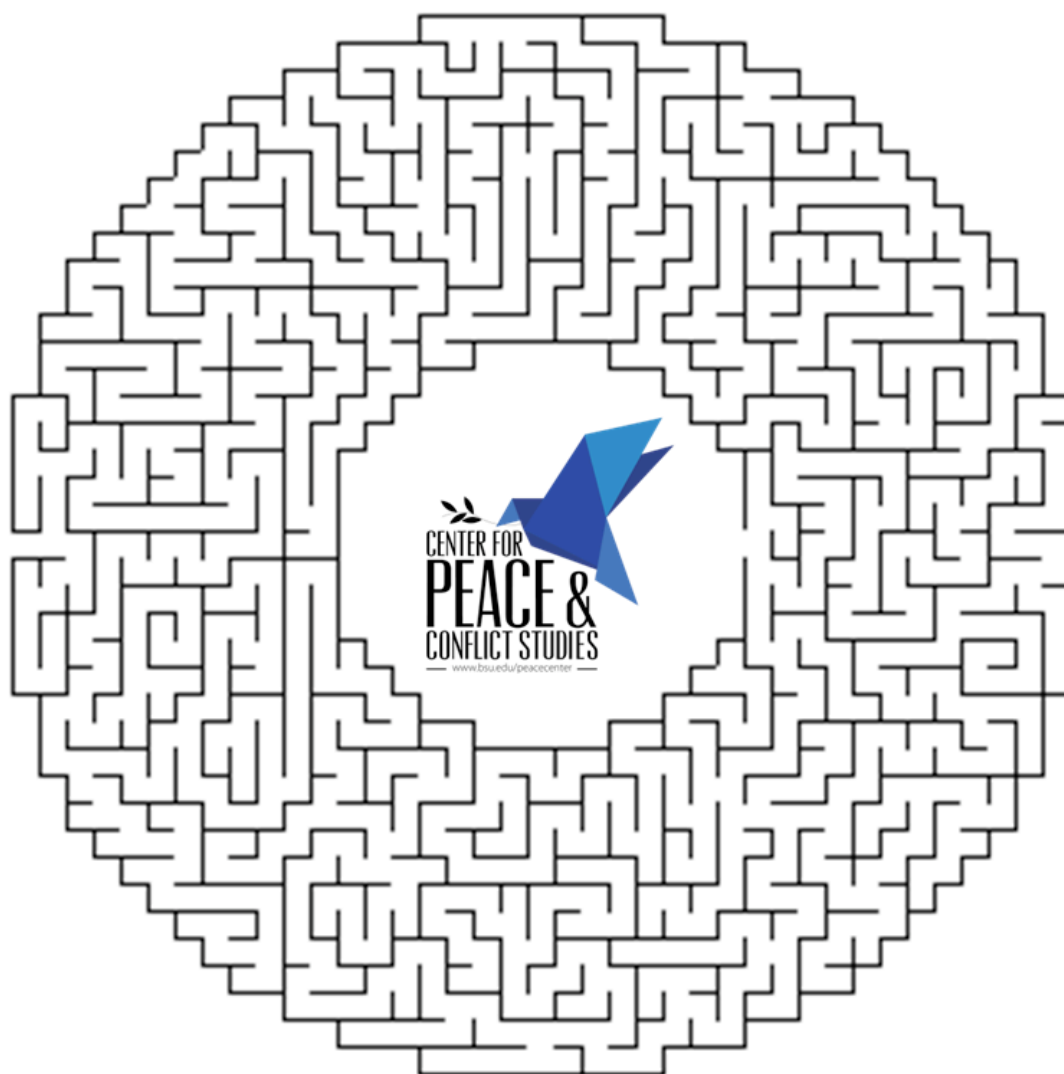
The second part of the reading was about Cindy Sheehan who is an online blogger with online broadcasts who also rallies against injustice she sees in America. Sheehan has this passion because she lost her son in the war in Iraq. Sheehan has reconciled the things that have gone wrong but acknowledges that she can do something about it. Barash would agree that you can forgive someone and also take action. In one of Sheehan's broadcasts she interviewed a man who lost his daughter in the war. They had told him that his daughter was a bit loose around the war men and eventually became so depressed that she committed suicide. This man was smart and began to dig deeper. He found that this was not that case and that actually she was raped and murdered by her fellow troops. This man and Sheehan are the type of people to take information and do something about it. They fight for injustice and find a way to forgive on their own personal time. We need more people like this in America who are not afraid to stand up for what they believe in.

I am not sure if I would be able to forget about being raped by a man and then be able to live next to him. Even after reconciliation and hashing out all of the evil I would still have to take my own time to learn and figure out how to forgive or if I could. This reading is not about genocide or media or even about the corrupt society and government. This reading was something deeper but yet all the more confusing and thought provoking.

-Kelly Hollis

Activity

The Olive Branch Maze!



On-Campus Events

April 4-10, 2013

Tuesday, April 2

International Justice Mission meets at 6 pm in the Whiting Business building Room #213. For more info, email cekozak@bsu.edu

Feminists for Action meets at 6 pm in the Burkhardt building Room #220. For more info, email feministsforaction@gmail.com or tncannon@bsu.edu

Free the Slaves meets at 8 pm in Bracken Library Room #201. For more info, email freetheslavesbsu@gmail.com

Wednesday, April 3rd

This week's Culture Exchange (SC 102 from 12-1 pm) features Jovid Kamalov, speaking about his home country of Tajikistan. Weekly Culture Exchange presentations are held every Wednesday at the Rinker Center for International Programs, SC 102 from 12pm-1pm. Each week a different country is highlighted, typically presented by a native of that country and culture. Bring a lunch or stop by the Tally for a dish inspired by the week's country and learn about the world beyond Muncie!

A 4 pm in the Student Center Ballroom, Doris Fogel will be giving the Annual Holocaust Memorial Lecture: "The Little Girl of the Hong Kew Ghetto--Shanghai, 1939-1947: From Internment to Rescue to the American Dream." Doris Warschawski Fogel and her mother escaped from Berlin, Germany in 1939 when she was only four years old, arriving in Shanghai, China as "Stateless Refugees". There, Fogel spent the eight years in the Hong Kew Ghetto internment camps without running water or modern sanitation facilities. Today, Doris is active in various Fort Wayne Jewish and philanthropic organizations and travels the Midwest speaking about her wartime experience. Join the BSU Jewish Studies Program, the Provost's Office, the Honors College, and the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies in hearing Doris Fogel's extraordinary story.

The Alive Campaign will meet at 9 pm in the Student Center Pineshelf.

Thursday, April 4th, 5 p.m., Peace Center

The Social Justice League meets at 5 pm in the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, 310 N. McKinley Ave. For more info, email sjl@bsu.edu

Friday, April 5th

Yoga in the Museum Sculpture Court will be held at 8 am in the David Owsley Museum of Art. Wake up your morning with tension-releasing yoga lead by instructor Sarah Lytle. Yoga mats provided or bring your own. \$10 BSU affiliates, \$13 BSU non-affiliates. *Please register early, minimum 8 participants is required.* To register and pay, visit: <http://bsu.edu/recreation/instructional-classes.html>

Meditation in the Museum is offered at 3:30 at the David Owsley Museum of Art. Meditation is a great way to start off your weekend. All are welcome. The activity is drop-in and self-guided.

Friday April 5th-Saturday April 6th

Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Conference: "Promoting Nonviolence at Home and Beyond". Jointly organized by the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies and the [City of Muncie](#) with the financial support, in part, from the [Benjamin V. Cohen Memorial Endowment Fund](#), [United States Institute of Peace](#) and the [Institute of International Education](#), community activists and scholars from all disciplines will present their strategies, research, and recommendations related to peacemaking and peace-building, particularly with respect to local, national, and international contexts.

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

On-Campus Events

Monday, April 8th 4 p.m., North Quad Room 078

Dr. Chin-Sook Pak will be delivering her sabbatical presentation, "Community-based learning for students of Spanish: Seeking international educational practices for diversity learning in the local community." Dr. Chin-Sook Pak will discuss how community-based learning can enhance Spanish students' language skills and cultural understanding and additionally create "international educational practices that foster diversity learning on and off campus." For more information, visit <https://apps.bsu.edu/CommunicationsCenter/Story.aspx?CategoryID=90&MessageGuid=8164AEC9-4F24-4C04-9EBA-A70899D3F118&OptIn=Y>

OXFAM meets at 6 pm in the basement of Bracken library. For more info, email ajhartman@bsu.edu

Building Tomorrow meets at 6:30 pm in the Schwartz Digital Complex room in Bracken Library. For more info, email ksrowe@bsu.edu

Call to Action meets at 7:30 pm in the Student Center Room #306. For more info, email lefortier@bsu.edu

April 10th & 12th: Building Tomorrow's Bike to Uganda

This event will take place in the Atrium of the CAP building. It will be a stationary bike-a-thon with each rider raising funds for each shift they ride.

Thursday, April 11th, 7:30 pm Pruis Hall

National Suicide Prevention Advocate, Heidi Bryan, will deliver a suicide prevention presentation entitled *Sentenced to Life*, followed by a Q&A session after. "Drawing upon her personal experiences with depression, alcohol abuse, attempting suicide and losing several people, including her brother, to suicide, [Heidi] weaves a compelling story filled with both humor and hope."

Monday, May 6th-Friday, May 10th

Jewish Studies Summer Workshop. Participants will "engage in a discussion-based week, intended to enhance knowledge and understanding of Judaism and Jewish Culture." The series of workshops, called "The Sounds of Jewish Music: The Art of the Liturgy, and Musical Creation During the Holocaust" will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Hargreaves Music Building, Room 123, and Choral Room, Music Instruction Building all week. Larry France, former cantorial soloist and parashanin fellow for the Temple Beth El in Muncie, will be leading the workshop. Cynthia Smith, a BSU doctoral student, and Dr. Galit Gertsenzon Fromm, a pianist, who have both studied Jewish composers incarcerated at Theresienstadt will also be contributing during the week. The workshop is a part of the Jewish Studies Project at Ball State University which is funded by the Benjamin and Bessie Zeigler Fund and "was established to provide the university and community with an understanding and an appreciation for Jewish history, Jewish culture, and the Jewish faith."

The workshop will be limited to ten participants, and applications are due by Monday, April 15th. For more information about how to apply, visit <https://apps.bsu.edu/CommunicationsCenter/Story.aspx?CategoryID=90&MessageGuid=C91B738D-C7A0-4754-B26F-96C92A109553&OptIn=Y>

Spring 2013 (time varies), Lucina Hall

Counseling Center Group Therapy

The Counseling Center offers a large variety of therapy sessions that are completely free to Ball State students. Just a few of these groups include:

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- Understanding Self & Others- a discussion and discovery of understanding and acceptance of themselves and others
- Journey to Wholeness- a supportive group for survivors of sexual trauma
- Safe Haven- supportive group for GLBTQ students to discuss topics including family concerns, support, relationships, depression, personal growth and more

Kaleidoscope- a supportive group for ethnic/racial minorities to discuss topics including discrimination, identity of self, family concerns, body image, and more

You can find more information about these and more groups here: <https://apps.bsu.edu/CommunicationsCenter/Story.aspx?MessageGuid=a83cc747-5339-43e1-8e42-a9726d5e097f>

Call 285-1736 to sign up for one of these free groups.

Become a Friendship family!

Get involved and become a friendship family!

"The Rinker Center for International Programs is looking for community members that would like to become a "family" for an international student. The Friendship Family Program matches international students with local families and residents. The goal of the program is to provide international students additional support while in the United States and an opportunity to learn more about American culture outside of the university environment. Families and students are asked to commit to doing one activity a month together. Students do not live with the families, nor are families responsible for any financial assistance.

Ball State University recently welcomed approximately 70 new international students to our campus, and many of these students would like a local friendship family. Help enrich the experiences of international students at Ball State, provide insight into American culture, and connect your family to a global experience without leaving the United States, all through the Friendship Family Program!"

For more information and to apply, contact the Rinker Center for International Programs at (765) 285-5422 or friendship@bsu.edu or click here: <http://cms.bsu.edu/admissions/international/internationalservices/friendshipfamily>

OFF-CAMPUS

Wednesday, April 3rd

A Discussion on Commonsense Immigration Reform will take place, 10-11:30 am, at Indianapolis Public Library, St. Clair and Meridian, sponsored by the Bibles, Badges, and Business (BBB) Network for Immigration Reform. Speakers to include: Glenn Tebbe (Indiana Catholic Conference), Angela Smith Jones, (Chamber of Commerce), Sharon Watkins (Disciples of Christ), Mike Murphy (Former Indiana State Representative), John Livengood, (Indiana Restaurant and Lodging Association), David Drury, (Wesleyan Church), and Mike O'Connor (Lilly). For more info, contact Angela D. Adams at aadams@lewis-kappes.com or 639-1210.

Immigration is the topic for the First Wednesdays Discussion Forum, Noon-1 pm, at WFYI, 1630 North Meridian, sponsored by American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana in partnership with the Immigrant Welcome Center and Lewis & Kappes, P.C. Panelists include Sarah Moshe (Immigration Defense Attorney), James A. McCann (Purdue University Dept. of Political Science) and Victoria Padilla (Immigration Rights Activist) with Moderator Rafael Sanchez (WRTV Indianapolis). For more info, contact Laurie L. Rice at 635-4059 x109 or lrice@aclu-in.org

Bread for the World (downtown) will hold its monthly lunch meeting at 11:30 am at Downtown Bazbeaux Pizza, 334 Mass. Ave. For more info, email Dave Miner at dminer145@aol.com

Off-Campus Events

Thursday, April 4th

The NAACP will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 pm on the second floor of the Julia Carson Government Center, 300 E. Fall Creek Blvd. For more info, contact Chrystal Ratcliffe at celliott@indynaacp.org

Kathy Licht, who has led 3 research teams to Antarctica over the past 10 years and teaches courses related to climate change and geology at IUPUI, will speak about Climate Change at 7 pm in the parish meeting center at St Monica Catholic Church, Michigan Rd. and Fox Hill, sponsored by the church's Social Justice Committee. Fr Dustin will wrap up with a discussion about what Catholics are asked to do to Care for God's Creation. For more info, contact Ed Witulski at 590-6970 or edmund.witulski@pnc.com

Friday, April 5th

The Race and Cultural Relations Leadership Network will hold its monthly meeting over breakfast at 8 am at the Urban League, 777 Indiana Ave., sponsored by the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee. For more info, phone 327-3625.

Women in Black will gather at 11:30 am at Monument Circle. WIB stand together to call for the end of the illegal Israeli occupation of Palestine and to mourn both Israeli and Palestinian lives lost. For more info, email Judy King at timothy_a_king@hotmail.com

The weekly vigil protesting warfare will take place, 4:30-5:30 pm, in front of the Federal Building, Michigan and Pennsylvania, sponsored by the Indianapolis Peace and Justice Center. Bring an appropriate sign or have one provided. For more info, phone Gilbert Kuhn at 677-5967 or email Ron Haldeman at ronjane@igc.org

Saturday, April 6th

Community, Faith and Labor Coalition will meet at 10 am at the Unleavened Bread Cafe, E. 30 and Central. For more info, email Nancy Holle at nancyholle@communityfaithlabor.org or phone John Gibson at 525-1856 or Jay Carrigan at 283-2273.

[Nashville] There will be a Peace Vigil on the theme "War Is Not The Answer!" at 6 pm at Brown County Courthouse, Main and Van Buren Streets sponsored by Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (Brown County branch). For more info, contact Tom Hougham at 878-4210 or annntom@hotmail.com

There will be a presentation of "Playing for Equality," a concert to educate audience members about how to oppose HJR-6, a state constitutional ban of same-sex marriage (currently postponed), at 7 pm at the Church Within, 1125 Spruce, sponsored by Parents and Friends for Lesbians And Gays in collaboration with FairTalk (<http://www.fair-talk.org/>). For more info, email Annette Gross at annetteindyflag@comcast.net

Sunday, April 7th

There will be a Rummage Sale For Peace, 10:30-12:30, at First Mennonite Church, 4601 Knollton Rd., sponsored by Indy Artists' Peace Project. For more info, contact Michelle Gussow or Jeff Matheus at jeffmatheus@hotmail.com

Monday, April 8th

[Columbus] CPF/FOR - Columbus Peace Fellowship will meet at noon in the Reeves Room of First Presbyterian Church, 512 Seventh. For more info, email Sarah Grey at sarahgrey@att.net

Grants and Fellowships

Walter Isard Award for the Best Dissertation in Peace Science-deadline June 1, 2013

The Walter Isard Award for the Best Dissertation in Peace Science is given every two years. The award honors outstanding contributions to the scientific knowledge of peace and conflict. The winner is selected on the basis of the importance and scientific significance of the dissertation with respect to the field of peace science and its contribution to the understanding of international behavior more generally.

Morton Deutsch Conflict Resolution Award-deadline June 15, 2013

The award recognizes achievement in integrating theory and practice in conflict resolution.

Conferences

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

Muncie, Indiana, April 5 and 6, 2013

www.bsu.edu/cohenpeaceconference

On-site Registration: \$35 (Students), \$50 (Professional/Faculty), \$35 (Community Members presenting), No charge (Community Attendees not presenting)

Notre Dame Student Peace Conference 2013

Notre Dame, Indiana, April 5 and 6, 2013

Registration materials will be available soon.

Rotary Club of Londonderry Global Peace Forum

Derry-Londonderry, Ireland, May 4-26, 2013

The aim of the Derry~Londonderry Forum is to contribute to Reconciliation, Learning and Full Self Expression for those involved in peacemaking and peacebuilding throughout the world.

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Ball State University Peace**

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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Erin Silcox (esilcox@bsu.edu)

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