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THE OLIVE BRANCH

Volunteer Opportunities in Muncie

After listening to Mayor Tyler's talk last week about community involvement, I got inspired to act. As a graduate student who is constantly bombarded with assignments, deadlines, and employment responsibilities, it becomes easy to make excuses. While we all get caught up in our day-to-day activities, we can all make time to volunteer. I remember a professor of mine once told us to imagine what the nation would be like if everyone in the United States devoted one hour per week to volunteer work. One hour. Sounds insignificant, right? But imagine what a difference that could make. Everyone participating in their community. Imagine how that could improve community relations, peaceful action, and tolerance in the world. No one can claim to be so busy to be unable to dedicate one hour per week to volunteering in the community, but we make excuses. Like you, I have done the same.

Looking into volunteer opportunities for myself, I decided I would share my findings to help save you time. There are numerous organizations in the Muncie community that could benefit from volunteers. It is amazing how many opportunities are available if you take the time to look, and now you have no excuse because I did most of the work for you. Here are a few organizations that could use your help (and believe me, there are more out there): Youth for Understanding, Habitat for Humanity, Muncie Mission, Muncie Children's Museum, SPCA Humane Society, Second Harvest Food Bank, Animal Rescue Fund (ARF), American Red Cross, Ball Memorial Hospital, Cardinal Greenway Inc., Hospital Hospitality House, Minnetrista Cultural Center, Muncie Public Library, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and the YMCA. There is no shortage of opportunities, so I challenge you to get involved. Donate one hour of your time a week. Don't push it off until tomorrow. Don't say, "Oh, I want to, but I'll wait until after I graduate... after this assignment... after this semester..." Do it now. Find an organization that has a mission you are passionate about, and call, email, or visit them. I am no longer making excuses, and neither should you. This is my challenge to you, will you accept?

-Ennea Fairchild



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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:

Genocide

Holly McVety

I'm going to allow the UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan to sum up one point we have learned these past three weeks. "The tragedy of Srebrenica will forever haunt the history of the United Nations... A massacre of people who had been led to believe that the UN would ensure their safety. We cannot undo this tragedy, but it is vitally important that the right lessons be learned and applied in the future." His last sentence seems to be reoccurring in our thoughts. Learn from our mistakes. Learn from the past. Take action sooner. Learn learn learn. It's not of any surprise the readings from this week would be any different than ones previously discussed. Why aren't we taking action sooner?

Samantha Powers A Problem from Hell reading discussed Bosnia and brought me to the term 'ethnic cleansing'. The Serbs practice of targeting non-Serbs was allotted this term. Ethnic cleansing meant "different things on different days". Such as the quota to limit employees, curfew, sell real estate, and drive or travel by car. These rules and regulations help attain an "ethnically cleansed" community.



The first reading regarding the genocide in Bosnia discussed how the term 'ethnically cleansed' was accepted by the United States and why... "Each so-called safe area, except Sarajevo, fell to the Serbs and was 'ethnically cleansed. This was the Serbian term accepted by the USA and other members of the UN Security Council to avoid any reference to 'genocide', which would by international law demand their intervention." The reading also discusses the case of Radoslav Krstic, a commander charged with genocide for his part in the atrocities at Srebrenica. The prosecutor announced "This is a case about the triumph of evil, professional soldiers who organized, planned and willingly participated in the genocide, or stood silent in the face of it." If this is the case, then to some degree couldn't the United States be charged with "standing silent in the face of it"? What about in all the other cases?

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Blog of the Week, cont...

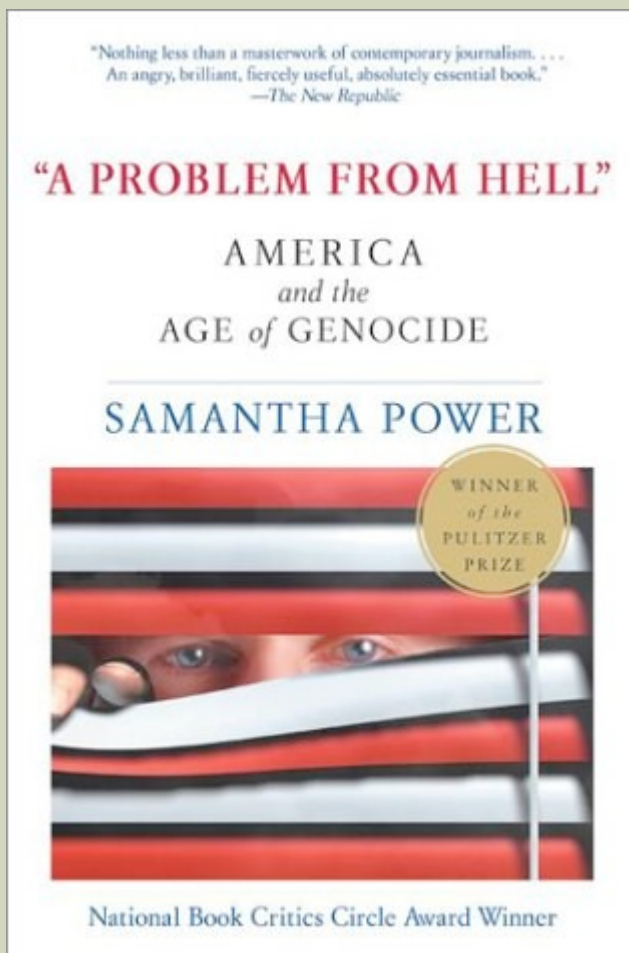
In 'talking about the genocide' section in the first Bosnia reading, it had discussed the deportation of Srebrenica's population and the fact that it only took four days and... "The UN assisted in a way it didn't foresee and couldn't prevent: the Serbs removed the Dutch soldiers' blue peacekeeping helmets and later wore them themselves to trick escapees into handing themselves over." What a load of crap. Other than that I only wish to say "You would... evil beings. -_-"

From *A Problem from Hell*, the international community helped deliver humanitarian aid to Bosnians as well as "peacekeepers, and pointed fingers at main aggressors, and imposed economic sanctions." These things alone were not enough to end the issues of Bosnia. Armed forces were needed, but were not given until it was too late, as is always the case. "No other atrocity campaign in the twentieth century was better monitored and understood by the U.S government" If the United States had so much knowledge why did the term genocide not overtake the term ethnically cleansed?

The second an genocide was cen-plays its part by adding people. The news page been part of warfare tle, what distinguished its perpetration in a ner with official en- ing and evilly planned logically. A woman point testified and said wanted to hurt me. But much as my soul was came pregnant were Serb. Psychologically, woman greatly. "The patrilineal in both Serb tions"

Back to the big learning from experi- could be considered ready thought of as around the world are not being stopped out blog I had mentioned

experience genocide before the term has a definite universal meaning. If I may, I'd like to answer by saying we are learning from these experiments and not only that, but it's less work for later. Could you imagine it happening here? No more food trucks? No more trains. Definitely no more boats. "For some reason at such moments you have no brain, you are so obedient that you just do what they tell you. Nobody even complained when they walked towards the gate, knowing they were probably going to die."



reading regarding the Bosni-tered on "rape camps" which psychological damage to had said "Although rape has since men began doing bat- it in the Bosnian conflict was systematic, widespread man- couragement." These intrud- acts affected women psycho- who had been held at knife- "He was very forceful... He he could never hurt me as hurting me." Women who be- taunted by their baby being this experience could affect a transmission of identity is Orthodox and Muslim tradi-

question: Why aren't we ence? These experiences experiments, as they are al- being. Genocides occurring happening out of hatred, but of pure evil. In last week's how I believe the world will

Activity

The Olive Branch Word Search!

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 WOMENS WEEK

On-Campus Events

Mar 28– April 3, 2013

Thursday, March 28th

The final event of Disability Awareness Month: "Community Connections" will be a wheelchair tennis event held in the Field Sports Building at 8pm on Thursday. Click here for more information: <http://cms.bsu.edu/about/administrativeoffices/dsd/programs/awareness/events>

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

The Conviction of Lady Lorraine

"A poignant story based on one woman's search for insight found in another woman's fight for justice... *The Conviction of Lady Lorraine* is a one-woman show written and performed by Dwandra Nickole Lampkin. Dwandra Nickole Lampkin is an actress, singer, playwright and Associate Professor of Theatre Performance and Director of Multicultural Theatre at Western Michigan University. Dwandra has received grants from the Indiana Arts Commission and Ball State University to conduct research on the topics of stereotypes and diversity at the Schomburg Center for Black Research in Harlem, New York and she received the ASPIRE Creative Grant to aid in the research and writing of this show."

This event will be held in the Student Center Ballroom and is sponsored by the Multicultural Center. Dinner will be served at 6:00 and the show begins at 7:00. Please RSVP to this event by contacting mc2@bsu.edu or 765-285-1344 no later than March 22nd.

Saturday, March 30th

From 10 am to 6 pm in North Quad 039, The Women's and Gender Studies Program here at BSU will close out their Women's Week events with *Elemental: A Sexual Assault Protection Seminar*. To register for this seminar, please contact elemental@bsu.edu or call 765-285-5253.

Sunday, March 31st, 6:30 pm, Pruis Hall

Ball State's Indian Student Association and WCRD FM are presenting a cultural program at 6:30 in Pruis Hall Sunday evening. This fun and festive event is FREE and will have authentic Indian food, music, games, dances, and more.

Sponsored by: SGA, UPB, Multicultural center, BP of wheeling, Hoosier Pete Marathon of Jackson, Hoosier Pete Stadium Marathon. For more information, contact isa@bsu.edu.

Monday, April 1st

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

Friday, April 5th, 8 a.m., David Owsley Art Museum

Yoga in the Museum Sculpture Court.

Wake up your morning with tension-releasing yoga lead by instructor Sarah Lyttle. 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>

On-Campus Events

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.

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."

Donate to the SVS 25th Annual Lend-A-Hand Day!

Student Voluntary Services is collecting donations of gently used clothing, home goods, new toiletries and non-perishable foods which will be given to Muncie residents in need at the YWCA on April 6th. Donations may be delivered to the Office of Student Life (SC 136) until March 30th or in any residence hall until March 1st. The residence hall with the most donations will win a personalized plaque to recognize their hard work!

Questions? Contact the SVS Grad Assistant, Michelle Kailey at mrkailey@bsu.edu or 765-285-3535.

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:

- 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.

On & Off-Campus Events

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

Friday, March 29th

Folks will be passing out leaflets and building relationships with the 70 HMS Host Food Service Workers who are on the verge of winning the union in their workplace at 11am and at 1 pm, at the Airport, sponsored by UNITE HERE Local 23. Carpooling from its office, 1701 W. 18, at 10:30 am or 12:30 pm avoids airport parking fees. For more info, phone Stuart Mora at 648-4573.

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

[Bloomington] An International Conference on "Islam, Political Islam, and Islamophobia" will take place this weekend at IU with a Keynote Address by Deepa Kumar entitled "Islamophobia and the Politics of Empire: From Neo-Liberalism to Imperialism" on Friday, 5-7 pm, in the IMU Faculty Club Room 250 and the rest of the conference on Saturday, 9:30 am – 7:30 pm, in the IMU Persimmon Room, sponsored by Ottoman and Modern Turkish Studies Chair at IU and others. For more info, email Mukaram Syed at msyed@msn.com

Saturday, March 30th

An Inaugural Eco Student Summit, featuring several panel discussions and workshops and two keynote speakers, will take place, 10 am - 4 pm, at the IU McKinney School of Law, New York and West. Afterwards Indiana Living Green magazine will host its annual "Earth Hour" party at the Indianapolis City Market, Market & Alabama, an event replete with art, music and celebration. For more info, email hoosier.chapter@sierraclub.org

[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

Monday, April 1st

[Bloomington] Peace Action Coalition Monthly Meeting will meet, 7-8:45 pm, in Room 1-A of the Monroe County Public Library, 303 E. Kirkwood Ave. For more info, contact Timothy Baer at (812) 988-1917 or BPAC-peace@hotmail.com

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)

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

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