

THE OLIVE BRANCH

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

WILL ALLEN

EMILY HART

Born to African-American sharecroppers in 1949, Will Allen grew up understanding the effects of structural violence and poverty. His family owned a farm in Maryland and Allen spent most of his childhood and youth helping them grow crops and raise livestock. They were able to grow enough food to allow them to lead a comfortable lifestyle, but as a child Allen noticed the distinct disparity between the lives of his African-American neighbors and the white families living in other parts of the town.

While his minority friends often worked long and hard hours on nearby farms and factory lines, often struggling to make ends meet and living in less-than-comfortable conditions, white people often appeared to be healthier, more contented, and had leisure time that Allen's community could not fathom.

Allen worked hard to succeed in school, doing well both in academics and athletics. He attended the University of Miami on a basketball scholarship, and went on to play professionally.

After retiring from the sport at the age of 28, Allen took a job at Procter and Gamble in Milwaukee. Though successful as a business man, he sought to find a deeper fulfillment in aiding his community.

Milwaukee is one of the top 10 most impoverished large cities in the United States; nearly 30 percent of its citizens live under the poverty line. Among the African-American and Hispanic populations, the rates are closer to 40 percent.

Allen observed this poverty, and saw how it led to equally high rates of crime, teen pregnancies, and delinquency—especially within minority groups. He likewise observed an alarming trend that is

affecting poor communities across the United States — a lack of access to fresh, nutritious foods was leading to elevated rates of obesity and diabetes in Milwaukee's youth, oxymoronically combined with health issues linked to a lack of necessary nutrients.

Many of these kids, Allen saw, experienced low food security and lived in what are known as “food deserts”, only able to access and afford high-fat, high-sodium, high-sugar junk foods that gave them more than enough calories but not enough vitamins, minerals, protein, or fiber. For thousands of families, fresh produce and lean proteins were either too expensive or too hard to find.

Allen did not miss the fact that a high percentage of the people living in these food deserts were racial minorities and/or immigrants. However unintentional, the relegating of minorities to undesirable neighborhoods (like ones where crime rates are high or healthy food is scarce), low-paying jobs, and sub-par schools is known as structural or institutional racism, and it perpetuates a system of inequality.

Often structural racism keeps minorities trapped in a cycle of poverty; this was something Allen witnessed on a day to day basis. Parents, who may have been denied higher education due to their race or their class, had to work low-income jobs and live in equally poor neighborhoods, and were therefore unable to provide their children with top-notch education, healthy food, and a safe place to live. These kids grew up similarly unable to gain access to a higher-paying job market, and many turned to illegal activities to earn extra money.

Many also had illnesses and diseases related to poor nutrition

and low food security. When these young adults began having families of their own, Allen knew that the next generation of children would most likely be stuck within the trap of poverty as well.

One day in 1993 while driving to work, Allen spotted something that would begin him on his journey to help his community. Several abandoned florist's greenhouses in a ragged old lot were for sale; though the glass walls were run through with holes from thrown rocks and bricks, Allen saw these structures' immense potential.

With his background working on his parents' farm in Maryland, Allen knew more than enough about the technical aspects of growing food. He wondered, however, if it was even possible to coax nutritious fruits and vegetables from the litter-filled, broken-down lot before him; and even more so, if it would be possible to grow enough of it to make a difference in the lives of thousands going without fresh food.

Driven by his desire to help his ailing community, Allen purchased the greenhouses and began working to build up the soil in the abandoned lot using food waste
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IN THE SPOTLIGHT WILL ALLEN (CONTINUED)

composted by red wiggler worms.

Through trial and error he developed a system of using this compost and a mixture of coconut fibers to grow various herbs, greens, and root vegetables, especially ones traditionally used in African-American cuisine.

Because his farm, which he named “Growing Power” was in a central location in a lower-class area of Milwaukee and because he chose to grow crops that would appeal to the minority members of the community, he quickly gained a devoted following.

When the workload became too great for just a few people to manage, Allen recruited local youth to work and volunteer for him. Many of these children and teenagers came from homes that were struggling to make ends meet and got most of their meals from the dozen or so fast-food fried chicken restaurants in the neighborhood.

In working with these youth, Allen taught them valuable lessons, giving them a strong work ethic and helping them support their families with fresh, organic vegetables. Many of these kids, given the chance to

help themselves and their families live a healthy lifestyle, were able to break out of the cycle of poverty surrounding the community.

One teenager, who had struggled with depression and bullying and was the son of a single parent, had felt from an early age that his options in life were limited; however, with Allen’s encouragement, he discovered a love for farming and went on to enjoy a successful career in the culinary arts.

Growing Power’s influence spread; food security in the area surrounding increased, as did community pride.

Research has shown that when urban gardens or farms are introduced into a community, the area’s rates of diet-related illnesses decrease, as do levels of depression, crime, and teen pregnancy.

Growing Power’s influence reflects these trends; with the help of the organization, community recreation centers, health clinics, and gardening programs at local schools have sprouted throughout the city. Allen is working to spread these beneficial effects beyond the limits of Milwaukee, sending out Growing

Power’s roots to parts of Chicago and even as far as Ghana.

Today, Growing Power is the only operational farm in the city of Milwaukee. There are six greenhouses and seven hoop houses in which herbs, sprouts, greens, and mushrooms grow. The greenhouses also each host a hydroponics system in which Tilapia and Perch are raised, and a dozen bins of red wiggler worms to break down food waste into compost.

Growing Powers also has turkeys, hens, ducks, and bees, and most of its production is fueled with sustainable renewable energy. In addition to providing the Milwaukee area and beyond with thousands of pounds of fresh, healthy food, Will Allen and Growing Power host workshops on composting, urban agriculture, renewable energy, and even on eliminating racism, promoting diversity, and building social justice within struggling communities.

Thousands of Milwaukee residents and individuals from around the world attend these workshops annually, spreading Allen’s work and message across the globe.

GROWING POWER’S VISION FOR FOOD AND JUSTICE

EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD IN LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR HAS FULL ACCESS TO FRESH, HEALTHY, LOCAL, AFFORDABLE, AND CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE FOOD EVERY DAY THROUGH A VARIETY OF RETAIL CHANNELS RANGING FROM FARMER’S MARKETS TO LOCALLY-OWNED STORES.

THE RESIDENTS OF NEIGHBORHOODS IN LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR OWN AND OPERATE SMALL BUSINESSES THAT PRODUCE, DISTRIBUTE, AND SELL THE FRESH, HEALTHY FOOD CONSUMED IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

THROUGH OWNERSHIP AND OPERATION OF THE LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM, EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD IN LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR ITS CHILDREN TO DEVELOP BUSINESS SKILLS AND LEADERSHIP CAPACITY OFFERING HOPE THAT EACH CHILD, EVERY FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY ITSELF CAN ACHIEVE ITS SELF-DETERMINED DESTINY.

ARTICLE

SERVICE AT BSU

KATE GIGLIO

Are you looking for the chance to make a difference? Giving back to the community is a great way to become involved, make new friends, and expand your network.

There are endless opportunities to make a positive impact on the people who live in and around the Muncie community. Find something that sparks your interests and jump right in! Student Voluntary Services, also known as SVS, is one of Ball State's largest student organizations. SVS promotes education, leadership, and community development through community service and social awareness.

When it comes to giving your time, it is important to identify a cause that you are passionate about and connect your passion with a correlating organization.

Are you an animal lover? There are plenty of organizations around Muncie for you to volunteer with. Muncie's Animal Relief Fund, better known as ARF, provides shelter and love to many animals until they find their "forever homes." If you are interested volunteering at ARF you can stop by the Adoption Center and pick up a Volunteer Handbook.

Similar to ARF, Action for Animals, Inc. is a volunteer based, non-profit organization dedicated to helping the animals of Muncie. Action for Animals serves as an animal shelter providing medical care and pet foster programs. In

addition to these services, Action for Animals also functions as a pet food pantry for families who otherwise could not afford to feed their animals. Because this is a volunteer based organization they are always looking for a helping hand.

Organizations focused on women's issues tend to be another area of interest for many people. Muncie is home to several non-profit organizations that focus on women's issues, providing volunteer opportunities to the Muncie community.

A Better Way provides shelter and services for victims of domestic violence, advocacy for victims of sexual assault, a 24-hour crisis line, afterschool programs, a suicide hotline, dating and domestic violence prevention programs, and a check-in call service for elderly or homebound people. A Better Way places a high value on their volunteers and to become involved you can visit their website for an application.

Another organization in Muncie that deals with women's issues is the YWCA. Volunteers serve as essential partners in helping the YWCA deliver programs and services to Muncie's women by promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

Another avenue for volunteering involves Muncie's local children. The Muncie Children's Museum provides various exciting volunteer positions including summer camp counselors, special event

volunteers, and floor monitors.

There are many thrilling volunteer activities that you can take part in at the Muncie Children's Museum.

In addition to the children's museum, the Delaware County Community Schools provide an excellent opportunity to become involved by using volunteers to tutor and mentor the children enrolled at the schools.

Another great organization to become involved with is Big Brothers Big Sisters of Delaware County. Volunteering as a Big Brother or a Big Sister provides you with the opportunity to change the life of a child by helping children develop strong relationships and boost their self-confidence.

There are volunteer opportunities all around the community waiting for you to jump right in. One of the greatest gifts that you can give is your time and when you are helping others, you can't help helping yourself.

If any of these topics or organizations spark your interest, you may contact Student Voluntary Services:

Website: studentvoluntaryservices.blogspot.com/

Email: svs@bsu.edu

Office: Student Center Rm. 136

Phone: (765) 285-1094

BLOG OF THE WEEK

LEIGH SEIBERT

One decision made by one individual, in the case with President George W. Bush and Iraq for an example, has led to unnecessary war in another country, the cover-up and lies made by the media, money wasted, lives taken, families hurt, a bad reputation, and most of all, a waste of time and energy.

More than ever, I am confused. I am confused as to why lying ever became okay in society. When has a lie ever benefited society, let alone an individual?

After lifting my hands up in the middle of the library multiple times in confusion, I was unsettled to watch *Collateral Murder* and to think about all of the elements that led up to that point in time and to think about all of the lives that would be changed afterwards.

Poor Saeed Chmagh's son has to live the rest of his life without a father, all because of soldiers who didn't have the decency to hold back their shooting of an innocent cameraman. Not only was their talking unnerving to hear how eager they were, but also, their reactions.

I can't imagine having not having enough sympathy to at least drive around the bodies or even just to take care of the children who were obvious bystanders. It's sad to think about how sad the soldiers must be that they no longer kill when attacked, but instead, when

they in the least bit felt threatened.

If this has happened more than once and the people actually knew about it, imagine the amount of infuriated people and consequences they would hold for those accountable.

There would be a multitude of riots and a new type of "Vietnam War". America would treat war so much different, similar to how they did the Vietnam War.

I would say one of the largest differences between now and then is the media coverage over each, as described in *Addicted to War*. As highlighted through the text, television is often used to make Americans feel that war is okay.

It's unfortunate to later find out that these TV networks are owned by some of the largest companies in the world, while also owned by the same people who sit on the boards of weapons manufacturers and other companies with vested interests in the world.

GE's Board Chairman, for instance, is also the Head of Office of Defense Mobilization while also in charge of multiple TV and radio stations including NBC.

This then makes me curious, if a majority of the population did know more about war, would it make a difference? Many knew about the "War on Terrorism" before it was activated, with almost 150 large cities, labor unions, and

church federations opposed to the idea of George H. W. Bush sending troops into the Middle East, yet it was still initiated.

As shown in the film *The Devil Came on Horseback*, there is always going to be a large group of people against or for the same objectives.

In the case of Sudan and the war between the Muslim North and the Christian South, over 180,000 were taken and over two million people were displaced from their homes, all for the fight for freedom. The two main rebel groups in Darfur, the Sudanese Liberation Army and the Justice and Equality Movement both wanted the same thing: education for their kids, access to land resources, and freedom of decisions.

Nowhere in the description for what they want did they say that they wanted families killed and torn apart, yet still it hasn't seemed to click in people's minds that war is obviously not the answer. If we each want something, what is stopping us from allowing everyone to have what they want?

There is no need for an all-girls school to be burned down for protected their families. There is no need for a man to be killed for carrying around a camera and doing his job. There is no need for a soldier to be sent to another country, only to keep an eye on suspicious suspects. I (continued)

BLOG OF THE WEEK (CONTINUED)

appreciate that *Addicted to War* has added a chapter in the back of the book named “Do Something About It!” This is a great start to end war.

By giving people a list of recommendations and by giving people unfiltered media, we can start to decide for ourselves what should be done across the world.

For pete’s sake, we are a democratic country, are we not? We are fully capable of making decisions and opinions on our own when given the opportunity and correct information.

There’s no need for a higher figure to make heavy decisions by himself, especially decisions at the cost of the lives of people he does not know.

“ Political Language
is designed to make
lies sound truthful and
murder respectable,
and to give the appearance
of solidity to pure wind.”
– George Orwell

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

NATIONAL EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK

**MON
25**

**“EVERYBODY CAN
EAT MINDFULLY”**

5:00-6:00 pm

**L.A. Pittenger Student Center
Pineshelf Room**

**IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THE
EVENTS, THERE WILL BE
EATING DISORDER
SCREENINGS
AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT
THE WEEK**

**TUE
26**

**“DIETS: WHAT EVERYBODY
DOESN'T KNOW”**

5:00-6:00 pm

**L.A. Pittenger Student Center
Pineshelf Room**

**Sunday-Thursday
5:00-9:00 pm
Student Recreation Center**

**WED
27**

**“MEDIA LIES: ONE SIZE
DOES NOT FIT EVERY-
BODY”**

5:00-6:00 pm

**L.A. Pittenger Student Center
Pineshelf Room**

**Monday-Thursday
Student Center Tally
11:00 am-1:00 pm**

**Free T-Shirt or Water Bottle
with each screening
while supplies last!**

**THU
28**

**“EVERYBODY WANTS TO
LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER:
THE FAIRYTALE EFFECT”**

5:00-6:00 pm

**L.A. Pittenger Student Center
Cardinal Hall C**

**Information on the “WEIGHT NOT,
WANT NOT” support group on
campus is listed on the previous
page.**

EVENTS ON CAMPUS THIS WEEK

**RUTHIE FOSTER AND
ERIC BIBB:
"THANKS FOR THE JOY"
Saturday Feb. 22 @ 7:30 pm
Pruis Hall**

Longtime friends and collaborators Ruthie Foster and Eric Bibb join forces to celebrate a night of joyful roots music.

Ticket price for BSU students:
\$5 in advance/\$10 at door
Ticket price for general public:
\$19 in advance/\$24 at door

For more information, please call
the Emens Box Office at
(765) 285-1539.

**VISITING ARTIST LECTURE:
PETER HAPPEL CHRISTIAN
Thursday Feb. 27 5:30-7:00 pm
Arts & Journalism Building
Room 225**

Integrated media artist Peter Happel Christian will discuss his investigations of social relationships with the natural world through the intersection of photography, sculpture, performance and collaboration.

**MEDITATION
IN THE MUSEUM
Fridays 3:30-4:30 pm
All Semester
David Owlsey Museum of Art**

This hour is reserved for quiet time.

**CENTER FOR PEACE AND
CONFLICT STUDIES
DISCUSSION SERIES:
LOCAL FOOD
AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
Monday Feb. 24 @ 3:30 pm
Student Center Multipurpose Rm**

Have you ever thought about how our nation's industrial food system affects consumers, workers, and farmers? Do you want to learn more about how you can make choices to support local business and small farmers?

Join us for a discussion panel on Local Food and Social Justice, featuring Professor Andrea Wolfe, Professor Scott Truex, Dave Ring of the Downtown Farmstand, and Marilyn Marks of Motivate our Minds.

**POVERTY STIMULATION
Wednesday March 5 6:00-8:30pm
L.A. Pittenger Student Center
Ballroom**

The Department of Sociology invites you to attend this role-playing opportunity to learn more about the reality and barriers that people in poverty face every day.

Participants experience one month of poverty compressed into the real time of one hour.

Spots are limited, so please RSVP to Melinda Messineo at mmessineo@bsu.edu.

**TRIBUTE TO NELSON
MANDELA
Tuesday Feb. 25 7:00-9:00 pm
Student Center Ballroom**

This will be a celebration of reconciliation as we honor Nelson Mandela.

Participants include Dr. Tony Naidoo from the University of Stellenbosch, Dr. Sophie Moagi from the University of Botswana, and partners from the Muncie and Marion communities.

A copy of the agenda can be found on the Office of Institutional Diversity website.

Doors open at 6:30 pm.

**COMMUNICATION AND
CULTURE:
DIALOGUING AND
DIFFERENCE SYMPOSIUM
Thursday Feb. 27 1:00-4:00 pm
David Letterman Building Lobby**

The CCIM Diversity Interest Group is proud to present Communication + Culture: Dialoguing Difference, a student symposium showcasing student work that addresses culture, diversity and difference.

If you teach during this time, please consider bringing your classes to visit.

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE SEMESTER

OUTREACH GROUPS Multicultural Center Library

ETHNIC/RACIAL MINORITY SUPPORT GROUP:

Safe, supportive place for ethnic/racial minority students to explore and discuss navigating 2+ cultures.

KNOWING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT STORIES:

This is designed to provide support for international students by coming together and sharing cross-cultural stories. Through sharing our stories, participants will find similarities and differences as well support from each other.

For more information, please: visit the Counseling Center or call (765) 285-1736

INTERNATIONAL CONVERSATION HOUR Tuesdays from 6:00-7:30 pm L.A. Pittenger Student Center Room 310

This program is designed to help international students practice English, learn studying skills and classroom culture, and make American friends.

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.

COUNSELING CENTER GROUP THERAPY SESSIONS Require appointment @ Center

CHOICES:

Group for students who are exploring changes in their relationship with substances.

JOURNEY TO WHOLENESS:

Safe, supportive place for survivors of sexual trauma to explore the meaning of their experiences and to explore effective ways of coping.

UNDERSTANDING SELF AND OTHERS:

Group members explore patterns of relating to self & others through understanding and acceptance.

WEIGHT NOT, WANT NOT:

Support group for women with eating disorders or body image struggles.

SAFE HAVEN:

This therapy group provides a safe place for GLBQ students to explore and discuss patterns of relating to self and others by discovering understanding and acceptance of themselves and others.

MINDFULNESS GROUP:

Assists students in alleviating uncomfortable feelings, such as anxiety, stress, anger, and sadness. The group will practice and discuss relaxation and mindfulness techniques.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENT EXPERIENCE EXHIBIT

Bracken Library Archives & Special Collections

As part of the celebration of Black History Month, the University Libraries are proud to present The Ball State University African-American Student Experience, 1970-2013: available until Feb. 28.

The display draws from several collections; featured are the Black Student Association Records, the Allen Williams Black Ball State Alumni Collection, the Robert Foster Papers, and the Marie Fraser Papers and Photographs.

CULTURE EXCHANGE: BURKINA FASO Feb. 26 from 12:00-1:00pm L.A. Pittenger Student Center Room 102

Want to learn about the world beyond Muncie? Join us at the Rinker Center for International Programs for a culture exchange!

Each week a different country is highlighted; presenters are typically natives that can offer an insider's look into the country and its culture. Attendees are welcome to bring a lunch to the presentation and are reminded to show respect and prevent distraction to presenters by arriving on time.

EVENTS OFF CAMPUS

FRIDAY FEB. 21

ANTI-WARFARE WEEKLY VIGIL

4:30-5:30 pm

Federal Building

**North St. & Pennsylvania St.
Indianapolis, IN**

Join our vigil to protest warfare,
sponsored by the Indianapolis
Peace & Justice Center.

Bring an appropriate sign or have
one provided.

For more information, contact:
Gilbert Kuhn at (765) 926-3068 or
Ron Haldeman at ronjane@igc.org.

"42" FILM SCREENING & DINNER

6:00 pm

**St. Luke's United Methodist Church
100 W. 86th St.
Indianapolis, IN**

The movie "42" tells the story of Jackie Robinson,
who became the first African-American player to break the baseball
color barrier.

For only \$3 you're welcome to our baseball-themed dinner that begins
at 6 pm, followed by the movie at 6:30 pm and discussion at 8:30 pm.

Sponsored by the church's Inclusion & Social Justice Committee and
The Garden and the Spiritual Life Center.

For more information or to register, please visit stlukesumc.com/news/

BALL STATE INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION BENEFIT SHOW

7:00 pm - 12:00 am

**The Living Room
Muncie, ind.**

Do you have a passion for justice?
Do you love music?
Do you enjoy coffee and finger-food?

Well, have we got an event for you...
Join us for a night of music, food, and friends,
all in the name of freedom and justice.

The cover fee is \$5
and all profits from IJM merch will go toward
the fight against human trafficking.

The lineup (in no order) includes:
Little Red Jessup & the Woofs,
Kevin Krauter, Rob Krosley, Bird of Paradise,
Jon Taylor's Kanayan Choir, Jay & Brice,
and Trackless.



EVENTS OFF CAMPUS

SATURDAY FEB. 22

C.U.R.E. MEETING

10:00 am-12:00 pm

**North United Methodist Church
W. 38 St. & Meridian St.
Indianapolis, IN**

Join us for this month's meeting of Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants.

For more information, please contact:
Marilyn Reed at (765) 352-0358

FAIR-TRADE BRUNCH

1:30-2:30 pm

**The Downtown Farmstand
Muncie, IN**

Connect to major themes in "Where Am I Eating?" by local author Kelsey Timmerman over brunch.

Transportation will be provided to students for free; meet at the Student Center information desk by 1:00 pm
Please sign up by 10am Feb. 21st.

For more information, please contact
Melinda at (765) 285-5530

"WAR IS NOT THE ANSWER!"

6:00 pm

**Brown County Courthouse
Nashville, IN**

This peace vigil will be sponsored by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

For more information, please contact
Tom Hougham at (317) 878-4210 or
annntom@hotmail.com

INDYKLEZ & THE MUNCIE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

7:00 pm

**Downtown Mutual Bank
Muncie, IN**

The Muncie Symphony Orchestra concludes its three concert chamber series "MSO Goes to Town" this Saturday with the ethnic program "Let's Klez It Up."

The series is part of the "MSO Goes to Town initiative," which features live ensemble music in unconventional locations.

INDYKLEZ offers a unique blend of Jewish vocal and instrumental music from around the world along with many other influences.

Student tickets:

\$10 advance/\$15 at door

General public tickets:

\$25 advance/\$30 at door

For more information, please visit:
www.munciesymphony.org/



FELLOWSHIPS

ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIPS

If you are looking to make an impact by promoting cooperation and tolerance than this may be for you!

Rotary Foundation provides 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.

There are two types of peace fellowships available.

The deadline for submitting applications is July 1, 2014.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowships>

TAPIR PROGRAM

The Transatlantic Post-Doc Fellowship for International Relations and Security (TAPIR) Program is open to candidates who have recently received their doctorate in social and political sciences or economics and whose research focuses on topics of international relations and/or international peace and security issues.

Fellowships are granted for a duration of 24 months to prepare Fellows for a career in international policy-oriented research at renowned think tanks and political consulting research institutes. Fellows spend three eight-month stays at institutions participating in the program - at least one on the Eastern and one on the Western side of the Atlantic.

The TAPIR fellowship is administered by the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik in Germany.

For more information about placements and applying, please visit:
<http://www.swp-berlin.org/de/projekte/tapir/call-for-applications.html>

CONFERENCES

THE 19th ANNUAL BLACK SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE

**February
Yale University
New Haven, CT**

Through a series of panels, discussions, and speakers, this year's conference participants will gain a historical understanding of the evolution of black art and analyze what role different forms of art play in the expression of black culture. by a student organization.

THE PEACE AND JUSTICE STUDIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE: "COURAGEOUS PRESENCE: SHIFTING STORIES & PRACTICES OF PEACE"

**October
San Diego, CA**

The conference will be held on the beautiful campus of the University of San Diego on a mesa overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Proposal submission deadline is April 1, 2014.

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON'S 10th BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

**Oct. 31 - Nov. 1
Boston, MA**

The conference will be focused on conflict studies and the new generation of ideas.

For more information, please visit:
<http://www.umb.edu/academics/mgs/crhsgg/conferences>

NOTRE DAME STUDENT PEACE CON- FERENCE March 29-30 Notre Dame, IN

The Annual Notre Dame Student Peace Conference attracts both undergraduate and graduate students from all across the United States and abroad who are committed to a rigorous, multi-disciplinary academic work on peacebuilding. Students present original research and showcase innovative peace building practices.

For more information regarding deadlines for research proposals, please visit:
kroc.nd.edu/undergraduate/notre-dame-student-peace-conference

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RACE AND ETHNICITY IN AMERICAN HIGHER EDUCATION Indianapolis, IN May 27- July 1

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.

For more information, please visit:
<https://www.ncore.ou.edu/>

ORGANIZATIONS

THE ALIVE CAMPAIGN

Wednesdays at 9:00 pm

Student Center

Pineshelf Room

The Alive Campaign is a student-run organization at Ball State that is dedicated to raising awareness towards suicide prevention and awareness by representing ourselves as a “life appreciation group”. In the United States, suicide rates currently exceed 38,000 per year. We believe something can be done. We believe students across the nation should step up and let their voice be heard. We believe that if we stood together and gave people a reason to believe in life, a reason to be ALIVE, we can make a difference.

BALL STATE INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION

Every other Tuesday at 6:00 pm

L.A. Pittenger Student Center

Room 301 (though location may vary)

Ball State IJM is a group of students who are passionate about ending slavery and human trafficking around the world. We believe that through Christ we can create tangible change in the lives of slaves through prayer, educating ourselves and others, changing our behavior, and volunteering as we are able.

Please email ballstateijm@gmail.com for specific information.

BALL STATE ‘TOMS’ CLUB

Wednesdays at 9:00 pm

Bracken Library

Room 201

TOMS Campus Club promotes the awareness, reality, and consequences of children living without shoes, and aids in charitable giving to this cause through programming and activities in accordance with the TOMS Shoes company.

ABOUT US



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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 organization