

THE OLIVE BRANCH

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

CINDY SHEEHAN

EMILY HART

Cindy Sheehan is an American antiwar activist, known most significantly for opposing the war in Iraq following the death of her son, Army Specialist Casey Sheehan.

Her extended protest at an improvised camp outside President George W. Bush's personal ranch in Texas drew international attention, and her continued demonstrations and publications regarding the United States military presence overseas has remained a prominent fixture in the movement to achieve more peaceful international relations.

Furthermore, Sheehan has focused on improving the lives of individuals in her home state of California, running for political offices in an effort to foster a more egalitarian, just society.

Prior to 2004, Cindy Sheehan doubted the necessity of the U.S. invasion of Iraq, stating that she did not regard Iraq as an imminent threat to the United States, but did not participate in antiwar activism.

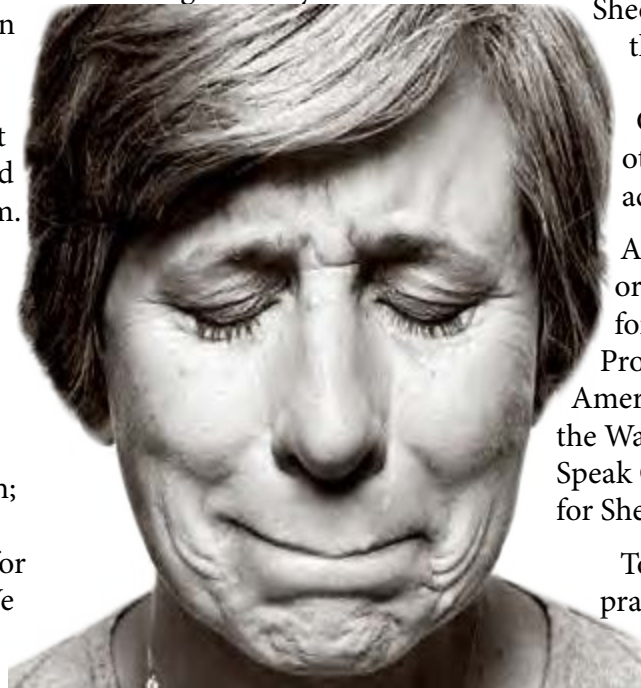
However, upon her son's death on April 4 of that year, she began questioning the cause her son had given his life for. Three months after this tragedy, Sheehan and other military families met with George W. Bush; while Sheehan felt that Bush was "sincere about wanting freedom for the Iraqis," she publicly stated "We haven't been happy with the way the war has been handled.

The president has changed his reasons for being over there very time a reason is proven false or an objective reached." It was at this time that Sheehan first felt compelled to officially work to oppose the war in Iraq.

One of her first acts of protest occurred at the presidential inauguration of 2005. Sheehan went to Washington D.C. and spoke at the opening of a traveling antiwar art exhibition entitled "Eyes Wide Open: the Human Cost of War."

This exhibit, created by the American Friends Service Committee, displayed combat boots representative of U.S. military casualties. Sheehan travelled with this exhibition and donated Casey's boots to the display, stating that "behind these boots is one broken-hearted family."

Invigorated by her intro-



duction to activism, Sheehan-founded the organization Gold Star Families for Peace later that month with other military families she met while at the inauguration. The mission of the group is to provide support to family members of soldiers killed in combat, and to push for an end to U.S. military involvement in Iraq.

Later that year, Sheehan began what is perhaps her most well-known protests against the war in Iraq. Beginning on August 6 of 2005, she constructed a makeshift camp on the side of the road three miles from George W. Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas, and announced her intention to live in the camp, dubbed "Camp Casey," until granted an audience with the president.

This was met with a great deal of media attention, and over the course of the next four weeks, Sheehan's camp was visited by thousands of supporters, including members of Congress, famous actors, and other peace and civil rights activists.

A number of peace-related organizations, such as Veterans for Peace, MoveOn.org, Progressive Democrats of America, Iraq Veterans Against the War, and Military Families Speak Out expressed their support for Sheehan as well.

Tom Matzzie of MoveOn praised her efforts, saying "In her grief and bravery, Cindy has (continued)

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CINDY SHEEHAN

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become a symbol for millions of Americans who demand better answers about the Iraq war.

Eventually, supporters came to camp with her. A leader of the Progressive Democrats of America described the conditions of the protest, explaining that

“We’ll be sleeping in a tent in the ditch along the roadside—the only place that the authorities will allow us to be... local authorities have told [Sheehan] that if we’re still there by Thursday we’ll be arrested as “national security risks”... She could well be the Rosa Parks of the movement against the Iraq War. Just as Rosa refused to leave the bus, Cindy is refusing to leave the roadside. She’s the spark that is igniting the anti-war movement.”

After four weeks, Sheehan moved on from Camp Casey, announcing that she would be continuing her antiwar campaign through the “Bring Them Home Now Tour,” a demonstration that would cover 42 cities in 26 states

and culminate in a three-day protest in Washington D.C. On the last day of the tour, Sheehan and 370 other demonstrators were arrested in front of the White House.

She has been arrested on many similar occasions as well, but remains committed to her cause, even in the face of repercussions.

After refusing to pay her 2004 federal income tax, Sheehan was sued by the IRS, but refused to compromise on her ideals, stating “I feel like I gave my son to this country in an illegal and immoral war. I’ll never get him back. If they can give me my son back, then I’ll pay my taxes. And that’s not going to happen.”

In order to publicize the anti-war effort, Sheehan hosts a weekly radio show and runs a website entitled “Cindy’s Soapbox” in which she has interviewed several notable activists and international leaders.

She has also written two books, *Dear President Bush* and *Peace Mom*, both published in 2006.

Sheehan has also sought political office in order to promote her cause; in 2007, she ran against Nancy Pelosi for the position of representative of California’s 8th

district.

Her platform was based around reforming health care, harnessing renewable energy, reducing jail sentences for drug-related offenses, ending torture, closing Guantanamo Bay, transparency and honesty in the media, ensuring fair talks in the Middle East, cleaning up contaminated “Superfund Sites,” and legalizing same-sex marriage.

The political race was between seven candidates, and Sheehan came in second after Pelosi, garnering over 16% of the votes.

In 2013, she announced her bid to run for the office of Governor of California in 2014 under the Peace and Freedom Party, promising to bring the state “peace economic equality, and environmental sustainability” and to dramatically reduce poverty in California.

For her work, Sheehan and the Gold Star Families for Peace organization were awarded the “Domestic Human Rights Award” by Global Exchange, an international human rights organization. In 2010, her activism was memorialized in a play written by Nobel Laureate Dario Fo, entitled “Peace Mom.”

ARTICLE

KONY 2012

KATE GIGLIO

Do you remember a couple of years ago when the “KONY 2012” video became popular? The video reached 100 million views in six days making it the fastest growing viral video in history (invisiblechildren.com).

The 30 minute video was the attempt to make an obscure criminal famous. If he became famous, would the world work together to put an end to his horrible actions? What has happened since the video went viral? What progress has been made?

The KONY 2012 experiment sparked more international activity focused on stopping Joseph Kony and his army than ever before. The leaders of the experiment created four goals: making Joseph Kony a household name, increasing civilian protection in Uganda, pressuring international governments to support the efforts of stopping Kony and his army, and capturing of Joseph Kony and his commanders.

All of these goals were met except for the capture.

The number of killings by Kony’s army dropped 67% from 2011 to 2012 and Invisible Children has constructed three radio towers to broadcast “come home” messages over 37,000 square kilometers of land traveled by Kony’s army. (www.invisiblechildren.com/kony).

There has been a lot of progress made since the release of the “KONY 2012” video. Individuals around the world have done everything in their power to see the capture of Joseph Kony and now the responsibility of actually apprehending him lies in the hands of governments around the world.

It is tremendously important to continue to remind government leaders of the urgency to capture Kony.

After President Obama sent additional advisers in 2011, Kony’s

army had started to weaken (invisiblechildren.com). On March 23, 2014, Helen Cooper reported that President Obama is sending 150 Air Force Special Operations forces and other airmen to Uganda to assist in the search for Joseph Kony (New York Times).

The progress being made is “epic” according to Jason Russell, the founder of Invisible Children, but there is still more work to be done. It is pivotal to invest time in coordinating efforts between international governments to protect civilians from Kony’s attacks and prevent his army from crossing the borders of surrounding countries.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE MOVEMENT TO CAPTURE JOSEPH KONY AND PUT HIS ACTIONS TO AN END, PLEASE VISIT:

WWW.INVISIBLECHILDREN.COM/KONY

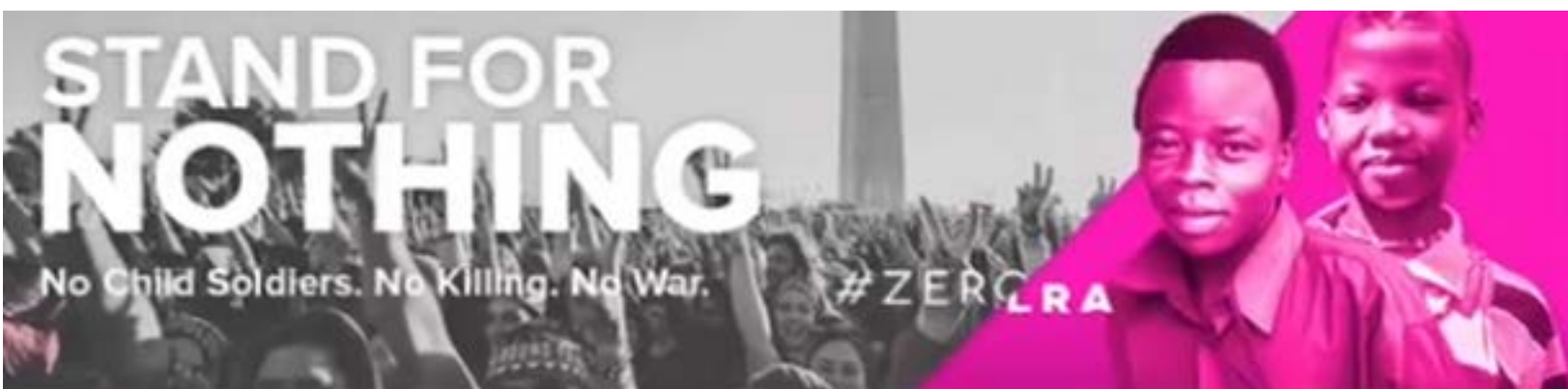


photo courtesy of www.invisiblechildren.com

SPECIAL EVENTS ON CAMPUS

DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

**MON
31**

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL
Student Recreation Center
7:00pm

Learn about and then play wheelchair basketball!
Sport wheelchairs will be available.

NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

**MON
31**

LAST DAY OF JAMBA JUICE DISCOUNTS
THE ATRIUM

Enjoy a free Kale Boost in any beverage and
50 cents off all Kale Smoothies!

EVENTS ON CAMPUS THIS WEEK

STUDENT VOLUNTARY SERVICES DONATION COLLECTION Ends today!

Do you have clothes that you don't wear anymore?
Would you like to give back to the
Muncie community?

SVS is collecting gently used clothes, un-used toiletries, and baby items to donate.

Collection barrels can be found in each Residence Hall, as well as the Scheidler main office and laundry room.
You may also drop donations at the Office of Student Life.

For more information, please contact:
Darren Meeker at: svs@bsu.edu or 765-285-1095.

LEADING CHANGE WORKSHOP SERIES: "IDENTITY- KNOWING AND OWNING WHO YOU ARE" March 31 @ 7:00 pm L.A. Pittenger Student Center Cardinal Hall C

We all have an identity comprised of different components such as gender, religion, etc.

Some of those components are controllable, while others are inherent. In this workshop, you will identify the components that define you as a person, and realize the ways in which your identity directly influences your environment.

LEADING CHANGE is a workshop series sponsored by MOSAIC (a newly formed social justice peer education program sponsored by the Office of Student Life) and is designed to engage undergraduate students in open dialogues focused on social justice topics to promote awareness, change, and intergroup understanding.

Please register for the workshop at:
www.bsu.edu/forms/studentlife/leadingchange

Cinema of Justice
a Documentary film

Nomad Movies (India) and
University of Leeds (UK) presents,

“BIRTH 1871”

History, the State and the Arts of Denotified Tribes in India



Movie screening and discussion with

Director : Dakxin Bajrange

April 1st, 2014
7pm at BB100

Sponsors: Department of Sociology, Department of History, Freshman Connections
Organized by the South Asia Center

Holocaust Survivor EVA MOZES KOR

Thursday, April 3, 2014 - Free Public Convocation

3:00pm documentary film | 4:00pm presentation

Emens College-Community Auditorium

Ball State University | Muncie, Ind.

*Forgiveness
is a seed for
peace*

Eva and her twin sister, Miriam, were subjects in Josef Mengele's infamous Twin Studies. They were held in a Nazi Death Camp in Auschwitz, Poland.

Approximately 1500 sets of twins were abused, and most died as a result of these experiments.





PLEASE JOIN THE CITY OF MUNCIE, BALL STATE'S SOCIAL JUSTICE LEAGUE,
AND BALL STATE'S CENTER FOR PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES IN

THE RELAY FOR NONVIOLENCE

12:30 Registration — 1:00 Relay Starts — 4:00 Relay Ends

12:30-4:30
THERE WILL ALSO BE:

SOCIAL JUSTICE FAIR
YOGA & FOOD & ZUMBA
AMERICA'S HOMETOWN BAND

www.bsu.edu/peacecenter/relay

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE SEMESTER

CULTURE EXCHANGE:

April 2 from 12:00-1:00pm
L.A. Pittenger Student Center
Rinker International Center
Room 102

Want to learn about the world
beyond Muncie?

Join us for a culture exchange!

Each week a different country is
highlighted, typically by 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.

**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 mean-
ing of their experiences and to explore effective ways of coping.

UNDERSTANDING SELF AND

OTHERS:

Group members explore patterns of relating to self & others through un-
derstanding and acceptance, as well as discover common bonds through
emotional experiences.

WEIGHT NOT, WANT NOT:

Support group for women with eating disorders or body image struggles who
want to explore ways to cope.

SAFE HAVEN:

This therapy group provides a safe place for GLBQ students to explore
and discuss patterns of relating to self 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.

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

EVENTS OFF CAMPUS

FRIDAY MARCH 28

ANTI-WARFARE WEEKLY VIGIL

4:30-5:30 pm

Indianapolis Federal Building

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

Bring an appropriate sign or have one provided.

For more information, please contact:

Gilbert Kuhn at (765) 926-3068 or Ron Haldeman at ronjane@igc.org

SATURDAY MARCH 29

“WAR IS NOT THE ANSWER!” PEACE VIGIL

6:00pm

Brown County Courthouse

Nashville, Ind.

There will be a Peace Vigil on the theme “War Is Not The Answer!” sponsored by Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom.

For more information, please contact:

Tom Hougham at 878-4210 or annntom@hotmail.com

EARTH HOUR PARTY

7:00 pm – 1:00 am

City Market, 222 E. Market St.

Indianapolis, Ind.

Join us for Jim Poyser’s annual Earth Hour party! This event is a fund raiser for Earth Charter Indiana and its new youth initiative, Youth Power Indiana. Community groups can table for free. Among other performers, Wyatt Watkins and his friends will be playing.

For more information, please email:

Jim Poyser at jimpoyser@earthcharterindiana.org

EVENTS

OFF CAMPUS

NEXT WEEK

MONDAY MARCH 31

MEDITATION

6:00-6:20 pm

Unity of Indianapolis

Indianapolis, IN

Join us for our weekly meditation with Michael Wright to hold the vision of the inevitable occurrence of world peace.
Please enter the building from the parking lot behind building.

For more information, please:
call Michael at 627-3225, or email Dorothy Mack at mackda@att.net

SUNDAY APRIL 5

AFGHAN WOMEN AND KIDS EDUCATION AND NECESSITIES 12th ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

5:30 pm

Unitarian Universalist Church

Indianapolis, IN

Please join AWAKEN for an evening of authentic Afghan cuisine and learn about the work AWAKEN is doing for the women and children of rural Afghanistan.

All of the meal's proceeds will be used to maintain a medical clinic, open a women's vocational training and literacy program, and provide education for girls, boys, and young women in the Nangarhar Province of Afghanistan.

Tickets for this dinner are \$200 for a table of six; \$35 for one adult; \$25 for students; \$15 for children 12 & under. Please visit www.awakeninc.org or email awakenbibi@comcast.net to pre-register for this event. Reservations are due March 28.

For more information, please:
call 765-282-5573 or email awakenbibi@comcast.net

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

NOTRE DAME STUDENT PEACE CONFERENCE

**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/>

PEACE STUDIES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**Indianapolis, IN
May 1- May 3**

Inspired by the correspondence between Albert Einstein and Sigmund Freud in 1931-2 on the question, "Why War?" and its goal of exerting "a significant and wholesome moral influence on the solution of political problems," The Alliance For Peace is inviting scholars and practitioners to Bradford to debate the intellectual agenda for peace studies in the next century. The conference begins on May 1st and ends on May 3rd, registration ends March 31st.

For more information, please visit:
www.allianceforpeacebuilding.org/event/2014/05/peace-studies-international-conference/

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>

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.

For more information, please email ballstateijm@gmail.com

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.

GO FOSSIL FREE BALL STATE

**Mondays at 5:00 pm
Bracken Library Room 201**

Go Fossil Free Ball State is part of an international movement to get universities, communities, churches, and businesses to divest from the fossil fuel industry and reinvest in green technology. Through various sorts of events we inform the public and the Ball State Foundation on why it is critical to divest if we want to be seen as a sustainable campus.

For more information, please email Kourtney Dillavou at kmdillavou@bsu.edu.

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