


# THE OLIVE BRANCH

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# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## EDNA ADAN

### EMILY HART

Edna Adan was born to a prominent medical family on September 8, 1937 in Somaliland, an autonomous region of Somalia.

She is known as a pioneer in the movement to improve women's and children's health around the world, working as an important figure in the World Health Organization and founding the Edna Adan Maternity Hospital. This hospital, which Edna currently directs, is Somaliland's leading medical facility, providing revolutionary health care to the impoverished individuals of the area.

Through her work, Edna promotes quality reproductive, maternal, and pediatric health care to women and children throughout her country and fights to abolish harmful cultural practices such as female genital cutting.

Edna was fortunate enough to be born into a privileged family during a peaceful time in Somaliland's history. Her father was a

well-known doctor in the area, and this allowed teenaged Edna to work in the state's only girls'

school as a student teacher and to receive private lessons from well-educated tutors.

This education led Edna to be the only female of her generation to take the nation's final exams for high school students, sitting alone in a vast lecture hall in order to comply with the laws requiring a separation of genders. She excelled in her exams and was subsequently awarded a coveted scholarship to study at the Borough Polytechnic School in the United Kingdom.

As the first Somali woman to study in Britain, Edna was motivated by her country's high rates of maternal and infant mortality and spent seven years getting degrees in nursing, midwifery, and hospital management. Upon returning to her own country, she was hailed as the first qualified nurse-midwife in the nation.

Soon after completing her education, Edna married Mohamed Haji Ibrahim Egal, who was at the time the Head of Government in British Somaliland. Less than a week after their marriage, Somalia gained independence from the British government and Egal was promoted first to the position of Prime Minister of Somalia and then to President of Somaliland.

Edna enjoyed her position as first lady of the nation, but Egal was physically abusive and domineering. In what was regarded as a revolutionary move, Edna divorced him and began making plans to construct her own hospital in Mog-

adishu, Somalia's capital. However, civil war soon broke out in the nation, and Edna was forced to halt her efforts and leave the country for her own safety. While abroad, she began a career with the World Health Organization (WHO).

While with WHO, she held several important positions, including the Regional Nursing Adviser and the Regional Technical Officer for Mother and Child Health. Here, Edna began her work training professional midwives and birth attendants and addressing issues relating to harmful cultural practices and norms that compromised the health and wellbeing of women and children, such as patriarchal systems that denied professional medical attention to sick girls and women and promoted the widespread tradition of female genital cutting (FGC).

FGC, a ritual practiced among many ethnic groups in Africa, involves the partial or complete removal and/or sewing up of girls' external genitalia to "preserve their sexual purity and increase their marriageability."

However, the practice also leads to many medical complications, including severe scarification that can make intercourse extremely painful and childbirth nearly impossible and very dangerous. It is not uncommon for women who have undergone FGC to experience potentially fatal complications during pregnancy and childbirth, and (continued)



Image courtesy of [www.longlivesomaliland.com/](http://www.longlivesomaliland.com/)

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## EDNA ADAN

### (CONTINUED)

there have been several instances of girls dying due to infections or hemorrhaging as a result of the cutting.

Despite her work with WHO, Edna still felt that her mission to provide healthcare to impoverished peoples was unfulfilled. She had not lost her vision of constructing her own hospital, so she retired from WHO, cashed in her U.N. pension, and sold most of her possessions including her Mercedes, her jewelry, and her dishwasher. Edna.

She then returned to Somaliland (now a sovereign nation) with these funds in order to make her dream a reality. The Somali Civil War had destroyed the country's entire infrastructure and left it with no medical facilities.

Most of the medically trained professionals that had existed in the country prior to the war had either fled or been killed, and the rates of maternal and infant mortality had risen even higher. Edna decided to construct her hospital in Somaliland's capital of Hargeisa.

The only land available was a plot in the poor area of the city that had been previously used as a waste facility. For Edna's purposes, though, the location was ideal; she recognized that the impoverished people who needed the most help would not be able to travel to nicer parts of town, so it was necessary to build her facility in their vicinity.

She negotiated with the President, her ex-husband, to obtain the land and the construction of the hospital was started on the first of January in 1998.

Despite roadblocks along the way, such as when the project ran out of money before the roof could be installed, Edna nevertheless persevered and, with the help of funds from local businesses and donations from a non-profit organization she started known as the Friends of Edna's Hospital, the facility was completed and opened to patients in 2002.

Because the region had lost most of its trained medical workers, Edna recruited and trained over 30 local underprivileged women, many of them also victims of FGC and domestic violence, to become her staff.

Today, Edna Adan Maternity Hospital is a non-profit facility that serves as a means to provide quality health care to people whose lives have been traumatized by war and poverty and to provide training for nurses, midwives, and other health workers. Edna's hospital is currently one of the largest buildings in Hargeisa, with two operating theatres, a library, a computer center, diagnostic laboratories, a blood bank, and a complete wing dedicated to medical training.

This training—which has Edna working closely with Somaliland's Ministry of Health, UNICEF, and WHO—is aimed at teaching and dispatching thousands of qualified midwives and nurses throughout Somaliland and surrounding areas in order to provide the region with adequate care, as well as gainful employment to otherwise undereducated and impoverished individuals.

The hospita provides not only maternal care, but it also treats a vast range of problems including sexually transmitted diseases, cleft palates, and spina bifida.

So impressive is its reputation that the Edna Adan Maternity Hospital has become the go-to facility for U.N. and other development workers in the area; Direct Relief International even describes it as providing the region's best medical care, especially in regards to obstetric emergencies.

In 2009, Edna Adan and her hospital were featured in the book *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*.

Focusing on her work in training underprivileged women and providing optimal reproductive, maternal, and pediatric health care to a struggling part of the world, the book hailed her for her humanitarianism and her determination.

In 2012, the *Half the Sky* movement released a documentary of the same name, which also featured Edna. The documentary revealed that Edna's hospital has delivered and treated roughly 12,000 children in the past decade, and has cut her patient's mortality rates to one fourth of her country's national average.

Furthermore, Edna's work has led to increased conversation among her nation's women about the dangers of female genital cutting, leading several mothers to spare their daughters this traumatic ritual.

# ARTICLE LENT

KATE GIGLIO

The beginning of the Lenten season may signify “Fat Tuesday” and numerous Mardi Gras parties to some, but to the members of various religious communities, Lent is a 40 day period of repentance and reflection leading up to Easter Sunday. Wednesday marked the beginning of the Lenten season for the communities of some Christian denominations in the Western world. For some Eastern religions, Lent begins on the Monday of the seventh week before Easter.

The Lutheran Church recognizes Lent as a time to prepare their hearts for Easter by studying the creed. Martin Luther, the founder of the Lutheran Church, viewed Lent as a time to preserve the history of the Passion of Jesus Christ (Our Redeemer Lutheran Church).

Lutherans consider the decision to partake in the Lenten practices optional. Some of these practices include midweek services, bible studies and reviewing devotional material in order to face the sin that can jeopardize their journey with God.

Roman Catholicism is another religious denomination that participates in Lenten practices. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of

the Lenten season for the Roman Catholics, and on this day ashes, shaped as a cross, are placed on the foreheads of those who attend Mass. The ashes are a symbol of penance and serve as a reminder that life on Earth is temporary, but the soul can live eternally with God (Catholic.org).

A practice of the Roman Catholic's during Lent is making additional sacrifices including fasting and abstaining from meat, to remind Catholics of the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made for his people. The fasting and abstaining happens on each Friday during Lent, as well as on Ash Wednesday. Stations of the Cross is another ritual that Roman Catholics partake in, during the Lenten season. Stations of the Cross is similar to a prayer service to remember Jesus' journey to his crucifixion. The rituals and norms that are practiced by Roman Catholics during Lent are meant to reflect on the sacrifices the Jesus made and repent for their sins.

Lent begins on “Clean Monday” in the Eastern Orthodoxy, which takes place on the seventh Monday before Easter. Eastern Orthodox Christians are held to a very strict fast every Wednesday and

Friday during Lent, avoiding meat, fish, eggs, dairy products, olive oil, wine and other alcoholic drinks.

Orthodox Christians do observe exceptions to fasting when it comes to children, the elderly and pregnant or nursing women. The fasting that takes place during Lent is viewed as contributing to the purification and preparation of their hearts (oca.org).

During Lenten services the gates to the altar area remain closed to represent man's separation from God through sin. Each Sunday of Lent represents and honors a Saint and the Sunday before Easter, known as Palm Sunday, celebrates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (oca.org). In the Eastern Orthodox, Lent is a time for preparation and examining one's inner life.

Overall, Lent is a time for penance and self-examination to prepare the hearts of Christians for Jesus' death and resurrection. The 40 day journey is meant to enhance relationships with God and become more conscious of one's spiritual character.

**YOU CAN CONTACT A LOCAL CHURCH FOR MORE INFORMATION MORE ABOUT LENT OR LENTEN PRACTICES.**

## **THE LUTHERAN'S LIST OF THE MAIN RITUALS THAT ACCOMPANY THE LENTEN SEASON**

- 1) “NAMING THE DEATHS”
- 2) “GRIEVING THE LOSSES”
- 3) “REFUSING TO CLING”  
BY PLACING YOUR PROBLEMS IN GOD'S HANDS TO SOLVE

- 4) “CLAIM & CELEBRATE BIRTHS”  
FROM THE PAST YEAR,  
REPRESENTING NEW BEGINNINGS
- 5) “PRAYING” TO GOD EVERY STEP  
OF THE WAY



# BLOG OF THE WEEK

## KATIE HARPER

When reading about the genocide committed in Rwanda and Cambodia, it's almost incomprehensible for me to process just how much devastation hatred can create, simply by power being placed into the wrong hands.

In Cambodia it was war that gave the unelected Khmer Rouge its surge of recruits, and war that equipped the KR with weapons and the will to use them against the Cambodian people in attempts to establish a concrete Communist society. It's uncanny to think how easily manipulated a population can be, and how effective radicals of opposing political parties can be in gaining militant support and participation in the mass slaughter of neighbors, friends, and even family members; all for the supposed 'betterment of their society'.

In the movie *Sometimes in April*, Honoré's relationship with his brother and his entire family is compromised by his involvement with the Hutu radicals. Though he did try to save his sister-in-law and his nephews, it took him witnessing their murders to really put into context the savagery of the Hutu clan's intent for the 'ethnic cleansing' of Tutsi citizens.

After completing the readings for our Conflict Analysis course and watching movies like *Hotel Rwanda* and *Sometimes in April*, it's almost hard to not be mad at the UN for pulling out at such a

crucial moment, when peacekeepers were absolutely imperative to the protection of Rwandan civilians.

In terms of 'national interest', the UN believes that it did everything right . . . though we were loyal to a policy that allowed for hundreds of thousands of people to be killed.

The same can be said for the French Embassy in Cambodia when the KR started evacuating the capitol of Phnom Penh. Terrified Cambodians sought refuge in the Embassy that was not willing to provide help to them, and the abandonment of US officials left more citizens in an absolute state of despair because they knew no one was coming to their aid.

And the most disturbing factor in all of this is that civilians now form the greatest number of casualties in all wars, primarily through means of genocide.

They are regarded with indifference by the warring armies, and with concealed indifference by warring governments (which may not even be their own).

To gain aid or involvement from another powerful country, or even global recognition for necessary relief to be provided from institutions like the UN, it appears that there always has to be an underlying payoff for the countries that provide assistance.

Even in *Sometimes in April*, they touch on the fact that the US doesn't feel the need to involve itself in the Rwandan conflict because it has no foreign ties to the country, it has no resources that we can profit from, and so why would we risk the lives of our men to help them when we receive nothing in return?

If there isn't a payoff, then no action is taken. And if no action is taken, then genocide has no opponent and will continue to be used as an effective mechanism of war for generations to come.

How exactly do we define genocide?

How much does it take for a country to decide that an intervention is needed?

How many people have to die for the world to notice?

Or for the world to even care?

The fact that there is no definitive answer for any of these questions is the reason that genocide is still as prevalent in this day and age, as it was hundreds of years ago.

# EVENTS ON CAMPUS

## DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

**MON  
17**

**WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL**  
**Student Recreation Center**  
**7:00pm**

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

**WED  
19**

**DREAM TO DARE**  
**AWARENESS TABLES**  
**Student Center Tally 11:00m-4:00pm**

Informational brochures, stickers, pins, and more  
will be available!

**THU  
20**

**BROWN BAG LUNCH DISCUSSION**  
**Student Center Forum Room 12:00pm**

Join in a discussion with ADA & Freedom By  
Design about universal design concepts in higher  
education. Deli sandwiches and a few side dishes  
will be provided along with drinks.

**MON  
24**

**WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL**  
**Student Recreation Center**  
**7:00pm**

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

**MON  
31**

**WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL**  
**Student Recreation Center**  
**7:00pm**

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

# EVENTS ON CAMPUS

## NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

**TUE  
18**

### EMPLOYEE-ONLY BIOMETRIC SCREENINGS

**Health Center: Room 4**

**7:30-9:30am**

Schedule your 15min. appointment to learn your cholesterol and blood pressure values!

### NUTRITION JEOPARDY

**Woodworth Commons**

**11:00am-1:00pm**

Compete in knowledge categories like "Build Me Strong" to win prizes from BSU Dining's dietician!

**WED  
19**

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**Health Center: Room 4**

Schedule your 15min. appointment to learn your cholesterol and blood pressure values!

### "HEALTHY FOODS THAT AREN'T HEALTHY"

**Recreation Center Lobby**

**11:00am-1:00pm**

Find out what to look for on nutrition labels from Peer Educators!

**THU  
20**

### NUTRITION JEOPARDY

**Noyer Center's Retreat**

**11:30am-1:00pm**

Learn about The Retreat's "Health Zone," healthy substitution options, and how to use NetNutrition to discover the nutrition of your favorite dishes. A dining voucher will be raffled, too!

**FRI  
21**

### #FOODIEFRIDAY

**Scramble Light**

**11:00am-2:00pm**

Stop by and grab a free: healthy snack, mini waterbottle, and Ball State Dietetic Association information!

**J A M B A  
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DISCOUNTS**

**FREE SAMPLES OF APPLES'N GREENS SMOOTHIES**

**\$1 OFF APPLES'N GREENS SMOOTHIES 11:00am-1:00pm**

**FREE KALE-BOOSTS**

**FREE "I <3 KALE" BUTTONS**

**50 CENTS OFF KALE SMOOTHIES**

# EVENTS ON CAMPUS THIS WEEK

**LEADING CHANGE  
WORKSHOP SERIES:  
“ACTIVISM, A VISIONARY FOR CHANGE”  
Wednesday March 19 @ 7:00 pm  
L.A. Pittenger Student Center  
Room 303**

Are you an activist?

Do you want to become an activist?

Activists are people who see the need for change and advocate for that change.

This workshop will teach you how to use your own experiences and passions to influence others in your efforts to improve the world around us.

*Leading Change* is a workshop series sponsored by MOSAIC (a newly formed social justice peer education program through 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](http://www.bsu.edu/forms/studentlife/leadingchange)

**“THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES”  
March 25-26 @ 7:00 pm  
L.A. Pittenger Student Center  
Ballroom**

Join Feminists for Action and the Multicultural Center for The Vagina Monologues 2014!

Tickets cost \$5 (cash only, please) and are available in the Student Center, Room 116

All proceeds benefit A Better Way.

**STUDENT VOLUNTARY SERVICES  
DONATION COLLECTION  
Today until March 28**

Do you have clothes that you don't wear anymore?

Are they taking up space in your closet?

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](mailto:svs@bsu.edu) or 765-285-1095.



# EVENTS ON CAMPUS

AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE SEMESTER

## **CULTURE EXCHANGE: UZBEKISTAN**

**March 19 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 highlighte, 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 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:

Suppor 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 7

### **ANTI-WARFARE WEEKLY VIGIL**

**4:30-5:30 pm**

**Federal Building  
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, please contact:  
Gilbert Kuhn at (765) 926-3068 or  
Ron Haldeman at [ronjane@igc.org](mailto:ronjane@igc.org).

## SATURDAY MARCH 8

### **OXFAM ACTION CORPS**

**WOMEN'S DAY**

**6:15 pm**

**Interchurch Center  
Indianapolis, IN**

Oxfam Action Corps will honor Dr. Stephanie Kimball for International Women's Day.

For more information, please: email Kimberly Kiser at [kdkiser@ameritech.net](mailto:kdkiser@ameritech.net)

### **WOMAN IN BLACK PROTEST**

**11:30am**

**Monument Circle  
Indianapolis, IN**

Women in Black will gather and 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 information, please email:  
Judy King at [timothy\\_a\\_king@hotmail.com](mailto:timothy_a_king@hotmail.com)

### **"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](mailto:annntom@hotmail.com)

# EVENTS OFF CAMPUS

## SUNDAY MARCH 9

### **MAKING PEACE AMONG RELIGIONS WITHIN MYSELF**

**10:00 am**

**St Andrew Presbyterian Church  
Muncie , IN**

Jim Wolfe will be preaching about “Making Peace among Religions within Myself” at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

For more information, please: email [jwolfe@uindy.edu](mailto:jwolfe@uindy.edu)

## MONDAY MARCH 10

### **COLUMBUS PEACE FELLOWSHIP MEETING**

**12:00 pm**

**First Presbyterian Church  
Columbus , IN**

The Columbus Peace Fellowship will meet at noon at First Presbyterian Church.

For more information, please: email Sarah Grey at [sarahgrey@att.net](mailto:sarahgrey@att.net)

### **DIGNITY INDIANAPOLIS St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church Indianapolis, IN**

Dignity Indianapolis, a Catholic GLBT and allies group, will hold its monthly Mass and pitch-in meal at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church.

For more information, please:  
visit [dignityindy.org](http://dignityindy.org) or  
email Steve at  
[dignityindy@rocketmail.com](mailto:dignityindy@rocketmail.com)

### **MEDIATION Unity of Indianapolis Indianapolis, IN**

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](mailto:mackda@att.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

## **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](http://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.

For more information, please email [ballstateijm@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:kmdillavou@bsu.edu).

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**THE CENTER FOR PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES**  
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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.

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