

# The Olive Branch

## Spotlight Article: Shannen Koostachin

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Shannen Koostachin was born in 1994 in Attawapiskat First Nation near the James Bay Coast of Ontario, Canada. She is best known for her legacy as a youth leader in Native American activism, especially for her work relating to Native American educational rights. Shannen was a nominee for the International Children's Peace Prize in 2008 and her organization, Shannen's Dream, is still active today in promoting educational rights for First Nations youth.

In Shannen's home reservation of Attawapiskat, J.R. Nakogee Elementary School was the only place for the 400 children in the First Nations tribe to learn. While Shannen was a young child, the school's land was contaminated by thousands of gallons of spilled diesel fuel in an accident that many First Nations individuals see as an act of environmental racism. The now-toxic building was condemned and destroyed, and the federal Canadian government gave the

school's students a temporary school facility comprised of several portable trailers. However, though the government promised to fund the construction of a new, permanent facility, the trailers stayed in place for nine years. The trailers were creaky and drafty; the doors were warped and the windows would rattle in the wind. In the winter, the heat would often go out and the elementary school students would have to brave the cold to move from class to class. Shannen never had a chance to learn in a proper school building, and it became clear to her that the government's promise of a brand-new, permanent school was not going to be realized without pressure from First Nations Students.

In 2007, after the federal government backed out of its third promise to construct a new school for the Attawapiskat tribe, Shannen organized a protest called "Students Helping Students," utilizing social media activism and letter-writing cam-

paigns to raise awareness about their tribe's situation and garner funds. At the age of 13, Shannen convinced thousands of native and non-aboriginal children across Canada to contact their government, demanding safe and comfortable school facilities and high-quality, culturally relevant education for First Nations students. This motivated three Ministers of Indian Affairs to promise a new school; however, these ministers never followed through. Shannen kept pressing Canadian officials to help her tribe; in 2008, Minister of Indian Affairs Chuck Strahl responded to the students that the federal government was unable to provide funds for a new school. Shannen and her fellow protestors did not believe him, and reallocated the funds for their 8th-grade trip to Niagara Falls to send Shannen and two other students to meet with Strahl. Her argument was inspiring and compelling, but Strahl was still reluctant to offer funding.

Frustrated that



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her tribe's problems were not seen as a priority, Shannen told the Minister that she wanted to ensure that the younger children in her community received a good education and would not give up her crusade. She began channeling her activism into larger platforms; later that year, she began speaking at conferences and universities across Canada, giving interviews to newspapers and magazines, and ultimately speaking on the steps of Canada's Parliament Hill.

By 2009, Shannen had been named an Ambassador for the Attawapiskat tribe and was nominated by Nobel Laureates for the International Children's



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Peace Prize for her unrelenting promotion of Native American educational rights. That same year, Minister Stahl promised the children of Attawapiskat a new school.

Sadly, Shannen's inspiring life was cut short in 2010 when she was killed in a car accident at the age of 15. How-

ever, her life and her passion have motivated many around her to continue her mission. The year of her death, the Canadian youth organization "Shannen's Dream" was founded in order to promote equitable education funding and culturally-based education for First Nations children. In 2012, "Shannen's Dream" brought forward a motion to the Canadian House of Commons to make the improvement of on-reservation education a high priority for the nation's leaders. The House of Commons voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

In 2013, Shannen's story attracted the attention of DC Comic artist Jeff Lemire, who created a new Justice League superhero character named Equinox. Based on Shannen, Equinox shares her Cree heritage and has earth-based superpowers that change with the seasons. In the same year, filmmaker Alanis Obomsawin premiered a documentary called *Hi-Ho Mistahey*, which translates from the Cree language to mean "I love you forever." The film is based around Shannen's activism and the organization Shannen's Dream.

On August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Shannen's dream for a new school for the Attawapiskat tribe came true when the Kattawapiskat Elementary

School held its first day of classes. This K-through-8<sup>th</sup> grade school accommodates 540 First Nation children, and many of its students have taken to



(Picture credit to [www.nfb.com](http://www.nfb.com))

calling it "Shannen's School."

"Every time I do step into that school, Shannon's memory will always come to mind," said Chelsea-Jane Edwards, one of Shannen's childhood friends.

## Article: Domestic Violence

By: Alyssa Mitchell

Domestic violence is a frightening concept. It is a topic that is often avoided, and because of this, the general population does not know much about it. Knowing precisely what domestic violence is, how to recognize it, and some tactics to help the situation can be incredibly beneficial for individuals who are stuck in a situation and unable to escape. The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey have found that at least 1 in 4 women and 1 in 10 men have experienced some sort of abuse throughout their lifetime.

Recently, the topic of domestic violence has been a prevalent issue in the media. In February 2014, Ray Rice, who plays football for the Baltimore Ravens, was involved in an altercation with his fiancé at the time. Although it was unclear exactly how it began, the altercation ended with him throwing a punch and knocking her unconscious in an elevator. He then dragged her body out of the elevator and begins talking to what looks like a security guard. The altercation was not publicized until this summer when the full video was released for the public to see. Until the video was released, the NFL had only given Rice a two game suspension. The result of the video being released, along with public outcry against it, was Rice's suspension being extended indefinitely. The situation with

Ray Rice, along with many other NFL players that have been involved with domestic violence cases, has sparked a flurry of questions about what domestic violence really is.

According to the [National Domestic Violence Hotline website](#), domestic violence is "a repetitive pattern of behaviors to maintain power and control over an intimate partner." Domestic violence is used to provoke fear, hold supremacy over a partner or do physical harm to a partner. [Click here](#) to see a diagram that the website calls the "Power & Control Wheel." Take a look at the wheel to see how certain tactics are used.

There are many different types of Domestic Violence. These include physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse and coercion, and financial abuse. Physical abuse is when a partner physically harms their partner. Some examples of physical abuse are punching, choking, using a weapon to threaten a partner, trapping an individual, forbidding one to eat or sleep, or preventing an individual from calling the authorities or seeking medical help. Emotional abuse is more about the words and how those words are communicated. Some tactics an abuser

could use are insulting their partner, isolating them from friends and family, monitoring where they are, threatening to hurt them or people important to them, and blaming their partner for the abuse. Sexual abuse and coercion are when a partner uses sex to retain power and control their partner. Some examples of sexual abuse are forcing the partner to dress a certain way, calling them sexual names, forcing or manipulating their partner into have sex or being forceful during sex without consent. Finally, financial abuse is about control over the partner's finances. A few examples of this are denying their partner access to their own paycheck, stealing money from their partner, and living in their partner's home but refusing to work or contribute in any way.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline website is a great resource to learn about the different types of abuse, how to recognize abuse in your own life or in a loved one's life, and how to get help. Victims are also able to call the hotline to receive advice or help if they are in danger. Further, the website offers a TTY number as well so victims that are hard of hearing or deaf are able to contact the hotline to get help. An-

other feature of this website is the LGBTQ tab that gives victims in the LGBTQ community advice and more specific facts geared towards their relationships. A few of the other features of this website are the Quick Escape button at the top of the page and the warning that pops up when you visit the page warning you. This warning says "Safety Alert: Computer use can be monitored and is impossible to completely clear. If you are afraid your internet usage might be monitored, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at..." Both of these features helps victims keep

as safe as possible in their current circumstance.

The Hotline gives information about different types of safety planning, leaving a relationship, and legal information that can help keep one safe from an abusive partner. This type of information is extremely important for those in these types of situations. Planning to leave an abusive relationship is not only frightening for the victim, but it can also be extremely dangerous. The hotline emphasizes the importance of having a plan for after the victim leaves. There is a checklist of 15 actions that one should take

after leaving an abusive relationship.

Overall, the information presented on this site is important and helpful to those in abusive situations. Below is the contact information and website URL for this national foundation. Remember, if you think you are in an abusive relationship, tell someone, call the hotline, visit the website and/or ask for help.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline  
[www.thehotline.org](http://www.thehotline.org)  
 Phone: 1-800-799-7233  
 TTY: 1-800-787-3224

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## Organizations on Campus

**The Culture Exchange Series** holds presentations every Wednesday in Pittenger Student Center (Yuhas Room) from 12-1PM. Each week a different country is highlighted; the presenters are typically natives who can offer an insider's look into their country and its culture. Attendees are welcome to bring a lunch to the presentation (internationally-themed food will also be provided by a dedicated BSU chef). Attendees are also reminded to show respect and prevent distraction to presenters by arriving on-time.

### Upcoming Culture Exchange Presentations

September 24 Laura Valandro - France  
 October 01 Robiyabonu (Bonu) Dustova - Tajikistan  
 October 08 Qiong (Judy) Zhu, Chengming (Andy) Hu & Ran An - China  
 October 15 Rasiklal (Roxxy) Gagdekar - India  
 October 22 Kadek Arsitety Ayurina - Indonesia  
 October 29 Ido Heller - Israel  
 November 05 Luca Schmid - Switzerland  
 November 12 Triin Peitel - Estonia  
 November 19 Ryo Iyoda - Japan  
 December 03 Bruno Cabrera - Brazil

**Social Justice League**

Meet times: Mondays @ 5 in the Peace Center

Current Focuses:

- Petitioning Muncie for Bike Lanes

- Fundraising for Heifer International to send necessary resources to a community

The aim of the Social Justice League is to actively work to change social institutions, political and economic systems, and governmental structures that perpetuate unfair practices, structures, and policies in terms of accessibility, resource distribution and human rights.

**Circle K**

Meet Times: Tuesdays @ 7:30 in WB 136 (next meeting on Sept. 2)

Current Focuses:

- participating in CROP Hunger Walk on Sept. 6

- Volunteering at Second Harvest Food Bank from 8-12 on Sept. 4

Circle K is an international collegiate volunteer organization sponsored by Kiwanis International that emphasizes community service, leadership development and friendship. Members have participated in such projects as game night at a local retirement community, UNICEF fundraising, and making blankets for Riley Children's Hospital. The club also attends district and international conventions around the state and nation.

**Global Brigades**

This club is a secular, international student-operated volunteer organization whose mission is to provide sustainable development to underserved communities throughout the world. Along with affiliate groups, the Ball State team recruits student volunteers and professionals, gathers supplies, and travels overseas.

<https://www.facebook.com/GlobalBrigadesAtBallStateUniversity>

**Ethnic Theatre Alliance**

The purpose of the Ethnic Theatre Alliance shall be to explore worldviews of cultures, diversity, and racial-discrimination in order to educate members through Fine Arts.

<https://www.facebook.com/ethnictheatrealliance2014>

**Oxfam**

Meet Times: Every other Tuesday @ 6 pm (various rooms of Bracken Library)

The Oxfam America Ball State Chapter helps run global poverty reduction campaigns on Ball State's Campus with the aim to educate the student body about global injustices, especially related to poverty and hunger worldwide.

**Feminists for Action**

Meet Times: Tuesdays @ 6 in Burkhardt Building 220

This organization educates the campus and the community about women's issues and events. The group will respond as necessary to promote affirmative action, initiate positive programming, and combat abuse, prejudice, restriction of rights, and discrimination against women.

**Timmy Global Health**

Meet Times: Wednesdays @ 8 in the Schwartz Digital Learning Pod

Timmy Global Health is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to supporting our partner organization in Tena, Equador through advocacy, fundraising, and medical brigades. We change the world one person at a time by encouraging people of all ages, races, creeds, and abilities to help other abroad thorough out annual medical brigade.

**Building Tomorrow**

Meet Times: Tuesdays at 7 in the Schwartz Complex in Bracken Library

Purpose: Building Tomorrow at Ball State empowers Ball State to invest their resources, time & talents in providing students in sub-Saharan Africa with access to an education.

Events: Their big event for the semester is Bike to Uganda. They will be raising funds with every mile they bike at their stationary bike marathon on. All the money raised will go to building a school in Uganda. The fun part is that as the sponsor school, Ball State architecture students will get to design the school, and the Ugandan school's colors will be Cardinal and White.

**Students for Education Reform (SFER)**

Purpose: SFER is a non-profit organization striving for social equity in America's K-12 school system through advocacy and awareness events both locally and state-wide. Their goal is to partner with other organizations on BSU's campus in order to bring better education to future generations as well as maintaining relations with national chapters of SFER.

Events: SFER End of Summer BBQ happening on September 28th at 5 pm. Time and location are TBA, but check out their facebook to get the update.

**Kaleidoscope: Ethnic/Racial Minority Support Group**

Meet Times: Mondays from 4-5:30 in the Multicultural Center 2nd floor

Purpose: A safe, supportive place for ethnic/racial minority students to explore and discuss navigating two or more cultures. Topics may include discrimination, identity, family concerns, relationships, adjustment, academic concerns, and body image.

**Meditation in the Museum**

Location: Owsley Asian Art Gallery, David Owsley Museum of Art

Time: 3:30 PM- 4:30 PM (RSVP not necessary, simply stop by)

Fee: FREE of charge

Dates & Topics:

Friday 10/17- Relaxation Through Creating Art

Friday 11/21- Taking Care of Yourself

Recommendation: Bring a towel or a blanket, scarf, yoga mat, etc., as some sessions involve sitting on the floor.



## On-Campus Events

### INTERNATIONAL CONVERSATION HOUR

TUESDAYS from 6:00-7:30 pm – STUDENT CENTER MULTIPURPOSE ROOM This program is designed to help international students practice English, learn studying skills and classroom culture, and make American friends. Through interactive discussion, they can normalize their experiences and decrease their isolation, worries, and stress as well as get support from American students. ICH begins September 2nd, 2014.

### MEDIATION AT THE MUSEUM

FRIDAYS @ 5:30– DAVID OWSLEY MUSEUM OF ART

Clear your mind and find inner peace after a long week while surrounded by beautiful works of art! The last hour of the weekday is reserved for quiet time at the David Owsley Museum of Art.

### PEER VICTIM ADVOCATE TRAINING COURSE

TUESDAYS from 8:30-9:45 am – HEALTH CENTER ROOM 206

Students completing this 10 week training, starting September 9th, will become members of the PVA team and will be educated on providing advocacy and support to victims of crime. Review the training requirements at <http://cms.bsu.edu/about/administrativeoffices/victimservices/getinvolved>. Please apply by 8:00 a.m. on September 2nd at <http://www.bsu.edu/forms/ovspeerva/>.

### SAFEZONE AND TRANS-SAFEZONE TRAINING

#### FALL 2014

Become an ally/advocate for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning population at Ball State University and beyond. For dates and registration, visit <http://cms.bsu.edu/-/media/WWW/DepartmentalContent/CounselingCenter/PDFs/SAFE%20Zone%20Training/Safe%20Zone%20Training%20Fall%202014.pdf> and <http://cms.bsu.edu/-/media/WWW/DepartmentalContent/CounselingCenter/PDFs/SAFE%20Zone%20Training/Trans%20Safe%20Zone%20Training%20Fall%202014.pdf>

### CULTURE EXCHANGE SERIES

WEDNESDAYS from 12:00-1:00 – STUDENT CENTER YUHAS ROOM

Want to learn more about the world beyond Muncie, IN? Then join us for a Culture Exchange! Each week a different country is highlighted; the presenters are typically natives who can offer an insider's look into their country and its culture. Attendees are welcome to bring a lunch to the presentation (internationally-themed food will also be provided by a dedicated BSU chef). Attendees are also reminded to show respect and prevent distraction to presenters by arriving on-time.

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**WRITING CENTER SCREENING: WRITING ACROSS BORDERS**

SEPTEMBER 26 from 3:00-4:30 – AJ 175

Once a year, the Writing Center screens this video, which sparks conversation about international students and writing on campus. Made by the Oregon State Writing Center, this video shows interviews with both international students and instructors who talk about the difficulties with writing in a non-native language. Learn about how cultural differences affect non-native speakers writing as well as how instructors can best meet the needs of these students

**EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP PRESENTS SHERYL WUDUNN**

SEPTEMBER 29 from 8:00-10:00 pm – PRUIS HALL

Pulitzer Prize winning author and journalist, Sheryl WuDunn will present "A Path Appears: Transforming Lives, Creative Opportunity" as part of the 2014-2015 Excellence in Leadership speaker series. Sheryl WuDunn is the first Asian-American reporter to win a Pulitzer Prize, a business executive and best-selling author. Her book, *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* is about the challenges facing women and girls around the globe. Her next book, *A Path Appears* is all about people who are making the world a better place. Whether with a donation of \$5 or \$5 million, with our time, by capitalizing on our skills as individuals or by using the resources of our businesses, *A Path Appears* serves as a guide to the ways that we can do the same.

**PATRICIA WRIGHT LECTURE**

SEPTEMBER 30 at 7:00 pm – STUDENT CENTER BALLROOM

Indianapolis Prize Winner Patricia Wright is an internationally recognized animal conservationist, advocating for wildlife that inhabit planet Earth. As a distinguished professor of anthropology at Stony Brook University, Wright has built upon more than 50 years of global studies to provide consumers with important wildlife information. Wright will share her ideas on the necessity of animal conservation and environmental and economic sustainability in efforts to preserve the planet as part of a public lecture at Ball State. Reception immediately following, Alumni Lounge. Free and open to the public.

**Eco Summit**

The 3rd Annual **Eco Summit** will be held on **November 1, 2014 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.** in the L.A. Pittenger Student Center. The event will bring together college students, professionals and environmentally minded people from around the state to discuss sustainability issues and projects. Attendees will be encouraged to participate in Ball State student-led discussions on topics such as green energy, recycling, permaculture, sustainable development, food and water, and eco art and activism. The purpose of the Eco Summit is to bring together people from all types of backgrounds to educate each other on sustainability and environmental issues

They are searching for students and professionals who are passionate about the environment (you do not have to be an expert on a topic). If you have a project or topic you would like to share, e.g., **academic study, green design, permaculture, internship experience, writing, poetry, music, documentary, theater performance, cool ideas + discussion (think TED Talk)**, please contact Anna Pasquali (arpasquali@bsu.edu) or Aiste Manfredini (amanfredini@bsu.edu).

Join the discussion at the first call out meeting this Thursday, Sept. 11 @ 8 pm in Bracken Library Educational Resource Meeting Room 2 (Located at the lower level)



**19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FALL NEWS ROUNDUP**

OCTOBER 3 from 12:00-1:00 – AJ 175

Troubled by pictures of police tear-gassing and arresting journalists in Ferguson, Missouri? Perplexed by the police detention of a student photographer on the Purdue campus? What more do we need to know? What can law enforcement officers and journalists do to create a better working relationship, especially in times of stress? Hear a panel talk on these images and issues.

**AFRICAN DIASPORA PRE-CONFERENCE**

OCTOBER 24 from 8:00-12:00

We will be honoring Dr. Charles Payne for his theory and practice in Multicultural Education. Dr. Charles Payne's contributions in Ball State through the Diversity program have echoed throughout and beyond the University. The Pre-Conference immediately precedes [6th Annual Diversity Research Symposium](http://www.diversitysymposium.org/pre-conference.html). For more information and registration, please visit <http://www.diversitysymposium.org/pre-conference.html>

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**Off-Campus Events****FARMERS MARKET**

WEDNESDAYS from 3:00-6:00 pm; SATURDAYS from 8:00 am- 12:00 pm - MINNETRISTA

Join friends and families in exploring the market-fresh finds and homemade treats, brought to you by the local community!

**OPEN SPACE: ART ABOUT THE LAND**

AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 28 – MINNETRISTA

Celebrate the significance of land with an art competition/exhibition which recognizes and encourages Indiana artists who derive creative inspiration from the land, or whose work celebrates the notion of open space as it relates to the land. A portion of the proceeds will go to help further the Red-Tail Land Conservancy's mission to preserve and restore ecologically significant land in East Central Indiana.

**ANTI-WARFARE VIGIL**

SEPTEMBER 26 from 4:30-5:30 pm – FEDERAL BUILDING, INDIANAPOLIS

The weekly vigil protesting warfare will take place 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.

**“WAR IS NOT THE ANSWER!” – SEPTEMBER 27 at 6:00 pm – BROWN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, NASHVILLE**

There will be a Peace Vigil on the theme "War Is Not The Answer!" at the Brown County Court-

house, 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](mailto:annntom@hotmail.com)

### **MEDITATION FOR WORLD PEACE**

SEPTEMBER 29 from 6:00-6:20 pm – UNITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

A weekly meditation with Michael Wright - to hold the vision of the inevitable occurrence of world peace - will be held at Unity of Indianapolis, 907 N. Delaware. Please enter from parking lot behind building. For more info call Michael at 627-3225, or email Dorothy Mack at [mackda@att.net](mailto:mackda@att.net)

### **ANNUAL ARTS WALK**

OCTOBER 2 from 5:00-8:00 pm – DOWNTOWN MUNCIE

Visual and Performing Arts: Local artists will demonstrate and display a wealth of visual artistry. Downtown galleries will feature exhibits of local artists. Tours, booths, and activities will be provided by local arts organizations and artisans.

YART: A Yard Sale for Art! All works under \$40!

Food: Soup tastings from the Prime Trust FCU Soup Crawl to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank. More information at [primetrustcu.com](http://primetrustcu.com).

Music: Ball State University musical ensemble groups and a diverse collection of local musical talent will be performing along the walk and in galleries. Steve Riley and the Mamou Playboys will be performing at Canan Commons at 8pm. More information at [munciethreetrialsmusicseries.org](http://munciethreetrialsmusicseries.org).

### **FAMILY FUN DAY**

OCTOBER 4 from 12:00-4:00 – MINNETRISTA

Walk or bike with family and friends to Minnetrista to celebrate the earth! From crafts to life-size board games, you and your family can discover how sustainability is not only important, but also fun. Bring old boxes to transform into a recycling container. Cost is \$5, Members FREE.

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## **On-Campus Support Groups**

### **KISS: KNOWING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' STORIES**

WEDNESDAYS from 3:30-5:00 pm – MULTICULTURAL CENTER This gathering, starting on September 3rd 2014, 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 as gain support from each other. The leaders will also share their personal journeys with members and use various approaches to encourage members' sharing.

### **COUNSELING CENTER THERAPY GROUPS:**

(Therapy groups require appointment at counseling center before joining. Call 285-1736 or let your intake counselor know you are interested in a group.)

### **UNDERSTANDING SELF & OTHERS**

Group members explore patterns of relating to self and others by discovering understanding and acceptance of themselves and others. Discussions vary greatly from depression, anxiety, relationships, family concerns, eating issues, alcohol abuse and/or personal growth. The groups thrive on diversity as members discover the common bond through emotional experiences. Mondays 3:00-4:30; Tuesdays 3:00-4:30; Wednesday 2:00-3:30; Thursday 2:00-3:30 (women's group)

**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. Thursdays 3:00-4:30

**WEIGHT NOT, WANT NOT**

Supportive group for women with eating disorders or body image struggles who want to explore effective ways of coping. Time to be determined.

**CHOICES**

A group for students who are exploring making changes in their relationship with alcohol and other substances. Mondays 3:00-4:30

**SAFE HAVEN: GLBQ SUPPORT GROUP**

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. Topics of discussion vary greatly from coming out, finding support, relationships, family concerns, depression, anxiety, and/or personal growth. Fridays 10:00-11:30

**C.A.L.M.:**

Care for myself, manage my Anxiety, Live in the moment, practice Mindfulness - This group offers a secure space for students struggling with anxiety to not only explore their fears and worries, but also receive feedback and support from others with similar concerns. The group also focuses on teaching students about a variety of techniques, including mindfulness meditation, which can be particularly helpful in managing anxiety. Another benefit of being in a group is having a place to experiment applying new skills and ways of relating to others, in a safe and supportive environment. Thursdays 3:00-4:30

**KALEIDOSCOPE: ETHNIC/RACIAL MINORITY SUPPORT GROUP**

MONDAYS from 4:00-5:30 pm – MULTICULTURAL CENTER 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR

A safe, supportive place for ethnic/racial minority students to explore and discuss navigating two or more cultures. Topics may include discrimination, identity, family concerns, relationships, adjustment, academic concerns, and body image. All ethnic/racial minority students are welcome to join any time!



## Conferences

### **Peace and Justice Studies Association**

San Diego, California

October 16-18, 2014

Registration Link:

<https://www.peacejusticestudies.org/user/login?destination=civcrm/event/register%3Fid%3D1%26reset%3D1>

No Registration Date specified

### **Global Peace Leadership Conference**

Washington, D.C., USA 2014

September 19- 21

<http://www.globalpeace.org/events-web-app/global-peace-leadership-conference-washington-d-c-usa-2014>

### **American Montessori Society 2015 Annual Conference**

Philadelphia, PA

March 12-15 2015

Registration:

Early Bird (through 1/16) Pre-Registration (1/17 – 2/18) On-Site (starting 3/11)

Registration Link:

<https://amshq.org/Events/AMS-Annual-Conference/2015-Annual-Conference/Register>

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## Grants and Fellowships

The Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Fellowship Fund to support faculty members and graduate students that are presenting scholarly papers or serving on a symposium at professional conferences on topics directly connected to the mission of the Cohen Fund which "is to provide a lasting memorial to Benjamin Cohen by fostering new approaches to the problems of peacemaking.

Two awards of up to \$500 are available for this academic year. Funds may only be used to offset travel expenses (e.g., airfare, lodging, local transportation, meals). You can find the application linked with this opportunity at:

<http://cms.bsu.edu/academics/centersandinstitutes/peace/academicopps/cohenpeacetravelfund>

Information about the Cohen Fellowship Program can be found at:

<http://cms.bsu.edu/academics/centersandinstitutes/peace/academicopps/cohenpeacefellowship>

Please note that is ESSENTIAL that a submitted proposal clearly articulate how the presentation fits with the mission of the Cohen Fund. Proposals that are not consistent with this mission will not be reviewed. Please also note that the deadline to apply for these funds is December 1, 2014 and March 1, 2015.

## About Us

**The Center for Peace and Conflict Studies** is an interdisciplinary center whose mission is to pursue research on structural and direct forms of violence and conflict; to implement nonviolent strategies to resolve conflict; to offer mediation services to individuals, groups, and organizations; and to train people in conflict resolution, mediation, peace-building, leadership, meditation, and sportsperson-ship skills. The center also pursues public diplomacy, sports diplomacy, and cultural exchange as part of local, regional, national, and international projects designed to promote mutual understanding, appreciation, cooperation, and respect.

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### **Our Programs Include:**

Mediation training and services

Meditation classes

The Brown Bag lunch speaker series

The Muncie Interfaith Fellowship

The Social Justice League organization

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