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The Olive Branch

Spotlight Article: Alfredo Gutierrez

By: Emily Hart

For the past four decades, activist Alfredo Gutierrez has been working tirelessly at the front of the United States' civil rights and immigration rights battles. A Mexican-American former state senator who was born and raised in Arizona, Gutierrez has fought against legislation that he believes promote racial profiling and discrimination. He recently released a memoir entitled *To Sin Against Hope* that details his life's work. Gutierrez has been acutely aware of the discrimination he and his family have faced because of their ethnicity and anti-immigration sentiments in the United States. Gutierrez's father, a U.S. citizen, was wrongfully deported at the age of 17 during the Hoover administration. Gutierrez attributes this to a nationwide panic over the presence of Hispanic immigrants, and notes that this hysteria continued into his childhood

and still exists today. In his book, he point out that his father's story was not unique; in 1932, the year of the deportation, the United States was in a frenzy of xenophobia. Gutierrez notes that *The Passing of the Great Race*, a white-supremacist work by Madison Grant, had been published fifteen years earlier and was still very popular. Grant's book postulated that the greatest danger to America and to democracy was the immigration of people with non-Nordic ancestry to the United States. Mexicans and Mexican-Americans were regarded as morally corrupt and genetically inferior. This made deportation, even of Mexican-born American citizens, one of many risks that immigrants were forced to accept. Forced erasure of cultural identity was also one of these harsh realities. Gutierrez recounts that while he was in elementary school, "if you spoke a word of Spanish

in the classroom, the teacher would tape your mouth shut. The language of our mothers and fathers and the language that had preceded English by an hundred years was too foul and offensive to be spoken in school." Gutierrez asserts that language and other important cultural aspects of Latino life in the United States are still being threatened and eliminated today by modern anti-immigration sentiments. They are even being used against the Latino population: "today, language, accents, and cultural traits are the means to identify the recently arrived and to stereotype, profile, and relegate my people to their 'proper' place." These early experiences formed Gutierrez's desire to be an activist. From a young age, he organized political motions against discrimination and rebelled against the social mores of the United States that mitigated Latino culture.

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While in college at Arizona State University, he formed a political rally in response to discrimination against Mexican-American students, raiding and occupying one of the school's administrative offices. For this act of protest, Gutierrez was expelled.

One of the most significant pieces of legislation that Gutierrez has worked to stop is Arizona's S.B. 1070. As originally passed in 2010, this law required all immigrants to carry the proper identifying papers with them at all times and submit to police searches and required law enforcement officials to stop and search anyone who appeared to be "reasonably suspicious of being undocumented" and demand to see their papers. This reasonable suspicion could take into account "language, accent, music, and dress," according to Gutierrez, who notes that had the Supreme Court not limited the powers of this bill, "most Latinos in Arizona would have been stopped, questioned, frisked, and detained now." Since the act's initial implementation, it has been challenged by many and eventually modified in a 2012 Supreme Court Ruling. The sections of the act that make it a misdemeanor for an immigrant to not be carrying papers, that allow state police to make arrests without warrants, and that make it illegal

for an immigrant to apply for work without a federal employment authorization were removed. However, Arizona police are still allowed to utilize the "reasonable suspicion" cause to stop, search, and arrest anyone who appears to be an undocumented immigrant.

Since the introduction of S.B. 1070, Gutierrez has been the chairman of the Boycott Committee against the act, working to educate supporters about corporations, artists, and other groups that financially back anti-immigration policies. He has also been an organizer of forums and meetings between Arizona police chiefs and other law enforcement officials and Latino communities for several decades.

Gutierrez hopes these discussions will facilitate a more compassionate and respectful relationship between police workers and Latino

individuals.

Gutierrez also travels around the nation, specifically the Southwest, speaking at universities and conferences. After giving a recent speech at Arizona State University, the college from which he was expelled, he was awarded an honorary doctorate from the school.

As a former state senator, Gutierrez also travels to

speak with politicians around the country. Distressed by what he sees as a long political history of failed immigration reforms, he works to encourage lawmakers to build stronger connections between the U.S. and Mexico and to familiarize themselves with the issues surrounding life in border towns.

"Giving false hope and unattainable promises is not what we need.

We need congress to stop building fences in front of immigrants, and begin to build bridges among nations. This will help achieve true immigration reform, and not send us once again hurtling down the path to failure, and to failing this nation's immigrants."



Photo Credit to: <http://www.vallenatocanada.com/content/alfredo-gutierrez>

Article: Gender Equality

By: Alyssa Mitchell

According to [Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary](#), equality is “the quality or state of having the same rights, social status, etc.”

With regard to gender, equality means that men and women should have equal rights, get paid the same in respect to their specific job, and be treated the same in and outside of the workplace. Unfortunately, this is not the case. As of last year, women working full-time were being paid an average of 78 percent of what men were being paid. This statistic has barely budged in the last ten years.

Recently, social media has been flooded with a new campaign for equality – the HeForShe campaign. This campaign is being put on by UN Women, which is the United Nations’ organization that is dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women. The [UN Women](#)’s focus is to “bring together one half of humanity in support of the other of humanity, for the entirety of humanity.” The HeForShe campaign focuses on gender equality as a human rights issue instead of just an issue for women. This focus encourages men to feel responsible for this issue as well. Male advocates are essential to begin helping equality between genders improve. At the moment, the number of men that are in support of this movement globally is 160,436. As the numbers continue to grow, there is an increased

likelihood that gender equality has a chance to become reality.

The HeForShe organization website is a great resource to find out more about this campaign. The website also gives a link to the UN Women website, along with contact information to interact with the organization. They make it very easy to join the campaign and make the commitment to promote gender equality. There is an “I Agree” button on the home page, which gives the capability for advocates to post about their support directly to their Facebook, Twitter and email.

Social media has been a huge part of the HeForShe campaign. The hashtag #HeForShe has been trending for weeks on both Twitter and Instagram. Men from all over the world have been posting pictures of themselves holding the HeForShe hashtag written on a piece of paper. This simple task of taking a picture and posting it to various social media outlets has become a demonstration of the commitment from the men that have taken this stance. Social media has been uniquely effective because it reaches all over the globe. Anyone who has the capacity to be connected to the internet can be allied with

fellow advocates through this campaign.

Along with social media, there has been a lot of celebrity support with this gender equality campaign. One of the most influential celebrities who has been involved is Emma Watson, a beloved actress most known from her work in the Harry Potter series. She launched the HeForShe campaign with her powerful speech asking men to offer their support in the issue of gender equality. In her speech, she talks about the freedom that equality will bring to both women and men. Her last words of her speech were “If not me, who? If not now, when?” This question cannot be left unanswered, and many supporters have given their answers through social media.

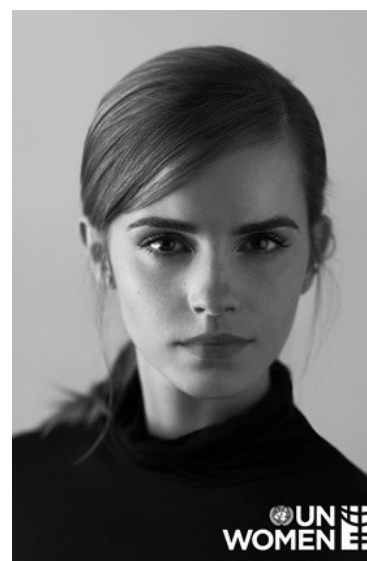


Photo Credit to:
<http://www.unwomen.org/>

As human beings, each and every individual deserves to receive the same treatment. The only difference between men and women is their anatomy, which should never be a basis for assessing one's ability to succeed. Personality, knowledge, and ability are what qualifies a person to be successful. Stereotypes tend to be an issue with gender equality because they promote the idea that women have certain negative

qualities that usually relate to being petite, fragile, and even incompetent. Men have certain stereotypes as well, but they tend to be much more positive, such as being strong, smart, and independent. These stereotypes are often what the children in our society are taught, especially within Western culture. Although many claim that men and women are equal, these stereotypes that permeate throughout our culture state

otherwise. It is important for men and women to feel equal, for everyone's sake. Without this equality with regard to both genders, we will never be able to truly move forward as a society.

To help to be a part of this vital movement, visit the [HeForShe website](#) or the [UN Women website](#) to begin learning more about gender equality. [Click here](#) to see Emma Watson's incredible speech for the launch of the HeForShe campaign.

Upcoming Peace Center Event - Tomorrow at 4!

A Tale of Nonviolent Resistance in Struggles Against Oppression

Tomorrow,
Wednesday, October 8th
4:00 - 5:00 P.M.
AJ 175

Featuring:

Maciej Bartkowski, Ph.D*

Senior Director for Education and Research
International Center on Nonviolent Conflict, Washington D.C.
Adjunct Professor, Johns Hopkins University, Krieger School of Arts and Sciences

The modern practice of civil resistance sprang from the ideas about the underlying nature of political power and agency of people that began to be formed much earlier in history than many of us realize. Come learn about the unheard history of nonviolent campaigns, which has often been buried under independence wars, brutal anti-colonial struggles, and other forms of eulogized violence. This program also will address contemporary cases of nonviolent movements and revolutions, which will serve to highlight the history, role, effectiveness, and impact of nonviolent struggles.

Further Information: Center for Peace and Conflict Studies

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*Dr. Barthowski served as the editor of the book, *Recovering Nonviolent History: Civil Resistance in Liberation Struggles*, which was published in 2013 by Lynne Rienner Publishers.

Organizations on Campus

Social Justice Coalition

Meetings: Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Peace Center

Join together with the network of the many social justice groups at Ball State and discuss events, collaborations, and interact with likeminded social activists! We can all affect change in small ways individually, but by working together, the change we can make grows exponentially.

Social Justice League

Meet times: Mondays @ 5:00 p.m. in the Peace Center

Current Focuses:

- Petitioning Muncie for Bike Lanes

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

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

Current Focuses:

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.

Check out their Facebook page for the most up-to-date information on the organization:

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

Upcoming Events: Brigade members will be selling grilled cheese sandwiches in the Village during homecoming weekend as a fundraiser.

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.

Events:

Oxfam hosts an annual Hunger Banquet with the goal of educating about the severe inequality in food and nutrition around the world. Join Oxfam on **November 20 at 7:00 p.m. in Cardinal Hall A** for this event.

-Participate in a Habitat for Humanity build with the members of Oxfam on October 16

-World Food Day is October 14th, and Oxfam's meeting on that day will highlight different foods from around the world. Join in, pitch in, and experience new food from different cultures!

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, Ecuador 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 others abroad through our 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.

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.

On-Campus Events

FALL DISCUSSION SERIES: CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST - A DISCUSSION ABOUT ISIS

Come join us on October 22nd from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in AJ 175 for a riveting panel discussion about ISIS. Learn about the responses of our government to the Islamic State (IS) and how we can handle IS in order to minimize conflict.

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.

MEDITATION 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/>.

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.

Upcoming Culture Exchange Presentations:

October 08 Qiong (Judy) Zhu, Chengming (Andy) Hu & Ran An – China

October 15 Rasiklal (Roxy) 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**

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

The Eco Summit is 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)

FALL TREE WALKS IN CHRISTY WOODS

Saturday, October 11 & 18

Tours begin at 1:00 pm

Come out and enjoy the beautiful fall weather that is now upon us all! Take a leisurely and peaceful walk through Christy Woods and experience the forest during the fall season. Learn about Indiana's forest legacy and the challenges and opportunities facing forest managers.

Meet at the central entrance to Christy Woods on Riverside Avenue. Free and open to the public. No reservation required. Dress for the weather.

HOMEcoming OPEN HOUSE

OCTOBER 10 from 4:00-6:00 pm – MULTICULTURAL CENTER

Students and alumni are invited to meet up at the "Multi" for Homecoming. Explore the student experience through the years with a slide show and scrapbooks assembled by alumni. Snacks will be served.

PERSPECTIVES DISCUSSION: THE RACE CARD

OCTOBER 15 from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - MULTICULTURAL CENTER

What would it be like if you were a different race? Come have an open dialogue based on various scenarios as someone from a different culture, race, religion, or background.

HERITAGE FILM SERIES: OUR AMERICA: ONLINE BRIDES

OCTOBER 15 at 7:00 pm - AJ 175

Our America with Lisa Ling introduces viewers to some of the most controversial and thought-provoking issues in the United States today. In each episode, Lisa immerses herself into the lives of the people she meets, offering compelling accounts of varied experiences and providing insight into some of our nation's most contentious issues. In sharing these stories, Lisa challenges viewers to understand different perspectives and even question what they themselves have always known to be true in Our America

**MEDITATION AT THE MUSEUM: RELAXATION THROUGH CREATING ART
OCTOBER 17 from 3:30-4:30 pm – DAVID OWSLEY MUSEUM OF ART**

Stressed? Spread too thin? Need to relax? Join the museum the 3rd Friday of each month to learn about mediation and relaxation techniques. A program series on mindfulness, presented by The Counseling Center with the support of the David Owsley Museum of Art. Bring a towel, blanket, scarf or yoga mat etc. as some sessions involve sitting on the floor. For more information on this program please feel free to contact Dr. Sylwia P. Hodorek at sphodorek@bsu.edu.

A PIECE OF MY HEART**OCTOBER 14-19 at 7:30 pm – CAVE STUDIO THEATRE**

Based on a true story, this powerful drama chronicles the lives of six women who were sent to Vietnam. As the action unfolds, these courageous women struggle to make sense of a war that irrevocably changes them. General Admission: \$6. [Box Office](#) hours are Monday through Friday, 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. and one hour before each performance. For more information call 765-285-8749.

19th 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](#). For more information and registration, please visit <http://www.diversitysymposium.org/pre-conference.html>

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>

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP PRESENTS REVEREND RUN**OCTOBER 27 at 7:30 – PRUIS HALL**

One of the most influential men in American pop culture, Joseph "Rev. Run" Simmons knows how to leave a legacy. After all, as the front man of seminal hip hop group Run-D.M.C., Simmons is widely credited for ushering rap music into mainstream culture. But Simmons' influence hardly ended with Run D.M.C. He also built a fashion empire, wrote three bestselling books, starred in multiple successful television shows and became a spiritual leader and source of inspiration for his millions of fans. Simmons has gracefully transitioned into a spiritual thought leader, making immense contributions to music, fashion and television along the way.

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!

ANTI-WARFARE VIGIL

OCTOBER 10th and 17th 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!”

OCTOBER 11th and 18th 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 Courthouse, Main and Van Buren Streets sponsored by Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (Brown County branch). For more info, contact Tom Hougham at 878-4210 or annntom@hotmail.com

MEDITATION FOR WORLD PEACE

OCTOBER 9th and 16th 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

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 2nd 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=civicrm/event/register%3Fid%3D1%26reset%3D1>

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>

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.

Peace Puzzle

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DIFFERENCE
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 RESOLUTION

Peace Song of the Week:

[Change It All](#)
[By: Goapele](#)

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 sportspersonship 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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The Social Justice League organization

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