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# Spotlight Article: Julia "Butterfly" Hill By: Emily Hart

Julia "Butterfly" Hill was born in 1974 to a travelling preacher and his wife. She is best known for her two-year-long tree-sit and other acts of environmental activism, as well as her taxredirection advocacy. Due to the mobile nature of her father's profession, Hill and her family moved around the nation and lived in trailer parks until Hill reached middle school. It was during this period of travel that Hill's deep appreciation for nature was formed. While her father worked as a preacher. Hill and her brothers would explore campgrounds and hiking trails. It was during

one of these adventures that she earned her lifelong nickname when a butterfly landed on her hand, staying there for the duration of the hike. After settling in Arkansas at the age of 12, Hill became incredibly focused on academics and

completed high school by the age of 16. She was on her way to successfully managing restaurants before her life took an unexpected turn. At the age of 22, she was involved in a



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near-fatal car accident when a drunk driver rear-ended her car, causing Hill's steering wheel to crack her skull. This injury forced her to undergo nearly a year of intensive therapy in order to regain the ability to walk and speak. However, the accident also forced Hill to refocus her priorities:

"As I recovered, I real-

ized that my whole life had been out of balance... I had been obsessed by my career, success, and material things. The crash woke me up to the importance of the moment, and doing whatever I could to make a positive impact on the future."

Following the completion of her therapy, Hill undertook a spiritual journey in which her devotion to nature was solidified. She travelled to California in order to attend a fundraising concert aimed at saving forests from logging and agricultural industries. It was here that Hill was inspired to begin her two-year-long tree-sit. While at the fundraiser, a group of protestors was working to prevent the Pacific Logger Co. from cutting down oldgrowth redwood trees in Humboldt County. The group asked for attendees to take turns sitting in the trees as an act of civil disobediPage 2 The Olive Branch

ence, and Hill quickly volunteered. Though she initially only intended to stay in the tree for a week, she soon felt called to show her devotion to the cause by making a tree her long-term residence. This bold decision quickly gained Hill the support of environmentalist organizations such as Earth First!, who provided her with some of the necessary supplies for tree-sitting. Hill selected a 1,500-year-old, 180-foot-tall redwood that she named "Luna" to be her home and "moved in" on December 10, 1997. Two 6x6 salvagedwood platforms were installed as her living space, and a ropepulley system was used to hoist up the supplies provided by her supporters. Over the course of her 2 years and 8 days in the tree, Hill broke the record for the longest tree sit (previously 42 days), and become a correspondent and interviewee with radio

and television networks She also learned many survival skills, such as using tree sap to help her feet better grip the trunk and wrapping herself in several sleeping bags during harsh El-Nino storms. She also weathered harassment and intimidation from helicopters, security guards, and angry loggers.

In 1999, the Pacific Lumber Co. reached an agreement with the environmental activists, promising to preserve Luna and all other trees within a 200-foot radius. In exchange for this agreement, Hill began preparations to leave her perch in the tree, and 50,000 dollars raised by Earth First! was given to Pacific Lumber in order to fund research into sustainable forest management. On December 18, 1999, Hill descended Luna and touched solid ground for the first time in over two years.

Since her tree-sit, Hill has written a best-selling book about her experiences, has founded several nonprofit environmental and social justice organizations, and works as a motivational speaker. She has also become a notable taxredirection activist. In 2003, she first refused to give the federal government \$150,000 in taxes, instead donating that money to arts and cultural programs, urban gardening initiatives, Native American programs, environmental protection organizations, and alternative-to-incarceration programs. Hill defended her actions, telling the IRS: "I'm not refusing to pay my taxes. I'm actually paying them but I'm paying them where they belong because you refuse to do so."

# Article: Indoor Farming By: Alyssa Mitchell

The farming industry has provided society with food for centuries. Living in Indiana, we know about farming all too well. You cannot drive more than 10 miles without seeing some kind of farmland. In general, the Midwest yields quite a bit of the country's produce. Another place that significantly contributes to our country's produce is California, which is the center of

fresh food culture. Fresh food culture is currently a very popular trend throughout the United States. Not only is it healthy to eat fresh food, it is also trendy, especially on the West Coast. The major difference between California and the Midwest is that it gets extremely cold in the Midwest (as we can tell from the weather this week). In Califor-

nia, mild temperatures allow farmers to farm and produce food year-round. Once the winter comes around in the Midwest, we are unable to use the fields outside. This makes it difficult to get fresh local produce in the winter. A new and innovative solution to this problem is indoor farming. In the article <u>Indoor farms – A Fresh Oasis in an</u>

<u>Urban Desert</u>, Laura LeBlanc discusses the details of indoor farming and the indoor farming facility – Green Sense Farms, located near Chicago, Illinois.

Indoor vertical farming gives us the opportunity to produce fresh foods during the cold months of the year. For Green Sense Farms, their goal and mission is to get their leafy greens from their indoor farming facility to the city in 24 hours. Their convenient location, which is about 30 minutes from Chicago, allows them to achieve this goal. Green Sense Farms is one of a handful of commercial indoor farms in the U.S. Within the warehouse are rows and columns of luscious greens along with a bright pink glow. The pink glow is due to thousands of red and blue LED lights. This is one of the major innovations that help control the agricultural environment in the warehouse. Robert Colangelo, founder of Green Sense Farms, explained that "these lights are

engineered specifically for leafy greens, so that it maximizes that photo synthetic value without producing a lot of wasted energy." So not only is the pink light pretty, it's also incredibly efficient. Plants grown indoors have better growing conditions (because we can completely control their environment), better nutrients, and the plant's taste can actually be tweaked by controlling the lighting! In addition, the nutrients that the plants provide can be altered with temperatures and humidity. All of these conditions have been tested many times to produce the optimum produce that tastes the best. Another great aspect of indoor farming is the lack of pesticides, which can negatively impact the taste and quality of the plants. You are able to eat anything from the growing bed without washing it off! This is due to the fact

that the plants are protected from nasty insects and other animals by walls instead of chemicals.

Along with all the benefits of indoor farming, Colangelo has also developed a new leafy green. He calls it an "edible bouquet," but it is just a purple-colored form of basil. He says that he developed it for his wife, who doesn't like receiving gifts of flowers because they die too easily. Yummy and romantic!

Overall, it seems as though this innovative way of farming is a great addition to society. It allows us to get fresh, local food year-round in places where it gets cold in the winter. It also benefits our health because there are no chemicals used to grow or protect the food. Being able to access fresh food in the city is a great innovative way for people to be healthy all year long!



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# FALL DISCUSSION SERIES

# ISIS: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

By: Hunter Sully

On Wednesday, November 5, 2014, the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies hosted a panel discussion about ISIS, the frightening yet enigmatic terrorist group. Although their violent and terrifying acts throughout the Middle East have been splashed across the media, a strong majority of the population does not understand what ISIS is, or how they came to power. With this knowledge, the Peace Center decided to invite four panelists to discuss the topic of ISIS. Our four panelists came from diverse backgrounds, and all had extremely interesting perspectives on ISIS. LTC Kelly Rosenberger, a Professor of Military Science, spoke about his military background, which included his tour in Afghanistan. He was able to give a detailed history of the United States' military involvement in the Middle East, and the consequences that it may have caused. Dr. Steven Hall, an Assistant Professor of Political Science, provided valuable in-

formation about the international relations perspective of the conflict in the Middle East. He spoke on the significant, long-lasting impact that previous conflicts in the Middle East have on contemporary society, and how that relates to the development of terrorist groups such as ISIS. Dr. Malek Sadah of Meridian Health Services and Dr. Tarek Kteleh, the Vice President of the Syrian American Medical Society, offered their unique perspectives on the skewed religious ties to ISIS, and the negative implications that ISIS has on the public's perception of Islam as a whole.

The panelists fielded questions from the moderator, Alyssa Mitchell, a junior Communications major and intern for the Peace Center, and from members of the audience as well. These questions included: understanding the mission behind ISIS; evaluating the United States' current involvement with the conflict in the Middle East, and if more could be

done; discussing the potential for a peaceful resolution to the conflict in the Middle East; and how to cope with the immense number of refugees fleeing from Iraq and Syria due to the vast amount of land that ISIS now occupies.

As expected, the responses to these questions were extremely informative and thoughtprovoking. Audience members left the event with a greater understanding of ISIS and the sources of the conflict in the Middle East, but were left with plenty of unanswered questions as well. Due to time constraints, the audience was not able to ask all of the questions that they had. Taking this into account along with the great responses from panelists and audience members alike, the Peace Center looks forward to hosting another panel discussion on ISIS next semester. Please continue to check our Facebook and Twitter accounts for the most up-to-date information involving our upcoming discussion series!

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# **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**

Mondays from 5 pm – 6 pm

Peace Center

Beads for Life Sale - November 24-25 & December 1-5, in the Student Center

The Social Justice League will be selling jewelry for the nonprofit Beads for Life. All proceeds go to benefit the women making the jewelry around the world. Look for their table at the Student Center! Also, sign the Bike Lanes petition. Contact President Chelsea Smith (<a href="mailto:bsu.social.justice@gmail.com">bsu.social.justice@gmail.com</a>) for more info.

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

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.

#### **Mosaic-Taboo Tuesdays**

Tuesdays from 7 pm – 8 pm

Student Center 302

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

#### **Global Brigades**

On November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m., join Global Brigades for bonding on their social night at the Rock Wall! Their next scheduled meeting will take place on November 13<sup>th</sup> in the basement of Bracken Library. Note – There will be no meeting on November 27<sup>th</sup> because of Thanksgiving.

#### **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**

Every other Tuesday (next meeting will be on November 12<sup>th</sup>) from 6 pm – 7 pm Educational Resource Room 2

Nov 17 + 18; Oxfam members will be going passing out promotional flyers for the Hunger Banquet at the Scramble Light. Come stop by and help or support an awesome cause.

The Hunger Banquet will be happening on Nov 20<sup>th</sup> in Cardinal Hall B at 7. The event is to raise awareness about global food disparity and inequality. Learn about and enjoy food from around the world! 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.

#### **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 thorugh 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.

#### **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.

#### **Multicultural Center**

Enjoy a number of exciting cultural events this November from the Multicultural Center!

#### **Alive Campaign**

Interested in becoming a member of the Alive Campaign's executive board? Positions available: Executive Director, Director of Media Relations, Director of Advertising and Promotion, Director of Events, Membership Development. Have any questions? Email us at <a href="mailto:alive@bsu.edu">alive@bsu.edu</a>. Attend their meeting this Wednesday night at 9:00 pm in the Pineshelf Room in the Student Center for nominations!

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# **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.

#### **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**

December 03 Bruno Cabrera - Brazil

#### **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 <a href="http://cms.bsu.edu/-/media/WWW/DepartmentalContent/CounselingCenter/PDFs/SAFE%20Zone%20Training/Safe%20Zone%20Training%20Zone%20TrainingCenter/PDFs/SAFE%20Zone%20TrainingCenter/PDFs/SAFE%20Zone%20Training/Trans%20Safe%20Zone%20Training%20Fall%202014.pdf">http://cms.bsu.edu/-/media/WWW/DepartmentalContent/CounselingCenter/PDFs/SAFE%20Zone%20Training/Trans%20Safe%20Zone%20Training%20Fall%202014.pdf</a>

#### **LGBT MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**

The LGBT Mentorship Program at Ball State University pairs gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT) undergraduate students or those who are questioning or developing their own sexual/gender identity with graduate students, faculty, and staff who identify as part of the LGBT community or who are allies to the LGBT community. For more information please visit <a href="http://cms.bsu.edu/-/media/WWW/DepartmentalContent/CounselingCenter/PDFs/Handout%20Mentee%209232014.pdf">http://cms.bsu.edu/-/media/WWW/DepartmentalContent/CounselingCenter/PDFs/Handout%20Mentee%209232014.pdf</a>

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# ALL CAMPUS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DECEMBER 12 at 5:00 pm

Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to submit program proposals for the Office of Student Life 2015 All Campus Leadership Conference, which will be held on February 7, 2015 in the Ball State Student Center. This year's theme is "Why Relationships Matter." We are especially interested in the following areas: Building a foundation for future membership; Conflict Resolution; Foundations of networking ("Networking 101"); Working effectively as a team; Collaborating between organizations; The impact of social media. To learn more about the conference please visit our website. The deadline to submit programs will be: Friday, December 12, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

#### **Hunger Banquet**

#### **November 20 from 7-8pm (Cardinal Hall)**

When guests arrive at an *Oxfam America Hunger Banquet*, they draw tickets at random that assign each to a high-, middle-, or low-income tier—based on the latest statistics about the number of people living in poverty. Each income level receives a corresponding meal. The 20 percent in the high-income tier are served a sumptuous meal; the 30 percent in the middle-income section eat a simple meal of rice and beans; and the 50 percent in the low-income tier help themselves to small portions of rice and water. A master of ceremonies reads a script to guide participants through the interactive event. Finally, all guests are invited to share their thoughts after the meal and to take action to right the wrong of poverty

#### **International Justice Mission**

IJM Food Drive

November 1-26

IJM boxes are placed around campus building to drop off your food donations. All donations will go to Second Harvest Food Bank.

Frisbee for Freedom

November 23rd

Mini-Ultimate Frisbee Tournament

Recreation and Wellness Center Turf Field, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

All proceeds will go to support International Justice Mission's work to rescue the oppressed around the world.

Registration is limited to 7 teams, so sign up now! The cost will be \$7 per team member, and each team should have a minimum of 5 players, but you may want more for substitutes. To register, send your team name to ijmbsu@bsu.edu with the words "Frisbee Registration" in the subject line.

#### **Student Organizations Empowerment Summit**

Student Organizations Empowerment Summit is a leadership opportunity created to aid in the growth and development of student organization leaders at Ball State University. This summit will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Student Center.

A lot of social justice organizations struggle to maintain consistent attendance or growth within their group. This leadership summit will offer a variety of tools and resources that will aid in making social justice organizations stronger and more impactful!

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#### THANKSGIVING RECESS

**NOVEMBER 26-30** 

No classes. Have a safe and relaxing holiday!

#### **FINAL EXAMS**

DECEMBER 6-12

Good luck to everyone!

### **Off-Campus Events**

#### FEED MY SHEEP DINE TO DONATE

#### NOVEMBER 21 from 4:30-8:30 pm - PANDA EXPRESS

Enjoy some Chinese food and help those who don't have enough to eat! Feed My Sheep, a nonprofit organization that offers hot meals, groceries, and support to those in need, will be having a Dine-to-Donate fundraiser at the Muncie Panda Express, 4605 W. Clara Ln. Canned food donations are also being accepted in select locations on Ball State's Campus. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.facebook.com/feedmysheep">https://www.facebook.com/feedmysheep</a>.

#### **TURKEY TROT**

#### NOVEMBER 27 from 8:00 - 11:00 am - CARDINAL GREENWAY

Bring the family and enjoy some healthy exercise before your Thanksgiving feast! The Turkey Trot is a non-competitive run/walk 2.5 mile event north and south from the Depot. Each participant is asked to bring one (or more) non-perishable food item to check-in. Food donations from the Turkey Trot will benefit a local ministry.

#### HIGH NOON GREENHOUSE BROWN BAG

#### **DECEMBER 3 from 12:00-1:00 – RINARD ORCHID GREENHOUSE**

Ist Wednesday of each month. Bring your brown bag lunch and enjoy a peaceful lunch break in the greenhouse. Limited to 20 guests, no registration required.

#### - EXHIBIT: PASSENGER PIGEONS - THROUGH MARCH I - MINNETRISTA

Discover how the story of the passenger pigeon is unlike that of any other bird in this engaging and important exhibit. Explore the story of this amazing and unique bird, once one of the most abundant birds in the world and in East Central Indiana, before the species became extinct in 1914. Uncover the relationship between people and nature for the 100-year anniversary of the extinction of the passenger pigeon.

# **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!

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#### Conferences

**Unity Connections Conference** (formally known as the Unity Week Diversity Symposium) Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am - 4 pm

The Unity Connections Conference is inviting faculty, staff, and students/student organizations to submit a program proposal for a concurrent session of 55 minutes. <u>Proposals</u> are due on November 14, 2014 by midnight and will be chosen based upon their relevance to the conference theme and goals.

This year's theme is Culture Shock which aims to shift the paradigm of culture and practices of inclusivity from a variety of lenses. The goals of this year's conference are to help participants: (1) Construct meaning from ideas and concepts related to diversity and inclusion; (2) Explore unique human experiences that make up the human experience; (3) Understand the intersection of socially and culturally constructed identities based on race, ethnicity, gender/gender expression, sexuality, class, age, ability, and religion; and (4) Develop ways to build an inclusive community at Ball State University.

#### **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

#### The International Peace-Builder's Forum (IPF)

Link for more information: http://caux.iofc.org/en/IPF2014

Registration Link: <a href="https://application.caux.iofc.org/en/online-applications/new-">https://application.caux.iofc.org/en/online-applications/new-</a>

# **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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FARMING
HOMELESSNESS
MOTIVATION
TERRORISM

# Peace Song of the Week:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XAi3VTSdTxU

Earth Song by Michael Jackson

# **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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