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## Spotlight Article

### Malala Yousafzai Known as One of the Most Influential People in the World

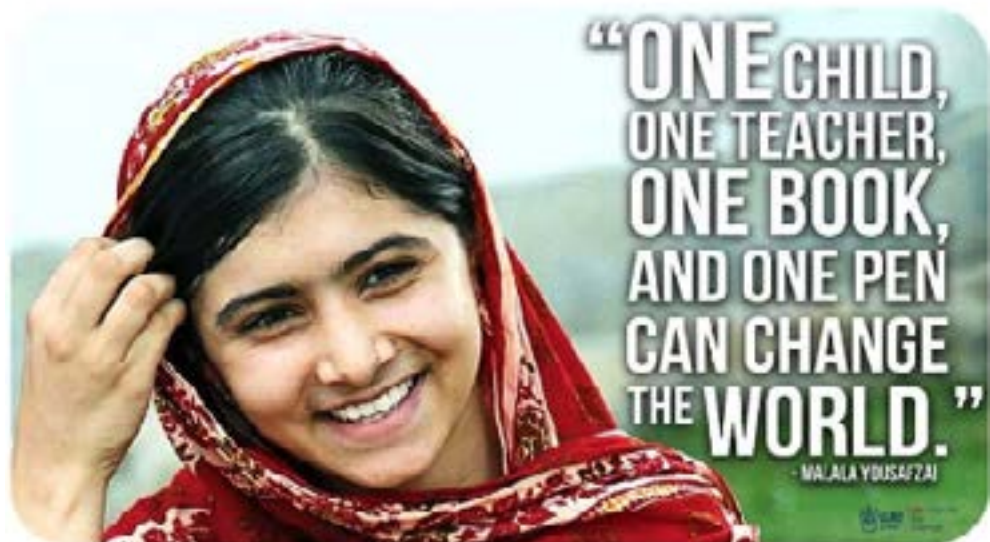
by: Emily Wattercutter

Known as a women's rights and children's activist, Malala Yousafzai has become one of the most influential people in the world. As a young child, she became an advocate for girls' education specifically in Mingora, Pakistan. Her activism has led her to become the recipient of many awards and honors including becoming the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

Malala was born on July 12th, 1997 in Mingora, Pakistan, known as part of Swat Valley. During most of Malala's life, Mingora has been under Taliban rule due to a peace agreement with the government. The peace agreement fell apart in May 2009 but since then Taliban has still harmed Mingora. Under the rule of the Taliban, Taliban militants banned girls from attending school claiming female education is contrary to Islam. Taliban began

attacking and bombing girls' schools in Swat Valley. Malala attended the school that her father had founded. Although her father's school was not bombed like many others, Malala began to challenge the Taliban in Pakistan by demanding that girls be allowed to receive an education. In 2008 at age 11, Malala gave a speech in Peshawar, Pakistan titled, 'How dare the Taliban take away my basic right to education?'

In 2009, Malala furthered her activism by creating an anonymous heartfelt blog published by British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC). Her blog included daily stories about living under the Taliban's threats to deny her an education. Malala hid her identity by using the name Gul Makai but was later revealed to be the BBC blogger in December of that year.



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# Malala Yousafzai Cont. Oklahoma University Shuts Down Fraternity After a Racist Video Went Viral

by: Sara Huntington

In 2011, Malala was nominated for the International Children's Peace Prize and awarded the Pakistan's National Youth Peace Prize. The rise of her activism led to Taliban issuing a death threat against her. At age 15, a man boarded the bus Malala was riding back from school and the man demanded to know which girl she was. Her friends looked towards her giving Malala's location away. The gunman fired three shots at her one hitting her on the left side of her head. She survived the attack but the shooting left her in critical condition. She was immediately flown to a military hospital in Peshawar and later transferred to Birmingham, England for further care. Her injuries required many surgeries but she had no major brain damage. In 2013, she was able to begin attending school in Birmingham. This shocking attack received worldwide media coverage and led to her international fame. On her 16th birthday she gave a speech at the United Nations where they proclaimed July 12th, 2013 as Malala Day. In October of that year, she wrote an autobiography titled, *I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban*. Since 2011, Malala has received over 40 national and international awards and honors. Some of these include the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought, Mother Teresa Award for Social Justice, 2012 Time magazine Person of the Year shortlist, and the Anne Frank Award for Moral Courage. In 2013, she was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize but was not selected. She was nominated again in 2014 and received the award becoming the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize at age 17. In congratulating her, Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said, "She is the pride of Pakistan. She made her countrymen proud. Her achievement is unparalleled and unequaled. Girls and boys of the world should take lead from her struggle and commitment." The United Nations secretary General Ban Ki-moon described her as "A brave and gentle advocate of peace who through the simple act of going to school became a global teacher." According to Time magazine, Malala has become one of the most influential people in the world. She continues to speak out on the importance of education, women's rights and children's rights. Malala's inspiring story and activism continues to encourage others in Pakistan and all around the world to create peace and equality.

Oklahoma University has 19 fraternities on campus, but recent events will reduce that number to 18. On March 5, 2015 a video was leaked showing the brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon on a bus chanting racial slurs. The video was posted online by Unheard, a black student group at OU. The slurs were targeted towards black students. The SAE members were chanting that there would never be a black person in SAE. OU is a state school with 30,000 students, two-thirds of them undergraduates. Almost two-thirds of the student body is white, about 5% is black, and the rest is other minority groups.

Many protests have occurred since the viewing of this video. Students of all races have joined together at this school to speak against racism. Even the school president, David Boran, joined hundreds of students to protest with them. In an interview with USA Today, President Boran stated, "OU will become an example to the entire country of how to deal with this issue. There must be zero tolerance for racism everywhere in this country. Furthermore, we are embarrassed by this video and offer our empathy not only to anyone outside the organization who is offended but also to our brothers who come from a wide range of backgrounds, cultures and ethnicities."

In addition to losing their fraternity on OU's campus, some members may be facing charges. The university's legal staff is currently exploring whether the students who initiated and encouraged the chant may have violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, which prohibits racial discrimination. Members of SAE now have to be out of their house by Tuesday, March 10th, and their letters will be removed from the house. Other students of OU have vandalized the house. Spray painted on one side of the house reads, "tear it down." The picture of the vandalism has gone viral on social media.

Local Media posted this picture on Twitter on March 9 2015.



SAE has gotten in trouble for alleged racism in the past. In 1982, a chapter of the fraternity was suspended from the University of Cincinnati for sponsoring a mock celebration

of Martin Luther King Day that was deemed racist. A similar incident caused a stir at Baylor University in Waco, Tex., in 2006. And in 2013, a chapter at Washington University in St. Louis was suspended after reportedly singing a racist song to an African American pledge. Sorority members of Delta Delta Delta may be punished as well. In the video one girl can be seen chanting along with the men of SAE. Once OU finds out the identity of each of students in the video they will be facing punishment individually.

SAE went against everything OU and the Greek Life stands for. Greek Life at OU actually encourages minorities to join. Many fraternities/sororities "adopt" international students as honorary members to give them a glimpse of Greek life at OU. SAE's 15,000 members nationwide are also disappointed with their behavior. Many brothers of SAE are speaking up against racism since the video was released.

Ball State University is similar to Oklahoma as far as Diversity. Minority students make up only 3% of our campus. Although it may be hard to believe that this type of incident could happen on Ball State's campus, racism occurs throughout the United States on a daily basis. In order to prevent this, or a similar incident, from occurring on Ball State's campus, the campus community needs to unite against racism in all of its forms. All racist behaviors need to be met with swift and severe consequences, which must include an educational component. Although we can punish individuals for bad behavior, until they fully learn the inappropriate and hurtful nature of their actions and their detrimental consequences, these individuals will likely continue to hold these racist and discriminatory beliefs. Changing these harmful belief systems is integral to ensuring that these individuals do not engage in these behaviors again. Ball State does an amazing job with educating the campus community on different cultures and communities, with events such as the Cultural Exchange Series, Culture Shock, and Unity Week, but it can always do more.

If you feel as though you have experienced discrimination at Ball State University, there are resources available to you. The Ball State Counseling Center is free to all students. In addition, Ball State University has an anti-harassment policy, which prohibits all forms of discrimination. The Office of University Compliance can help students and employees who have had experiences of discrimination to ensure that these incidents are properly addressed.



# On Campus Events

## **Spring 2015 Cultural Exchange Series: Uzbekistan**

Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 12:00 p.m., Student Center, Yuhas Room 106

Ziyoda Gazieva will give a presentation on her country, Uzbekistan! Uzbekistan is a double-landlocked Central Asian country: it is not only without a coastline itself, but also bordered on all sides by landlocked nations. Come learn more about this fascinating country at Culture Exchange!

## **Memphis the Musical**

Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 7:30 p.m., Emens Auditorium

From the underground dance clubs of 1950s Memphis where rock and roll was born, comes a hot musical that bursts off the stage with explosive dancing, irresistible songs and a thrilling tale of fame and forbidden love. Memphis tells the story of DJ Huey Calhoun, a good ole' local boy with a passion for R&B music and Felicia Farrell, an up-and-coming black singer that's ready for her big break. Come along on their incredible journey that's filled with laughter and roof-raising rock 'n' roll.

## **Video Games Live with the Muncie Symphony**

Thursday, March 19, 2015, 7:30 p.m., Emens Auditorium

Video Games Live™ is an award winning immersive concert event featuring music from the most popular video games of all time. Created, produced and hosted by world renowned game industry veteran and superstar Tommy Tallarico, top orchestras and choirs around the world perform along with exclusive synchronized video footage and music arrangements, synchronized lighting, well known internet solo performers, electronic percussion, live action and unique interactive segments to create an explosive one-of-a-kind entertainment experience.

## **Miller College of Business Leadership Lecture: Edie Weiner**

Thursday, March 19, 2015, 3:30 p.m., Student Center Ballroom

The global economy is experiencing fundamental transformation and the speed of change is accelerating, turning evolutions into revolutions. Futurist Edie Weiner will help you prepare for career success by explaining the 10 new value propositions of the new economy and sharing some simple truths about leadership that defy the clichés. This lecture is free and open to the public.

## **Wind Ensemble and Symphony Band**

Friday March 20, 2015 7:30pm

Ball State's top two band ensembles present a concert featuring a wide range of band repertoire, ranging from J.S. Bach to Morton Gould.

## **Guest Artist Master Class: Chicago New Art Trio**

Saturday, March 21, 2015, 5:00 p.m., Choral Hall  
Established in 2008, the Chicago New Arts Trio is comprised of Wheaton College Conservatory of Music faculty members Carolyn Hart (soprano), Jennie Brown (flute), and Misook Kim (composition and piano). The ensemble has performed at the Eastman School of Music Women in Music Festival, the William Grant Still National Conference, and as guest artists with the Composers Alliance of San Antonio, Texas. In addition, the trio has embarked upon a new project highlighting the need for the arts in under-served communities and schools.

## **Undiscovered Worlds: The Search Beyond Our Sun**

Saturday, March 21, 2015, 5:30 p.m., Charles W. Brown Planetarium

The Search Beyond our Sun explores a timeless question: Do other planets like Earth exist? Within the past 20 years, astronomers have discovered hundreds of planets orbiting other stars. Travel to distant stars and fly up to exotic planets and see them up close in the planetarium. Experience the science shifting our perspectives on humanity's place in the cosmos.

## **Spring 2015 Cultural Exchange Series: Kenya**

Wednesday, March 25, 2015, 12:00 p.m., Student Center, Yuhas Room 106

Isaac Muhando will give a presentation on his country, Kenya! Kenya is an equatorial country in Africa bordered by such nations as Tanzania, Uganda, and Somalia. Come learn more about this fascinating country at Culture Exchange!

## **First Person: Eric Gottesman and Fractured Narratives**

Thursday, March 26, 2015, 6:30 p.m., Museum of Art

Artist Eric Gottesman will speak about his work in the exhibition and other special projects, including his book, Sudden Flowers. A book signing and reception follows the program.

## **Oklahoma!**

March 27-29, 2015, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre

Oklahoma!, the timeless classic by Rodgers and Hammerstein is set in Western-Indian Territory at the turn of the century and follows the story of a handsome cowboy Curly, and the charming farm girl Laurey who are head over heels in love with each other but too stubborn to admit it. When a few other characters seeking true love enter the scene, the rivalry begins. Prepare to sit back and revel in this high spirited, heart-warming love story; the innovative classic that set the standard for all musical theatre that would follow.



# Off Campus Events



## **Delaware County Farm Festival**

March 17-18, 2015, Delaware County Fairgrounds

Check out the NASH FM Pedal Pull, live radio personality appearances, and commercial and informational exhibits! There's also a huge auction full of great items donated from area businesses and the farming community. Finally, there will be displays showcasing the advancement of agricultural technology.

## **America's Hometown Band St. Patrick's Day Celebration**

March 17, 2015

Vera Mae's Restaurant

America's Hometown Band. Eat, drink, and be merry, just like visiting County Kerry – while the lilting tunes of Ireland entertain, from 5:30-8 pm. Cover charge is \$5, reservations needed. Contact the restaurant at [veramaes.com](http://veramaes.com) or call at 765.747.4941.

## **Phantom Toll Booth**

March 21, 2015

Muncie Civic Theater

Muncie Civic's Youth Theatre Education Program presents Phantom Tollbooth in the Mainstage Theatre March 20th at 7:30pm, March 21st at 2:00pm & 7:30pm, and March 22nd at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$6 for all ages, or you can purchase your tickets for Phantom Tollbooth and The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley TOGETHER for the combo price of \$10. Seating is General Admission. Even surrounded by dozens of toys, Milo is bored. Nothing interests him at all. When his dresser transforms into a mysterious tollbooth, complete with a map and special instructions, he's pulled from his boredom and thrust into a brand new imaginative world. Soon enough, he's driving a car on the road to Expectations. But just where is that? And what is the Castle in the Air that everyone seems so hesitant to speak of?

## **Escape from ISIL**

Tuesday, March 31, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

Due to the Islamic State occupation in his hometown, Safwan Malasalih and his family were selected by the U.S. Department of State's Scholar Rescue Fund to come to the United States, and Ball State University agreed to match funds to host Safwan. He is currently working in the Center for International Development on research and grant funding opportunities and also teaching courses in the Intensive English Institute. Limited seating. No charge, reservations required. 765-285-8975

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<https://twitter.com/bsu4peace>



# Organizations On Campus

## International Justice Mission

Every other Monday @ 6pm in Student Center Rm. 306.

IJM is a global organization that protects the poor from violence in the developing world. Ball State's chapter is a group of students who are passionate about ending slavery & human trafficking around the world. They believe that through Jesus Christ, they can create tangible change in the lives of slaves through prayer, educating people, changing our behavior, & volunteering. IJM fights by rescuing victims, bringing criminals to justice, restoring survivors, & strengthening justice systems.

Events:

Ultimate Frisbee Tournament – Early March

Breaking Chains Speaker Event – April 1, 7:00pm – Student Center Ballroom

Stand for Freedom – April 9-10

## Feminists for Action

Tuesdays @ 6pm in Burkhardt Building Rm. 220.

A group dedicated to the empowerment of women, men, & children through advocacy & education.

They strive to educate others about issues in the global, national, & community level. They encourage thought-provoking discussions & work to organize events to benefit feminist causes.

Events/Focuses/Projects:

Angela Davis at Purdue University – February 25

2015 National Young Feminist Leadership Conference – March 21-23 – \$35 (does not include transportation, food, or housing)

Vagina Monologues – March 28

Possible service projects with Distributing Dignity, A Better Way, & Cardinal Kitchen

## Cardinal Kitchen

Cardinal Kitchen is Ball State University's campus food pantry. The pantry is located on the second floor of the Multicultural Center & is available for use to all undergraduate & graduate students. The pantry is open the first three Wednesdays of every month from 5:00 - 8:00pm. The mission is to ensure that no Ball State student goes hungry on our campus.

## Ethnic Theatre Alliance

Mondays @ 5:30pm in Arts & Communications Building Rm. 308.

ETA uses theatre to explore cultures, diversity, & racial-discrimination to develop worldviews in BSU students, & create well-rounded artists.

Events:

Homelessness Awareness event – March

LGBTQ Event – Second week of April

Community diversity Picnic – April

## Global Brigades

Global Brigades is an international non-profit organization that empowers communities to meet their health & economic goals through university volunteers & local teams. GB offers skill-based 1-3 week brigades to Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, & Ghana. Each of these programs meets an aspect of GB's holistic model to strengthen the health & economic development of communities. Ball State's chapter is planning to send three groups of students on three different brigades in 2015.

Social Media

Twitter: @BSUBrigaders

Instagram: @BSUBrigaders

Facebook: "Global Brigades at Ball State University"

## Student Action Team

Mondays @ 4:00pm in the Kinghorn Multipurpose Room.

SAT is an organization made up of general members & housing and residence life representatives. This organization is dedicated to volunteering & supporting Ball State University & the Muncie community, & giving back to the community.

## Social Justice League

Mondays @ 5pm at the Center for Peace & Conflict Studies.

SJL seeks to promote awareness, equality, & justice on the BSU campus, in the state, in the country, & in the global community. SJL desires to educate & discuss modern injustices & social justice topics, promote the distribution of advantages to be fair & equitable to all, & actively work to change current injustices.

Current focuses/projects:

Planning opportunities to volunteer together.

Planning to attend events on campus as a group.

## ALIVE Campaign

Wednesdays @ 9pm in the Student Center Pineshelf Room.

The Alive Campaign is a student-ran group at Ball State that is dedicated to raising awareness towards Suicide Prevention by representing as a "Life Appreciation Organization".

Events:

"Black out the Darkness" Walk – April 12

## MOSAIC

MOSAIC is a social justice peer education program whose mission is to engage undergraduate students in open dialogues focused on diversity and social justice topics to promote awareness, change, and inter-group understanding.

"Taboo Tuesdays" Series – 7:00pm.

March 10: Death Penalty

March 24: Genocide

April 7: Hook-up Culture

April 21: Genital Cutting/FGM

## Students for Life

Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Monday of each month @ 7:30pm in Bracken Library, Educational Resource Rm. 1

Ball State Students for Life (BSSFL) is committed to the protection of all human life; from conception until natural death. We strive to educate our members & the Ball State University community about why we value life in all its forms. We strive to respond with love, compassion, & support to those who suffer from restrictions of life.

## Timmy Global Health

Wednesdays @ 8:00pm in Bracken Library Schwartz Complex.

Timmy Global Health expands access to healthcare & empowers students & volunteers to tackle today's most pressing global health challenges.

Events:

Ball State Timmy Global Health Banquet – April 8 (invite only)

## Call to Action

Wednesdays @ 7:30pm in Burkhardt Rm. 106.

CTA is a student organization at Ball State looking to educate & create awareness of lesbian, gay, bisexual, & transgender (LGBT) political issues at the local, state, & federal levels in order to empower students to take positive action towards equality for LGBT individuals & to influence others to take positive action.

## OXFAM America

Every other Monday @ 6:00pm in Bracken Library, Educational Resource Rm. 1.

Oxfam America is a global organization working to right the wrongs of poverty, hunger, & injustice. Oxfam saves lives, develops long-term solutions to poverty, & campaigns for social change.

# Peace Conferences

Notre Dame Student Peace Conference  
100 Hesburgh Center, Notre Dame, IN  
March 27-28 2015

Register: <http://10times.com/notre-dame-student-peace-conference>

Butler University Undergraduate Research Conference  
Butler University  
April 10 2015  
Register by February 11th

<http://www.butler.edu/undergrad-research-conference/>

FATE Conference  
Hosted by Heron School of Art and IUPUI  
Indianapolis IN  
March 25-28 2015

Register by March 9th : [https://fate.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com\\_mc&view=formlogin&form=173896&return=L2luZGV4LnBocD9vcHRpb249Y29tX21jJnZpZXc9bWMmbWNpZD1mb3JtXzE3Mzg5Nj9zZXJ2SWQ9NDQ5NyZvcHRpb249Y29tX21jJnZpZXc9bWMmbWNpZD1mb3JtXzE3Mzg5Ng==](https://fate.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_mc&view=formlogin&form=173896&return=L2luZGV4LnBocD9vcHRpb249Y29tX21jJnZpZXc9bWMmbWNpZD1mb3JtXzE3Mzg5Nj9zZXJ2SWQ9NDQ5NyZvcHRpb249Y29tX21jJnZpZXc9bWMmbWNpZD1mb3JtXzE3Mzg5Ng==)

Fees include breakfast and Lunch  
Must be a member of FATE to attend: member cost is \$50 for 2 years

The Business and Economics of Peace  
American University in Washington, D.C.  
April 10th-11th, 2015

This conference focuses on the interrelationships between business, peace, and economics and will emphasize on the keys themes that include: Economics, Business, and Peace, Measuring Peace, Analysis and Management of Risk, and Resilient Businesses, Resilient Societies: Promoting Positive Peace. At the conference there will be student presentations, established academics and industry leaders will share the latest ideas in research and practice, and there will be discussions and networking opportunities with practitioners will be emphasized in the program.

<http://economicsandpeace.org/education/tertiary/conference>

Please contact [conferences@economicsandpeace.org](mailto:conferences@economicsandpeace.org) with any questions you may have.

International Conference on Conflict Resolution Education  
Hosted by The School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University, Arlington, Virginia  
June 17-22, 2015

Registration opens in late January 2015

The 2015 conference builds upon prior conferences, which brought together government representatives from all around the globe and nongovernmental organization partners who have legislation or policies in conflict resolution education and related fields. The audience includes college educators and students, k-12 educators, prevention specialists, and state, local, national and international policy makers.

<http://creducation.org/cre/goto/creconf>

Annual International Conference on Ethnic and Religious Conflict Resolution and Peace Building  
Theme: The Intersection of Diplomacy, Development and Defense: Faith and Ethnicity at the Crossroads  
The Riverfront Library Auditorium, Yonkers Public Library 1 Larkin Center Yonkers, New York 10701  
October 9,10, and 11, 2015

This conference will host speakers from a variety of disciplines, well-informed panels, and lively debate. The conference selected the theme it has to explore the recent developments and supporting modern approaches to diffuse current conflicts.

[http://www.internationalpeaceandconflict.org/forum/topics/2015-annual-international-conference-on-ethnic-and-religious#.VLQgJ2TF\\_RI](http://www.internationalpeaceandconflict.org/forum/topics/2015-annual-international-conference-on-ethnic-and-religious#.VLQgJ2TF_RI)

Registration ends: October 9th, 2015

<http://icermediation.org/Mediation/Daf/AnnualInternationalConference2015.html>

Because Kids Count Conference  
November 30-December 2, 2015  
Indianapolis, IN

<http://www.iyi.org/conferences/kids-count.aspx>

## Participate in: #NonViolentApril

To promote a message of nonviolence and to remember and honor those that have lost their lives in April, the Peace Center has designed a photo project entitled **Nonviolent April** that asks participants "in light of the violence that has occurred in April, what does nonviolence mean to you?"



Each year, the Peace Center hosts a series of programs on nonviolence during April, which is historically the most violent month of the year. Horrific events such as the Columbine High School Massacre, the Virginia Tech Massacre, and the Boston Marathon Bombings have all occurred during the month of April. If you would like to be a part of this project, please contact us at [peacenter@bsu.edu](mailto:peacenter@bsu.edu) or (765)-285-1622.

## 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; Tues-days 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!



# The Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Fellowship Fund

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/cohenpeacefund>

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.

If you have any questions, please contact the Peace Center at [peacecenter@bsu.edu](mailto:peacecenter@bsu.edu)

## Peace Song of the Week



Phyllis Hyman - Gonna Make Changes

<https://youtu.be/nxzAb4KiXks>



## 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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