

The Olive Branch

Spotlight Article: Eleanor Roosevelt

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A wife, mother, teacher, first lady, politician, diplomat, but most importantly a human and civil rights activist. Eleanor was born on October 11, 1884 in New York City to Elliot Roosevelt and Anna Hall. She was born into a very

nor lived with her grandmother, who taught her the importance of helping the less fortunate. In her teenage years, she went to a boarding school in England where the headmistresses of the academy showed her the significance of public

ried Franklin Delano Roosevelt and they had six children, but one died in infancy. A few years later, from 1910 to 1913, she became a political assistant to her husband and obtained much knowledge about Washington, D.C.



wealthy family. At a young age, Eleanor's mother died suddenly from diphtheria, and only a few months later her younger brother died from the same illness. Elliot, a person who abused alcohol, jumped from a window while in a rehabilitation hospital. He initially survived the fall, but later died from a seizure. After the deaths of both parents, Elea-

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duty. Once returning from England, she came back to New York where she became involved in social work. She became very interested in labor conditions and sweatshops; she wanted to be a "voice for people who had none."

In 1905, Eleanor mar-

After her husband became ill with polio, Eleanor became an active member in the women's division of the State Democratic Committee. She joined this group to maintain her husband's political career till he recovered. In 1933, she became the first lady (the longest running first lady from 1933-1945) in the White House. Eleanor was

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very intelligent, possessing great understanding of social conditions far beyond any of her predecessors. Eleanor brought more meaning to the role of First Lady. She held press conferences, traveled worldwide giving lectures, and spoke on radio broadcasts expressing her opinions. During Franklin's first year as President, Eleanor traveled over 40,000 miles, where she saw poverty firsthand. Eleanor wanted to make known the issues and the living conditions that Americans were facing. Eleanor encouraged Franklin to give women positions in the White House, and in fact, was the first to invite women journalists to the White House. Eleanor grew up in an environment engrossed with racist people, but she chose to stand up and make a change. Eleanor was one of the few who spoke up in the White House, and insisted that racism and discrimination should not be a part of life. She detested segregation and pro-

moted equality. Eleanor once said "freedom must be universal and all men must be assured that there will be respect for the individual human being, regardless of his race, his creed, or his color."

Eleanor was very influential in connecting her husband's administration with African Americans during America's time of segregation. After experiencing Arthurdale and assessing the New Deal programs in Southern states, she found they were discriminating against African-Americans, who received a lesser share of money. After the passing of her husband, in 1945, Eleanor became involved with the Civil Rights movement and became a part of the NAACP.

She worked closely with Thurgood Marshall and Rosa Parks. She would correspond with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and expressed her thoughts about the way African Americans were treated. Eleanor was determined and charismatic and fought for equality. Her efforts with the Civil Rights movement helped to enact change throughout the United States. She made people want to change and listen to what she thought was right. Recently, Eleanor Roosevelt's name has reemerged in the media. There has been much conversation about Eleanor Roosevelt being on American currency due to her influential work regarding civil rights.

**“Do what you feel
 in your heart to be right
 - for you'll be criticized
 anyway.”**

Eleanor Roosevelt

Humans of New York: Pakistan

By: Adriana Detrinidad (Photos courtesy of www.humansofnewyork.com)

Brandon Stanton is the creator of the photography blog phenomenon *Humans of New York*. Stanton is inspired by the many faces of New York City. He strolls around the city and asks his subjects insightful questions on quotidian tasks. The poignant responses and captivating photographs sky rocketed his picture blog and garnered its now eight million followers on social media. When not promenading through the New York City streets, Stanton takes the opportunity to travel abroad and capture the images and stories of others.

This summer Stanton traveled to Pakistan and Iran. His images reveal the wide array of faces, experiences, life stories, and perspectives these beautiful countries hold. Stories about a loving husband moving heaven and earth to help his wife finish her doctoral dissertation; of Syeda Ghulam Fatima, the Harriet Tubman of Pakistan, who helps escape those who are under bonded labor in brick kilns for "debts" they "accrue"; of how the dreams of fathers and the fathers before them are selflessly and sacrificially ingrained in the generations that follow with love, hope, and hard work for a better future; and how the struggle of one mother to find help for her Hepatitis C and an escape from

an abusive relationship forced her to sell what she could at the mar-



ket. However, these inspiring stories are not told, because stories



of violence, war, and government corruption (to name a few), riddle the front of our newspapers, magazines, and web headlines.

People from the Middle East and Southeast Asia are greatly affected by the images and stories put out by U.S. media. Concerning how events in Southeast Asia are portrayed in the media, a young Pakistani woman Stanton interviewed noted that, "it's not that the reports of violence are false. But they are only a small part of the truth. There's so much other life being lived here [in Pakistan]." Stanton himself remarked that "it's not that terrorism, patriarchy, and violence aren't real problems in Pakistan...

The problem is that so many people seem to only be aware of that extremism."

In light of this, a way to push back our stigma of people of different cultures or ethnicities is through awareness. Since social media has become a lifestyle these past ten years, consider whipping out your social media device and follow Humans of New York on Instagram. (@humansofny). Stay up to date with the places Stanton goes, whom he talks to, and even the ways you can contribute aid to those who need it

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most. The story of the mother with Hepatitis C touched the hearts of thousands of *Humans of New York* followers and aid was sent to her and



her daughter. Stanton himself was so moved by Fatima he asked his social media followers to consider personally donating to her cause in the liberation of bonded slaves; he raised close to two million dollars.

I think we should step back from the messages that bombard us, and let us instead behold the beauty behind the human soul. Living in fear or hatred of others does not promote peace and prosperity. As Stanton said, "living in fear can be a dangerous thing. Because



if we're afraid of each other, we'll never be able to work together to solve our common problems."

To keep up with Brandon Stanton and his Humans of New York Project, go to his [Facebook](#) and Instagram pages (@humansofnfy)

Organizations on Campus

International Justice Mission

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.

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.

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.

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 @ 5:00 p.m. 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.

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"

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.

ALIVE Campaign

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".

Social Justice League

Wednesdays @ 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.

OXFAM America

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.

Call to Action

Wednesdays @ 7:30pm in Teacher's College Room 108

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.

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.

On-Campus Events

A Guided Tour of the Fall Skies

Friday, September 4, 2015, 6:30 p.m., Charles W. Brown Planetarium

Learn how to use a star chart as we take a tour of the fall skies in the Brown Planetarium. You will learn how to find constellations, planets, and additional celestial objects. Then, we will escape the city lights and find prominent deep sky objects in the planetarium. See these objects in great detail with the help of binoculars but bring your own binoculars!

Visiting Artist Lecture: Dan Mirer

Tuesday, September 8, 2015, 5:00 p.m., School of Art

Artist Dan Mirer visits Ball State. He is one of many in a diverse group of nationally and internationally recognized artists, designers, and scholars who have been invited to visit the School of Art to share their distinct practices and voices.

Alliance Luncheon and Program: Muncie's Sequicentennial

Wednesday, September 9, 2015, 12:00 p.m., David Owsley Museum of Art

To celebrate the city's 150th anniversary, DOMA staff members Cathy Bretz, Robert La France, Carl Schafer, Tania Said, and Rebecca Vaughn will spotlight significant art and cultural assets related to the David Owsley Museum of Art using the fast paced 20 x 20 PechaKucha format, with individual presentations limited to 20 slides shown for 20 seconds each.

The House of Blue Leaves

September 11-19, 2015, 7:30 p.m., Strother Studio Theatre

Artie Shaugnessy, a songwriter aspiring for fame and fortune toils away as a zookeeper by day while spending his nights at piano bars in Queens, New York. His wife Bananas cooks for him, while his mistress, Bunny Flingus, refuses to cook until they are married. The Pope is going to make his first visit to Queens, and Artie's son Ronny, a soldier who goes AWOL from stowing a bomb intended to blow up the Pope. Also arriving on the same day, are some of Artie's old friends—one in particular brings his starlet girlfriend who could potentially help Artie achieve his goal of fame and fortune. The prospect of these goals dissipates amid the chaos of these maybe not so ordinary lives.

Doktor Kaboom: Live Wire!

Saturday, September 12, 2015, 4:00 p.m., Emens Auditorium

Doktor Kaboom will explore the fundamentals of electrical energy and the history of humanity's adventures into its potential. At the dawn of the 19th century mankind first harnessed the power of electricity, the world changed and the journey still continues. Get ready for a hilarious hour of electrical entertainment with Doktor Kaboom. Although this may be a "one-man show," Doktor Kaboom will ask for your help in this fun and funny exploration of electricity.

Send Silence Packing

Monday, September 14, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., University Green

Send Silence Packing is a national public education display of 1,100 donated backpacks, representing the 1,100 college students who die by suicide each year. The program is an award-winning initiative from Active Minds, Inc. to promote a dialogue about mental health on college campuses and to combat the incidence of student suicide. Since 2008, the display has traveled to 29 cities in 18 states across the country. Active Minds continues to collect backpacks and personal stories written in memory or in honor of loved ones. By adding personalized stories to the backpacks, we are putting a 'face' to lives lost to suicide. Send Silence Packing carries the message that preventing suicide is not just about lowering statistics, but also about saving the lives of students, daughters, sons, brothers, sisters and friends.

Cardinal Job Fair

Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Worthen Arena

Cardinal Job Fair is Wednesday, September 16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Worthen Arena. The Career Center puts on career fairs each semester, bringing employers to campus who are actively recruiting Ball State students for full-time employment, internships and more. This is the time of year when students put on their interview attire and prepare their résumés—doing everything possible to impress upon recruiters their preparation and skills that have been developed in school and beyond.

Eisenhower Dance: 25 in the 25th Tour

Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 7:30 p.m., Emens Auditorium

Eisenhower Dance celebrates its silver anniversary with a spectacular touring production! With the goal of traveling to 25 cities during its 25th year, the company will celebrate with an exciting production of breathtaking choreography. The program will include new creations by internationally-recognized choreographers, such as Ron de Jesus, Gina Patterson, Edgar Zendejas and artistic director Laurie Eisenhower, among others. 25 in the 25th highlights what Eisenhower Dance does best—showcasing stunning dancers in exhilarating choreography!

Off-Campus Events

Indoor Farmers Market

Every Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Minnetrista.

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



Flags of Honor

September 4-11, 2015 at Minnetrista

Experience with friends and family a 'sea' of red, white, and blue as more than a thousand American flags adorn Minnetrista's lawn beside the White River Greenway. The "Flags of Honor Field" is hosted by the Muncie Exchange Club in honor and memory of local veterans, current service personnel, fallen heroes, and all who wish to display their pride for our country. Friends, families, and organizations can purchase a ribbon sponsorship as a personal dedication to a loved one, on sale now at Minnetrista.

Roy C. Buley Community Center Sesquicentennial Celebration

September 10, 2015, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Horizon Convention Center

This year, the Buley Center commemorates the 150th Anniversary for the City of Muncie. Equally, Buley Center hails 41 years of serving our community. Together, we will celebrate the City of Muncie and Buley Center itself, all while raising funds to ensure the center's sustainable future. For more information, please visit www.buleycenter.org

WIPBs Be My Neighbor Day

September 12, 2015, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Canan Commons in Downtown Muncie

Meet Daniel Tiger, star of the PBS KIDS' animated series, "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood".

Fun-filled activities with Muncie's great neighbors, including neighborhood associations, community centers, arts organizations, charity groups and more. Live performances by Ruditoonz!

Cornerstone Fall 2015 Session

September 14 – December 10, 2015 at Cornerstone Center for the Arts

Explore your creative side this fall with Cornerstone's diverse class offerings for the Fall 2015 session. Classes begin Monday, September 14 and run through Thursday, December 10 with a break the week of October 12th. Classes are offered for youth, family and adults in the areas of visual arts, dance, fitness, music, martial arts, and theatre. Class fees are affordable, one-time payments that cover the full twelve weeks of class. Financial aid is available to students who qualify.

On-Campus Support Groups

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 8th, 2015.

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 1:30-3:30; Wednesday 3:00-4:30; Thursday 1:00-2:30

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.

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.

Mondays 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.

Tuesdays 3:00-4:30

L.I.F.E. SKILLS

Are you struggling with how to deal more effectively with stress? Are you your own worst critic? Do you ever wish you had some better ways to take care of yourself? This group can help teach you tangible coping skills to take with you, and from the very first session, you can begin taking active steps toward change. These brief, 4-session workshop style groups will be running at different times throughout the semester.

Conferences

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 9-11, 2015
(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>

Justice and Peace: "A Call to Local and Global Community"

The 40th Anniversary Conference of The Peace Resource Center At Wilmington College

When: Thursday, 9/10/15 and Friday 9/11/15

Where: Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio

Keynote Speaker: Norma Field, Robert S. Ingersoll Professor Emerita, University of Chicago

<http://www.wilmington.edu/the-wilmington-difference/prc/40th-anniversary/>

PEACE HISTORY SOCIETY: 2015 Fall Conference 'Historical Perspectives on War, Peace and Religion.

October 22-24, 2015, University of Saint Joseph, West Hartford, Connecticut, USA

PHS's 2015 fall conference Historical Perspectives on War, Peace and Religion

<http://www.peacehistorysociety.org/phs2015/program.pdf>

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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.

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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