

The Olive Branch

Spotlight Article: Ruby Bridges

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A courageous little girl, Ruby Bridges, was born on September 8, 1954, in Ty-lertown, Mississippi. Ruby was raised in poverty, and was the oldest of eight children. At the age of four, Ruby and her family moved to New Orleans. During this time racism was very prevalent, and her family was looked down upon. In 1960, two years after moving to New Orleans, Ruby was given the opportunity to take a test, which would determine if she could integrate into an all-white school.

A few weeks later her parents were notified by the NAACP that she passed the test, and would be attending William Frantz Elementary School, which was five blocks away from her house. There were a total of six children who passed the test, but Ruby was the only one who enrolled. Once people from the school heard Ruby would be attending William

Frantz Elementary, they took their kids out of school and there was a great uproar. On Ruby's first day, she had to be escorted into the school by five U.S. Marshals. Ruby was the first African American to attend an all-white school in the south, which was groundbreaking. After

principal's office, where she spent the entirety of the school day.

On the second day, Barbara Henry, a white woman from Boston, was the only teacher who agreed to teach Ruby. Ruby was the only one in the classroom, but Barbara taught like it was a classroom full of students. On the third day, Ruby walked to school and a white woman threatened to poison her. Because of this statement, the U.S. Marshals thought it would be best if Ruby

only ate food from her home. Another woman on her walk to school put a black baby doll in a wooden coffin and protested with it outside the school. Throughout this, Ruby prevailed and stayed strong. The U.S. Marshals that protected Ruby never heard Ruby cry.

The stress of being a target of such intense racism and hatred began taking a



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arriving to the school, there was a large crowd of people screaming and throwing objects. Being an innocent child, Ruby envisioned the chaos as if it was like a Mardi Gras celebration. Upon entering the school Ruby and her mother walked immediately into the



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toll on Ruby. After winter break, she began seeing a child psychologist. Dr. Robert Cole saw Ruby once a week either at school or at her home. Dr. Cole's wife would sometimes join them in the sessions. They both truly cared about the well-being of Ruby.

Ruby was not the only one targeted and ostracized. Her father lost his job at the gas station. The grocery store where her family shopped banned them from entering. Although these terrible acts of racism were difficult to endure, as time progressed, people eventually became more tolerant and accepting of integration within the school systems. Ruby was finally able to attend classes with other children.

Ruby's first steps into her elementary school signified a groundbreaking change in society. The glass house of segregation was shattered, and integration began to rightfully become the norm. No one could deny that Ruby Bridges was an extremely brave girl, which inspired the 1966 painting by Norman Rockwell entitled "The Problem We All Live

With." It also inspired the children's book *The Ruby Bridges Story* by Robert Coles. Ruby has dedicated her life to promoting education and inspiration, also values of respect, tolerance, and appreciating differences. In 1999, Ruby formed the Bridges Foundation, headquartered in New Orleans. The foundation ultimately seeks to end racism and prejudice. In 2007, at the Indianapolis Children's Museum they unveiled an exhibition unveiling her life and story. Ruby is still an activist for equality in the world we live in today, and has touched the lives of many people.



Interfaith Dialogue: Will You Choose Peace?

By: Adriana Detrinidad

The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of Ball State University or the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies. This article is a first person account of the interaction between some individuals affiliated with the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies and the [Arrahman-Arraheem network](#):

On September 2nd, 2015 members of the Arrahman-Arraheem network came to the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies. Little did the representatives of the Center know the conversations they would engage in that afternoon.

The individuals from the network came bustling in to the Center with cameras, microphones and large filming equipment. After brief introductions they busily started setting up the impressive gear. At first they asked us about what the Center stood for, and how we have promoted peace in the local and global community based on the projects we create and the organizations we partner with. It was an exhilarating opportunity being able to share the vision and heart behind the Center. In 2011, the Center for Peace promoted peace and understanding through an international exchange soccer program in Jordan. The program offered Jordanian and U.S. youth soccer coaches techniques for teaching young athletes the skills of the sport and how to peacefully interact with people from different cultures. The Center also received a grant in 2012 which helped form a partnership between Ball State University and Quaid-i-Azam University in Is-



lamabad, Pakistan. The Center's main role in the program was to help foster cultural understanding and exchange between Pakistani and American students. At a local level, the Center in collaboration with the Martin Luther King Jr. Dream Team and other partners sponsored the Freedom Bus whose mission is to educate young students in East Central Indiana about civil rights activism.

The Arrahman-Arraheem network is a Pakistani non-profit organization whose aim is to visit religious, educational, medical and training institutes in hopes for inter-faith dialogue and education of the real spirit of Islam. Their mission and belief in this arose during the interview as they spoke to us about their approach to peace in terms of the Maker (Allah). They shared how humans ought to be at peace with one another because the Maker asks that of them and wills them to. They shared how they believe the world is one unified body, in sync and balanced. However, they continued, there has been a disturbance in this unified body which manifests itself in war, cor-

ruption, poverty, and crime. They shared that peace is the only way to return to that balance. They believed peace needs to be lived and embodied, first by the self, and then extended towards the rest of humanity. Only by doing this, they offered, could this world live in peace.

As I was listening to the ideas being passed around between the people from the network and the people from the Center, I pondered my own beliefs and thoughts about peace and humanity. C. S. Lewis once wrote, "Creatures are not born with desires unless satisfaction for those desires exists." If we look at our desire for peace, and if we take that quote as a fact, then does that mean there truly is a way to satisfy this desire for peace? How do we attain it? Where do we find it? Could it possibly be found in a deity? Or do we find it within ourselves? As a Christian, I believe peace

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can only be received through God (Yahweh) and through receiving it in ourselves and then shown and extended to others will it spread throughout the world.

After my interactions and experience with the network I suggest you look introspectively and ask yourself, "What is my approach to peace? Where do I think it comes from? Or how can it be attained?" I believe the first step to achieving peace is by answering those questions first and then intentionally living them out. As students in this university who walk alongside people from different cultural, religious, and family backgrounds, it is important to

ponder these questions and answer them earnestly. Moments of conflict will inevitably arise between you and a classmate, roommate, friend, or family member. How will you approach that situation? Will you choose peace?

Organizations on Campus

International Justice Mission

Tuesdays @ 6 p.m. in the Student Center, Rm. 301

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.

"Slutwalk" on Friday, September 25th at 3 p.m. at North Quad. See event information [here](#).

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.

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.

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.
 Trans* Lives Matter March - Thursday, September 17th at 6:30 p.m. at North Quad
 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".

OXFAM America

Booth at the Living Lightly Fair, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on September 19th, 2015 at Minnetrista
 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.

Student Action Team

Mondays @ 4:00pm in the Kinghorn Multipurpose Room.
 Bingo After Dark - Monday, September 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in Pruis Hall
 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.

On-Campus Events

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.

Tombaugh's Planet

Friday, September 18 and 25, 6:30p.m., Saturday, September 19 and 26, 6:30p.m. and 8:00p.m., Charles W. Brown Planetarium

In 1930, after years of searching, a Kansas farm boy discovered Planet X. This object was later renamed Pluto. This program tells of Clyde Tombaugh's remarkable achievement and the amazing discoveries made in July of 2015 when the New Horizons space probe beamed to Earth the first close-up images of this small frozen world.

Visiting Artist Lecture: Jacqueline Suskin

Thursday, September 17, 2015 7:00 p.m., Art and Journalism Building, Room 225

Writer, performance poet, and artist Jaqueline Suskin visits Ball State. She 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.

Salary Negotiation Workshop

Tuesday, September 22, 2015, 5:00p.m., Schwartz Digital Complex

Negotiating your salary after a job offer has been made is a critical skill that many of us never demonstrate. This session will provide you an understanding of what a job offer entails, salary and additional benefits as well as deliver resources for making sure this offer is the value it should be. We will also discuss skills for making a case to negotiate items on a job to ensure you get the worth you deserve.

Jazz Ensembles Concert with Guest Artist Adam Schroeder, saxophone

Wednesday, September 23, 2015, 7:30 p.m., Sursa Performance Hall

The Ball State Jazz Ensembles have performed around the world. Come enjoy a night of standard jazz favorites as well as original compositions and arrangements by ensemble members. The Guest Artist is baritone saxophonist Adam Schroeder, and Mark Buselli directs the ensembles.

Visiting Artist Lecture: Peter Pincus

Thursday, September 24, 2015, 7:00p.m., Art and Journalism Building, Room 225

Artist Peter Pincus 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.

MAD WORLD

September 25, 26, 29, and 30, 7:30p.m., September 27, 2:30p.m., University Theatre

MAD WORLD is an exhilarating new musical centered on Carroll's creation of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking Glass" and his obsession with the young heroine, Alice, who inspired a global phenomenon.

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!



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.

Muncie Mini Marathon

Saturday, September 19, 2015, 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m., Muncie Fieldhouse

Enjoy all Muncie has to offer in this spanning loop on the White River and Cardinal Greenways in this fantastic and safe mini marathon. Starting in the center of town at the historic Muncie Fieldhouse, the course highlights beautiful Minnetrista, the Wysor Depot and the John Craddock Wetland Nature Preserve, and ending at City Hall.

Sesquicentennial Saturdays - FREE Saturday

Saturday, September 19, 2015, 10:00a.m.-5:00p.m., Muncie Children's Museum

Bring your family in for FREE Saturdays at the Muncie Children's Museum! Free Saturdays are the third Saturday of every month.

Moonlight Movie - Guardians of the Galaxy

Saturday, September 26, 2015, 7:00p.m.-10:00p.m., Canan Commons Downtown Muncie

Join us for Muncie's 150th Birthday Party! GIANT Birthday Cake and ice cream for the first 150 guests! Inflatables, party games on the lawn, photo ops with Charlie Cardinal, Garfield, Mr Blue and more. Fireworks before the movie!

Join us at Canan Commons for four fabulous movies and family pre-show jubilees! Themed family activities will be provided before the movies each. Family pre-show activities begin at 7:00pm; the movie starting at dusk. Guests are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chairs and bug spray. Vendors will be on-site with light snacks.

Rocky Horror Picture Show

Saturday, September 26, 2015, 7:30p.m.-11:30p.m., Cornerstone Center for the Arts

Cornerstone Center for the Arts and Savage's Ale House invite you to join in an evening of time warping, fish-nets, and fun on Saturday, September 26, for "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." Step out of your comfort zone and into the world of Dr. Frank N. Furter with this cult classic in celebration of the film's 40th anniversary.

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. with the festivities beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the E.B. Ball Auditorium at Cornerstone. The show will include live performances from Scarevania's Freakhouse Flicks and The Old Queen's Men shadow cast as well as the viewing of Rocky Horror. Come dressed as your favorite Rocky character; various door prizes will be up for grabs as well as a 50/50 opportunity ticket drawing. In addition, there will be concessions and a cash bar.

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.

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