

Spotlight Person : Rosa Parks

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In honor of Black History Month, this month's Spotlight will focus on the "mother of the modern day civil rights movement," Rosa Parks. She was born in Tuskegee, Alabama in February of 1913. She was educated in a rural school in Pine Level, Alabama until age 11, when her mother enrolled her in the private Montgomery Industrial School for Girls. Parks would eventually attend Alabama State Teacher's College High School, but was unable to graduate with her class due to illness, and later death, of her grandmother, Rose Edwards. When she prepared to return to Alabama State Teacher's College, Parks's mother became ill, so she continued to care for her mother at home while her brother, Sylvester McCauley, worked outside of the home. Parks would eventually earn her high school diploma in 1934, two years after marrying her husband, Raymond Parks, on December 18, 1932. He had received very little education growing up due to segregation; however, he was a self-educated man thanks to his mother. He dressed immaculately, and knew enough about domestic affairs and current events that many believed he was college educated. He encouraged and

supported Rosa's goals to complete her formal education.

Rosa Parks' husband was an early member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP's) programs, and he encouraged his wife to join in their fight. Though she is best known for her refusal to give up her seat to a white male passenger on a bus in Montgomery Alabama on December 1, 1955 – and for spurring the beginning of the Montgomery Bus Boycott – Rosa Parks also fought to protect African American women from sexual assault and harassment. She even fought to gain justice for the women who were attacked during the Civil Rights movement. In 1999, she was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest honor the United States can bestow upon a civilian.

Rosa Parks passed away on October 24, 2005 at the age of 93, and was the first woman to lie in state at the U.S. Capitol. Her legacy of Peace lives on within the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-Development in Detroit, which was founded in 1987. The Institute serves the youth of Detroit, encouraging their education and self-advancement in the world.

Spotlight Event : Travel Ban

January 30th 2017, President Donald Trump signed an executive order titled "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States." The order has otherwise been called a travel ban. The executive action ceases all entry of those arriving from seven Muslim-majority countries that President Trump's top aid, Kellyanne Conway, has described as "exporting and harboring terrorists." The seven nations include Yemen, Somalia, Iraq, Iran, Sudan, Egypt, and Syria. A 90-day ban has been issued for any persons coming from these countries; however, those traveling from Syria have been banned indefinitely.

The order also concern refugees, particularly those coming from Syria. In the executive order, it states:

I hereby proclaim that the entry of nationals of Syria as refugees is detrimental to the interests of the United States and thus suspend any such entry until such time as I have determined that sufficient changes have been made to the USRAP to ensure that admission of Syrian refugees is consistent with the national interest (Exec. Order No. 13769 (2017)).

This aspect of the order has been especially controversial because of the civil war in Syria that has caused millions of people to flee from their war-torn homes. The USRAP (United States Refugee Admissions Program) mentioned in the order, is the regulation proposed by former President Obama that allows entry of refugees into the United States. Under President Trump's executive action the program has been suspended for 120 days.

Opponents of the ban have claimed the ban is discriminatory and is intended to bar Muslims from the United States. President Trump

had previously suggested a ban on Muslims into the U.S. for the sake of national security. As a result, just days after the order was issued, several states, Washington being the first, filed lawsuits to sue the Trump administration. States and other organizations are arguing that the ban violates the Constitution, federal law, and is discriminatory. The Washington lawsuit has resulted in Judge James L. Robart temporarily blocking the ban, and allowing people to travel as usual. The Department of Justice asked the 9th U.S Circuit Court of Appeals to reinstate the ban; the court refused. On Tuesday February 7, three judges from the 9th U.S Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco heard the first arguments from the Department of Justice and Washington state lawyers, to decide whether to lift the block on President Trump's ban. The appeals court judges questioned the link between terrorism and the seven nations banned and whether the ban is intended to discriminate against Muslims. The court decided to uphold the temporary suspension of the ban by a unanimous three to one decision. The Judges wrote in the official court ruling *State of Washington V.*

Trump:

"the public has a powerful interest in national security and in the ability of an elected president to enact policies... the public also has an interest in free flow of travel, in avoiding separation of families, and in freedom from discrimination."

After the decision was made President Trump tweeted: "SEE YOU IN COURT!" indicating that the administration may continue to fight through the federal court system for the reinstatement of the ban. For now, the ban is on hold and people are able to travel as usual.

Free Speech and Assembly at Ball State

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Join the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies in Arts and Journalism 175 on Thursday, February 23, at 5:00 pm for a panel discussion on Free Speech and Assembly on Ball State University Campus.

Presenting on this panel will be James Duckham, Chief BSU Police Department, Melissa Ann Hartley Ginotti, BSU Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Director of Student Life, Dr. Michael R. Gillilan, BSU Director Student Rights and Community Standards, and Dr. Tarek. Mahfouz, BSU Faculty Council Chair. Facilitating this panel discussion will be Ro-Ann Royer Engle, BSU Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Services, and Dr. Lawrence H. Gerstein, BSU Director Center for Peace and Conflict Studies.

Topics of Discussion Include:

- Why free speech and assembly on campuses is important?
- What actions on the part of protestors or counter-protestors could result in University Police Action?
- Whether free speech and assembly is really free
- Whether Free Speech extends into the classroom
- Do students need to notify the University of expressive activities?

On and Off Campus Events

Off Campus Events:

1) Volunteer Together:

Volunteer Together is an initiative that works to unify the campus of Ball State University. On April 1st, at 8:30 a.m., those that can participate will meet in the MPR of Johnson A, Botsford/Swinford Hall, for a brief breakfast as well as assignment placing. Those part of an organization will be assigned to the same site, so no worries there! At 9:00 a.m. we will split off to our separate sites, work for four hours, and then at 1:00 p.m. pizza and water will be delivered to the different sites. If you have any questions, please contact Derek Heim at dcheim@bsu.edu.

2) Twenty-Seventh Minnetrista Annual Juried Art Show & Sale: February 18 - April 23

Friends, families, and fellow artists alike are invited to experience the beautiful and awe-inspiring artwork of professional and avocational artists throughout Indiana in the Twenty-Seventh Minnetrista Annual Juried Art Show & Sale. Together, you can venture into a world of art, discover your own inner artist, and even purchase the work of these artists' to liven up your home.

On Campus Events:

1) Meditation in the Museum- Friday, February 10, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. in the David Owsley Museum of Art

2) Women of Song: A Concert for Women's Week 2017- Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the School of Music

3) Arts Alive Concert Series: Chanticleer- Sunday, April 9, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the School of Music

4) Leaders and Loyals- Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Alumni Center

5) Values presented by Neil Denari- Monday, February 13, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the College of Architecture and Planning

Conferences

1) What: Annual Peacebuilding Conference.

When: Fall of 2017

“The Alliance for Peacebuilding leads a community of 100 organizations building peaceful and just societies around the world. In this integrated field, AfP amplifies the strengths of its members through collaboration, tackling a spectrum of issues too large for any one organization to address alone.”

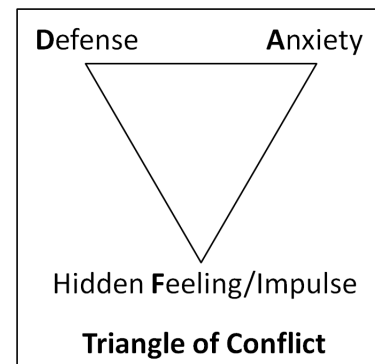
Go to <http://www.allianceforpeacebuilding.org/our-work/annual-conference/> to learn more!

2) What: Conflict Resolution Minnesota

When: Summer/Fall 2017

“We're excited to announce the 2017 Annual Conference: Bridging Divides with Keynote Speaker Ellie Krug. Registration for the conference will be available soon.”

Go to <http://www.conflictresolutionmn.org> for more information!



3) What: International Conference on Conflict Resolution Education

When: March 16-17, 2017

Welcome to the 11th International Conference on Conflict Resolution Education

“Tools for Preparing the Change Leaders of the Future: Social Enterprise, Innovation and Education”

Click <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/?eventid=1929466> to register for the event!

Organizations

International Justice Mission

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

November 17 - 6-8 p.m. - Documentary Night @ Student Center Ballroom

November 21 - 6 p.m.-Midnight - Benefit Concert @ The Living Room

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.

Ball State University 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.

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. Social Media: Twitter; Instagram; Facebook

Organizations, cont.

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

Wednesdays @ 9 p.m., in the Student Center Rm. 308

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

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 to-wards 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.

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

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 by availability of group members.

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

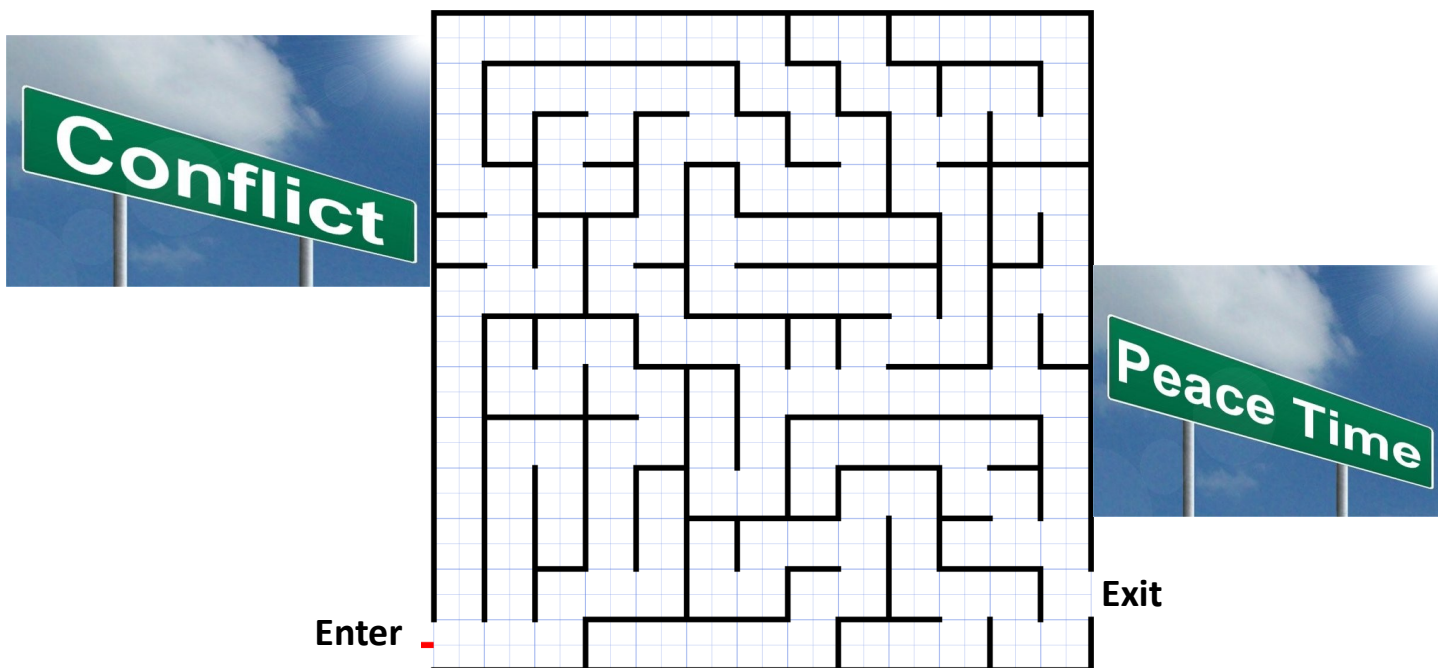
C.A.L.M.:

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.

Maze



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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