

Spotlight Person : Louise Frechette

Louise Frenchette served as the first Deputy Secretary General for the United Nations, after working for a number of years as a Canadian Diplomat to Argentina and a public servant for Ontario. As a diplomat, she secretly went to Cuba to lobby Fidel Castro to support the Gulf War. Frenchette was unsuccessful in this attempt, but she did impress the Canadian government enough that they named her their ambassador to the United Nations in 1992. Later in 1995, she became Canada's first woman to hold the position of Deputy Minister of Defense. Frenchette earned the position of Officer in the 'Order of Canada,' the second highest merit in Canada, only after the 'Order of Merit,' which comes from Canada's Monarch. While working at the United Nations, she was a strong proponent for emphasizing the United Nation's policy of zero-tolerance for sexual abuse, and was a part of many intense arguments during meetings at the UN on this topic. Frenchette's work is one reason that many women have joined organizations that fight for equality and peace in nations where people have no voice in

their government. Currently, she is the chair of a Nuclear Energy Futures project that is working toward holding countries accountable to the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons Treaty (NPT), which was signed by all countries except: India, Israel, North Korea, Pakistan, and South Sudan. The NPT was signed in 1968 and became effective in 1970. Frenchette continues to be a member of the Global Leadership Foundation and the International Advisory board on Nuclear Warfare. Louise Frenchette's work strives to strengthen the global governance and unify countries over safety, security, and non-proliferation.



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Spotlight Event: California Mudslide



California mudslide

California's New Year brought residents a deadly mud storm just weeks after the state experienced wildfires that burned hundreds of thousands of acres of land and threatened thousands of structures across the southern part of the state. The mudslides that followed proved to be more lethal, with twenty dead, some missing, and hundreds of homes either damaged or destroyed. Additionally, parts of the heavily traveled Highway 101 were reported to be under six to seven feet of water and mud.

The wildfires in December burned large portions of the hills in the Santa Barbara and Montecito areas. The burning changed the soil composition, increasing its slip resistance and making it far more prone to erosion, as well as a complete clearing of vegetation that would normally increase traction to decrease the speed and size of a mudslide. This, on top of the downhill slope, large amounts of rainfall, and large volumes of debris, created the conditions that made the Montecito slide so dangerous.

The large amounts of mud and debris have made evacuation and emergency rescue more difficult. The slide transported large boulders to the area that posed another challenge for emergency crews, who now must work around or try to remove the huge rocks. Rescuers have been searching for missing persons throughout neighborhoods and near areas of major traffic that were affected by the falling mud and debris. Evacuations throughout the area have been underway and the search-and-rescue mission has been shifted to a "search-and-recovery." Santa Barbara Sherriff, Bill Brown, has announced that authorities do

not expect to find many more people who have survived.

Emergency personnel who have dedicated hours to the rescue mission include 3,000 relief workers from local, state, and federal agencies. A community group, which was created in the aftermath of the devastating December fires, also has been of aid. They have been coordinating free airplane and helicopter rides for doctors and emergency personnel whose travel has been interrupted by the closure of the major highway. Long-term, Montecito may be less vulnerable to such deadly slides because this one has brought down so much of the dangerous debris; however, research geologist, Randall Jibson, warns that there is almost always more debris that can pose a threat during future slides.

Events like these give people the opportunity to rally together for a common cause, and to help others. Great humanitarian efforts often come out of grave tragedies. This disaster has afforded people a chance to come together and give aid in whatever way they can to promote peace, so that those affected can live free of environmental conflict.



Main location impacted by the mudslide

Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Conference

Benjamin V Cohen Peace Conference: Peacemakers: People, Politics, and Possibilities

April 6-7, 2018

Muncie, Indiana

Proposals due: January 31, 2018

Organized by the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies and with the financial support, in part, from the [Benjamin V. Cohen Memorial Endowment Fund](#), community activists and scholars from all disciplines as well as laypersons will present their strategies, research, and recommendations related to peacemaking and peace-building, and those that explore the bridge between activism and research.

For more information, click [here](#)
To submit a proposal, click [here](#)



Benjamin V. Cohen passed away on August 15, 1983. To honor his legacy and dedication to resolving worldwide conflicts peacefully, on this 30th year anniversary of his death, Ball State University will host a Conference entitled "Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Conference: Peace in Troubled Times," in Muncie, Indiana, April 6-7, 2018.

Born in Muncie, Indiana on September 23, 1894, Benjamin Victor Cohen graduated from the University of Chicago Law School in 1915. He then attended Harvard Law School where he attracted the attention of Felix Frankfurter. In 1933, Franklin Roosevelt summoned Cohen from private practice in New York to public service.

Cohen became a major legal architect of much of the New Deal legislation including the Securities Act and the plan for Lend-Lease and economic stability during World War II. A shy man, Cohen worked behind the scenes where his brilliance as a legal draftsman was widely recognized.

Following World War II, Cohen turned his talents to the problems of world peace and became one of the architects of the United Nations, serving on the U.S. delegation to the UN and on the United Nations Disarmament Commission. His abiding interest in world peace and his outstanding legal ability influenced American Presidents and world leaders until his death in 1983.

Conferences

Second International Conference on Peace & Conflict Management

Conference: August 23 – 24, 2018 @ Galle Face Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka

About:

The aim of this conference is to provide a multidisciplinary forum for presentations and discussion of recent, ongoing research and innovations regarding peace and conflict management from leaders in academia and industry worldwide.

<http://peaceandconflictmanagementconference.globalacademicresearchinstitute.com/main/sicpcm>

Spring Student-Faculty Conference

Conference: April 6, 2018 @ Edgewood College, Madison, Wisconsin

About:

Throughout the world, and here at home, authoritarianism and authoritarian forces are on the rise. At this important moment, Edgewood College – along with the Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies – invites you join us for an academically-focused conversation on, and exploration of, this world-wide phenomenon.

<https://www.uwsp.edu/cols-ap/WIPCS/Pages/Student-Faculty-2018.aspx>



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International Youth Peace Conference (IYPC)

Conference: September 24 – October 1, 2018 @ Sogndal Fjordane, Norway

About:

The International Youth Peace Conference 2018 (IYPC) invites participants from around the world who are aged 16-25 to join us in Sogn og Fjordane, Western Norway for our opening conference and workshop series.

Our theme this year is CLIMATE CHANGE and PEACE and features several engaging and inspiring workshops hosted at different venues in the region.

<http://www.internationalconferences.no/>

Grinnell College Peace & Conflict Studies Program

Conference: March 9-10, 2018 @ Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa

About:

The Grinnell College Peace and Conflict Studies Program is seeking undergraduate student paper submissions addressing issues of peace and conflict from the sciences, social sciences, and humanities.

<https://www.grinnell.edu/academics/centers/peace-studies/conference>

Conferences

Authentic Leadership for Progress, Peace & Prosperity

Conference: October 24-27, 2018 @ West Palm Beach, Florida

About:

The 2018 ILA global conference theme invites examinations of Authentic Leadership through the lens of "leadership for what?" It is intended to foster a timely and important exploration in this era of fake news by considering how authentic leaders can engage with their followers and stakeholders to create a future that embraces progress, fosters peace, and creates prosperity for the greater good of the global community.

<http://www.ila-net.org/Conferences/2018/theme.html>

Psychology & Peace

Conference: March 9 -11, 2018 @ University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana

About:

The purpose of Psychology & Peace 2018 is to explore the ways that psychology and psychologists from all specialties can contribute to peace and peacemaking.

The program will include scholarly presentations, skill-building workshops, and featured speakers. In addition, collaborative work groups of conference participants will focus special attention on building research, practice, and advocacy agendas for the future of peace psychology.

<http://peacepsychology.org/conference-1/>

Notre Dame Student Peace Conference

Conference: April 13-14, 2018

About:

The Notre Dame Student Peace conference is an annual conference organized by students for students. Its mission is to provide space for undergraduate and graduate students to engage in dialogue on important issues related to peacebuilding, social justice, and global issues.

<https://www3.nd.edu/~peacecon/description.html>



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: LGBT 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.

On and Off Campus Events

February 2-3 and 6-10

Detroit '67

February 2-3 and 6-10 at 7:30 p.m., February 4 at 2:30 p.m. University Theatre

In 1967 Detroit, Motown music is getting the party started, and Chelle and her brother Lank are making ends meet by turning their basement into an after-hours joint. When a mysterious woman finds her way into their lives, the siblings clash over much more than the family business. As their pent-up feelings erupt, so does their city, and they find themselves caught in the middle of the '67 riots.

February 6

The Black Market Trust

7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. Pruis Hall

The Black Market Trust are an American pop/vocal jazz band whose current release II combines the sounds of the great American crooners and vocal groups with the romantic Eastern European gypsy fire of jazz guitarist Django Reinhardt. Consisting of five world class musicians who have traveled the globe recording and performing on the world's biggest stages and with music's most renowned artists, The Black Market Trust capitalize on their experience and pedigree to deliver a sophomore album that manages to bring a new and exciting sound to 12 tried and true classic songs.

February 17

Annie Moses Band

7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. Emens Auditorium

Warner Classics artist, the Annie Moses Band, has been inspiring and entertaining audiences for over a decade, bringing their distinctive style of music across the US and around the world. A captivating blend of folk and classical, the Annie Moses Band is a talented ensemble of songwriters, singers, musicians, and siblings combining technical skill with exhilarating showmanship.

February 13, 20, and 27

Cardinal Kitchen

5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Multicultural Center

February 16-18 and 20-24

Pericles by William Shakespeare

February 16-17, 20-24 at 7:30pm, February 18 at 2:30pm Strother Studio Theatre

Enter Pirates! Set sail with Pericles, Prince of Tyre, on an action-packed, epic journey. In heroic fashion, Pericles woos a princess, fights a famine, weathers storms and a shipwreck, wins the hand of his wife, loses her at sea, and entrusts his only child to a king and queen. From a riddle to a heartrending reunion, Shakespeare's tale charts one man's sweeping voyage from a headstrong youth to a sage, world-weary man, with humor, pathos and passion.

On and Off Campus Events

February 18

Travis Tritt

7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Emens Auditorium

Experience this rare opportunity featuring the multi-platinum artist in an intimate solo-acoustic setting where his powerful voice and his guitar are the subject of the spotlight. An up-close and personal event punctuated by personal stories and anecdotes about his life and musical influences.

February 27

Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella

7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. Emens Auditorium

Rodgers + Hammerstein's CINDERELLA is the Tony Award®- winning Broadway musical from the creators of The Sound of Music and South Pacific that's delighting audiences with its contemporary take on the classic tale. This production features all the moments you love—plus some surprising new twists! Be transported back to your childhood as you rediscover some of Rodgers + Hammerstein's most beloved songs in this hilarious and romantic Broadway experience for anyone who's ever had a wish, a dream... or a really great pair of shoes.

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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