

Spotlight Person : Gloria Steinem

Gloria Steinem was one of the most prominent activists of second-wave feminism. She is a huge proponent for equal rights. For several decades, she has continued to write and speak about societal roles, politics, and issues affecting women. Gloria Steinem began her journalism career in New York. At first, her assignments did not consist of challenging stories. She was viewed as “just a female reporter” among a profession of mostly men.

However, an early investigative reporting piece became one of her most famous when she went undercover to work in a Playboy club in order to publish an expose. She wrote about the challenging work, harsh conditions and unfair wages and treatment endured by women in those jobs. She found nothing glamorous about life as a Playboy bunny, and said all women are “bunnies,” because they are placed in secondary roles to men, by men, because of their sex/gender.

Gloria Steinem was an early contributing editor and political columnist for New York Magazine in the late 1960s. In 1972, she launched *Ms.*. The initial publication of 300,000 copies sold out rapidly nationwide. The magazine became the landmark publication of the feminist movement. Unlike other women’s magazines of the time, *Ms.* covered topics such as gender bias in language, sexual harassment, feminist protests of pornography, and political candidates’ stances on women’s issues. *Ms.* has been published by the Feminist Majority foundation since 2001, and Steinem remains on the masthead as one of

six founding editors. She also serves on the advisory board.

Along with activists such as Bella Abzug and Betty Friedan, Gloria Steinem helped to found the National Women’s Political Caucus (NWPC) in 1971. The NWPC is a multi-partisan organization dedicated to increasing the participation of women in politics and getting women elected. It supports women candidates with fundraising, training, education, and additional grassroots activism. In Steinem’s famous “Address to the Women of America” speech at an early NWPC meeting, she spoke of feminism as a “revolution” that meant working toward a society in which people are not categorized by race and sex. She has often spoken about feminism as “humanism.” In addition to examining racial and sexual inequality, Steinem is an advocate for the Equal Rights Amendment, abortion rights, equal pay for women, and an end to domestic violence. As we continue with the third-wave of feminism, Gloria Steinem is likely to continue her work to advance the pursuit of peace and conflict resolution.



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Spotlight Event: Alaskan Earthquake

A 7.9 magnitude earthquake occurred in the Gulf of Alaska on January 23. In the morning, tsunami sirens began sounding throughout the Pacific islands. Alaska, Washington, Hawaii, Japan, Mexico and California residents were woken in the late hours of the night by these screeching sirens.

After this sudden alarm, residents throughout the Pacific were rushed into schools-turned-evacuation centers. Residents stayed in the evacuation centers for approximately four hours before the tsunami warnings were dismissed.

The earthquake struck the central gulf, approximately 174 miles from Kodiak, Alaska and 397 miles from Anchorage. Originally believed to be an 8.2 magnitude earthquake, the quake was brought down to a 7.9 after only an eight-inch tsunami was observed throughout the Alaskan coast in towns such as Kodiak and Seward.

After the Great Earthquake and Tsunami of 1964, Alaskan residents have been awaiting another great tragedy. Many residents awoke in the middle of the night January 23, expecting this quake to be the next “great” tragedy.

The earthquake in 1964 occurred on March 27, and was felt throughout all of Alaska, parts of Canada and most of the United States Pacific West Coast. Over \$400 million in damage occurred along with 131 deaths; 115 in Alaska and 16 in Oregon and California.

The 1964 quake is the [second largest ever recorded](#) in the world, the first being the 1960 Chile earthquake. In 1964, tsunami waves were recorded to reach 70 meters in the Valdez Arm.

Via *The New York Times*, Peter Haeussler, a

research geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) in Anchorage, says the quake on January 23, did not take place where two plates meet. Rather, he said, “it appeared that the slip occurred on the Pacific plate only, at a point where it bends as it starts to slide under the continent.” This direction of movement is similar to the San Andreas Fault in California and is less likely to generate large tsunamis, Haeussler stated.

The quake on January 23 comes nearly seven years after Japan’s largest recorded earthquake (March 11, 2011) which also caused a tsunami and over 15,000 deaths. Indonesia experienced their most powerful quakes in December of 2004, with affects reaching as far as Somalia.

According to the USGS, the effects of the January 23 quake were felt as far as Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The vibrations from the quake caused water levels to alter in the state 5,000 miles away. Previously in 2002, an earthquake in Denali, Alaska caused a well in Wisconsin to rise two feet.

Little damage and no deaths have been reported from the earthquake in Alaska on January 23.



Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Conference

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

April 6-7, 2018

Muncie, Indiana

Early Registration Ends: March 19, 2018

Organized by the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, along with the City of Muncie, and with the financial support, in part, from the [Benjamin V. Cohen Memorial Endowment Fund](#), The H.C. Gemmer Foundation, and Champions for a Safe Community. 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 Register for the conference 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

Conferences

International Conference on Global Peace (ICGP) 2018

<http://icgp.coreconferences.com/index.html>

Where: Sydney, Australia

When: April 2-4 2018

Description: "ICGP 2018 is a main annual research conference aimed at presenting new improvements in Global Peace. The conference will be held every year to make it an ideal platform for people to share views and experiences."



20th International Conference on Peace and Conflict Resolution (ICPCR)

<https://waset.org/conference/2018/05/montreal/ICPCR>

Where: Montreal, Canada

When: May 24-25, 2018

Description: "The **ICPCR 2018: 20th International Conference on Peace and Conflict Resolution** aims to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers and research scholars to exchange and share their experiences and research results on all aspects of Peace and Conflict Resolution. It also provides a premier interdisciplinary platform for researchers, practitioners and educators to present and discuss the most recent innovations, trends, and concerns as well as practical challenges encountered and solutions adopted in the fields of Peace and Conflict Resolution."



Conferences

2018 Annual International Conference on Ethnic and Religious Conflict Resolution and Peace-building

<https://www.icermediation.org/featuredevents/2018-annual-international-conference-on-ethnic-and-religious-conflict-resolution-and-peacebuilding/>

Where: New York City, New York

When: Tuesday, October 30-Thursday, November 1, 2018

Description: By organizing and hosting an international conference on the traditional systems of conflict resolution, we hope to not only begin a pluri-disciplinary, policy, and legal discussion on the traditional systems of conflict resolution, but most importantly, this international conference will serve as an international forum where researchers, scholars, policy makers and practitioners will have an opportunity to exchange ideas and learn from the traditional rulers from various countries around the world. In turn, the traditional rulers will discover emerging research and best practices presented by scholars and practitioners at the conference. The outcome of the exchange, inquiry and discussion will inform the international community on the roles and importance of the traditional systems of conflict resolution in our contemporary world.

Discussion Series Event

Stay Tuned for our Next Discussion Series 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: 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

Friday March 2

Meditation in the Museum

David Owsley Museum of Art

3:30 p.m.

Join us in the Asian Art gallery most Fridays at 3:30 pm for a soothing, end of the week meditation.

Saturday March 3

45th Annual Larry McWilliams Dimensions in Jazz Festival

Music Instruction Building

High School jazz bands from around the region come to the Ball State University campus for a day of jazz band and combo competitions, as well as clinics. The daytime portion of the festival is free and open to the public.

Sunday March 4

Your Ball State: Proud and Loyal in New York

Andaz 5th Avenue

2 p.m.

The Ball State University Alumni Association cordially invites you to join us for an afternoon of celebration as we welcome Geoff and Jennifer Mearns, Ball State's 17th President and his wife.

Monday March 5

Dinosaur Discoveries: Ancient Fossils, New Ideas exhibition

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Muncie Minnestrista

Experience dinosaurs like never before when you visit the incredible Dinosaur Discoveries: Ancient Fossils, New Ideas exhibition! Use technology to examine fossils and discover how dinosaurs walked, ran, and moved their long necks.

Saturday March 10

Rhythm of the Dance

7:30 p.m.

Emens Auditorium

This two-hour dance and music extravaganza contains a wealth of Irish talent. The show is an inspiring epic, reliving the journey of the Irish Celts throughout history. Using modern art forms of dance and music, this richly costumed show marries the contemporary and the ancient. Combining traditional dance and music with the most up to date stage technology, the show is a thousand year old story executed with all the advantages of the modern day stage show.

Thursday March 15

Explore Ball State Day

On and Off Campus Events

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Explore Ball State Day

8:30 a.m.

Office of Admissions

Explore Ball State Day is a special preview day hosted by the Office of Admissions Multicultural Ambassador Corps. It's an opportunity for high school students and their families to visit campus and learn more about our distinctive programs.

Saturday March 17

St. Patrick's Day Parade

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Downtown Muncie

St. Patrick's Day Parade (Muncie) 33rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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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