

Spotlight Person : Hazel Scott



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Hazel Scott is an accomplished singer, songwriter, actress, and civil rights activist. She built quite a reputation performing for radio stations and wrote and sang for many movie soundtracks previously. Eventually she made it to Carnegie Hall, often referred to as, “a neat little show in a modest package” (Variety). With her fame, she earned many on-screen appearances. Hazel Scott would never take a role that was essentially a ‘singing maid’ and would have in her contract many rights that many other performers did not, such as final cut, wardrobe, and even lines. She worked hard to make sure that her roles did not stereotype Blacks in 1950s America.

Hazel Scott sued a restaurant because of a waitress’s reluctance in serving her and her friend. This was unheard of in that time and the fact that she won this case gave her the confidence to help fight other racial discriminations out of Spokane,

Washington. Hazel Scott’s victory was pivotal in the enactment of the Public Accommodations Act of 1953 in the State of Oregon.

On her nationally syndicated television show, The Hazel Scott Show, she continued to fight stereotypes about Black individuals appearing on networks. She is famously known for saying, “Why would anyone come to hear me, a Negro, and refuse to sit beside someone just like me?” (Time Magazine). This question began a conversation across the country that helped people start talking about race relations and civil rights. Hazel Scott helped the civil rights movement by breaking stereotypes on television and making people talk about difficult subjects in the comfort of their own home.



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Spotlight Event: Austin, Texas Bombings

March 2

A father and graduate of Texas State University, Stephen House, heard a knock on his door, opened his door, and took his last breath.

A bomb in a package had been left on his front porch early Friday morning.

March 12

Before heading to high school, Draylen Mason's mother brought in a package from the front porch. An explosion at the kitchen table kills the seventeen-year-old and injures his mother.

Fifteen minutes down the road, a 75-year-old woman grabs a package left at her home during lunch. She soon is admitted to the hospital in critical condition.

The Austin Police Department links the two East Austin bombings along with the March 2nd bombing. Investigations of these bombings as related incidents soon begins.

March 18

On a walk at dusk a man trips. An explosion occurs. Two men in their 20s were brought to the hospital with "significant injuries" but soon were stable.

The bomb was attached to a for sale sign with a trip wire guiding over the sidewalk.

After assuring the public of over 500 agents on the bombing cases, the FBI, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Austin Police Department offer a \$100,000 reward for any information about these bombings.

March 19

Austin Police Chief Brian Manley confirmed the four bombs were linked.

The use of the tripwire, Manley said, "shows a higher level of sophistication, a higher level of skill" than originally believed.

March 20

On its way to the mailroom just after midnight, a package explodes on a conveyer belt in a FedEx sorting facility in Schertz, Texas, an hour southwest of Austin and just north of San Antonio. The package was addressed and delivered from Austin.

Approximately 6:20 a.m. a suspicious package was found at the FedEx facility near the Austin airport. After law enforcement intervened, an explosive device was determined to be inside.

FedEx announced both packages were shipped by the same person.

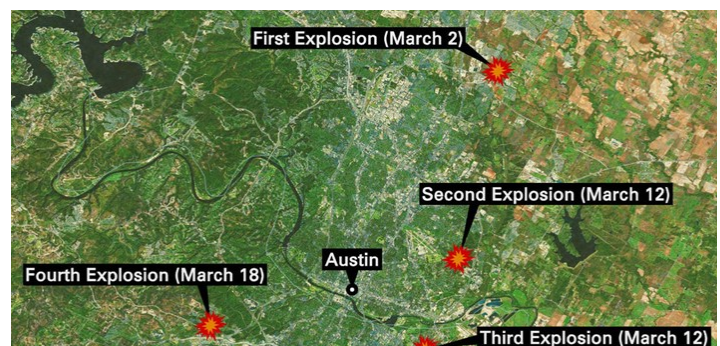
A third bomb exploded near an Austin Goodwill after dinner. It was confirmed to be unrelated.

March 21

Police and federal agents trace the lead suspect to a hotel parking lot just outside of Austin in Round Rock.

Following the car and waiting for backup, the car drives into a ditch and explodes. The suspect died at the scene.

The suspect, 24-year-old Mark Anthony Conditt, left a confession on his cell phone. After review, police said all seven bombs had been detonated, confirming no outstanding bombs were left.



Map of Austin, Texas Bombings

Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Conference

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

April 6-7, 2018

Muncie, Indiana

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 ability influenced American Presidents and world leaders until his death in 1983.

Conferences

Notre Dame Student Peace Conference

@ University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN

April 13-14, 2018

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>

Spring Student-Faculty Conference

@ Edgewood College, Madison, Wisconsin

April 6, 2018

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>

Second International Conference on Peace & Conflict Management

@ Galle Face Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka

August 23 – 24, 2018

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>

International Youth Peace Conference (IYPC) Conference:

@ Sogndal Fjordane, Norway

September 24 – October 1, 2018

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/>



Conferences

Authentic Leadership for Progress, Peace & Prosperity Conference

@ West Palm Beach, Florida

October 24-27, 2018

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>

Discussion Series Event

Panelists: Dr. Beth Messner--Moderator, Chief James Duckham--UPD, Dr. Dominic Caristi—Dept. of Telecommunications, Nicole Crabtree--Ethnic Theatre Alliance, Maggie West--Men & Women of Color



Panelists from left to Right: Maggie West, Nicole Crabtree, Chief Duckham, Dr. Caristi, and Dr. Messner.

The discussion series event, "Free Speech Wars: The Role of Provocative Speech on Campus" was recently hosted by the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies. This panel discussion began with a video highlighting a number of student protests that have taken place across the United States in retaliation to controversial speakers. The moderator, Dr. Beth Messner of the Communication Studies Department, posed several discussion questions to the panelists. Topics focused on inclusion, open discussion, safe spaces, freedom of speech, and safety intervention. The end of the program was left open to audience questions, which led to an engaging discussion of opinions based on the aforementioned topics. The program ran over its allotted time by fifteen minutes.

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

April 6 & 7

University Singers 54th Annual Spectacular

7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Emens Auditorium

April 6-8, 10-14

Dry Land

April 6-7, 10-14 at 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

April 8 at 2:30 p.m.

Strother Studio Theatre



April 9

Andre Bormanis

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Emens Auditorium

April 10-15

New Play Project

April 10-14 @ 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., April 14-15 @ 2:30 p.m.

Cave Studio Theatre

April 12

Father's Daze

7:30 p.m.

Pruis Hall

April 13

The Modern Gentlemen

7:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Emens Auditorium

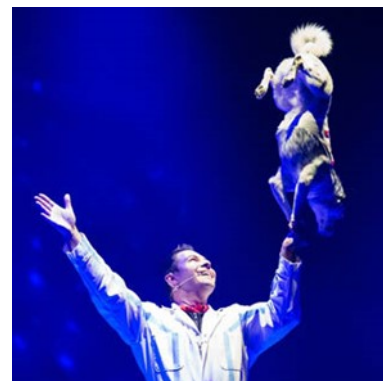


April 14

Stunt Dog Experience

2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Emens Auditorium



On and Off Campus Events

April 20

Roots & Boots Tour: Aaron Tippin, Sammy Kershaw and Collin Raye

8 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Emens Auditorium

April 21

Cliff Eberhardt and John Gorka

7:30 p.m.

Pruis Hall

April 25-28

Cinderella

April 25-28 @ 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., April 28 @ 2:30 p.m.

University Theatre



**ROOTS & BOOTS
TOUR**

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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