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Spotlight Article

Author of the book, “The Terrorist Son,” Zak Ebrahim’s Long Road to Peace.

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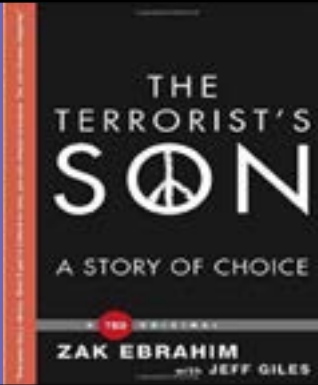
Zak Ebrahim was born on March 24th, 1983 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with the name of Abdulaziz El Sayed Nosair. He is the son of an Egyptian industrial engineer and an American schoolteacher. Ebrahim’s childhood was not a typical American childhood. At a young age Ebrahim was immersed in a dogma based on hate. His entire world was influenced by terrorist ideals. When Zak Ebrahim was seven years old, his father, El-Sayyid Nosair, walked into a hotel in Manhattan and shot and killed the leader of the Jewish Defense League, Rabbi Meir Kahane. The Jewish Defense League is a terrorist group founded by Rabbi Meir Kahane in 1968 in New York City. Nosair was tried for this heinous crime, but was only convicted of assault and possession of an illegal firearm. He was found not guilty with regard to the actual murder of Kahane. While in prison, Nosair and other inmates planned attacks on New York City landmarks including tunnels, synagogues, and the United Nations headquarters. Nosair was also a co-mastermind in the 1993 bombing

of the World Trade Center, killing six people and injuring thousands. Zak Ebrahim is the son of a terrorist.

After the bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993, Ebrahim, his mother, and siblings moved city-to-city hiding their identity from those who knew his father. When his family decided to separate themselves from his father and start a new life, he changed his name from Abdulaziz El Sayed Nosair to Zak Ebrahim. Moving twenty different times by the age of 19 was rough on Ebrahim. Transferring school to school led him to being bullied as a kid.



Zak Ebrahim Cont.



Being a member of this group at the youth conference led him to see many walks of life. At the end of the conference Ebrahim found out that he had befriended a Jew. Realizing there was not hostility between him and his new friend led him to gain a new perspective from what he was taught as a young boy. As Ebrahim continued to have real life experience and interactions with others it gave him a new outlook on the world.

Zak Ebrahim now dedicates his life to speaking out against terrorism and spreading his message of peace and non-violence. In 2013, he participated in TED's talent search in NYC, and was selected to speak at the main conference, TED2014 in Vancouver. At the main conference, he revealed his story that he once was scared to tell. Ebrahim spent his life trying to understand what drew his father to terrorism and has struggled with the fact that he has his father's blood running through his veins. From this talk led to the creation of his book, *The Terrorist's Son: A Story of Choice*, published in September 2014. In his book, he traces his journey to escape the legacy of his father. A boy who was presumed to follow in his father's footsteps but instead became a man who chose a different path. It is very important to him to show people his experience and emphasize that the vast majority of Muslims in the world are never indoctrinated into the level of extremism that he was. As an advocate for nonviolence, his hope is that if someone someday is compelled to use violence, they may hear his story and realize that there is a better way. Even though he was raised to judge people on a person's race or religion, he chose to overcome his upbringing and instead use his experience against terrorism.

Martin Luther King Jr. Dream Team Works Hard to Create Freedom Bus

By: Sara Huntington

The Freedom Bus is a Muncie, Indiana based project dedicated to telling the story of Civil Right leaders from the East Central Indiana community. In 2005, the Indiana transit system (MITS) donated a bus to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Dream Team. Since then, local organizations such as The Virginia B. Ball Center for Creative Inquiry, The City of Muncie, the Muncie Human Rights Commission and the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies have come together to get the wheels moving on the Freedom Bus project.

The Freedom Bus will be an informative and interactive way to teach East Central Indiana's youth about the Civil Rights Movement, both on a national and local level. The bus will travel to schools and community events throughout East Central Indiana to give students the opportunity to experience the bus. Some of the individuals that will be spotlighted in the bus are: Oatess Archey, the first black sheriff in the state of Indiana; James Cameron who survived a lynching in Marion, Indiana in 1930; and Rick Cottman, a civil rights activist in Newcastle, Indiana. With every year, the Freedom Bus intends to enhance exhibits to tell additional stories of influential individuals who have impacted the Civil Rights movement in East Central Indiana.

Funding has been the biggest

struggle for the Freedom Bus. The bus has been in the making for almost 10 years, but issues with funding have caused the project to be delayed. Despite these issues, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Dream Team was not deterred and continued to push to make their dream a reality. Recently, the team has been able to make significant progress towards being able to showcase the bus. It is currently in the prototype stage, but Dr. Beth Messner, assistant secretary and Freedom Bus coordinator and her student team are working hard for the bus to be ready in 2016. Although the Martin Luther King, Jr. Dream Team has received support from multiple different sponsors, including the city of Muncie, their ultimate goal of educating the youth of East Central Indiana requires more funding. Donations are always being accepted, and the team is currently applying for a number of grants to help further develop the bus. This year, the Freedom Bus sponsored Create for the Dream, an art fair that asked patrons to decorate their own version of the Freedom Bus. Last year, on February 1st 2014, the team hosted a silent auction at Minnetrista and raised about \$680. This year, the Martin Luther King Dream Team plans to surpass last year's fundraiser with the help of the Muncie community.

"I'm convinced that empathy is more powerful than hate and that our lives should be dedicated to making it go viral."

Freedom Bus Cont.

The Freedom Bus wants everyone from the Muncie Community to be involved, including Ball State students. Last semester 14 students enrolled in a 15 credit hour course to build and create content for the bus. They worked with Associate Professor Beth Messner (Communication Studies; Advisory Board-Center for Peace and Conflict Studies) every day to do research and design the exhibits for the bus. The students now have more than just a class on their Resume, they have a life- changing event. In an interview



with Dr. Messner, she stated, "It's great to see everyone involved, coming together and believing in something. When they say 'it takes a village,' this project is the perfect example of it."

The Freedom Bus will be finished in the spring of 2016. Unfortunately, the costs of maintenance, gas, and storage are still a significant barrier to making sure that the bus is able to travel throughout East Central Indiana. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Dream Team plans to hold a sponsorship campaign this fall to get sponsors to fund school trips. Low-funded schools do not have extra money to spend on extracurricular activities for the students, but often it is those schools that would appreciate and benefit from the Freedom Bus the most. The Freedom Bus hopes to attend these schools with the help of their community.

Each year, the Freedom Bus will change and grow, as more exhibits are added and more information is collected. The Freedom Bus will be working with Ball State students interested in the project regardless of their major. If you are interested in working on this project you may contact Dr. Messner at bmessner@bsu.edu.

Looking to the future of the Freedom Bus seems so far away, but in just one year, the bus will be traveling cross-county throughout East Central Indiana to make a significant difference in the lives of young children. Beth Messner said, "If people could take one thing away from the Freedom Bus, it would be that ordinary people can make a difference in their communities. They should be inspired to make their own difference."

Every person featured in the Freedom Bus believed in something better for their community. The Civil Rights Movement occurred nationwide, in major cities and small towns. There were leaders throughout East Central Indiana who fought for a better life. "Through courage and moral integrity, people stood up to demand what was theirs - - their rights," said Dr. Messner.

The Freedom bus allows the Muncie community to finally give back to the brave people who fought for their freedom. Involvement with the Freedom Bus is rewarding and inspirational. To find out more about the Freedom Bus or how you can get involved visit, www.mlkdreamteam.org or visit their Facebook Page.



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On Campus Events

Spring 2015 Cultural Exchange Series: AFGHAN-ISTAN

Wednesday, February 11th, 2015, 12:00 p.m. at Rinker Center
Come experience an insider's look at another culture as international student Naweed Bakhtani presents his experiences as a native of the country of Afghanistan. An internationally-themed dish from Tally Food Court will be served.

A Raisin in the Sun

February 11th-14th, 2015 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at the University Theatre at Ball State University
This production is a pivotal story in the history of African-American theatre, A Raisin in the Sun chronicles three generations of an African-American family on the south side of Chicago during the 1950's. A financial windfall is the catalyst for their divergent dreams and each member of the family envisions a different path to a better life. Matriarch Lena wants to buy a home in an all-white neighborhood, her son Walter Lee wants to buy a liquor store, and daughter Beneatha dreams of attending medical school. Familial conflict, tensions and prejudice forcefully collide to create this groundbreaking American classic.
Tickets: General Public \$15, Faculty/Staff \$14, Senior Citizens \$12, Students \$10

Back to the Moon for Good

February 14th, 2015, 5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. at the Charles W. Brown Planetarium
Narrated by Tim Allen, this show chronicles teams from around the world competing to land a robotic spacecraft on the moon for the first time in more than 40 years. With stunning visuals and a compelling narrative, the show highlights the importance of the Google Lunar X-Prize. This encourages today's space entrepreneurs and innovators to build a new space economy, while inspiring the next generation to "shoot for the moon."

Black History Month: Keynote Address by Stedman Graham "Tribute to Maya Angelou: The Impact of Her Legacy on Identity"

February 16th, 2015, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Ballroom in the Student Center
Author Stedman Graham provides the keynote address for Black History Month with the presentation 'I Read. I Rise. A tribute to Maya Angelou.' Ball State celebrates the life and contributions of Dr. Maya Angelou with an evening of poetry, song, dance, and an address by Stedman Graham on identity development and the impact of Maya Angelou's work.

Stedman Graham has built a strong reputation for helping corporations, organizations, and individuals succeed. He is the Chairman and CEO of S. Graham & Associates, a management and marketing consulting firm based in Chicago. As an educator and speaker, Graham lectures and conducts seminars for businesses and educational organizations worldwide on the topics of identity development and leadership. Graham considers it his mission to transform followers into leaders and has a passion for helping young people have a larger vision for their lives. He is the author of eleven books including two New York Times bestsellers. His most recent book, "Identity: Your Passport to Success" was a Wall Street Journal bestseller.



80th Annual Student Art Show

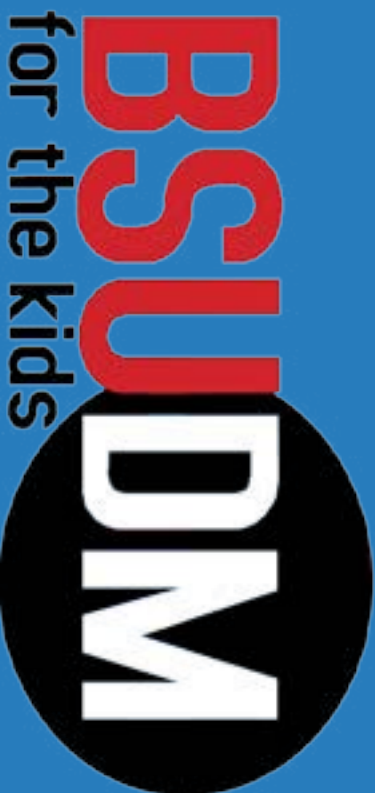
February 17th-20th, 2015, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
The "80th Annual Student Art Show" simulates the real world experience of a professional juried exhibition for the students in the School of Art. The show has the tradition of selecting a different artistic juror each year from outside the University. The School of Art honors our outstanding student artists with the presentation of a series of awards.

Aftershock

February 17th-21st, 2015, 7:30 p.m.
Aftershock is a play about suffering, resilience, and hope in different places and times. In the aftermath of Katrina, two young people struggle to survive. In 1945 Belgium, an adolescent Jewish girl struggles to maintain her identity and dignity. And, in the Congo, a girl faces situations that stretch beyond the devastating and into the unspeakable.

Ball State University Dance Marathon

Saturday, February 21st- 22nd, 2015, 2:00 p.m.- 2:00 a.m.
In the Field and Sport Building Stand for 12 hours for those who can't! Ball State University Dance Marathon is the largest student-run philanthropic event on BSU's campus. Their mission is to provide support both emotionally and monetarily to the children and families that need the assistance of Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. The story of this amazing and unique bird, once one of the most abundant birds in the world and in East Central Indiana, before the species became extinct in 1914. Uncover the relationship between people and nature for the 100-year anniversary of the extinction of the passenger pigeon.



Off Campus Events

Indoor Farmers Market

Every 3rd 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!

Walk a Mile in My Shoes

February 14th, 2015, 8:00 a.m. at the Muncie Fieldhouse

Walk a Mile in My Shoes is an event to raise funds and awareness for the homeless. The homeless experience vast amounts of hardship every day, and this event looks to bring awareness to this fact. In addition, funds will be raised to address physical and spiritual needs through food, shelter, counseling, and other long-term programs.

Exhibit: Passenger Pigeons

Now through March 1st, 2015 at Minnetrista

Discover how the story of the passenger pigeon is unlike that of any other bird in this engaging and important exhibit. Explore the story of this amazing and unique bird, once one of the most abundant birds in the world and in East Central Indiana, before the species became extinct in 1914. Uncover the relationship between people and nature for the 100-year anniversary of the extinction of the passenger pigeon.

Soul Sauce... A Look at the Work of Bob Lundy

Now through February 28th at The Artist Within

The Artist Within will exhibit a retrospective look at the artwork of former BSU Art professor Bob Lundy. Mr. Lundy taught photography and graphic design during the late sixties. Former student of Lundy and owner of the Artist Within, Bob Hartley, has fond memories of his class. "Attention to detail and a commitment to fine craftsmanship" are two of the qualities Hartley recalls being stressed by the young professor and always visible in Lundy's artwork.

After a career that included teaching at Earlham College, University of Akron and Eastern Kentucky, as well as being a tech-rep for Nikon Camera, Mr. Lundy retired to Florida to pursue his passion of underwater photography and whimsical wood carving. His love of the water led him to earn the Coast Guard designation of "Captain" in 1984 and hence began signing his wood carvings "Captain Bob". Bob Lundy lives in Muncie with his daughter Starr Manning.

"Soul Sauce... a look at the work of Bob Lundy" will be the featured show throughout February at The Artist Within. Please make plans to see this exhibit that showcase a broad range of mediums and many of his whimsical wood carvings.

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<https://twitter.com/bsu4peace>

Organizations on Campus

International Justice Mission

Mondays @ 6pm in Student Center Rm. 306.

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.

Events

Ultimate Frisbee Tournament – Early February

Breaking Chains Speaker Event – Mid/Late March

Stand for Freedom – April 9-10

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.

Current Focuses/Projects:

Writing letters to Indiana Senators in regards to specific bills being introduced.

Planning an event around Valentine's Day.

Planning and organizing various committees for the spring semester.

Organizations On Campus Cont.

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 @ 5:30pm 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.

Events:

Slut Walk on campus – Last week of March

LGBTQ Event – Second week of April

Homeless Awareness event – March

Community diversity Picnic – April

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"

Social Justice League

Mondays @ 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.

Current focuses/projects:

Planning opportunities to volunteer together.

Planning to attend events on campus as a group.

ALIVE Campaign

Wednesdays @ 9pm in the Student Center Pineshelf Room.

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".

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.

"Taboo Tuesdays" Series – Every other Tuesday @ 7:00pm.

- o February 3: Slut Shaming
- o February 17: Pornography
- o March 10: Death Penalty
- o March 24: Genocide
- o April 7: Hook-up Culture
- o April 21: Genital Cutting/FGM

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 & the Muncie community, & giving back to the community.

Students for Life

Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Monday of the month @ 7:30pm in Bracken Library, ERC1.

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.

Peace Conferences

Notre Dame Student Peace Conference
100 Hesburgh Center, Notre Dame, IN
March 27-28 2015

Register: <http://10times.com/notre-dame-student-peace-conference>

Butler University Undergraduate Research Conference
Butler University
April 10 2015

Register by February 11th

<http://www.butler.edu/undergrad-research-conference/>

FATE Conference
Hosted by Heron School of Art and IUPUI
Indianapolis IN
March 25-28 2015

Register by March 9th : https://fate.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_mc&view=formlogin&form=173896&return=L2luZGV4LnBocD9vcHRpb249Y29tX21jJnZpZXc9bWMmbWNpZD1mb3JtXzE3Mzg5Nj9zZXJ2SWQ9NDQ5NyZvcHRpb249Y29tX21jJnZpZXc9bWMmbWNpZD1mb3JtXzE3Mzg5Ng==

Fees include breakfast and Lunch

Must be a member of FATE to attend: member cost is \$50 for 2 years

The Business and Economics of Peace
American University in Washington, D.C.
April 10th-11th, 2015

This conference focuses on the interrelationships between business, peace, and economics and will emphasize on the keys themes that include: Economics, Business, and Peace, Measuring Peace, Analysis and Management of Risk, and Resilient Businesses, Resilient Societies: Promoting Positive Peace. At the conference there will be student presentations, established academics and industry leaders will share the latest ideas in research and practice, and there will be discussions and networking opportunities with practitioners will be emphasized in the program.

<http://economicsandpeace.org/education/tertiary/conference>

Please contact conferences@economicsandpeace.org with any questions you may have.

International Conference on Conflict Resolution Education
Hosted by The School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University, Arlington, Virginia
June 17-22, 2015

Registration opens in late January 2015

The 2015 conference builds upon prior conferences, which brought together government representatives from all around the globe and nongovernmental organization partners who have legislation or policies in conflict resolution education and related fields. The audience includes college educators and students, k-12 educators, prevention specialists, and state, local, national and international policy makers.

<http://creducation.org/cre/goto/creconf>

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 9,10, and 11, 2015

This conference will host speakers from a variety of disciplines, well-informed panels, and lively debate. The conference selected the theme it has to explore the recent developments and supporting modern approaches to diffuse current conflicts.

http://www.internationalpeaceandconflict.org/forum/topics/2015-annual-international-conference-on-ethnic-and-religious#.VLQgJ2TF_RI

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>

**Ball State University's Peace Center
is hosting a
Blood Drive
In Support of "Muslims for Life"**

**Tuesday, March 17th, 2015
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Lobby of Pruis Hall
www.muslimsforlife.org**



On Campus Support Groups

KISS: KNOWING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' STORIES

WEDNESDAYS from 3:30-5:00 pm – **MULTICULTURAL CENTER** This gathering, starting on September 3rd 2014, is designed to provide support for international students by coming together and sharing cross-cultural stories. Through sharing our stories, participants will find similarities and differences as well as gain support from each other. The leaders will also share their personal journeys with members and use various approaches to encourage members' sharing.

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 3:00-4:30; Tues-days 3:00-4:30; Wednesday 2:00-3:30; Thursday 2:00-3:30** (women's group)

JOURNEY TO WHOLENESS

Safe, supportive place for survivors of sexual trauma to explore the meaning of their experiences and to explore effective ways of coping. **Thursdays 3:00-4:30**

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.

CHOICES

A group for students who are exploring making changes in their relationship with alcohol and other substances. **Mondays 3:00-4:30**

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. **Fridays 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. **Thursdays 3:00-4:30**

KALEIDOSCOPE: ETHNIC/RACIAL MINORITY SUPPORT GROUP

MONDAYS from 4:00-5:30 pm – **MULTICULTURAL CENTER 2nd FLOOR**

A safe, supportive place for ethnic/racial minority students to explore and discuss navigating two or more cultures. Topics may include discrimination, identity, family concerns, relationships, adjustment, academic concerns, and body image. All ethnic/racial minority students are welcome to join any time!

The Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Fellowship Fund

The Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Fellowship Fund to support faculty members and graduate students that are presenting scholarly papers or serving on a symposium at professional conferences on topics directly connected to the mission of the Cohen Fund which "is to provide a lasting memorial to Benjamin Cohen by fostering new approaches to the problems of peacemaking.

Two awards of up to \$500 are available for this academic year. Funds may only be used to offset travel expenses (e.g., airfare, lodging, local transportation, meals). You can find the application linked with this opportunity at: <http://cms.bsu.edu/academics/centersandinstitutes/peace/academicopps/cohenpeacefund>

Information about the Cohen Fellowship Program can be found at: <http://cms.bsu.edu/academics/centersandinstitutes/peace/academicopps/cohenpeacefellowship>

Please note that is ESSENTIAL that a submitted proposal clearly articulate how the presentation fits with the mission of the Cohen Fund. Proposals that are not consistent with this mission will not be reviewed. Please also note that the deadline to apply for these funds is December 1, 2014 and March 1, 2015.

If you have any questions, please contact the Peace Center at peacecenter@bsu.edu

Peace Song of the Week

Victory by Janelle Monae



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-TrxrKyQMxc>



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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