

Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Conference: Peace in Troubled Times

To honor the legacy of Benjamin V. Cohen who passed away on August 15, 1983 and his dedication to resolving worldwide conflicts peacefully, the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies at Ball State University will host a conference in Muncie, Indiana on April 6 and 7, 2018. Community activists and scholars from all disciplines as well as laypersons will present on the theme “Peacemakers: People, Politics, and Possibilities.” More specifically, these individuals will share strategies, research, and recommendations related to peacemaking and peace building, particularly those that consider how peace is deeply embedded in local, national, and international contexts.

Organized by the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies and with the financial support, in part, from the Benjamin V. Cohen Memorial Endowment Fund, H.C. Gemmer Family Christian Foundation, and Champions for a Safe Community.

Call for Proposals

The Ball State University Center for Peace and Conflict Studies along with the City of Muncie are very pleased to announce a Call for Proposals to present at the 3rd Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Conference.

Scholars, students, practitioners, and activists from all disciplines as well as laypersons are invited to submit proposals to present symposia, discussions, papers, and posters on the theme Peacemakers: People, Politics, & Possibilities. Proposals will be blind reviewed. We welcome submissions that focus on strategies, research, and recommendations related to peacemaking and peace building, and those that explore the bridge between activism and research.

Suggested topics include (but are not limited to):

- Community peacemaking/peacebuilding theory and praxis
- Community violence causes, analysis, alternatives, solutions
- School violence causes, analysis, alternatives, solutions
- Structural violence relative to race, gender, sexuality, class, religion
- Justice and reconciliation
- Race relations
- Mediation
- Domestic violence
- Volunteerism
- Restorative justice
- Poverty
- Religious intolerance and/or conflict
- Community corrections
- Community organizing
- Legislative access
- Internet and social media for peacemaking/peacebuilding
- Post-conflict reconstruction

- National/international law and local politics
- International peacemaking and peacebuilding/peacemaking and peacebuilding across borders
- Ethnic conflict
- Meditation and mindfulness
- Sports for development and peace
- Suicide prevention
- Human rights
- Sexual harassment
- Economic inequity or equality
- Health disparities
- Environmental issues
- Homelessness

A \$100 award will be given to the best student poster!

Registration

Early registrants will receive a continental breakfast, coffee break, and buffet lunch on Saturday. Regular or onsite registrants will receive a continental breakfast and coffee break on Saturday. Regular and onsite registration fees do not include a buffet lunch on Saturday.

Registration fees are as follows:

- Student: \$45 (early registration); \$60 (late or onsite registration)
- Professional/Faculty: \$70 (early registration); \$85 (normal or onsite registration)
- Community Members: \$45 (early registration); \$60 (normal or onsite registration)

Refund: \$10 processing fee charged. To receive a refund, cancellations must be received by no later than March 19, 2018

Keynote Speakers

- President Geoffery Mearns (Ball State University)
- Mayor Dennis Tyler (Muncie, IN)
- Sister Norma Rocklage (Marian University)
- Dr. Linda Daniel (Indiana University Health Ball Memorial Hospital)

Conference Location

Alumni Center
Ball State University
Muncie, IN, 47306

Poster Instructions

Posters are to be mounted on a board whose dimensions are 68 3/4" wide (5 feet, 8.75 inches) and 44 3/4" high (3 feet, 8.75 inches). Your poster should be able to be mounted with binder clips. You should arrive about five minutes ahead of the session, and you should remove your poster when the time period is over.

Conference Evaluation

To complete the conference evaluation, please click [here](#).

Lodging

- Ball State University Hotel
- Best Western
- Holiday Inn
- Courtyard by Marriott Muncie
- McDowell—Nearing House Bed and Breakfast

Transportation

If driving to Ball State, use the address "2000 W. University Ave" or the zip code 47306.

If coming by airplane, you can land in Indianapolis International Airport (74 miles), Fort Wayne International Airport (75 miles), or Dayton International Airport (82 miles).

If arriving at Indianapolis International Airport:

- Taxi from Indianapolis Airport to Muncie. Cost is approximately \$115-130 and must be prepaid. Follow signs to the taxi station, at the curb on the lower level of the terminal just outside Baggage Claim.
- Rental Car
- Hired car, van, or limousine . Advance reservations are usually required. Please note, one-way fares are often the same as round trip.
- Public bus service. From Zone 6 at the airport's Ground Transportation Center, take the IndyGo Green Line bus to the Omni Severin Hotel. From the Omni Severin Hotel, walk one block south to the Greyhound station at 350 S. Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN. From the Greyhound station, take the Miller Trailways bus to the MITS bus station at 113 W. Main Street, Muncie, IN. From the MITS bus station, take the #16 or #14 MITS bus or a taxi cab to Ball State.
- Hoosier Shuttle and local taxi service. From Zone 3 at the airport's Ground Transportation Center, take the Hoosier Shuttle to the Ricker's gas station at 3240 North Executive Park Drive, Yorktown, IN. All trips must be arranged at least 72 hours in advance. From Ricker's, take a taxi to Ball State University.

If arriving at Fort Wayne International Airport:

- Taxi from Fort Wayne to Muncie costs \$2.50 for pick-up, plus \$2.00 per mile and \$.30 per minute wait time
- Rental car: Alamo/National, Avis, Budget, Enterprise, Nertz, Dollar, and Thrifty

If arriving at Dayton International Airport:

- Taxi service is available by calling (937) 890-3217 or stopping by the Taxi Starter Booth located directly in front of the Terminal Building.
- Rental car: Alamo, Avis, Budget, Enterprise, Hertz, and National

About Us

The Center for Peace and Conflict Studies is an interdisciplinary, university-based unit that pursues research on structural and direct forms of violence and conflict; implements nonviolent strategies to resolve conflict; offers mediation services to individuals, groups, and organizations; and trains people in conflict resolution, mediation, peace-building, leadership, meditation, and sportspersonship skills. It 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.

To stay up to date with news and information about the Peace Center, call (765) 285-1622, [email us](#) to sign up for our discussion list, follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#), and sign up for our [newsletters](#)! We welcome hearing from you!