

## Brown Bag Event Series

The Center for Peace and Conflict Studies hosted a Discussion Series event for multiple semesters where speakers from various fields briefly presented on a topic during lunch hours. Those who attended were welcomed to discuss the topic with the speaker.

### Spring 2015

- Paris and Charlie Hebdo: A Panel Discussion with Dr. Chris Thompson, Christine Satory, M.F.A., and Lalbib Bahrami (AWAKEN)
- The Indiana Lifeline Law and Alcohol Offenses: Dawn Finbloom, Norm Finbloom, and Judi Calhoun, J.D.

### Fall 2015

- Ferguson—Strengthening the Relationship between Local Police and the Community: Yvonne Thompson (Director of the Muncie Human Rights Commission), James Duckham (Director of Public Safety), and Keith Overall (member of the Ethnic Theatre Alliance)
- ISIS—Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow: Dr. Steven Hall, Tarek Kteleh, M.D., L.T.C. Kelly Rosenberger, and Malek Sadah, M.D.
- A Tale of Nonviolent Resistance in Struggles Against Oppression: Dr. Maciej Bartowski

### Spring 2014

- Food and Social Justice Panel Discussion: Dr. Andrea Wolfe, Dr. Scott Truex, Dave Ring (Downtown Farmstand), and Marilyn Marks (Motivate our Minds)
- Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Chapter of Indiana: Muhammad Messenger of Peace Colloquium
- Not for Sale-Sex Trafficking: Sergeant Jon Daggy (Indianapolis Metropolitan Police)
- HJR-3 Panel: Dr. Jay Zimmerman, Matthew Marco (Freedom Indiana), Sue Errington (Representative)

### Fall 2013

- Feminist Intersectionality Panel: Dr. Jennifer Erickson, Dr. Heather Adams, Dr. Amit Baishya, and Dr. Juli Thorson
- Racism and Prejudice Panel: Dr. Charlene Alexander, Dr. Beth Messner, and Gunnar Orn Ingolfsson, M.A.
- Prevailing Security Environment of Pakistan: Challenges and Responses: Dr. Noman Sattar (Acting Director—Area Study Centre for Africa, North and South America-Quaid-i-Azam University)
- Ahmadiyya Muslims for Peace, Loyalty and Life Campaigns: Muzaffar Ahmad (Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's Indiana)
- Social Media Activism Panel, Advocacy in the age of Facebook, The Influence of Social Media on Social Justice: Dr. Brandon Waite and Dr. Kristen McCauliff

**Spring 2013**

- Working in the Non-Profit Field: Bryan Orander (President—Charitable Advisors)
- Community Involvement: Mayor Dennis Tyler
- The Syrian Conflict—Facts, Fiction, and Implications for US: Tarek Kteleh, M.D. and Malek Sadehh, M.D.

**Fall 2012**

- Peace Corps Panel About Opportunities: Former Peace Corps volunteers
- Domestic Abuse and Domestic Violence: Judi Calhoun
- 2004 Genocide in the Darfur Region: Steve Robert
- Peacebuilding in a Pluralistic, Interfaith World: George Wolfe

**Spring 2012**

- Nature's Karma, Fair Trade and Recycled Products: Melissa Evans and Nigelle Holloway

**Fall 2011**

- Social Media and Activism: Dr. Kristin McCauliff and Dr. Bradon Waite
- Dating Violence and Prevention: Dr. Theresa Kruczek

**Spring 2011**

- LGBTQ Panel: BSU Spectrum
- Majdi Felah: Revolution in Tunisia
- Education and Health for Afghan Women: Bibi Bahrami (Founder—AWAKEN)

**Fall 2010**

- Movie Screening and Discussion: "Roses in December" (El Salvador Martyrs)
- Quakers: Partners in Peace: Friends Memorial Church
- Music and the Civil Rights Movement: Dr. Beth Messner

**Other Speakers and Topics Include:**

- Iranian Culture: Nadia Tabari

Nadia Tabari is an alumna from BSU. Nadia's parents were both born and raised in Iran, until moving to the United States. Since she still has most of her family back in Iran, Nadia visits the country as much as she can. At the Brown Bag discussion, Nadia discussed modern day lifestyles of men and women living in Iran, laws, and some misconceptions of Iran that she experienced during her visits. Topics on diversity and the Iranian culture were brought up during the discussion.

- Women Lieutenants in the Iraq War: Ramia Badri

Ramia Badri is an alumna from BSU. During the event, she shared her struggles as a female First Lieutenant in the Iraqi Armed Forces. Ramia earned many Medals of Honor for three of the many combats she has participated in, sometimes surrounded by 360 degrees of danger. Ramia later joined the Peace Corps, working cooperatively with the UN and US AID in several countries.

- Ireland and the Struggle for Peace: Lindsie Hammans, Caitlyn McCaslin, and Emily Hitchens

Lindsie Hammans, Caitlyn McCaslin, and Emily Hitchens lead a discussion on Ireland, and the struggle for peace in that region, that brought together Ball State students, faculty, and staff at the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies. The event focused on the situation in Ireland between political, religious, and community factions that have helped shape a peace accord between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland; and are continuing to work to bring about further improvements in their own communities.

- Meditation in African Congo Culture: Dr. Yeno Matuka

## 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.

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