

Ball State University
Center for Peace and Conflict Studies

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Newsflash

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Integration of the Indiana Center for Cultural Exchange

Last spring, Professor Donald Mitchell of Purdue University, who helped with the development of the “Sports for Peace and Understanding in Jordan” grant that Dr. Lindsey Blom and Dr. Gerstein received, contacted Dr. Blom to discuss the possible integration of the mission and initiatives of Purdue University’s Indiana Center for Cultural Exchange (ICCE) with the BSU Center for International Development (CID) and our Center. Dr. Mitchell informed Dr. Blom that ICCE was in the process of closing and that he hoped BSU could incorporate his work.

After much discussion, it was concluded that all three Centers had a similar agenda. As a result, the mission and initiatives of ICCE have now been integrated with the work of our Center and the CID. We are also very pleased to report that Dr. Mitchell has joined the advisory board of our Peace Center. We owe him a great deal of gratitude for offering us the opportunity to continue the long-standing excellent work of the ICCE!

The new mission of our Peace Center follows. Note that the text in blue represents aspects of the ICCE mission that we have incorporated into our revised mission:

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](#).

On-Campus Events

Un Mundo Aparte—Wednesday September 26, 7 PM

The Multicultural Center is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month by showing the film *Un Mundo Aparte* for FREE at Pruis Hall. Bring your friends and popcorn!

Social Justice League—Thursday September 27, 5:30-6:30 PM

The Ball State University Social Justice League seeks to change social institutions, political and economic systems, and governmental structures that perpetuate unfair practices in terms of accessibility, resource distribution, and human rights. Their meetings are held in the Peace Center every Thursday.

Dance Fest—Saturday September 29, 7-9 PM

The Ball State Ballroom Dance League is hosting its first monthly social dance of the year. There will be a mini-lesson in hustle, as well as various different kinds of dance. Don't know ballroom? No problem! Just put on your dancing shoes and dance what you know. Admission for Ball State students and faculty is \$1, guests are \$2, and there will be plenty of snacks. The dance will be held in the Recreation Center room 212A.

"Point/Counterpoint"—Monday October 1, 7:30-9:30 PM

Robert Gibbs, White House Press Secretary, 2009-2011, and longtime Adviser to President Barack Obama and Liz Cheney: Counselor to President George W. Bush, 2001-2002 will participate in a point counter point session addressing the most pressing economic and political issues of the day. No registration is required. This event is FREE at Emens Auditorium.

International Conversation Hour—Tuesday October 2, 6-7:30 PM

This program facilitates interactions between international and domestic students. It is a great way for Ball State students to get an immersive and cultural experience without studying abroad, and is also helpful for international students to practice English and learn about US culture. Meetings are held in room 301 of the Student Center.

Off-Campus Events

Muncie Stand Down—Friday September 28, 11 AM-2 PM

The Muncie Stand Down, in memory of Mary Ann Estep, is an event that provides free items and services to veterans, homeless and near homeless in the Delaware County area. There will be free clothing, blankets, comfort items, food, haircuts, dental check ups and medical check ups. Agencies involved include VA Northern Indiana Health Care System, Work One, Christian Ministries, American Red Cross and Salvation Army. Lunch is provided. For more information please contact the Muncie Mission.

A World of Difference—Saturday September 29, 8 AM-3 PM

The Lafayette Square Area Coalition is hosting the 5th World of Difference International Parade celebration. This event includes an international parade, informational fair, restaurant taste event and performances. More than 40 various cultural organizations and elected officials will participate in this parade. The parade will be in Downtown Indianapolis. To volunteer, please visit www.lsacoalition.org.

Latino Festival of the Arts—Saturday September 29, 11 AM-4PM

This one day program will take place during Hispanic Heritage Month and showcase the best in Latino music and culture. The day will include cultural performances, live music, a salsa dance lesson, organizational booths, games and family arts and crafts. The event will be held at the Indiana State Museum and admission is free.

Friends of Poor Walk/Run—Saturday September 29, 12-3 PM

The Anderson Conference: Good Shepherd will host the Fifth Annual Friends of Poor Walk/Run. The walk/run begins at Highland Junior High School in Anderson. Registration begins at 10:30 AM. The national walk began in 2008 to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the society of St. Vincent de Paul, which believes that spiritual growth comes through acts of charity. Walkers are to bring a non-perishable food item. Contact Cheryl Hanlon at chanlon399@gmail.com for more information.

Ante Up For Hope—Saturday September 29, 7-9 PM

The 3rd Annual Community Hope Banquet is Casino Style this year with Ante Up for Hope. It will be held at Cornerstone Center for the Arts in Muncie. Cost is \$50 per person or \$400 for a group of 10. All proceeds will benefit Cancer Services of ECI-Little Red Door. For more information visit www.littlereddooreci.org.

Scholarly Journals

Psychology and Peace

Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology

This journal welcomes scholarly manuscripts that examine peace, conflict, and their interaction at all levels of analysis, from interpersonal to community, regional, national, and international issues. The journal publishes empirical, theoretical, clinical, and historical papers and book reviews on emerging and enduring issues of interest to researchers, practitioners, policy makers, and educators. International in scope, the journal welcomes manuscripts from psychologists and scholars in kindred disciplines throughout the world.

www.apa.org/pubs/journals/pac/

Journal of Social Issues

This is the flagship journal of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. The goal of the JSI is to communicate scientific findings and interpretations relevant to pressing social issues in a non-technical manner but without the sacrifice of professional standards. Each issue of JSI is organized around an integral theme. Issues of the Journal are proposed and developed by social researchers, who serve as issue editors under the direction of the JSI board. JSI does not publish unsolicited manuscripts or book reviews.

www.spssi.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.viewPage&pageId=950&parentID=476

Journal of Positive Psychology

This journal provides an interdisciplinary and international forum for the science and application of positive psychology. The journal is devoted to basic research and professional application on states of optimal human functioning and fulfillment, and the facilitation and promotion of well-being. Topics appropriate for the journal include original research on human strengths and virtues, personal and social well-being, as well as applications to psychotherapy and counseling.

www.psypress.com/journals/details/1743-9760/

Grants and Fellowships

SIA Foundation—deadline: September 30

The SIA Foundation, Inc. is committed to giving \$1,000-\$10,000 to qualifying organizations or entities within Indiana that will improve the quality of life and help meet the needs of the residents of the State of Indiana. This is an organization-only grant. Visit www.siafoundation.org/guide/guide.htm for more information.

The American Councils Research Scholar Program—deadline: October 1

The U.S. Department of State's Program for Research Training on Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union provides full support (\$5,000-\$25,000) for graduate students and faculty to conduct in-country research from three to nine months in Central Asia, Moldova, Russia, the South Caucasus, Southeast Europe and Ukraine. Visit <http://researchfellowships.americancouncils.org/researchscholar> for more information.

Sasakawa Peace Foundation Grants—deadline: October 31

SPF provides grants between \$20,000 and \$100,000 for projects that are intended to help resolve common challenges facing Japan in its relations with other countries, but that are difficult for the state or businesses to undertake. Visit www.spf.org/e/grants for more information.

Conferences

Peace and Justice Studies Association 2012 Conference:

“Anticipating Climate Disruption: Sustaining Justice, Greening Peace”

This conference is open to students and educators interested in climate change. It will be held October 4-6 at Tufts University in Massachusetts. Visit www.peacejusticestudies.org/conference for more information.

9th Annual HAC Conference, From Peace to Justice 2012

This conference is for anyone who is involved in a human rights organization. It will be held October 12-13 in The Hague, Netherlands by the International Institute of Social Studies. For more information, visit www.haguejusticeportal.net/index.php?id=13043.

Ahimsa (Nonviolence) and Sustainable Happiness Conference

This conference is aimed at those who wish to expand their knowledge of nonviolence and happiness. It will be held November 2-4 in Pomona, California. For more information, please contact Dr. Tara Sethia at tsethia@csupomona.edu or visit www.csupomona.edu/~ahimsacenter/conference_2012_callforproposals.shtml.

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Our programs include:

- **Mediation training and services**
- **Meditation classes**
- **The Brown Bag lunch speaker series**
- **The Muncie Interfaith Fellowship**
- **The Social Justice League on-campus organization**

If you would like YOUR events to be included in the newsletter, please contact:

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Disclaimer: the events described in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect the views of the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies