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April: Peace and Genocide Prevention Month in the City of Muncie

On Friday, Muncie Mayor Dennis Tyler officially proclaimed April as ‘Peace and Genocide Prevention Month.’ A great way to kick off the Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Conference. The Conference was organized to bring in people from all across the county to learn how to implement nonviolent methods to settle problems peacefully, and to learn about examples of peace within our city, our state and our world that would benefit us all.

This proclamation of a ‘Peace and Genocide Prevention Month,’ seeks to break down the walls of intolerance that have been lingering in this community. Taking examples from historical events that have occurred during the month of April, prove how destructive hateful action can be on a population and the world. Examples include: the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.; the Branch Davidian massacre in Waco, Texas; the Oklahoma City bombing; Virginia Tech and Columbine school shootings; the murders of an estimated 11 million Jewish people during the Holocaust; and the massacre of approximately 800,000 Tutsis and Hutu during Rwanda’s 100 Days of Slaughter. Remembering, reflecting, and learning from these tragedies are essential to the promotion of peace.

According to Tyler’s proclamation, “by the nature of our human life, anything that happens to any of us, in effect happens to all of us.” Like many communities, Muncie struggles with problems of intolerance and violence. Maybe not to the extent of other nationally-known events (and for that we can be thankful), but the violence needs to cease. We must promote peace and nonviolence in our community, with the hope that our peaceful action will spread outwards into the world. Terming April as ‘Peace and Genocide Prevention Month’ is a stepping stone towards raising this awareness, but it cannot become the focus of only one month. Let us take the knowledge and passion towards peace that we realize in April and spread it equally throughout the year. April should be a month of reflection and renewed passion towards our cause, not the only month we act. Take some time to reflect on the tragedies that have befallen others this month, and make your own plan to ‘spread the peace’ for the coming year. Find out for yourself, the difference you can make.

-Ennea Fairchild

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Blog of the Week:

Nonviolence

Kelly Hollis

When I first noticed this week's topic I was excited to see what Barash would have to say about violence in America. Violence is something we see everywhere whether it is on the news, in video games, on television, or with the people around us. One violent television show, *The Walking Dead*, has an after show after each episode. The most recent one had a speaker who admitted that at the beginning of the series each zombie or person that was killed she would cringe, and now that she has become used to the show she snuffs it off like, "Oh it was their time". Is this what our generation is coming to that we are becoming so used to violence that it has now become normal to us?



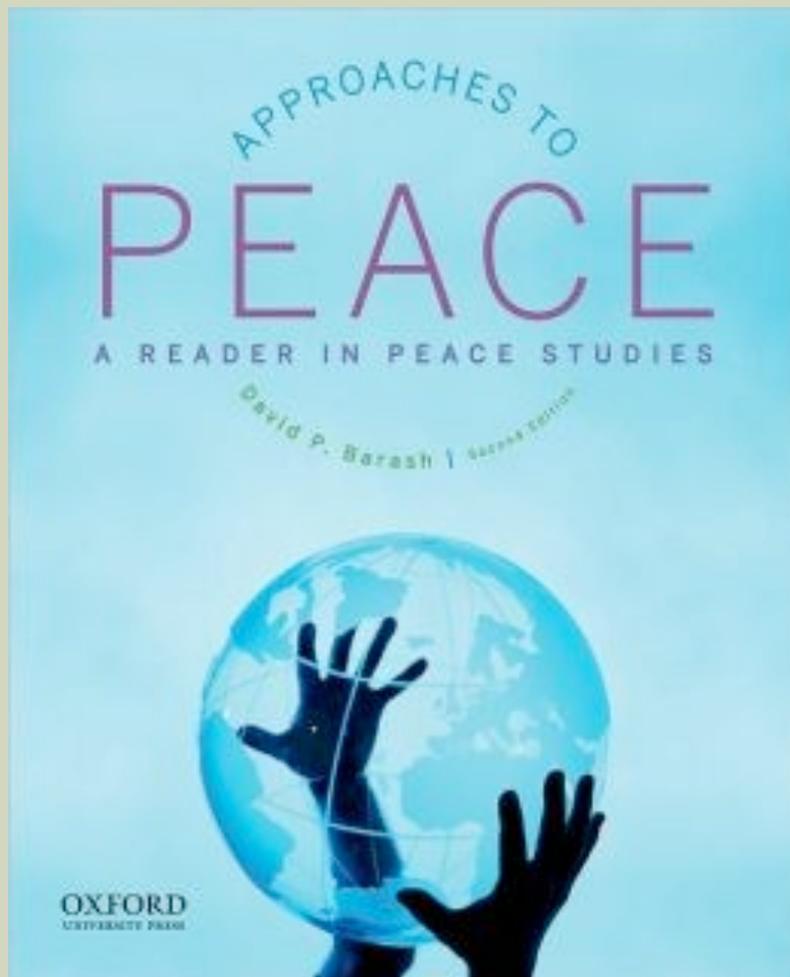
Violence is everywhere. I was not surprised at all to see that Barash compared violence to "cherry pie" in America. It is something we have grown up with without realizing and something that continues each day, some days worse than others. Many like to

compare which time had more violence, back in the time of our grandfathers or now. Honestly I think both had their fair share of violence. Our generation is more graphic and in your face but for our grandfathers it was more real and seemed to have an affect. With violence affecting so many of our older generation it makes me wonder how much my own generation will be affected in the later years. This is something that comes up so much that it has become one of those topics in English or Communications 210 that you cannot speak on because it has been over done. Other topics like this include abortion or legalization of marijuana. Our teachers and peers recognize that violence is being over talked about but does America? And if it is being talked about constantly is it being talked about in the right way and with solutions?

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Blog of the Week, cont...

Those who should show us the correct solutions should be our leaders. Leader that run our country, our world, our army, and so on, yet these are the same people who encourage war not to prove a point but to gain resources and money. Somehow things are not clicking well. Our previous readings will tell you that more often than not that our government encourages war when we want power but not when it is time to help people. Personally after last weeks ethics topic I have discovered that this should be the opposite. Should we not stand up for what we believe what is right? If you ask your friends, relatives, or coworkers if we should help those in need in other countries many would reply with a definite yes. These same people vote and encourage our current and past leaders to start wars with people who do not give us all the oil we want and reach for their guns when they hear another country has missiles pointed at us, a country which we have caused violence in ourselves.



In the Barash reading it is explained that the best kind of government is the kind that does not govern. My feelings on this are mixed. In high school my very strict and opinionated government teacher explained the difference between the Democratic Party and the Republican Party. He explained that the democrats encouraged government involvement with their want for health care, financial aid, and other kinds of assistance while the republicans followed what our “founding fathers would have wanted” and wanted a government for the people and by the people. While I have always agreed that the government should be for and by the people I still liked the idea of government assistance. Personally I would not have the satisfactory of being at this university without such assistance and I know the same goes for many of my peers. In some ways this assistance sets the United States apart from other countries. Sadly, this assistance seems to come at a price of violence and my decisions about going into war and who to help are being

made for me. Barash asks this same question on page 197, “Is a democracy, such as we know it, the last improvement possible in government? Is it not possible to take a step further toward recognizing and organizing the rights of man?”

Violence is everywhere and the only people we know that can stop this are our leaders. These leaders are encouraging violence and we, as people have little to no say. Must we give up benefits in order to live without violence? Should we set aside our ethics and just let things go? Will future generations be so desensitized about violence that no one will even care? I would love to know the answer to these questions but at the same time I am also a bit frightened what might come of it.

Activity

The Olive Branch Word Search!

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NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION

SOCIAL JUSTICE LEAGUE

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

On-Campus Events

April, Earth Month Green Dining Challenge with BSU Dining

This April, participate in the Green Dining Challenge with Ball State Dining. Each week, BSU Dining reminds us of a simple way to be more sustainable in Dining. Challenge #1: Reduce the thousands of plastic utensils of waste each day by only taking the plastic flatware you need, choosing metal flatware when available, and *recycle* plastic flatware (as well as any other recyclables) instead of throwing it away!

Wednesday, April 10th, 7 pm, Student Center Ballroom

Join the BSU Peace Center, Social Justice League, SGA, and Students for Responsible Consumerism for a presentation about Global Poverty Project's "1.4 Billion Reasons." The presentation will address the issues facing the 1.4 billion people living in extreme poverty and what we can do to help alleviate it. The presentation will be at 7 pm in the Student Center Ballroom Wednesday April 10th.

The Alive Campaign meets at 9pm at the Student Center Pineshelf.

Wednesday, April 10th, 7:30 pm, Student Center Cardinal Hall

Rukmini Callimachi, West Africa bureau chief with the Associated Press, has won the 2013 Eugene S. Pulliam National Journalism Writing Award from Ball State's Department of Journalism. She has received the award for her article from September 2012, "Niger Hunger Brides," which "focuses on the effects of devastating drought in poverty-stricken villages in Niger, where parents marry off their young daughters in order to receive a meager sum." She will be giving a presentation, "Hunger Returns to Africa: An Old Story, a New Narrative," part of the department's professional-in-residence series, on Wednesday at 7:30 in the Student Center Cardinal Hall.

April 10th & 12th: Building Tomorrow's Bike to Uganda

This event will take place in the Atrium of the CAP building. It will be a stationary bike-a-thon with each rider raising funds for each shift they ride.

Thursday, April 11th

National Suicide Prevention Advocate, Heidi Bryan, will deliver a suicide prevention presentation entitled *Sentenced to Life*, followed by a Q&A session after. "Drawing upon her personal experiences with depression, alcohol abuse, attempting suicide and losing several people, including her brother, to suicide, [Heidi] weaves a compelling story filled with both humor and hope." The event will take place at 7:30 pm in Pruis Hall.

The Social Justice League meets at 5 pm in the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, 310 N. McKinley Ave. For more info, email sjl@bsu.edu

Friday, April 12th, 3:30 pm David Owsley Museum of Art

Meditation in the Museum. The last hour of the weekday is reserved for quiet time at the David Owsley Museum of Art. Meditation is a great way to start off your weekend. All are welcome. The activity is drop-in and self-guided. *In partnership with [Ball State University Working Well](#).*

On-Campus Events

Monday, April 15th

OXFAM meets at 6 pm in the basement of Bracken library. For more info, email ajhartman@bsu.edu

Building Tomorrow meets at 6:30 pm in the Schwartz Digital Complex room in Bracken Library. For more info, email ksrowe@bsu.edu

Call to Action meets at 7:30 pm in the Student Center Room #306. For more info, email lefortier@bsu.edu

Monday, May 6th-Friday, May 10th

Jewish Studies Summer Workshop. Participants will “engage in a discussion-based week, intended to enhance knowledge and understanding of Judaism and Jewish Culture.” The series of workshops, called “The Sounds of Jewish Music: The Art of the Liturgy, and Musical Creation During the Holocaust” will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Hargreaves Music Building, Room 123, and Choral Room, Music Instruction Building all week. Larry France, former cantorial soloist and pararabbinic fellow for the Temple Beth El in Muncie, will be leading the workshop. Cynthia Smith, a BSU doctoral student, and Dr. Galit Gertsenzon Fromm, a pianist, who have both studied Jewish composers incarcerated at Theresienstadt will also be contributing during the week. The workshop is a part of the Jewish Studies Project at Ball State University which is funded by the Benjamin and Bessie Zeigler Fund and “was established to provide the university and community with an understanding and an appreciation for Jewish history, Jewish culture, and the Jewish faith.”

The workshop will be limited to ten participants, and applications are due by Monday, April 15th. For more information about how to apply, visit <https://apps.bsu.edu/CommunicationsCenter/Story.aspx?CategoryID=90&MessageGuid=C91B738D-C7A0-4754-B26F-96C92A109553&Optin=Y>

Spring 2013 (time varies), Lucina Hall

Counseling Center Group Therapy

The Counseling Center offers a large variety of therapy sessions that are completely free to Ball State students. Just a few of these groups include:

- Understanding Self & Others- a discussion and discovery of understanding and acceptance of themselves and others
- Journey to Wholeness- a supportive group for survivors of sexual trauma
- Safe Haven- supportive group for GLBTQ students to discuss topics including family concerns, support, relationships, depression, personal growth and more

Kaleidoscope- a supportive group for ethnic/racial minorities to discuss topics including discrimination, identity of self, family concerns, body image, and more

You can find more information about these and more groups here: <https://apps.bsu.edu/CommunicationsCenter/Story.aspx?MessageGuid=a83cc747-5339-43e1-8e42-a9726d5e097f>

Call 285-1736 to sign up for one of these free groups.



On-Campus Events

Become a Friendship family!

Get involved and become a friendship family!

“The Rinker Center for International Programs is looking for community members that would like to become a "family" for an international student. The Friendship Family Program matches international students with local families and residents. The goal of the program is to provide international students additional support while in the United States and an opportunity to learn more about American culture outside of the university environment. Families and students are asked to commit to doing one activity a month together. Students do not live with the families, nor are families responsible for any financial assistance.

Ball State University recently welcomed approximately 70 new international students to our campus, and many of these students would like a local friendship family. Help enrich the experiences of international students at Ball State, provide insight into American culture, and connect your family to a global experience without leaving the United States, all through the Friendship Family Program!”

For more information and to apply, contact the Rinker Center for International Programs at (765) 285-5422 or friendship@bsu.edu or click here: <http://cms.bsu.edu/admissions/international/internationalservices/friendshipfamily>

Off-Campus Events

Wednesday, April 10th

[Bloomington] Hoosiers for a Commonsense Health Plan will hold their general monthly meeting at 5:30 pm First United Methodist Church, 219 E. 4. For more info, visit hchp.info or email Robert Stone or Karen Green Stone at rstone@hchp.info

An opening reception for an exhibit entitled "Why Guantánamo?" at 6 pm in the Cultural Arts Gallery, second floor of the IUPUI Campus Center, University Blvd. and Michigan, will be followed by lecture entitled "Speaking of Guantánamo" at 7 pm in Room 450A of the campus center, sponsored by IUPUI's museum studies program, public history program, history department, international studies program, and Museum Studies Club. Indiana Supreme Court Justice Stephen H. David and Indianapolis attorney Richard Kammen discuss their experiences defending post-9/11 Guantánamo detainees and discuss the issues raised in these cases. The exhibit runs through May 12 with hours Monday-Saturday, 10-7, and Sunday 1-7 pm. For more info, contact Modupe Labode at mlabode@iupui.edu or 274-3829.

Thursday, April 11th

At a workshop on Landlord and Tenant Issues, Ruby Tregnago of the Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana will explain state and federal fair housing laws and how to recognize and report problems to eliminate unlawful discriminatory practices, and lawyers from Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic will address the legal matters regarding Landlord and Tenant Issues, 6-8 pm, at First Baptist Church of Indianapolis, 8600 N. College Ave. For more info or to RSVP, phone 808-2326 or email rsvp@immigrantwelcomecenter.org

A short documentary film on abuses at factory farms that threaten the safety of our food supply will be followed by a panel discussion on Senate Bill 373, which would make it a crime for a worker to expose unethical, in-humane and unsafe practices at factory farms or other industrial facilities to the media and public, 7-9 pm, at Epworth United Methodist Church, located at 6450 Allisonville Rd. (enter through rear). For more info, contact Dave Menzer at dmenzer@cacefindiana.org or 727-8467.

Friday, April 12th

Jena Martin Amerson, Associate Professor of Law at West Virginia University College of Law, will give the Fifth Graduate Studies Lecture Series on "Business and Human Rights: What's the Board Got to Do with It?" using organizational behavior theory to criticize multinational corporations for ignoring humanitarian issues while conducting business, 11:45-12:45, in Wynne Courtroom (Room 100) of Inlow Hall in the IU Law School, 530 W. New York, sponsored by Associate Dean for International Affairs Karen Bravo and others. For more info, email Perfecto Caparas at pcaparas@iu.edu

The weekly vigil protesting warfare will take place, 4:30-5:30 pm, in front of the Federal Building, Michigan and Pennsylvania, sponsored by the Indianapolis Peace and Justice Center. Bring an appropriate sign or have one provided. For more info, phone Gilbert Kuhn at 677-5967 or email Ron Haldeman at ronjane@igc.org

Saturday, April 13th

[Nashville] There will be a Peace Vigil on the theme "War Is Not The Answer!" at 6 pm at Brown County Courthouse, Main and Van Buren Streets sponsored by Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (Brown County branch). For more info, contact Tom Hougham at 878-4210 or annntom@hotmail.com

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Grants and Fellowships

United States Institute of Peace Annual Grant Competition

This Grant Program supports peacebuilding projects such as educational or research institutions and civil society organizations that are managed by nonprofit organizations. Every year, the USIP awards 20-25 grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$120,000. The 2013 competition will be announced in early spring 2013. Visit <http://www.usip.org/grants-fellowships/annual-grant-competition> to learn more.

Walter Isard Award for the Best Dissertation in Peace Science-deadline June 1, 2013

The Walter Isard Award for the Best Dissertation in Peace Science is given every two years. The award honors outstanding contributions to the scientific knowledge of peace and conflict. The winner is selected on the basis of the importance and scientific significance of the dissertation with respect to the field of peace science and its contribution to the understanding of international behavior more generally.

Morton Deutsch Conflict Resolution Award-deadline June 15, 2013

The award recognizes achievement in integrating theory and practice in conflict resolution.

The Jennings Randolph Senior Fellowship Program (USIP)

These are awarded to scholars, practitioners, policy analysts, policy makers, and others to spend 9-10 months in residence at the USIP during which time they will reflect and write on international peace and security challenges. Citizens of any country are able to apply. The program beginning in October 2014 is now open. Visit <http://www.usip.org/grants-fellowships/jennings-randolph-senior-fellowship-program> to learn more.

Rotary Peace Fellowships

The Rotary Foundation provides these fellowships to fund master's degree or professional development certificate study at one of the six Rotary Peace Centers. Recipients of this fellowship promote peace, cooperation, and successful conflict resolution on both the national and international levels. Visit <https://www.rotary.org/en/grants/grants-basics/explore-grants/rotary-peace-fellowships> to learn more.

Conferences

Rotary Club of Londonderry Global Peace Forum

Derry-Londonderry, Ireland, May 4-26, 2013

The aim of the Derry-Londonderry Forum is to contribute to Reconciliation, Learning and Full Self Expression for those involved in peacemaking and peace building throughout the world.

Theology & Peace: Lynching, Scapegoating, and Actual Innocence

Chapel Hill, North Carolina, June 4-6, 2013

"A gathering for all Christians, theologians, pastors, activists, and others to develop the insights of mimetic anthropology toward the formation of a theology, community and practice of peace."

Visit <http://www.theologyandpeace.org/conference.html> for more information.

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Our programs include:

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

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