

The Olive Branch

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Paul Farmer was born in North Adams, Massachusetts. He was the second-eldest of six children. Farmer's father was a high school math teacher, a salesman, and a self-described "free spirit," which led him to move his family frequently. During Paul's early childhood, the family moved to Florida and took up residence in a repurposed school bus. This makeshift mobile home had bunk beds installed and had been wired for electricity, but had no running water. In this bus, the family of eight migrated around the state of Florida as Paul's father took on teaching jobs with developmentally disabled adults. At one point during Paul's childhood, his father decided to become a commercial fisherman, and moved the family into a houseboat on the Gulf of Mexico.

Despite this unconventional childhood, Paul Farmer was an extremely curious youth and excelled academically. From an early age, he was encouraged by his parents to read long volumes of serious literature. He was also encouraged to learn about other cultures. During one summer of his childhood, Paul and his family took on jobs picking fruit in orange

groves alongside Haitian migrant workers. This experience sparked Paul's fascination with Haitian culture that would later serve him well in his career.

His childhood love for learning and reading served him well throughout his life. As a high school senior, Paul was elected the president of his class and won a full scholarship to Duke University in North Carolina. While studying medical anthropology at Duke, Paul's love for other cultures led him to live for half a year in Paris, where he became fluent in French. During this time he became inspired by the works of 19th-century physician Rudolf Virchow, whose medical studies incorporated aspects of anthropology and politics. He was also inspired by the doctrines of "liberation theology" espoused by the Catholic Church in war-ravaged Central America. This doctrine, which says that humankind's first duty is to help the least fortunate, led Paul to start working to improve the living and working conditions of migrant laborers picking tobacco in North Carolina. Paul came to know many

of these workers, many of whom were immigrants from Haiti. He also began to understand the severe levels of poverty that these Haitian workers were facing, not only as migrant laborers in the United States but also back in their homeland. Paul listened to many of these workers' stories and became determined to improve the



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quality of life for the Haitian people. He studied everything he could find about Haiti's history, its Creole language, and its lack of resources. Haiti, the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, seemed to be the perfect place for Paul to use his medical degree to help the least fortunate. Following his graduation from Duke and a fellowship with the University of Pittsburgh, Paul Farmer

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traveled to Haiti, planning to spend a year working in public health clinics. Upon arrival, in the small village of Cange, he found resource-starved health workers, large slum and squatter communities without access to sanitation or medical care, and rampant incidence of malaria, typhoid, and tuberculosis. It was here that Paul Farmer found his calling. Though he had been accepted into Harvard Medical School, Paul chose to stay in Haiti and completed his studies abroad.

Over the next three years, Farmer commuted between Cange, Cambridge, and Harvard, all the while working as a medical volunteer in Haiti's slums. At this time he founded his first community health project, an organization known as Zanmi Lasante that offered quality medical care for low or no cost.

In 1985, Farmer opened his second health clinic in Cange called Clinique Bon Saveur. Shortly thereafter, health workers in Cange encountered the village's first case of AIDS. Facing ongoing political turmoil and new health crises, Farmer set out to found a permanent philanthropic charity to fund his work in Haiti. In 1987, Partners in Health (the English translation of "Zanmi Lasante") was founded in Boston and quickly gained the attention of donors. With this source of funding, Zanmi Lasante quickly grew from a one-room clinic to a complete hospital with a nursing school, a blood bank, and operating theatres. Farmer knew that charitable efforts often fell through when their founders left, so he remained in Haiti for the majority of the 1990s to treat patients, teach healthcare

workers, and distribute educational resources and social services. At this time, Farmer invented a method for treating tuberculosis and other infectious diseases for one one-hundredth of the price that a similar treatment would cost in an American hospital. This work was rewarded by the MacArthur Foundation with a \$220,000 "genius grant." Farmer donated the grant to Partners in Health in order to start its Institute for Health and Social Justice Research Program. By 1999, Zanmi Lasante had expanded to include elementary and



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high schools, women's health and AIDS prevention centers, houses for the slum-dwelling residents of Cange, and a community sanitation and water system. All of Cange's children had been vaccinated and infant mortality and malnutrition were drastically reduced. The rate of HIV transmission from infected mothers to their infants reached less than 4%, a far lower rate than that even of the United States at the time. That same year, Paul Farmer's methods for controlling and containing the spread of HIV/AIDS was adopted for use in over 30 nations by the World Health

Organization. Rates of transmission for infectious diseases such as typhoid and tuberculosis also reached all-time lows. Although tuberculosis was the leading cause of death among adults throughout the country of Haiti, tuberculosis-related fatalities were eliminated in Cange. Like his innovations for treating HIV/AIDS, Farmer's treatments for tuberculosis became extremely effective in reducing morbidity and mortality rates around the world. Today, Partners in Health/Zanmi Lasante has branches not only in Boston and Haiti, but also in Rwanda, Lesotho, Malawi, Peru, Russia, Mexico, and Guatemala. Farmer, still on a mission to heal the world and bring aid to the least fortunate, has published several books aimed at educating the world about the relationships between poverty, social injustice, and incidence of infectious disease. Similar to his work with HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis, Farmer has also been instrumental in assisting with the recent Ebola outbreak across the continent of Africa.

Article: Ebola Epidemic

By: Alyssa Mitchell

Throughout history, there have been a variety of diseases that have ravaged the world's population. Fortunately, the modern medical system has eliminated many of these diseases throughout the majority of the world. This leads many individuals who live in wealthy, developed nations to feel as though they are relatively safe from diseases. Although progress is being made worldwide to help developing nations become less vulnerable to disease, many are



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still ill-equipped to deal with minor viruses, let alone a major epidemic.

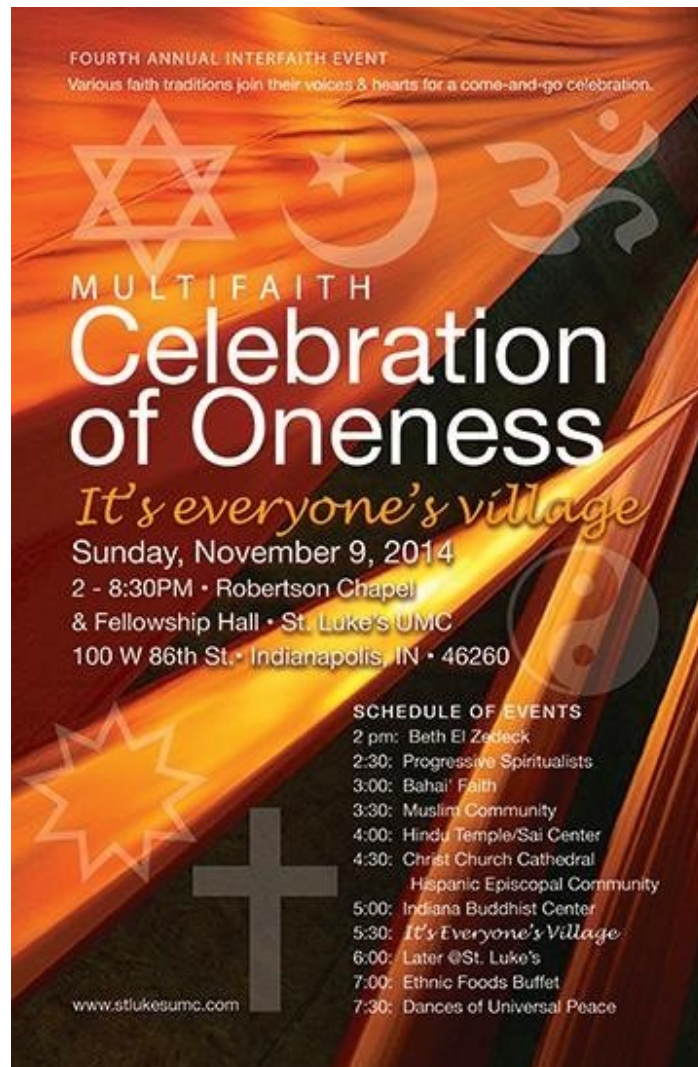
Ebola is the latest disease to threaten the world's population. The Ebola epidemic originated in Africa but has recently made its way to the United States. Ebola is defined by the [Center for Disease Control](#) (CDC) as "a rare and deadly disease caused by infection with one of the Ebola virus strains". There are five different strains of the Ebola virus. These are: Ebola virus, Sudan virus, Tai Forest virus, Bundibugyo virus, and Reston virus. The virus was first discovered in 1976, in an area near what was then called the Ebola River. This area is now known as the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Since this first virus was uncovered, there have been outbreaks that have occurred repeatedly throughout Africa. Despite these various outbreaks, a cure for this deadly disease has still not been found. The [World Health Organization](#) (WHO) states that the fatality rate for Ebola is about 50% at this point. To add to this frightening statistic, researchers still do not know much about the disease, except that it can be transferred from one organism to another by the exchange of bodily fluids. The Ebola virus disease has an incubation period of 2-21 days. The [WHO](#) states that humans aren't contagious until they actually develop symptoms of the virus. The symptoms seem to come in two waves. The first wave includes the sudden onset of a fever fatigue, headaches, a sore throat and muscle pain. The second wave then brings vomiting, a rash, diarrhea, symptoms of impaired kidney or liver function, and in some cases internal and external bleeding. Although the first wave can be painful, it is often the second wave that is fatal for those who are infected.

Researchers have some hypotheses about the virus' origin. The [CDC](#) also states that researchers think the virus is animal-borne based on some minimal evidence and the nature of similar viruses. They believe that bats are most likely the carriers of the virus because the four strains that cause disease in humans have been found in species of bats that are native to Africa. This suggests why we have seen so many outbreaks in Africa, compared to the rest of the world.

The status of healthcare in Africa is a major area of concern as well. Developing countries tend to have a

lower standard of healthcare. This means that, as previously mentioned, these countries are more vulnerable to diseases. This vulnerability is due to a lack of money, experience, and facilities. Outbreaks of potential deadly diseases are nearly impossible to treat or even contain with the poor conditions in these developing countries. Without the proper containment of a disease, it is likely to spread quickly throughout an afflicted population. This is what is happening in Africa at this time. Africa is struggling with healthcare as a whole for a variety of reasons. The most significant reason is because many of the countries are still attempting to recover from the brutal civil wars that have occurred. It is incredibly difficult for a nation to recover from such significant loss and devastation that comes with war. It can sometimes take decades for an area to fully recover from war. Many African countries are extremely limited in their resources for this reason. An outbreak of an extremely dangerous disease, such as Ebola, is the last thing that these countries are equipped to handle. Although the prospect of Ebola in our communities is incredibly frightening, without giving aid to the nations that are currently dealing with the disease on a widespread level, this disease will continue to spread, killing or seriously injuring many in its path.



Organizations on Campus

Social Justice Coalition

Meetings: Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Peace Center

Join together with the network of the many social justice groups at Ball State and discuss events, collaborations, and interact with likeminded social activists! We can all affect change in small ways individually, but by working together, the change we can make grows exponentially.

Social Justice League

Support local change and join SJL and Critical Mass on Halloween this year in a Bike Ride through campus. This bike ride is to gain attention for the need for bike lanes on campus, increased safety, as well as support local community changes. Meet at Lafollette Field at 5:30 pm on Halloween to join! The aim of the Social Justice League is to actively work to change social institutions, political and economic systems, and governmental structures that perpetuate unfair practices, structures, and policies in terms of accessibility, resource distribution and human rights.

Circle K

Meet Times: Tuesdays @ 7:30 in WB 136

Circle K is an international collegiate volunteer organization sponsored by Kiwanis International that emphasizes community service, leadership development and friendship. Members have participated in such projects as game night at a local retirement community, UNICEF fundraising, and making blankets for Riley Children's Hospital. The club also attends district and international conventions around the state and nation.

Mosaic– Taboo Tuesdays

Tuesdays from 7 pm – 8 pm

Student Center 302

An open dialogue series sponsored by MOSAIC (a newly formed social justice peer education program sponsored by the Office of Student Life) to engage undergraduate students in open dialogues focused on social justice topics to promote awareness, change, and intergroup understanding.

Global Brigades

This club is a secular, international student-operated volunteer organization whose mission is to provide sustainable development to underserved communities throughout the world. Along with affiliate groups, the Ball State team recruits student volunteers and professionals, gathers supplies, and travels overseas. <https://www.facebook.com/GlobalBrigadesAtBallStateUniversity>

Events: Brigade members will be selling grilled cheese sandwiches in the Village during homecoming weekend as a fundraiser

Ethnic Theatre Alliance

The purpose of the Ethnic Theatre Alliance shall be to explore worldviews of cultures, diversity, and racial-discrimination in order to educate members through Fine Arts.

<https://www.facebook.com/ethnictheatrealliance2014>

Oxfam

Meet Times: Every other Tuesday @ 6 pm (various rooms of Bracken Library)

The Oxfam America Ball State Chapter helps run global poverty reduction campaigns on Ball State's Campus with the aim to educate the student body about global injustices, especially related to poverty and hunger worldwide.

Events:

Oxfam hosts an annual Hunger Banquet with the goal of educating about the severe inequality in food and nutrition around the world. Join Oxfam on November 20 at 7:00 p.m. in Cardinal Hall A for this event. Only room for 60 people so make sure to show up early!

Timmy Global Health

Meet Times: Wednesdays @ 8 in the Schwartz Digital Learning Pod

Timmy Global Health is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to supporting our partner organization in Tena, Ecuador through advocacy, fundraising, and medical brigades. We change the world one person at a time by encouraging people of all ages, races, creeds, and abilities to help others abroad through our annual medical brigade.

Building Tomorrow

Meet Times: Tuesdays at 7 in the Schwartz Complex in Bracken Library

Purpose: Building Tomorrow at Ball State empowers Ball State to invest their resources, time & talents in providing students in sub-Saharan Africa with access to an education.

Events: Their big event for the semester is Bike to Uganda. They will be raising funds with every mile they bike at their stationary bike marathon on. All the money raised will go to building a school in Uganda. The fun part is that as the sponsor school, Ball State architecture students will get to design the school, and the Ugandan school's colors will be Cardinal and White.

Students for Education Reform (SFER)

Purpose: SFER is a non-profit organization striving for social equity in America's K-12 school system through advocacy and awareness events both locally and state-wide. Their goal is to partner with other organizations on BSU's campus in order to bring better education to future generations as well as maintaining relations with national chapters of SFER.

Events: SFER End of Summer BBQ happening on September 28th at 5 pm. Time and location are TBA, but check out their Facebook to get the update.

Feminists for Action

Meet Times: Tuesdays @ 6 in Burkhardt Building 220

This organization educates the campus and the community about women's issues and events. The group will respond as necessary to promote affirmative action, initiate positive programming, and combat abuse, prejudice, restriction of rights, and discrimination against women.

On-Campus Events**CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST: A DISCUSSION ABOUT ISIS**

Come join the Peace Center on November 5th in AJ 175 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. for a riveting panel discussion about ISIS. Learn about the responses of our government to the Islamic State (IS) and how we can handle IS in order to minimize conflict.

INTERNATIONAL CONVERSATION HOUR

TUESDAYS from 6:00-7:30 pm – STUDENT CENTER MULTIPURPOSE ROOM This program is designed to help international students practice English, learn studying skills and classroom culture, and make American friends. Through interactive discussion, they can normalize their experiences and decrease their isolation, worries, and stress as well as get support from American students. ICH begins September 2nd, 2014.

MEDITATION AT THE MUSEUM

FRIDAYS @ 5:30– DAVID OWSLEY MUSEUM OF ART

Clear your mind and find inner peace after a long week while surrounded by beautiful works of art! The last hour of the weekday is reserved for quiet time at the David Owsley Museum of Art.

PEER VICTIM ADVOCATE TRAINING COURSE

TUESDAYS from 8:30-9:45 am – HEALTH CENTER ROOM 206

Students completing this 10 week training, starting September 9th, will become members of the PVA team and will be educated on providing advocacy and support to victims of crime. Review the training requirements at <http://cms.bsu.edu/about/administrativeoffices/victimservices/getinvolved>. Please apply by 8:00 a.m. on September 2nd at <http://www.bsu.edu/forms/ovspeerva/>.

CULTURE EXCHANGE SERIES

WEDNESDAYS from 12:00-1:00 – STUDENT CENTER YUHAS ROOM

Want to learn more about the world beyond Muncie, IN? Then join us for a Culture Exchange! Each week a different country is highlighted; the presenters are typically natives who can offer an insider's look into their country and its culture. Attendees are welcome to bring a lunch to the presentation (internationally-themed food will also be provided by a dedicated BSU chef). Attendees are also reminded to show respect and prevent distraction to presenters by arriving on-time.

Upcoming Culture Exchange Presentations

October 22 Kadek Arsitety Ayurina - **Indonesia**

October 29 Ido Heller - **Israel**

November 05 Luca Schmid - **Switzerland**

November 12 Triin Peitel - **Estonia**

November 19 Ryo Iyoda - **Japan**

December 03 Bruno Cabrera – **Brazil**

BUILDING TOMORROW 5K RUN/WALK

OCTOBER 25 at 10:00 – UNIVERSITY GREEN

Register today for Building Tomorrow at Ball State's 5K run/walk! Registration is \$20 and includes a T-shirt, goodie bag and post-race snack. All proceeds go toward the construction of a primary school in Uganda!

For registration and more information, please visit <http://www.buildingtomorrow.org/events/bsu>

Eco Summit

The 3rd Annual **Eco Summit** will be held on **November 1, 2014 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.** in the L.A. Pittenger Student Center.

The Eco Summit is for students, faculty and professionals from all across Indiana who are interested in discussing the successes and challenges of fighting climate change. Breakout session topics include food/water, eco-activism, sustainable development and much more! Guest speakers will include Jim Poyser (executive director of Earth Charter Indiana) and Sue Errington (Muncie's State Representative).

Registration Link: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/eco-summit-tickets-13118416537>

AFRICAN DIASPORA PRE-CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 24 from 8:00-12:00

We will be honoring Dr. Charles Payne for his theory and practice in Multicultural Education. Dr. Charles Payne's contributions in Ball State through the Diversity program have echoed throughout and beyond the University. The Pre-Conference immediately precedes [6th Annual Diversity Research Symposium](#).

For more information and registration, please visit <http://www.diversitysymposium.org/pre-conference.html>

SAFEZONE AND TRANS-SAFEZONE TRAINING – FALL 2014

Become an ally/advocate for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning population at Ball State University and beyond. For dates and registration, visit <http://cms.bsu.edu/-/media/WWW/DepartmentalContent/CounselingCenter/PDFs/SAFE%20Zone%20Training/Safe%20Zone%20Training%20Fall%202014.pdf> and <http://cms.bsu.edu/-/media/WWW/DepartmentalContent/CounselingCenter/PDFs/SAFE%20Zone%20Training/Trans%20Safe%20Zone%20Training%20Fall%202014.pdf>

**EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP PRESENTS REVEREND RUN
OCTOBER 27 at 7:30 – PRUIS HALL**

One of the most influential men in American pop culture, Joseph "Rev. Run" Simmons knows how to leave a legacy. After all, as the front man of seminal hip hop group Run-D.M.C., Simmons is widely credited for ushering rap music into mainstream culture. But Simmons' influence hardly ended with Run D.M.C. He also built a fashion empire, wrote three bestselling books, starred in multiple successful television shows and became a spiritual leader and source of inspiration for his millions of fans. Simmons has gracefully transitioned into a spiritual thought leader, making immense contributions to music, fashion and television along the way.

**DIVERSITY SYMPOSIUM
OCTOBER 24-25 – BALL STATE UNIVERSITY**

The Diversity Research Symposium aims to provide an educational environment in which faculty, staff, community members, and students from all disciplines who are interested in cultural diversity issues can learn, interact, share ideas, and network with one another. We hope to encourage members of academic institutions to infuse cultural diversity issues into their research, curricula, and professional development. For more information and registration, please visit <http://www.diversitysymposium.org/index.html>.

***THE CRUCIBLE*
OCTOBER 24-NOVEMBER 1 – UNIVERSITY THEATRE**

Arthur Miller's chilling parable of the Salem witch trials draws a direct parallel to the McCarthyism of 1950's America and sheds light on the terrifying power persecution and false accusations. For performance times and dates please visit <http://cms.bsu.edu/calendar/calendars/academics/theatre-and-dance>. General Public: \$15; Faculty/Staff: \$14; Senior Citizens: \$12; Students: \$10. [Box office](#) hours are Monday through Friday, 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. and one hour before each performance.

***INCOGNITO*
OCTOBER 25 at 7:00 – PRUIS HALL**

Michael Fosberg grew up in a white working-class family outside of Chicago, raised by his biological mother and adoptive father. In his early thirties, his parents divorced, setting off a series of discoveries that shook his foundation, and forced him to take a closer look at the person he thought he was. Armed with only a name and a city, he set out to track down his biological father, learning that his father had not forgotten him and that he is African American. This life-changing event leads to a remarkable journey of family and self-discovery. In this provocative and gripping one-man play of identity, race, and family history, Fosberg probes his past, his family's reaction, and our country's difficulty in understanding and discussing identity, race, and heritage.

Off-Campus Events

FARMERS MARKET

WEDNESDAYS from 3:00-6:00 pm; SATURDAYS from 8:00 am- 12:00 pm - MINNETRISTA

Join friends and families in exploring the market-fresh finds and homemade treats, brought to you by the local community!

ANTI-WARFARE VIGIL – OCTOBER 24 from 4:30-5:30 pm – FEDERAL BUILDING, INDIANAPOLIS

The weekly vigil protesting warfare will take place 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.

“WAR IS NOT THE ANSWER!”

OCTOBER 25 and NOVEMBER 1 at 6:00 pm – BROWN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, NASHVILLE

There will be a Peace Vigil on the theme "War Is Not The Answer!" at the 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

MEDITATION FOR WORLD PEACE

OCTOBER 23, 30, and NOVEMBER 6 from 6:00-6:20 pm – UNITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

A weekly meditation with Michael Wright - to hold the vision of the inevitable occurrence of world peace - will be held at Unity of Indianapolis, 907 N. Delaware. Please enter from parking lot behind building. For more info call Michael at 627-3225, or email Dorothy Mack at mackda@att.net

- EXHIBIT: PASSENGER PIGEONS – NOVEMBER 1-MARCH 1 – 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.

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; Tuesdays 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!

Conferences**American Montessori Society 2015 Annual Conference**

Philadelphia, PA

March 12-15 2015

Registration:

Early Bird (through 1/16) Pre-Registration (1/17 – 2/18) On-Site (starting 3/11)

Registration Link:

<https://amshq.org/Events/AMS-Annual-Conference/2015-Annual-Conference/Register>

Unity Connections Conference (formally known as the Unity Week Diversity Symposium)Saturday, January 24th

9:30 am – 4 pm

The Unity Connections Conference is inviting faculty, staff, and students/student organizations to submit a program proposal for a concurrent session of 55 minutes. [Proposals](#) are due on November 14, 2014 by midnight and will be chosen based upon their relevance to the conference theme and goals. This year's theme is Culture Shock which aims to shift the paradigm of culture and practices of inclusivity from a variety of lenses. The goals of this year's conference are to help participants: (1) Construct meaning from ideas and concepts related to diversity and inclusion; (2) Explore unique human experiences that make up the human experience; (3) Understand the intersection of socially and culturally constructed identities based on race, ethnicity, gender/gender expression, sexuality, class, age, ability, and religion; and (4) Develop ways to build an inclusive community at Ball State University.

The International Peace-Builder's Forum (IPF)Link for more information: <http://caux.iofc.org/en/IPF2014>Registration Link: https://application.caux.iofc.org/en/online_applications/new**Conflict Studies & Global Governance: The New Generation of Ideas**

Boston, Massachusetts

Oct 31-Nov 1, 2014

Registration Link: http://www.umb.edu/academics/mgs/crhsgg/conferences/conflict_studies_global_governance_conference**2015 Peace History Society Conference**

October 22-24, 2015

Hartford, Connecticut at the University of Saint Joseph

Link for more information: <https://www.h-net.org/announce/show.cgi?ID=215890>

Grants and Fellowships

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/cohenpeacetravelfund>

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.

Peace Puzzle

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AGREEMENT
 DIVERSITY
 HAPPINESS
 PEACE
 UNITY

BUILDING
 FAMILY
 HARMONY
 RESOLUTION

DISAGREEMENT
 GATHERING
 INCLUSION
 UNDERSTANDING

Peace Song of the Week:

[How We Love](#)
[by Beth Nielsen Chapman](#)

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 non-violent 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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The Brown Bag lunch speaker series
The Muncie Interfaith Fellowship
The Social Justice League organization

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