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APRIL 7-8th 2023 Ball State Center for Peace & Conflict Studies

Welcome to the Conference!

On behalf of the Ball State University <u>Center for Peace and Conflict Studies</u>, I am thrilled to welcome you to the 5th "Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Conference: Places and Spaces for Peace." Like our previous four Conferences, this meeting features excellent presentations and dance performances, and many opportunities for rich dialogue and networking.

This year, the Conference includes presentations from scholars, undergraduate and graduate students, activists, community leaders, and laypersons from many different disciplines and backgrounds, and nine countries including the USA, Canada, India, Austria, Colombia, Ethiopia, France, Australia, and Zimbabwe.

I want to thank our esteemed keynote presenters, De'Amon Harges (Asset Based Community Development Institute, The Learning Tree, and Grassroots Grantmakers Association Board) and Martin Gurri (Mercatus Center, George Mason University) for agreeing to enrich us with their vast knowledge and experiences.

This Conference would not be possible if not for the generosity of the Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Fund, and many kind individuals. Thank you!

I am also deeply appreciative to the Center's Graduate Assistant, Madison Pavone, the Center's interns (Jailee Acevedo, Karisa Candreva, Ashlyn Dows, Christiane Habeshy, Holley Hannegan, Sydney Sparks, & Briana Towns), and the Center's Advisory Board Members for the countless hours planning and then implementing this event. This Conference could not have happened, especially given its virtual format, without your dedication and creativity. You ALL ARE AMAZING!

Lastly, I want to thank each of you for attending this 5th Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Conference. Hopefully, you will acquire some new knowledge and skills to support and promote additional "Places and Spaces for Peace!"

peace,

Lawrence H. Gerstein, Ph.D.

Director, Ball State University Center for Peace and Conflict Studies (<u>www.bsu.edu/peacecenter</u>)
George & Frances Ball Distinguished Professor of Psychology-Counseling

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BENJAMIN V. COHEN

Born in Muncie, Indiana on September 23, 1894, Benjamin Victor Cohen graduated from the University of Chicago Law School in 1915. He then attended Harvard Law School where he attracted the attention of Felix Frankfurter. In 1933, Franklin Roosevelt summoned Cohen from private practice in New York to public service.

Cohen became a major legal architect of much of the New Deal legislation including the Securities Act and the plan for Lend-Lease and economic stability during World War II. A shy man, Cohen worked behind the scenes where his brilliance as a legal draftsman was widely recognized.

Following World War II, Cohen turned his talents to the problems of world peace and became one of the architects of the United Nations, serving on the U.S. delegation to the UN and on the United Nations Disarmament Commission. His abiding interest in world peace and his outstanding legal ability influenced him until his death in 1983.

On December 24, 1984, Mr. Bernard W. Freund, a nephew of Benjamin V. Cohen created a fund at the Ball State University Foundation to honor his uncle's memory and continue his uncle's interest in the attainment of world peace. For many years, Mr. Freund served as a Ball State staff member providing legal services to students.

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SCHEDULE Friday, April 7th 2023

8:30-9:00_{am} / OPENING SESSION

Opening Session Chair: Karisa Candreva *Center for Peace and Conflict Studies* Technical Support: *Christiane Habeshy Center for Peace and Conflict Studies*

Welcome

Lawrence Gerstein, Ph.D. Ball State University, Center for Peace & Conflict Studies

Laughter Yoga: More laughter for world peace

Cindy Cash, Ph.D. Ball State University

9:00-9:50am / LIGHTNING ROUND (5 min. each)

EDUCATION

Lightning Round Session Chair: Holley Hannegan *Center for Peace and Conflict Studies* Technical Support: Ashlyn Dow *Center for Peace and Conflict Studies*

Distributive Justice and Ohio's School Funding Plan

Kimberlie Kowalka Todd, M.Ed. University of Toledo

A Unified Model for Risk Assessment in Schools: A call to action

Breanna Ellington, Ph.D. Virginia Tech

The Importance of Teach Local History to Youth

Clete Hassan Ladd, M.A., M.A.T *University of Phoenix*

Creating Brave Space through Pride: Conversation hours with Brazilian educators

Cheri Madewell, M.A. Ball State University

SYMPOSIUM: Peace-Making Is Work: Moving through conflict with connection, emotional resilience, & bravery

Chair: Rebecca L. Mathews, Ph.D. University of North Carolina

Peace-Making is Not the Absence of Conflict: Strategies for traveling through conflict to peace

Rebecca L. Mathews, Ph.D. *University of North Carolina* Donna Hickman, Ph.D. *University of North Texas* Crystal Brashear, Ph.D. *Colorado Christian University* Nancy Thomas, Ph.D. *Colorado Christian University*

Creating Brave Spaces

Nancy Thomas, Ph.D. *Colorado Christian University*Crystal Brashear, Ph.D. *Colorado Christian University*Donna Hickman, Ph.D. *University of North Texas*Rebecca L. Mathews, Ph.D. *University of North Carolina*

Remaining Grounded: Emotional regulation strategies when engaging in spaces of conflict

Crystal Brashear, Ph.D. *Colorado Christian University*Donna Hickman, Ph.D. *University of North Texas*Nancy Thomas, Ph.D. *Colorado Christian University*Rebecca L. Mathews, Ph.D. *University of North Carolina*

10:00-10:50_{am} / LIGHTNING ROUND (5 min. each)

EDUCATION

Lightning Round Session Chair: Briana Towns Center for Peace and Conflict Studies
Technical Support: Holley Hannegan Center for Peace and Conflict Studies

Tackling Violence in Cameroon's Secondary Schools: The need for conductive and peaceful learning settings
Michael Ndemanu, Ph.D. *Ball State University*

Images in Action: ARC highlights the experiences of marginalized students Kiara Johnson, M.A. *Action Research Collective, Ball State University*

Understandings of an Unpoet: Decolonial storytelling for teachers building peace Jennifer Tesoro, Ph.D. *University of Manitoba*

Children's Well-being in At-Risk, High Poverty Communities: A call for social justice Abdelaziz Elmadani, Ph.D. *Brooklyn College*

Addressing Bias in Special Needs Education: A scoping review mapping special needs interventions from 2000-2020 through the lens of race Philip Sanusi, M.P.H Student *Texas A&M University*

11:00-11:50am / LIGHTNING ROUND (5 min. each)

ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY

Lightning Round Session Chair: Sydney Sparks *Center for Peace and Conflict Studies* Technical Support: Jailee Acevedo *Center for Peace and Conflict Studies*

The Intertwined Threats: Uncovering the intersection of climate security and youth unemployment in the IGAD region Kathryn Langat, Ph.D. Peace and Conflict Studies IGAD-CEWARN

Understanding Climate-Related Issues and Conflict in Sagarmatha National Park, Nepal

Emily Hayes, M.Sc. Geological Sciences Ball State University

Turning the War Around: Peacebuilding and economy of care

Karen Marriner, M.Sc. Universidad Externado de Colombia

Community Economic Inequity: Living in a border town colonia in South Texas

Sharon McIntyre, Ph.D. *University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley* George Atisa, Ph.D. *University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley*

SYMPOSIUM: Increasing Awareness and Advocacy about Social Class Trauma

Chair: Lucy Parker-Barnes, Ph.D., LPC, CCMHC, NCC, CCTP Gannon University

Co-Chair: Courtney Rowley, B.A. Gannon University

Learning Best Practices for Advocacy and Clinical Interventions for Clients Facing Classism

Jessica McDannel, B.A. *Gannon University*Mikaela Whalen, B.A. *Gannon University*Lyndsey Lakatos, B.A. *Gannon University*Riann Bethel, B.A. *Gannon University*

Assessing Classism that BIPOC Experience and Recognizing Their Resilience

Lyndsey Lakatos, B.A. *Gannon University*Paribhu Thapa, B.A. *Gannon University*Astha Tamang, B.A. *Gannon University*Nikole Saur, B.A. *Gannon University*

12:00-12:50_{pm} / LIGHTNING ROUND (5 min. each)

DISCRIMINATION

Lightning Round Session Chair: Christiane Habeshy *Center for Peace and Conflict Studies* Technical Support: Holley Hannegan *Center for Peace and Conflict Studies*

Poetic Healing: Using poetry to validate experiences of intimate partner violence Kelly Gentry, Ph.D. *University of Denver*

Anti-Semitic Violence, Hate Crimes and Establishing Multicultural

Ningxin Li, Ph.D. American Painters and Peace Educators Association

Exclusive Textbook Contents and Prejudicial Learning: The principal driver

of religiously motivated violence in Pakistan

Qamar Jafri, Ph.D. Sociology Independent

Zimbabwe's Disregarded Victims and the Pitfalls of State Centered Peacebuilding Interventions in Africa

Terence M. Mashingaidze, Ph.D. Midlands State University

Structural Violence as the Cause of Physical Violence in South Cameroons

Michael Ndemanu, Ph.D. Ball State University

SYMPOSIUM: Journeying Toward Racial Reconciliation: Sites of black excellence and resistance

Chair: Beth A. Messner, Ph.D. Ball State University

Relationships and Co-Creation: Community engagement as a tool for confronting racism in Indiana

Kendra Lowery, Ph.D. *Ball State University*Beth A. Messner, Ph.D. *Ball State University*WaTasha Barnes-Griffin, M.A. *CEO: YWCA Central Indiana*

Confronting Racism: Field experience pedagogy and site selection

Beth A. Messner, Ph.D. *Ball State University*WaTasha Barnes-Griffin, M.A. *CEO: YWCA Central Indiana*Kiesha Warren-Gordon, Ph.D. *Ball State University*

Field Experience Reflections: Coming to terms with racism, resistance and excellence

WaTasha Barnes-Griffin, M.A. CEO: YWCA Central Indiana

1:00-1:50_{pm} / LIGHTNING ROUND (5 min. each)

MEDIA

Lightning Round Session Chair: Jailee Acevedo *Center for Peace and Conflict Studies* Technical Support: Sydney Sparks *Center for Peace and Conflict Studies*

Peace & Social Media: Tips for navigating a digital world

Tera Warfield, M.A. Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling University of Memphis

Cultivating Wisdom, Courage, and Compassion as Tenents of Global Citizenship

Dr. Gitima Sharma, Ph.D. Counselor Education *California State University* Dr. Yuleinys Castillo, Ph.D. *California State University, Fresno*

GBV at Universities and Online Hate Speech Against Women & Femmes

Heidi Lamb, Ph.D. Student, Peace and Conflict Studies University of Manitoba

Who Are You Talking To?: Civic conversation in a digital world

Elizabeth Agnew, Ph.D. Ball State University

2:00-2:50pm / LIGHTNING ROUND (5 min. each)

MENTALHEALTH

Lightning Round Session Chair: Ashlyn Dow Center for Peace and Conflict Studies
Technical Support: Christiane Habeshy Center for Peace and Conflict Studies

A Case Study of Peacebuilding through Qualitative Research

Cassandra Riedy, Ph.D. *Belmont University*Grace Garron *Belmont University*

Meditation and Mindfulness: Pathways to peace in the classroom and beyond

Tímea Varga, Ph.D. Lynn University

Maintaining Peace Within: The necessity of self-care for peacemakers

Cassandra Riedy, Ph.D. *Belmont University*Grace Garron *Belmont University*

Caring for NYC's Mentally Ill Homeless Population: A peace approach

Abigail Gosselin, Ph.D. Regis University

SYMPOSIUM: COVID-19 Halts International Progress on the United Nations'

Sustainable Development Goals

Chair: H. Russell Searight, Ph.D., MPH Lake Superior State University

COVID-19 Halts International Progress on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals

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Structural Violence Against Marginalized and Impoverished Groups During COVID-19

Falu Rami, Ph.D. International Consultation Service

COVID-19 Highlights International Health Disparities

Megan Hall, B.S. Translational Genomics Research Institute

3:00-3:50_{pm} / LIGHTNING ROUND (5 min. each)

ETHICS & UNITY

Lightning Round Session Chair: Sydney Sparks *Center for Peace and Conflict Studies* Technical Support: Holley Hannegan *Center for Peace and Conflict Studies*

The Role of Post-traumatic Growth, Collective Efficacy, and

Agency Among Survivors of Mass Violence

Monte-Angel Richardson, M.S.W. University of Toronto

Peace Proving by Fight for Fake

Laurent M. Chaudron, Ph.D. Theorik-Lab, France

Peace Between Generations: Better understanding Gen Z

Brenda Ross, Ed.D., L.C.P.C. Concordia University Chicago

Let's Talk Language: Ethical considerations for multilingual training and practice

Hannah Brier Meisels, B.A. Psychology Counseling Psychology Dept., University of Denver

SYMPOSIUM: Promoting Peace through Mindfulness Practices and Meditation in Teaching Spaces

Chair: Lynne Andreozzi Fontaine, Ph.D. *Community College of Rhode Island* Co-Chair: Renee Saris-Baglama, Ph.D. *Community College of Rhode Island*

Teaching from a Place of Mindfulness

Justine Egan-Kunicki, Ph.D. Community College of Rhode Island

Mindfulness Meditation in the Classroom: Student Reflections

Amanda Vanner, M.A. Community College of Rhode Island

How Loving-Kindness Meditation May Promote Peace

Renee Saris-Baglama, Ph.D. Community College of Rhode Island

4:00-4:50_{pm} / LIGHTNING ROUND (5 min. each)

CRIME, JUSTICE & RELIGION

Lightning Round Session Chair: Christiane Habeshy *Center for Peace and Conflict Studies* Technical Support: Jailee Acevedo *Center for Peace and Conflict Studies*

The Effects of Police Presence on Minority Students

Cassie VanSandt, M.A. School Counseling Department of Educational Psychology

Radical Restructuring and Rebranding of Police as a Profession

Dave, B.A. Ball State University

Unbounded Law: The symmetry of justice and its

practical application in peacebuilding

Sofia Collin, J.D. Student The Santa Barbara Colleges of Law

Psychotherapeutic Ethics and the Safety of the Buddhist Precepts

David Gosling, Ph.D., L.P.C., NCC University of Lynchburg

Progressive Religious Organizations for Reproductive Justice: Case study review

Madison Turunen, B.A. Peace and Justice Studies Pace University

5:00-5:35pm / DANCE PERFORMANCE

Dancing within Lost History: A Retelling of Underrepresented Women and Femmes through the Lens of History and Dance

Choreographers: Susan Koper, M.F.A Ball State University & Audra Sokol, M.F.A Ball State University Dancers: Aaliyah Beatty, Kylie Benavidez, Stella Bubenzer, Katie Cole, Rachel Hosey, Olivia McFarren, Hannah Reed, Kennedy Smith, Juliana Stanger, Kierston Wells, Eliza Welton, & Ashlyn Works

BREAK 5:35-6:55

7:00pm / KEYNOTE SPEAKER

De'Amon Harges

Asset Based Community Development Institute, The Learning Tree, and Grassroots Grantmakers Association Board

Community, Economy and Mutual Delight

De'Amon's role is to listen and discover the gifts, passions and dreams of citizens in his community, and to find ways to utilize them in order to build community, economy, and mutual "delight." The bulk of De'Amon's work is based on the principles and practices of the Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) that brings neighbors and institutions together to discover the power of being a good neighbor.

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PLACES SPACE For peace SCHEDULE Saturday, April 8th 2023

9:00-9:50am / LIGHTNING ROUND (5 min. each)

POLITICS & ACTIVISM

Lightning Round Session Chair: Holley Hannegan *Center for Peace and Conflict Studies* Technical Support: Christiane Habeshy *Center for Peace and Conflict Studies*

Relational Pedagogies for Peace(s)

Daniela Lehner, M.Sc. Klagenfurt University

Evaluating the Prevailing Peace in Kenya's 2022 Troubled Electoral Environment

David Traugott, M.A. Student, International Peace and Conflict Resolution American University

Are We Achieving Unity?: Comparing initiatives addressing political polarization Merisa K. Mattix, B.A. Conflict Analysis and Resolution *George Mason University, Carter School Mary Hoch Center for Reconciliation*

Europe Rising (Again): A comparative study of the dynamics and types of modern European nationalisms

Timea Varga, Ph.D. Lynn University

10:00am / KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Martin Gurri

Mercatus Center, George Mason University

Technology and Conflict

Martin Gurri is a former CIA analyst who writes about the relationship between politics and media. He served as the Director of National Intelligence Open-Source Center in various senior positions, including director of research. He is

the author of *The Revolt of the Public and the Crisis of Authority in the New Millennium.* Gurri also writes frequently for Discourse, City Journal, and other publications.

11:00-11:50_{pm} / LIGHTNING ROUND (5 min. each)

POLITICS & ACTIVISM

Lightning Round Session Chair: Karisa Candreva *Center for Peace and Conflict Studies* Technical Support: Ashlyn Dow *Center for Peace and Conflict Studies*

Ideological Diversity of Americans' Attitudes to the 2020 Black Lives Matter Protests Kaelan Vazquez, B.S. *DePaul University*

What's the Answer to Ending Poverty?

Tami Perry, B.S. Ball State University, School Counseling Master's Program

Bottom-up Approach to Peace-building and Civil Society: A study of reconciliation process in post-war Sri Lanka Lekshmi K, Ph.D. Candidate *Central University of Gujarat*

United Nations Peacekeeping: Evolution, present, state, and psychology of peacekeeping Harvey Langholtz, Ph.D. *William and Mary, Dept. of Psychological Sciences*

Media Reform and Prospects for Peace and Conflict-sensitive Journalism in Africa Maame Peterson, Ph.D. Candidate *University of Manitoba*

SYMPOSIUM: Educating for Peace: Activating civic agency, overcoming censorship, and decolonizing institutions

Chair: Anya Russian, M.A. Student, Peace and Conflict Studies University of Manitoba/Winnipeg

Not Decolonized Yet: A call to peace educators to help decolonize universities Heidi Lamb, Ph.D. Student *University of Manitoba/Peace and Conflict Studies*

International Student Activism: Can universities be agents of change?

Ha B. Dong, Ph.D. Student *University of Manitoba/Peace and Conflict Studies*Cintia Damasceno, Ph.D. Student *University of Manitoba/Education*

Museums at the Seams: How two North Carolina museums are supporting racial literacy, critical education, and civic activism

Anya Russian, M.A. Student *University of Manitoba/Peace and Conflict Studies*

BREAK 12:00-12:55pm

1:00-1:50pm / LIGHTNING ROUND (5 min. each)

SOVID, HEALTH, PEACE & HISTORY

Lightning Round Session Chair: Briana Towns Center for Peace and Conflict Studies
Technical Support: Karisa Candreva Center for Peace and Conflict Studies

COVID Relief Work by Peace Movements Amid Inter-Religious Tensions in Mumbai City

Rositta Joseph Valiyamattam, Ph.D. Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, U.K.

Visiting Professor of English, Government Women's College Begumpet (Osmania University)

Hyderabad; Editor, Orient BlackSwan and PaperTrue India

Face Mask Wearing Perpetuates Anxiety Among Asian Americans During the COVID-19

Ya-Wen Melissa Liang, Ph.D., LPC-S, NCC *Texas A&M University, Kingsville* Soyoung Kwon, Ph.D. *Texas A&M University, Kingsville*

How King's Nonviolent Tactics Avoided the Backfire Objection

Paul Wilson, Ph. D. Shaw University

2:00-2:50_{pm} / LIGHTNING ROUND (5 min. each)

SAFE SPACES

Lightning Round Session Chair: Jailee Acevedo *Center for Peace and Conflict Studies*Technical Support: Holley Hannegan *Center for Peace and Conflict Studies*

Adolescents' Perceptions of Violence and Opportunities for Safe Spaces

Eduardo De la Vega-Taboada, M.S. Florida International University

Streets for All: Towards an inclusive public realm

Joe Blalock, M.S. Ball State University

Community Peacemaking/Peacebuilding Theory and Praxis

Brooke Doerflein, M.A. School Counseling Ball State University

Metta: Lovingkindness meditation for self and others

Troy Gregorino, Ed.D. Naropa University

SYMPOSIUM: Write for Change: Composing in Partner Spaces

Chair: Darolyn "Lyn" Jones, Ed.D. *Ball State University* Co-Chair: Kathryn Ludwig, Ph.D. *Ball State University*

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Kathryn Ludwig, Ph.D. Ball State University

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