

## **2021 Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Conference: Building a Beloved Community**

### **Call for Proposals: Guidelines**

Each proposal must include an abstract of no more than 250 words. In the case of a symposium, a 100-word abstract must also be included for each presentation. A blind review will be utilized when examining each proposal. Notification of the receipt of proposals will be e-mailed by February 8, 2021. Notification of acceptance or rejection of proposals will be e-mailed around February 22, 2021. Acceptance of proposals does not exempt presenters from paying the full registration fee.

Lightning round presentations will be limited to 5 minutes and should include 3-5 slides. Symposia will be limited to 3 presenters including an optional discussant. All symposia will be allotted 50 minutes with a maximum of 30 minutes total for the presentations. The remaining 20 minutes will be reserved for discussion.

The conference organizers will create and distribute links to the virtual rooms in which presentations will occur. A technology facilitator from Ball State University will be present in each virtual room, but presenters should be prepared to share their own slides and manage audience participation (e.g., chats, emojis).

Suggested topics include (but are not limited to):

- Community peacemaking/peacebuilding theory and praxis
- Community violence causes, analysis, alternatives, solutions
- COVID-19 and peace
- Political polarization
- School violence causes, analysis, alternatives, solutions
- Structural violence relative to race, gender, sexuality, class, religion
- Justice and reconciliation
- Race relations
- Law enforcement and marginalized populations
- Mediation
- Domestic violence
- Volunteerism
- Restorative justice
- Poverty
- Religious intolerance and/or conflict
- Community corrections
- Community organizing
- Legislative access
- Immigration
- Gun reform
- Internet and social media for peacemaking/peacebuilding

- Post-conflict reconstruction
- National/international law and local politics
- International peacemaking and peacebuilding/peacemaking and peacebuilding across borders
- Ethnic conflict
- Meditation and mindfulness
- Sports for development and peace
- Suicide prevention
- Human rights
- Sexual harassment
- Economic inequity or equality
- Health disparities
- Environmental issues
- Homelessness

Deadline for submitting proposals: February 1, 2021.

## 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, peacebuilding, 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.

To stay up to date with news and information about the Peace Center, call (765) 285-1622, [email us](#) to sign up for our discussion list, follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#), and sign up for our [newsletters](#)! We welcome hearing from you!