

Weekly Political Ticker

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"Lion of the Senate" Edward M. Kennedy (D - MA) died August 25, 2009...President Obama delivered a speech Tuesday urging students to stay in school and be responsible... Senate observed a moment of silence in honor of Senator Ted Kennedy...President Clinton advised Obama to forget about GOP...Blue Dog Democrat Mike Ross (D - AR) to vote against health Care bill with a public option... Ross joins a list of divided Dems on health care reform...MN Governor Tim Pawlenty to travel to VA to campaign for Republican Gubernatorial Candidate Bob McDonnell...Mexican drug violence hits Guatemala...Partial recount ordered in Afghanistan election...600,000 hit by flooding in West Africa...eBay auctioning off a dinner with Gov. Sarah Palin...Bidding starts at \$25,000...SC Gov. Mark Sanford says he's not looking for a fight over his recent trip to Argentina... Doctors slash vaccines due to rising costs...Laura Bush says President Obama is "doing great"...Laura Bush says Michelle Obama is doing a great job making the White House a "home" for their girls...Obama uses letters from the late Senator Ted Kennedy in Wednesday's healthcare speech; critics say it was one of his best speeches.

On This Day in History: September 11

1777: Stars and Stripes carried for the first time in battle during the Revolutionary War.

1789: Alexander Hamilton becomes the first Secretary of the Treasury.

1936: Boulder Dam in Nevada dedicated by U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt by turning on the dam's first hydroelectric generator. The dam is now called Hoover Dam.

1941: Groundbreaking for the Pentagon begins in Arlington, VA. That same year, President Franklin D. Roosevelt gave orders to attack any German or Italian ship in U.S. Defensive waters.

1959: Congress passes a bill authorizing the creation of Food Stamps.

1974: The Boston Red Sox and New York Mets set a record of the second longest game in the history of Major League Baseball, playing 25 innings in one game.

1992: Hurricane Iniki strikes Hawaii. The storm damaged or destroyed over 10,000 homes and killed five people.

2001: Four airliners are hijacked. Two were crashed into the World Trade Centers in NYC, one hit the Pentagon, and one crashed in a field in Pennsylvania. Over 3,000 people were killed.

FACULTY AND STAFF

H&SS Promotes three professors

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The School of Humanities and Social Sciences (H&SS) recently promoted and tenured multiple professors this year.

Dr. Corty, a psychology teacher at Behrend, was promoted to full professor. Dr. Corty was born and raised in Delaware. He received his undergraduate degree from Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, NY, where he majored in Psychology. His graduate degree is in

clinical psychology from Indiana University in Bloomington, IN. Dr. Corty has been in the education field since 1987 and has been at Behrend since 1993 where he teaches many different classes like principles of measurement and introduction to Psychology.

"I really enjoy teaching here," says Corty. "The students are great, as are my colleagues and the administration."

Dr. Nixon, who teaches psychology at Behrend, was also promoted to a full pro-

fessor position. She is from upstate New York and started here after her dissertation 13 years ago. She earned many degrees throughout her college career including a Bachelors Degree in Biology and Psychology from Marietta College, and her Doctorate in Developmental Psychology from West Virginia University. She teaches courses like Developmental Psychology and is involved with many different programs on campus.

"I love it here and I love

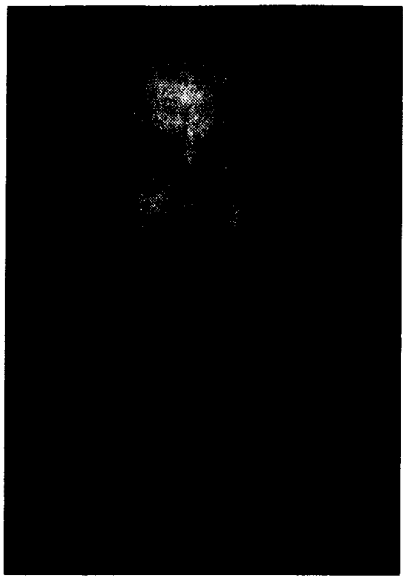
what I do," says Nixon. "I love the opportunities for research that Penn State Behrend offers students."

Professor Eva Kuttenberg has been teaching at Behrend for seven years. She received her Masters in English and Spanish from the Karl Franzens University in Austria. She teaches all German language, civilization, and literature courses here at Behrend.

"I love the interesting campus and how many students are interested in my language," says Kuttenberg.



Dr. Charisse Nixon



Dr. Eric Corty



Professor Eva Kuttenberg

What's hot this week:

Pop Chart:
"I Gotta Feelin"
The Black Eyed Peas.
The E.N.D

Country Chart:
"Big Green Tractor"
Jason Aldean.
Wide Open

Rock Chart:
"New Divide"
Linkin Park.
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen Soundtrack

Hip Hop/R&B Chart:
"Pretty Wings"
Maxwell.
Black

Album:
Colbie Caillat
Breakthrough

School of H&SS: Upcoming Events

MONDAY, SEPT. 14
6:00 P.M.

Event: Honors Program Dinner
Speaker: Scott Beaulier, Ph.D
Location: Logan House

MONDAY, SEPT. 22

Event: Training for new mentors
Location: Reed 117

FACULTY AND STAFF

Behrend welcomes seven new professors

ALLI HEITZENRATER - humanities writer

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences along with Penn State Behrend is proud to welcome several new professors to the campus.

Seven new professors are coming in this fall semester. They include the following:



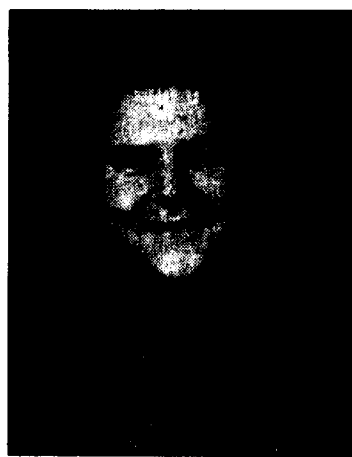
Carol Wilson

- Originally from Parkersburg, WV
- Earned undergraduate degree in chemical engineering from Virginia Tech
- Went to graduate school at Texas A&M where she earned a Masters and Ph.D. degrees in social psychology
- For the past three years, has been working at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, PA
- Teaching personality and introductory psychology classes this semester



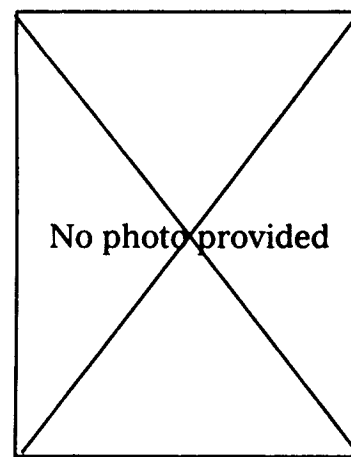
Elena Corbett

- Grew up in Washington, PA
- Received undergraduate degree in Anthropology from Bucknell University
- Earned a M.A. in Islamic Archaeology from University of Chicago
- Taught Arabic and Middle East Studies for two years at the U.S. Naval Academy
- Currently teaching various courses on the history of the Middle East and Islamic Civilization



David Kahl, Jr.

- Originally from Moorhead, MN
- Has an undergraduate degree in Economics from Concordia College
- Has a doctorate in Communications from North Dakota State University
- Earned graduate certificate in college teaching from North Dakota State University
- Teaching communication classes this semester at Behrend

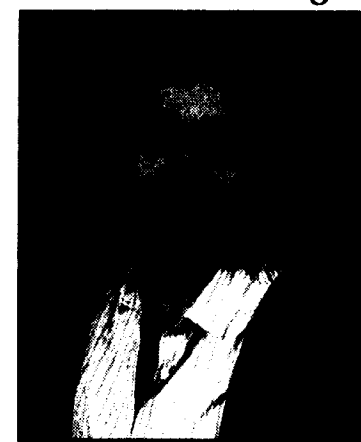


Brad Lint

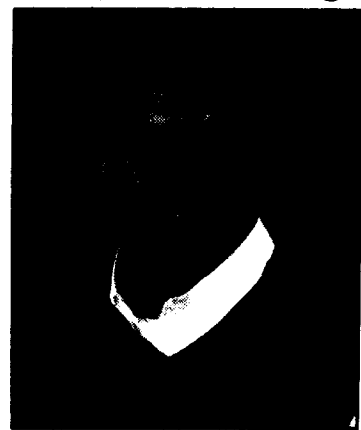
- A Western PA native
- Has a BA in political science from the University of Pittsburgh
- Earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in literature and criticism from Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- Returned to the United States two years ago after living in Taiwan for 16 years
- Taught at IUP the past two years. At Behrend, he is teaching business writing and basic writing.



Dr. Aileen Wang



Dr. Kyoko Matsunaga



Dharma Ji-rum

Any student within the School of Humanities and Social Sciences benefits from involvement in a publication. The Beacon is currently recruiting writers for our new Humanities page, which covers all majors within the school.

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STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

Ophelia Project welcomes new mentors

LASHEENA BARNES
humanities writer

The Ophelia Project, is the leading resource for research on relational aggression. Relational aggression is a psychological term for any behavior that is detrimental to another person's relationships with his/her peers, or compromising to someone else's social self-efficacy.

The Ophelia Project works to help "at risk" students to create safer social climates for schools.

There are many opportunities for anyone interested to get involved in this wave-making project.

There is a mentoring program designed for students entitled "CASS: Creating a Safe School." This is a program where high school and college students go into middle schools as mentors

to help "at risk" students through "Champs Programs."

Champs is an after-school program at middle schools in Erie which provides a safe and challenging learning experience for youth and facilitates the development of social, emotional, psychical, cultural, and academic skills.

Ophelia mentors coming into the program plan cur-

riculums for classes, and are all assigned individual students. Ophelia mentors have the potential to have a profound impact in the lives of Erie's youth.

Dr. Nixon, a psychology professor here at Behrend, who specializes in developmental psychology and conducts research on relational aggression works closely with the Ophelia Project.

In her words, "Having the

chance to be a mentor can really change someone's life. This is a great opportunity to change the life not only of a teenager, but also the life of a student in college."

Training for Ophelia mentors begins on Sept. 22 at 5:30 p.m. and will last until approximately 8:00 p.m. in Reed 117.