

Annual Poli Sci dinner's date set

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The annual Political Science dinner will take place at The Olive Garden on Peach Street on Tuesday, April 27 at 8 p.m.

All political science faculty will likely be in attendance. All students are invited, including political science majors, political science minors, and any friends or significant others.

"We generally get about 25-30 students each year, and it's generally a lot of fun," says Robert Speel, associate professor of political science.

RSVP your planned attendance to Speel at rws15@psu.edu by April 22.

Student groups seeking new leaders

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College Democrats and College Republicans are looking for new leaders to run the student political groups.

College Democrats and College Republicans both work on student voter registration efforts and volunteer for the local campaigns for presidential, congressional, and state legislative candidates.

They also bring candidates and political leaders to campus to speak to students and generally work at increasing the level of student political activism on the Penn State Behrend campus.

For information about these groups or to get on their mailing lists, contact Dr. Robert Speel at rws15@psu.edu.

Creative writing presents: Brenda Miller

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Brenda Miller is the author of *Season of the Body and Tell It Slant: Writing and Shaping Creative Nonfiction*.

In 2009, her collection of essays entitled, "Blessing of the Animals" was published.

She has won five Pushcart Prizes. Her work has been published in non-fiction journals such as: *Fourth Genre, Creative Nonfiction, The Sun, The Utne Reader, The Georgia Review, and The Missouri Review*.

Currently, she is an associate professor of English at Western Washington University and holds the position of editor-in-chief of *The Bellingham Review*.

She is coming to speak Thursday, April 22 at 6 p.m. in the Smith Chapel.

Writer Joanna Howard to speak at Smith Chapel

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Joanna Howard, writer and Brown University Professor, is the author of *On the Winding Stair* (2009) and *In the Colorless Round*, a collection of short stories with artwork by Rikki Ducornet.

Howard's work has also been featured in *Conjunctions, Chicago Review, Unsaid, Quarterly West, American Letters & Commentary, Fourteen Hills, Western Humanities Review, Salt Hill, Tarpaulin Sky* and elsewhere.

Her stories have been anthologized in *PP/FF: An Anthology, Writing Online, and New Standards: The First Decade of Fiction at Fourteen Hills*.

She and Brian Evenson together co-translated *Walls* by Marcel Cohen.

Howard will be speaking in the Smith Chapel, Thursday, April 29, at 6 p.m.

CAREER FAIR

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"The employers in attendance were able to provide a lot of information about jobs and internships," continues Speel.

Among the fifty plus employers was the U.S. Secret Service, who explained all the different levels, testing, and requirements it took to get a government job. And they weren't the only ones.

The representatives from the Pennsylvania State Civil Service Commission also assisted in that explanation, and was even handing out students a five page packet with current job openings in the government.

There has also been much feedback on the event.

"I wish there were more grad schools there," says sophomore political science major Brett Miller, echoing one of the most common pieces of advice for next year.

"I think one of the most common worries for political science majors is what they can do with their degree. Many of us want to continue on and get our masters or professional degree, so to see more graduate schools from local areas helping out with that would have been even more beneficial for students."

Seeing more options there was also a major concern for multiple students.

"I hope they bring it back next year," says junior political science major Cody Brown.

"If they do bring it back, I would like to see more local government and state government jobs, like working at the Capitol building, or possibly interning with local representatives. I think those options would have been useful for students."

Another concern was with



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The GNCC career fair was seen as a success for student career opportunities, with many employers looking forward to coming back in future years.

the employer representatives themselves. Whenever a student asked about information, the student was often times told to go online and look up more information. Many times this can deter students from seeking employment with that specific employer.

Many students expressed frustration with this and would have liked to see more people who were hiring or interviewing on the spot if possible.

For Speel, the frustrations came from advertising. Speel gives several recommendations to how to get the word out for next year's fair.

"Many faculty members announced nothing about the fair or its importance to their stu-

dents," he said, "and many students who should have visited this year apparently didn't realize how useful or important such a fair is for future job searches and career exploration options."

Given the success of the fair, many hope to see it return next year at least one time, if not more.

"It is really beneficial for the school, students, and community to have this type of program," Miller said. "Having this makes all the difference for schools that are actually trying to make a difference in students' lives and help them out."

Heeter said, "We all want careers, so why not bring it back. Everyone deserves this option."

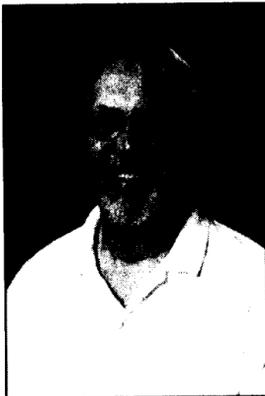
According to Speel, the Academic and Career Planning Center will be studying the survey results from students and employers who attended the fair in order to get ideas of what to change for next year.

"Because the fair was successful this year, word will likely get out to other government, non-profit, and media employers that coming to Behrend is worth the time and effort, and we will likely have even more tables set up next year."

With more tables, brings more opportunities for students and their careers, so next year's GNCC career fair is likely to be an even bigger success than this year's.

H&SS School hires digital communications professor

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Penn State Behrend Marketing Rod Troester is the program chair of the Communications department.

The communications department has hired a new professor who will start in the Fall 2010 semester.

This professor is Dr. Inkyu Kang from Madison, Wis. Kang has a B.A. in International Economics and a B.A. in English from Hankuk University of Foreign Studies in Seoul, Korea.

He also has an M.A. in mass communications and journalism from Sogang University in Seoul, Korea. Kang has a second M.A. in Communication Arts from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

In addition to his bachelors degrees and two masters degrees, Kang has a Ph.D. in communication arts from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Madison, Wis.

Kang has taught at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

In the Spring of 2000, he was a reader for a semiotics of communication class.

From 2001-2003 he was a

teaching assistant for an Introduction to Television class.

In spring of 2005, Kang worked as a lecturer for Korean Culture and Civilization, the fall of 2005 as a lecturer for Modern Korea: North and South, and the spring of 2006 as a lecturer for Korean Popular Culture.

At Behrend, Kang will be teaching multiple classes. Among those classes are a graphic design course, Introduction to Multimedia Production, and a few other courses.

Kang will also be the faculty advisor for the *Beacon*.

According to Rod Troester, the program chair of the communications department, the reason for hiring a new professor was simply because there was the opportunity available and they decided to seize it.

Troester also says that besides educational qualifications, when hiring a new professor, they also look for

someone who will successfully be able to teach classes while continuing to do research. Being able to do both tasks is important, Troester said.

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences, along with the Behrend Community, would like to welcome Kang to the faculty.

Comm 001/002: Newspaper Practicum / Editorial Staff 001: Thurs. 4:00-5:15pm 002: Thurs. 5:30-6:20pm
Comm 160: Newswriting skills Tues. 11:00-11:50 a.m.
Comm 270: Introduction to Multimedia Production TR: 1:25 - 2:15 p.m.
Comm 241: Graphic Design TR: 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Dr. Ed Mulvey set to speak on criminal sanctions

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The Crime, Psychology, and Public Policy certificate program is proud to present Ed Mulvey to the Behrend community.

Mulvey will be giving a lec-

ture on "Sanctions and Services for Serious Adolescent Offenders."

Ed Mulvey, Ph.D., is the director of the Law and Psychiatry Research Program at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

The event is being sponsored

by the CPPP certificate program.

"The psychology and political science faculty are very excited to have Dr. Mulvey speak at Behrend," said Dawn Blasko, an associate professor of psychology.

"He is a world-wide expert on

determining how clinicians make judgments regarding the type of risk posed by adult mental patients and juvenile offenders."

Mulvey will speak at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 23 in the Samuel P. "Pat" Black III Conference Center (REDC 180).

Political science introduces new professors and courses

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Two new political science courses will be coming to campus for the Fall 2010 semester.

Judge John Trucilla of the Erie County Court of Common Pleas will be teaching PL SC

471 (American Constitutional Law).

American Constitutional Law is an ideal course for students interested in constitutional issues or who are considering law school.

Judge Trucilla has served as judge since 2002. He received

his undergraduate degree in political science and his law degree from the University of Dayton.

Sheila Sterrett, the director of government affairs for the Northwest Pennsylvania Manufacturer and Business Association, will be teaching PL SC 489

(Public Administration).

Public Administration is an ideal course for students who wish to learn more about the management of government agencies or are seeking a career in public service.

Weekly Political Ticker

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President **Barack Obama** announced last week that he is opening up sights off the coasts of several states in the Atlantic Ocean, as well as parts of Alaska, for offshore oil drilling...This comes after **Obama** announced his support to build more nuclear power plants across the country...**Obama** unveiled the new nuclear strategy for the U.S.' usage of atomic weapons...this plan is being seen as a foreign policy success...Continued threats on members of Congress and their families has prompted the FBI to get involved...Secretary of Treasury **Timothy Geithner** is planning a trip to China...RNC chairman **Michael Steele** has come under fire for authorizing a staffer to spend \$2,000 at a strip club...Top Republican strategist **Alex Castellanos**, along with several other Republican leaders, are calling for **Steele** to step down...Supreme Court Justice **John Paul Stevens** announced that he will be retiring from the Supreme Court either this year or next year after serving a 35 year term...Senate Minority Whip **John Kyl** has already threatened to filibuster whomever **Obama** chooses to nominate to the Supreme Court, something that hasn't been done since the **Johnson** administration and is rarely ever done at all...Virginia governor **Bob McDonnell** declared April as Confederate History Month...An explosion early this week killed and injured over 25 people in a West Virginian mine...Four miners are still unaccounted for and only seven had been removed from the mine.

On This Day in History: April 9

1865: Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his confederate army to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox court house, ending the American Civil War.

1864: The Civil War: General Sherman's march to the sea.

1867: The U.S. Senate ratified the treaty that purchased the Alaskan Territory from Russia.

1940: Germany invaded Norway and Denmark.

1968: Martin Luther King Jr. was buried after his assassination.

1988: U.S. imposed economic sanctions on Panama.

1998: The National Prisoner of War Museum opened in Andersonville, Ga.

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