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NEW FACULTY TO CAMPUS

Eight new fulltime faculty bring extensive academic expertise to the DC community, from accounting to social work



DR. KEITH CHRISTY has joined Defiance College as Assistant Professor of Exercise Science. Christy received his Bachelor of Science in Education from Central Michigan University, his Master's in Sport

Psychology from Michigan State University and a Ph.D. in Sport Management from Ohio State University. He has taught at the college level for more than seven years and brings with him extensive experience coaching sports at both the high school and college level.

Christy has been published in various journals, including the *International Journal of Sports Management*, the *Journal of Issues in Intercollegiate Athletics*, and *Strategies*. He has also presented at several national conferences.



DR. ELIZABETH KIMJIN COLLARDEY, LCSW, brings with her more than eight years of teaching experience and joins DC as Assistant Professor of Social Work. Collardey earned her Bachelor of Arts in

Sociology from the University of Colorado and both her Master's in Social Work and doctorate from the University of Denver.

Collardey's clinical practice focused on child protection and includes extensive community experience working with immigrants and refugees. Her research has also addressed the needs of international adoptees, group work with cultural minorities, and child labor. Dr. Collardey

is active in professional social work organizations and is currently serving as an item writer for the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB), which administers the social work licensing exam in the U.S. and Canada.



JOSH FRANCIS joins Defiance as a full-time Instructor of Education after serving as adjunct faculty at both DC and Northwest State Community College. Francis holds his Bachelor of Arts in Religion, Bachelor of

Science in Mathematics and a Master's in Education from Defiance College. He is also currently pursuing his Ph.D. in Educational Research in Measurement at the University of Toledo.

Francis has participated in several projects in which the goals were to provide a voice for marginalized populations at every age through initiatives intended to revitalize impoverished neighborhoods and schools. In addition, he also assisted on various projects and grants to increase awareness of and preparation for undergraduate programs among high school students in urban schools as well as to improve the effectiveness of science educators.



DR. NATHAN CROOK joins DC in the Arts and Humanities division as Assistant Professor of Communications, bringing with him more than eight years of experience in higher education. Crook

received his Bachelor of Arts in History and English from Weber State University, a master's from Utah State University and his doctorate from Bowling Green State University.

Crook has presented and lectured at numerous conferences and meetings. He has also edited newsletters and been published in various publications.



DR. BLEN SOLOMON is now serving as an Assistant Professor of Economics. She earned her Bachelor of Arts from Lawrence University and master's and doctoral degrees from Western Michigan University.

Solomon enjoys research and has presented at conferences across the United States and also in Africa. She has been published in various journals, and her memberships include the American Economic Association, Midwest Economics Association, Ethiopian Economics Association and Ethiopian Development Studies Association.



KATHY HOLLOWAY joins Defiance as an Assistant Professor of Nursing for the college's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program and also the 1+2+1 nursing program that collaborates with Northwest State

Community College. Holloway earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Arts in Guidance and Counseling from Bowling Green State University and

a Master's in Science in Nursing from the University of Toledo.

Holloway is a registered Ohio nurse and counselor and is a member of the American Nurses Association and Ohio Nurses Association.



J. RICHARD SEALSCOTT, CPA, begins this fall as an Assistant Professor of Accounting. He received his Master of Business Administration from the University of Dayton and his Bachelor of Science from Bowling

Green State University. Sealscott has more than 30 years of experience in education, with a focus on public accounting, auditing, accounting principles, personal taxes and business taxes.

Sealscott is a practicing CPA, a certified fraud examiner, and has many years of experience advising businesses and individuals in financial affairs.

ANDREW SCHULTZ NAMED TO HEAD MUSIC PROGRAM



Defiance College is re-introducing the performing arts in a meaningful way. To recognize these experiences as an integral part of the college experience and create opportunities for students to develop their

talents, the College announced earlier this year the appointment of Andrew Schultz as Director of Music Programs.

Schultz, a native of Defiance, graduated from Ohio Northern University with dual degrees in music and business administration. At ONU, he was a member and assistant director of the University Singers and the Men's Chorus. He earned master's degrees in music and business administration from Bowling Green State University. At BGSU, he held a graduate assistantship which allowed him to work with three large ensembles including the University Choral Society, the Collegiate Chorale, and the BGSU Men's Chorus. ◆

MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Jenni Morrison and Derek Woodley are serving as Defiance College's Co-Interim Athletic Directors

Defiance College President, Mark C. Gordon, earlier this year announced that Jenni Morrison and Derek Woodley will serve as co-interim athletic directors for the institution during the 2009-2010 academic year.

"I am thrilled that Coach Woodley and Director Morrison have agreed to take on

these added responsibilities this year" stated Gordon. "They have each earned the respect of players, faculty and colleagues, and both bring significant experience and expertise. We have a wonderful athletic program at Defiance College, and we look forward to even greater success this year, as well as in the years to come."

Morrison brings previous athletic director experience with her to the position. Prior to joining Defiance as an assistant athletic director, Morrison served as the athletic director at Penn State-Fayette for three years. The 2009-2010 year will be Morrison's third with Defiance.

"I am looking forward to this opportunity to work together with Derek, the new administration and the campus community to provide a quality college experience for all DC students," said Morrison. "We have a hard-working and dedicated staff, and I am excited to work with them to continue to build a successful athletic program."

Woodley will also be entering his third year with the Jackets, where he will continue his regular duties as the head baseball coach, while also assuming the co-interim athletic director tag. Woodley previously spent 12 seasons at Bethany Lutheran College as part of the baseball coaching staff. He served as the school's athletic director for two of those years.

Woodley echoed the sentiments of Gordon and Morrison, "I am looking forward to working with our new administration, as well as our entire athletic staff as we move forward into the academic year. We have a special group of student-athletes and coaches who are very determined to bring continued success to Defiance College and the athletic department."

The duo will be filling the void left by Dick Kaiser, who accepted the athletic director position at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, South Dakota. Kaiser left DC after spending the past 10 years with the Yellow Jackets. ◆

