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TO THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

Defiance College introduces four new faculty members



Stefan Hall,
Assistant Professor
of Communication,
Arts and Humanities
Division, comes to
Defiance College
from Bowling Green
State University
where he was
teaching and is

currently completing his dissertation in media studies.

After finishing his B.A., Hall was inspired by his professors and classes at Virginia Tech to undertake a cross-country journey by car from Washington, D.C. to Los Angeles, and during his M.A. studies he lived and taught in Japan for a year. Hall's interests in media such as film, video games, and music began to creep into his English studies, and the realization of the need for more expansive disciplinary boundaries prompted him to choose the American Culture Studies program at BGSU. In his spare time, Hall scours the internet, yard sales, and thrift stores for classic era (Atari) video games, expands his culinary skills by trying new recipes, and dabbles in writing poetry.



Dean Johnson,
Assistant Professor
of Religious
Studies, Arts
and Humanities
Division, held most
recently the position
of assistant professor
of Peace, Justice
and Conflict Studies

at Goshen College in Indiana, as well as, serving as assistant to the Academic Dean and special assistant to the Provost. Johnson was also director of the Goshen College

Plowshares Peace Studies Project.

Johnson grew up in LaGrange, Indiana. After graduating from Manchester College, he earned a master's degree in theology with an emphasis in peace studies from Bethany Theological Seminary in Richmond, Indiana. He is currently a doctoral candidate enrolled in the religious and theological studies program focusing on religion and social change at the Iliff School of Theology at the University of Denver. In addition to his recent work at Goshen College, Johnson has taught peace studies courses at Anderson University, Purdue University – Richmond, the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership at Bethany Seminary, and the Indianapolis Peace House. He also served as co-assistant pastor for a year at the Richmond Church of the Brethren. Johnson lives in Fort Wayne, Ind., with his spouse, Melissa, and their young son, Jude.



Dr. Kristin Sorensen,
Assistant Professor
of Psychology,
Behavioral and
Applied Social
Sciences Division,
began teaching in
2000 and has most
recently taught
at Arizona State

University as a full-time lecturer as well as Glendale Community College in Arizona, Laney College in California, and Western International University, also in Arizona. Originally from Schenectady, New York, Sorensen earned her BA in Psychology from Seattle University and her M.A. and Ph.D. from Saybrook Graduate School and Research Center. Sorensen's research interests combine social psychology

and clinical psychology. She focuses on prejudice, prejudicial effects, and overcoming prejudice. Her nonacademic interests include music, equestrian related events, and cooking.



Michael Wolfe,
Assistant Professor
of Business
Administration,
Business Division,
brings with him
more than 20 years
of management
experience and a
record of professional

achievement. Prior to joining Defiance College, Wolfe served as the CEO of two Ohio community foundations and spent 13 years in various management positions with the Boy Scouts of America in assignments throughout southwest and central Michigan.

Wolfe has provided technical support to local nonprofits including the Defiance Area Foundation, and was instrumental in raising more than \$1.8 million to build a senior citizen center in Bryan.

Wolfe is in his final year of a doctoral program at Case Western Reserve University's Weatherhead School of Management and has been selected to present part of his dissertation at the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) Conference later this fall. He also holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Heidelberg College and a master's degree from Defiance College. He and his wife, Kathy, have two young sons, Jacob and Bryan. He enjoys golf, woodworking and travel. ♦