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CRISPY RISCUITS

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Breaking News: Brian Zimmie retires from Executive Vice President role to become a Mountain Man



ddddAs many of you have noticed over the past year, Brian has been growing out his hair and beard to give off a more rugged, as he would call it, "Bad Boy" look. He shocked the world by revealing on Monday that there was in fact a reason behind this change. When asked why he replied, "This is a calling that I've felt pulling me for a while and now just felt like the right moment. I am excited to wake up to the sunrise and hear the wolves howling at night. I may buy some sheep and tend to them, who knows maybe I'll splurge and get an alpaca for a friend."

ddddHis friends and family were blindsided by this decision, with his mother saying, "I thought this was a phase that he was going through, that he would eventually come back to be the sweet, clean-shaven, little boy I raised, I just want my Brian back."

ddddCaitlyn Delvin, had this to add, "Brian has always been someone who makes well planned out decisions, so this seemingly rash decision to abandon his life make me think it won't last very long."

ddddWe at the Sigma Chapter are supportive of our members no matter where life will take them and we wish the best to Brian as he steps forth and lets down his hair into the next chapter of his life.

ddddHe is still searching for a property to make his own, so if you have any potential leads please send them to mountainmanbriguy@temple.edu. If anyone is able to take him to the local Greyhound station, that would be greatly appreciated.

Gamma Look-a-Likes!



Brian Zimmie
and
Jackson Rathbone



Joe Capri
and
Taylor Lautner



Rob Walton
and
Know-It-All, Polar Express



Young Dr. Drennan
and
Tom Holland



Professor Hubbel
and
Carl Fredricksen, UP

Breaking: Dr. Drennan steps down as Faculty Advisor to Gamma Iota Sigma

By: Soon-to-be removed communication director

On Thursday, April 1, 2021, Dr. R.B. Drennan, Associate Professor, Chairman of the Department of Risk, Insurance, and Healthcare Management, and faculty advisor for Gamma Iota Sigma, announced his intentions to leave Gamma Iota Sigma. Dr. Drennan has made the courageous decision to become the new assistant coach of the Temple University Volleyball club.

Sabina Brzowski interviewed Dr. Drennan where he stated, "After a long spiritual journey with professional Monk, Jeffery Zheng, my entire perception of life was forever changed. Monk Zheng and myself traveled to Joshua Tree where we hiked across the Barker Dam, men against nature. After hours of isolation, severe dehydration, and sun poisoning my true passions came too light, Volleyball. As a professor I always discouraged my students from enrolling in Volleyball as a free elective but I never took the time to understand why? Volleyball is an amazing opportunity that all Temple University students should try to implement into their schedules. The professional development one can learn through this course is far superior than anything I have provided through Gamma Iota Sigma."

Shocked by this complete character change Sabina interrupted him where she asked, "What is it about Volleyball that intrigues you so much Dr. Drennan?"

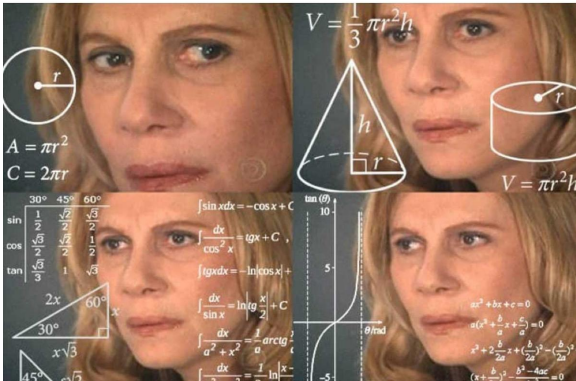
After a brief pause, and a moment to reflect he responded, "The smell of fresh leather balls, rubber courts, and sweaty gym socks consumes me like a moth to a bright light." His eyes burning with the passion and excitement to begin this new chapter of his life.

Upon interviewing the head coach of the Temple University Volleyball Club he stated, "We really see a lot of potential with Dr. Drennan joining our office, it's evident he is passionate about volleyball and I cannot wait to start working with him. This truly is a cause for celebration."

It is with heavy hearts we bid farewell to our fearless leader, he left us with one final quote, "Always follow your heart, one day you are teaching Managing Human Capital guiding students to continue their academic development through rigorous coursework, and the next day you are hiking at Joshua Tree questioning your entire existence."

Gamma Memes!

Trying to calculate how many points I need to pass Boot Camp



JARE CLARK-TUMBLR

Finn giving weekly announcements



Finn trying to pronounce speaker names



New Wednesday Meeting Dress Code

Given the transition to online Wednesday meetings, Dr. Drennan has announced a new dress code for Sigma Chapter officers: Zoom Professional. Officers are now required to wear a suit only from the waist up, to maintain a professional appearance even via webcam. Some officers have really taken the change in stride, wearing anything from shorts and sweatpants to chaps and hula skirts with their suits! Vice President of RMI Career Development John Reilly stated, "This is the best thing that has ever happened to me, I am able to wear my hot pink booty shorts without anyone ever knowing."

Top 10 Things You're Most Likely to Hear over Zoom

1. Why does Dr. Drennan love Book Antiqua font?
2. Am I the only one who hasn't worn pants this entire year?
3. I can't stand the person who never remembers to turn their mic off!
4. Why do we need our cameras on? Won't stop me from having Netflix on the same screen!
5. Is it a Zoom or Proctorio exam?
6. I haven't left my room in 3 days.
7. Did Dr. Drennan post the zoom lecture yet?
8. Is someone going to tell our professor he is not sharing his screen?
9. Why can Finn never pronounce the names of our speakers right?
10. I can't wait to have a social life again!

Gamma Loves Memes!



*Scans QR Code while people are still speaking



What's Actually Happening in Sigma Chapter This Week?

H. WAYNE SNIDER DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURER SERIES

Monday, April 7, 2021

12:00pm-12:50pm

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 824 7978 3481

Password: GIS2021



**Geoff Widlak,
Managing Director, Pacific Resources**

Geoff leads client retention and development in the southeast region and Ohio. He and his teams deliver customized solutions and advice for leave, integrated disability, paid time off, life insurance, dental, voluntary benefits and benefits administration. He is actively engaged in plan evaluation, financial and risk analysis, funding alternatives, carrier negotiations, and the effort to secure best-in-class products and services on an ongoing basis for clients. In addition, Geoff serves as a liaison to senior leadership in the carrier community, ensuring the market's solutions meet the unique and evolving needs of Pacific Resources' customers.

Prior to joining Pacific Resources in 2017, Geoff led the \$30m insurance practice at Lighthouse Group. This included their employee benefit practice, their commercial property & casualty business and their personal lines businesses. Geoff spent 17 years at Unum, most recently as their leader for the northeast and mid-Atlantic region for field distribution and service. Geoff started his career over 25 years ago as a consultant at Aon.

Geoff currently serves as a board member for Cascade Hills, he served as board president of Grand Rapids Chapter of Legatus International, and he was the board president of the West Michigan Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Geoff has chaired large Cystic Fibrosis Foundation fundraisers and galas, and he has volunteered in community activities such as Kids Food Basket and the First Tee. He has also served in board leadership roles for local chapters of the National Association of Health Underwriters and the ISCEBS.

Geoff holds bachelor's degrees in math and insurance from Olivet College. He is a Certified Employee Benefits Specialist through the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. Geoff also earned certification through the University of Virginia, Darden School of Business's General Management Executive Development Program.

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Bonnie R. Averbach
Distinguished Guest Lecturer Series

Monday, April 5 2021

12:00 PM - 12:50 PM

Zoom [Link](#)

Zoom ID: 943 7711 6359

Zoom Password: ASCD 2021



Sherry Chan
Chief Actuary of the City of New York

Chosen unanimously by New York City elected officials and union presidents in the Spring of 2015, Sherry Chan is the 5th Chief Actuary in the 100+ year history of New York City and one of the highest ranked Asian-American officials in the City's administration. Highly respected as the "Key Guardian of City's Fiscal Health" for the 4th largest US public retirement system, Ms. Chan is a visionary Chief Actuary with approximately 20 years' progressive leadership in process improvement, relationship management, financial analysis, staff development, business strategy, and operations.

In her role, Ms. Chan provides technical expertise to the City's five retirement systems and pension funds – school administrators, teachers, firefighters, police officers, and other public employees – with approximately 800,000 active and retired members and over \$200 billion of assets. Ms. Chan certifies the \$13 billion annual required pension contributions for these retirement systems and pension funds, ensuring accuracy, and oversees a City agency with a professional staff who has decades of experience in and out of City service.

Ms. Chan previously served as the Chief Actuarial Officer for the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System and as Chief Actuary for the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio, the two largest state pension systems in Ohio with assets of approximately \$100 billion and \$80 billion, respectively.

Workshops

RMI Workshop CPCU

Friday, April 9, 2021
12:00 P.M. - 12:50 P.M.

Zoom [Link](#)
Zoom ID: 935 7911 0272
Zoom Password: RMICD2021

Chris Hampshire, President-Elect, CPCU Society, will present

Committee Meetings

Friday, April 9, 2021
12:00 P.M. - 12:50 P.M.

Community Affairs
Zoom [Link](#)
Zoom ID: 918 8661 0618
Zoom Password: 955966

Kelly Johnson, Talent Acquisition Partner at Reliance Standard, Tammy Salvadore, Executive Director at Delphi Project Foundation, and Chris Nakaishi, National Practice Leader in the Japanese Business Segment at Reliance Standard will present.

32nd Annual Awards for Excellence Dinner

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

This event is intended to honor students who have excelled in the Risk Management and Insurance major. Lori Goltermann, Chief Executive Officer of U.S. Commercial Risk Solutions and Health Solutions at Aon will be the Honorary Keynote Speaker. Registration is required for all those who wish to attend.

LOOKING AHEAD IN GAMMA: MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021 - FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2021

MONDAY 5 Bonnie Averbach Distinguished Speaker RMI Workshop	TUESDAY 6 32nd Annual Awards for Excellence Dinner	WEDNESDAY 7 H. Wayne Snider Distinguished Speaker	THURSDAY 8	FRIDAY 9 Community Affairs Committee
MONDAY 12 Committee Meetings	TUESDAY 13	WEDNESDAY 14 H. Wayne Snider Distinguished Speaker	THURSDAY 15	FRIDAY 16

Dr. Drennan has agreed to reward all students who have read this far access to RMI 3501 Final Exam answers. Congratulations!

[Click Here](#)

THANKS FOR READING!

Happy April Fools Sigma Chapter! We hope you enjoyed this year's "Crispy Riscuits," our April Fools Day version of Risky Business. Special shout out to the professors and members for being good sports and to everyone who helped us create content! We hope we gave you a good laugh and thank you for reading!

Fraternally yours, Your Communications Team, Sabina Brzozowski and Louis Antonini

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