
Central Moments of Our Lives

Jennifer Edition

KNOWN BIRTHDAYS

11/22: Sara Conroy
 11/22: Dunke Zhou
 11/24: Denise Kalos
 12/2: Aliesha Keegan
 12/6: Jessica Kohlschmidt
 12/11: She-Yu Tang
 12/14: Fangfang Sun
 12/22: Gang Han

“STATISTICS” IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES:

“Statistics” in Simplified Chinese:

统计

(Tong-Gee)

RANDOM ITEM:

Appears on the door of Math Building 410

After explaining to a student through various lessons and examples that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 8^+} \frac{1}{x-8} = \infty$$

I tried to check if she really understood that, so I gave her a different example.

This was the result:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{1}{x-5} = \infty$$

GRADUATE STUDENT PROFILES:

The two department Jennifers share brief bios.

Jennifer Sinnott:



Hello, my name is Jen Sinnott, and I am a second year M.A.S. student. I grew up in Clintonville, which is a Columbus neighborhood about 10 minutes north of the university. I spent many nights in high school hanging out at a grungy coffee shop on South Campus called “Insomnia” which has since gone out of business, and spent many days working at a fruit stand called “Sanfilippo’s” in the North Market...which has since gone

out of business. I went to Boston for college, and am returning to Boston (or “heading east” as Dr. Miller always mystically describes it) in January if I manage to graduate.

My last name is Irish, and I don’t think it actually means “sin not,” though obviously it’s been quite a burden. The most famous Sinnott might be my great-great-grandfather, Michael Sinnott, who made a name for himself by dying in the Great Boston Molasses Disaster of 1919 (in which a tank of molasses 50 feet tall exploded and flooded the streets). My first name, Jennifer, was recently defined by Professor Peruggia as “the bearer of donkeys.”

I’ve spent a few too many hours watching “The Simpsons” but I also like

“Family Guy” and “Arrested Development.” I enjoy cooking, but am not very good at it. I enjoy rowing, but lack the hand-eye coordination for most other sports. In fact, I am sufficiently clumsy that I managed to break my ankle two years ago by walking incorrectly.

My senior year of college, my roommate and I wrote a comic strip for the school newspaper, and I wanted to share one of our strips -- this one comes from the weeks right before my senior thesis was due...

And the photo is of me winning what my friend described as an “unofficial but heated napkin-folding contest” at some restaurant last summer. (It’s a napkin paper-crane. In case that’s unclear.)

COMIC OF THE WEEK: by Jen Sinnott



Jennifer Williams:

Hey Everyone!

My name is Jennie Williams and I am a second year M.A.S. student. I am originally from Springfield, Ohio (yes this is THE Springfield featured in the Simpsons) and I did my undergraduate work at Wittenberg University, a small liberal arts college about an hour from Columbus. While at Witt, I mastered the art of Frisbee golf and maybe took a math class or two.



In my spare time I love to play golf, though my handicap has risen dramatically after “retiring” from days as a collegiate player. I am also a huge fan of the Cincinnati Reds and believe without a doubt that Dusty Baker will take us to the World Series. Otherwise, I can usually be found doing my number one favorite pastime ever, GRADING. I grade at home, at school, while drinking, while watching TV, while driving, while jogging, and even while cooking. If I could grade 135 labs every hour of every day I surely would. So in closing, if anyone has any excess grading they would like me to take care of, send it my way.