

RIVIER NEWS

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On February 25, 2006 at the 13th Annual Conference of the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences (ASBBS), **Eric Drouart**, Associate Professor of Business, chaired a session in the International Marketing Track titled “Issues in Emerging Markets.” Drouart also presented two papers, “Assessment of China’s Entry in the WTO” and “Outsourcing/Offshoring of U.S. Jobs: What is the Issue?” **Dr. Kevin Wayne**, Assistant Professor of Business, presented “Learning Outcomes for Real World Qualitative Market Research in the MBA Classroom” and “Successful Sourcing and Utilization of Local Small Businesses for Live Case Studies: Best Practices and Managing Expectations.”

Mary Ann Oppenheimer, Director of Development & Alumni Relations, has been quoted in *Successful Fund Raising* and *The Major Gifts Report*, monthly print publications for fund raisers. She commented on charging fees for gift processing and working with donors who want to make gifts with stipulations attached that might not meet an organization’s needs.



Executive Director of Academic Administration **Regina Shearer** was the keynote speaker for the NAACP Nashua Chapter’s third annual Fundraiser Banquet, held at the Sheraton Tara Hotel in Nashua. The theme was “Quality Education: The Key to Success.” She was also keynote speaker for the Nursing Association of Cambridge Health Alliance at the Holiday Inn in Somerville, Mass.



Dr. Martin Menke, associate professor of history, law, and political science, presented a paper, “Thy Will be Done: Tension Between National and Religious Identity in 20th Century German Catholicism,” at a conference of the German Studies Association in Milwaukee.



Clifford Davis, Associate Professor of Art, presented “Break This Window: The Picture Plane in Art Since the Renaissance” at Viewpoints 2006 in Lancaster, Penn. The presentation included an investigation into ways in which the picture plane in art was established through linear perspective beginning in the Renaissance, reinforced or deconstructed in modern art, and made ambiguous in Caravaggio.

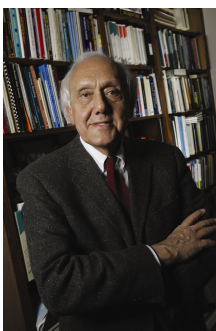


Dr. Vladimir Riabov, Associate Professor of Math and Computer Science, made a presentation, “Graph Theory Applications in Developing Software Test Strategies for Networking Services” at the Computer Science Lecture Series of the Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, Conn. He also had a paper, “Challenging Projects and Virtual Labs in Web-enhanced Networking Technology Classes” published in the Journal of Computing Sciences in Colleges. It was based on a presentation he had given at the Eleventh CCSCNE Conference of the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges held in Worcester, Mass. Most recently, Riabov presented “Numerical Study of Hypersonic Rarefied-Gas Flows about a Toroidal Ballute” and “Numerical Simulation of Rarefied-Gas Flows about a Rotating Cylinder” at the 25th International Symposium on Rarefied Gas Dynamics in Saint-Petersburg, Russia in July 2006.

At the 17th International Conference on College Teaching and Learning, Associate Professor of Education **Dr. Carol Langelier** received an award for innovative excellence in teaching and learning. She also presented a paper, “The Culturally Competent Professor: Creating Effective Classroom Communities.” The conference was held in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.



Dr. Fiona Hughes-McDonnell, Associate Professor of Education, presented a paper at the 38th Annual Meeting of the New England Educational Research Organization in Portsmouth, N.H. Co-authored with Elizabeth Cavicchi of the Dibner Institute for the History of Science and Technology, MIT, the paper is titled “Thinking about Learning and Teaching as Forming Communities of Dialogue Among Learners, Teachers and Nature.” Hughes-McDonnell also presented “Development Through Creativity and ‘Wonderful Ideas’: Student Explorations of Art and Science,” at the 36th Annual Meeting of the Jean Piaget Society in Baltimore, Md. The paper was also co-authored by Cavicchi along with Son-Mey Chiu of the Boston Latin School and Eleanor Duckworth from Harvard Graduate School of Education.



Rivier education faculty and students participated in the 30th Northeast Regional Conference on Social Studies in Boston. **Dr. Charles Mitsakos** (*left*), Divisional Chairperson of Education, served on the conference planning committee. Associate Professor of Education **Dr. Ann Ackerman** (*right*) co-presented a workshop, “Teaching and Learning About Latin America, A Town-Gown Collaboration” with Jane Webber of SAU 81. Dr. Ackerman also served on the New Hampshire Council for Teacher Education Professional Preparation Program Approval Visitation Team to the University of New Hampshire.



Associate Professor of Education **Dr. Michael Tramonte** gave a presentation on “Preparing for Coping with Terrorism in Multicultural School/Community Settings” for school psychologists attending the NASP Convention in Anaheim, Cal.

Sheli Petersen, Associate Professor of Art, presented “The Golden Section and Human Proportions: Can Beauty Be Measured?”



Dr. Diane Connell, Associate Professor of Education, was quoted as an expert in the May/June 2006 *Instructor* in an article titled “When is ‘Challenging Behavior’ too much?” In the article, she discusses the benefits of ‘responsible inclusion,’ as opposed to ‘full inclusion’ for students with special needs.



Maria Matarazzo, Associate Professor and Divisional Chair for Business, was invited to serve as one of three team members of the Academic Program Review Team for the Applied Business Management program at the Thompson School at UNH. She was also recognized in 2007 *Who’s Who of American Women, 2006/07* *Who’s Who of Women in Education* (representing Nashua), and 2005/06 *Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers, 10th edition*.

Valerie Patnaude, Director of Financial Aid, has been appointed to Sallie Mae’s Advisory Council for the state of New Hampshire. The Council advises Sallie Mae on issues concerning N.H. financial aid offices, including policy and regulatory changes and ways Sallie Mae can improve student service and outreach. Members serve a two-year term.



In May 2006, Divisional Chair of Sciences **Dr. Paul Cunningham** served as keynote speaker on assessment at a retreat for faculty of the University of Maine at Augusta to help prepare for a NEASC reaccreditation visit scheduled for April 2007. His talk and subsequent workshop described the mechanics of the Assessment Record Book portfolio as a way of documenting assessment of student learning outcomes and improving institutional effectiveness.



Dr. Mark Bolt, Associate Professor of Biology, was selected to participate in the annual reading and scoring of the College Boards AP[®] Examinations this June. The AP Reading is a unique forum in which academic dialogue between secondary schools and college educators is fostered and strongly encouraged. “The Reading draws upon the talents of some of the finest teachers and professors that the world has to offer,” said Trevor Packer, Executive Director of the Advanced Placement Program at the College Board.

Dr. Sharon Dean, Professor of English, presented a paper titled “Woolson’s Letters to Dr. William Wilberforce Baldwin” at the American Literature Conference in San Francisco, Cal.

In June 2006, **Dr. Paul Lizotte**, Professor of English, and **Dr. Virginia Ryan**, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, presented “Ecothinking and the University” at the College Theology Society’s 52nd Annual Convention in Denver, Co.

Dr. Marjorie Marcoux Faiia, Professor of Sociology, presented a paper at the 76th meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society for 2006. The theme of the conference was “The Places of Our Lives.” Dr. Marcoux Faiia presented on a panel called “Deviance: Illness and Injury in Time and Place.” Her paper “Place as Crucial to Social Construction: Description and Comparison of a Mental Hospital and Voodoo Rituals” focused on the attachment of meanings to similar human actions in diverse places. ■