

## ABOUT THE AUTHORS

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**SUSAN E. BARBARO, Ph.D.**, obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree from Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec, and Master of Science and Doctorate from the University of Waterloo, Ontario. Her desire to understand and protect the environment has always played an important role in determining Susan’s research interests. In particular, she is interested in the microbial ecology of fresh water and soil ecosystems. Susan has studied and conducted research related to microbial physiology, biological control, and bioremediation. Her first full-time teaching position was at Delaware State University, a Historical Black College. She joined the faculty at Rivier College in 2003.

**RENE N. BEAUDOIN** was born and raised in Nashua, NH. Before enrolling in the B.S./Biology Program at Rivier College in 2003, he attended Nashua High School. His interest in the biological sciences began at a very young age and that interest persevered throughout High School and into College. Rene intends to further his education and pursue graduate studies upon graduation in May, 2007.

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**Dr. WILLIAM BONNICE** is an Associate Professor of the Department of Mathematics & Computer Science at Rivier College. Professor Bonnice got an undergraduate degree in Industrial Engineering from Syracuse University, a Master’s in Statistics and a Ph. D. in Mathematics from the University of Washington. His thesis supervisor was Victor Klee. Professor Bonnice taught in the Department of Mathematics at the University of New Hampshire for thirty five years before coming to Rivier College nine years ago in 1996. Professor Bonnice has published twenty papers mostly dealing with geometry, convex sets, and with pedagogy.

**SALLY BOOTH** attended Bates College where she majored in English. At Harvard Graduate School of Education, where she completed a Masters in Education, her interest in working with children and families become increasingly compelling. During her years of working as a caseworker at The New England Home for Little Wanderers in Boston, MA, her interest in the experience of foster care and adoption, for both children and parents, grew. Also during that time she obtained her M.S.W. from Boston College. For the past 15 years she has combined clinical practice with teaching. Currently, she is completing her doctoral dissertation on the experiences of mothers of children with Asperger Syndrome.

**LUCIE BRYAR** earned a B.A. in English Communications from Rivier College in 1976. She has more than 20 years experience in news-writing, marketing, and public relations, including 14 years as a staff writer for Rivier College. In her current position as a writer for Southern New Hampshire Medical Center, Bryar produces the employee newsletter. She also writes for the hospital magazine, as well as contributes to the production of collateral marketing material.

**SAMANTHA CANESI** is currently a Design major with a concentration in Illustration at Rivier College, but after her graduation she intends to go to Digipen to work towards an Animation degree. Samantha is really big on

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**CHRISTINE CHOUINARD** is currently enrolled in the Fine Arts/Studio program at Rivier College as a part-time student. To her amazement Christine has recently advanced to the status of a senior with hopes to graduate in 2008. Her journey through the art world interminably enhances her personal growth as well as her view of the world which has become a tremendous part of Christine's existence.

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**Dr. ALBERT DeCICCIO**, Academic Dean, is in his seventh year at Rivier College. Before Rivier, he worked for twenty years at Merrimack College, until 1998, when he was asked to accept a position as Dean of the Graduate School at Wheelock College in Boston. In 1997-1998, DeCiccio completed a term as President of the International Writing Centers Association; in 2002-2003, DeCiccio ended a five-year term as co-editor of *The Writing Center Journal*. He regularly contributes articles and presentations about collaborative learning, writing, and writing center theory and practice. He has three times presented for the International Conference on the First-Year Experience.

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**ERIC DROUART**, a native of France, after graduating from Institut de Préparation à l'Administration et à la Gestion (IPAG) in Paris, France, attended the University of Massachusetts (Amherst), and received a Bachelor's in Business Administration and a Master's of Science in Business Administration. Drouart joined Rivier College in early 2000. He is an Associate Professor in the Business Administration Division teaching courses in management, marketing, advertising, international business, and strategic management. Drouart had extensive international marketing and general management experience with Bristol-Myers Squibb. He was based in Paris, France from 1994 to 1999. Eric also spent five years, from 1986 to 1991, in Japan, and one year (1993) in Italy.

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**YELENA DUDOCHKIN** graduated from Columbia University and studied piano in the joint program at The Juilliard School while studying voice at Manhattan School of Music. She was a soloist with the Columbia University Glee Club and performed in recitals throughout New York, including Alice Tully Hall. Yelena won international and national piano competitions and spent two summers as a student at Tanglewood. She recently performed at the Russian Consulate in New York, Mikkeli Hall in Finland, The New England Chamber Music Foundation concert series, as well as the Annual Composers' Anniversary Celebrations at Jordan Hall in Boston, MA. Yelena's principal voice teachers include Lynn Owen and Galina Nikonovskaya. Last summer Ms. Dudochkin studied at the Mariinsky Academy for Young Singers with Larissa Gergieva, Elena Obraztsova, Vladimir Atlantov and others.

**DEBRAH L. DURKEE**, a graduate'2006 of Rivier College, obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Biology. Currently, Debrah is employed by Cowan Technologies, Inc. in Montpelier, Vermont. The topic of *Bacteriophage* took her interest in the spring of 2005 during a microbiology lecture. She immediately knew that her senior independent project would involve investigating phage.

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**Dr. SUSAN E. GATELY** has over 30 years of experience in special education in both public and private school settings. She started her career as a learning disabilities specialist and as a special education self contained classroom teacher. She worked as the Assistant Director of Education in charge of curriculum and instruction at a residential treatment center for emotionally disturbed children and as a special education administrator for a small regional school in Massachusetts. She has also been a consultant to school districts in areas of literacy development for students with disabilities, behavior management, and assessment. Currently Dr. Gately is an associate professor of education and Director of the General Special Education certification program at Rivier College in Nashua, New Hampshire.

**Dr. BRYAN HIGGS** is an Associate Professor of Computer Science at Rivier College. He earned a B.Sc. (Honors) in Physics from the University of Liverpool, United Kingdom, and subsequently M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees in Physics from Yale University. He then changed fields, and joined Digital Equipment Corporation where he worked for 20 years in a variety of positions, culminating in the Database Engineering group. In 1994, Digital sold its Database business to Oracle Corporation, and Dr. Higgs transferred to Oracle, together with the rest of the Database group. He worked for Oracle in their Software Engineering group for 7 years. In 2002, Dr. Higgs decided to return to academia, and joined the full-time Computer Science faculty at Rivier College, where he has worked ever since. His major interests are Database Systems, programming languages (especially Java and C/C++), Computer Security, and Web development. Recently, he has become interested in scripting languages, including Perl, Python, JavaScript, PHP, and Ruby. Dr. Higgs is a member of the Association for Computing Machinery. He is Chair of the Faculty Development Committee of the Faculty Senate.

**MICHAEL KEENE** is a junior at Rivier College. His major is Secondary Education with a concentration in Social Studies. Mike has been interested in the Middle East studies since writing his first research paper in junior high on the founding of the modern state of Israel. He then wrote a paper in high school about the influence on international politics of Islamic Fundamentalists. Growing up with the seemingly constant state of war in the Middle East, Mike could not help but try to grasp at the many ideas in contention in the region and this is a furthering of his studies.

**SHAWN LANDRY** teaches freshman English and is the newspaper advisor at Billerica Memorial High School. The youngest of four, Landry earned his bachelor's degree in psychology and English and a master's degree in education from the University of Massachusetts, Lowell. He is currently working on his second master's degree in literature and writing at Rivier. His genre of choice is poetry, and hopes to someday publish. For fun, he enjoys writing, reading, hiking, cycling, long walks on the beach, and spending time with friends, family, and his fiancée Megan.

**SKIA LAURENCE** has spent most of her life traveling and living in different places. Her father was a career naval officer and, before Skia injured her back, she was an archaeologist which involved even more travel. After her injury, she worked as a technical writer until her daughter finished college. Skia moved to Massachusetts in 1998, living in Lowell and Arlington, before falling in love and buying an old fixer-upper in Chelmsford a couple Christmases ago. Her piece exhibited at the Black Month Art Exhibition was done for Sheli Petersen's Illustration I class. It struck a special chord with Skia, because in this assignment students were encouraged to promote exactly the same kind of cross-cultural understanding she had been working for when Skia was active in archaeology. She came to Rivier College as a non-traditional student, searching for the next chapter in her life. Skia is very gratified by the attention this piece is getting. It makes her realize that, despite her limitations, there is a core piece of who she is that has not been lost – Skia is just expressing it in a new way.

**JENNIFER LISKOW** works as a Public Relations and Web Writer in the Office of Marketing and Communications and teaches in Rivier's Professional Communications program. Jennifer earned her bachelor's in English and communications from Notre Dame College in Manchester, N.H. in 1996. In 2002, she completed her master's in writing and literature at Rivier. She began writing in junior high school; since then, she has had poems, short stories, features, and essays published. In her free time, Jennifer enjoys practicing yoga, ten-pin bowling, and listening to live music with her husband, Tim.

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**WILLIAM MANIOTIS** is the Director of English Education, Sports Information Director, and Head Baseball Coach at Rivier College. He received his B.A. in English from the University of New Hampshire, where he studied under Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Charles Simic. Bill also received an MA/MAT in Teaching, Writing, and Literature from Rivier College in 2005. He believes true poetry is the transference of an intuition.

In addition to serving as JYS Director, **Dr. MARTIN MENKE** serves as Associate Professor of History and Director of Secondary Social Studies Education. He earned his bachelor's degree in history from Tufts University and his doctorate from Boston College. He has published on German political Catholicism in the *Catholic Historical Review* and *Kirchliche Zeitgeschichte*. He regularly presents at regional and national conferences.

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**SHELI PETERSEN** is an Associate Professor of Art at Rivier College. She is also a published children's book author of several books including *Voladores*, written by Patricia Petersen and published by McGraw-Hill, and *Gigi and the Birthday Ring*, written by Giselle Fernandez and published by Renaissance House. Sheli is the recipient of the Children's Choice Award, the Society of Children's Books Writers and Illustrators Most Professional Portfolio Presentation Award, and the Savannah College of Art and Design International Art Award.

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*Gas Dynamics, International Conference on Computer Science and Information Systems, Conferences of American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and others. He is a member of ACM, AIAA, IEEE, and MAA. His hobby is digital photography. Some of Vladimir's photos have been published in *The Bedford Bulletin* and *The Goffstown News*. He has also participated in the SNHU Community Art Shows and New Hampshire Art Association Photo Exhibitions.*

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**ALYSSA BOOHER ROY** is currently a graduate student at Rivier College pursuing a Master of Education in School Counseling. She graduated Summa Cum Laude in May 2006 from Endicott College, where she was a writing tutor, member of the honors program, and vice president of the founding chapter of Psi Chi, with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a minor in English. As a spouse of a U.S. Army non commissioned officer, she hopes to work primarily with children of active duty military personnel as an elementary school counselor.

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**KELLI SKINNER** is currently a junior at Rivier College. She is involved in the Honors program and wrote the paper, Fundamentalism and Jihad, as a part of her junior honors seminar, entitled Beyond Religious Fundamentalism with Sister Lucille Thibodeau. She is an Elementary and Special Education major with a concentration in history. Following Rivier, she hopes to pursue a Master degree in Speech Pathology and work as a speech therapist with preschool and elementary school children.

**ARTI SOOD** received her Bachelor's degree in Science and Education from Punjab University, India. After obtaining P.G. Diploma in Computer Science, she worked as database application developer. She moved to the U.S. in 1996 and worked with Emerging Markets, Inc., and Gambit Communications, Inc. on web development and network simulation tools till 2005. Arti works currently as Senior Quality Assurance Engineer at Juniper Networks, Inc. developing security products and pursuing M.S. in Computer Science at Rivier College.

**STEPHEN SOUTHERLAND** is pursuing a B.F.A. in Graphic Design with a focus in Illustration. His first love is drawing, but he is also currently expanding his knowledge of different mediums, and has developed a newfound interest in oil painting. His plans for the future include illustration work for books, publications, and “basically any work that involves drawing.”

**KRISTYN STOCK** is an illustration major in her junior year. She grew up surrounded by cartoons and books, and has always had a fondness for it. After watching films from Disney and Don Bluth’s studios she made the decision to pursue art in college, and plans on becoming an animator after graduating.

**ERICA TAPPLY** is currently a graphic design major. She will be graduating with the B.A. degree in the spring of 2008. Erica enjoys creating illustrations as well as the design work that she does for her major. After graduation, she would like to continue with a job in the visual communication design field as well as working with the conceptualizing of ideas to create design work.

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