

RIVIER NEWS

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Dr. Elizabethada Wright, associate professor of English and communications, presented a paper at the 11th Biennial International Conference of the Rhetoric Society of America in Austin, Texas. Her paper, titled, “Out of the Fiber of Her Daily Tasks, She Wove a Useful Life: The Materiality of Memory in the Cemetery” was presented as part of a panel called “Material Permutations of Memory: Tombstones, Roadsides, Ruins, and Parks.” Wright also chaired a featured panel, “The Tradition of Catholic Education,” that included a paper she presented authored by Academic Dean **Dr. Al DeCiccio** titled, “Catholic Traditions and Liberal Learning.”

Faculty members from the Religious Studies Department made presentations at the College Theology Society meeting in Washington, D.C. **Dr. Ann Riggs**, assistant professor, presented a session titled “Chavet and Real Presence.” **Dr. Virginia Ryan**, associate professor of religious studies, co-presented a session on “Moral Theology in the Past 50 Years.” Riggs also attended the Catholic Theological Society convention in Reston, Virginia, where she co-facilitated a session on theologian Karl Rahner. The event included a centennial commemoration of four major theologians: Yves Congar, John Courtney Murray, Bernard Lonergan, and Karl Rahner.

Dr. George Kaloudis, professor of history, law, and political science, took part in the International Conference on European and International Political and Economic Affairs held in Athens in late May. Kaloudis presented a paper titled, “Greece: The Long Road to a Consolidated Democracy” and also chaired a panel discussion on the European Union.

Karen Cooper ’03G, director of college relations, had an article published in *designer* magazine, the official publication of the University & College Designers Association (UCDA). Her article, titled, “Thinking Big,” discussed how designers can create a college magazine that appeals to a broad audience of alumni and others and “is capable of competing for coffee-table space alongside the finest examples of professional newsstand magazines.” Cooper recently completed a two-year term on the board of directors of the UCDA.



Sharron Rowlett ’99/’01G, director of multicultural affairs, completed the Leadership NH 2004 program. The yearlong program is designed to increase civic engagement among participants and to educate a group of emerging leaders about the state. Sessions were held once a month and involved activities tied to various themes, including juvenile justice, government, politics, education, and the arts.

Dr. Herman Tavani, professor and chair of the philosophy department, had his book *Intellectual Property Rights in a Networked World: Theory and Practice* (co-authored with Richard Spinello) published by Information Science Publishers. This is the second book on which Tavani collaborated with Dr. Spinello of Boston College. Their previous book, *Readings in CyberEthics* was published in its second edition earlier this year. In June, Tavani also presented a paper titled, “Verizon vs. RIAA (Recording Industry of America Association): Implications for Privacy and Democracy” at the 2004 International Symposium on Technology and Society, hosted by Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Dan Speidel, circulation coordinator at Regina Library, was one of only two people selected in New England to receive a scholarship from the New England Library Association. Speidel also recently received a grant for library schooling from the New Hampshire Libraries Trustees Association. He is working towards a master’s degree in library science at Simmons College.

Dr. Vladimir Riabov, associate professor of computer science, presented a paper titled “Numerical Simulations of Nonequilibrium and Diffusive Effects in Spherical Shock Waves” at the 24th International Symposium on Shock Waves held in Beijing, China. Riabov also had an article published in the *Journal of Spacecraft and Rockets*, titled, “Heat Transfer on a Hypersonic Sphere with Diffuse Rarefied-Gas Injection.”

Financial Aid Counselor **Kathy Philibotte** recently attended the Eastern Association for Student Financial Aid Administrators (EASFAA) Conference in Providence, RI. One of eight counselors in the Northeast region selected to receive a Mentor Scholarship to the conference, she attended sessions on Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA) and privacy issues, professional judgment, satisfactory academic progress, and interpreting tax forms, among other areas.



Dr. Diane Connell, associate professor of education, was quoted in the *Concord (NH) Monitor* in an article titled, “Boys trail girls in reading.” According to the article, 27% of 10th grade boys scored in the lowest level on New Hampshire reading tests, compared with only 13% of 10th grade girls. The longstanding problem is not unique to New Hampshire or even this country, according to published studies from 32 industrialized nations. Connell says part of the problem may be related to gender differences in the way the brain develops. “For many young boys,” she explains, “the developmental delay becomes self-reinforcing... they’re scared to try.” Connell says teachers can work to overcome the situation by diversifying their teaching methods, including allowing boys to “read by doing (physical activity).”

Connell also recently published a section, “Literary Friday,” in a book titled *Teacher to Teacher—How to Find, Define, and Refine Your Style of Creative Teaching*. The book is published by Teaching Point.

Dr. Howard Muscott, professor of education, had a photograph published this fall in *New Hampshire 24/7*, which is part of a series of 50 books—one for each state—simultaneously released by DK Publishing. *The New York Times* best selling books showcase everyday life across America as seen by a wide range of amateur and professional photographers.

Sister Marie Couture, p.m.'57, professor of art and music, recently participated in an ecumenical group tour to western and central Turkey, jointly sponsored by Weston Theological Seminary and the national organization for artists and art historians, Christians in the Visual Arts (CIVA). The program, titled, "Turkey: Cradle of Christianity," featured guided visits to the sites of seven churches mentioned in the Book of Revelation of St. John and to sites of the missionary journeys of St. Paul and the early Church councils of Ephesus and Nicaea. Sr. Marie delivered a lecture to the group on the historical background of the Byzantine monastery, Church of the Holy Savior in Istanbul, renowned worldwide for its extraordinarily well-preserved 14th century mosaics and frescoes.



Dr. Martin Menke, associate professor of history, law, and political science, recently moderated two New Hampshire Humanities Council discussions about the Holocaust, one in Nashua and one in Concord. The Humanities program, sponsored in conjunction with the Cohen Center for Holocaust Studies at Keene State College, featured the showing of a new documentary on New Hampshire Holocaust survivors. *Telling Their Stories* focused on four survivors and the journeys that brought them from Germany, Hungary, and Poland to New Hampshire. ■