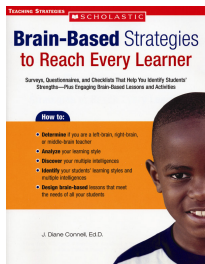


## RIVIER NEWS

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**Dr. Diane Connell**, associate professor of education and director of graduate learning disabilities programs, recently had a book published by Scholastic, Inc. *Brain-Based Strategies to Reach Every Learner* covers brain development, multiple intelligences, information processing, and emotional intelligence, among other topics. “By explaining the research in pragmatic terms—and offering practical classroom uses for the data—Dr. Connell enables teachers to better understand and apply scientific knowledge to children’s learning,” according to one reviewer. Available online from *Scholastic.com*,

the book is designed to help teachers in grades 1 through 6 identify students’ strengths and also offers brain-based lessons and activities.

**Dr. Kevin Wayne**, assistant professor of business administration, was honored with the “Best Reviewer” award at the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Institute of Behavioral and Applied Management in Providence, RI. The award recognized Wayne’s evaluation and critique of research papers submitted for presentation at the conference.

**Dr. Darien Lauten**, associate professor of math and computer science, gave a presentation titled “The Many Faces of Proportional Reasoning” at the Annual Conference of the Association of Math Teachers in New England.

**Michaeline Della Fera**, administrative assistant for the social and behavioral sciences department, recently had her first book published. *Trading Faces* (wings-press) is a mystery that “promises plot twists and turns, a surprise ending and lots of comic relief,” according to an article in *The Telegraph*.

Two art department faculty members, Associate Professor **Ron McClure** and Adjunct Professor **Patricia Schappler** had their work accepted into the 2005 Biennial Regional Juror’s Choice competition at the Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery in Keene. Schappler won second place in the Juror’s Choice Competition for her acrylic and collage work, “Élan.”



**Dr. Vladimir Riabov**, associate professor of math and computer science, presented a paper at the Third M.I.T. Conference on Computational Fluid and Solid Mechanics, held in June. Riabov’s paper, titled “Three Fast Computational Approximation Methods in Hypersonic Aerothermodynamics,” will also be published in the M.I.T. Conference Proceedings.



**Maria Matarazzo**, associate professor of business administration, has been widely recognized for her commitment and contributions to business education in the state. Last fall, she received the N.H. Business Education Association's Achievement Award and last month, Matarazzo was named the Business Educator of the Year by the NH Excellence in Education Awards. Among her many activities, Matarazzo serves as state legislative chair for the N.H. Business and Professional Women's Association.

**Attorney Carol Rolf**, assistant professor of history, law, and criminal justice, has had four articles accepted for publication in a three-volume resource on criminal law. Rolf authored pieces on the environment, sexual discrimination, arson and history, and arson investigation. The volumes will be published by Salem Press. Rolf also presented a paper at the Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Sciences conference in early June at Roger Williams University. The subject of her presentation was the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, a comprehensive public accounting and whistle blower protection law enacted by Congress in 2002.

**Pamela Graesser**, director of counseling services, presented a case study regarding disruptive psychological behavior on college campuses at the Northeast College Counseling Directors Conference in New Paltz, NY. Her presentation was part of a panel discussion moderated by Richard Kadison, M.D., chief of mental health at Harvard University Health Services.

**Dr. Marjorie Marcoux Faiia**, professor of sociology, presented a paper on "Gay Marriage: Community Perceptions of Social Policy," at the 74<sup>th</sup> annual meeting and conference of the Eastern Sociological Society in Washington, D.C.

**Dr. John Caiazza**, former director of financial aid and currently an adjunct lecturer in the philosophy department, was selected to participate in a National Endowment for the Humanities seminar at Boston College this summer. The theme for the six-week program is "Religious Diversity and the Common Good." Caiazza is the author of *Can Religious Believers Accept Evolution: 25 Questions Answered Regarding the Conflict Between Evolution and Revealed Science* and has written numerous papers dealing with faith and reason.



**Dr. Ann T. Ackerman**, associate professor of education, served as a judge for the National History Day competition at Elm Street Middle School in Nashua. The theme of this year's event was "Communication in History: The Key to Understanding." Winners went on to compete at the state finals, a preliminary for the national competition.



**Dr. Fiona Hughes-McDonnell**, associate professor of education, was the invited speaker to launch the second year of Project P.R.O.B.E.-GK-12, a program co-sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the Joan and James Leitzel Center for Mathematics, Science, and Engineering Education at the University of New Hampshire. Hughes-McDonnell gave a talk titled “The Challenges and Joys of Moving from Teacher to Student-Centered Inquiry” to an audience of university faculty in chemistry, physics, and biology, as well as graduate science fellows and secondary science teachers. In other activities, Hughes-McDonnell was an invited respondent to “Lectures in the Sciences: Impediments to Change: Revisiting the Women in Science Question.” The program was co-sponsored by Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, and Harvard Graduate School of Education.

**Dr. Timothy Doherty**, associate professor of English and communications, chaired a special interest group on how to assess a small college writing program at a conference on the same topic held in San Francisco.

Rivier Trustee, **Dr. Tracy Schier** was quoted in the March 25, 2005 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* in a story related to Catholic women’s institutions. Schier serves as associate director of the Institute for Administrators in Catholic Higher Education and was co-editor of *Catholic Women’s Colleges in America* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002). *The Chronicle* article, which examined the ways in which all-female institutions have transformed themselves to stay viable, reflected Schier’s viewpoint that “Catholic institutions have typically rediscovered their mission of social justice...” and also that some religious institutions, originally founded to serve Catholic women, are now reaching out to [new] underserved populations.

**Michael Dumais**, Blackboard administrator and instructional designer, authored an article for *Healthcare Technology Horizons* and was also quoted as an expert in a companion piece. Dumais, previously a bedside technology specialist at Brigham & Women’s Hospital, wrote an article titled “A Nurse’s Role in the Biomedical Engineering Department.” The article gives an overview of his experiences as a nurse working in biomedical engineering. Dumais is also quoted extensively in a related article, “Communication is Key to Good Biomed-Nurse Relationships.” The magazine is published by the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation. ■