SUMMER-2007 GRANTS

Bryan Higgs, Ph.D.**
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The **Faculty Development Committee* (FCD)** received six strong applications for the **FDC Summer-2007 grants** this year, which indicates considerable interest in the Small Grant Program.

After due deliberation, the committee made the following recommendations to the Vice President for Academic Affairs for three FDC Small Grant awards for 2007 that were approved by Sr. Therese Larochelle, p.m., Ph.D.:

- *Remembering and Re-Imagining: a Tribute to Marie Rivier*, from **Sr. Theresa Couture**, Professor of Art;

- *Preparing a Book Proposal: "Thy Will Be Done: New Perspectives on German Political Catholicism and the Enabling Act"*, from **Dr. Martin Menke**, Associate Professor of History;

- *Women's Experiences Balancing Multiple Roles: Examining the Aftermath*, from **Dr. Susan Murphy**, Associate Professor of Nursing.

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* The Faculty Development Committee members: Dr. Bryan Higgs, Chair; Dr. Susan Barbaro; Cathy Loiselle; Dr. Vladimir Riabov, Dr. Liz Wright, and Dr. Albert DeCiccio, Academic Dean (ex officio).

****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.