

MAKING NEWS

The Latest News from Rivier Faculty and Staff

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Dr. Martin Menke chaired a panel, “Communities, Movements and Conflicts in 20th Century Germany and Yugoslavia” at the New England Historical Association Spring Conference, and commented on three papers, which probed the limits of power relations in the eras and locations under consideration. Dr. Menke was re-elected to a two-year term on the Association’s Executive Committee. His manuscript, “Misunderstood Civic Duty: The Center Party and the Enabling Act,” has been recommended for publication in *Journal of Church and State*.

Divisional Chair of Nursing **Dr. Paula Williams** and Associate Professor of Nursing **Mary Ann Breen** attended the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Spring Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Breen and Dr. Williams, a member of the AACN’s Government Affairs Committee and a State Grassroots Liaison, visited Capitol Hill and met with Senator Jeanne Shaheen and staff from Representative Paul Hodes’ and Senator Judd Gregg’s offices to discuss support for nursing workforce development initiatives and research.

Sandra Harrington and **Janine Reale**, faculty in the Division of Nursing, were selected to participate in the Geriatric Nursing Education Consortium (GNEC) training institute held in Philadelphia, PA in June 2009. GNEC is a national initiative to enhance geriatric content in senior-level baccalaureate courses and will provide nursing educators with the skills, knowledge and resources needed to integrate best geriatric practices into the curricula and prepare the nurses of the future to care for the older adult. Using a train the trainer approach, nursing faculty attending the institute will serve as leaders and mentors by sharing their new expertise with colleagues and students.



Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science **Dr. Vladimir V. Riabov** has been admitted to the rank of Senior Member of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), the oldest computing society world-wide. He delivered a presentation, “The Structured Testing Methodology for Software Quality Assurance of Networking Systems” at the 29th Annual Boston Quality Conference (BOSCON-2009) of the American Society for Quality (ASQ) in April 2009. In June, Dr. Riabov presented a paper, “Numerical Study of Interference between Simple-Shape Bodies in Hypersonic Flows” at the Fifth M.I.T. Conference on Computational Fluid and Solid Mechanics in June. The paper was published in the *International Journal of Computers and Structures, The Proceedings of the Fifth M.I.T. Conference on Computational Fluid and Solid Mechanics*. Dr. Riabov served as chairperson of a session at the conference, “Computational Fluid Dynamics.” Dr. Riabov presented two papers at the MathFest 2009 Conference of the Mathematical Association of America set to take place in Portland, Oregon, in August. The papers are titled “Graph Theory Applications in Code Analyses and Developing Software Test Strategies” and “Non-Trivial Motivational Study Cases for the College Courses in Introductory Mathematics.”

In April 2009, English and Communications Instructor **Dr. Sally Hirsh-Dickinson** presented a paper, “The Color of Incest: Sexual Abuse, Racial Anxiety, and the Postwar Family in *Peyton Place*,” at the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association’s annual conference held this year in New Orleans.



Dr. Marjorie Marcoux Faiia, Professor of Sociology, presented a paper at the Eastern Sociological Society conference in Baltimore, Maryland in March 2009. The conference theme was Changing Lives: Resistant Institutions. The paper, “Cultural Messages and Symbols of Gender: A Comparison of Two College Campuses” was part of a panel on gender issues. Students in the fall 2008 Introduction to Sociology class collected data for the pilot study. In addition, Dr. Marcoux Faiia has co-authored a book, *Substance Use and Abuse: Exploring Alcohol and Drug Issues*.

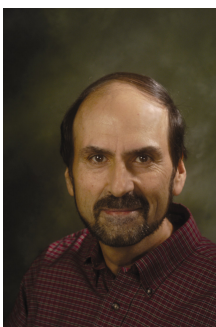


The Association of Business Schools and Programs has announced that Associate Professor of Business **Dr. Kevin T. Wayne** has received the 2009 Teaching Excellence Award for Region 1. Wayne was honored, along with other regional recipients, at the ACBSP 2009 Annual Conference, in June 2009 in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Wayne presented two papers at the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences 13th Annual Meeting. The first was titled “Strategy Tool Construction for Improving the Application of Strategic Frameworks;” the second presentation was “Leader Perception of Competitive Advantage: A Regional Survey of Manufacturing, Healthcare and Education.” Dr. Wayne also chaired a conference session on management education.



Dr. Ann Ackerman, Associate Professor of Education, spoke in March 2009 for the Nashua College Club. She presented “Greece and Bulgaria: Shared Past and Common Future and What That Means.” The following week Dr. Ackerman and Robyn Griswold presented “Globalizing Your History Classroom” at the Northeast Region Council for the Social Studies (NERC) Annual Conference. “Teaching Social Studies As A Subversive Activity,” an article by retired Chair of the Division of Education Dr. Charles Mitsakos and Dr. Ackerman, appeared in the January-February edition of *Social Education*, the peer-reviewed national publication of the National Council for the Social Studies. Dr. Ackerman also gave a presentation at the National Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference in Houston, Texas, “2008, Teaching the Vietnam War: An

Unclear Conflict in a Time of War.” At the conference, Dr. Ackerman was appointed to the National Council for the Social Studies Archives Committee.



Dr. Herman Tavani, Professor of Philosophy, recently presented a paper titled “Ethical Aspects of Social Networking Groups” at a seminar at LUISS (Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali) Guido Carli University in Rome. He also presented “Applying the ‘Contextual Integrity’ Model of Privacy to Personal Blogs in the Blogosphere” at the Eighth International Conference of Computer Ethics: Philosophical Enquiry at Ionian University in Corfu, Greece in June 2009.



Chair of the Division of Business Administration **Maria Matarazzo** has had a peer-reviewed paper, “Shifting Hemispheres: Age, Altruism, and New Markets,” accepted by 9th International Conference on Knowledge, Culture, and Change in Organisations. The paper is being presented virtually at Northeastern University in June 2009. Matarazzo is an associate editor for the *International Journal of Learning* and the *International Journal of Knowledge, Culture, and Change Management*.



In February 2009, Associate Professor of Business Administration **Dr. Karen Spohn** presented “Faith Based versus Secular Funds in the Arena of Socially Responsible Investing” at the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences 16th Annual Conference in Las Vegas. At the Eastern Finance Association Conference in May 2009, she gave a presentation reviewing the findings and limitations of a paper by Dr. Matthew O’Connor, “Equity Compensation and Firm-Financed R&D.”



Dr. Diane Connell, Professor of Education and Director of graduate programs in Learning Disabilities and Emotional and Behavior Disorders, made her second teaching trip to Santiago, Chile, South America in January. She taught the teaching strategies in her book *Brain Based Learning Strategies to Reach All Learners*. There were 75 people in the audience, including K-12 teachers, college professors, counselors, and school administrators. Two full-time translators translated her two-day presentation into Spanish for the audience. Plans for 2010 are already in the works.



Dr. Susan Gately, Associate Professor of Education, was invited to be a guest speaker at a regional training of the Florida State University Center for Autism & Related Disabilities in February 2009 in Pensacola, Florida. Dr. Gately spoke on the impact of deficits in theory of mind on the child’s understanding of character, emotions, and intent, and how these affect comprehension of narrative in children on the autism spectrum. She also presented a poster session at the 11th International Conference of the Council for Exceptional Children’s Division on Developmental Disabilities held in San Diego, CA in October 2009. Dr. Gately’s poster session was titled “Developing Accessible Leveled Electronic Books to Enhance Access to Standards-Based Curriculum.”

Two articles co-authored by Assistant Professor of Special Education **Dr. Naomi A. Schoenfeld** have been published in national journals: “Professional Development: A Capacity-Building Model for Correctional Education Systems” appeared in *Journal of Correctional Education*, and “On the Same Page: Practical Techniques to Enhance Co-Teaching Interactions” was published in *Intervention in School and Clinic*. Together, these articles reflect Dr. Schoenfeld’s continuing interest in teacher education and professional development across educational settings.

Two of Rivier's art faculty earned top honors at the 2009 Biennial Regional Jurors Competition at the Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery in Keene, New Hampshire. **Patti Schappler** won the second place award for her painting "Heading Downtown" and **Ron McClure** won the third place award for his mixed media piece "Crossing". Ron McClure's artwork appeared in two additional juried shows during January/February 2009: the RISD New England Alumni Biennial 2009 exhibit and the New Hampshire Art Association's exhibit at the Currier Gallery of Art in Manchester, where Ron won the Rosmond deKalb Memorial Award for his piece titled "A Change in the Air."



Associate Professor of Art **Sheli Petersen** presented her art work for children's books on a panel discussion hosted by her alma mater, Savannah College of Art and Design in January 2009. Her work "Sailing Fiasco" was accepted into the SCAD juried exhibition, 30/30 Illustration Alumni Show. Petersen exhibited her illustrations and cut-paper art at the Hollis Art Society Holiday Arts Gala in November. She also illustrated a companion book for the National Heritage Museum exhibition *Sowing the Seeds of Liberty*. The book features Billy the Patriot Mouse, a character designed to make the history of the American Revolution more accessible to grade school children. The illustrations include a scene with Billy on the Estabrook farm in the town of Lexington in the British colony of Massachusetts, and another scene with Billy at the Buckman Tavern listening to the patrons' conversation about the revolution. Petersen's cut-paper art won second place in the New Hampshire Art Association's 23rd Annual Omer T. Lassonde Juried Exhibition, Art is Alive and Kickin'.

Reference Librarian **Jennifer Ferguson** and Electronic Information Librarian **Kate Russell** presented "From Mid-Century to the Millennium: Transforming Library Space for a New Era" at the Association of College and Research Libraries New England Chapter annual conference, held at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA in May 2009. The conference's theme was "Are You Being Served? Customer Satisfaction and Library Service." The presentation discussed the recent library renovation and the impact it has had on customer service.



In April 2009, Associate Professor of English and Communications **Dr. Elizabethada Wright** attended the 31st Annual Meeting of the American Cultural Association in New Orleans, where she presented the paper "The Cemetery and Rhetorical Ventriloquism of Space" in the Cemeteries and Gravemarkers Division. The following week, she presented the paper "'A voice seemed to rise from the still ranks below': Rhetorical Ventriloquism of Space in the World of Constance Woolson" at the Biennial Meeting of the Constance Woolson Society, held in Morgantown, West Virginia. She presented the same paper in June 2009 at the 20th Annual Conference on American Literature held in Boston.



Dr. George Kaloudis, Professor in the Department of History, Law and Political Science, presented a paper at the Northeastern Political Science Association Conference in November. His paper was titled "Paving the Way for the Military Dictatorship in Greece (1967-1974)."

Assistant Professor of Nursing **Dr. Karen Frenn** has passed the NLN Nurse Educator Certification exam and earned the title of Certified Nurse Educator (CNE). Certification recognizes “academic nursing education as a specialty area of practice and an advanced practice within professional nursing, communicating to students, peers, and the academic and health care communities that the highest standards of excellence are met” according to the National League of Nursing’s website. Dr. Frenn is one of three nurse educators to earn this distinction in New Hampshire. Assistant Professor of Nursing **Kathleen Patenaude** also holds this distinction. ■