

## EDITOR'S NOTE

### Exploring the World

Dear Readers,



Vladimir near Daibutsu the Great Buddha, Kamakura, Japan. (Courtesy Photo)

The Fall'2010 edition of the *InSight: Rivier Academic Journal* is dedicated to global community, Rivier students, faculty, and alumni. It offers a variety of themes on literature and spirituality as the transformative powers of education (*Dr. Naomi A. Schoenfeld*); cognitive-behavioral therapy of the child disorder and structural family therapy (*Cindi Connell*); foundations of the Advanced Encryption Standard (*Douglas Selent*); studies of improvements in the automated reliability of complex computer programs (*David Dwyer, Edward Wolfe, and Jonathan Cahill*); the book review of *The Poetry of Nursing* (*Mary Wood-Gauthier*); poetical voices; photographic statements, including "Discovering Turkey" by *Robert Shaffer* and "The Yanks Have Got Us on the Run, Boys!" by *Dorie McKeeman*; and campus news. The authors (faculty, students, alumni, and staff members) share with us their travel notes ("*Everything is Relative: A Millennium Trip to Egypt*" by *Joann B. Nichols*) and reflections on society, cultural values and charity, including the story of Tracy Bollinger Boucher '01, "*Fundraising for a Meaningful Cause is an Important Family Value*" written by *Jennifer Liskow*.

Two themes are notable in this edition of the *InSight: Rivier Academic Journal*: outstanding photo images of landscapes, nature, and people (*Brenda McKean, Ronald McClure, Bradley Wuorinen, Dorie McKeeman, Robert Shaffer, and Vladimir V. Riabov*) that have become the continuing artistic expressions inspired by the Rivier Community Photo Contest-2009; and poetry by Rivier's gifted students (*Joy Remetta and Margaret Shaw*).

In the *Art* section, readers can find the artistic statement of *Prof. Sheli Petersen* and her drawings, "*The Skates*", as well as brief reviews of recent art exhibits ("Annual Senior Art Student Exhibition" and "Norman Rockwell Exhibition") at the Rivier Art Gallery (*Sr. Theresa Couture*).

The *Chronicle* section covers various remarkable events in Rivier campus life, such as Rivier's 75<sup>th</sup> Commencement, Mass of the Holly Spirit and Academic Convocation, the Graduate Hooding Ceremony, the Nursing Pinning Ceremony, Celebrating Faculty Scholarship Events, Faculty Development Workshops, Biology Lecture Series, and others. Here the readers can find information about new Nursing Labs, the Center for Faculty Excellence, the Foreign Exchange Summer Program that hosted professors from Chinese Universities at Rivier's campus, Alumni Association's Sr. Madeleine of Jesus Awards, Faculty and Students' Profiles, and information about articles, which have been recently published by faculty, students, and staff in other publications.

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We look forward to your contributions to the *InSight: Rivier Academic Journal* in the future.

Sincerely yours,

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