

## BUSINESS FACULTY MEMBER AWARDED TENURE STATUS BY THE COLLEGE

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Associate Professor of Business Administration **Karen Spohn** was recently granted tenure status in recognition of her loyal and professional service to Rivier College.

“I am pleased to be recognized with this honor, which confirms my long-term commitment to the work and mission of the institution,” Spohn said. “I am grateful for the confidence and support of the administration, my colleagues, and the students.”

Spohn teaches a variety of economics and finance courses to undergraduate and graduate students, including Principles of Macroeconomics (BUS224), Managerial Finance (BUS319), Managerial Economics (BUS337 and 529), and JYS: Socially

Responsible Investing (BUS347).

The syllabus for her Socially Responsible Investing course has been selected by Stock-Trak, a nationally recognized financial market simulation program, as one of ten undergraduate syllabi to be displayed on their website as an example for fellow professors to follow.

She is also working to develop a new course, International Economics and Finance (BUS418), that will be offered in spring 2012.

Spohn began her professional career in the private sector, working as a regional forecaster for an economics consulting firm. She later worked at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio researching economic development issues, specifically how the economy has impacted the low-income population in southeastern Ohio. In addition, she taught at Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio. Spohn then returned to the private sector as a consultant and economic forecaster.

She earned bachelor's degrees in chemistry and economics and a master of science in economics with a concentration in quantitative analysis from the University of Delaware in Newark, Delaware.

After working as an economist in Pennsylvania, she returned to the University of Delaware where she earned a Ph.D. in economics with a concentration in finance.

Her research interests include executive compensation and corporate governance. Recently, her research has expanded to include environmental social governance, specifically examining investors who are less sensitive to returns and incur an additional cost to obtain a nonmonetary characteristic in their portfolios. Spohn is also collaborating with Associate Professor of Religious Studies Virginia Ryan to redefine faith-based investing in finance literature. ■

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