

## MAKING NEWS

### The Latest News from Rivier Faculty and Staff

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**Dr. Herman Tavani**, Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Liberal Studies Program, presented a paper at the Conference on Computer Ethics—Philosophical Enquiry (CEPE). The conference was held in Milwaukee, Wisc. May 31-June 1, 2011 and was sponsored by the International Society for Ethics and Information Technology, of which he is president. The paper, entitled “Privacy in the Cloud: Applying Nissenbaum’s Theory of Contextual Integrity,” was co-authored and co-presented with Dr. Frances Grodzinsky of Sacred Heart University. Dr. Tavani also recently presented an invited paper entitled “Recent Developments in/The Current State of Computer/Information Ethics” at the Applied Ethics: New Directions of the Discipline Today conference, a two-day national gathering at Fairfield University.

Director of Campus Ministry **Mary Jane Silvia** presented a workshop, “Creativity in Ministry: Reaching Out to Young Adults,” at the New England Convocation for Catechetical Leadership in Springfield, Massachusetts, in August 2011.



Associate Professor of Art Professor **Sheli Petersen’s** drawing *Turkey Clan* won the Currier Award (best-in-show) in the *New Hampshire Art Association 62nd Currier Exhibition* at the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester. The exhibition, a collection of works in various media by New Hampshire artists, was juried by Dina Deitsch, Associate Curator of Contemporary Art at the deCordova Museum and Jen Mergel, Beal Family Senior Curator of Contemporary Art at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. The work is on display at the Currier Museum until March 6, 2011. In addition, Petersen’s drawing, *Cormorant* was accepted in *Biennial Regional Jurors’ Choice Competition* in the Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery at Keene State College. This exhibition, on display from February 5 to March 10, 2011, is a selection of works in various media by New Hampshire artists. The show was juried by Margaret Burgess, associate curator of modern and European art at the Portland Museum of Art and Britta Konau, a writer and independent curator of contemporary art.

Professor of Art **Ron McClure’s** ink and colored pencil drawing *Alluvia* was accepted in the *Biennial Regional Jurors’ Choice Competition* in the Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery at Keene State College. The work won Third Prize. This exhibition, on display until March 10, 2011, is a selection of works in various media by New Hampshire artists. The show was juried by Margaret Burgess, associate curator of modern and European art at the Portland Museum of Art and Britta Konau, a writer and independent curator of contemporary art.

On March 1, 2011, Professor of Nursing **Dr. Susan Murphy** presented “Families Planning Forward: Wholistically Processing a Rich Life,” at Southern Vermont College as part of the college’s James L. FitzGerald, MD, FACS, Annual Invitational Health Services Series.

Associate Professor of Biology and Department Coordinator **Dr. Joel Stake** recently attended the 11th Symposium on Fossil Cnidaria and Porifera in Liege, Belgium, where he co-presented a paper titled “The Scleractinian Coral: A Perspective.”

Associate Professor of Biology **Dr. Susan Barbaro** and Biology major **Christina Proulx '11** attended the Northeast Microbiologists: Physiology, Ecology, and Taxonomy meeting in Blue Mountain, N.Y. in June 2011. Barbaro gave an oral presentation on her research entitled “Degradation of Sulfamethoxazole by Microbial Assemblages Retrieved from Two Rivers, Massachusetts.” Christina presented a poster entitled “Response of Enterococcal spp. Isolated from River Water to Vancomycin and Sulfamethoxazole.”

Assistant Professor of Biology **Dr. Benjamin Philip** attended the 4th International Symposium of Environmental Physiology of Ectotherms and Plants in Rennes, France in July, 2011. At this international conference attended by 90 scientists from 20 countries, Dr. Philip gave an oral presentation entitled “The Protective Role of Aquaporins in Naturally Freeze-Tolerant Insects.”

A group of Rivier faculty attended the Association of American Colleges and Universities Working Conference—General Education and Assessment 3.0: Next-Level Practices Now. **Dr. Paul Cunningham**, Chair of the Division of Sciences; **Dr. Brad Stull**, Chair of the Division of Liberal Arts; **Dr. Mary McNeil**, Chair of the Division of Education; **Dr. Paula Williams**, Chair of the Division of Nursing; Professor of English & Communications **Dr. Elizabethada Wright**, and Professor of English & Communications **Dr. Tim Doherty** attended the workshop, held in Chicago.



Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science **Dr. Vladimir Riabov's** paper, “Methodologies and Tools for the Software Quality Assurance Course” was published in the *Journal of Computing Sciences in Colleges*, Volume 26, No. 6, June 2011, pp. 86-92. It was presented at the 16th Annual Conference of the Northeast region of the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges (CCSCNE-2011), in Springfield, Massachusetts, in April. His two other papers, "Numerical Simulations of Nonequilibrium and Diffusive Effects in Spherical Shock Waves" and "Numerical Studies of Hypersonic Binary Gas-Mixture Flows near a Sphere" were also presented at the 28th International Symposium on Shock Waves (Manchester, UK, July 17-22, 2011) and published in the Symposium Proceedings.

Dr. Riabov was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for service as a judge of student papers for the AIAA Region I Northeast Student Regional Conference hosted by the Daniel Webster College and University of Massachusetts at Lowell in Nashua, NH, April 8-9, 2011. The Conference was sponsored by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and dedicated to the 50th Anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's flight to the Space.

**John Caizza**, Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, recently self-published an e-book entitled *American Monotheism: Contemporary Essays on God, Reason, America, and Science*, a collection of his essays. The book includes the essay “The Cosmic Value of Human Life,” which appeared in the Rivier College online journal, *InSight*. He also recently published his review essay, “The American Religion in Decline: Five Views” in the current edition of *The Political Science Reviewer*. The essay is included as part of “A Symposium on Religion and Politics.”



Sociology Program Director **Dr. Marjorie Marcoux-Faiia** recently co-authored a new book entitled *Substance Use and Abuse: Exploring Alcohol and Drug Issues*. The book examines the effects of drugs and alcohol on the individual person and society, and provides special insight into problems facing women, adolescents, college students, the elderly, racial minorities, and the GLBT community. Marcoux-Faiia wrote the book with Sylvia I. Mignon, professor of human services and criminal justice at UMass-Boston; Peter L. Myers, the director of the Addictions Counselor Training Program at Essex County College; and the late Earl Rubington, professor Emeritus of Sociology at Northeastern University. Dr.

Marcoux-Faiia also attended the 36th annual meeting of the Association for Humanist Sociology in Chicago, Ill. from Oct. 12-16, 2011. The theme of the meeting was “Daring to be Dangerous: A Sociology for Our Troubled Times.” Marcoux-Faiia was a facilitator at sessions discussing human trafficking and human rights in the global community.

Associate Professor of English and Communications **Sally Hirsh-Dickinson’s** new book, *Dirty Whites and Dark Secrets: Sex and Race in Peyton Place*, has been reviewed in the Oct. 2 issue of *The Chronicle Review*, published in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. **Dr. Hirsch-Dickinson** also presented “Dark Past, White Lies: Reconsidering the sources of scandal in *Peyton Place*” at the 125th annual meeting of the American Historical Association in Boston in January 2011. She also participated in a roundtable discussion, “Popular and Profane: Race, Gender, and Regionalism in *Peyton Place*.”

Director of Multicultural Affairs **Sharron Rowlett-Moore** was the featured speaker at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua Scholarship Luncheon on June 3, 2011 at the Boys & Girls Club’s community center in Nashua. Rowlett-Moore discussed the importance of lifelong learning and mentoring. At the luncheon, the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua awarded 31 scholarships totaling a combined \$38,000. Awards were given to current and former club members pursuing post-secondary educational opportunities. Rivier sophomore **J. W. Williams** was one of the scholarship recipients. He is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in human development.

Director of Multicultural Affairs **Sharron Rowlett-Moore** will be featured as an “Ethnic Gem” in the December issue of *Ethnic Online: New England’s Magazine for Ethnic Professionals*. The quarterly publication highlights successful African-American, Latino, and Asian professionals across New England.

Division of Nursing Assistant Professor **Judi O’Hara** and Instructor **Tracy Hardy** attended a conference entitled “The Cost of Chronic Disease” on May 18, 2011 in Concord. The professional development meeting explored strategies to lower the costs of treating chronic disease and how to best empower patients.

Nursing Professors **Denise Baxter, Judi O’Hara, Lynn Andersen, Marilyn Clark, Deb Dodge, Jan Reale, Janice Lindquist, Kathy Patenaude, Melissa Varszegi,** and **Cynthia Tremblay** attended the 19th Annual Conference for Nurse Educators in Practice Settings and Schools of Nursing on June 1-3, 2011 at the Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis in Hyannis, Mass. This professional development opportunity was provided by the Saint Anselm College Continuing Nursing Education Department.



Professor of Education and Director of the Learning Disabilities Program **Dr. Diane Connell** addressed teachers, counselors, and administration at Presentation of Mary Academy (PMA) in Methuen, Mass. on June 7, 2011 on gender differences and learning. This fall, PMA is becoming a co-educational institution. The school was founded in 1958 by the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, and was historically an all-girls academy. Dr. Connell has published two papers regarding differences in the male and female brain and how they affect the ways boys and girls learn.



**Dr. Ann Ackerman**, Associate Professor of Education, was nominated by Nashua Mayor Donnalee Lozeau and approved by the Nashua Board of Aldermen for another three-year term on Nashua's Ethnic Awareness Committee. Ackerman is the current committee chair. Ackerman, a former four-term member of the Nashua Board of Aldermen has been a community activist for promoting positive community diversity.

**Dr. Joann Nichols**, Education Division Instructor, recently presented a paper entitled “A Story of the Century’s Turn: Reading Instruction and the Concept of Childhood as the Basis for Now” at the American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting in April 2011 in New Orleans, La. A few days before the meeting, Dr. Nichols was a guest speaker for Ed.D. candidates at UMass-Lowell where she discussed her award-winning historical dissertation and the methodology behind historical educational research.

Associate Professor of Business Administration **Dr. Gregory Kivenzor** delivered a presentation at the 40th annual conference of the Academy of Marketing Science, held in May, 2011 in Coral Gables, Fla. His research was focused on consumer typology in Russia. In July, 2011, he took part in the World Marketing Congress held in Reims, France. The Congress drew nearly 500 participants from 49 countries. Dr. Kivenzor chaired a special session called “Marketing in BRICS,” which discussed the business climate and marketing issues in Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa—the largest and fastest growing economies in four continents: Europe, Asia, South America, and Africa. During the session, he also presented his research paper titled “The Luxury of Belonging to the Middle Class.” Dr. Kivenzor has been asked to co-chair the newly-created track, “Marketing in BRICS,” at next year’s Congress in Atlanta, Ga. This summer, preparing for his upcoming BUS523 Marketing and New Product Development course, Dr. Kivenzor has been compiling and editing a new textbook, also called *Marketing and New Product Development*, containing relevant chapters from two different existing textbooks. He also wrote a chapter for this book called “New Ideas, New Products and New Ways to Market Them.” The new book was published by McGraw-Hill – the leading textbook publisher.

Professor of Nursing **Denise Baxter** and Instructors of Nursing **Kathleen Patenaude** and **Diane Droutman** recently attended the National League for Nursing’s 2011 Nursing Education Summit in Orlando, Fla.

Adjunct Professor of Nursing **Mark Hand** recently won a Diseases Attacking the Immune System (DAISY) Faculty Award, given annually by the DAISY Foundation to recognize outstanding nursing educators for their commitment to the profession and inspiration to their students. The Foundation was formed in November 1999 by the family of J. Patrick Barnes who died at age 33 of complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP). Hand is a former full-time faculty member at Rivier College. He currently teaches online courses for the College from his home in North Carolina. He is also a member of the nursing faculty at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C., where he teaches courses in adult health.

RN-BS/MS Program Director **Susan Murphy** and Instructors of Nursing **Susan Feeney** and **Melissa Varszegi '07/'09G** recently attended the 27th Annual Conference on Distance Teaching and Learning in Madison, Wisc.

Instructor of Nursing **Deborah Dodge** has earned the designation of Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) by the National League for Nursing after meeting strict eligibility criteria and successfully completing a rigorous certification examination.



Professor of English and Communications **Dr. Elizabethada Wright** recently attended the annual conference for the Association for the Study of African American Life and History in Richmond, Virginia. The theme of the conference was "African Americans and the U.S. Civil War." She presented the paper "To the Defenders of the Union: The African American in New England Civil War Memorialization" on the panel "The North's Cause?: New Englanders' Attitudes toward African Americans in the Civil War Era." JerriAnne Boggis '01G, who earned a master's degree in writing and literature, was also on the panel. Parts of the conference were filmed by and are available on CSPAN.

Assistant Professor of Psychology **Dr. Alan Goodman** has been appointed by the State of New Hampshire Executive Council to serve on the state Board of Mental Health Practice. His term expires in October 2013.

**Douglas Selent**, a Computer Science graduate student, published a paper, "The Design and Complexity Analysis of the Light-Up Puzzle Program" in the *Journal of Computing Sciences in Colleges*, Volume 26, No. 6, June 2011, pp. 187-189. It was presented as a poster at the 16th Annual Conference of the Northeast region of the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges (CCSCNE-2011), in Springfield, Massachusetts, in April 2011.

**Paula Randazza** was been installed as President of North East Association of College and University Housing Officers during the organization's closing banquet in June. She has served the organization in many capacities for almost 20 years. Among her many initiatives she will begin as president is the commissioning of the organization's first strategic plan.

Director of Financial Aid **Valerie Patnaude** was recently interviewed by *Education Week*, a magazine of education news and insight, about the many programs offered by the Office of Financial Aid to promote financial literacy and debt management among students and alumni.



History, Law, and Political Science Department Coordinator and Associate Professor **Dr. Martin Menke** recently attended the annual conference of the German History Society of the United Kingdom, King's College, and the German Historical Institute in London, England from Sept. 8-9, 2011. Menke presented a paper entitled "Catholics and German National Identity in the Face of the Nazis."

Benefits Coordinator **Erica Raiche** has earned her Professional in Human Resources Certification (PHR) from the HR Certification Institute. The certification exam evaluated her knowledge of areas such as organizational management, employment practices, employee development, compensation and benefits, employee/labor relations, and risk management. Prior to joining Rivier College in February 2010, Raiche worked for two years as a human resources generalist in the private sector.

**Karen Cooper**, Executive Director of Development and Marketing, served on a panel of public relations directors at Campus Compact's "Telling Your Story" conference on Sept. 23, 2011. The conference explored ways that colleges can more effectively publicize their community service initiatives. ■