

MAKING NEWS

The Latest News from Rivier Faculty and Staff

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Executive Director of University Career Services Patricia Antonelli addressed Chamber of Commerce Leadership Greater Nashua participants in February 2017 on how higher education institutions are preparing students to meet employers' demands and how community and business leaders can support that process.



Class VI rapids in the Niagara River Gorge

Associate Professor of Biology and Department Coordinator Dr. Susan E. Barbaro and Dr. Joseph W. Spadano, Associate Professor of Education and Mathematics, led a field experience for incoming ARGYLES students and current biology students to the Niagara Escarpment in Southwestern Ontario, Canada, this past August. The field study involved three science professors and 12 Rivier University biology students.



Director of International Student Services Dey Barriga met with colleagues at the Loyola University of Chicago's John Felice Rome Center in Italy this past spring to build partnerships for future study abroad and faculty-led teaching trips. The site visit included discussions with many employers regarding internship and service learning opportunities for Rivier students.

Professor of Art and Director of The Art Gallery at Rivier University Sister Theresa Couture, pm, was selected for an intensive, visual arts studio residency at the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art this past summer. Her project explored concepts in visual abstraction through a combination of digital painting and traditional Nihonga (Japanese painting) techniques. The museum, one of the largest and liveliest centers for contemporary arts in the U.S., nurtures new work of high quality in all modes of visual and performing arts.

Adjunct Instructor of Public Health and State of N.H. Epidemiologist Elizabeth R. Daly, MPH co-authored two new articles: "Tick bite and Lyme disease-related emergency department encounters in New Hampshire, 2010–2014" in *Zoonoses and Public Health* and "Use of emergency department data for

monitoring and responding to an increase in opioid overdoses in New Hampshire” in *Public Health Reports*. Both were also presented at national conferences.



Professor Emerita Dr. Sharon Dean's book, a third Susan Warner mystery, was published. *Cemetery Wine* finds Susan at her New Hampshire home, which had been on the Underground Railroad. As she searches for a murderer, she uncovers how the sins of the past connect to the present.



Professor of English and Department Coordinator Dr. Timothy Doherty was honored with the Presidents' Good Steward Award by Campus Compact for New Hampshire. The award recognized his work to engage Rivier's students with its community partners, the PLUS Company, Anne-Marie House, and the Nashua Police Athletic League (PAL).

Professor of Sociology Dr. Marjorie Marcoux Faiia presented two papers at the fall 2016 Mid-South Sociological Association Conference. “Developing and Describing Harm Reduction Strategies as a Response to Substance Abuse Issues” shared her recent research on the subject. “Mirrors/Windows, Sociological Mindfulness/Sociological Imagination: Using Sociology to Increase Awareness of Prejudice” discussed social construction of prejudice with an emphasis on media. She also gave a paper at the Eastern Sociological Society in February 2017 on gender differences in harm reduction strategies utilized by college students while drinking.

Staff member Michaeline Della Fera had two articles published in *The Telegraph*: “Lifestyle and Treatment Options for Atrial Fibrillation,” and “Matters of the heart, addressing aortic stenosis with a less invasive procedure,” the latter chronicling her own journey to aortic valve replacement. The spring-2017 issue of *Heart Insight* magazine featured an autobiographical account of Della Fera's experience prior to surgery titled “Halftime in the Waiting Game.”



Assistant Professor of Nursing Dr. Karen E. Frenn, RN, CNE was a site visitor for the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). She traveled with a team to Illinois to review a college's submission for initial accreditation of their Associate Degree Registered Nurse program.



Associate Professor and Director of the Criminal Justice Program Eric A. Gentes, Esq., is taking part in Nashua Police Department's Citizens Academy, as part of the Criminal Justice program's relationship with the Department. This 9-week, 27-hour course provides civilians with insight into all bureaus of the Nashua Police Department.

Dean of Arts and Sciences Dr. Susan Langlois' article "Accepting Differences" was published in the November/December 2016 issue of *Camp Business* magazine. The article focuses on the benefits of incorporating children on the autism spectrum into mainstream camps.



Assistant Professor of Counseling & School Psychology Dr. Cheryl Maykel, NCSP, and a colleague presented a poster on mind-body health at the Association for Psychological Science annual convention and published a joint study in the *Journal of Yoga and Physical Therapy* on the use of mindfulness meditation with individuals who experience co-occurring asthma and anxiety. In August 2017, she participated in a symposium presented at the American Psychological Association annual convention titled "Integrating multiple systems of care to support the education of youth who are medically involved."

Professor of History and Political Science Dr. Martin Menke led a discussion about the dynamics between Germany and Israel after World War II at Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua this past March.

Landry Early Childhood Center Director Nancy Pynchon has received the *Gwen and Henry Morgan Award* from the Child Development Bureau. This award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exemplary commitment to ongoing professional development by holding at least one Early Childhood credential for a total of ten consecutive years.



Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science Dr. Vladimir Riabov's paper, "Preventive Strategies on Cheating Among International Computer Science Students" was published in the *Journal of Computing Sciences in Colleges*, Volume 32, No. 6, June 2017. It was presented at the 22nd Annual Conference of the Northeast region of the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges (CCSCNE-2017) in Albany, New York in April. His other paper, "Teaching Online Computer-Science Courses in LMS and Cloud Environment" was published in the *International Journal of Quality Assurance in Engineering and Technology Education*, Volume 5, Issue 4, 2016.

Associate Professor of Education and Mathematics Dr. Joseph Spadano presented "Repeated Reasoning: Learning Experiences that Strengthen Mathematics Preparedness for All Students" at the New Hampshire Department of Education Mathematics Learning Communities Summer Institute VI. He also conducted a Differentiated Learning and Instruction workshop in fall 2016 for faculty at Presentation of Mary Academy in Methuen, Massachusetts, a private, Catholic high school and a sister school to Rivier.



Vice President for Student Affairs Kurt Stimeling was a panel member for Congresswoman Anne McLane Kuster’s public forum “A Conversation about Ending Sexual Violence in the Granite State” held at Rivier University in April 2017. Panel members included local survivors, health service providers, educators, advocates, and law enforcement from the Greater Nashua community.



Associate Professor of Business Administration Dr. Kevin Wayne had two new books published titled *Deconstructing Management Maxims: A Critical Examination of Conventional Business Wisdom, Volumes 1 & 2*. He also co-authored a paper titled “Challenging the Maxim: A Paradigm Shift on the Role of the Customer.” The paper was presented and included in the Proceedings of The Northeast Business & Economics Association Annual Conference. Dr. Wayne also presented a paper, co-authored with **Associate Professor of Business Administration Dr. Karen Spohn** titled “Myths and Moats of Competitive Advantage: Disparities Between Practice and the Strategy Lexicon.” The paper was included in the Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Northeast Business & Economics Association. ■