

## EDITOR'S NOTE

### In the Spring Spirit

Dear Readers,



On the field trip to glaciers during the 26<sup>th</sup> ICAS Congress, Alaska, September 2008.

The Spring'2009 edition of the *InSight: Rivier Academic Journal* is dedicated to Rivier students, alumni, faculty, and global community. It offers a variety of pedagogical themes on activism and challenges of embodying Catholic identity and mission in the classroom; Rivier Heritage; research studies of procedural dilemmas for committees (*Dr. Lloyd Carr*), reading instructions (*Joann B. Nichols*), multicultural career counseling (*Lonnie R. Armstrong Jr.*), and the transtheoretical model of change (*Mark W. Boegel*); poetical voices; photographic statements, including "Celebrate the Season" by *Dr. Robert Craven* and "Flowers across Frontiers" by *Dr. Vladimir V. Riabov*; and campus news. The authors (alumni, students, faculty, and staff members) share with us their reflections on Americas' society and perspectives; on charity, cultural values, and globalization, as well as on preserving the best Catholic traditions in Liberal Arts education.

Three themes are notable in this edition of the *InSight: Rivier Academic Journal*: the article, "The Story of Rivier's Legacy Continues" (*Jennifer J. Liskow*), which is the second half of a two-part series exploring Rivier's heritage and history of growth and development over the last 75 years, including how the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary's values and Rivier's mission continue to shape the College today; outstanding photo images of New England winter birds (*Dr. Robert Craven*, SNHU Professor) that are viewed by many nature observers as symbols of beauty and surviving through difficult times in our economy; and remarkable stories about Rivier alumni, students, faculty, and staff.

In the *Creative Work* section, readers can discover poetry by *Dr. Robert T. McLaughlin*, former Chair and Professor of Education, and poems by gifted students in M.A. in Writing & Literature Program (*Lynn Lessard Sperl*, *Margaret Shaw*, and *Peter Eliopoulos*). In the *Art* section, readers can find a review of the Permanent Collection at the Rivier Art Gallery (*Sr. Theresa Couture*).

The *Chronicle* section covers various remarkable events in Rivier campus life, such as Rivier Scholars Convocation, Biology Lecture Series, Professional Seminar in Computer Science, and others. Here the readers can find information about Kappa Gamma Pi Catholic Honor Society, Rivier-St. Joseph Nursing Honor Society, Beta Beta Beta Biology Honors Society, Business Student Achievement Awards, Faculty Profiles and information about articles, which have been recently published by faculty, students, staff, and alumni 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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