

## MAKING NEWS

(From: *Rivier Today*, Spring 2009)



Professor of Mathematics and Director of the M.A.T. Mathematics program **Dr. Theresa Magnus** gave a presentation about the mathematics of voting at Colby-Sawyer College in November 2008. “The outcome of an election can depend on the voting method that’s used,” she explains. “If there are only two people running, it doesn’t make a difference. But as soon as you get three or more candidates involved, the voting method will affect the outcome of the vote.”



In June 2008, **Dr. Fiona Hughes-McDonnell**, Associate Professor of Education, presented a paper at the 38th Annual Meeting of the Jean Piaget Society in Quebec City, Canada. The conference theme was “Adolescent Development: Challenges and Opportunities.” Dr. McDonnell’s paper, “Teaching as Transitioning from ‘I-it’ to ‘I-thou’ Relationships Among Learners, Teachers, and the World” was part of a symposium titled “Between I and Thou: Developing Curriculum through a Pedagogy of Relation.”



Last summer, by invitation of Nashua’s first International Sculpture Symposium, **Sr. Theresa Couture, p.m.**, Director of the Rivier College Art Gallery, was able to extend exhibition offerings into downtown Nashua. In conjunction with the Symposium she made an honors selection of work by students and recent alumni for showing in retail space on Main Street. On view were paintings by Kathryn Bower and John Stein, a digital fine art image by Elizabeth Hamblett, an experimental letterform composition by Denisse Joniaux, and musical performance scores, posters, and CD covers designed by Anthony DeCarolis, Robert DeVita, and Stephen Southerland. The Symposium itself, which was accompanied by other arts events, gathered sculptors from five countries.

Each produced a work for permanent installation in locations around the city. A collaborative project of the Andres Institute of Art in Brookline and Meri Goyette, a local arts supporter, the event was sponsored by the City of Nashua’s Community Development Division, City Arts Nashua, and the Nashua Area Artists Association.

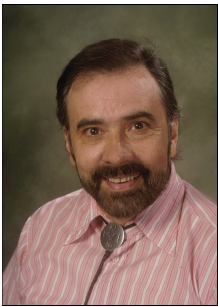
**Dr. John Caiazza**, Lecturer in the Department of Philosophy, has had an essay published in the Winter 2008 issue of *Modern Age*, a quarterly interdisciplinary journal. His essay, “Religious Belief in Newman’s Grammar of Assent,” is an exposition of Cardinal Newman’s book on the epistemology of religious belief. The essay is available online at [www.firstprinciplesjournal.com](http://www.firstprinciplesjournal.com).



In October 2008, Professor of History, Law and Political Science **Dr. Martin Menke** presented a paper at the New England Historical Association Fall Conference. His paper, “Underlying Values in Center Party Decision-Making” was part of the panel “Princes, Parties and Politics in Germany.”



**Dr. Ann Ackerman**, Associate Professor of Education, presented two workshops at the NH National Education Statewide Professional Development and Instructional Conference in October 2008. She presented a two hour workshop on “Teaching the Vietnam War: An Unclear Conflict” for middle and high schools teachers, she also collaborated with Nashua Community College Assistant Professor Robyn Griswold to present “Globalizing Your History Curriculum.”

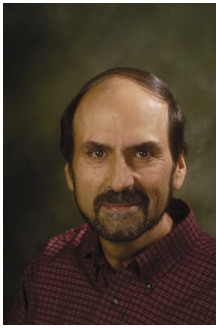


Chair of the Division of Sciences **Dr. Paul Cunningham** delivered two paper presentations at the 116th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association in Boston in August 2008. He presented the paper “Miracle at Medjugorje: A Transpersonal Interpretation” as part of a session called “Miracles and Ways of Seeing of God,” sponsored by APA Division 36 (Psychology of Religion). The second paper, “Humanizing an Inhumane World: The Role of Transpersonal Humanism” was part of a session sponsored by APA Division 32 (Humanistic Psychology). Dr. Cunningham has been appointed to a fourth 3-year term as a member of the Steering Committee of the New England Psychological Association (NEPA). NEPA provides an opportunity for psychologists and students of psychology throughout the six New England states to meet, confer on current professional issues, and present invited addresses, symposia, workshops, papers and posters at annual autumn meetings. Dr. Cunningham was NEPA President from 2003-2004.



In May 2008, Associate Professor of Art **Sheli Petersen** presented a lecture on The Art of the Children’s Book for the Hollis Art Society. She discussed the relationship between fine art and illustration with emphasis on the children’s book, which conveys the narrative through the relationship of image, text, and typography. She showed her illustration and cut-paper art in the group exhibition “Art on Main” in September 2008 at Design Wares in downtown Nashua. The exhibition was sponsored by the Hollis Art Society and Design Wares.

**Charlie Bevis**, Adjunct Instructor in the Department of English and Communications, has published an article titled “Faulkner Reveals the Real Father of Lena’s Baby in *Light in August*” in the Fall 2008 issue of *The Explicator*.



**Dr. Herman Tavani**, Professor of Philosophy, recently had a book titled *The Handbook of Information and Computer Ethics* published by John Wiley & Sons. This volume, co-edited with Kenneth Himma of Seattle Pacific University, includes papers contributed by experts in the fields of information and computer ethics from the UK, Netherlands, Germany, Italy, Greece, Australia and New Zealand, as well as the U.S.



Associate Professor of English and Communication **Dr. Elizabethada A. Wright** co-presented “Body Worlds is Hard Core” with former Rivier graduate student Mary Fitzgerald at the Fourth William A. Kern Rhetorics & Technology Conference: Visual Communication held at Rochester Institute of Technology in April 2008. Dr. Wright and Mary Fitzgerald also coauthored an abstract for “Remembering the Body: The Body as Sacred and Profane” in the *Proceedings of the Linguistic Circle of Manitoba and North Dakota*, published by North Dakota State University. An article the two women wrote, “The Rhetorical Situation of the Sacred: Exigencies of the Human Body,” was accepted as part of a collection edited by Dale Sullivan and Bruce Maylath to be published by Cambridge Scholars Press. Dr. Wright served as a table leader for the Advanced Placement English Language and Composition Exam Reading for Educational Testing Service in June 2008. She also attended the Summer Conversational Series and Teacher Institute held at the Concord Summer School of Philosophy on the grounds of Louisa May Alcott’s Orchard House in Concord, Mass.



Keith Fox, President of *Business Week*, has invited **Maria Matarazzo**, Chair of the Division of Business Administration, to serve as a research panelist for the *Business Week* Market Advisory Board.

Senior Lecturer in Psychology **Dr. Jane Dwyer** was interviewed for the newsletter *Online Classroom’s* “Tips from the Pros” column. Dr. Dwyer offered seven tips for personalizing an online course. Her suggestions ranged from sending students an introductory letter to offering students the chance to facilitate online discussions.

**Dr. Naomi Schoenfeld**, Assistant Professor of Special Education, has authored an article describing the effects of anxiety disorders in children with behavioral needs. The article will appear in a special issue of *Education and Treatment of Children*, which includes papers contributed by experts across the field of emotional and behavioral disorders in children and youth.



Professor of Computer Science and Mathematics **Dr. Vladimir Riabov** presented “Applying Software Quality Metrics in Object-Oriented Design and Testing of Networking Systems” at the NEQC 57th Conference of the American Society for Quality (ASQ) held in Marlborough, Massachusetts in October 2008. More than 300 engineers, scholars, and managers from New England attended this conference. Dr. Riabov has also had an article, “Numerical Study of Interference Between Simple-shape Bodies in Hypersonic Flows” accepted for publication in the special edition “Advances in Computational Fluid Dynamics” of the *International Journal of Computers and Structures*.

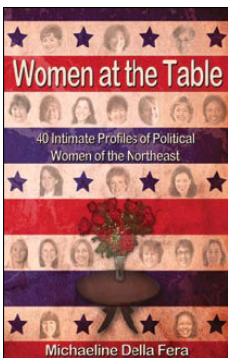


Over the summer, **Br. Paul R. Demers**, s.c., D. Min., College Chaplain and Associate Professor of Religious Studies, participated in The Power of Dialogue, a conference in New York City on constructive conversations on divisive issues. “The bottom line of the interactive and experiential workshop showed that when debate is fruitless, shifting to dialogue can create a climate of resolution,” Br. Paul said.



Associate Professor of Business **Dr. Karen Spohn** wrote a paper, “The 2006 SEC Disclosure Rulings and the Future of Executive Change-of-Control Contracts,” which was published in the “How Economics is Changing” volume of *The Long Term View* from the Massachusetts School of Law at Andover.

In June 2008, Professor **Dr. Carol Langelier** presented a half-day preconvention workshop at the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) National Conference to a group of more than 40 school counselors from Asia, Europe, South America and the United States. The workshop, “The Culturally Competent School Counselor,” focused on the theoretical constructs of cultural competence as well as specific strategies school counselors employ in order to best serve the needs of all students in diverse school communities.



Receptionist **Michaeline Della Fera's** third cozy mystery, *A Taste of Death*, was published by Wings Press in August 2008. For the past year and a half, Della Fera has been interviewing some of the most powerful women politicians of the Northeast (Maine, Vermont, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts) including Connecticut Governor M. Jodi Rell and New Hampshire President of the Senate Sylvia Larsen. Her interviews resulted in a book titled *Women at the Table, Forty Intimate Profiles of Political Women of the Northeast*. The book was just released by publisher L&L Dreamspell. Each interview focuses on the interviewee's campaign strategies, the good, the bad and the ugly of elected office, balancing family and political life, and dealing with the power and pressures of being a female politician. Dr. Elizabethada Wright wrote a preface tracing the history of women in politics. ■