

MAKING NEWS

The Latest News from Rivier Faculty and Staff

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Dr. Ann Ackerman, Associate Professor of Education, presented “Things and Memories that Tell History” at a NH National Education Association Statewide Instructional Workshop. She used some of her research on the early Eastern European settlement in Dallas, Texas as well as family artifacts to demonstrate methodology using primary resources, oral histories as well as good information literacy skills.



Receptionist **Michaeline Della Fera** celebrated the publishing of her new book, *Thirteen Women, Inside New Hampshire's Female Majority Senate*, with a book signing arranged by the 13 women of the New Hampshire Senate last month at the Upham Walker House in Concord. “The thirteen women wanted to celebrate their first in the nation female majority senate with a book signing,” Della Fera said. The book signing, the first for the 13 women, was, Della Fera says, “a fitting way to bring all the women together to bring closure to their majority status and to wish all success in their new endeavors and challenges.”



Dr. Elizabeth Wright, Professor of English and Communications, presented “Rhetoric and Collective Memory” at the 2010 Black New England Conference, “The Politics of Race: Movements, Protests, Leaders and Representation,” hosted by the Center for New England Culture at the University of New Hampshire in October. Dr. Wright also had a paper published in *Revisiting the Past through Rhetorics of Memory and Amnesia*. “The Rhetorical Situation of the Sacred: Exigencies of the Human Body,” was co-authored with former graduate student Mary Fitzgerald.

Dr. Robert Walrath, Associate Professor of Counseling and School Psychology, presented the workshop “Characteristics and Interventions for Adolescents Who Self-Harm” at the New Hampshire Psychological Association annual fall meeting in Jackson, New Hampshire. He also recently presented the workshop “Wechsler Individual Achievement Test, 3rd Edition... What’s New and Improved” to the Merrimack (NH) High School Special Education Department.

Instructor of English and Communications **Dr. Sally Hirsh-Dickinson** chaired a panel, “Ethnic Identities: Festival, Media & Movie Formations,” at the Northeast Popular Culture Association’s 2010 conference. The conference was held in Boston in October.



Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science **Dr. Vladimir Riabov** presented a paper at the 23rd Annual International Conference on Technology in Collegiate Mathematics (ICTCM) in Denver, Colorado, in March 2011. The paper, “Algorithms and Software Tools for Teaching Mathematical Fundamentals of Computer Security,” was co-authored with **Dr. Bryan J. Higgs**. In September 2010, Dr. Riabov presented two papers: “Numerical Studies of Heat Transfer on Hypersonic Blunt Bodies with Gas Injection” at the Seventh International Conference on Engineering Computational Technology (ECT-2010) in Valencia, Spain, and “Hypersonic Aerodynamics of Toroidal Ballutes” at the 27th ICAS Congress of the International Council of the Aeronautical Sciences in Nice, France. Both papers were published in the conference proceedings.

Professor of Communications **Larry Maness**’ new full-length play, “Colby’s Corner” has been accepted for 2011-2012 production by the American Theater of Actors.

Three members of the nursing faculty have earned the designation Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) after meeting strict eligibility criteria and successfully completing a rigorous certification examination developed and administered by the National League for Nursing: Divisional Chair **Dr. Paula Williams**, Assistant Professor **Judi O’Hara**, and Professor **Dr. Denise Baxter**.

Reference Librarian **Jennifer Ferguson** presented “Doubling Up: Leveraging Existing Technology to Provide More Library Instruction with the Same Staff” at the fourteenth annual October Conference hosted by the Dartmouth Biomedical Libraries at Dartmouth College.

Assistant Vice President for Student Development **Paula Randazza** received the Student Leadership Training Program’s Fall 2010 Champions of Youth Award. The award recognizes people who work with students to develop their leadership skills.



Associate Professor of Art **Sheli Petersen** attended the 2010 Summer Conference for the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators in Los Angeles. She presented her work in the Portfolio Showcase and participated in the Picture Book workshop. Her drawings, *The Printmakers* and *The Judge*, were published in the July/ August issue of the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators Bulletin. She also displayed her drawing, *Barred Owls and Fox*, in the Maine Illustrators Collective December Exhibition at the Freeport Community Library. The illustration is part of her series exploring the relationship of New England wildlife to the landscape. As in most of her illustration, Petersen combined life-drawing, observation, and references to imagine and create this scene, done with watercolor and prisma color on paper.

Associate Professor of Business Administration **Dr. Gregory Kivenzor** has been named Chair of the Special Session at the 2011 World Marketing Congress. The session is focused on marketing in Brazil, Russia, India, and China and will include presentations from eight professors including Dr. Kivenzor. Dr. Kivenzor’s paper, “The Luxury of Belonging to Middle Class: Marketing to Russian Consumers” reflects his ongoing research of international markets.



Dr. Marjorie Marcoux Faiia, Professor of Sociology, gave a paper at the International Conference on E-youth at the University of Antwerp in Belgium. Dr. Marcoux Faiia's paper, "Self-disclosure, risks and privacy: college students' perceptions," focused on Goffman's ideas about presentation of self and applied them to online identities. Her paper also discussed the perceptions of risk and privacy online. She also gave a paper at the Association for Humanist Sociologists annual meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico, focused on the digital divide and the growing gap in social inequality that new technologies are creating.

Mathematics Professor **Dr. Teresa Magnus** and Assistant Professor **Dr. Olga Chuyan** attended the Association of Teachers of Mathematics in New England conference in Nashua in November 2010. Dr. Magnus served on the conference's Local Support committee and presented "Mathematics and Paradoxes in Politics and Elections." Rivier College mathematics education students Catelynn Melus, Leah Greene, and Courtney Howe assisted at the conference, as did MAT mathematics students Kristin Ommerborn and Peggy James. Education adjunct instructor **Cecile Carlton** served as one of the registration co-chairs.



Assistant Professor of Education **Dr. Naomi Schoenfeld** attended the International Child & Adolescent Conference in Minneapolis in November 2010. She served on a panel that discussed technology in teacher education and attended Executive Committee meetings for the Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders (CCBD) and CCBD Foundation. ■