

MAKING NEWS

The Latest News from Rivier Faculty and Staff

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Associate Professor of Education **Dr. Ann Ackerman** was a member of a team that gathered New Hampshire data, analyzed it, and presented the research “Beliefs and Practices of New Hampshire Social Studies Educators” at the NH Council for the Social Studies annual state conference last October.

Drs. Ann Ackerman, Joe Onosko, and Audrey Rogers, Rivier’s first doctoral graduate (l – r), presented research based on New Hampshire responses to the National Survey on the Status of Social Studies.

Nursing Instructor **Bobbie Bagley** and Assistant Professor **Judi O’Hara** and their students were recognized for outstanding advocacy for SB 286, the Prescription Monitoring bill. They were presented with the 2012 Group Advocacy in Action award by New Futures, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that advocates, educates and collaborates to prevent and reduce alcohol and other drug problems in New Hampshire, at its annual recognition event last October in Concord, N.H.

Bagley and O’Hara presented “Creating a Culture of Health—Smoke Free Campus?” at the 2012 Association of Community Health Nurse Educators Annual Institute: Promoting Healthy, Physical, Social and Global Environments last summer, and also participated in a panel presentation “Providing Culturally Effective Care Beyond My Own Comfort Zone” for health care providers last May.

Charlie Bevis, adjunct instructor of English, published a baseball biography of Jimmy Collins—the private, business-oriented ballplayer who was the first third-baseman to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. “Jimmy Collins: A Baseball Biography” is available on Amazon.

Senior lecturer **John Caiazza** published “Reagan’s Intellect” in the fall 2011 edition of *Modern Age*; a book chapter—“Augustine on Evolution. Time and Memory” which appeared in *Augustine and Science* (Lexington Books); and “Religion and Science Through the Ages: Response to Marangudakis” in the September 2012 issue of *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*.

Professor of Special Education **Dr. Diane Connell** delivered a workshop, “Your Brain, the Multiple Intelligences, and how they Affect your Work,” to students in the M.B.A. program at Assumption College in Worcester, Mass. Connell also presented a workshop, “Using Brain-Based Strategies to Enhance Teaching and Learning,” to kindergarten through high school teachers in the Wilmington, Mass. Public Schools on Election Day 2012.

Connell co-wrote an article, “Helping Children on the Autism Spectrum Make a Successful Transition from Middle School to High School and Beyond,” that was published in the February 2012 issue of *Exceptional Parent*.

In December 2012, **Sister Theresa Couture**, director of the Art Gallery at Rivier University and professor of art who is currently Artist-in-Residence, joined a small group of studio artists in Connecticut for an intensive experience with Nihonga painting techniques. Rarely taught in the United States, Nihonga is an ancient Japanese tradition that combines mineral pigments, precious metals, and sumi ink.

Dean of Arts and Sciences **Dr. Paul Cunningham** recently published an article with one of his students, **Philip Ramos**, a May 2011 graduate of Rivier's clinical psychology program. The article, "Involuntary Experiencing and the Performance of Hypnotic Test Suggestions," was published in the October-December 2012 issue of the *International Journal of Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis*.

Dr. Gagan Khera, associate professor of education, presented a research paper "Ethnic Minority Middle School Students' Beliefs and Behaviors Regarding Violence and Bullying" last October to his colleagues at the Diversity Challenge in Boston, Mass. Khera also attended a conference on Anxiety Disorders in Children and Adolescents last November in Newton, Mass.

Associate Professor of Business Administration **Dr. Gregory Kivenzor** served as co-chair of the track "Marketing in BRICS" at the 2012 World Marketing Congress in Atlanta, Ga., last August. This track drew the attention of researchers and Kivenzor received a special plaque recognizing his contributions to the Congress.

Professor and Director of the Social Studies Program **Dr. Martin Menke** chaired a panel entitled "Understanding Self, Understanding Church" and offered the official comment for a co-sponsored panel "The Turbulent Political and Religious Lives and Afterlives of Modern Catholic Nuns in Europe, Central American, and the United States" at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association and the American Catholic Historical Association in New Orleans, La., in January 2013.



Associate Professor of Art **Sheli Petersen** displayed her drawing "Raven Roosting" (*left*) in the "Picture This! 2012" exhibition at the Danforth Museum of Art in Framingham, Mass., last fall. The group show features the work of twenty-one children's book illustrators in the museum's Children's Gallery, which is dedicated to the art of picture book illustration. Petersen's drawings "Owls" and "Robins" were displayed in the "Works in Colored Pencil: A Juried Exhibition" last summer at the Sharon Arts Center in Peterborough, N.H. Petersen contributed prints of her illustrations, "Raven Roosting" and "Ravens Caching" to the Maine Illustrators' Collective "The Many Faces of Illustration Exhibition" group show at the Freeport Community Library in Freeport, Maine, and read her children's picture book, "Voladores," at the Witherle Memorial Library in Castine, Maine last summer.

Adjunct Business Instructor **Dorothy O'Gara** presented at two sessions of the Annual Conclave in Broomfield, Colo., last summer: "Build your own Financial Seminar for Business Students" and "Dual Enrollment: Building upon Successes." She also presented in November 2012 on the topic "Awaken Your Creativity, Become an Entrepreneur" at the National Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education in Atlanta, Ga. She was awarded with the "Entrepreneurship 101 Award for Outstanding Leadership in the Field of Business Creativity and Entrepreneurship" at this conference.

Professor of Computer Science **Dr. Vladimir Riabov** was invited guest speaker at Central Connecticut State University where he gave a presentation “Algorithms and Software Tools for Learning Mathematical Fundamentals of Computer Security.” He also presented an invited paper, “Exploring Mathematical Aspects of Algorithms for Challenging Topics in Numerical Analysis,” at the 25th Annual International Conference on Technology in Collegiate Mathematics, in Boston, Mass., in March 2013. Riabov published a book chapter—“Tools and Methodologies for Teaching Online Computer-Science Courses in LMS Environment” which appeared in “*Learning Management Systems and Instructional Design: Best Practices in Online Education*” (IGI Global) in April 2013.

Associate Professor of Undergraduate Special Education and Graduate Behavioral Disorders **Dr. Naomi Schoenfeld** co-presented “Sound and Silence: Author Affiliations in Peer-Reviewed Journals of EBD, 2000-2010” with Associate Professor of Psychology and Education and Director of the Behavioral Science Laboratory **Dr. Jerome Rekart**. Schoenfeld also co-presented “Differential Supports for Professionals Serving in the Juvenile Justice System” with Sarup Mathur of Arizona State University.

Associate Professor of Business Administration **Dr. Karen Spohn** presented “Teaching the ESGs of Sustainable Investing with Portfolio Simulation” at the Northeastern Council of Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP Region 1) Conference last November in Connecticut. Spohn’s presentation placed first in a competition for this Region 1 conference and she will compete at the international ACBSP Conference in Utah next June for the title of “Best of the Regions.”

Dean of Business Administration and Assistant Professor of Business Administration **Dr. Amir Toosi** will represent Region 1 on a new committee, the Committee on Scholar-Practitioner Publications. This committee oversees the publication of the scholarly journal, *Annual Edition*, and other publications such as white papers, resource kits, and conference proceedings.

Professor Emeritus of Philosophy **Dr. Herman Tavani** had the fourth edition of his book “Ethics and Technology: Controversies, Questions, and Strategies for Ethical Computing” published by John Wiley and Sons. Tavani also presented an invited paper, “Degrees of Trust and Levels of Moral Agency in the Context of Artificial Agents,” at the Digital Ethics Symposium at Loyola University, Chicago, Ill.

Associate Professor of Education and Director of the Psy.D. program **Dr. Robert Walrath** presented at the New England Council on Crime and Delinquency last October: “Characteristics and Interventions for Adolescents Who Self Harm.” He also attended the mid-winter meeting of the Council of Directors of School Psychology Programs in January 2013 and the midwinter meeting of the Council of Counseling Psychology Training Programs in February 2013.

Professor of English and Communications **Dr. Elizabethada A. Wright** was appointed to the Editorial Board of the *Western Journal of Communication*. Last November, she attended the 2012 Black New England Conference “Breaking Old Grounds: The Challenge of Interpreting Black History” in Portsmouth, N.H. and recently attended the 128th Modern Language Association Annual Convention in Boston, Mass. Wright presented the paper “The Graves of Fort Warren, George’s Island, Boston” at the Northeast New England Association for Gravestone Studies meeting in November 2012. ■