

## **RIVIER UNIVERSITY TO HOST DOCTORAL CONFERENCE ON LEADERSHIP & LEARNING ON MARCH 1, 2014**

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**R**ivier University will host its annual conference in education that focuses on scholarship at the doctoral level on Saturday, March 1st.

Now in its second year, the Doctoral Conference on Leadership and Learning (DCLL) is an annual conference that offers doctoral students an opportunity to present their current, innovative, and scholarly work in education and related fields.

“After the success of last year’s peer-reviewed research conference, we wanted to expand in a direction that would provide an even better experience for our attendees,” said Dr. Naomi Schoenfeld, associate professor of education and DCLL faculty advisor. “We added a day of workshops on topics that doctoral students in the region had identified as especially important to them.”

In addition to fostering academic discourse within and between area doctoral programs, the workshop format provides a venue for regional doctoral students to strengthen their skills in essential areas such as research, publication, ethics, and collegiality. Workshop topics include creating or building an academic curriculum vitae (CV), navigating the IRB process, authoring posters, conference presentation techniques, and student panels on program and dissertation-related topics.

Though the presentation roster has been filled, all members of the educational research community are encouraged and welcome to participate, especially current and prospective doctoral students.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Dorothy Bauer. Dr. Bauer is the co-author of several publications on *Early Sprouts*, a nutrition and gardening curriculum for preschool. Her current research is focused on the perspectives of early childhood educators working with immigrant and refugee children and their families.

Dr. Bauer earned her bachelor's degree in psychology, master's degree in early childhood special education, and doctorate in human development, and has taught at Keene State College since 1981. She currently teaches graduate and undergraduate courses, and supervises pre-service teachers in primary grades settings. She coordinates the Early Childhood undergraduate program and the Curriculum & Instruction Master’s program at Keene State.

The conference will take place at the Benoit Education Center on the Rivier University campus from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is hosted and funded by Rivier University.

For more information and to register to attend, go to <http://www.dcll.org>. ■

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