

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

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OLGA BENTSMAN KUNDRA BARRON was born in Russia and spent the second half of her childhood in New Hampshire. Her interest in photography was first piqued by her family's purchase of an Olympus OMG camera which she took on her hikes around New Hampshire and later to Israel and the Nepal Himalayas. Eventually, Olga traded New Hampshire's White Mountains for the Colorado Rockies, where she lives full time with her husband. She is an avid hiker, runner, skier, SCUBA diver and photographer.

Sr. THERESA COUTURE is an artist in digital and combined media. She received her M.F.A. from Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, Rhode Island; D.Min. in Theology and the Arts from Graduate Theological Foundation, South Bend, Indiana (partially coordinated with studies at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California and the Andover Newton Theological School, Newton, MA); and M.A. and B.A. in English from Rivier College. Theresa Couture combines an active studio life with a full professorship in art at Rivier University, a Catholic liberal arts institution sponsored by the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary of which she is a member. She has served as Co-chair of the Department of Art and Music and Director of the Design Program. She is currently Director of the Rivier University Art Gallery. Her work on paper has been exhibited throughout the United States. Many of her pieces are in private and university collections as well as in the collections of the Armand Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, California, and the National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, D.C. Her work has appeared in *Art New England*, *Christianity and the Arts*, *Insight*, *Face of the Deep*, and publications of Christians in the Visual Arts (CIVA).

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After graduating from Boston College Law School, **Attorney ERIC A. GENTES** spent ten years as a litigation attorney, including in private practice where he specialized in complex commercial litigation in state and federal courts and the NH Supreme Court, and as a prosecutor in Strafford County NH, where tried dozens of cases, including those involving manslaughter, sexual assault, drug and firearm charges, and domestic violence. In 2009, Attorney Gentes became the Director of the Criminal Justice Program at Rivier. Attorney Gentes' interests include the Bill of Rights and the problem of overcriminalization as identified by the late William J. Stuntz.

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RONALD MCCLURE's autobiography:

On a slow sunny summer Saturday, sitting on my front stoop, I was suddenly inspired to do something about my peculiar vision and the repeated remarks, "You see things differently." I went to the bank, took out my whole life savings of \$125.00, and bought my first camera, albeit used. I found an intensive course that promised to teach me in six weeks all that I would need to know about photography. I promptly proceeded to ruin my first two rolls of film. Disappointed but undaunted, I eventually graduated from San Francisco Art Institute and Rhode Island School of Design. I was among the first generation of artists to embrace digital technology, being a recipient of a scholarship to the Kodak Corporation's Center for Creative Imaging in Camden, Maine. I have been a recipient of a Lilly Endowment Grant for "Sacred Journeys: Twentieth Century Art and Faith" at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA. I have received awards in juried exhibitions and my mixed media work is currently in the collections of the Museum of Biblical Art and the Denver Art Museum.

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HILLARY SABBAGH is the coordinator in the Office of Global Engagement. Her primary roles are study abroad and international student advising. She received a B.A. in Spanish from Keene State College and a Master's in Education from Rivier University. Hillary has studied and lived abroad in the Dominican Republic, Spain, Holland, and Mexico. She enjoys traveling and sharing this passion with others. Hillary grew up in Hollis, NH and currently lives in Nashua, NH with her best friend Ali.