

EDITOR'S NOTE

Discovering Wondrous Worlds

Dear Readers,



Whitelined Toadfish, Cozumel Reefs National Marine Park, Isla Cozumel, Quintana Roo, Mexico. Photograph © by Olga B. K. Barron.

The Spring-2015 edition of the *InSight: Rivier Academic Journal* is dedicated to Rivier students, alumni, and faculty, who search beauty and wisdom of the world and serve the global community in many different ways. The edition offers a variety of themes: the study of cosmogenesis in ancient Hindu scriptures and modern science (*Dr. Robert L. Humphrey*); the role of speech prosody in elicitation of followers by the transformational leaders (*Melinda L. Tourangeau*); the contribution of cohort groups in developing cooperative learning environments (*Jill A. Hartmann, Dr. Sara Stetson, and Dr. Ann M. Gaffney*); the essay of *Marcy A. Winer* about homeless children and families, who need our help; the study of the effects of parental involvement, support, and pressure on athletic participation (*Laura Yesu '14 and Dr. Elizabeth A. Harwood*); the review of *Prof. Arifa Ghani Rahman* who examines the reasons for the alterations in the Elizabeth Barrett Browning's "Sonnets from the Portuguese" sequence and what effects there were on the overall interpretation of the poems; and campus news. The authors share with us their stories on serving the local and global communities (*Recognizing the*

impact of leadership and perseverance at the 80th Commencement Ceremony; the participation of Rivier's students in the Competition in Mathematics; and the appointment of Dr. Douglas Howard as new Vice President for Academic Affairs).

One theme is notable in this edition of the *InSight: Rivier Academic Journal*: the exploration of the wondrous worlds reflected in the photo essay "The Balance and Wonder of Ocean Coral Reefs" (*Olga B. K. Barron*).

In the *Art* section, readers can find information about recent art exhibits ("*Between the Shadow and the Light. An Exhibition out of Africa*" and "*Peripheral Vision*") at the Rivier Art Gallery (*Sr. Theresa Couture*).

The *Chronicle* section covers various remarkable events in Rivier campus life, such as the 80th Commencement Ceremony; the Celebrating Faculty Research, Scholarship, and Creative Accomplishment Event; the Third Annual Doctoral Conference on Leadership & Learning; the Yom HaShoah Observance; the 5k Charitable Walk and Road Race hosted by the Biology Club, and others. Here the readers can also find Faculty, Staff and Alumni Profiles, and information about articles, which have been recently published by faculty and staff in other publications.

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We look forward to your contributions to the *InSight: Rivier Academic Journal* in the future.

Sincerely yours,

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