

MAKING NEWS

The Latest News from Rivier Faculty and Staff

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Instructor and Director of Public Health Programs **Bobbie D. Bagley '97/'14G, MPH**, right, and Assistant Professor of Public Health **Dr. Jessica Santos**, left, presented at NH Public Health Association's "Celebrating a Quarter Century of Public Health in N.H." event.

Adjunct Instructor of English **Charlie Bevis '08G** published his sixth book *Tim Keefe: A Biography of the Hall of Fame Pitcher and Player-Rights Advocate*.

Senior Lecturer in Philosophy **Dr. John Caiazza** has a new book coming out this winter, *Scientific Meditations: Creationism Rightly Understood*.



Professor of Special Education **Dr. J. Diane Connell** was a featured expert in the *Parenting New Hampshire* article "Bring Order to the Chaos: How to set up Your Child with ADD/ADHD for Success This School Year."

Dr. Connell and Associate Professor of Education **Dr. Naomi A. Schoenfeld**, presented their research titled "Health in the Classroom: Special Educators' Attitudes Towards Integrative Medicine" at the International Integrative Medicine for the Underserved 5th Annual Conference at Tufts Medical School.

Adjunct Instructor of Public Health **Ashley Conley, MS, CPH, CHEP** co-chairs the Greater Nashua Healthcare Emergency Response Coalition for the City of Nashua, Division of Public Health and Community Services. This group received the Most Valuable Player Award at the 11th Annual New Hampshire Emergency Preparedness Conference in June 2015.



Professor of Psychology **Dr. Paul Cunningham** published a peer-reviewed "think piece," "Empirical Rationalism and Transpersonal Experience: Bridging the Two Epistemic Cultures of Transpersonal Psychology," in *The Journal of Transpersonal Psychology* (Vol. 47, No. 1).

Professor Emeritus **Dr. Sharon L. Dean** published a second novel, *Death of the Keynote Speaker*. Set in New England's Isles of Shoals, this murder mystery incorporates the dark histories of Star, Appledore, and Smuttnose Islands.

Adjunct Instructor of Public Health and State of N.H. Epidemiologist **Elizabeth R. Daly, MPH** co-authored four articles this year: “Workplace Safety Concerns among Coworkers of Responder Returning from Ebola-affected Country” in *Emerging Infectious Diseases*, “Taken to Court: Defending Public Health Authority to Access Medical Records During an Outbreak Investigation” in *Public Health Reports*, “Use of Digital Pens for Rapid Epidemiologic Data Collection During a Foodborne Outbreak Investigation” in *Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness*, and “Human Outbreak of Salmonella Typhimurium Associated with Exposure to Locally Made Chicken Jerky Pet Treats, New Hampshire, 2013” in *Foodborne Pathogens and Disease*.

Chaplain **Brother Paul R. Demers, s.c., D. Min.**, participated in the 2015 International Conference on Conflict Resolution Education: Human Rights & Conflict Resolution at George Mason University in Arlington, Virginia.

Assistant Professor of Nursing **Deborah Ann Dodge, MS, RN, CNE** and Nursing Instructor **Janine T. Reale, MS, RN, CNE** attended the International Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. They presented the poster “Unfolding Scenarios Build Nursing Competencies including Communication, Delegation, Priority Setting and Organization,” sharing the results of research involving sophomore nursing students’ experiences in simulation. Nursing Laboratory Coordinator **Cheryl Bragdon, MS, RN, CNE** was a co-researcher and helped create the poster.



Professor of English **Dr. Tim Doherty** co-facilitated the three-day workshop “Making Assessment Work for Your Institution and Your Students.” Dr. Doherty and Associate Professor of Education **Dr. Naomi A. Schoenfeld** co-authored the article “Beyond the Usual Suspects: Encouraging Faculty Connections in Professional Development,” which appeared in *To Improve the Academy: A Journal of Educational Development*.



Professor of Sociology **Dr. Marcoux Faiia** discussed integrating original research into an introductory sociology class at The Teaching Professor Conference in May 2015. Dr. Faiia used a case study of exploratory research conducted by Rivier students in fall 2014 and presented to the Rivier community to demonstrate the pedagogical challenges and excitement of “doing sociology.”



Assistant Professor of Modern Languages **Dr. Christine Giacalone** presented at the Historical Linguistics and Typology: Assessing a Partnership Conference at the University of Texas at Austin. The presentation was titled “A Sociohistorical Study of Lexical Variation and Frequency of Siddur Tefillot: A Woman’s Ladino Prayer Book.” Integrating research into her teaching, the pre-sixteenth-century, Judeo-Spanish text has been a topic of study for her undergraduate and graduate students.

After presenting her work at the National Institute of the Teaching of Psychology, Assistant Professor of Psychology **Dr. Elizabeth Harwood** was invited to write an Excellence in Teaching essay titled “Directed Note-taking: A Strategy for Active Engagement in the Classroom,” which will be published in an e-book this year. Dr. Harwood also presented “Cognitive and Interpersonal Predictors of Depression in Romantic Couples: The Mediating Role of Conflict Resolution Behaviors” at the American Psychological Association's Annual Conference in Toronto, Canada.

Associate Professor of Education **Dr. Gagan “Mia” Khera** served on a panel and co-presented “Amplifying Leadership and Building Community: AAPA Leadership Fellows Share Their Stories” at the Asian American Psychological Association Conference in Canada.

Adjunct Instructor of Business **Rebecca S. MacLennan, MBA** was recognized as one of “Greater Nashua’s 25 Extraordinary Women.” This distinction is awarded to women who excel in business, philanthropy, community service, and leadership.



Assistant Professor of Computer Science **Dr. Robert Marceau** successfully defended his dissertation titled “Partitioning Data to Minimize Cluster Overlap using Multiple Visualizations” and was awarded his Ph.D. in Computer Science by the University of Massachusetts - Lowell.



Associate Professor of Business and Education and former Associate Vice President for Global Engagement **Dr. Mark W. Meehan** published a new article, “An Islamic Response to Modernism: Muhammad Iqbal and his Poetry,” in the spring 2015 edition of *Crosscurrents Theological Journal*.



Professor and Coordinator of the History, Political Science, and Criminal Justice Department **Dr. Martin Menke** presented a paper titled “Totalitarian Affinities: Ludwig Kaas as Leader of the German Center Party” at the German Studies Association Annual Conference in October 2015.

Assistant Professor of Psychology and Director of the Clinical Psychology Program **Dr. Karen Meteyer** co-presented at the New England Psychological Association Annual Conference in October 2015 with three recent psychology master’s program graduates: **Jessica Price**, **Megan Shevenell**, and **Justin Shepherd**. Each presented research, based on their master's theses, focused on perceptions of veteran

students, predictors of anxiety among female college students, and the use of protective behavioral strategies in the consumption of alcohol among college students.



Assistant Professor of Public Health **Dr. Jessica Santos** successfully defended her dissertation, “Beyond Supply and Demand: Networks of Opportunity and Inequality in Health Careers” in August 2015 and received her Ph.D. in Social Policy from the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University. Dr. Santos coordinated and presented her research at the interactive research and policy forum *Quality Workforce = Quality Health Care* held in Manchester, NH.

Adjunct Instructor of Education **Dr. Sara Stetson** presented at the 20th Annual Consortium for the Study of Leadership and Ethics in Education in October. Her topic, “Crowdsourcing Ourselves: Disability, Identity, and Social Media,” explored questions about disability, context, and whether social media influences how we see and present ourselves.

Instructor of Early Childhood Education **Dr. Lisa Strout** received her Ph.D. in Postsecondary and Adult Education from Capella University. Dr. Strout also was appointed as Professional Development and Accreditation Chair for the New Hampshire Association for the Education of Young Children. She will serve a two-year term on the statewide affiliate Board of Directors.



Professor Emeritus of Philosophy **Dr. Herman Tavani** presented a paper at the 2015 Northern New England Philosophical Association Conference. His paper, titled “Critical Reflections on “The Right to Be Forgotten,” evaluates arguments surrounding this relatively new and highly controversial “right” in the European Union Directive on Data Protection.

Associate Professor and Director of the Doctorate of Psychology program **Dr. Robert Walrath** co-authored two book chapters: “Strengths and Weaknesses of the Woodcock Johnson IV Test of Cognitive Ability” in *Essentials of WJ IV Tests of Cognitive Ability* and “Clinical Interpretation of the Woodcock Johnson IV Tests of Cognitive Abilities, Academic Achievement, and Oral Language” in *WJ IV Clinical Use and Interpretation: Scientist-Practitioner Perspectives*.



Associate Professor of Computer Science **Dr. Charles T. (Tom) Wilkes** was granted his third patent, U.S. Patent No. 9,009,309, “Token-Based Crediting of Network Usage,” along with three other inventors. Dr. Wilkes also was presented with an Outstanding Contributor Award by the Metro Ethernet Forum (MEF) for his knowledge of the industry and contributions to the MEF Technical Committee. ■