

MAKING NEWS

The Latest News from Rivier Faculty and Staff

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Excellence in nursing leadership

Professor of Nursing Dr. Denise Baxter and **Assistant Professor of Nursing and Director of Undergraduate Nursing Education Judi O'Hara** were honored at the New Hampshire Nurses Association Awards Banquet in October 2016. O'Hara received the prestigious President's Award, and Dr. Baxter, nominated by her colleagues in the Division of Nursing and Health Professions, was presented with the Professional Advancement Award. The President's Award recognizes individuals who exemplify excellence in nursing leadership. The Professional Advancement Award is given to a registered nurse who has made a significant contribution toward developing or advancing the professional practice of individuals or groups, or the art and science of nursing.



Katerine Lampes '17 and Dr. Susan Barbaro presented their research at the Northeast Microbiologist Conference last June.

Associate Professor and Department Coordinator of Biology

Dr. Susan Barbaro, *left*, attended the Northeast Microbiologist: Physiology, Ecology, and Taxonomy Conference. She presented her research on the prevalence and characteristics of freshwater toxin-producing bacteria indigenous to two rivers located in the Merrimack River Watershed. Dr. Barbaro was accompanied by Katerine Lampes, a senior biology student, who presented her research titled "Effect of Triclosan on Biofilms Comprised of Two Important Oral Microorganisms, *Streptococcus mutans* and *Candida albicans*."

Adjunct Psy.D. Professor Dr. James Beauregard co-edited *In the Sphere of the Personal: New Perspectives in the Philosophy of Persons* (Vernon Press, 2016). He has also joined the International Neuroethics Society Expert Committee.

Nursing Lab Coordinator Cheryl Bragdon, M.S., RN, CNE, CHSE, completed the requirements to become a Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator. She also completed a weeklong course at Drexel University and earned a Certificate in Simulation.

Professor of Art and Artist-in-Residence Sister Theresa Couture, pm, has been selected for an intensive artist's residency at the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art in North Adams, Massachusetts, the largest center for contemporary visual and performing arts in the United States. During her residency, Sr. Theresa will explore nihonga, Japanese mineral painting, techniques in the context of concentrating on abstraction in art.

Associate Professor of Nursing Dr. Marilyn Daley, APRN, CHFN, was recently appointed Chair of the Government Affairs Commission for the New Hampshire Nurses Association (NHNA). She traveled to Washington in September to attend a lobbyist meeting for the ANA to discuss current topics in healthcare.

Assistant Professor of Nursing Deborah Dodge, RN, MSN, CNE, was elected as Vice President of Epsilon Tau-at-Large Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, the Honor Society of Nursing.

Nursing Instructor Diane Droutman, Ph.D.(c), M.S., RN, has been appointed to the Board on Health Science Program for Nashua High Schools. She attended the National League for Nursing Educational Summit to discuss opportunities for collaboration, lifelong learning, innovation, scholarship, mentoring, and service.

Assistant Professor of Nursing Karen Frenn, Ed.D., RN, CNE, served as a peer evaluator for an Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) site visit in New York last February. She was also honored to serve as a member of ACEN's Evaluation Review Panel (ERP) in Atlanta, Georgia this past June. The ERP reviews multiple site evaluations and serves as the second step in the accreditation process.

Senior Lecturer of Nursing Dr. Mark Hand presented his dissertation research titled "Job Satisfaction and Intent to Leave for Nursing Assistants in the Hospital Setting" at the Southern Nurse Research Society's 30th Annual Conference in Williamsburg, Virginia in February 2016.

Assistant Professor and Department Coordinator of Psychology Dr. Elizabeth Harwood presented her work, "Encouraging Active Engagement in the Classroom through Directed Note-Taking," at a poster presentation session at the American Psychological Association's Annual Convention in Denver, Colorado this past summer.



Professor of Mathematics Dr. Teresa Magnus participated in the 2016 Command, Control, and Interoperability Center for Advanced Data Analysis Summer Conference "Mathematical and Computational Tools for Cyber Security" at West Point Academy. Undergraduate faculty attendees gained insight into mathematical and computer sciences roles in homeland security. Dr. Magnus also presented a keynote address titled "Real Math Problems have No Clean Solutions—The Role of Mathematical Modeling in the Classroom" at the Community College System of New Hampshire Mathematics Learning Communities Summer Institute.



Assistant Professor of Computer Science Dr. Robert Marceau presented his research paper, "A Visualization Framework to Eliminate Cluster Overlap," at the 2016 International Conference on Modeling, Simulation and Visualization Methods.



Professor of History and Political Science Dr. Martin Menke published an article, “Multiple Caesars? Germany, Bavaria, and German Catholics in the Interwar Period,” in *Beyond Borders: Catholicity, Allegiances, and Lived Identities*. He has also been elected to a three-year term as a member of the American Catholic Historical Association Executive Committee.



Rivier Nursing Wellness Connection **nursing faculty members Marcy Ainslie, FNP, Lynn Anderson, MSN, Cheryl Bragdon, MSN, and Tracy Hardy, FNP**, above center, were honored for their service to seniors in the Greater Nashua community at the annual “Golden Deeds” awards ceremony sponsored by the Breakfast Exchange Club of Nashua. Faculty members volunteer time outside of their teaching schedules to provide learning experiences to students through community service to local organizations, including the Nashua Senior Activity Center.

Picture in the front row (from left): Marcy Ainslie, FNP and Lynn Anderson, MSN. Pictured in back (from left): Margo Bell, Executive Director of the Nashua Senior Activity Center; Tracy Hardy, FNP; Cheryl Bragdon, MSN; and Suzanne Koperniak, Book of Golden Deeds Committee Chair for the Breakfast Exchange Club of Nashua.

Associate Professor of Education and Mathematics Dr. Joseph Spadano was an invited speaker at the Community College System of New Hampshire Mathematics Learning Communities Summer Institute. He presented the session “Problem Solving without Figures” based on his recently published book of the same name. The book promotes problem solving through problem-solving theory and provides a practical system for teaching and learning mathematics, advancing critical 21st century skills.



Vice President for Student Affairs Kurt Stimeling represented the University at Congresswoman Anne McLane Kuster’s Campus Sexual Assault Summit in July 2016. With representatives from other New Hampshire colleges and universities, participants discussed prevention, education, and support for the victims of campus sexual assault.

Sister Lucille Thibodeau, p.m., Ph.D. presented a paper at the Summer School of the Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics titled “‘All Creation Groans’: The Lives of Factory Farm Animals in the United States.” The conference explored the ethics of eating animals, and Sister Lucille’s contribution was an examination of factory farming in the U.S. from the 1960s to the present. Sister Lucille, former Rivier President and Professor of English, is currently Writer-in-Residence at Rivier.



Dean of the Division of Business Dr. Amir Toosi chaired the Scholar-Practitioner Publication Committee (SPPC), a committee under the umbrella of Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) from 2014-2016. As Committee Chair, he spearheaded the launch of *The Transnational Journal of Business* at the ACBSP Annual Conference this past June. Dr. Toosi and his SPPC colleagues also presented “Scholarly Initiatives – Writing, Editing, and Publishing in Business Disciplines” and “Beyond Accreditation – How to Present and Write Not Only to Meet Standards but to Meet Academic Expectations and Career Satisfaction” at the annual conference. ■