

## EDITOR'S NOTE

### "The Land of Dreams"

Dear Readers,



Umbrella clouds in Quebec City. Photograph (©) by Sergey Ryabov, Bedford, NH

The Summer-2024 edition of the *InSight: Rivier Academic Journal* is dedicated to Rivier Heritage and the University mission. Last year we celebrated Rivier's 90-year anniversary (in 1933, Rivier College was settled by a group of nuns who relocated from Quebec to New Hampshire). One of our readers, **Sergey Ryabov**, has recently visited this French-Canadian Province and shares with us his impressions of the region that continues to be the *Land of Dreams*. Canadians praise this land in paintings of **Maryse Proulx**, a street artist; in the ubiquitous Monsieur Rose inflatable sculptures (created by **Philippe Katerine**, a French singer, actor, writer, and visual artist) that invaded many places around Quebec City); in historical frescos that invite us to become a part of the city past; in colorful umbrella clouds that cover streets in the old city; in projects of **Joseph Armand Bombardier**, who invented the snowmobile and founded a company that designed commercial jets, express coaches, subway trains, and specialized vehicles; in wonders of majestic Montmorency Falls that are 99 feet higher than Niagara Falls, and in the grand interior of the Notre-Dame Basilica in Montréal.

This spirit of dreams and discoveries naturally lives in our community with the mission of learning and studies in Humanities, Sciences, Nursing, and Education, as well as examples of faculty-students' outstanding research projects, Full Solar Eclipse celebration, reconstructions on campus, and charity. Many of these endeavors are covered in this Summer-2024 Journal Edition,

including the "Transformative Students Research Learning Conference 2024" overview (by **Prof. Shanna Demers, Dr. Leila Jabbour, Dr. Brian Patenaude, Dr. Emlee C. Kohler**, and **Dr. Tatiana Jones**) and 11 abstracts of research projects presented by students from Biology and Psychology Departments at the TLC-2024 Conference; "Multi-Agent Adaptive Learning For Mathematics", the first collaborative AI project run by six CS graduate students and **Dr. John Glossner**, their course instructor, Director of Computer Science programs; the pedagogical study "Advancing Your Teaching Through Thinking Skills and "The 6 Principles"" by **Rita F. Naughton**, a SNHU professor; and the essay "Reflections on Disastrous Challenges to Humanity" (by **Dr. Vladimir V. Riabov**, a Computer Science professor) published in the "Opinions" section of the journal.

Also, we publish full information about contributions of Rivier's scholars to sciences and arts that were presented during the 2024 Celebrating Faculty Research, Scholarship, and Creative Accomplishment Event organized by the VPAA Office and the Regina Library staff in April.

The *Chronicle* section covers profiles of new Vice President for Academic Affairs, new Dean of Arts & Sciences, two distinguished community members named to the Board of Trustees, faculty members, students, and alumni; Faculty Speakers Series; Commencement-2024 events; new academic programs; services to the community; grants, and various distinction awards.

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Let us continue enriching our Land with new Dream projects.

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

Sincerely yours,

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