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Barbara Hardy Beierl, Ph.D., is a lecturer, writer, and teacher of literature, history, and human-animal studies at Rivier University in Nashua, New Hampshire. A native New Yorker, she has lived and taught throughout the US, including the midwest and the West Coast. Her college and university degrees and teaching experience include City College of New York; San Francisco State University; Wayne State of New York; State University of New York; City University of New York; Harvard University.

She has published a number of scholarly articles and two books, one on Shakespeare and one on an empathetic literary analysis of London's novels. Recently, she has contributed an entry on the human-animal bond in a forthcoming encyclopedia. Her current academic interest in the areas of empathy and compassion for animals as shown in literature. Toward that end, she will be engaging in doctoral work in 2016. In the meantime, she is working on her next book proposal, "The Empathic Imagination" (working title).

As much as possible, Barbara travels to Manhattan to attend SWAHAB meetings.