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Greetings SHSS Family!

It has been a pleasure to serve you as President of SHSS SGA for the past few months, and I wanted to also share with you once more how much our SGA values transparency, community building, and scholarship. Thus far, we have received excellent feedback from you all regarding our on goings, and there is still yet more to come! I look forward to working with you as the fall term dwindles down, and upon our return to class in the winter of 2013. During the next few months, we really want to strive to strengthen our wonderful cross-disciplinary community, while also having purpose driven events that help those who are in need. After all, in one way or another, we are in this realm of humanities and social sciences to ultimately, help others; so that's what we'll do.

I wish you all an excellent holiday break, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact your SGA representatives at any time and we look forward to an exciting second half of this academic school year!

Peace/Love,

Carl M. Letamendi, MBA
President, SHSS SGA 2012-2013
Ph.D Candidate



Important Dates

January 1

Happy New Year!

January 21

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
School Closed

February 8

2013 Spring Residential
Institute

March 4

2013 Spring Reading Week



Carl Letamendi
SHSS SGA President

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Congratulations to Kelly Macias, winner of the Spirit of Community Engagement Scholarship:

The Spirit of Community Engagement Scholarship is an award of \$500 towards academic and community engagement endeavors. Below is an excerpt from Kelly's essay, titled *Experiences and lessons learned from helping families, communities and society-at-large...*

"Si quieres paz lucha por la justicia." "If you want peace, work for justice."

-Pope Paul IV

I remember the exact day that I saw the phrase above. I was a junior in high school, standing outside of the faculty parking lot at my all-girls Catholic school. My favorite nun and Spanish teacher, Sister Mary Anne Smith, was leaving school in her beat up Toyota Corolla. She waived to me and, as I watched her drive away, I followed the car with my eyes thinking about what an old clunker her car was. Then I saw it. A bright red bumper sticker on the back with these words in white. While I understood the literal translation of the words, they didn't mean much to me then. Little did I know that eighteen years later, they would be a guiding principle in my life.

*During junior year of college, a friend of mine gave me the book *Savage Inequalities* to read. Suddenly, my life's path was clear. Outraged by inequalities in the public school system, and social injustice more generally, I decided to apply for and was ultimately accepted into Teach for America...*



Kelly Macias – Spirit Award Winner

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- Another Spirit of Community Engagement Scholarship Contest starts next trimester. For more details see you SHSS SGA Rep or email us at shss.sga@gmail.com.
- Web registration for the winter term ends Sunday, January 6, 2013'
- We will be sending out a call for papers for the next SHSS SGA Symposium next semester. For more information see your SHSS SGA Rep.

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Dr. Christine Ajayi - Faculty Advisor

Holiday Greetings to All!

It is my pleasure to greet you on behalf of the SHSS Leadership Team and Faculty. As my first semester as the SHSS SGA Faculty Advisor comes to a close, I could not be more proud of the accomplishments of the SHSS SGA. This year's SGA has worked extremely hard to provide students, faculty, staff, and administration with transparency, openness, collaboration, and fun! We kicked off the semester with beautiful Welcome Week Events, our First Annual Interdepartmental Symposium, several social events, and awarded the SHSS SGA Spirit of Service Endowed Scholarship to Kelly Macias of the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution. The SHSS SGA has so much to be proud of, and we salute their efforts and accomplishments! We all look forward to what is in store for the upcoming Winter Term! It is our sincere hope that you reflect on your own successes this semester, and take time to enjoy the holiday season with your family and friends. See you in 2013!

Christine Ajayi, PhD
SHSS SGA Faculty Advisor
Assistant Professor
Department of Family Therapy



Dr. Ajayi at SGA event



Keeping You In The Loop

- We raised \$985.00 from SHSS SGA T-shirt sales to be used for chartering new SHSS clubs and working groups.
- You can receive funds for your official NSU group. See an SHSS SGA member for details.

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MFT CLUB UPDATE

President, Aprile Coleman; VP, Joely Spencer; Secretary, Hayseann Walker; Treasurer, Ileana Oxley; 1st Year Reps, Christopher Garcia, Diana Wile; 2nd Year Rep, Alyson Wogenrich; Social Media Rep, -Jessica Guevara

Past Events: MFT Club 1st Social 2012 - November 7th - Was a rousing success. Thank you everyone for coming to our 1st Social!!! Students and faculty alike were in attendance. We planned for 50, and received well over 70 people including our Department Chair and Dean. At the event, we had pizza and drinks, plus gave away several prizes. The best part is we collected several donations for our Toy Drive with North Side Elementary School, and our student cohorts got to introduce themselves to each other. SUCCESS! That was just a little preview of much to come for the 2012-13 year. Special thanks to Rob Keever and Career Services, Dr. Tommie Boyd, Dr. Anne Rambo, Dr. Christine Ajayi, Dr. John Miller, Ms. Tania Tramwell ***and ESPECIALLY our SHSS SGA - special to Carl, Kacey, Jazmin, Rachel and Amy.**

Future Events: North Side Elementary Toy Drive Snow Day Volunteer Day - Thurs, Dec 20th - Time: TBA - North Side

We are calling on all MFT students who are in town. If you have the time and availability to help out with donations that we collected for the toy drive, plus would like to see the joy on these kids' faces... come on out to volunteer! It's about spreading holiday cheer. More info soon.

Practicum and Supervision Workshop - Mon, Jan 7th - 1:30-2:30pm - Location: TBA. Come and find answers to everything you need to know about practicum: Clients, Supervision, Clinical Hours, Time Sheets and much more. Especially for 1st year MFT Students. Find us at www.facebook.com/NSUMFTClub

MFT Club



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MFT CLUB 2013 Events

IAFT Conference

- Arrange trip/travel to International Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (IAFT) Conference -February 2013 – Orlando.
- Lots of informational workshops along with movie night socials

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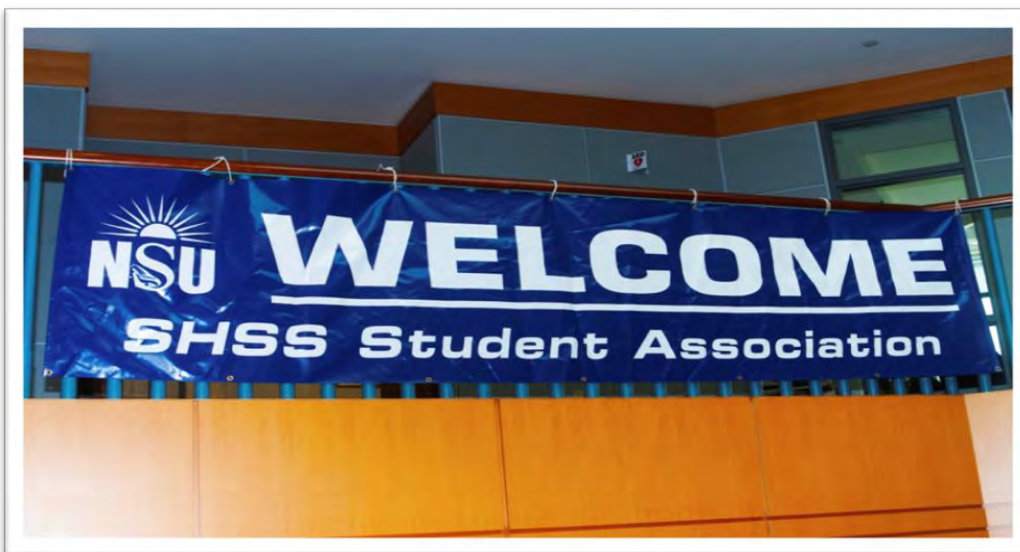
Dean Yang's Greeting



2012 marks a significant milestone for SHSS as we are celebrating our 25th Anniversary (1987-2012). Please take a moment to browse <http://shss.nova.edu/25thanniversary/> and share your thought and reflections. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season!



SHSS classmates at SHSS events



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PAST SGA Events - Fall 2012

Welcome Week Fall 2012

SHSS Get2Gethr

- Lip sync contest – Flight Deck
- RI barbecue and pool bash
- SHSS SGA Symposium

Winners of SHSS SGA Symposium were:

Aleksandra Nestic

Diana Giraldez-Carter

Casey Stroud

Get ready for RI 2013

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Greetings from SHSS SGA VP Jazmin Letamendi

I am thankful for the great work our SHSS SGA has been able to accomplish the fall 2012 term and for our team spirit! As VP, planning the logistics for Welcome Week and ordering the variety of food and giveaways for students each day, along with the members greeting our students, staff, and faculty, before class was a enormous success and perfect way to kick off the school year. I have been working behind the scenes, aiding our students who wish to become engaged student leaders and streamlining the chartering process for graduate working groups within our college. Please remember that in order to recognize graduate working groups, submittals ought to include the executive board and members form, signed guidelines and acknowledgement, your organization's constitution, budget and fund request form.

We still have much more to do and are excited about the upcoming winter term and other events to come! Stay tuned!

Regards,

Jazmin Letamendi, M.S.



Jazmin Letamendi - VP



Fall RI Events

Keeping You In The Loop

- Your official NSU group can sell SHSS SGA T-Shirts for fund-raising .See your SHSS SGA Rep.

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Dr. Bastidas and Dr. Hansen in Suriname

Needs Assessment and Capacity Building Strategy for Conflict Resolution: Suriname Program

In June of 2012 the government of Suriname and NSU signed the agreement *Needs Assessment and Capacity Building Strategy for Conflict Resolution: Suriname Program* for \$ 77,821. Under this agreement DCAR (Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution) faculty and students will advise, train and develop a capacity building strategy for Conflict Resolution, CR, as it applies to the current multi-stakeholder processes in Suriname. The project is expected to last a year.

What led to this agreement? During the summer of 2011 thirteen DCAR students traveled to Suriname with Dr. Elena Bastidas as part of a Global Course Program developed by SHSS, NSU. During this trip they had the opportunity to deliver Conflict Analysis training to a group of government officials, academics and members of the civil society of Suriname. The workshop was well received by the participants and led to a series of conversations between the government of Suriname and NSU regarding possible collaboration in Capacity Building of CR Approaches for diverse stakeholders processes.



Drs. Bastidas and Hansen participating in a Training Session for Indigenous Peoples and Maroons in Suriname, April 2012.



Elena Bastidas, PhD

Assistant Professor (DCAR)

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- **The Africa Peace and Conflict Network (APCN)** will have film screenings on a variety of issues for the winter/Spring trimester. The schedule TBA.

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Dr. Bastidas and Dr. Hansen in Suriname (continued)

So far three training workshops have taken place in Suriname, one focusing on *An Introduction to CR and Multi-Stakeholder Processes for Governance and Sustainable Development*, developed for government officials. The second, *Social Poligraphy as a Tool to Facilitate Maroon and Indigenous Peoples' Land Rights Processes*, developed for Indigenous peoples and Maroons of Suriname, led by Colombian experts. The third focusing on *CR Tools and Skills* targeted for people working for the mining and natural resource management.

The importance of the introduction of Conflict Resolution workshops is highlighted by the Land Rights process that is underway in Suriname, where the government is in negotiations with Indigenous and Maroon tribes to define the legal rights of their territories. In addition the mining sector, in particular gold mining, presents a big challenge in terms of stakeholders processes, providing training on CR skills is a priority for the government and the mining industry.

Leading the project are Dr. Elena Bastidas, Dr. Toran Hansen and one of our Ph.D. candidates, Gwendolyn Smith, who is native of Suriname.



Toran Hansen, PhD

Assistant Professor



DCAR Global Course students providing CR Training in Suriname.

Keeping You In The Loop

- **The Africa Working Group** had a film screening and discussion for the film: *Slave Routes: A Global Vision*. Panelists included Dr. Rice, Dr. Davidheiser and Dr. Mvingi. More to come from AWG.

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From the Editors Desk

Happy Holidays SHSS Family!

This semester has been amazing! The holiday season is upon us and I'd like to take this time to wish you all a wonderful holiday. We've worked hard all trimester and we all need to rest, relax and rejuvenate for another term. Take this time to reflect on your accomplishments and plan for success in 2013. The SHSS SGA is honored to represent and serve you. Please let us know what we can do to make you a success. Contact your SHSS SGA rep or email us at shss.sga@gmail.com. We have a lot of wonderful events planned for next trimester and we hope to see you there. Use this much needed time off to enjoy your family and friends. Classes start in just a few weeks on January 7, 2013. Have a happy and safe new year!

Sharon McIntyre - Editor-at-large

Below are SHSS students at RI events



Have a Happy Holiday Season!



Sharon McIntyre

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FAREWELL

- Please join us in saying goodbye to Jake Shilts.

Jake, we appreciate your dedication and hard work for SHSS and the SHSS students. Congratulations and good luck in your new position as the Student Success Specialist for the Office of Student Success; which is a part of the division of Student Affairs at Nova Southeastern University.

