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Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution

a program in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Monthly Connections

Nova Southeastern University

November 2010

a message from your associate chair . . .



Diversity and DCAR's Identity

One of DCAR's strengths, without a doubt, is its diversity. We have faculty representing many of the Humanities and Social Sciences fields including Anthropology, Political Sciences, Education, International Development, Philosophy, Communications, Sociology and Law, among others. Teaching, learning, research and community development in Conflict Analysis and Resolution is approached by our scholars in an interdisciplinary way facilitating innovative development in our field. Our student body is also very diverse. Students represent seasoned professionals that have decided to come to higher education to pursue a second career, international Fulbright

fellows that will go back to their country to work as academics, and peace and conflict resolution practitioners. However, our diversity can represent a challenge in terms of our visual identity, that is, how we are perceived by our prospective students, colleagues, local, national and international community. Diversity can be misinterpreted as lack of unity. For this reason it is important that we (students, faculty and administrators) present DCAR in a professional, consistent manner, building awareness and pride among those connected to the Department. DCAR's mission statement conveys the essence of who we are. Take a moment to reflect about how you contribute to and represent our department.

Mission Statement

The Department of Conflict Analysis & Resolution (DCAR) is committed to academic excellence, cultural diversity, social responsibility, and reflective practice in the fields of peacemaking and conflict resolution. We focus on the study, practice, and research of conflict resolution to support improved social relations among individuals, groups, organizations, and nations. The department explores a variety of conflict resolution methods, wherein parties achieve constructive agreements based on the principles of nonviolence, equity, dignity, and appreciation for human diversity. The department serves as an academic catalyst for applied research, theoretical development, and the use of culturally informed techniques in cross-cultural applications of conflict assessment and intervention. We take a learner-centered approach to the study of peacemaking and conflict resolution, and encourage mid-career learners to define and shape their intellectual and practice paths in a creative, rigorous, and structured fashion. The academic environment in the department is interdisciplinary, dynamic, and innovative, utilizing faculty expertise, student experience, learning technologies, and practitioners who are knowledgeable in conflict resolution skills and techniques.

By Elena Bastidas

Name our Newsletter

We are currently deliberating newsletter names. The December newsletter will christen the brand new name!

Presenting: Fun, Educational and . . . Academic!



Several NOVA DCAR students recently presented at the University of Massachusetts - Boston Dispute Resolution conference October 21-23 (pictured: Grace Okoye, Kacey Sharp, Felice Shekar, Lauren Marx, Heather Wellman, Amy Guimond, and Elaine Stephens). More than 80 people presented at the conference and were selected from hundreds of submissions. There were students from across the globe and the diversity in topics and students provided a wonderful opportunity to network and engage in dynamic discussions. However, what was most educational about the conference was finding out that presenting can be fun! For many participants, this was the first time they ever presented a paper in an academic setting.

Boston was chilly, but the scenery was excellent as was the company. Presenting at a conference can be a

fun way to travel, meet others in the field, and add to your CV. The one thing everyone took away from the conference was to encourage others to also go out and find presentation opportunities.

Upcoming Events

November 9
4:30 - 5:45 pm
Shimrit and
Amos Shosan
*Coaching in theory
and practice and the
relationship to
Conflict Resolution*
Maltz Rm, 2057

Dec. 24- Jan. 1
University Closed

January 3
*Start Winter
Trimester*

Faculty Profile

Neil Katz, Ph.D



After more than three decades as a Professor and director or co-director of five conflict resolution programs in the Maxwell School of Citizenship of Syracuse University, Neil took on a new challenge as Professor and Chairperson of the Graduate Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution at Nova Southeastern University.

While at Syracuse University, Neil achieved Emeriti Faculty status, and he

has recently led conflict resolution, negotiation, mediation and leadership classes at Syracuse University as an adjunct faculty member of the Maxwell School's renowned Public Administration Program, and as a teaching associate with the Program on the Analysis and Resolution of Conflicts (PARC). In addition, he teaches in the University's acclaimed Newhouse School of Public Communications and the Whitman School of Management.

Neil also continues consulting and training while serving as head of his own consulting firm, Dr. Neil Katz and Associates. In these capacities, he has worked with many prestigious public and private sector organizations throughout the United States including garnering large training contracts totalling more than \$1 million. He has also written more than 30 books, book chapters, and articles.

Among Neil's awards and honors, he received the Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Award from the Syracuse Community for his career long commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution and the principles embodied in Dr. King's life and work.

What you may not know about Dr. Katz is he has a twin brother, Milton, whom he is very close with and they worked on their doctoral dissertations together. He is also married with three daughters and between them they have 7 advanced degrees. He is also an avid sports fan and the fact that Nova is so close to several training camps helped influence his decision to move to Florida.

Shimrit Shoshan, guest speaker Nov. 9



Shimrit Shoshan is the founder of Up-People, LLC, a Life-Coaching Practice. Shimrit is a certified attorney in Israel since 2003. During her internship Shimrit has been working with families, mediation and various legal contracts. On 2006 Shimrit Shoshan has completed the Florida Supreme Court Mediation Training. On September 2009 she completed her M.A from Nova Southeastern University, mainly concentrating on conflict resolution, family relationship, and coaching. Simultaneously she got her certification as a professional life-coach. In addition, Shimrit served for two years in the Israeli Defense Force ("IDF") as a personal affairs sergeant and assisted soldiers who had personal and financial difficulties. By the end of 2009 Shimrit established her own life-coaching practice. Coaching empowers people to get the most out of their personal and professional potential and to lead their life to a breakthrough and success. As a coach Shimrit works with clients on either a personal or a professional plan which is designed according to their vision, values, purpose, and goals. Shoshan will also be the guest speaker November 9 from 4:30 pm to 5:45 pm in Maltz 2057. Hope to see you there!

Student Profile

Consuelo Kelley



Consuelo Kelley is a graduate of Yale College and Yale Law School who is very pleased to be your elected DCAR Representative to SGA for the academic year 2010-2011. She is a member of the District of Columbia Bar, where she practiced environmental law. Consuelo was born and raised in Puerto Rico, is the proud mother of two sons, and is in her third year in the doctoral program in conflict analysis and resolution, where she also serves as a graduate assistant. She is deeply committed

to improving the DCAR experience for students and faculty, and asks that program suggestions and/or concerns be conveyed to her at: kconsuel@nova.edu.

Along with her DCAR activities, Consuelo is an enthusiastic musician and she plays both the drums and piano. She also enjoys writing non-academic pieces that reflect her interest in conflict resolution. She is especially interested in writing humorous pieces such as the skit performed by Dr. Jason Campbell and Dr. Judith McKay at the most recent Residential Institute SGA dinner and social.

Publications/Presentations

The Journal of Asia Conflict Resolution is now accepting submissions that deal with topics affecting Asia. Please send submissions to journalacr@gmail.com

If you are published or are presenting a paper, please let us know so we can add it to our next newsletter.

We need your input

Is there something you have been itching to see included in the next Residential Institute? Is there a skill you would like to see workshopped? An activity you would love to participate in? Send your suggestions to hw199@nova.edu so we can help you get the most bang for your buck at RI!

Alumni Focus