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Dear DCRS community,

Welcome to another issue of DCRS On the Move! Please note that our 38th Winter Residential Institute which begins on Friday, February 9th, will be a smaller event, a change made in response to feedback from students, faculty, and staff. The following courses will be holding sessions at the Winter RI: Online Mediation, Online Facilitation, Online Negotiation, Dissertation Preparation (Dissertation Bootcamp open to all doctoral students), Consulting with Leaders of Organizations, and Conflict Coaching. These last two courses are the Hybrid Electives for Winter term. You will see the dates on which these courses are meeting at RI on the Winter Graduate Course Schedule available on our student resource page: http://cahss.nova.edu/departments/crs/resources/index.html. The remaining online courses will not be meeting at the Winter RI; thus students who are not registered for one of the previously mentioned courses will not be required to attend the Winter RI. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Dr. Robin Cooper, Department Chair

37th Residential Institute Fall 2017

This fall marked our 37th Residential Institute for CAHSS. We were fortunate to host our students, who travelled from across the globe to come together for workshops and classes. This was an exciting time for faculty, staff, and students alike. Students had the opportunity to break bread with one another, share ideas, and find ways to collaborate. Throughout the RI, online students met with their classes and engaged in dialogue with our local students, as well. The evenings brought many wonderful events for participants to attend including a dinner social, the keynote dinner, and a film screening. DCRS graduate assistants and peer mentors were on hand to assist new students and those returning with any questions or concerns during their time on campus. See more about RI in the following pages.
At each Residential Institute, DCRS has been able to host a variety of leaders in the movement of Conflict Resolution. Students and faculty had the pleasure of hosting Thomas DiGrazia during this past Residential Institute. While he has extensive history in practicing law, teaching and mediating; DiGrazia has co-founded and co-directs the Yoga School of Kailua and Hawaii Yoga Prison Project.

During his keynote speech, the audience was engaged in deeper understanding of the correlation between mediating and Sanskrit teachings of yoga. These vital lessons offer insight to mediators, old and new, on best practices and self care. DiGrazia translated yoga philosophy to mediators and conflict resolutionists.

Our audience was captivated, not only by the knowledge they received, but the calming nature of the delivery. Yoga has certainly proven to be an amazing tool to utilize when handling difficult situations! Thank you to Thomas DiGrazia for an evening all of us at NSU are sure to never forget!

Students and Staff Collaborate in Working Groups

This RI, working groups met to involve our academic scholars and students in inspiring conversation in order to promote positive social change. For example, the Africa Working Group had a round-table discussion centered around the potential impact that current international realities will have on Africa Tomorrow. The forum focused on what is next for the continent as it applies to scholarship, peace, and community engagement.
Committing to Change: SGA Interdepartmental Symposium

This Fall at RI, the CAHSS Student Government Association hosted its Interdepartmental Symposium; this year's theme was “Fighting Hate Acts: A Personal and Community Commitment”. Students took the initiative in sharing personal perspectives and encouraging dialogue regarding much needed resolution to today’s growing concern for answers to hate and intolerance. We want to thank all those who have participated this past Residential Institute. It is discussions like these that facilitate change within our communities!

“Fighting Hate Acts: A Personal and Community Commitment.”
Student presenters discuss their opinions on how we as a community can work as a collective to strive for peace.

DCRS doctoral student, Jacqueline Kulaga, hops on NSU social media for the Take Over!

We live in a technology based society, where sharing in communication is becoming increasingly effective through social media. This past Residential Institute, DCRS doctoral student Jacqueline Kulaga was given the opportunity to participate in NSU’s “Snapchat TAKEOVER”. This event allows one student access to NSU’s social media app, snapchat, to share the day in the life of a student. “Social Media has proven to have such a prevalent effect on how our students engage in the world around them. It is only wise to utilize these tools any which way we can,” says Ms. Kulaga. For two days during RI, she was able to highlight NSU programs and campus life. Some students found fun in spotting her on campus and being able to participate with her in her day’s adventure.

Follow us on Snapchat: @NSUSharks

DCRS is on Facebook

We are delighted to invite you to become part of the NSU Conflict Resolution Community group on Facebook. Join us today and let’s talk, share the good things happening in your world of conflict resolution, ideas, and see what is happening in the department. Our goal is to build a community of like minds, where students and alumni can share information on current trends within the field, employment opportunities, and co-author research articles and projects. DCRS is now on Facebook
Capturing the Moments: Fall 2017 RI
Congratulations to DCRS doctoral student, Basil Ungorji, as his journal article entitled; “Black Lives Matter: Decrypting Encrypted Racism” was published in Ethnic Studies Review, a peer-reviewed journal of the National Association for Ethnic Studies in the United States. The article can be viewed here, Ethnic Studies Review, 2014-2015, Volumes 37 and 38. ISSN: 1555-1881.

Basil also led an initiative to promote peace, justice, security and sustainable development in Nigeria, and the run took place in all 36 states in Nigeria including the Capital in Abuja. The name of the movement was #RuntoNigeria with an Olive Branch.

He was also the recipient of the Florence Ross Scholarship. He is the Executive Director for ICERM. Check out their Facebook Page!

Farshad Farahat – Our doctoral student had an Op-Ed published in the Los Angeles Times (5/15/17). Congratulations!

Crystina Wyler – Congratulations to doctoral candidate Crystina Wyler on being awarded the Art of Peace Scholarship for the 2017-2018 academic year. Crystina also recently presented at the third International Symposium on Teaching about Extremism, Terror, and Trauma (TETT) in Montreal. Held at Concordia University. __________________________

Ningxin Li - Doctoral student in Conflict Analysis and Resolution is the recipient of the Wei Chen Endowed Scholarship Fund. Congratulations, Ningxin!

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Linda Kovack was this April 2017 recipient of the DCRS Student Scholarship. Congratulations Lin!

Kaitlyn Priestley - Our doctoral student in Conflict Analysis and Resolution is the recipient of the 2017 Firestone Scholarship! Congratulations!
DCRS Presents in Montreal

Cheryl Duckworth, Ph.D., faculty in the Department of Conflict Resolution Studies in NSU’s College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (CAHSS), Bina Patel, Ph.D., graduate of the doctoral program in conflict analysis and resolution, and Crystina Wyler, M.A., graduate of the M.A. in Cross-disciplinary Studies program and current doctoral candidate in conflict analysis and resolution presented at the Third International Symposium on Teaching about Extremism, Terror, and Trauma (TETT) in Montreal. Held at Concordia University. This year’s theme was Creating Learning Against Radicalization (C.L.E.A.R.). Duckworth’s presentation was entitled, “Learning 9/11 in an Age of Terror: Meta-Narratives, Local Impact.” Patel’s presentation was entitled, “Psychology of Female Violence,” and Wyler’s presentation was entitled, “Transforming Cultural Identity: How Forced Migration Changes the Role of Women.”

DCRS Sharks Present on Emotional Intelligence at FAU

This past April, Dr. Katz and doctoral candidate Katherine Sosa presented at FAU’s Lifelong Learning Society on April 5th. The Lifelong Learning Society for adult learners was established at the Boca Raton campus of Florida Atlantic University in 1980. With over 25,000 patron registrations per year, the LLS program in Boca Raton is a national model of exemplary lifelong learning.

The presenters spoke on emotional intelligence capacities. They also explored the latest findings for what predicts a successful quarterback in the NFL, and what the future of emotional intelligence holds. We at DCRS are proud to see our students and faculty engage the local community in these important matters.

More Happenings...

The spring ISA panel that included Dr. Mary Hope Schwoebel and two of our students presenting papers. Heartfelt congratulations!

Congratulations are in order

Congratulations are in order for two DCRS faculty members who have been awarded Nova Southeastern University’s 2017-2018 President’s Faculty Research and Development Grant.

Dr. Joyce Avotri-Wuaku was awarded for her research project entitled: “We worry too much!” Ghanaian Women’s Own Accounts of their Health Problems.

Dr. Cheryl Duckworth was awarded for her research project entitled Youth Leadership for Conflict Resolution. Kudos to you both.
DCRS Alumni, Faculty, and Students Attend ACR in Texas, Fall 2017

Department of Conflict Resolution Studies alumni, faculty and students at Association for Conflict Resolution 2017.

DCRS Faculty and Students Present at East Carolina University

Neil Katz, Ph.D., faculty in NSU’s College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (CAHSS), and doctoral candidate Katherine Sosa and doctoral student Omar Johnson, designed and delivered a Provost Academic Leadership Workshop on “Leadership Challenges in Higher Education: Diagnostic and Communication Tools for Managing Conflict and Change.” The June workshop was for the Provost, Deans and chairs of over 40 academic units at Eastern Carolina University. Included were Managing Change, Multi-frame Thinking in Understanding and Attacking Complex Challenges, and Supervisory Mediation for Leaders. Katz, Sosa, and Johnson are in the Department of Conflict Resolution Studies in CAHSS.

Dr. Katz has also recently been appointed to the editorial board of Conflict Resolution Quarterly (CRQ). CRQ is the journal of the Association for Conflict Resolution, a leading professional association in the field of conflict resolution.

DCRS Faculty is Guest Editor of Journal of Peacebuilding and Development

Mary Hope Schwobebel, Ph.D., faculty in the Department of Conflict Resolution Studies (DCRS) was the guest editor of a special edition of the Journal of Peacebuilding and Development. Schwobebel’s editorial was entitled, “Peacebuilding Approaches to Preventing and Transforming Violent Extremism.”

Schwoebel's areas of interest include, peacebuilding and statebuilding, peacebuilding and development, gender and conflict, culture and conflict, and the interactions between indigenous systems of governance and conflict resolution and international interventions.
Just Some of the Many Recent Faculty Publications

The 2017 Distinguished Alumni Honoree from the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences is Dr. Jacqueline N. Font-Guzmán. She is a PhD graduate from the DCRS program. Dr. Font-Guzman, on November 9, will be inducted as a Distinguished Alumni along with other nominees during the distinguished alumni reception to be hosted at Rolling Hills during Homecoming Week.

Dr. Font-Guzmán is a professor of law and conflict studies, and director in the Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (NCR) Program in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies at Creighton University. She is a certified mediator and arbitrator by the Puerto Rico Supreme Court. She is a Fulbright Scholar who has actively participated in the field of conflict studies through national and international conferences and workshops, and has conducted a wide variety of trainings and seminars in the field, throughout the United States, the Caribbean, Europe, and Latin America. Some of the organizations she has provided mediation, facilitation and/or training services to include the: World Health Organization, U.S. Postal Service, Judicial Academy of the Puerto Rico Supreme Court, Spanish Supreme Court Judicial Council for Continuous Education for Judges, Venezuela Supreme Court, Johnson & Johnson, and the Nebraska Bar Association. She has also been a visiting professor at the University of Puerto Rico Law School in San Juan, Puerto Rico and at Carlos III University School of Law in Madrid, Spain.

Dr. Font-Guzmán conducts qualitative research with a focus on the fields of healthcare disparities, law, citizenship, and conflict engagement. Specifically, how people construct meaning at critical points in their lives about their identity to explore the manners in which meaning-making leads them to productively engage with conflict. She also explores how marginalized individuals create alternate stories and counter-narratives to address institutional injustices. You can view her research on her SSRN Author Page and follow her scholarship work on academia.edu. Prior to joining Creighton University, Dr. Font-Guzmán was in private practice and mediation. She also clerked for Honorable Carmen Consuelo Cerezo on the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico. Read More about her here...
**DCRS Alumni on the Move**

**Jorge Rice, PhD** – Our DCRS PhD program alum recently accepted a position as Equal Employee Specialist within the Library of Congress doing Mediation, Counseling, and EEO investigations.

**Marilyn "Anita" Vestal, MBA PhD** - DCRS alum, Professor Vestal, has recently published an article entitled *T'ai Chi Chih, An Evidence-Based Mindfulness Practice: Literature Review*. It is published in the August 2017 issue of Alternative and Complementary Therapies; the abstract can be found here: [http://online.liebertpub.com/doi/10.1089/act.2017.29121.mav](http://online.liebertpub.com/doi/10.1089/act.2017.29121.mav)

**Toran Hansen, PhD**– Dr. Hansen, Assistant Professor at Salisbury University in Maryland, recently published an article entitled “Evidenced-Based Conflict Management Practice” in the *Journal of Conflict Management*, 2017 Vol. 5, number 1. It can be viewed on the website: [http://jocm.net/](http://jocm.net/) Dr. Hansen is an alum of the Conflict Analysis and Resolution Master's program.

**Bruce Lilyea, PhD**– Our Alum from the Conflict Analysis and Resolution doctoral program, and Adjunct Professor for DCRS, Dr. Bruce Lilyea, received the 2016-2017 Outstanding Adjunct Professor Award from the Southeastern University, School of Unrestricted Education, Business, and Leadership Department.

**Sharon McIntyre, PhD**, alum of our DCRS doctoral program, moderated a panel and presented at the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration next week. Her panel was: Policy, Education, Health, and Law: Advocating, Adjudicating, and Making Policy. The title of her paper was: Challenges for Public Policy: Identifying and Deterring Income Inequality of Women. Dr. McIntyre continues to focus on both conflict resolution and public administration issues.
This past summer, DCRS students explored sustainable development and conflict resolution on a two-week study abroad. Led by Dr. Elena Bastidas, the trip exposed students to political voices, business leadership, indigenous peoples and locals who shared their perspectives of conflict with students.

The first case explored the Yasuni initiative, a biodiverse area of the Amazon rainforest involving a conflict between business interests, political issues and indigenous people. Students met with activists, business/political representatives, and native tribes for insight into the conflict. The second case involved gold mining for the Loma Larga project, overseen by IMV Metals/IMGold where sustainable methods of gold mining demonstrate environmental harmony and community development. The third case explored the town of Vilcabamba in the Sierra Andes mountains famous for healthy aging among its senior population, which explored the recent influx of non-native retirees to the area and its influence on the towns dynamics.
Peer Mentoring 2017

The Peer To Peer Program at DCRS was created to assist the students with their Ph.D. transition. Peer Mentors provide support and guidance to fellow DCRS students in completing their degree by offering advice about managing coursework and accessing resources that expand academic and professional development. Peer-To-Peer sessions occur in group formats at the RIs and one-on-one, either in person, by telephone or email. It is recommended that each first-year student in the program get paired with a mentor. This last Residential Institute, new students met with their Peer Mentors to gain insightful advice from seasoned students and faculty on how to navigate their new journey through DCRS programs. NSU takes pride in developing future scholars!
Scholarships

♦ The ACUNS Dissertation Fellowship Award recognizes emerging students of extraordinary potential who have reached the stage of writing an advanced graduate-level dissertation on a topic of direct and demonstrable relevance to the United Nations and/or the UN system. Applicants for the award should already be a student member of ACUNS. Information about joining ACUNS can be found at http://acuns.org/join-renew/ For applicants from the Global South whose financial status may preclude them from purchasing a membership, contact admin@acuns.org

♦ The CAORC Multi-Country Research Fellowship Program supports advanced regional or trans-regional research in the humanities, social sciences, or allied natural sciences for US doctoral candidates and scholars who have already earned their PhD. Preference will be given to candidates examining comparative and/or cross-regional research. Scholars must carry out research in two or more countries outside the US, at least one of which hosts a participating American overseas research center. Approximately eight awards of up to $10,500 each will be given each year. Applications for the Multi-Country Research Fellowship Program are now available at orcfellowships.fluidreview.com. The deadline for submissions is January 31, 2018 and announcements are expected to be made by the end of April 2018. Approximately eight awards of up to $10,500 each will be given each year. Please note you must be a US citizen to apply. Deadline is Jan. 31, 2018.

♦ "The Gerald R. Ford Scholar Award in Honor of Robert M. Teeter is an annual award of $5000 given to a doctoral student to support dissertation research and writing in any field related to any aspect of the United States political process and public policy during the last half of the 20th century. . . . Applicants must have achieved candidacy and completed all requirements for the Ph.D. program (coursework and examinations) except for the dissertation by the application deadline." Deadline March 31, 2018.

♦ Susan and Neil Katz Family Changing Lives Scholarship. Award Amount: $1,000, Deadline: November 10, 2017. Distribution: The scholarship will be applied to the Winter 2018 academic term. Background: The Susan and Neil Katz Family Changing Lives Scholarship was established to support full-time international graduate (residential) DCRS students. The application document is attached. It can also be downloaded from the NSU. Scholarship webpage: http://www.nova.edu/financialaid/scholarships

Opportunities Available to DCRS students

Graduate Assistantships for CAHSS Doctoral Students Award Amount: Stipend up to a maximum of $15,600.00 per year, paid bi-weekly.

CAHSS Student Association Endowed Community Outreach Scholarship. Award Varies Created to honor colleagues who are committed to giving back to the community. Awarded to students whose community service is exemplary of and committed to NSU vision.

James O Elmore Scholarship Fund. Award varies. Created in memory of Jim Elmore, a federal mediator who passed away in 1998, and friend of DCRS. This fund is used to award DCRS students for professional conference presentations and academic publications.

DCRS Student Scholarship Funds. Amount Varies. The scholarship is available to students for outstanding academic performance, crisis situation of need and/or contribution to inclusive learning community building. The award is on a case by case basis.

CAHSS friends memorial fund (Based on available funds not to exceed $500.00) This fund is in memory of a late colleague Mr. Cody Smith for his outstanding service to the SHSS. This fund is specific to students who have registered continuously and in good academic standings and actively working on their thesis/dissertation or community outreach project.

For additional information on these scholarships go to http://cahss.nova.edu/students/resources/index.html
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CAHSS ALUMNI OUTREACH

CAHSS Hosts Their First Virtual Alumni Event

The NSU Alumni Association offers a free series of virtual networking events for alumni every month and October’s chat was designated exclusively for College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Alumni. On October 19th, 2017 CAHSS organized a team of department representatives made up of faculty and staff to participate in one-on-one, text-based chats with alumni during their lunch hour. Alumni were encouraged to log in and find the chat room associated with their degree program and department. There, they were automatically connected with the representative in the room. Discussions included, catching up on current college news, upcoming CAHSS events, and career advice.
What’s Happening in the University

NSU’s New M.D. College Receives Preliminary Accreditation
NSU has received preliminary accreditation for its College of Allopathic Medicine from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the organization that accredits M.D. programs in the U.S. and Canada. This major milestone allows the new medical school to accept an inaugural class of 50 students to its Doctor of Medicine… More

NSU President Featured in Sun Sentinel’s South Florida 100
Last week, the Sun Sentinel selected South Florida’s 100 most influential people to share their thoughts on current and future events. The Sun Sentinel featured NSU President George Hanbury, PH.D., who talked about the preliminary accreditation given to NSU’s College of Allopathic Medicine. “I am proud that in addition to our existing…

NSU Announces Transformational Gift from Patel Family Foundation
Nova Southeastern University announces the largest philanthropic gift in its history from Tampa-area cardiologist Dr. Kiran C. Patel and his wife, pediatrician Dr. Pallavi Patel. The commitment will significantly expand its programs in osteopathic medicine and health care sciences, and be used to develop a new 27-acre campus for NSU…

https://nsunews.nova.edu/NSU-announces-transformational-gift-from-patel-family-foundation/

Pride Bite: U.S. News & World Report Ranks NSU Within Their 2018 Top 200 Best Colleges
U.S. News & World Report ranked Nova Southeastern University (NSU) within their 2018 list of top 200 “Best Colleges.” NSU is officially ranked at number 198 for National Universities - (up 16 spots). This is the second time this year that the university was ranked by U.S. News and World Report….

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