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Sample topics
• Your Voice Is Important
• Understanding Microaggressions
• Experiences and Perspectives of International Students at NSU

Did you know? CAHSS exudes diversity. Statistics for fall 2018 show that the student body was 26% Hispanic, 23% black, 9% other minority (which includes those with more than one race, Asians, Native Americans, and Alaskan Natives), 11% other/unknown, and 31% white.

Have a question or suggestion?
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Hello fellow CAHSS Sharks,

Welcome to the fall 2018 edition of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences *Dialogues*. Because of such amazing feedback from you, our prized student body, we have gained an edge on developing what could become the college’s magazine.

The CAHSS Graduate SGA hosted several events throughout the fall semester that engaged students, faculty members, alumni, and the Nova Southeastern University community. Being students first, we fulfill our duties as the SGA by serving those who we represent—the student body. Each event hosted so far, was designed with the purpose of giving you, the students, an experience that you would never forget while completing your studies here at NSU.

The semester was filled with exciting events, including the annual Fall Social and the Interdepartmental Symposium. We received so much wonderful feedback from all of you who attended events throughout the semester. And, to uphold our motto of becoming a more inclusive community, we hope to apply your important messages and ideas to upcoming events.

To build a stronger sense of community and family here in the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, the SGA decided to present this fall’s *Dialogues* from a “*Did you know?*” perspective. Throughout the magazine, you will find tips that will help you become more involved in the future as a student, department representative, or even as an executive board member compiling next year’s *Dialogues*.

As this year’s CAHSS Graduate SGA secretary/*Dialogues* editor, I want to thank you all! Thank you for your endless support, feedback, participation, and much more. It has been a pleasure serving as your secretary, and I cannot wait to see what the future holds for the CAHSS SGA!

If you have any questions, concerns, or general feedback, please contact me.

Have a great winter semester!

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Greetings students, alumni, and colleagues,

As we enter the 2018 holiday season, it is my pleasure to share with you my reflections and updates on the first term of our 2018–2019 academic year here at NSU’s College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (CAHSS).

This has been a period of remarkable activity, especially with the ongoing process of relocating the faculty and administrative offices of CAHSS to our new home, the Mailman-Hollywood Building. Those of you within the graduate programs of the Department of Writing and Communication (DWC), the Department of Multidisciplinary Studies (DMS), and the Department of History and Political Science (DHPS) will now find your faculty and department administrative teams located in Mailman-Hollywood—DMS and DWC on the first floor and DHPS on the second floor. If you have not already done so, please be sure to stop by to visit. The Department of Literature and Modern Languages was also relocated from Parker to the third floor of the Mailman-Hollywood building.

The Department of Conflict Resolution Studies (DCRS) will be moving to the second floor of Mailman-Hollywood in the coming weeks, and the Department of Family Therapy (DFT) will be moving in 2019. Classes will still be held in various locations on campus, and the Family Therapy Clinic will continue to reside in the Maltz building. The Department of Performing and Visual Arts remains at the Don Taft University Center. My office will be on the second floor of Mailman-Hollywood, and I look forward to welcoming you there in the winter term.

In addition to the activity of establishing a new home base for the college, there have been other exciting activities this fall at CAHSS, including our 39th Residential Institute (RI) held in September. It was a joy to welcome both online and residential students to take part in the rich offerings of classes, workshops, roundtables, presentations, and working groups. The CAHSS Graduate Student Government Association contributed significantly to both the intellectual enrichment of the RI, with the Interdepartmental Symposium on “The Intricacies of Immigration: A multicultural look at issues surrounding immigration” and the joyous interaction of the SGA Fall Social. What wonderful community-building opportunities there have been so far! This fall, we also have marked the 10-year anniversaries of the art and design, dance, and music programs at CAHSS, along with several other anniversary celebrations.

Our academic work does not take place in a vacuum, but occurs in a time of significant social strains, both nationally and internationally. We are proud that, through the programs at CAHSS, our students are developing as caring, competent community members prepared to improve society. This skill set is reflected in our updated college profile, presented below:

Classic traditions meet cutting-edge innovations. The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (CAHSS) offers undergraduate and graduate programs in the social sciences, arts, humanities, and helping professions with this shared goal—to understand and improve human relationships and prepare students to successfully confront the complex issues of the 21st century. Our preeminent faculty employs dynamic teaching and experiential learning. Engaged alumni foster community outreach and career networking. Among the cross-disciplinary offerings enriching students’ experiences are a Performing and Visual Arts Series, Family Therapy Clinic, Writing Studio, Model United Nations Team, and Campus Diversity Dialogues. CAHSS programs blend theory, research, and practice, giving students the knowledge, skills, and ethical foundation to be confident, capable, and caring professionals and community members, exemplifying inclusive excellence. That’s the NSU Edge at work.

Thank you for all you do to contribute to this vibrant, inspiring college community. Let’s keep in touch.

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“Everything has its beauty, but not everyone sees it.” —Andy Warhol

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“Your need for acceptance can make you invisible in this world ... risk being seen in all your glory.” —Jim Carey

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“Say less!” (Author unknown)

Did you know that you can become a board member of CAHSS Graduate SGA?
Elections for the 2019–2020 academic year will be held in the spring. And, as soon as January, you can throw your hat into the ring.
A warm welcome from the 2018–2019 CAHSS Graduate SGA!

As the CAHSS Graduate SGA Executive Board, we have truly enjoyed collaborating with the students, faculty and staff members, and other SGA board members at the university. The executive board has been working relentlessly to be able to successfully complete events and respond to student needs.

This fall, we have participated in many events, including the New Student Orientation, Welcome Week, Interdepartmental Symposium, and CAHSS SGA Fall Social at the Grande Oaks Golf Club. In addition, we have offered professional development funding assistance. We look forward to the upcoming departmental events—like bringing in well-known authors as guest speakers. Our goal is to continue supporting each department and to ensure that our students get assistance with professional development. We also plan to continue sponsoring events and providing resources for our students.

We encourage all students to get involved with a CAHSS club or organization. Have a concept for a new club? Consider creating one! Come see us; we welcome all feedback and ideas. Your CAHSS Graduate SGA is here to boost your NSU edge and to help you become a force of nature!

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Meet Your CAHSS Graduate SGA Department Representatives

Department of Conflict Resolution Studies Representative

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“We must discover the power of love, the redemptive power of love. And when we discover that, we will be able to make of this old world a new world. Love is the only way.”
—Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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“We never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”
—Margaret Mead

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“Act in such a way that you always treat humanity, whether in your own person or in the person of any other, never simply as a means, but always at the same time as an end.”
—Immanuel Kant

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“Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful.”
—Herman Cain

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“Train your mind to see the good in everything.” (Unknown)

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Always hold fast to the present. Every situation, indeed every moment, is of infinite value. For it is the representative of a whole eternity.”
—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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“Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do, and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.”
—General George S. Patton, Jr.

Did you know? Your department has its own SGA representative who can assist you and your club with organizing future events. This includes preparing proper documentation to request SGA funding. This is your chance to cover the cost of a guest speaker and refreshments for your event.
Did you know? In fall 2018, CAHSS had 1,234 students. Of those students, 678 were registered in graduate programs and 556 in undergraduate.
Welcome Week Fall 2018 was a great success! Each day during the first week of classes, the CAHSS SGA Executive Board and department representatives delivered food, beverages, and NSU CAHSS T-shirts to students in their classrooms.

From left, Jetlexis Carlos, vice president, and department representatives Jennifer Lawer and Debbie Manigat show off the CAHSS SGA logo.

Jetlexis Carlos, CAHSS SGA vice president, engages with students and a librarian during Welcome Week.

Tyrone Grandison, CAHSS SGA treasurer, left, poses with fellow students and department representative Debbie Manigat (in white).
Behind the Scenes Look at
A Grand Gala

“Picking the venue was the easy part! We knew that we wanted to provide our student body with an elegant evening where they could dress up like they were attending a ball. What better place to host such “A Grand Gala” than at the Grande Oaks Golf Club close to our Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus. Walking into Grande Oaks one Friday evening to inquire about hosting the event at the location, we were immediately amazed by its decor and the effortless beauty in the layout of the building.

However, my ability to continue exploring this amazing venue was embarrassingly halted because of my attire. We had no idea that Grande Oaks enforced a strict dress code on the weekends. And, of course, like most other students, I happened to be wearing jeans! It was there and then that we realized how much of an asset that this environment would be to our Grand Gala.

Porshia Cunningham, CAHSS SGA president, continued the tour without me. She handpicked the beautiful decor and florals that would be placed all around the room, the endless and delicious food stations that would serve all our guests, and a DJ who would get all our students in the mood to dance and just have fun.

Meanwhile, I took the opportunity to tour the outside grounds of the golf club for the very first time, and it was breathtaking. I stopped and wondered how many of our students had ever been there before.

So, while our president, Porshia, was deciding from the inside, I was on the outside visualizing how amazing an event this would be for our students and guests.

And, that was just the beginning of the work that lead to A Grand Gala!

Jetlexis Carlos
CAHSS Graduate SGA Vice President
A Grand Gala Photos
Four Views Address the Intricacies of Immigration

The recent shift in U.S. immigration policies sparked the topic of the CAHSS Graduate SGA’s Fall 2018 Interdepartmental Symposium. In September, four different analyses tackled The Intricacies of Immigration: Multicultural Perspectives.

Noemi Nunez and Monique Scoggin—students in the M.A. in Composition, Rhetoric, and Digital Media program from the Department of Writing and Communication—were first up and discussed Composing the Immigrant Experience. The duo pointed out the rejection, vulnerability, and shame that immigrants face. They also related the immigrant experience to English as a second language students and composition, tying culture to language and emphasizing how important it is in the United States to speak the “right” language to achieve educational success.

Nunez and Scoggin said they enjoyed the opportunity to share information on how immigration issues are present in the classroom, especially in composition. And, they were glad to promote awareness of the diversity of language that is already present in our classrooms and will continue to grow.

Oksana B. Dognon—a Ph.D. student in the Department of Conflict Resolution Studies—presented on the Comparison and Analysis of Canadian and American Immigration Policies. Dognon pointed out that since 9/11, the United States has admitted its lowest number of refugees
(with the least amount under the Trump administration), while Canada welcomed its highest number (since 2010). Although there is a ban on Muslim immigration to the United States, Canada has welcomed all from those banned countries. Dognon also warned that while this country is dealing with immigration issues, it really needs to focus on problems within the nation, like mass shootings, which have not been committed by immigrants.

“The interdepartmental symposium is a wonderful opportunity to meet people working in our department and to exchange ideas that contribute to critical thinking development,” said Dognon, who was presenting for the third consecutive symposium. “It is also an opportunity to practice your presentation-related skills in front of an audience.”

Brett Johnston—a student in the M.A. in Cross-Disciplinary Studies program—tackled Intersectionality of Immigration and LGBT Perspectives of Russian-Speaking Populations. His research showed how Russian-speaking LGBT people face demographic-specific atrocities in their homeland, with 2017 statistics showing that hate crimes doubled in five years. While many left their native land seeking freedom from these prejudices, some faced the same negative issues in newly adopted countries. Johnston emphasized that LGBT immigrants face unique challenges because of their sexual orientation, and these problems are often not depicted via mass media or on social media.

Lasting Impacts of Immigration on Infant Mental Health rounded out the topics presented at the symposium. Debbie Manigat—a doctoral candidate in the Department of Marriage and Family Therapy—said that preparing the next generation for life begins in early childhood in the context of a relationship with an attuned caregiver. Infant mental health (IMH), she said, is the optimal growth, social/emotional, behavioral, and cognitive development of the infant in the context of the unfolding relationship between the infant and parent (or caregiver). Ultimately, IMH is evidence that children need both caretakers.

Using IMH as a lens to transform foundational services can aid in immigration reform and services to children and families, Manigat explained. Children impacted by the current affairs in immigration may have experienced trauma or adverse childhood experiences. IMH research can help serve as a scaffold to improve immigration services to children and prevent adverse childhood experiences.

Discussions followed the individual presentations, and a $150 Barnes & Noble gift card—funded by the CAHSS Graduate SGA—was awarded for each.

The presenters, advisers, and the dean: From left are Assistant Dean E. Jayne Schatz, SGA Adviser Elena Bastidas, Debbie Manigat, Oksana B. Dognon, Monique Scoggin, Noemi Nunez, Department Chair Shanti Bruce, Michele Rice, Dean Honggang Yang, and Brett Johnston (kneeling).
Multicultural Perspectives
A Poem by Nereida Roman

The life of a child as an immigrant:
Separated from their parents, 2018

That day, I saw it all, too clear...
I ran, I screamed, I fought back,
Nothing will bring them back,
I learned on my journey
In hell
No matter what I did, it was worthless,

It wasn’t me, I was dreaming, I thought
I had seen these people before, on TV and I didn’t like it
My family never liked them,
Those angry people holding me tight, holding me back,
I kept fighting, breathless
I stopped, but my crying never did

My mother is outside,
I can see her hair blowing in the wind,
She left, I stood there, still, as she
Rode off into the sunset

I asked myself, why am I here?
What is the reason?
Why did she leave me?
My mother will never leave me,
is them,
I cried
Until my dress was drench with tears

This is my worst nightmare
The pain is unbearable
My smart heart is broken
It is pain, this is pain

Days are the same
Nights are worse, in this place
The kids, the adults, they are all the same
I keep looking for my parents, I can’t find them
I search everywhere
Nothing
I only see sadness, sad faces of children crying

Is hard to sleep here
I can’t.
The bed is too hard, and this shiny blanket is too smelly
I can’t sleep, I can’t eat, I can’t live like this,
I need my park, my toys, my blanket
But most of all
I need you, mom and dad to pick me up and

Take me to see the stars again.
I need to tell you mom that
You made a terrible mistake bringing me here
You don’t understand what is like
Is sad, very sad, not seeing you
Not seeing dad, my family
I tell the kids lets run away, they don’t listen

They tell me to have hope,
What is that? What is hope?
That’s what they always say,
I just want my daddy to kiss me goodnight,
I feel so sad,
Don’t you understand, is so hard
To explain
For you to see, hope, I don’t believe,

I need my family.
Conflict Resolution Studies

Specialist Shares Insight on International Peace Work

Giselle Huamani Ober, Ph.D., a conflict analysis and resolution specialist, as well as a mediator with more than 25 years of experience, was a keynote speaker during the CAHSS 39th Residential Institute this fall at Nova Southeastern University.

Specifically, Ober educated her audience about “Developing Infrastructure for Peace in Societies with Deep Dividers.” During her lecture, she shared insights about her career in international peace and conflict resolution. Her work focuses on system and process design for dispute resolution; conflict resolution program development; training in conflict analysis, negotiation, and mediation; design and facilitation of multi-stakeholder processes; and evaluation of program and processes for peace building and conflict resolution.

Ober talked about how her work led her to Guatemala, Bolivia, Peru, and the United States for program development, conflict resolution training, and facilitation. Additionally, she has developed programs in Eastern Europe, South Asia, and Northern Ireland.

As a mediator, she gave her perspectives on projects in community and multiparty reconciliation and mediation, social conflicts, natural resources and environmental conflicts, and public processes of negotiation over natural resources—all part of the work she has contributed in the field. These projects also contributed to Ober’s focus in developing programs, systems, and process designs for dispute resolution to many organizations.

Left: Giselle Huamani Ober speaks to NSU attendees about her work in mediation, conflict resolution, and peace education.

Association for Conflict Resolutions Conference

Faculty members, students, and alumni from the Department of Conflict Resolution Studies attended the Association for Conflict Resolutions 2018 Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Did you know CAHSS has seven departments?
The college has five graduate and two undergraduate departments.
1. Conflict Resolution Studies
2. Family Therapy
3. History and Political Science
4. Multidisciplinary Studies
5. Writing and Communication
6. Literature and Modern Languages (undergraduate)
7. Performing and Visual Arts (undergraduate)
Family Therapy

Film Lifts the Mask from Mental Illness

NSU’s CAHSS, in collaboration with The Quell Foundation and the NSU Division of Advancement and Community Relations, screened the powerful documentary, *Lift the Mask: Portraits of Life with Mental Illness*, on October 17, 2018.

The film, produced by The Quell Foundation, offers compelling stories of the impact of mental illness on the family. Six people are featured in the documentary, and each discusses the journey with mental illness—from onset to diagnosis to treatment.

Kevin Lynch, a former naval officer and health care administrator who founded The Quell Foundation, was on hand for the screening at NSU. He discussed the group’s mission to reduce the number of suicides, overdoses, and incarcerations of people struggling with mental illness. Following the screening, he participated in a panel discussion and stayed for the reception, where he interacted with attendees.

The Quell Foundation also funds a clinical/research project within NSU’s Department of Family Therapy. It examines the impact of equine facilitated psychotherapy on incarcerated boys from the Pompano Youth Treatment Center. The project, codirected by Shelley Green, Ph.D., and Maria Levi-Minzi, Ph.D., is offered through an ongoing partnership between the Equine Assisted Family Therapy Program at NSU and Stable Place, a non-profit community partner cofounded by Green and Valerie Judd, executive director of Stable Place.

A Day for Children

Representatives from NSU Care Centers—including the Brief Therapy Institute, Family Therapy Clinic, and Medical Family Therapy Clinic—interacted with families, provided screenings for the children, or shared information about the clinical services NSU offers at the annual A Day for Children at the Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus on October 21, 2018.

Every year, the free, fun-filled day focuses on children’s health. This fall, student volunteers from the Department of Family Therapy worked on activities with the children, while sharing important information about NSU clinical services with their parents.
History and Political Science

Team Tackles the Florida Amendments

This past November was a very important time for not only NSU, but the entire country as well—the midterm elections were held. The Department of History and Political Science brought students and staff and faculty members together to make them aware of various amendments that were on the Florida ballot. On October 16, 2018, the department hosted a panel to discuss the 12 constitutional amendments that state voters would face.

The group discussed how some amendments were “bundled” with different topics being addressed on the single amendment. Participants deliberated on whether the amendments were written with confusing language to intentionally push voters to skip the question. The group also addressed Amendments 1 and 2 and talked about how increasing homeowners tax exemptions could result in less tax revenue for local government services.

A representative from Dream Defenders, an activist group that tackles prison issues, gave the group vital information about Amendment 4, which sought to restore voting rights to nonviolent felons.

Did you know there are nine graduate degree programs offered by CAHSS?

1. M.A. Composition, Rhetoric, and Digital Media
2. M.A. Cross-Disciplinary Studies
3. M.S. College Student Affairs
4. M.S. Conflict Analysis and Resolution
5. M.S. Family Therapy
6. M.S. National Security Affairs and International Relations
7. D.M.F.T. Marriage and Family Therapy
8. Ph.D. Conflict Analysis and Resolution
9. Ph.D. Family Therapy

Above, a moment is captured at the Midterm Results Watch Party hosted by the Department of History and Political Science at NSU’s Flight Deck Pub on November 6, 2018.
Multidisciplinary Studies

Undergraduates Receive Guidance, Advice

During the second week of the fall semester, the Department of Multidisciplinary Studies hosted a Deciding Majors Event for all undergraduate students to help offer advice and career development. More than 50 students attended the event that helped them to explore different majors and minors within CAHSS. The undergraduates were matched with areas that appealed to their interests and skills. While enjoying lunch, they were able to meet and chat with Honggang Yang, CAHSS dean; interact with department chairs; and pose questions to representatives from the Office of Career Development and the NSU Undergraduate Academic Advising Center. They also were provided with information about the process of changing or declaring a major.

Did you know there are seven graduate certificate programs available through CAHSS?

1. Advanced Conflict Resolution Practice
2. College Student Personnel Administration
3. Family Systems Health Care
4. National Security Affairs and International Relations
5. Peace Studies
6. Qualitative Research
7. Solution-Focused Coaching
Behind-the-Scenes Authors Take Center Stage

The Department of Writing and Communication (DWC) welcomed Lynne Gaillet, Ph.D., distinguished university professor and chair of the English Department at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia. Gaillet is the coauthor of the book *Primary Research and Writing: People, Places, and Spaces*, that is used to teach COMP 2000.

During her visit in October, Gaillet—who is also an author of numerous articles and book chapters addressing Scottish rhetoric, writing program administration, composition/rhetoric history and pedagogy, publishing matters, and archival research methods—met with professors over lunch to chat about the textbook they use in their classroom. She also shared her inspiration for her writing and her views on research studies. Gaillet is a recipient of a National Endowment for the Humanities Award and an International Society for the History of Rhetoric Fellowship.

Later that same day, the author presented *Artifacts, Ephemera, and Archives: Changing Scholarly Conversations and Recovering Rhetorical Histories*. Addressing an audience of more than 30 that included undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty members, and staying relevant to her studies on the use of archives, she pointed out that research “is not the destination, it’s the journey.” Gaillet said that people hear the word archives and think of “old, cold, and mold,” but that the use of archives meant so much more, and digging through different kinds of archives could be extremely beneficial for a researcher.

Both events were sponsored by CAHSS Graduate SGA and offered participants culinary treats catered by Chartwells.

The DWC also hosted a publishing workshop in November that featured writer and editor Hector Mojena—who has published essays and short fiction pieces in *The Missouri Review, Saw Palm Magazine, Strangeways*, and *The Acentos Review*. Students and faculty members learned about publishers’ guidelines and the production process for book publication.
Voices Raised Against Silencing Stories

The Department of Literature and Modern Languages (DLML) celebrated intellectual freedom at its banned books social “Banning Books Silences Stories” that was held September 12, 2018. The event was a part of the national Banned Books Week, designated September 23–29.

An annual event, Banned Books Week raises awareness of the censorship on books and celebrates the latitude and the value of free and open access to information. First launched in 1982, the occasion draws attention and gives a response to the sudden rise in the number of restricted themes in books—specifically in schools, bookstores, and libraries. The weeklong event is aimed at bringing together the entire literature community in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas that are considered unorthodox or controversial.

At the end of the DLML’s event, a raffle was conducted, and three students were each able to receive one of these banned books. The social also served as an avenue to introduce students to DLML’s new location in the Mailman-Hollywood building.

DLML also hosted a Critical Language Scholarship Program Information Session in October. Students were given information about a U.S. Department of State program that offered opportunities for a full summer scholarship for intensive overseas language and cultural immersion.

Marlisa Santos, Ph.D., chair of DLML, said the summer program “is a wonderful opportunity for students to gain a deeper understanding of the complexity of international relations through immersion in the language and culture of countries that play critical roles in global politics and economics.”

Did you know that 15 undergraduate programs are housed within CAHSS?

1. B.A. Art and Design
2. B.A. Communication
3. B.A. Dance
4. B.A. English
5. B.A. History
6. B.A. International Studies
7. B.A. Music
8. B.A. Philosophy
9. B.A. Political Science
10. B.A. Theatre
11. B.S. Applied Professional Studies
12. B.S. General Studies
13. B.S. Human Development and Family Studies
14. B.S. Legal Studies
15. B.S. Sociology
Performing and Visual Arts

The Department of Performing and Visual Arts (DPV) participated in its annual Dance Awareness Day on October 24, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Don Taft University Center. The project reaches out to the community with this free event that offers classes in a variety of different styles. From beginners with no experience to dancers with years of experience, all are welcomed.

This year’s event drew almost 200 attendees, including high school students and members of the NSU and local communities.

Improve Jam NINE (a comedy filled with monologues, musical numbers, and improvisational skits performed by NSU students) will be presented by Stage2 Productions at the Black Box Theatre on January 25, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are required and can be purchased online. Visit https://web.ovationtix.com/trs/pr/994776 to buy tickets.

The DPV will hold a Senior Showcase Art Exhibition from February 20–April 19, 2019, in the lobby of the Performance Theatre at the Don Taft University Center. Artwork by NSU seniors will be on display. This exhibit will be free and open to the public.
Ph.D. Student Wins Scholarship for Community Outreach

This fall, the CAHSS Graduate SGA awarded Lisa Long, a full-time Ph.D. student in the Department of Criminal Justice,* with the Endowed Scholarship for Community Outreach. The scholarship is designed to highlight the efforts of students whose community service is exemplary of, and committed to, NSU’s vision and the CAHSS motto of “Walking the Talk.”

Long works full time at a private university as a program coordinator for its Master of Justice Administration Program. She also works as a service support coordinator and a training director at a local nonprofit organization that provides services for victims of human trafficking.

In addition, she serves as a board member and secretary of Greater Fayetteville United, a nonprofit organization, which has a goal to make its city great by educating and uniting individuals of various backgrounds within its community. Long is a board member for the Fayetteville Police Department Police Athletic League, which takes pride in establishing programming for underprivileged and at-risk youths, as well.

Although Long is a full-time student and employee, she believes it is important to find time to give back to the community. She shares that passion with her two sons, who she says are her greatest contributions to society—especially because they share her devotion to caring for their communities.

“I’m excited and blessed to receive the endowment scholarship,” said Long. She said that the money [$1,000] will be used to help pay her NSU tuition. “Investing in my community is an imperative action that I can engage in on multiple levels. I encourage everyone to identify and sharpen their own gifts and talents that they can share with others in their community,” she added. “It’s important for us to always understand, our investment of time will produce invaluable results that will benefit us as well as others. We will prosper now, and future generations will prosper if we engage and invest NOW!!”

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be registered at NSU, be in good academic standing, have completed at least 9 credits in a CAHSS graduate program, and be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours in a term.

*The Department of Criminal Justice has since moved from the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. It is now the School of Criminal Justice at the Abraham S. Fischler College of Education.
UPCOMING EVENTS

40th Residential Institute
February 8–11, 2019
WHO’S INVITED:
All online, Ph.D., M.S., and graduate certificate students
BENEFITS:
The event gives online students a chance to meet professors and other students in person.
DETAILS AND RSVP:
Watch your NSU email.

Graduate SGA Winter Social
February 9, 2019
WHO’S INVITED:
CAHSS graduate students, CAHSS SGA alumni, and faculty members
BENEFITS:
The social provides an opportunity to network and enjoy a meaningful experience with colleagues and mentors.
COST:
TBD
RSVP:
Watch your NSU email.

Annual NSU CommunityFest
February 9, 2019
Noon–4:00 p.m.
WHERE:
Gold Circle Lake
WHO’S INVITED:
All NSU Sharks—students, faculty and staff members, family members, and friends in the community
BENEFITS:
Games, prizes, and giveaways
COST:
Free
RSVP:
None needed. See you there!

Crossroads of the Transatlantic Humanities Student Conference
March 23, 2019
WHO’S INVITED:
NSU and non-NSU students
BENEFITS:
This conference builds on the concept of South Florida as the crossroads of a Transatlantic world and asks students to develop presentations that explore the humanities and this convergence of cultures, values, and ideas not only in South Florida but throughout the Americas.
COST:
Free for NSU students, $25 for non-NSU students
DETAILS AND RSVP:
https://cahss.nova.edu/departments/hps/community/index.html

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The CAHSS Graduate Student Government Association wishes you a wonderful holiday season, and we can’t wait to see what the winter semester has in store for us!

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