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Hello SHSS Family!

I am honored to serve as your president and to work with an enthusiastic and magnetic group of representatives. It has been busy these past few months, and your support and participation is welcomed and truly appreciated. Our initiatives for the SHSS SGA 2013-2014 have been to follow in the framework of Dr. Hanbury’s 2020 vision. We encourage you to seek **academic excellence** within each of the SHSS programs and through your individual efforts. Our goal as the SHSS SGA is to be **student centered** in our efforts and to pursue those efforts with the utmost **integrity**. We look to improve our constituents overall experience with the latest **innovation**. The SGA also aims to provide **scholarship/research** endeavors for our students, which affords them **opportunity** to enhance their social development and academic skills. **Diversity** and acknowledgement of diversity is always top of mind. We also strive for engagement within SHSS, Nova Southeastern and the local **community**. The events and programs that we organize are with you in mind. We are dedicated to your success! We have the same commitment and determination for winter 2014. The SHSS SGA is here to serve you, so let us know if what we can do to make 2014 as exciting and spectacular as we hope to make it. I wish you the best as the term ends and you spend the holidays with family and friends!

**Sharon McIntyre**

Sharon McIntyre, MPA  
President, SHSS SGA 2013-2014  
Doctoral Student
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Fall Welcome Week 2013

“Kick Off to a Great Fall Term!”

Students picked up snacks and soft drinks on the way to class

Food on the Run

Winner of prize giveaway

Keeping You In The Loop

- The SHSS SGA Professional and Educational Advancement Reimbursement (PEAR) is now open and will close on Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 11:59 (and 59 seconds) p.m.
Greetings to the students, alumni, staff, faculty, and administration of SHSS!

Wow, what a semester! I cannot believe that we are wrapping up the Fall term, and also the year 2013. Amazingly, we have been able to accomplish so much over the past few months. Our first semester students are settling in well, and returning members of the SHSS community are flourishing. I must take my hat off to the Student Government Association! Thanks to the SGA Team, led by the dynamic leadership of Sharon McIntyre, the SHSS community has been highly engaged in research, scholarly presentations, community engagement, and FUN! If you have not had the opportunity to attend an SGA event, there will be a plethora of opportunities during the Winter term. Before then, please take the time needed over the break to take care of yourself, connect with loved ones, and enjoy the holiday season. See you in 2014!

Best wishes!

Christine Ajayi, SGA Faculty Adviser
News from the Department of Multidisciplinary Studies, CSA Case Study Competition team and Student of the Year

CSA Students Place First in FL NASPA Conference Competition and Greg Langstaff Wins Graduate Student of the Year

CSA students participated in the Florida Conference for the Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, (NASPA), NASPA Florida Drive-In held at the University of Central Florida. The students are working on their master’s degrees in College Student Affairs in the Department of Multidisciplinary Studies (DMS). NASPA is a leading professional association for those in college student affairs.

SHSS students received top honors at the conference. First, two SHSS teams entered the Case Study Competition. Participants were Tara Centeno, Dani Durbaia, Craig Johnson, Greg Langstaff, Victor Martinez, Julio Perez, Sean Ryan and Samantha Townshend. The team of Craig Johnson, Greg Langstaff, Sean Ryan and Samantha Townshend won First Place. Second, one of the CSA students, Greg Langstaff, was named NASPA-Florida Graduate Student of the Year. This is the second consecutive year a CSA student from NSU received this honor. Greg will now be nominated by the state association for the NASPA Region III Graduate Student of the Year.

Undergraduate students from institutions throughout the state participated in the Undergraduate Symposium. CSA student Stephanie Schmidt and Josh Hammer, Director of Assessment and Student Engagement represented NSU at the Graduate Preparation Program Fair, and CSA student Julio Perez was a part of the graduate student panel.
Dear students, alumni, and colleagues,

As we are moving into this holiday season, I’d like to take a special moment to acknowledge our faculty for their remarkable accomplishments and achievements:

Dr. Pat Cole for her recognition as Professor Emeritus at SHSS!

Dr. Douglas Flemons for his recognition as this year’s President’s Distinguished Professor from SHSS!

Dr. Michele Rice for her appointment to the Chair of DCAR!

Dr. Anne Rambo for her academic promotion to full professorship!

Dr. Tommie Boyd for her academic promotion to full professorship and her appointment as an Interim Associate Dean for Student Services!

Dr. Robin Cooper for her recognition as this year’s Nominee for the Provost Research & Scholarship Award from SHSS!

Dr. Debra Nixon for her academic promotion to associate professorship!

Dr. John Miller for his academic promotion to full professorship!

Dr. Ismael Muvingi for his recognition as the Co-Curricular Advisor of the Year in Student Life Achievement (STUEYS for Africa Working Group)!

Drs. Elena Bastidas and Toran Hansen for their recognition to lead the sponsored project in Suriname!

Welcome Dr. Evan Hoffman to NSU as a new assistant professor of conflict resolution.

Heartfelt congratulations!

Happy holidays to all of our students, alums, colleagues, and community partners!

Honggang
The MFT Club

The MFT Club is a part of the SHSS family that creates a community for those registered in the Marriage and Family Therapy program. They believe in establishing a community of students and bringing them together to teach, learn and grow while helping their field flourish. They enjoy coming together with the other SHSS programs to help create a bridge that makes the graduate programs at Nova stronger. On Dec. 18th, they will be working in the community while participating in a Christmas event at North Side Elementary in Ft. Lauderdale.
Christian Perspectives in Peacemaking (CPP) Working Group

Peace Makers presenting the historic Jesus, the Prince of Peace, as our Cornerstone of Conflict Resolution

Christian Perspectives in Peacemaking, a working group in SHSS, endeavors to provide academic resources and networking opportunities for students at Nova Southeastern University who are interested in using the teachings of the historic Jesus of Nazareth, the biblical Prince of Peace, in conflict resolution practices. An inclusive working group, CPP welcomes all students irrespective of religious or spiritual creed. CPP holds monthly telephonic meetings and schedules bi-annual activities and social gatherings during the Fall and Winter Residential Institutes. During Fall RI 2013, the group hosted a panel discussion entitled, “Is the Academic World Anti-Christian?” with guest panelists Dr. Debra Nixon, LMFT and faculty advisor to CPP; Rev. James C. Jackson, III, Ed.D., Ph.D. Candidate in DCAR, and also Assistant Director III for Enrollment Management, Program Development and Recruitment at Nova’s Miami Campus; John “Jack” Jones, LMHC and DCAR doctoral student; and Stephen Agbor, DCAR doctoral student and President of the African Working Group.

Both residential and distance learning students are welcome to participate in the group. CPP is currently recruiting members and encourages anyone interested in more information to join the Facebook group at https://www.facebook.com/groups/NovaCPP.

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- Contact CPP: Executive Team:
  President – Crystal Lee cl1009@nova.edu; Vice President – Nicole Davis nd492@nova.edu; Treasurer – Ron Wiley rw76@nova.edu; Secretary – Deborish Bailey db964@nova.edu
Chinese Student and Scholars Association

Chinese Student and Scholars Association held a Get Together BBQ in the beginning of fall semester. We invited Chinese faculties, scholars and students from NSU to celebrate the traditional Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival. This was the first formal social event the CSSA had for all of the Chinese Students and Scholars at NSU.

In order to promote Chinese culture, CSSA represented China on the first day of International Education Week. The event was held on Monday, Nov 18th, from 12-1PM at the University Center. CSSA was part of the Global Village, and they served traditional Chinese food, snacks and tea to students. CSSA thanks the Chinese faculty for their continued support.

CSSA President, Milly Yin

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- **Contact CSSA President:** Milly Yin, at: my198@nova.edu.
- Please join the SHSS SGA, in saying farewell to Milly, as she will be leaving NSU. Milly is taking a leave of absence and is returning to China and South Korea for employment opportunities. Good Luck Milly!
The Africa Working Group (AWG)

The Africa Working Group (AWG) is an organization dedicated to advancing a deeper understanding regarding the general patterns of conflicts in contemporary Africa through research and publications. In addition, AWG seeks to provide DCAR faculty and students outside classroom avenues to critically examine and modify, where ever appropriate, the theories and models relative to social conflict, which are emerging in the academic institutions and practices in the Western societies. In this sense, the activities undertaken by AWG are designed to augment the DCAR degree curriculum. We are particularly invested in supporting DCAR students, who are interested in pursuing research in critical areas in Africa (e.g. indigenous processes of conflict resolution, resource-based conflict, ethnic conflict, etc.). We welcome everyone to be a part of this dynamic organization, hence our motto "UBUNTU: I AM BECAUSE WE ARE."

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- NSU Chancellor to be recognized as Distinguished Citizen by Boy Scouts of America - The South Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America, will recognize NSU Chancellor Ray Ferrero, Jr., as one of the 2013 Distinguished Citizens on Thursday, Dec. 5. The event will be held at the Signature Grand. For more information, visit www.sfcbsa.org.
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News from the Department of Multidisciplinary Studies (DMS) Stephanie Hammerman Fall 2013

CSA Student is World’s First Certified CrossFit Trainer with Cerebral Palsy

Stephanie Hammerman, a master’s student in the College Student Affair’s program (CSA) has become the first certified CrossFit trainer in the world with cerebral palsy. CrossFit combines strength and conditioning training to benefit the entire body. Her accomplishment has received world-wide attention, including from CNN. To read more about Hammerman and to hear the report by Sanjay Gupta, MD, please go to: http://www.cnn.com/2013/07/03/health/human-factor-hammerman

Hammerman received her B.A. from Lynn University in advertising and public relations. While at Lynn University, she introduced the first annual Disability Awareness Month to the campus community. One of ten children, Hammerman, an adaptive athlete, is determined to be fit and healthy. She has traveled across the country with various coaches to demonstrate what she has been able to do and to inspire others. She has been involved in motivating students at NSU to be as healthy as possible

SHSS Student Presents at the Sixth Annual UNM Mentoring Institute in Albuquerque, NM

Jazmin Letamendi, M.S., a doctoral student in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) in NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), presented at the Sixth Annual UNM Mentoring Institute Conference held at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. The conference theme was, “Impact and Effectiveness of Developmental Relationships.” Letamendi’s presentation was entitled, “Evaluating Mentor-Mentee Retention and Satisfaction: A Comparative Two-Year Study of the Nova Southeastern University Oceanographic Center’s Peer Mentorship Program.”

In addition to pursing her doctoral degree in DCAR, Letamendi received her M.S. in College Student Affairs (CSA) from the Department of Multidisciplinary Studies (DMS) in SHSS. She is employed at NSU’s Oceanographic Center as an Outreach/Graduate Student Center Supervisor and Peer Mentor Supervisor.

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- Service Trip - Social Issue: Environmental Awareness - Just like the Everglades, the Florida Keys are also a very fragile ecosystem. This small island chain south of the Florida Peninsula is home to a wide variety of plant and wildlife but faces an ever increasing amount of danger. NSU will be working with Bahia Honda State Park (located near Marathon,) For information visit: http://bahiahondapark.com/

Jazmin Letamendi, M.S
News from the Department of Multidisciplinary Studies-
Marcia Brown

MACS Student Presents at the 3rd International Conference on Health, Wellness & Society in Brazil

Marcia Brown, M.D., a student in the Master of Arts in Cross-disciplinary Studies program (MACS) in the Department of Multidisciplinary Studies (DMS), presented a paper at the Third International Conference on Health, Wellness and Society held in San Paulo, Brazil. Brown’s presentation was entitled, “A Systems Perspective of a Diagnostic Dilemma in Anesthesiology.” Regarding the conference, Brown said, “I believe this extraordinary opportunity exemplifies the mission of the MACS program and demonstrates how interdisciplinary approaches can be a catalyst for future innovations.

Brown earned her bachelor’s degree in Medical Technology from Florida International University, her medical degree from St. Christopher’s IMD College of Medicine in Dakar, Senegal, and was a Senior Fellow at the University of Washington School of Medicine in Anesthesiology and Pain Management.
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SHSS Faculty Member Presents at the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International Annual Conference

Shelley Green, Ph.D., faculty in the Department of Family Therapy (DFT) in NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), recently presented at the annual conference and meeting of the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl) in Orlando. Dr. Green’s presentation was entitled “Partnering with Horses to Train Family Therapy Students.”

Several years ago Green initiated a course, Equine Assisted Family Therapy, which was the first of its kind to be housed in a nationally accredited family therapy program. In addition to her work with equine therapy, Green’s other research interests include human sexuality and gender and systems theories. With her husband Douglas Flemons, Ph.D., she is the co-editor of the book, Quickies: The Handbook of Brief Sex Therapy (2007).

InSync with Autism hosts Free Concert

InSync with Autism was a wonderful musical experience and free concert sponsored by University of Miami and Nova Southeastern University’s Center for Autism and Related Disabilities, known as CARD, the Autism Society of Broward, and Rotary International. The 10th annual InSync with Autism concert was held at Temple Beth Emet, a location that was generously donated for the event. The theme this year was Country Western and had a huge turnout. Attendees dressed up in Country Western attire. Line dancing lessons were given at the event, followed by an exciting performance by Country Western sensation, Ciara Rae, where audience members were encouraged to dance, play instruments, and sing along. There were over 100 people that attended the concert – a fantastic and amazing afternoon! For more information, please contact 954-262-7111.

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- iShark Mobile features a wealth of video content from all over the university. From Athletics to campus events, the video application will provide you with all of the latest videos Nova Southeastern University has to offer. Get it at: http://www.nova.edu/iShark
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SHSS Faculty Presents Pre-Conference Workshop at AAMFT Conference in Portland

Douglas Flemons, Ph.D., a professor in the Department of Family Therapy (DFT) in NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), presented a five-hour pre-conference institute at the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Conference in Portland, Oregon. His presentation was entitled, “Relational Suicide Assessment: Risk, Resources, Safety.” Approach to Suicide Assessment.” The institute presented ideas about an approach to assessment developed by Flemons and Len Gralnik, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor of psychiatry at FIU, in their recent book, Relational Suicide Assessment, published by W. W. Norton.

Along with his faculty work, Dr. Flemons is the Co-Director of the NSU Office of Suicide and Violence Prevention. In addition to his recent book, he is the author of books on writing (Writing Between the Lines,) hypnosis and therapy (Of One Mind) and psychotherapy and Eastern philosophy (Completing Distinctions). Flemons is co-editor, with his wife and colleague, Shelley Green, Ph.D., of a book on brief sex therapy (Quickies.)

SHSS Faculty and Student present on Multiple Frames and Reframing at ACR Conference

Neil Katz, Ph.D., faculty in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) in NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), co-presented a workshop with DCAR doctoral candidate Suzzette Harriott at the Association for Conflict Resolution’s Annual Conference in Minneapolis. The workshop was entitled “Enhancing Organizational Conflict Consulting Effectiveness: Utilizing Multiple Frames and Reframing.” Harriott is an organizational consultant and is working on her dissertation.

Katz teaches courses including Negotiation Theory and Practice, Organizational Conflict Intervention, and The Reflective Practitioner: Consulting Conflict and Change in Organizational Settings with Leaders in Organizational Conflict: A Four Frame Approach.
SHSS Faculty Presented on Teaching about 9/11 at Florida State University

Cheryl Duckworth, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) in NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), presented at a two day conference that was hosted by Florida State University (FSU) in partnership with the Comparative and International Education Society (CIES) at FSU’s Center for Global Engagement.

The presentation was entitled, “9/11 and Collective Memory in America’s Classrooms: Teaching about Terror,” and focused on Duckworth’s research on how teachers approach 9/11. Her book on the subject will be forthcoming from Routledge in 2014.

SHSS Student Featured in Redbook Magazine for his Longboard Therapy

Isaac Farin, M.S., LMFT, a doctoral student in the Department of Family Therapy (DFT) in NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), uses his concept of “Longboard Therapy,” developed with Jonathan Strauss, the founder of the International Distance Skateboard Association, to provide an additional dimension to his Solution Informed Mindfulness Therapy (SIMT).

Farin has found that the use of Longboard Therapy assists clients in stress reduction and increases awareness, concentration and confidence. Farin and Longboard Therapy have been featured in The Miami Herald, on WSVN Channel 7 News and, most recently, in Redbook Magazine, see: [http://www.redbookmag.com/health-wellness/advice/new-therapies#slide-3](http://www.redbookmag.com/health-wellness/advice/new-therapies#slide-3).

Prior to entering the doctoral program in DFT, Farin received his M.S. in Counseling with dual specializations in MFT and in Mental Health from Barry University. He is a licensed marriage and family therapist with a private practice in North Miami Beach.
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SHSS Dean Names Chair of the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution

Honggang Yang, Ph.D., dean of NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), has announced the appointment of Claire Michele Rice, Ph.D., as chair of the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR). Rice is associate professor of conflict resolution and sociology in DCAR and has served as interim chair since September 2012.

Rice holds a doctoral degree in Sociology, an M.A. in Linguistics and a B.A. in Spanish with a French minor from Florida International University. She has served as an assistant professor, associate chair, visiting assistant professor and as a post-doctoral fellow in DCAR. She was an assistant professor of Sociology at Florida Memorial University (FMU) and was named humanitarian of the year by FMU for her community service. Rice helped the Florida Education Fund (FEF) in the development of a journal review process for doctoral students that incorporated a mentoring model. She received the Dr. Israel Tribble Jr. Award in 2002 from the FEF for her contribution. Rice has been a consultant to organizations as well as to governmental groups in the Caribbean. In 2012 Rice was elected to the Board of the Health Foundation of South Florida, focusing on meeting needs of underserved communities.

Rice’s teaching and research interests include poverty alleviation and economic empowerment, diversity, group dynamics, community organization and mentoring.

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- Your SHSS SGA hosted Operation Troop Care Packages. Troop Care (non-profit org) sends shipments to Afghanistan for soldiers. The soldiers have limited access to food other than Military Ready to Eat (MRE’s). We are asking for foods like canned ravioli and spaghetti etc. Cookies are always a big hit. We collected canned goods and other items on Monday, November 25 and Tuesday, November 26, however you can still drop your canned good off until Dec 4th in the donation box in the Maltz lobby.
SHSS Faculty Receives Honorable Mention by the Anselm Strauss Committee for Qualitative Research Article

Ronald Chenail, Ph.D., professor at NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), and his co-authors of an article published in the Journal of Marital and Family Therapy, have received Honorable Mention by the Anselm Strauss Committee, part of the Qualitative Family Research Network, Research and Theory Section, National Council on Family Relations.

The Strauss Award is given annually in recognition of significant work in the area of family theory, methods, and research that comes from a qualitative tradition. In addition, the committee may grant an honorable mention to an article or chapter that meets the criteria and is determined by the committee to deserve recognition.

The article, entitled, “Clients’ Relational Conceptions of Conjoint Couple and Family Therapy Quality: A Grounded Formal Therapy Theory,” was written by Chenail with Sally St. George, Ph.D., Dan Wulff, Ph.D., Maureen Duffy, Ph.D., Karen Scott Wilson, Ph.D., and Karl Tomm, M.D.

In their official notification, the Anselm Strauss Committee commended the article saying, “Qualitative metasynthesis is an innovative approach in qualitative family scholarship. Committee members noted several strengths in this article, most importantly having a strong and detailed research design. Committee members suggested that this article can be a model for others wanting to conduct their own qualitative metasyntheses.”

Chenail is the founding and current editor of the journal, The Qualitative Report (TQR). Chenail is also the director of the Graduate Certificate in Qualitative Research in the Department of Multidisciplinary Studies (DMS) at SHSS. The graduate certificate is designed to prepare academics, professional research consultants, and graduate students to understand a variety of qualitative research approaches and to conduct qualitative research studies.
SHSS Faculty Interviewed by CBS 4 regarding the Congressional Debate on Syria

Dustin Berna, Ph.D., faculty in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) in NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), was interviewed by CBS 4 Miami regarding the Congressional debate on whether or not to permit US military action in Syria. Berna, an assistant professor of Conflict Resolution and Political Science, is an expert on terrorism, Middle Eastern politics, and Islamic Fundamentalism.

According to Berna, the situation will not be easy: “It’s not that simple because other countries are involved. You have the Iranians backing the Shia Government. You have the Saudi Arabians backing the opposition. You have Islamic fundamentalism in there.” For more information please go to the local CBS website at: [http://miami.cbslocal.com/2013/09/02/s-florida-delegation-preps-for-syria-congressional-debate/](http://miami.cbslocal.com/2013/09/02/s-florida-delegation-preps-for-syria-congressional-debate/)

Berna has conducted a study examining the causes and electoral success of Islamic fundamentalist groups. He has collected and coded every Islamic fundamentalist group that is or has been in operation in the Islamic world since 1970. He is currently working on The Encyclopedia of Fundamentalist Movements and Islamic Extremism. Berna is also the faculty advisor to the Middle East and Islamic World Awareness Group, the Asian Working Group, and the International Diplomacy Working Group at SHSS.

SHSS SGA Congratulates:

Rhesa Riley - the winner of the Nook drawing held during SHSS Welcome Week.

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- **Service Trip - Camp Restore** in New Orleans from March 2-8, 2014

Social Issue: Social Rebuilding

Years after Hurricane Katrina, the rebuilding continues. We partner with Camp Restore which sponsors a variety of projects around the New Orleans area and paints a picture for us of a region in need. In previous years, we’ve worked a horse ranch along the Mississippi River, a community center that was under 25 feet of water during the storm, the camp itself, and various housing locations around the city. For more information on the camp and the role that it plays in New Orleans, please visit [http://camprestore.org/](http://camprestore.org/).
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SHSS Alum Appointed to the MSFT Faculty at Friends University in Kansas

Edrica D. Richardson, Ph.D., a doctoral graduate of the Department of Family Therapy (DFT) in NSU’s Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) has been appointed as an assistant professor in the M.S. in Family Therapy Program at Friends University in Wichita, Kansas.

Prior to receiving her Ph.D. from NSU, Richardson received her bachelor’s degree in Psychology and Women’s Studies Certificate from Florida Atlantic University and her master’s degree in Clinical Psychology from Roosevelt University in Chicago. During her training she worked with adult clients who suffered from Traumatic Brain Injuries, substance abuse issues, ADHD issues, couples, families and divorce and other life issues, college transition, stress management, etc.

SHSS Student Publishes Article on Darfur in the Journal, African Security

Patrick James Christian, doctoral student in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution in NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences, has published an article in the journal, African Security. The article, entitled, “Darfur-Ground Zero for Africa’s Crisis of identity: A Psychohistoriography of Tribes in Conflict,” examines the psychological and sociological motivations related to violence and social identity.

Christian holds an M.S. in Cross Cultural Organizational Leadership from Gonzaga Jesuit University in Washington and a B.S. in History and Political Science from the University of South Florida. He is a policy advisor with the Office of the Secretary of Defense and adjunct faculty at the National Intelligence University. He has lead teams conducting combat advisory missions, tribal engagement and counterinsurgency operations in Columbia, Ecuador, Sudan, Ethiopia and Iraq. He has trained US Army Special Forces, US Navy Seals and USMC Advisory Groups. in psycho-historiographic profiling and teaches cultural communication.

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• Singers – Audition to Sing the National Anthem at NSU’s Team 2020 Celebration. Mark your calendar: Auditions will be held on Monday, Dec. 2, 5:00-7:00 pm for the opportunity to sing the National Anthem at the Team 2020 Celebration, which will be held on Jan. 23, 2014 in the Arena at the Don Taft University Center. This is a great chance to showcase your talent in front of an appreciative audience and help NSU celebrate our 50th birthday.

Auditions will be held in the Performance Theater located in the Taft University Center. For more information, please contact Bill Adams at wadams@nova.edu or (954)262-8025.
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SHSS Faculty and Alum Publish Article on Relational Identities

Christopher Burnett, Psy.D., associate professor in the Department of Family Therapy (DFT) in NSU’s Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), has co-authored an article with DFT doctoral alum, Celia Quintas, Ph.D., entitled, “Relational Identities: Reclaiming Ourselves through Recreating Each Other in Collaborative Conversations in Group Therapy Work.” The article was published in the Spring 2013 issue of the journal, Peace and Conflict Studies.

Burnett’s teaching and research interests include the application of systems thinking in social and organizational systems, human systems in organizations, Bowen family systems theory, Quantitative research methods, organizational conflict and the economics and politics of health care.

Originally from Brazil, Quintas has worked with diverse populations using a systemic and collaborative narrative approach. She is a practicing therapist with the South Florida Counseling Agency.

Congratulations to our newest SHSS organization, Kina’Ole!

The Kina’Ole group is focused on campus wide diversity education and awareness. More to come from Kina’Ole!

President: Molly Kresl
Vice President: Patricia Figueroa
Secretary: Michelle Canales
Treasurer: Stephani Schmidt
Faculty Adviser: Dr. Rebecca McGuire

Keeping You In The Loop

• The PanSGA Professional development Grant application period is now open. The application will be accessed via the OrgSync link and submitted through OrgSync. The link is attached below. It is important that applicants complete the form accurately, in that incorrect or incomplete applications will not be considered. Please note that you will not need an OrgSync profile to submit the application only to revise it. The application window is now open for Winter/Summer term and applications are due on 1/29/14.
• Link: https://orgsync.com/45617/forms/89136
Meet Your SHSS SGA Representatives

Rachel McGinnis, V.P.

Carl Letamendi, Secretary

Milly Yin, Treasurer

Carlyn Jorgensen, DCAR Rep.

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- Your official NSU group can sell SHSS SGA T-Shirts for fund-raising. See your SHSS SGA Rep.
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Sherika Horne, NSA Rep
Marcia Brown, MACS Rep.
Molly Kresl, CSA Rep.
Beverly Nelson, MFT Rep

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- **Service Trip - Social Issue: Poverty and Social Awareness** - For this trip, we will be working with the University Area Community Development Corporation (UACDC) and their program, Paint the Town which works to revitalize need areas around the City of Tampa and Hillsborough County. The area they work in is plagued by high crime, poverty, and a lack of basic resources for decades and UACDC seeks to change that. Corporation, for more information please visit www.uacdc.org/index.php/about.
Meet Your SHSS SGA Representatives - Continued

Gilda Mejia, Ambassador       Ed Rafailovitc, Ambassador

Shawna Resnick - Online Rep. with family. Congratulations! The Resnik’s just had a beautiful baby girl!

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Date: Friday, Dec. 6, 2013
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Tickets: $10.00 + $1 processing fee
Venue: Miniaci Performing Arts Center

Shawna Resnick - Online Rep. with family. Congratulations! The Resnik’s just had a beautiful baby girl!

“Surprise” Your Part of the Show

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SHSS SGA Symposium

The purpose of this symposium is to allow students from the three SHSS Departments (DCAR, DFT & DMS) to share research interests are and learn about the interests of our colleagues.

Presenters:

Amy Miller - From Isolation to Connection: A Transsexual’s Struggle with Identity
Michael Kelly - Habits: Conflict Resolution Through Self Awareness
Nereida Roman - The Boy Lost in the Classroom: Autism Spectrum Disorder/Asperger Students Mainstream and Inclusion

Moderator - Dr. Robin Cooper

Symposium Presenters:

Amy Miller
Michael Kelly
Nereida Roman

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SHSS SGA Get2getter – Hawaiian Luau Social

Karaoke Winner – Rae

Karaoke Winner – Stephani

Karaoke Winner - Ed
Thank You SHSS!

Your SHSS SGA collected donations from Monday, October 28th through Thursday, October 31st in support of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We offered coffee, soft drinks and snacks as a token of our appreciation for your donations. All funds collected will be donated to The Susan G. Komen Foundation-Miami/Ft. Lauderdale. We were able to collect money after the end of the fundraiser and the new total that will be donated is $300.00. Way to go SHSS!
Your SHSS SGA collected funds for the Movember event on November 25th and 26th.

Every November men across the globe take on the task of Movember: growing a moustache for charity to raise awareness about men’s health—prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health issues such as depression. While we were not asking you to grow a mustache, unless you really want to, we asked for donations and provided snacks as a token of our appreciation. We collected donations in the Maltz lobby on Monday, November 25th and Tuesday, November 26th, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Doughnuts, coffee and soft drinks were served. The total donation amount was $100.00. Movember is off to a great start!

Operation Troop Care Packages
A collection box was by the table during our Movember fundraiser, and will be left downstairs till Wednesday, December 4th, for donations of canned goods like spaghetti and ravioli etc.
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SHSS Colloquium - Interdisciplinary Problem-Solving

Your SHSS SGA in partnership with three SHSS Departments: Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR), Family Therapy (DFT) and Multidisciplinary Studies (DMS), hosted a presentation by Siegfried Wiessner, LL.M., SJD entitled “A Practical Interdisciplinary Framework to Solving Problems in Society.”

The presentation was held on Thursday, Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Clubroom at NSU’s Don Taft University Center. The SHSS SGA reception was from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

Wiessner is professor of law and the founder and director of St. Thomas University’s Graduate Program in Intercultural Human Rights and is also the Editor-in-Chief of the journal Studies in Intercultural Human Rights. Wiessner has published widely in the fields of constitutional law, international law, human rights, international indigenous law, the law of armed conflict, arbitration, space law and refugee law. He was named the 2013 Lawyer of the Year by Lawyers to the Rescue, a group dedicated to providing humanitarian and financial assistance to communities and individuals in times of crisis.
SHSS Colloquium - Human Trafficking

Your Student Government in partnership with three SHSS Departments: Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR), Family Therapy (DFT) and Multidisciplinary Studies (DMS), hosted a presentation by Dr. Roza Pati, entitled, "The Societal Problem of Human Trafficking through Local, National, Regional and Global Lenses" The presentation was held on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Alvin Sherman Library Art Gallery. Dr. Pati is a tenured Professor of Law on the faculty at St. Thomas University School of Law. She earned her Doctorate (Dr. jur.) at the University of Potsdam and her LL.M. at St. Thomas University School of Law. She co-directs the LL.M. / J.S.D. Program in Intercultural Human Rights and is the Director of Human Trafficking Academy. Her areas of expertise include international law, human rights law, human trafficking law and terrorism law. Her work focuses on issues of state responsibilities in fighting human trafficking, the human rights approach to trafficking vis-à-vis the criminal law approach, issues of prevention and root causes, human trafficking as organized crime, as well as the role of academia and the business sector as part of civil society’s combat on human trafficking. In 2005 Pati facilitated the preparation of The Miami Declaration of Principles on Human Trafficking, a set of law and policy recommendations on the issue. In 2012 Pati was appointed by the Pope to be a Member of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, at the Vatican. She is the only Council member representing the United States.
SHSS says a fond farewell and congratulations to Dr. Pat Cole

Professor Emeritus has been officially conferred on Dr. Pat Cole during NSU’s Board of Trustees meeting earlier this year.

According to the University Faculty Manual, “Professor Emeritus is an honorary status conferred upon a retired faculty member who has made a significant contribution to the University through a long and distinguished record of scholarship, teaching, research, and/or service.”

Some of Dr. Cole’s accomplishments include:

- Receiving the 2013 Professor of the Year in Student Life Achievement (STUEYS) for SHSS.
- For over five years she was the liaison between SHSS and NSU’s Institutional Review Board.
- She chaired an international Family Firm Institute (FFI) Conference and FFI’s Research Awards Committee.
- She has taken on the task of working with adjunct external practicum instructors for the master’s program students, coordinating efforts to make sure our clinical preparations is solid and consistent.
- She initiated our first ever endowed student scholarships, to assist working adults returning to school, maintaining a strong network of contacts with alumni.
- She taught some of the most essential courses in the Family Therapy curriculum, in particular Theories of Family Therapy, a survey course which is famed for being difficult to deliver.

“She exemplifies the systemic understanding and devotion to community we attempt to teach our students, as a role model. She has a distinguished record of the scholarship of engagement in family business and the family/work interface.” Honggang Yang
Brief Therapy Institute’s 2013-2014 Workshop Series

Workshop Description:

On November 15th the Brief Therapy Institute (BTI) held a workshop on infant mental health. Infant Mental Health provides a framework for thinking about infants and young children in the context of their family system. This workshop provides the opportunity to explore the application and concepts of Infant Mental Health through a systemic family therapy lens. Actual case examples, video and small group discussion created an interactive learning experience focusing on the influence of the family history and how critical issues within the social environment can impact a child’s behavior. Emphasis is placed on the application of postmodern systemic family therapy ideas in clinical practice with families with children age birth to five years old.

Workshop Description:

Dr. Douglas Flemons presented on Relational Suicide Assessment on Monday, October 28, 2013 from 9:00-1:00. The workshop was held in the DeSantis Building, Room 1124. This session addressed the important skill building tools necessary to accurately assess for suicidality when working with clients in crisis. This was an essential training for students working in the Brief Therapy Institute.

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- About Family Therapy

We see people from all walks of life who are dealing with personal concerns, difficult relationships, or children’s needs. As brief therapists, we focus on our client’s strengths and resources. Our goal is to work with clients to assist them in discovering creative solutions to their unique problems. Our therapists are trained to work with families and individuals of diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds, religious affiliations, and sexual orientations. Most of our clients are able to turn things around in 5 to 10 sessions.

At the Family Therapy Clinic - Brief Therapy Institute (BTI), we help clients find:
- a happier relationship
- better communication with those who are important to them
- school success
- good parenting skills
- a stronger blended family
- a healthier intimate relationship
- a blending of medical and family issues
- a family that works together
- safe ways to work through life’s challenges
Looking Through a Natural Lens:
Culture, Diversity, and Differentiation of Self of the Therapist
Presented by: Chris Burnett, Psy.D., Jill Morris, Ph.D., LMFT and Terrilynn Neipert, M.Ed.

Workshop Descriptions:

The workshop provides an in depth look at the role of culture and diversity within the context of a natural systems approach to marriage and family therapy. The presenters will offer a meta-analysis of the role of culture and diversity within a family system from a natural systems perspective. The presenters will also offer an analysis of the role that culture and diversity plays within the context of the therapist’s own differentiation of self of the therapist. A client’s or family’s ability to balance levels of individuality and togetherness also affects healthy individual and family functioning.

Learning Objective:
After completing this workshop, participants will be able to:
1. Explore the role of culture from a Bowen family system’s perspective.
2. Explore the influence of culture on the therapist’s differentiation of self of the therapist.
3. Identify how cultural factors influence the therapeutic process and therapeutic outcomes.

In addition, an interactive exercise and group discussion regarding personal experiences of one’s culture of origin and the implications of culture and diversity in therapy will be explored.
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AAMFT Conference Portland, Oregon

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- Arlene Brett Gordon, Ph.D., LMFT, Janessa Dominguez, M.S., BCBA, Rochelle S. Clarke, M.S., and Marie Joseph, M.S., presented a workshop entitled “Relational Backpacking for Family Journeys with Autism” at the AAMFT Conference in Portland, OR, on October 19, 2011. The presentation focused on an ongoing workshop series the group presents to parents of children living with autism.

NSU DFT at AAMFT - Natalie and Lori and presented with Dr. Gordon. Carol is an alum of DFT; Marie Joseph also presented with Dr. Gordon and is a Ph.D. student.
CRS News

Community Resolution Services (CRS) at SHSS offers trainings and workshops, as well as services to individuals, families, groups, and organizations to enhance current opportunities as well as to resolve conflicts. CRS is open to practicum students in DMS and DCAR as well as to students who wish to volunteer. CRS supports students who intend to enhance their skills and who want to participate in projects and activities rich with prospects for professional development. CRS offers services from multicultural perspectives specifically designed for our multicultural communities.

This academic year CRS is pursuing trainings and workshops, grant opportunities and other services. This fall, CRS offered two workshops related to anti-bullying and diversity. They were free and open to the public.

The workshops are offered as part of Peace Place. Peace Place, a collaboration between SHSS and the Broward County Library System, provides presentations and workshops for the NSU and local communities held in Broward County libraries.

The first workshop was entitled: “Anti-bullying Discussion and Establishment of an Anti-bullying Declaration Statement Workshop.” The discussion was facilitated by Rose Banks-Bogan, a master’s student in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR).

The second workshop was entitled: “Breaking down Barriers: Staring Diversity in the Face.” The discussion was facilitated by Maria Davis-Pierre, a doctoral student in the Department of Family Therapy (DFT).

CRS participants submitted two proposals to present at the Diversity Summit and both were accepted. In January, 2014, CRS will begin its family violence training, its VOICES work, a research project and other activities. We would love to have you join us. For more information about CRS, please contact Naz Ozaki, CRS Coordinator at 954-262-4237 or via email at crs@nova.edu, or contact CRS Director Judith McKay at 954-262-3060 or via email at mckayjl@nova.edu.
Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution

Political Violence Workshop: Ismael Muvingi, Ph.D., faculty member at the Graduate School of Humanities & Social Sciences’ Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR), was a participant and provided workshops with survivors of political violence from the 2008 Zimbabwean elections. The survivors have formed a healing and reconstitution of society initiative called Tree of Life.

Faculty Appointment: Michelle Cromwell, Ph.D., graduate of the master’s and doctoral programs in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) in NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), has been appointed to the faculty of Regis College in Weston, MA as an Associate Professor of Politics and Social Justice and the Advisor of the Honors Program.

DCAR Faculty Appointment: Honggang Yang, Ph.D., dean of NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) has announced the appointment of Evan Hoffman, Ph.D., to the faculty at SHSS. Hoffman has been appointed as an assistant professor in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR).

Hoffman holds a doctoral degree in Political Science from the University of Canterbury in New Zealand, an M.A. in Post-war Recovery Studies from the University of York in the United Kingdom and a bachelor’s degree in Psychology from Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada. Prior to coming to NSU, Hoffman was the Executive Director of the Canadian International Institute of Applied Negotiation (CIIAN) for four years.

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- The SHSS Writing Lab is open on Wednesdays 11am-4pm in The Alvin Sherman Library, Classroom/Lab B on the Second Floor, and online on Saturdays.
Recent Faculty Publications

**On the Nature of Genocidal Intent** - Jason Campbell, Ph.D.

Campbell offers a conceptual look into the nature of genocidal intent, systematically analyzing the conceptual and logical structures for genocidal intent and discussing its theoretical foundations. The analysis offers particular insight into the process of operationalizing genocide and mass extermination. The investigation includes discussion of the roles orchestrators play and the systematic development of a genocidal strategy, which requires the intent to purge pre-selected demographic identifiers from the population. Campbell also analyzes in detail the dynamic process of generational conflict, wherein former perpetrators become victims and victims become perpetrators.

**Conflict Resolution and the Scholarship of Engagement** - Cheryl Duckworth, Ph.D.

As the field of conflict analysis and resolution continues to grow, scholars and practitioners increasingly recognize that we can learn from one another. Theory must be informed by practice and practice must this lies a further recognition: without at least attempting to actually engage and transform entrenched conflicts, our field cannot hope to achieve its potential. We will merely remain in a more diverse, multi-disciplinary ivory tower. This edition breaks new ground in explicitly connecting the Scholarship of Engagement to the work of conflict resolution professionals including those in the academy, those in the field, and those who refuse to choose between the two. The text explores a wide variety of examples of, and thinking on, the Scholarship of Engagement from participatory action research to peace education and from genocide prevention to community mediation and transitional justice.
Recent Faculty Publications

**Relational Suicide Assessment: Risks, Resources, and Possibilities for Safety** - Douglas Flemons, Ph.D.

A relational approach to evaluating your suicidal clients.

Moving beyond the traditional paper-and-pencil self-report, this book offers therapists a new approach to suicide assessment. Guided by a relational understanding of the therapeutic process, it emphasizes a semi-structured interview process and collaborative conversations to explore a client’s strengths and resilience as well as risk factors.

**The Generalist Approach to Conflict Resolution: A Guidebook** - Toran Hansen, Ph.D.

This book outlines the generalist approach to conflict resolution. The approach was inspired by the generalist approach to social work but has now emerged in the fields of conflict resolution and peace studies. Essentially, the approach considers conflict resolution practice and scholarship very broadly. Generalist scholarship and practice are contrasted against specialized ways of conducting conflict resolution, whereby practitioners become well versed in one mode of practice or a specific theoretical orientation to scholarship. Several theories provide a foundation for this inclusive approach: conflict transformation, eco-systemic scholarship, the strengths perspective, and a new theory of social conflict, the theory of differences.
Recent Faculty Publications

Family Therapy Review: Contrasting Contemporary Models - Anne Rambo, Ph.D. and Tommie V. Boyd, Ph.D.

This unique text uses one common case to demonstrate the applications of a wide range of family therapy models. Readers will find it useful when studying for the national family therapy licensing exam, which requires that exam takers be able to apply these models to case vignettes. The authors, all of whom are practicing family therapists, apply their chosen model of family therapy to a single, hypothetical case to highlight what each model looks like in practice. Beginning therapists will find the exposure to new ideas about therapy useful, and will be better able to establish which approaches they want to explore in more depth. Experienced therapists and supervisors will find it useful to understand what “those other family therapists” are doing, and to meet the challenge of supervising those from different perspectives. Family Therapy Review is the practical tool therapists need to make sense of the field, and meet the varied challenges their clients present.
Using Film to Educate

Hispanic Heritage Month Film: Immersion
Your SHSS SGA hosted the film “Immersion”—A short documentary on a young boy from Mexico. Ten-year-old Moises has just immigrated to California from Mexico. He doesn’t speak English, but he’s good at math, so he hopes to do well on his first math test in the USA. Using untrained child actors from public schools in the San Francisco Bay Area, “Immersion” plunges its audience into the visceral experience of a child who cannot understand his teacher. The film screening took place on Monday September 30th at 6 p.m. in the Knight Auditorium. A discussion session followed the film.

Native American Heritage Month Film: We Are Still Here
Your SHSS SGA hosted the film “We Are Still Here”—A short documentary on today’s young Native Americans. What is today’s young Native American’s life like? What are the challenges they are facing? How the historical traumas influenced their life? This short documentary touches on these topics and tells the story of the three unique young Native Americans from Minnesota. The film screening took place on Monday, November 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the Knight Auditorium. A discussion session followed the film.
Dear SHSS Family,

I’ve laughed and sighed while putting the Dialogs newsletter together. There have been many wonderful and fun experiences and a little frustration at times, but overall this has been a wonderful chronicle of the fall 2013 term. I hope you have enjoyed the content and I also hope that you will share your academic endeavors, such as conferences and articles published, etc. I also want to hear your opinions, jokes, and anything noteworthy that you would like to share with the rest of SHSS. So, please send a letter to the editor. I wish you a wonderful and restful holiday season!

Sharon McIntyre
Editor-at-large
Welcome Week Fall 2013
Hawaiian Luau
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