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A Message from the Chair

The Department of History and Political Science welcomes all our new and returning students! We kicked off the year with a welcome party in the Flight Deck, and we have a number of upcoming events, including the Annual Stolzenberg-Doan Lecture on Tuesday, November 29th and the department holiday party on Friday, December 2nd. All of our students are invited to attend both events.

This year I am enthusiastic about getting the department’s social media in a higher gear. I love having the opportunity to see all the interesting things you do in between classes, and I want to use social media as a platform to share the department’s diverse range of activities and accomplishments.

Thanks to our federal student worker, Chris Ramirez, and our graduate assistant, Shobhit Verma, the department has been Instagramming, Tweeting, and Facebooking on a regular basis. Contact Chris at cr1498@nova.edu with any ideas you have for social media posts.

For everyone who is new, here are the majors housed in the department:

**Bachelor of Arts (B.A.):**
- History
- International Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science

**Bachelor of Science (B.S.):**
- Legal Studies

**Master of Science (M.S.):**
- National Security Affairs

We are a diverse and dynamic group of faculty and students, and we are thrilled to have you join the DHPS tribe. Members of the faculty are happy to meet with you to chat about anything from your courses to career and grad school questions. I am even up to chat about the last episode of Empire. As always, I very much value hearing about your NSU experience and ideas you have to make our department the coolest place to call your academic home. Drop by, call or Email me at any time. Hope to see you at the Annual Stolzenberg-Doan Lecture.
Best,
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Scholarships, Internships & Competitions

Stolzenberg-Doan Study Abroad Scholarships (Learn More)
This scholarship supports students who wish to study abroad.

USAID Donald M. Payne International Development Fellowship Program 2017 (Learn More)
The Payne Fellowship Program provides benefits of up to $94,000 over two years toward a two-year master's degree, arranges internships in Washington D.C. and at USAID missions overseas, and provides professional development and support activities leading to employment in USAID. Fellows may use the fellowship to attend a two-year master's program in a U.S. institution to study an area of relevance to the USAID Foreign Service, including international relations, public policy, agriculture, environmental sciences, health, business administration, economics, or urban planning at a graduate or professional school approved by the Payne Program. At the end of the two-year fellowship, Fellows enter the USAID Foreign Service. The Payne Fellowship encourages the application of members of minority groups who have historically been underrepresented in international development careers and those with financial need. Applicants must be college seniors or graduates looking to start graduate school in the fall of the year they apply, have GPAs of at least 3.2 and be U.S. citizens. The program welcomes applications from those with any undergraduate major.

The Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) Legislative Internship Program (Learn More)
This a unique opportunity available to currently enrolled college and university students. This internship allows the intern to get a practical application of the legislative process and State government. Please follow the Policies and Procedures document to learn how to apply. If you have any questions please contact Megan Turetsky (754) 321-2608 | megan.turetsky@browardschools.com

James C. Gaither Junior Fellows Program Scholarship (Learn More)
Submit Application: NSU Farquhar Honors College
Application Deadline: December 10, 2016 (NO LATER THAN 5:00 p.m.)
The completed application – including application, CV, personal statement (one page), two letters of recommendation, transcript, and a three page essay on a designated topic. Only two applications from NSU can be submitted to the Junior Fellows Program for consideration among all other applicants from across the country. Applications cannot be submitted directly to the Carnegie Endowment. Each year the endowment offers approximately 10-12 one-year fellowships to uniquely qualified graduating seniors and individuals who have graduated during the past academic year. Students selected as Junior Fellows will serve as paid, full-time research assistants working alongside professionals on a variety of international affairs issues. Junior Fellows spend one year (beginning on August 1, 2017) at the Carnegie Endowment in Washington, D.C. Participants have the opportunity to conduct research for publications, participate in meetings with high-level officials, contribute to congressional testimony, and organize briefings attended by scholars, journalists, and government officials.
**HUMN 4400 – Issues in Latin American Development and Sustainability**

Issues in Latin American Development and Sustainability is a new course that, despite its HUMN prefix, is applicable to most majors in the History and Political Science Department. The course design utilized in this class allows students to creatively and critically engage in independent research into weekly topic areas presented to them in the form of short readings posted on Blackboard and lectures by their instructor.

The class will focus on topics presented in the Latin American Development & Sustainability Reader, supplemented by additional readings compiled by students, who will create Latin American Development & Sustainability Portfolios. Faculty lectures will occur when background theoretical material is necessary for an understanding of issues and topics discussed each week. Each student will adopt a country and apply general themes discussed in class to that particular country in a series of student presentations corresponding to the various sections of the course. Students will write a final paper bringing together the themes discussed during the class with reference to their adopted country. This assignment can be done individually or in small groups.

**HUMN 1000Q - Plato’s Phaedo**
Professor Mulvey speaks about his course.
(View Video)

**Stolzenberg-Doan Lecture**

This year’s Stolzenberg-Doan Lecture guest speaker is Samson Kambalu, an accomplished conceptual artist, ethnomusicologist, and writer. Kambalu humorously challenges canonical ideas about the history of ideas, art and religion while exploring issues of identity and freedom of expression. Kambalu’s work is informed by his Malawi culture, his fascination with the German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche, and the Protestant tradition of inquiry, criticism and dissent.

Kambalu has degrees in Fine Art and Ethnomusicology from the University of Malawi, an M.A. from Nottingham Trent University, and a Ph.D. from Chelsea College of Art and Design. He has held research fellowships at Yale University and the Smithsonian Institution. He is the author of two award-winning books: a memoir, *The Jive Talker or, How to Get a British Passport*, and *Uccello’s Vineyard*, a fictional narrative of modern art set in the Middle Ages.

The Stolzenberg-Doan Annual Lecture hosted by the Department of History and Political Science will be held on Tuesday, November 29th, 2016 at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Alvin Sherman Library (Cotilla Gallery 2nd Floor). The event is free and all are welcome to attend. For more information, contact David Kilroy, Associate Professor at dkilroy@nova.edu or (954) 262-8021.
Student and Faculty Accomplishments

Tim Dixon, J.D.

Associate Professor, Tim Dixon provided historical insights and contemporary commentary on the 2016 U.S. election at the Stirling Road Library on September 6, 13, 20 and 27. The topics of the four lectures included: Religion, Race and Gender in American Politics, U.S. Foreign Policy and World Politics, Process and Reform, and The Real Issues: Election 2016.

Charles Zelden, Ph.D.
William Nelson Cromwell Foundation Recipient

The Department of History and Political Science would like to extend sincere congratulations to our very own Professor Charles Zelden. Professor Zelden has been awarded the William Nelson Cromwell Foundation Senior Research Grant to work on his new book - a biography tentatively titled The Judge Intuitive: Joseph C. Hutcheson, Jr., Southern Federal Judge. The grant will support Professor Zelden’s research in archives located along the East Coast, in the mid-West as well as in Texas and the South.

Joseph C. Hutcheson Jr. had a long career as a federal judge that lasted from 1918 to 1968. He spent twelve years on the District Court and then sat on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. In 1946, Hutcheson was co-chair of the Anglo-American Committee on Refugees in Palestine. As well, he was on the short list of candidates considered for appointment to the Supreme Court. As Professor Zelden writes in the South Texas Law Review, Hutcheson “fought for justice and individual liberty” and he helped “define federal law in the South and the nation.” (39 S. Tex. L. Rev. 905, 918 (1998))

The William Nelson Cromwell Foundation was established May 26, 1930. Since its founding, the Foundation has been primarily concerned with the publication of books in the field of American legal history, with some emphasis on legal history in the colonial period. Each year, the William Nelson Cromwell Foundation awards a number of prizes and fellowships to early career scholars in the field of American legal history. The Foundation also makes grants to support important work in all facets of American legal history including archival preservation, scholarly study of original documents, original research in all areas of the law, and research and writing of biographies of major legal figures.

This is a great honor for the Department as Dr. Zelden won one of only four grants offered to senior researchers by the Foundation.
Model United Nations
By G. Nelson Bass III, J.D., Ph.D.

On Friday, October 21st 2016, the Nova International Relations Association (NIRA), which serves as NSU's Model United Nations team traveled to Gainesville, Florida and Santa Fe College for the 11th Annual Florida Model United Nations Conference. Representing NSU were Brandon Chow (President of NIRA), Leigh Mumford (Vice-President), Sophie Baril, Jodice Woody, Nastassia Rubel, Nurhan Baig, Lehka Mutyala, and Samir Nacer.

NIRA represented France, Mexico, and Syria on a variety of committees, including the General Assembly and the Security Council. The team performed admirably, and Burhan "Bobo" Baig won an award for his outstanding position paper.

NIRA is currently preparing to host its 4th Annual High School Model UN Conference on the main campus on November 4th, where we are expecting over 100 local area high school students.

News and New Developments

The Welcome Party: September 14, 2016
By Devindra Persad

The NSU Department of History and Political Science kicked off the fall semester with a Welcome Party. Held in the Flight Deck, students and faculty gathered for a delicious lunch and insightful department information. During the party, department t-shirts were distributed, faculty gave introductions, and important events and information were discussed. We had a representative from the academic advising department speak about registration and registration deadlines. We also had
the host committee share some of their experiences in the department with us. We learned about our three organizations that the department offers: the Model United Nations Team, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity (PAD), and Mock Trial Team. Study abroad opportunities were also discussed by the faculty.

This event was very helpful to me because as a transfer student I was able to learn a lot of important information about the programs and courses the department has to offer as well as meet faculty and classmates. During the meet and greet segment, I met students in the department who shared their fascinating future goals and aspirations with me. Students who had already taken classes that I plan on taking gave me great introductions to the courses as well as some useful tips. Some of the newer students came up to me and asked great questions in regard to the department, and it was great to share my personal experiences with them while answering their questions.

I had the opportunity to meet my future professors and had all my questions answered. All in all, it seemed like everyone who came out to the event had a great time and appreciated all of the information that was given. I can’t wait to see more students at the next department event. Don’t forget to pick up your department t-shirts if you haven’t already done so, and let us help show NSU students how to see the world differently through the Department of History and Political Science!

**The Department of History and Political Science Tackles Social Media**  
By Christopher Ramirez

The Department of History and Political Science (DHPS) has launched a social media campaign. We plan to provide the public, NSU students, and alumni information about special events as well as the accomplishments of the Department and its members. We currently manage three social media platforms: Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. We are in the process of creating a system to provide daily content to our followers in order to keep them informed and interested in what the Department is doing. Some posts are academic in nature while others are just for fun and intended to excite curiosity.

Creating a social network that accurately reflects the values, interests and academic standards of the Department provides us with two opportunities. These are cost effective outreach to prospective students and the establishment of a stable alumni network. The long-term use of a structured social network may result in increased enrollment in DHPS programs as well as retention of current students and improved alumni relations and support. Unlike phone numbers and emails which can quickly change based upon a person’s employment or residence, social media information is stable and reliable as a long-term means of communication. Consumers of social media generally don’t have multiple accounts on the same social media platform.

In the near future, I expect social media to become the most effective means of tracking and reaching out to alumni. I believe better communication between students, alumni, faculty, and the public will help shape and improve the academic programs offered by the DHPS.
Have You Seen Any New Faces

**Ava Strachan** was born and raised on the beautiful islands of The Bahamas. She is a student from Nassau whose major is Masters of Business Administration concentrating in Finance. Ava recently joined the Department of History and Political Science team as a Graduate Assistant. She looks forward to working with the members of the department this school year. Outside of the classroom, Ava enjoys cooking, reading and traveling.

**Carlyn Jorgensen** recently graduated with her Ph.D. in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from Nova Southeastern University and holds an M.A. in Political Science from Suffolk University in Boston, Massachusetts. Carlyn’s research focuses on genocide, including the role dehumanization played in the genocides in Rwanda and Darfur, as well as the impact of rape and sexual violence during a genocide. Carlyn also has a strong interest in American politics, particularly campaigns and elections, having volunteered for the Barack Obama Senate race in 2004, among others. Dr. Jorgensen is a new adjunct faculty member teaching political science.

**Christopher Ramirez** is a student assistant in the Department of History and Political Science. He helps with data collection for the National Security Affairs graduate program, and is also the Social Media Coordinator for the DHPS social network. He is a senior in the Legal Studies major, a member of the NSU Mock Trial Team and President of Alpha Kappa Psi Co-Ed Business Fraternity.
Shobhit Verma, is continuing as a GA in the Department. We introduced him in the last Newsletter and he has become invaluable to all the professors. He is continuing to pursue his M.Sc. in Management Information Systems. Shobhit successfully launched our social media program and hopes you are following us Department of History and Political Science.

“If we think right of people, we can treat them right.”

Jimai Nangsin Njodzeka is an international student from Cameroon in Africa. She is in the graduate program of the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution Studies and a Graduate Assistant in the Department of History and Political Science. Jimai has a background in Political Science from undergraduate and post graduate studies and is interested in research in the areas of political science, culture and conflict styles. She is passionate about contributing to policy change and development that create an enabling environment for women and young people in Cameroon and the world. She believes that if women and young people have the right opportunities and resources, they can contribute to development of their societies.

Alumni News

Dashia Nickole Trowers

My name is Dashia Nickole Trowers and I completed my Bachelor of Science degree in Legal Studies and then went on to the Shepard Broad Law School where I graduated with a J.D. in 1998. I have been a member of the Florida Bar since September 1999. It does not seem like seventeen years since I started working as a lawyer. I recall all the good times I had as an undergraduate student. I took a number of courses with Stephen Levitt. At that time he led an exchange trip to England. This trip abroad was one of the highlights of my undergraduate experience. I greatly enjoyed courses with Dr. Lindley, whom I remember as being very strict about writing. Dr. Zelden was there as well and I had interesting courses with him. My undergraduate years were wonderful and I hope that the students taking Legal Studies today appreciate how fortunate they are. I have founded my own law firm, which I call the Trowers Law Firm, P.A. My primary area of practice is family law. Because I am a great believer in women’s rights, and many of my clients are women seeking justice, I defend the rights of my clients diligently. I look forward to coming back to Nova Southeastern to give students a few lectures about the practice of law today in South Florida.
My name is Andrew Jones and I just moved to Europe, specifically the Netherlands, to the city of International Peace and Justice, more simply known as The Hague. As of September 2016, I am officially an international student studying abroad for my Master of Science degree in International Relations and Diplomacy at Leiden University which just turned 441 years old!

Technically speaking Leiden, Holland is its own city, but it neighbors The Hague and the international organizations and buildings don’t respect city boundaries. For Nova Southeastern students to understand this, they might consider Davie and Plantation or Hallandale and Golden Beach. In any event, Leiden and The Hague together are not only home to me, but over 150 international organizations, the International Court of Justice, the International Criminal Court, the Peace Palace, and one of the four official homes of the United Nations. I pass many of these buildings on my walk to school in the morning every day! This can be quite a motivating stroll if your passions lay in international politics.

But before I entered the world of post-graduate education, I was a proud graduate of Nova Southeastern University where I finished my studies in December of 2015. My time at Nova not only adequately prepared me for my graduate studies, but also gave me the confidence and skills to study on a totally different continent. My four years at Nova culminated in two Bachelor degrees in Political Science and Legal Studies. I built the core of my academic strengths in courses like Global Politics with Prof. George Nelson Bass, Comparative Government with Prof. Stephen Levitt, and Social and Political Theory with Prof. Vicki Toscano. All of this preparation made my transition to graduate school seamless. In my first semester block I am currently studying European Integration and International Relations Theory.

My time at Nova was also supplemented by travel study programs and substantial extracurricular involvement, including Prof. Gary Gershman’s Genocide in the 20th Century class that took a group of young scholars to Poland and Bosnia to study the most challenging and disturbing aspects of modern history. Gershman’s travel study course allowed me to confront the history of the Holocaust at Auschwitz and the legacy of ethnic cleansing at Srebrenica in Bosnia. Another priceless experience was my time spent competing for over three academic years as part of Nova’s Model United Nations Club. The team went all over the United States to compete in conferences with hundreds of other like-minded college students. This experience not only vastly expanded my networking opportunities but also helped me sharpen my public speaking and oratory skills to a professional level.

I could go on, but I find myself here in Holland thinking that my present is as much a part of my future as is my past. As new challenges present themselves and new academic obstacles arise, I often find myself reflecting on my time spent at Nova as a way to begin tackling these challenges. Nova Southeastern offered me a plethora of resources that included outstanding professors, career development, academic services, extracurricular organizations, travel study programs, and honor societies. My time at Nova was well spent and it was effective in preparing me for a world-class international education. It presented me with the opportunities to develop self-confidence and a competitive edge that have allowed me to pursue my academic aspirations all the way across the Atlantic Ocean.
Let Me Introduce Myself

Undergraduate Student
Sophie-Anne Baril

My name is Sophie-Anne Baril, and I am a senior International Studies major. This past summer, I was fortunate to be selected for a ten-week internship at the Council on Hemispheric Affairs (COHA) in Washington, DC. As a Research Associate and Website Manager at COHA, I was able to apply my undergraduate studies to research analysis, as well as to the writing, editing, and publishing process. During my ten-week internship, I met motivated co-workers, conducted research and published articles on various topics, but most importantly, I had the opportunity to express and enrich my passion for International Affairs.

While in the nation’s capital, I attended lectures and events related to my topics of research. At these events, I met and spoke with distinguished guests such as the President of the Inter-American Development Bank, the Chilean Ambassador to the United States, and a U.S. diplomat. Whether it was online research or in-person conversations, the methods through which I conducted my research while at COHA all contributed to what I consider to be important and meaningful research. This research, of course, translated into my writing. Both published in the Washington Report on the Hemisphere and online at www.coha.org, my articles have reached audiences around the world. I wrote my articles with the intention to inform a public, which generally may not know much about the matters that I outlined.

Without a doubt, my coursework at NSU prepared me for my internship at COHA. I was able to meet deadlines and apply my understanding of research methods. My knowledge of history and international relations helped also. With my academic background, I was able to frame arguments easily and support the main points in my articles with relevant information.

The internship with COHA allowed me to have more research and writing experiences as well as to make great connections. I believe that it has given me a better understanding of the field of International Affairs. I am certain that I will be able to use what I learned in the “real” world during my internship in many different and creative ways. Starting in the fall of 2017, after I complete my Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies at NSU, I plan to attend graduate school.
My name is Damaris Hall and I was born and raised in Panama. In 1978, I immigrated to the United States and I attended Miami Dade Community College where I earned state certification in Emergency Medical Services. For the next eleven years, I worked for Randle Eastern Ambulance as an Emergency Medical Technician. In 1987, I enlisted in the U.S. Air Force Reserves and quickly earned my U.S. citizenship. In 1992, I returned to school full-time and earned my Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice three years later. Subsequently, I swore the Police Officer’s oath and served with the Miami Dade Police Department in various roles, most notably in the Neighborhood Resource Unit where I counseled students and subsidized housing residents on drugs and safety.

Concurrent with my civilian career, I advanced in my military service as a sergeant and became an Air Transportation Craftsman. The army called me to active duty after the attacks of September 11th and I served two years in Germany, Afghanistan, the United Arab Emirates and Pakistan. After my return, I was promoted to Master Sergeant and then to Senior Master Sergeant after two more tours (Afghanistan and Kyrgyzstan). I am currently the Unit Deployment Manager for the 70th Aerial Port Squadron at Homestead Air Reserve Base.

I also hold a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Management and recently graduated from Nova Southeastern University with a Master’s Degree in International Business. I am currently working on a second Master’s Degree in National Security Affairs. For thirty years, I have been married to Artie Hall and we have two sons, Ricardo and James. I am active in James’ college education at Florida International University.

I consider myself to be the epitome of a citizen airmen. I am an engaged mother of two sons, a full-time officer with the Miami-Dade Police Department, and an active Air Force Reservist. I am involved in multiple aspects of my community, from raising money for cancer research to civic volunteerism for the less fortunate. Within the squadron – I am a catalyst for improvement and boosting morale. I have organized homecoming events for forty-eight fellow Airmen returning from Kyrgyzstan and Afghanistan and coordinated the participation of the Fighter Wing, Miami-Dade Police Department, and the Transportation Security Administration. I am the Treasurer of the Top Three Association and led the effort to adopt six needy families in the local area – ensuring they had a good Thanksgiving and Christmas. Touched by my own experiences while deployed to Pakistan and Afghanistan, I have energized the local chapter of the Wounded Warrior Program and personally raised $1,000 dollars for this compassionate project. My current endeavor is a start-up export/import venture. I hope that this community entrepreneurial activity will create ten new jobs in the South Florida area.
I've been teaching philosophy courses at NSU since the fall of 2004. The courses that I teach on a regular basis include Introduction to Logic, Symbolic Logic, Metaphysics, Biomedical Ethics, Moral Issues, and Modern Philosophy. Students in these courses often ask, “How did you come to be interested in philosophy”? As an undergraduate, I spent a lot of time in the library reading whatever grabbed my attention while browsing through the stacks. I was mostly taking courses on literature, history, and religion, but I wound up visiting the philosophy section in the library more frequently after my instructors told me that the questions I raised were of a philosophical nature. I finally took their word for it and enrolled in a philosophy of science course where we read portions of David Hume’s A Treatise of Human Nature. At that point I was hooked on philosophy and the rest, as they say, is history.

After I completed graduate school at the University of South Carolina and the University of Arkansas, my research focused on issues related to metaphysical idealism. In particular, I was interested in identifying the necessary conceptual conditions underlying the radical view that physical/material entities do not exist (at least not in the way we think they do). Most of the publications early on in my career are related to this topic. Lately, my interests have become more eclectic. I’ve written articles on “clutch” performances in sports, the connection between vagueness and the sorites paradox, the role of “demons” in Plato’s moral philosophy and Descartes’ epistemology, and I’m currently working on an article about some philosophical aspects of the movie, Deliverance.

After spending many years engaged with philosophy in academia, I still enjoy thinking about, writing about, and teaching philosophy. Accordingly, I highly recommend Hume’s Treatise.