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Welcome

It is hard to believe that the Fall Trimester has almost come to an end! I am the new editor of DCAR…On the Move! I am very excited to be part of an amazing group of Faculty, Staff, and Students! Each trimester we will focus on Faculty and Student engagement, recent events, and highlighting important information to keep you in the ‘know’. This is YOUR newsletter, so any thoughts, ideas, or feedback are greatly appreciated! Also, if you are interested in submitting an article or a news item for the next edition, please do not hesitate to reach out to me! My email is rm1609@nova.edu. I look forward to seeing or hearing from each of you in the near future.

Enjoy the next couple of festive months and look for the next edition in the New Year!

Best, Rachel

SHSS SGA Greetings!

We are off to an exciting year in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences Student Government Association. This quarter alone we have had Welcome Week, an exciting Residential Institute Social, BBQ, and Symposium, and just recently we co-sponsored an event with the African Working Group (AWG) to sponsor a film by UNESCO titled Slave Routes: A Global Vision. Also, we raised almost $1,000 in t-shirt sales. Remember if you are a registered group, you have the option to sell t-shirts also. Check out our Facebook page for updates ~ http://www.facebook.com/NSUSHSSSA or drop one of us an email. You can find our info on our webpage ~ http://shss.nova.edu/sa/officers.htm.

Important Fall Dates to Remember:

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From the Desk of the Chair…

Dr. Clair Michele Rice

Welcome

We are off to a wonderful fall quarter with energetic students, a successful Residential Institute, and faculty led initiatives. In the spirit of a transparent and open leadership team, I would like to share with you on the faculty side of the house, as well as, whom to contact with your questions and/or concerns.

My Focus for Our Newsletter…

For the month of November is to highlight certain DCAR’s accomplishments both from the work of our Faculty and our students. I hope by sharing what I feel are highlights of this past year’s accomplishments at DCAR perhaps you may use this as an opportunity in the coming year to get to know faculty members that you may not have had in class previously. By sharing our faculty’s accomplishments, I am optimistic that many of you will consider engaging more deeply with a faculty’s working group(s), research project(s), and/or global learning opportunities once you are more fully aware of their endeavors.

Did You Know…

Our faculty and students have been branching out in our communities whether local or international, engaging people in a fusion of scholarship, research, and practice. This is the scholarship of engagement!
Our Faculty Spotlight

Each publication we will highlight some of our faculties recent achievements. Below are just a few of our latest and greatest accomplishments:

- Creation of the Dissertation Preparation course
- Dr. Bastidas was awarded a training contract from the Government of Suriname.
- Development of global hybrid courses initiatives:
  - Ecuador, Peru, and Morocco
  - Possible New Locations 2013
- External faculty publishing and speaking engagements:
  - Jason J. Campbell at Oxford University, England, as well as, publishing a book “On the Nature of Genocide Intent”.
  - Ismael Muvingi presented at University of Essex, Colchester, England
  - Toran Hansen’s “The Generalist Approach to Conflict Resolution: A Guidebook”.
  - Faculty Collaboration “Scholarship of Engagement” edited by Dr. Duckworth

Student Spotlight: Crystina Wyler

Last November I returned from a transformational conference in Lebanon connecting professors from our program at NSU with professors from LAU that have had positive global exchange results for students & academics in both programs. I shared the possibilities with Dean Yang, Drs. Hansen and Duckworth. It began by introducing Drs. Ouaiiss & Rowayheb from LAU to our NSU family and then we worked on possibilities, initially via weekly & then bi-monthly Skype calls. Now, after all these months of joint efforts, we all wait for the positive results of an NSU/LAU collaborative effort which may result in an USIP grant which Dr. Duckworth and Dr. Rowayheb have been hard working on since July. The LAU/NSU Inaugural Intercultural Dialogue event, which took place via videoconferencing during our winter Residential Institute in 2012 was a true global effort & a huge success.
Who to Contact in DCAR...

Dr. Dustin Berna
DCAR Masters students may contact Dr. Berna to discuss general questions or concerns about the Masters program, or to address any course scheduling conflicts or enrollment issues. In addition, Masters students should contact Dr. Berna if seeking to appeal a grade or request a waiver from attendance at R.I. All DCAR students may contact Dr. Berna with questions about the SHSS catalog or the Comprehensive Exam.

Dr. Robin Cooper
DCAR PhD students may contact Dr. Cooper to discuss general questions or concerns about the doctoral program, or to address any course conflict or enrollment issues. In addition, doctoral students should contact Dr. Cooper if seeking to appeal a grade or request a waiver from attendance at R.I. All DCAR students may contact Dr. Cooper if seeking permission to take more than three courses in one term, or with questions about the Qualifying Exam.

Dr. Michele Rice
All DCAR students may contact Dr. Rice regarding requests for a leave of absence, a withdrawal from the program, or a transfer of credit. Students may also appeal decisions made by the program liaisons to Dr. Rice. Dr. Rice will need to sign all dissertation forms for doctoral students. In addition, students are welcome to contact Dr. Rice regarding general suggestions, questions, or concerns about the department, the faculty, and the staff.

A Warm Welcome to Dr. Robert Witheridge
Dr. Witheridge has been a Research Scientist for the New Jersey Division of Mental Health Services, and an HR Mediator for global labor relations in Copenhagen, Denmark. He has corporate experience as the Associate Director for Global Education and the General Manager for Organizational Development. His research interests include the use of mixed methods, particularly quantitative methods, organizational issues including race and gender equities, decision-making, strategic business development and the application of organizational statistics, and conflict resolution practices and the impact on organizational conflict and employee retention.