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Greetings SHSS Family!

SHSS SGA Officers at the SHSS Mardi Gras Event



## Important Dates

**April 15**

Tax Day – Taxes Due

**April 22**

Earth Day

**May 5**

Cinco de Mayo

**July 4**

Independence Day  
School Closed



Carl Letamendi

SHSS SGA President

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### Christian Perspectives in Peacemaking (CPP) Working Group



CPP is a newly formed working group in SHSS. The group's mission is 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. CPP holds monthly telephonic meetings and schedules bi-annual activities and social gatherings during the fall and winter Residential Institutes. Most recently, the group featured guest speaker, Dr. Ken Newberger, during Winter RI 2013. Dr. Newberger, a graduate of Nova's DCAR program, presented the Judeo-Christian Model of Peacemaking, "a process of peacemaking that has reconciliation as its goal."

Both residential and distance learning students are welcome to participate in the group. Additionally, the group welcomes all students irrespective of religious or spiritual creed. CPP is currently recruiting members and encourages anyone interested in more information to visit their website, <http://christianpeacemakers.groupbox.com>, or contact one of the Executive Officers directly via email.

Executive Team: President – Crystal Lee [cl1009@nova.edu](mailto:cl1009@nova.edu);  
Vice President – Nicole Davis [nd492@nova.edu](mailto:nd492@nova.edu);  
Treasurer – Ron Wiley [rw76@nova.edu](mailto:rw76@nova.edu); Secretary – Deborah Bailey [db964@nova.edu](mailto:db964@nova.edu)



Dr. Newberger - NSU Alum



Tyra Brown at CPP event



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## The Africa Working Group



AWG presented "The Neo-African American" An award winning documentary about how rapid, voluntary immigration from Africa and the Caribbean is transforming the African-American narrative. The group also presented "Slave Routes: A Global Vision" in October, 2012". Another educational and informative documentary supported and produced by UNESCO. The Africa Working Group also printed T-Shirts for sale to raise funds for its activities. All are invited to support the group by purchasing T-Shirts for just \$20.00 each. The Africa Working Group also provides information on jobs, conferences, and grants on areas related to conflict resolution so as to help students succeed in their field of interest. Students should consult:

[http://shss.nova.edu/community\\_outreach/africaworkinggroup/index.html](http://shss.nova.edu/community_outreach/africaworkinggroup/index.html)



AWG Event



AWG Event with faculty advisor, Dr. Muvingi (left)



AWG Honors Dr. Sweedler



AWG Event

## Keeping You In The Loop

AWG Plans on continuing with humanitarian events by providing school supplies to children that are in need in Africa.

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### Department of Family Therapy & MFT Club

The Department of Family Therapy students have been very busy this past semester. At the last International Family Therapy Association annual conference in February, there were over 20 NSU student Presenters! It was a great turnout, and a wonderful representation of the Department of Family Therapy.

The Brief Therapy Institute (BTI) has also been offering several workshops throughout the winter semester. The entire SHSS community is welcome to all of the BTI workshops! For more information on the BTI workshops contact Dr. Arlene Brett Gordon at [arlenebg@nova.edu](mailto:arlenebg@nova.edu).

The Marriage and Family Therapy Club has been very active this past semester. Offering students workshops on external practicum, and the DFT Doctoral program, they have been keeping busy helping the students stay informed.

This semester many students have enrolled in Equine Assisted Family Therapy class. All SHSS students are welcomed to participate in this class offered through Stable Place, a non-profit organization run by Dr. Shelley Green, who presents on their work nation-wide! For more information on the Equine Assisted Family Therapy class, or any programs through Stable Place, e-mail Dr. Shelley Green at [Shelley@nova.edu](mailto:Shelley@nova.edu).



### MFT Club Events



### MFT CLUB

**Jessica Guevara - Social Media Rep,**  
**Diana Wile - 1st Year Rep,**  
**Alyson Wogenrich - 2nd Year Rep**  
**Aprile Coleman – President**  
**Joely Spencer - Vice President**  
**Hayseann Walker – Secretary**  
**Ileana Oxley - Treasurer**  
**Not pictured:**  
**Christopher Garcia - 1st Year Rep**  
**Farheen Waquad - 2nd Year Rep**



Equine Therapy students collaborating with each other

### Keeping You In The Loop

#### **The Institute for Genocide Awareness and Applied Research (IGAAR)**

Will be screening the documentary *Earth Made of Glass* on April 16 at 7:00pm in Maltz 2058. *Earth Made of Glass* examines the search for justice in post-genocide Rwanda and the choices survivors have to make: whether to take revenge or to forgive the people who killed their family members.



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### Keeping You In The Loop



From the Dean's desk

Dear colleagues, students, and alumni,

Three years ago I wrote a piece about the critical significance of self-care, in **SHSS Dialogs**. I would like to reemphasize on exercising it on a more consistent basis in light of the pressing challenges in academic studies, life, career, and community. As you know, NSU has a designated web link at <http://www.nova.edu/wellness/> where some of our professors, students, and alums have contributed. Please bookmark it to help remind each other of practicing it on and off campus.

NSU's Student Life Achievement Awards (STUEYS) is an annual celebration of the best in Student Centered, Community, Academic Excellence, Diversity, Opportunity, Integrity, Scholarship/Research, and Innovation. Please join me in congratulating the nominees for the 2013 STUEYS from our School:

**Student of the Year: Rob Keever**  
**Professor of the Year: Dr. Pat Cole**  
**Co-Curricular Advisor of the Year: Dr. Ismael Muvungi**  
**Executive of the Year: Dr. Tommie Boyd**  
**Administrator of the Year: Dr. Arlene Gordon**  
**Staff Person of the Year: Erica Guterman**  
**Student Government Association of the Year: SHSS- SGA**  
**Graduate Organization of the Year: MFT Club**  
**Corporate/Community Partner of the Year: Crisis Response Team at the Plantation Police Dept.**  
**Alumnus of the Year: Dr. Jacqueline Font- Guzmán**

Warm wishes,

Dean Yang

The 14th Annual Student Life Achievement Awards Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, April 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center. Tickets are now available. There are a limited number of tickets – only one (1) ticket per person will be distributed. Tickets are on a first come, first serve basis. Tickets are available in the Rosenthal Building, room 211. Please pick up your ticket before April 12 as tickets will not be handed out at the event or delivered in the mail. *Online reservations will not be taken.*

Seating is not guaranteed due to limited space. It is suggested that all ticket holders arrive to the event early. All guests must be in their seats by 5:45 p.m.

The event will be sold out and we ask that if you do not plan on using your ticket(s), please return them to us so that we may redistribute to other individuals.

If you have any questions, please contact the Student Affairs' Office of Special Events and Projects at (954) 262-7274 .



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### What would happen if you donated the cost of a cup of coffee for one day to the United Way?

Did you know that the United Way of Broward County is the largest private funder of health and human services supporting 84 programs through 50+ agencies in our community?

**During the week of March 18-21**, SHSS's SGA and faculty members offered coffee and other treats to raise donations for the United Way. The donations support great causes and we raised **\$657.00** for the United Way by asking students, staff and faculty to contribute what they would pay for a cup of coffee to the United Way. By asking for donations this way, a way that everyone could participate, we had almost 100% participation from SHSS's residential members.

### Mardi Gras Social



SHSS SGA Faculty Judges at Mardi Gra Social held in February 2013. (Left to right)  
**Dr's. Witheridge, McKay and Georgakopoulos**



**Dr. Witheridge**



**Gilda, Dr. Ajayi & Carl  
United Way Event**



**Gilda, Sharon & Carl  
Collecting Donations  
United Way Event**

### Keeping You In The Loop

#### The Africa Peace and Conflict Network (APCN)

Will be showing *Hotel Rwanda* on April 09 at 3:30pm in DeSantis 1047. April is National Genocide Awareness Month, and marks the 19th anniversary of the 1994 Rwandan genocide that led to the deaths of over 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus. *Hotel Rwanda* tells the true story of Paul Rusesabagina, a htoel manager who sheltered and saved 1,268 refugees during the genocide.

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**"The Pursuit of Justice Conference: Understanding Hatred, Confronting Intolerance, Eliminating Inequality."**

Congratulations!

Cade Resnick, Amy Guimond, Shawna Resnick and Heather Wellman were approved for the PanSGA professional development grant to present at "The Pursuit of Justice Conference: Understanding Hatred, Confronting Intolerance, Eliminating Inequality." The conference takes place in Spokane Washington and is held by Gonzaga University. Their paper is titled

*"Why Terrorist Networks Maintain Viability in Today's Modern Society."*

## 2013 SHSS Symposium



**Dr. Cooper**

Moderator for SHSS Symposium



**SHSS Symposium Winners**

From left to right:  
MFT student Maria Levi-Minzi.  
DCAR student - Gabrielle Grant  
DCAR student - Kacey Shapp

**Keeping you in the Loop**





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## Dr. Duckworth and SHSS Students Head to Morocco for Global Learning

6624 Advanced Practicum: This practicum is developed to engage students in experiential, applied learning of sustainable, multi-track peace building practices, theories and models.

Topics covered will include various levels of peace building programs (government, civil society), social change, peace education and human rights. As part of the course students will travel to a specific global practicum locale (in this case Morocco) for approximately fourteen days (including travel) where they will have the opportunity to interact with and learn from leading government and civil society peace builders in country. Such in-country partners will include government officials, such as from the Foreign Ministry and/or the Ministry of Education, US diplomats in country, and civil society organizations relevant to peace building and peace education in country. The course will also include an online component, which will include weekly "elive" (Elluminate) chats and discussion board dialogue. The purpose of this component will be to organize and communicate class logistics, provide lecture and discussion of course texts, and introduce students to content specific to peace and conflict in country. \*Please contact Dr. Duckworth, [cheryl.duckworth@nova.edu](mailto:cheryl.duckworth@nova.edu), for registration.



King's Castle Grounds



**Cheryl Duckworth, Ph.D.**  
Assistant Professor



**Al Akhawayn University Students**



**Morocco**



**Moroccan Tagine Cookware**



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### Dr. Hansen and SHSS Students Head to Ireland for Global Learning

CARM/D 6624 Advanced Practicum: Study Abroad in Ireland with Dr. Toran Hansen. This interdisciplinary course will allow students to experientially explore the concept and practice of reconciliation in post-conflict Ireland. A key feature of the course will be a 12-day stay in Ireland and Northern Ireland to investigate methods of reconciliation that have been used to facilitate peaceful coexistence in Northern Ireland between Protestants and Loyalists on one hand, and Catholics and Republicans on the other. These groups have had a long history of violent and nonviolent conflict going back to the colonization of Ireland by Britain. This history and the factors leading to violence will be considered as part of the course. Students will also gain an understanding of the peace process which culminated in the Good Friday Agreement, ending formal hostilities. This history and these methods promoting peaceful coexistence will be illustrated through partnerships with various non-governmental agencies, which have provided ways of promoting reconciliation in Northern Ireland from the ground-up. In that sense, Ireland represents a unique setting to investigate transitional justice, which has largely been from the ground-up, rather than top-down, as has been the case in many transitional societies. \*Please contact Dr. Hansen, [toran@nova.edu](mailto:toran@nova.edu), for registration.



**Toran Hansen PH.D**  
Assistant Professor



Dublin



Bru Na Boine/Newgrange

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### Dr. Miller and SHSS Students Head to China for Global Learning

During the summer a group of graduate students and faculty from the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) traveled to Beijing, China to engage in a ten day Intercultural Exchange in Counseling, Psychology and Family Therapy. The trip was led by John Miller, Ph.D., associate professor in the Department of Family Therapy (DFT), as part of a course that he teaches: International Perspectives in Counseling and Therapy.



**John K. Miller, Ph.D.**  
Associate Professor (DFT)



**SHSS welcomes  
Beijing Normal University**

### Keeping you in the Loop

Honggang Yang, Ph.D., dean of the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), along with Tommie Boyd, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of Department of Family Therapy, and Anthony J. DeNapoli, Ed.D., executive director of NSU's Office of International Affairs, recently welcomed a delegation of scholars from Beijing Normal University (BNU). The delegation was here to formalize agreements for collaborative research and outreach in the field of family therapy.



**Sino-American Forum-NSU Students with Dr. Fang and Dr. Miller**



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### From the Editors Desk



**Sharon McIntyre**

Hello SHSS Family!

Another amazing semester is about to end. Summer is always a busy time and there are many great classes including hybrid classes that are featured in the newsletter. These classes will fill up quickly so register ASAP for the summer session. Enjoy your spring break and let's keep the momentum going for 2013! The SHSS SGA is honored to represent and serve you. Please let us know what we can do to make you a success. Contact your SHSS SGA rep or email us at [shss.sga@gmail.com](mailto:shss.sga@gmail.com).

Sharon McIntyre - Editor-at-large

**Below - SHSS students and faculty at the Mardi Gras, Symposium and Bowling events**



### Keeping You In The Loop

#### Are you interested in volunteering?

May 5-12, 2013 Mirebalais, Haiti.  
The Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement will partner with L'Ecole de Choix (The School of Choice) to work with children of the school during the day and adult learners in the evening. NSU students will also have the opportunity to experience the beauty of Haiti by visiting local parks in the more rural parts of the country. The cost per student is \$800 with a maximum of 12 students. To register for the NSU service trip, visit:  
<http://www.nova.edu/studentleadership/service/>  
or contact the NSU Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement at (954)- 262-7195



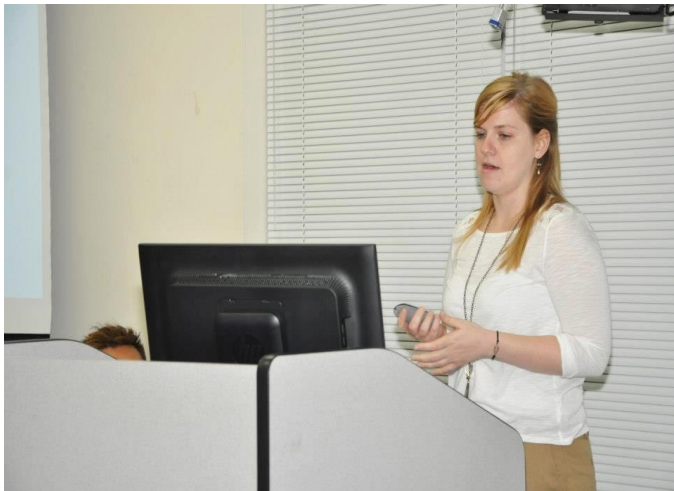








SHSS Symposium Held - February 2013



SHSS Bowling Fundraiser “Bowling for Dolls”

