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SHSS Dialogues

Fall In Review

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Greetings SHSS Family,

This has been an exciting year and we're ending it together with lots of new additions. We the SHSS Student Government Association wish to thank Dean Yang and the entire faculty and administrative staff for the support throughout the year. We have shared some very happy memories and exciting accomplishments. This last Dialog for the year is a commemoration of some of 2009's highlights. Join us in celebrating what we have done as we look forward to even more celebrative experiences. Happy New Year to all

Dr. Dustin Berna (DCAR)

Dr. Berna's teaching and research specialties include Islamic Politics and Fundamentalism, Middle Eastern Peace and Conflict, International Relations, Comparative Politics, Social Movements, and Quantitative Analysis. He earned two master's degrees (i.e. M.A. in political science and M.S. in history education), and two baccalaureate degrees (i.e. political science and English literature). His Ph.D. dissertation research at the University of New Orleans was focused on "A Revolutionary Perspective on Social Movements: Fundamentalism in the Islamic World." He has collected and coded every Islamic fundamentalist group that is or has been in operation in the Islamic world since 1970. Dr. Berna was a visiting assistant professor of political science at the Northern Illinois University. He served on the University of New Orleans Committee on University Honors and Awards in 2005-2006. He was a recipient of the Crescent City Doctoral Scholarships in 2003-2007, among many of his honors and recognitions. At Niagara University Dr. Berna served as a faculty adviser to the Student Multicultural Committee.

Dr. Jason Campbell (DCAR)

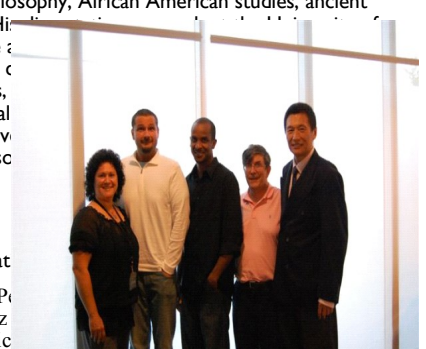
Dr. Campbell's teaching and research specialties include social and political philosophy, African American studies, ancient philosophies, gender studies, human rights issues, and narrative approaches. His South Florida (USF) is titled "On the Concept of Evil: An Analysis of Genocide." He received his Master of Arts from USF in Tampa, and received his bachelor's degree (magna cum laude) from the University of Miami. Among Dr. Campbell's research and writing undertakings, he has co-edited the journal of "International Studies in Philosophy" (Vol. 38, No. 1). He has a creative link at <http://www.jasonjcampbell.org/home.php> with an active blog, including some of his research. Dr. Campbell reads in Ancient Greek and French.

Dr. Martha Marquez (MFT)

Dr. Marquez received her Ph.D. from Purdue University in 1992. Her dissertation was titled "The Field of Marriage and Family Therapy: A Qualitative Analysis of Multiple Perspectives in the profession over the years." In 2006, for example, Dr. Marquez co-edited the book "Multicultural Issues in Counseling: New Issues to Diversity" edited by Lee & Riccio. She is an experienced clinician, and an active member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT). She chaired the Commission on Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE) that is the accreditation agency for the profession of family therapy, as a part-time faculty colleague, contributed to the development of several programs. Dr. Marquez has also received several awards and recognitions for her community leadership.

Dr. Neil Katz

Dr. Neil Katz has distinguished himself as an innovator, leader, teacher, scholar and highly successful practitioner in both academia and organizational consulting over the past 38 years. Dr. Katz currently serves as Program Manager for Training and Organizational Development for the Executive Education Programs in the nationally renowned Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse, and as Distinguished Visiting Professor in DCAR at NSU. After receiving his doctorate from the University of Maryland in 1974, Neil's academic career at the Maxwell School included service as founder and director of the Program in Nonviolent Conflict and Change, founder and director of the Annual Summer Institute on Creative Conflict Resolution, co-founder and faculty supervisor for the Campus Mediation Center and the Conflict Resolution Consulting Group, co founder and associate director of the Program on the Analysis and Resolution of Conflicts and associate professor of Social Science and Public Affairs. In addition to these University positions, Neil also serves as President of his own consulting firm, Dr. Neil Katz & Associates.



Left to Right: Dr. Martha Gonzalez-Marquez, Dr. Dustin Berna, Dr. Jason Campbell, Dr. Neil Katz, and Dean Honggang Yang, PhD.

Special points of interest:

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Welcome Associate Provost Dr. Margaret Malmberg

Dr. Margaret Malmberg has been appointed to the leadership position of Associate Provost for the three-unit division, i.e. SHSS CPS (<http://cps.nova.edu/>), and MSI (<http://www.nova.edu/msi/index.html>), effective on Oct. 15th, 2009. It is exciting and promising as our new division fosters more joint initiatives for learning and research across various academic disciplines, helping professions, clinical services, and outreach projects. Dr. Malmberg presents a strong and extensive record of academic and administrative accomplishments at several other institutions, large and small. On August 1, 2007 Dr. Malmberg became the Executive Vice President and the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at the National College of the Marshall Islands, in the Republic of the

Marshall Islands, a developing nation approximately 2500 miles southwest of Hawaii. In her current role she assists the president in the development of College infrastructure. Dr. Malmberg has a striking record in securing millions of dollars in research funds for a number of schools and colleges.

SHSS STUDENTS

Student Directs Blind Powerlifting World Championship Competition

Robert Keller, doctoral candidate in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), is director of the International Blind Sports Federation Powerlifting and Bench Press World Championship and recently held an historic world champion event in Miami on July 10-11, 2009. Keller's dissertation focuses on the use of Track II Diplomacy and athletics as a means to build bridges to foster communication and understanding between people.

Student Publishes Article on Family Violence

Katariina Juliao, a doctoral student in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, was a contributing author in the *Family Violence Fund Online Journal*. Juliao's article was entitled, "Family and Childhood Violence/Sexual Assault and its Relationship to Weight Gain/Obesity."

Doctoral Student Publishes Book on Social Justice

T.Y. Okosun, Ph.D., a doctoral student in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) has published his latest book entitled, "Social Justice and Increasing Global Destitution," by University Press of America in Sept. 2009.

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Congressman Alcee Hastings, Senator Jeremy Ring and President Ferrero to Discuss Fulbright Scholars

The Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) recently hosted a meeting with NSU President Ray Ferrero, Jr., U.S. Congressman Alcee Hastings, Florida Senator Jeremy Ring and SHSS administration and several Fulbright scholars currently pursuing doctoral degrees at SHSS. Dean Honggang Yang welcomed Congressman Hastings, State Senator Jeremy Ring and President Ferrero to SHSS to discuss ways to enhance funding for Fulbright scholars. Fulbright scholars, Solomon Losha from Cameroon; Hassan Khannenje from Kenya; and Ronald Mabunga from the Philippines attended the affair. All three are students in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR).

SHSS STUDENTS CONTINUED

Student Publishes Article in the Journal of Alternative Perspectives in the Social Sciences

Christopher W. Smithmyer, a doctoral student in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), has authored an article in the upcoming issue of *Necrosymbiosis, Journal of Alternative Perspectives in the Social Sciences*, Forthcoming, December 2009. Issue 3 Vol. 1. Smithmyer's article is entitled, "*Sovereignty Abandoned: Bernard Kouchner's Assault on the Westphalia Doctrine.*"

Student Presents at Florida NASPA Conference in Tampa

Jamie Rodriguez, a master's candidate in the College Student Affairs (CSA) program in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), was a presenter at the 2009 NASPA-Florida Drive-In Conference held at the University of South Florida in Tampa on Oct. 1-2. NASPA is the professional association for Student Affairs

Administrators in Higher Education. Rodriguez' presentation was entitled "Exploring Undergraduate Latino/a Student Enrollment in the State of Florida (Florida NASPA Latino/a Knowledge Community Sponsored Round Table Discussion)." She co-presented with a colleague from Florida State University.

Doctoral Student Publishes Article on Mediation and Small Claims Court

Christopher W. Smithmyer, a doctoral student in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) has published an article entitled: "*Principles of Abandonment: Relinquishing the Primacy of Archaic Adversarial Proceedings In Small Claims Court Cases in Favor of Volunteer Mediation.*" in the *Journal of the Bar Association of Queensland*.

Doctoral Candidate Publishes on Infertility

Laurn Salassi Gilliam, M.S., a doctoral candidate in the Department of Family Therapy (DFT) has published an article entitled "Maintaining Friendships During Infertility

Treatments," in *Connect*, a publication of The American Fertility Association. Her dissertation chair is Shelley Green, Ph.D.

SHSS ALUMS

Alum Publishes Book on Conflict

Resolution in Pre-school

Anita Vestal, Ph.D., graduate of the doctoral program in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) has published a book entitled "Conflict Resolution in Preschool: A Model for Teachers and Students." Vestal is a consultant for schools and organizations including Headstart. She was nominated by SHSS as NSU alum of the year.

Publishes on Mobbing in the

Workplace

Maureen Duffy, Ph.D. a graduate of the Department of Family Therapy (DFT) in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) has published an article on mobbing in the workplace in the *Consulting Psychology Journal: Practice and Research*, September, 2009. The article is entitled, "Preventing workplace mobbing and bullying with effective organizational consultation, policies, and legislation."

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Department Chair at Keiser University

Adele Sullivan, Ph.D., M.H.A., a doctoral graduate of the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) has been named the Chair for Health Administration Management and Interim Chair for Health Information Management at Keiser University.

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Department Chair at Egerton University in Kenya

Joshia Osamba, Ph.D., a doctoral graduate of the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) has been named the Chair of the Department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies at Egerton University in Kenya.

SHSS FACULTY

Faculty present at Dispute Resolution Center Conference in Orlando

Several faculty members in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) presented at the Dispute Resolution Center's Annual Conference in Orlando from August 20-22.

Alexia Georgakopoulos, Ph.D., associate professor in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) presented: "Understanding Cultural Frameworks: Techniques for Mediators; and "The Peacemakers of Institutionalized Mediation: Theories to Reveal the Influences of Power in Family Mediation," co-presented with Rebecca Storrow. This presentation focused on Storrow's dissertation research study. Storrow, a DCAR Director of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, is a DCAR doctoral student

Judith McKay, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Multidisciplinary Studies presented two presentations: "Family Violence: A Typology and the Implications for Mediation." The and "Angels and Demons: How Mediations Rise and Fall through Narrative and was co-presented with Richard Toumey, M.F.A., writer and SHSS adjunct faculty member.

Book on Competencies in Family Therapy

Ron Chenail, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Family Therapy (DFT) in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) authored "Forward: Becoming competent with competencies or what I have learned about learning," in the book, *Mastering Competencies in Family Therapy: A Practical Approach to Theory and Clinical Case Documentation* (pp. xix-xxi), written by D. Gehart and published by Cengage Learning.

Neil Katz Named as Chair and Professor of NSU's Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution

After more than three decades as a professor, director or co-director of five conflict resolution programs in the Maxwell School of Citizenship of Syracuse University, Neil Katz, Ph.D., has taken on a new challenge as Chair of NSU's Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) and Professor of Social Science. "Welcome," Dr. Katz.

Faculty and Doctoral Candidate Present at AAMF Conference In Sacramento

Shelley Green, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Family Therapy (DFT) in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) and Lauryn Salassi Gilliam, M.S., a doctoral candidate in DFT, presented a workshop entitled "Sex, Lies, and Love: A Both/And Approach to Infidelity, Abuse, and Addiction" at the annual conference of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy in Sacramento, CA on Oct. 3, 2009.

Collaborative Work at AIS Conference

Judith McKay, J.D. Ph.D., associate professor and Chair of the Department of Multidisciplinary Studies (DMS) in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), recently gave a presentation at the Association for Integrative Studies Annual Conference held this year at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa on Oct. 8-11, 2009. Her presentation was entitled, "Transformational Narratives: Integrating Writing, Family Therapy, and Conflict Resolution to Create New Paradigms for Individual and Social Change."

Arlene Gordon, Ph.D., director of the Brief Therapy Clinic in the Department of Family Therapy (DFT) and Richard Toumey, M.F.A., adjunct professor in DMS in SHSS collaborated with McKay on the project and the preparation of the presentation.

2009 Assessment Institute

Tommie Boyd, Ph.D. and James Hibel, Ph.D., faculty in the Department of Family Therapy (DFT) in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), recently presented at the 2009 Assessment Institute in Indianapolis. Their presentation was entitled, "Integrating Professional Core Competencies with Program Assessment." In the workshop, they presented specific ways in which DFT implemented this integration.

Review in the American Review of Politics

D. Dustin Berna, Ph.D., faculty in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, has authored a review of the book *Freedom's Unsteady March: America's Role in Building Arab Democracy in the Spring/Summer volume of the American Review of Politics*.

Panel at National Diversity Council Women in Leadership Symposium

Debra Nixon, Ph.D., faculty in the Department of Family Therapy (DFT) in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) served as a guest panelist for the National Diversity Council's 2nd Annual Women in Leadership Symposium. This year's symposium was held at the Bankers Club of Miami in the One Biscayne Tower and the theme was "Winning Strategies for Success." Nixon's presentation was entitled "Superwoman, employee, mother, and wife." She also accepted an invitation to present at the National Diversity Council's Conference in March 2010 in Orlando, Florida.

Our 21st Residential Institute

The Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) hosted the 21st Residential Institute (RI) from Oct 16 through Oct 20 on NSU's main campus. During RI, students in distance learning programs come to campus to attend classes live, meet with faculty, staff, and their colleagues, attend advising sessions, participate in workshops and presentations, and enjoy social activities. Approximately, 150 students were in attendance.

The Keynote Speaker was Ambassador Donald Planty who spoke about "The Guatemalan Peace Accords and the End of Guerilla Warfare in Central America: A Case Study in Conflict Resolution," at the Keynote Dinner on Oct. 17.



Student-Faculty Collaborations

ACR Conference in Atlanta

Judith McKay, J.D. Ph.D., associate professor and chair of the Department of Multidisciplinary Studies and several graduates and doctoral candidates in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) gave presentations at the Association for Conflict Resolution's Annual Conference in Atlanta on Oct. 7-10. McKay presented her theoretical framework, literature review, and research design for her upcoming study entitled: "A Phenomenological Study of the Role of Social Capital and Transformative Narrative in Community Building to Create New Paradigms for Individual and Social Change."

The following graduates and doctoral candidates in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution in SHSS also gave presentations:

Tom Maytok, Ph.D. and Barbara Strahl, Ph.D., doctoral graduates, gave a presentation entitled: "Confronting Hate Speech."

Victor Quiros, Ph.D., doctoral graduate, gave a presentation entitled: "Bridging All Voices of a Community into the Change Process: Exploring a Model of Dialogue for Identifying Issues and Barriers in Community Conflict: Exploring the Presence of Difference: Do We Look Different: Do We Act Different."

Debra Jones, Ph.D., doctoral graduate, gave a presentation entitled: "Spirituality in Mediation "What Does It Look Like, What Does It Feel Like, and How Does It Affect the Process?"

Meridith Gould, doctoral candidate presented "Conflict Resolution Strategies for Urban Youth: A Model for Success."

Barbara Sunderland Manouosso, doctoral candidate, presented "Building a Team in Elder Care: The Dynamics of Professional Resources and Their Impact on Successful Mediations."

Toran Hansen, graduate of the master's program gave a presentation entitled: "Identifying Fundamental Values for the Field of Conflict Resolution."

AAMFT Conference in Sacramento

Several faculty and doctoral students of the Department of Family Therapy (DFT) and a doctoral student in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) made presentations at the Annual Conference of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) held from Oct. 1-4 in Sacramento.

Faculty members James Hibel, Ph.D., associate professor, Tommie Boyd, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of DFT, Ronald Chenail, Ph.D., professor, and Christopher Burnett, Psy. D., associate professor, gave a presentation entitled, "How MFT Students become Different Using Core Competencies."

Faculty members Anne Rambo, Ph.D. associate professor and Tommie Boyd, Ph.D. gave a presentation entitled, "MFT's in School Settings: Getting In and Doing Well."

Faculty member Ronald Chenail, Ph.D. and DFT doctoral student Cynthia Somers and DCAR doctoral student Joy Benjamin presented their research: "An Exploratory Study: First and Last Session Progress Notes," and "MFT Progress Note Tipping Points: A Qualitative Analysis."



IN THE NSU COMMUNITY

The Clothesline Project to Help Abuse Survivors Sept. 30, Oct. 3

The VOICES Family Outreach Project, a family violence prevention and intervention project of Community Resolution Services (CRS) in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), has partnered with The Clothesline Project.

Peacebuilders from Zimbabwe on Sept. 21

The African Peace and Conflict Network (APCN) with the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) at the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) is hosted an interactive discussion with Merwyn and Kirstin De Mello, peacebuilding practitioners from Zimbabwe, on Sept. 21. Their talk entitled, Zimbabwe in Transition - A peacebuilder/peacebuilding response and strategy. will take place at 4 p.m. in room # 2045 of the Maltz Building and is open to the NSU and local com

Contemporary Issues in U.S./Cuba Relations Oct 8

The Culture and Conflict Group and the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) hosted a presentation by Indira Rampersad, Ph.D., entitled "Contemporary Issues in US/ Cuba Relations," on Oct. 8 2009.

Student Speaks About his Career at Career Café

Jacques Koko, Ph.D., a graduate of the doctoral program in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), shared his career tips and strategies with SHSS students at Career Café on Nov. 12.

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Strong Presence at 2009 Diversity Summit

The 2009 Diversity Summit, designed to engage participants in dynamic discussions on complex issues related to racial, cultural, gender and religious identities, was held at Nova Southeastern University on Saturday, Nov. 7 in the Carl DeSantis Building. Several members of the SHSS family presented at this years' summit: Rosario Koenig, doctoral student MFT presented with Michael Brochu entitled "Faces of Diversity; Kennedy Achille, DCAR doctoral student presented on "The Effects of Music on Social Interaction" and Dr. Debra Nixon presented "Social Change by any Spiritual Means Necessary. Dr. Nixon's presentation resulted in a 40-day spiritual exercise in which over 50 participants agreed to meditate and pray for to effect a positive change in the Broward County youth anti-social activity. Participants were invited to share with their spiritual communities. Over 17 different spiritual communities made up the over 50-member group. Hawanya Miller, MFT doctoral student and Student Chair for the event, did an outstanding job with putting the program together. Over 180 attendees from around the county share in this annual event.

The summit was hosted by the South Florida Diversity Alliance (SFDA) and will feature Phillip J. Bowman Ph.D., as the keynote speaker. Bowman, the founding director of the National Center for Institutional Diversity at the University of Michigan.

Inclusion Abounds

The "Do Something Different" Diversity and Inclusion initiative under the leadership of Dr. Debra Nixon enjoyed several major accomplishments this trimester with the successful administration of the web-based Campus Inclusion Surveys and the publication of the school's inaugural edition of the Campus Inclusion Handbook. In addition, the through the diligence of our Dean, Honggang Yang, the Student Life Achievement Steering Committee voted unanimously to accept "inclusion" as the seventh core value of the STUEY award. Bravo, Honggang, as you continue to *walk the talk* of collaboration and inclusion.

**HAPPY NEW
YEAR SHSS
FAMILY !!!!!!!**