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2007 AAMFT Conference (A Personal Account)

By: Raquel C. Escudero

This year the 65th Annual AAMFT (American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists) conference was held in Long Beach, California on October 13-15, 2007.

My two friends, Kamise and Lydia and I decided to take this trip since we are graduating this June. We wanted to have the exposure and also further our knowledge in the field.

We stayed at the Hyatt located right on Pine Avenue, which is a very central street full of great restaurants.

We signed up for 2 seminars a day for about 2 hours each. After our seminars we had time to either go sightseeing, check out the poster presentations or attend plenary seminars.



Dr. Tommie Boyd and Dr. Ilana Nativ present at the AAMFT Annual Conference in Long Beach, CA. Their presentation was on grief and loss issues titled: Standing on the Sidelines: Watching a Family Member Die.

While at the conference we never felt like we were "working", on the contrary, it always felt like a vacation. The seminars were very interactive and interesting, never a dull moment.

In conclusion, our experience at the AAMFT Conference was one to remember, whether it was seeing paparazzi on Rodeo Drive or checking out poster presentations, the experience was a great learning opportunity.

Next year's conference will be held in Memphis, Tennessee on October 30 – November 2, 2008 at the Memphis Cook Convention Center.

Make sure to make your reservations and see you all in Tennessee for the 66th Annual AAMFT Conference!!

Dr. Arlene Gordon Presents in Jacksonville

Arlene Gordon, Ph.D., licensed family therapist (LMFT) and certified family life educator (CFLE), has been providing Solution Focused Brief Therapy trainings and clinical support to community service providers in South Florida since 1993.

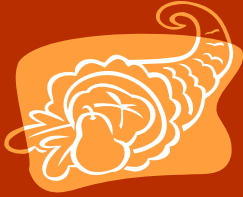
Gordon, as SHSS alumna, also

works closely with students seeking master's and doctoral degrees at the Brief Therapy Institute (BTI), the Department of Family Therapy's clinic where she serves as interim director.

Gordon is presenting a workshop on "Building Solutions

Together: Solution-Focused Interviewing" in Jacksonville.

She was recognized in 2002 with the NSU Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS).



Faculty Happenings...

Sam Baroni, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution and International Affairs presented at the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Standing Group on International Relations Conference in Turin, Italy, 2007.

The SGIR is a broad-based network of scholarly activities relating to the study of international relations. Broad-based is to say that it brings together IR specialists from many sectors of activity universities, independent research institutes and public administration - and from all over Europe. Dr. Baroni presented a paper on the Commodification of Islam along with several other panelists from Germany and London.

Tommie Boyd, Ph.D., Chair, Department of Family Therapy presents with doctoral students at the ABSAME (Association for Behavioral Science and Medical Educators) conference in Copper Mountain, CO. The title of their presentation was: Creating a Team: A Systemic View on Collaboration among Healthcare Providers and Medical Family Therapists.

Tommie Boyd, Ph.D. and **Ilana Nativ, Ph.D.**, present at the AAMFT (American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy) Annual Conference in Long Beach, CA. Their presentation was on grief and loss issues titled: Standing on the Sidelines: Watching a Family Member Die.

Ron Chenail, Ph.D., Professor of Family Therapy, and **Alyssa Weiss, Ph.D.** in Family Therapy doctoral student, will present a workshop entitled, "Utilizing Qualitative Metasynthesis to Conduct Systematic Reviews of Primary Healthcare Research" December 2, 2007, at the 21st Annual Primary Care Research Methods & Statistics Conference, San Antonio, Texas, USA.

Dr. Chenail will also publish in the October 2007 issue of the Journal of Marital and Family Therapy.

Nelson, T., Chenail, R. J., Alexander, J. F., Crane, D. R., Johnson, S. M., & Schwallie, L. (2007). The development of core competencies for the practice of marriage and family therapy. *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*, 33(4), 417-438.

Mark Davidheiser, Ph.D., Chair of the Africa Working Group on Peace and Conflict and Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution and Anthropology, has a publication in press. It's titled; "Race, Worldviews, and Conflict Mediation: Black and White Styles of Conflict Revisited." *Peace and Change*. 33(1), 2008.

He has also been invited to submit chapters for two forthcoming edited books on security and policing in African conflict zones.

J. P. Linstroth, Ph.D., will be attending an international conference at Georg-August University in Goettingen, Germany accompanied by several of our DCAR/SHSS students (Patrick Hiller, Denese Edsall, Paloma Ayala Vela, Mamyrah Prosper, and Alison Hall). The conference brings together many scholars from around the world to discuss different aspects of biographical research and new analyses of ethnicity. Our project, ongoing since 2005 analyzes aspects of belonging and identity of Cuban, Haitian, and Guatemalan migrants.

Dr. Linstroth will be presenting a separate paper at the conference apart from the group paper with students. Dr. Linstroth will also present *Al Norte*: cognition, memory, and identity among Guatemala/Maya living in South Florida at the same conference.

SHSS Student Spotlight...

Katariina Juliao, is a new member to the SHSS family. She will be beginning classes in January, however, she wanted to start off with a great start.

The Writing Enhancement and Skills Program ("WES") is pleased to announce six current or former students of the St. Thomas University School of Law have been published!

Their chapters are included in *Women Moving Forward: Volume Two: An Intersectional Lens for a Tapestry of Diverse Voices* (Newcastle, England: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2007).

The book was launched next October 29, 2007, at the St. Thomas University, in the main

University Library Atrium.

Shatavia Alexander, one of our Family Therapy students has written an article for *The Online Journal of Urban Youth Culture*. This journal is devoted to exploring positive youth development. Her article is titled; "Hip-Hop Hermeneutics: A Fusion of Horizons." Check it out at [http://www.juyc.org/current/0411/HHH-blind%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.juyc.org/current/0411/HHH-blind%20(2).pdf)

Tricia Realbuto, student of the Master of Science program in College Student Affairs (CSA) at the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), published an article in the September issue of *Campus Activities Magazine*.

Her manuscript is titled "Important

Lessons in Transitioning from Advisee to Advisor." In 2005, she received the NACA Northeast Region's Student Leader Award. She also presented an educational session at the National Association of Campus Activities South Conference on the same topic on September 29th in Charleston, South Carolina.

Alyssa D. Weiss, a Family Therapy Ph.D candidate, will present a workshop along with Dr. Chanail, entitled, "Utilizing Qualitative Metasynthesis to Conduct Systematic Reviews of Primary Healthcare Research" December 2, 2007, at the 21st Annual Primary Care Research Methods & Statistics Conference, San Antonio, Texas, USA.

SHSS Student Teaches at Creighton

Jacqueline N. Font-Guzmán, Ph.D. student of the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution, serves as assistant professor and associate director of the Werner Institute for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution at Creighton University School of Law in Omaha, Neb.

The program offers an Interdisciplinary Master of Science in Negotiation and Dispute Resolution.

Font-Guzmán's responsibilities include

strategic planning, administration, promotion of the Institute, designing and developing curriculum for the graduate program, teaching and training in the area of alternative dispute resolution and mentoring students.

Currently, Font-Guzmán teaches mediation process, cross-cultural perspectives, engaging in bioethical conflict, and the practicum.

Font-Guzmán earned her B.A. from Coe College, master's degree in healthcare administration from Saint Louis University, and law degree from the Interamericana University.

She is a highly accomplished mediator in Puerto Rico and has been very involved in the training of third-party neutrals.



Faculty Spotlight: TOMMIE BOYD

At the 65th Annual AAMFT Conference held in Long Beach, California, Dr. Boyd was awarded the Division Contribution Award. Here is a little about Dr. Boyd as told by Steve Livingston, Ph.D, President-Florida Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.

Dr. Boyd currently serves as Chair of the Family Therapy Department of Nova Southeastern University, an AAMFT program. She previously served as Director of the Master's program in Family Therapy, as Administrator, Family Systems Health Care Programs, and as the Developer and Coordinator, Cluster Master's Degree Program for Nova Southeastern University.

Dr. Boyd has served the Florida division (FAMFT) with distinction the past ten years. She was the legislative chair in 2002 and has actively participated in advocating legislatively for the inclusion of marriage and family therapists in a variety of programs at the state and national level. Dr. Boyd has actively participated as in direct legislative lobbying in both Tallahassee (FAMFT) and in Washington, D.C. (AAMFT) on a number of issues including access to health care panels, MFT's in schools and veteran's program access.

Dr. Boyd's most significant leadership/legislative achievement occurred last year in Florida. FAMFT, lead by Dr. Boyd, sponsored legislation to revise the Florida Mental Health Act (Baker Act) to include licensed marriage and family therapists. This legislation moved through House and Senate committees thanks in large part to Dr. Boyd's professional testimony before these committees. The bill sponsored by FAMFT passed out of both houses and was signed into law last summer. The importance of this legislative success cannot be underestimated.

This was a major step in the issue of professional parity that will allow licensed marriage and family therapists to serve their most vulnerable clients more effectively and allow for MFT training programs to more effectively recruit new students. Graduating MFT students will also be able to successfully compete for agency positions in Florida previously restricted to social work and mental health counseling students. This has been a twenty year fight that was finally successful under the guidance of Dr. Boyd.

She has served continuously for the past ten years on the Florida board. Dr. Boyd has held various positions on the board including president, president-elect, past president, and legislative chair. She has also been active in the local Broward chapter of FAMFT continuously since 1995, serving as the chapter treasurer from 1996 – 1999. She also served as editor of the FAMFT divisional newsletter. students and clients.

We are so proud to have Dr. Boyd at SHSS!

Keep up the good work Dr. Boyd, we learn so much from you and your achievements.

Quickies: The Handbook of Brief Sex Therapy



An updated and revised version of *Quickies: The Handbook of Brief Sex Therapy*, edited by Drs. Shelley Green and Douglas Flemons, has just been released by W. W. Norton. The original text was published in 2004.

Drs. Green and Flemons have been presenting keynote workshops on their relational approach to brief sex therapy at conferences around the country for the last few years.

In February of this year, they gave a talk at the Louisiana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; in October,

Dr. Flemons spoke at the South Dakota Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; and next June, Green and Flemons are scheduled to offer a two-day intensive on their work in Calgary, Canada.

In May, Dr. Flemons offered a psychiatry ground rounds on his relational approach to suicide assess-

ment at the University of Calgary. That same month his article, "Finding Flow," detailing his work with elite athletes suffering from performance anxiety, was published in the *Psychotherapy Networker*.

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Dr. Linstroth's Happenings...

By Raquel C. Escudero, Editor

I always receive so much information from Dr. Linstroth's endeavors, I decided to give him his own column!

Keep up the good work, Dr. Linstroth!!

Dr. Linstroth will be attending the annual American Anthropological Association (AAA) meetings in Washington, DC. Two of his students will be presenting at the meetings: Jackie Font-Guzman and Yanira Aleman-Torres.

Jacqueline Font-Guzmán will be presenting at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association at

Washington D.C. on November 28, 2007.

The theme of the meeting is "Difference, (In)equality and Justice". The title of her presentation is "The Invasion of the Body Snatcher: the construction and deconstruction of the ethnic minority body in the healthcare bioethical decision making process."

Yanira Alemán Torres will present "Legal patricide: Understanding gender-based inequalities in Puerto Rico via child custody cases"

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per, and Alison Hall).

The conference brings together many scholars from around the world to discuss different aspects of biographical research and new analyses of ethnicity.

Our project, ongoing since 2005 analyzes aspects of belonging and identity of Cuban, Haitian, and Guatemalan migrants.

Dr. John Linstroth (Nova Southeastern University), Dr. Julia Chaitin (Sapir Academic College), Patrick Hiller, Denese Edsall, Paloma Ayala Vela, Mamyrah Prosper, and Alison Hall (all Nova Southeastern University) will be presenting the results of a collaborative study funded by the Humboldt Foundation: Hyphens of belonging: ethnicity and community among Haitians and Cubans in the United States.



AAMFT CONFERENCE...



Dr. Tommie Boyd and doctoral graduates, Mary Kammerman, Debbie Swayman and Ilana Nativ.

AMFT Awards presentation with AAMFT President, Dr. Scott Johnson.



(left to right) Kamise Clare, Student Association DFT Representative, Raquel C. Escudero, Student Association Secretary and SHSS Dialogs Editor-in-Chief and Dr. Tommie Boyd.

Dramatic Problem Solving



Steven Hawkins, PhD candidate in dissertation with DCAR. Steven is offering a workshop in Costa Rica during the first week in January.

The workshop is entitled Dramatic Problem Solving. It is about the use of theatre for

facilitated group conflict transformation.

For \$450 a person, it includes Workshop , Dramatic Problem Solving Training Manual, Participation in the Interactive Theatre performance , Lodging for 5 nights (Tuesday night thru Saturday night), most meals and a guided hike to

waterfall and natural clay bath. Former and current DCAR and MFT students have come to the workshops in the past and enjoyed their experience.

Contact Steven at shawkins@nova.edu

INSPIRATIONAL APHORISMS

By: Carol E. Marsh, Ph.D.
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Some inspirational aphorisms to keep us going!

1) YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE, BUT IF YOU LIVE IT RIGHT, ONCE IS ENOUGH!

2) OUR LIFE IS A GIFT; OUR CHARACTER IS A CHOICE.

3) WATCH YOUR THOUGHTS; THEY BECOME WORDS WATCH YOUR WORDS; THEY BECOME ACTIONS WATCH YOUR ACTIONS; THEY BECOME HABITS WATCH YOUR HABITS; THEY BECOME CHARACTER WATCH YOUR CHARACTER; IT BECOMES YOUR DESTINY.

4) CHANGE YOUR THOUGHTS AND YOU CAN CHANGE YOUR WORLD

5) TAKE TIME TO LISTEN, IT IS THE PATHWAY TO UNDERSTANDING

6) IN OUR LAND OF GIVE AND TAKE, THERE ARE TOO FEW PEOPLE WILLING TO GIVE WHAT IT TAKES

STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

YOUR Student Association invites you to their monthly meetings.

The SA meets on Saturdays at 10:00am.

The following are the

scheduled dates for the meetings!

Hope to see you there.

Remember...

YOUR voice counts!

Upcoming Meetings!!

- December 8th
- January 12th
- February 2nd
- March 1st
- April 12th

Grab-a-Bites (GAB)

As you all know, the Student Association hosts monthly Grab-a-Bites for you all to “mingle” with administration, faculty and staff and also fellow students.

It’s a great opportunity to meet new people!

Plus, we all need a little break and FREE food during classes...!



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Dear SHSS Family!

I am happy to bring to you yet another issue of the SHSS DIALOGS.

Thanks to all who sent in a contribution! The next **deadline** for the SHSS DIALOGS is scheduled for December 15th. Publication is scheduled for January 7th.

I look forward to receiving contributions for the 2008 SHSS DIALOGS.

Best wishes and Happy Holidays!!!

♥ RAQUEL

From the Dean's Desk



"SHSS Dialogs" (<http://shss.nova.edu/dialogs/>).

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate, among many other accomplishments:

- 1) SHSS Student Association for setting up the first endowed scholarships fund!
- 2) DFT for completing the reaccreditation site visit from the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage & Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE)!
- 3) DCAR, DFT, and DMS for the successful October Institutes for our

I am very delighted that the fall term has been going well, and pleased to read your stories in this new issue of

distance students!

4) SHSS faculty, students, and graduates who published or presented at conferences!

5) SHSS alumni for achieving the 2nd highest participation rate in "NSU is You" Survey, among all the schools, centers, colleges, and institutes!

6) Janice Burgoyne and Judith McKay for their 10 years of remarkable service

at SHSS! We are also acknowledging gratefully Francesca Angiuli, Tommie Boyd, Marcia Arango, and Debra Nixon for their 5-year service!

7) Dr. Debra Nixon and organizing group for continuing the Campus Diversity Dialogs and the "Do Something Different" initiative!

President Ray Ferrero was recently recognized at the 2007 National Role Models Conference hosted by the Minority Access, Inc. NSU as an independent academic institution, is very proud of its broad diversities in stu-

dents, alumni, faculty, and staff. A couple of years ago, Dr. Debra Nixon and her co-facilitators initiated the Campus Diversity Dialogs for both students and employees at NSU. "Do something different" is an integral part of the ongoing dialogs this year.

SharkBytes (<http://www.nova.edu/cwis/pubaffairs/sharkbytes/>) has been publishing each week news stories from our students, alumni, colleagues, and community partners. SHSS also submits a bi-monthly update via NSU's Trustees Highlights (<http://www.nova.edu/cwis/vpaa/highlights/>). I would like to encourage you to share yours with Raquel (sasec@nova.edu), or Julia, Assistant to the Dean's Office (bilia@nova.edu/800-541-6682 ext. 3048), including myself ([yangh@nova.edu/ext. 3016](mailto:yangh@nova.edu/ext.3016)).

Let's staying in touch.
Have a good holiday season!

Honggang