Hello SHSS Family,

We’ve had another exciting fall semester. We are in the midst of the winter term and I hope you can use the upcoming spring break to recharge for the second half of the semester. We had great turnouts for the Get2gether weekend activities February 6-8. The cruise social and dinner took place on Friday February 6th, an interdepartmental student symposium on Saturday February 7th, and another edition of SHSS Talk on February 8th. The SHSS Talk featured the 2nd special edition of Diversity Dialogues “Race Relations in America II: Ferguson and Beyond”. We hope you enjoyed the activities and we look forward to seeing you at upcoming activities, including the SHSS Shark Hunt (scavenger hunt) that will take place on Saturday March, 28th. We look forward to seeing you at the various events. Enjoy and Take Care!

Sharon

Sharon McIntyre, MPA
President, SHSS SGA 2013-2015
President ’s 64
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“Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a gift. That's why it's called the present.”

- Bil Keane
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From the Dean’s Desk:

I would like to congratulate Dr. Tony Gaskew again for his Distinguished Alumni Award from NSU. Dr. Gaskew came back to campus last September. He was on the panel of the Conflict Resolution Colloquium on “Race Issues in America” during the 31st Residential Institute. I was quite impressed by his insight and reflections, and learned a lot from him.

Dr. Gaskew has authored numerous scholarly publications. In his most recent book, Rethinking Prison Reentry: Transforming Humiliation into Humility (Lexington - Rowman & Littlefield 2014), he introduces the Humiliation to Humility Perspective (HHP) and examines the criminal justice systems role in providing adequate post-secondary prison education opportunities. It is a remarkable example of the scholarship of engagement. His faculty home-page is on https://www.upb.pitt.edu/faculty.aspx?menu_id=246&id=3914 for more detailed information.

The 2014 NSU President’s Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award Program made a fine acknowledgement: Dr. Tony Gaskew (M.S. ’05, Ph.D. ’08), is Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at the University of Pittsburgh, where he also serves as director for the Criminal Justice Program and coordinator for Criminal Forensic Studies and Legal Studies. In addition, he is a research team member for Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies at Columbia University. Gaskew’s research interests range from prisoner education initiatives, restorative justice, and structural violence to peacemaking, criminology, Islamic studies, and crisis intervention. His previous research collaborations include the Global Hostage-Taking and Analysis Project for the U.S. Department of Justice—FBI and a short-term study in Israel while studying at NSU.

Gaskew’s honors include the Fulbright-Hays Fellow for a research project in Egypt, the Academic Fellow in Terrorist Studies for a research project in Israel by The Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Teacher of the Year by The National Society of Leadership and Success, FCI McKLean Volunteer of the Year by the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Florida Narcotic Officer of the Year, and Melbourne Police Department Detective of the Year. His prior work as a police officer and Florida State Supreme Court mediator, together with his research, provide insight into one of his future goals.

Gaskew aims to create a postsecondary prison education program that “allows every incarcerated person in America the ability to transform into an incarcerated college student,” he said. He also feels that a criminal justice platform can be developed to culturally transform correctional facilities into correctional campuses. “NSU has allowed me the educational foundation to expand my career and professional voice within the criminal justice field into unimaginable heights,” Gaskew said. “Words alone cannot describe the impact. I have humbly attempted to use the education I received from NSU to improve the lives of everyone involved in the criminal justice system.”

All the best,

Honggang Yang
Chinese Student and Scholar Association Celebrates the Mid-Autumn Festival

The Mid-Autumn Festival, also known as the Moon Festival, is a popular harvest festival celebrated by Chinese people, dating back over 3,000 years to moon worship in China’s Shang Dynasty. It is held on the 15th day of the eighth month in the Chinese calendar, which is usually around mid or late September in the Gregorian calendar.

CSSA held the Mid-Autumn event on September 20th. The CSSA invited some friends from other countries, and Chinese professors and students from Nova, FAU, and St. Thomas. During the event, they introduced the origin of the Mid-Autumn Festival to the guests, provided some gifts and traditional Chinese meal and moon cakes.

SHSS Faculty Presents at the AGLSP Conference and Highlights the Scholarship of Engagement

Judith McKay, J.D. Ph.D., chair of the Department of Multidisciplinary Studies (DMS) in NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), presented at the 2014 Association for Graduate Liberal Studies Programs (AGLSP) Annual Conference and Meeting in Philadelphia.

The conference theme was “Revolutions: Past, Present, and Future,” and was held at the University of Pennsylvania. The Master of Arts in Cross-disciplinary Studies program (MACS) in DMS was accepted as an Associate Member of ASLSP in 2011. The ASLSP is housed at Duke University.

McKay’s presentation was entitled: “New Ways to Connect the Academy and the Community: The Role of the Scholarship of Engagement to Address Issues in the Community.” The session highlighted NSU’s community involvement and the scholarship of engagement.

McKay’s research and teaching interests include organizational conflict and change, public policy, family and community violence, strategic planning, and crisis intervention. She is also the director of Community Resolution Services (CRS), which offers a variety of services to the local community including training, workshops, consultation, conflict coaching, and conflict resolution intervention. For more information, please contact CRS coordinator Naz Ozaki at 954-262-4237 or via email (ozaki@nova.edu) or Judith McKay at 954-262-3060 or email (mckayj@nova.edu).
Christine Ajayi, Ph.D., assistant professor of Family Therapy at SHSS, is conducting a study to compare the experiences of American and Chinese college students’ perceptions and experiences of relational conflict in light of their perceptions of their parents’ relationships. Previous research has made links to subsequent relationship conflict and family of origin relationship dynamics. This study is in collaboration with Linyuan Deng at the Beijing Normal University to examine the effect of the transgenerational process on later romantic conflict. An innovation of the current study is its cross-cultural comparative dimension.

Investigators have made connections to intergenerational relational processes on the experiences of young adults, but this is the first study to explicitly assess the experiences of both American and Chinese emerging adults, with support from NSU’s President’s Faculty Research & Development Grant and participation of student researchers. This is important, as both China and America are currently responding to critical clinical needs for emerging adults who are experiencing challenges in their romantic relationships. Although there are empirically-supported prevention and intervention models, it is critical that prevalence and experiences are understood contextually, as to apply the best methods of intervention for these emerging adults.

**SHSS Welcomes New Faculty Member**

Honggang Yang, Ph.D., dean of NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), is proud to announce the appointment of Pei-Fen Li, Ph.D., to the faculty at SHSS. Li is assistant professor in the Department of Family Therapy (DFT).

Pei-Fen Li, Ph.D.  
Li received her Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of Georgia and an M.S. in Couple and Family Therapy from the University of Oregon, both COAMFTE-Accredited programs.

Prior to coming to NSU, Li was an assistant professor of family therapy at the University of Saint Joseph. Her research interests include enhancing individual and relational well-being in different social/cultural contexts, informed by general systems, stress process, and life course theoretical perspectives.

Her publications include an article entitled, “Marital Management: Satisfaction and Stressful Events in Taiwanese Couples,” in Family Relations: Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family Studies.

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**Fall In Review Snippets**

During Fall Residential Institute, The Conflict Prevention Early Warning and Response Working Group (CPWG) held a fast talk panel discussion on the topic “Preventing the next Ferguson”.

The session discussed recommendations and conflict prevention tools for law enforcement, community activists, and citizens of our communities.

If you would like to join the Conflict Prevention Working Group, please email Dr. Evan Hoffman at: ehoffman1@nova.edu.

“Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding.”

- Albert Einstein
Judy and Barry Silverman Honored for Excellence in Community Service

Approximately 450 community leaders, philanthropists, university executives, faculty and students recently gathered at Nova Southeastern University (NSU) to celebrate the university’s success during the past year.

During the 17th annual Celebration of Excellence event, NSU President George L. Hanbury II, Ph.D. presented the distinguished President’s Award for Excellence in Community Service to local philanthropists Judy and Barry Silverman.

SHSS Alum Publishes with Dean in the Chinese Journal of Communication on Trust


Chang is a graduate of the doctoral program in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) in NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS.) Chang co-authored the article with Kuang-Hui Yeh, Ph.D., who is a Research Fellow at the Institute of Ethnology at Academia Sinica and a joint-appointment professor in the Psychology Department at National Taiwan University, and Honggang Yang, Ph.D., who is the dean and professor of NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Chang has served as an adjunct professor at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, a Florida Supreme Court Certified County Mediator and has provided workshops on such topics as intercultural communication, trust and team building, and cross-cultural approaches to conflict resolution.

NSU’s Division of Applied Interdisciplinary Studies (DAIS) Will Host Open House Showcase of Available Programs

Nova Southeastern University’s (NSU) Division of Applied Interdisciplinary Studies (DAIS,) will host an Open House on Friday, February 27, 6:00 pm in the Maltz Building on NSU’s main campus.

DAIS includes The Center for Psychology Studies; the Institute for the Study of Human Service, Health and Justice; the Mailman Segal Center for Human Development; and the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Those interested in future open houses, please visit http://www.nova.edu/dais/openhouse/.
SHSS Faculty Members facilitate Workshops and Present with Alum at the Florida Dispute Resolution Conference

Alexia Georgakopoulos, Ph.D., faculty in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) in NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), presented a workshop at the 22nd Annual Florida Dispute Resolution Conference in Orlando.

Her presentation was entitled, “Organizational Conflict Management: The Emergence of Mediators and Conflict Resolution Consultants.” The co-presenters were Harold Coleman, J.D., and DCAR doctoral graduate, Rebecca Storrow, Ph.D. Storrow is a regional vice president with the American Arbitration Association (AAA) in Miami. Coleman is senior vice president of the American Arbitration (AAA) and director of Mediation.org.

Georgakopoulos also provided a workshop at a Mediation Education Seminar entitled, “Are You Culturally Literate?” for the Florida Academy of Professional Mediators. In July she was a panelist at the Broward County Crime Commission’s Conference on Adult Bullying. Her areas of research and teaching interests include mediation, facilitation, intercultural communication, and conflict resolution.

SHSS Student Presents at the 50th Anniversary Conference of the American Society for Cybernetics

Nozomu Ozaki, M.S., doctoral candidate in the Department of Family Therapy (DFT) in NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), recently presented at the 50th Anniversary Conference of American Society for Cybernetics.

The event was held at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. The conference theme was “Living in Cybernetics.” Ozaki’s presentation was entitled, “From Cybernetics to Family Therapy to Future Education.”

In addition to his doctoral studies, Ozaki is the coordinator for Community Resolution Services (CRS) which offers a variety of services to the local community including training, workshops, consultation, conflict coaching, and conflict resolution intervention.

For more information about CRS, please contact Ozaki at 954-262-4237 or via email ozaki@nova.edu or Judith McKay, J.D., Ph.D., director, at 954-262-3060 or email mckayj@nova.edu.
Cheryl Duckworth, Ph.D., an assistant professor in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) at SHSS, had the honor of presenting at the 18th International Oral History Conference held in Barcelona, Spain on July 9-12, 2014.

The conference theme was, “Power and Democracy: The Many Voices of Oral History.” Duckworth’s presentation was entitled, “Democracy in the Classroom: Teaching 9/11 and the Politics of Collective Trauma.”

Her presentation focused on her research on how teachers approach 9/11. Her book on the subject will be forthcoming from Routledge. Duckworth is the faculty facilitator for the Peace and Conflict Education Working Group at SHSS. The group seeks to equip and empower schools worldwide to be examples and builders of peace, and to promote activities and curriculum that can help extend peace into the local communities.

Cheryl Duckworth, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) in NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), presented at the Third Annual International Conference on Transgenerational Trauma: Communal Wounds and Victim Identities.

The conference was held in Istanbul, Turkey and was sponsored by Common Bond Institute, Michigan State University, International Humanistic Psychology Association and International Federation of Medical Students’ Associations. Duckworth’s presentation was entitled, “Transgenerational Trauma and Teaching 9/11.” It focused on her research on how teachers approach 9/11 for her new book: 9/11 and Collective Memory in U.S. Classrooms: Teaching About Terror.
Diversity Dialogue Spotlight:

The Student Government Association (SGA) at NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) sponsored a Special Edition of Diversity Dialogues, with the topic: "Race Issues in America: Highlighted by the Ferguson Police Shooting."

The panel moderator was led by Christine Ajayi, Ph.D., faculty in SHSS and the advisor to the SHSS SGA.

Panelists included SHSS faculty Cheryl Duckworth, Ph.D., and Evan Hoffman, Ph.D., Cynthia Henry Duval, Esq., from the Shepard Broad Law Center and Tony Gaskew, Ph.D., associate professor and director of the Criminal Justice Program at the University of Pittsburgh-Bradford. Gaskew is a doctoral graduate of the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) in SHSS.

For more information on future Diversity Dialogues, please contact Debra Nixon, Ph.D., nixond@nova.edu

Part II, entitled "Race Issues in America: The Ferguson Police Shooting and Beyond" took place 6-8 p.m. Sunday, February 8th at NSU’s Performance theater in The Don Taft University Center.
SHSS Alum Publishes Book, Crimes Against Humanity in the Land of the Free

Imani Michelle Scott, Ph.D., graduate of the doctoral program in the Department of Conflict Analyses and Resolution (DCAR) in NSU’s Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), has published a book entitled, Crimes Against Humanity in the Land of the Free: Can a Truth and Reconciliation Process Heal Racial Conflict in America?

The book explores racism in America and offers suggestions for rectifying existing issues and preventing future abuses. Four of the contributors are also DCAR graduates. Tony Gaskew, Ph.D., and Toran Hansen, Ph.D., each wrote a chapter. DCAR graduates Bini Litwin, Ph.D., and Barbara Timmons Strahl, Ph.D. co-authored a chapter. The book will be released this month by Praeger.

Scott is a Professor of Communication at the Savannah College of Art and Design. Previously she was a member of the faculty at Clark Atlanta University. Scott’s interests include research, writing, and presentations on topics related to dispiriting violence, relationship-building, resilience studies, domestic violence, school violence, trauma management, and identity conflict. For more information about the book, please go to http://www.crimesagainsthumanitybook.com/.

“On the Real with Dr. D,” Returns for Another Season on Radio X

Debra Nixon, Ph.D., faculty in the Department of Family Therapy (DFT) in NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), hosts a weekly radio show on NSU’s RadioX, which returned on Tuesday, Aug. 26 from 11 a.m. – noon.

The show, “On tha Real with Dr. D,” invites listeners to discuss the significant relationships in their lives, focusing on issues, their perspectives and voices. Nixon’s perspective is that, “On the Real, you know more than you think you know.” She takes a listener-centered approach rather than focusing primarily on her expertise as a family therapist. You can access it online at: http://www.nova.edu/radiox/.

Nixon’s research focus includes diversity and inclusion and she serves as the university-wide diversity and inclusion facilitator.
SHSS Hosted Talk and Book signing by NSU Alumni

Tony Gaskew, Ph.D., graduate of the doctoral program in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) in NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) presented on Saturday, September 27, 2014, during SHSS’ 31st Residential Institute. Gaskew’s latest book, entitled, Rethinking Prison Reentry: Transforming Humiliation into Humility, focuses on the role of the criminal justice system in providing adequate post-secondary prison education opportunities for incarcerated black males and the impact of historical racism on black males and on the criminal justice system.

Gaskew spoke about these implications and the impact on community and national security. The talk was entitled, “Domestic Terrorism and National Security: Connecting the Dots.” He discussed The National Threat Assessment for Domestic Terrorism and various extremist groups and their impact on law enforcement and national security. Gaskew also spoke later on as the guest speaker at SHSS’ Social Justice Roundtable. He focused on the links between corrections, law enforcement, incarceration and social justice. The NSU Book Store provided the opportunity to purchase Gaskew’s book and have it signed by the author at both talks.

Gaskew is an Associate Professor and Director of the Criminal Justice Program at the University of Pittsburgh-Bradford. He has been a Fulbright-Hays Fellow and has conducted ethnographic fieldwork in Egypt and Israel examining the Muslim Brotherhood, structural, and political violence. He is an FDD Terrorism Fellow, a Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies (HumanDHS) Research Team Member, and also serves as a Research Team Member on the FBI-sponsored Global Hostage-Taking and Analysis Project. Gaskew was selected as a University of Pittsburgh Faculty Diversity Fellow and serves as the Chair of the President’s Advisory Committee on Diversity. He has an extensive law enforcement background and received his M.S. in Criminal Justice from NSU.

SHSS Alum Named Dean of Early College & Special Programs at Greenville Technical College

Erin Smith, M.S., graduate of the master’s program in College Student Affairs (CSA) at NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), has been named the Dean of Early College and Special Programs at Greenville Technical College in Greenville, SC.

Greenville Technical College offers over 100 programs. Smith has been at the college for six years. Prior to her new appointment, she was working at Early College in areas such as recruitment and orientation. Currently she is pursuing a doctoral degree at NSU at the Abraham S. Fischler School of Education. The CSA program is offered in the Department of Multidisciplinary Studies (DMS) at SHSS.
**SHSS Welcomes New Faculty Member**

Honggang Yang, Ph.D., dean of NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), has announced the appointment of Bertha Kadenyi Amisi, Ph.D., to the faculty. Amisi has been appointed as an assistant professor in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR).

Amisi holds a master’s degree in International Peace Studies from the University of Notre Dame and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Syracuse University. She has worked with international NGOs and the U.N. in the area of conflict and community development, peace advocacy and humanitarian intervention. She was the Program Advisor at the Nairobi Peace Initiative-Africa, a pan-African peace resource organization. She has also worked with the Africa regional office of the U.K. charity, ActionAid, where she provided policy and program support to seven country programs in conflict and disaster prone situations in the western, eastern and southern Africa sub-regions.

Amisi has taught in the graduate program in International Affairs at New School University and also served as instructor for the course Fundamentals of Conflict Studies at Syracuse University. Her research interests include political conflict, peaceful resolution of conflict, globalization and state-society relations in Africa.

**SHSS Alum Presents at the American Society on Aging’s Annual Conference in San Diego**

Linda Maurice, M.A., graduate of the Master of Arts in Cross-disciplinary Studies (MACS) program in the Department of Multidisciplinary Studies (DMS) in NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), presented at the American Society on Aging's Annual Conference, Aging in America 2014.

The conference was held in San Diego, California. Maurice’s presentation was entitled, “It’s Not Your Grandparents’ Retirement – The new Reality of ‘Mature’ Adults.” She raised such questions as: Is the term ‘retirement’ really relevant anymore?

Linda Maurice, M.A.

Maurice is also the director of NSU’s Lifelong Learning Institute.

‘Retiring’ - within that word is ‘tiring,’ and I’m not tired. I don’t believe in retirement, really.

- Theodore Bikel
The Art Museum's logo and graphic identity is inspired by the combination of Scandinavian modernist design and a multi-color palette softly reflective of the tropical South Florida landscape. The new logo, designed by the South Florida design studio Fulano Inc., is evocative of a dynamic museum on the move and is consistent with NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale's ambitious programming. It highlights the word "art" and underlines the word “muse” in museum, clearly expressing the Art Museum's emphasis on art and its wider goal of providing continued inspiration to its diverse audience and relationship with NSU.

All NSU students, faculty, and staff are entitled to Free Museum Membership

**VIP Access**
From art exhibitions and behind-the-scenes talks with world-famous artists, to music, dance and film, membership at NSU Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale gives you VIP ACCESS to unique social and educational happenings.

**Connect**
Museum membership is a great way to connect with the new in art and become part of a vibrant community. You can ever boost your creativity and gain skills for the future careers.

**Free**
Take advantage of FREE MUSEUM ADMISSION throughout the year, PLUS 10% discounts at the Museum Store and Cafe.

**Get There**
NSU Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale is in the heart of Downtown Fort Lauderdale near leading shops, restaurants and FATVillage arts district.

**Activate Today**
Activate your membership online at [www.moafl.org/YouBelong](http://www.moafl.org/YouBelong) or call (954) 262-0221.
SHSS Faculty and Students Present at the ACR Annual Conference

Neil Katz, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) in NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), recently presented a workshop at the Association for Conflict Resolution’s Annual Conference. The conference was held at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza Hotel and the theme was, “Many Notes, One Symphony: Conflict Engagers in Harmony.” The presentation was entitled, Enhancing Organizational Conflict Consulting Effectiveness: Utilizing Multiple Frames and Reframing.” Katz’s co-presenters were DCAR doctoral students, Betsy Bell, Niesha Jones and Katherine Sosa. Katz teaches courses including human factors, negotiation theory and practice and organizational conflict intervention.

Neil Katz Ph.D.

SHSS Faculty and Students Present Workshops for Public Safety and Public Managers

Neil Katz, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) in NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), recently presented two workshops in Syracuse, New York.

The first, entitled, “Emotional Intelligence and Influencing with Integrity,” was presented with DCAR doctoral student Katherine Sosa to public safety officers at Syracuse University. The other workshop was entitled, “Dispute Resolution for Public Managers,” and was presented with DCAR doctoral student Jennifer de Zayas to defense comptrollers in Syracuse.

Katz teaches courses including Negotiation Theory and Practice, Organizational Conflict Intervention, and The Reflective Practitioner: Consulting Conflict and Change in Organizational Settings with Leaders in Organizational Conflict: A Four Frame Approach.

I went to a restaurant that serves 'breakfast at any time
So I ordered French Toast during the Renaissance.

- Steven Wright
SHSS Welcomes New Faculty Member

Honggang Yang, Ph.D., dean of NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) has announced the appointment of Mary Hope Schwoebel, Ph.D., to the faculty at SHSS. Schwoebel has been appointed as an assistant professor in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR).

Schwoebel holds a master’s degree from the University of California in International Development and a doctorate in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from George Mason University.

Prior to coming to NSU she spent five years in the Academy for International Conflict Management and Peace-building at the U.S. Institute of Peace. There she developed and taught in over a dozen countries overseas and in Washington, D.C. and designed and oversaw dialog initiatives in war-torn countries and wrote policy-oriented publications as a trainer, grant writer, practitioner, and researcher.

She also taught classes at Georgetown University, The American University, George Mason University, and University for Peace in Costa Rica. She is the author of a wide range of publications, most recently two forthcoming book chapters and has over two decades of experience in the fields of humanitarian assistance, peace-building, governance and development.

SHSS Faculty Facilitates Expert Group Roundtable for the UN

Mary Hope Schwoebel, Ph.D., faculty in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) in NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), served as a facilitator for a “Expert Group Roundtable.” The roundtable was organized by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and Interpeace.

The meeting brought together approximately 35 policy makers, practitioners, and scholars from around the world. Participants reflected upon current research and practice related to fostering the resilience of communities and societies facing situations of conflict and transition. They considered the role of the international community in bolstering the capacities of local and national government institutions and civil society organizations to foster community and societal resilience. The roundtable was convened to feed into the UNDP convened, “High Level Side Event on Fostering Resilience to Crisis,” during the 69th Session of the UN General Assembly.

Schwoebel’s areas of interest include peacebuilding and statebuilding, peacebuilding and development, gender and conflict, culture and conflict, and the interactions between indigenous systems of governance and conflict resolution and international interventions.
NSU Students, Programs Recognized at Regional Conference

More than thirty professional staff and graduate students from Nova Southeastern University participated in the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Florida Drive-In Conference, held at Florida Gulf Coast University (Fort Myers, FL) from Thursday, October 2nd to Saturday, October 4th.

Many were recognized for contributions related to the conference. Graduate students Nate Berger, Dani Durbala, Craig Johnson, and Lauren Soares facilitated a session entitled, “#AreYouTrending?” which focused on strategies related to a variety of social media platforms.

Graduate students Serena Brown, Lorena Cabrera, Ale Matias, and Kaitlyn Priestley placed third in the Case Study Competition – the second consecutive year NSU’s team has placed in the competition. Graduate student Sean Ryan coordinated the inaugural Graduate Student Luncheon which provided an opportunity for seventy graduate students to connect with professional staff and share their experiences related to the field of higher education.

Two of NSU’s programs were also recognized as NASPA-Florida’s “Programs of Distinction”: the “Emerging Leaders Experience” submitted by Sean Ryan and the Office of Leadership and Civic Engagement, and the “Undergraduate Student Success Fair” submitted by Shelia Fabius and the Office of Undergraduate Student Success.

SHSS Alum Publishes Article and is Named as a Conflict Resolution Specialist to Help Homeless Veterans

Susanna Bertuna Reynoso, Ph.D., doctoral graduate of the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) in NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), is a co-author of the 2014 article, “MAPCID: A Model for the Analysis of Potential Conflict in Development,” published in the Journal of Conflict Management. The other authors are Gwendolyn Smith, Ph.D., Gina Marie Michand, M.S., and Pamela Kay Struss, Ph.D., all graduates of DCAR.

Reynoso was recently been hired by Operation Sacred Trust as an Enrollment/Conflict Resolution Specialist. Operation Sacred Trust works in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties with homeless veterans. Regarding her work, Reynoso said it is “A most gratifying job where I get to acknowledge a veteran at a time and make a difference every day in people’s lives.”
MFT Club Events

During the fall term the MFT club had a pool party with music and food. It was a great opportunity for the group to get together and meet new members! The MFT Club also raised funds for the Northside Elementary with Systemic Change in Schools 2014 Toy Drive. The group also sponsored Hearts for the Homeless. The event featured individuals who work at various agencies in south Florida who provide services to the homeless population. The guest speakers informed the attendees of the various services available. During the National Adoption Day Event the board members of the MFT club went out caroling for the children and families participating in the event. The board members also assisted Santa in handing out presents to the children in attendance that day.
**NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY** has an expert in the area of Middle East politics, Islamic fundamentalism and religious extremism who can help bring some clarity to this issue, while assisting reporters working on related stories. **Dustin Berna, Ph.D.**, is an assistant professor of Conflict Resolution and Political Science at Nova Southeastern University’s Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS.) He is also the Director of Assessment and Planning for NSU’s SHSS.

Berna’s research specializations include Middle Eastern politics, Islamic fundamentalism, religious extremism, social movements, terrorism, and political institutions. He has taught classes on the Iraq War, Islamic politics, Middle Eastern politics, terrorism, political violence, international relations, U.S. foreign policy, the politics of developing states, revolutions, international negotiation and violence prevention. Berna has written numerous articles on topics that range from terrorism and Islamic fundamentalism to Iranian political institutions and Islamic democracy. Berna has experience working with print and broadcast media.

**SHSS Student Presents on the Role of Media in the Rwandan Genocide at UM ASS Conference**

Carlyn Jorgensen, doctoral candidate in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) in NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) gave a presentation at the University of Massachusetts Boston 10th Biennial Graduate Conference.

The theme of the conference was “Conflict Studies and Global Governance: The New Generation of Ideas.” Jorgensen’s presentation was entitled: “The Role of the Media in the Rwandan Genocide.” The conference was held Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, 2014.

In addition to pursuing her doctoral degree at NSU, Jorgensen holds a master’s degree in Political Science from Suffolk University and a bachelor’s degree in History and Political Science from Western Illinois University.

**SHSS Student Presents at the Institute of Conflict Resolution at University of Florida**

Nadine Pierre-Louis, a doctoral student in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) at NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), recently made a presentation at the Institute of Conflict Resolution at the University of Florida.

The presentation was part of continuing mediator education. Pierre-Louis’ presentation was entitled, “Implications of ‘Face-saving’ in Emotional De-escalation: A Valuable Tool in Mediation.” Pierre-Louis, a licensed family therapist, is also a Florida Supreme Court Certified Family Mediator and Circuit Civil Court Mediator.
Clinic Director, Alum, and Students Present at the Conference on Solution-Focused Practices

Arlene Bret Gordon, Ph.D., director of the Brief Therapy Institute and adjunct faculty in the Department of Family Therapy (DFT) in NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) was a co-presenter at the 2014 Conference on Solution-Focused Practices held in Santa Fe, NM. The conference was sponsored by the Solution-Focused Brief Therapy Association. The theme of the conference was “Weaving Solutions: Communities, Cultures, and Traditions.”

Gordon presented with DFT doctoral graduate and adjunct faculty, Carol Messmore, Ph.D., and DFT doctoral student Michael Rolleston, M.S. Their presentation was entitled, “Multiple Layers of Solution Focused supervision: MFT Training.” Messmore and Rolleston also gave a presentation entitled, “Creating Hopeful Futures: Using the Miracle Question as an Intervention with Challenging Couples.” DFT doctoral students Jenna Wilson, M.S. and Samira, M.S. gave two presentations – one was entitled, “Building Hope in Solution Focused Brief Therapy” and the other was “Developing Common Solutions with Couples.” Gordon is also a graduate of the doctoral program in DFT.

NSU Research Spotlight: Fresh Water Usage

Coastal communities in Florida are facing a range of issues related to the impacts of climate change and development, and social science research plays a critical role in identifying stakeholders, understanding their experiences and perspectives, and engaging them in effective decision-making processes on the personal, professional, and community-wide levels. Robin Cooper, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), with funding from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), has been working with the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (RBNRR) over the past two years in its effort to establish one or more mechanisms for working collaboratively with the community on adaptive management decision-making in the context of fresh water usage. The purpose of this qualitative research project is three-fold: 1) to understand attitudes and behaviors related to water usage among residents in the Rookery Bay region; 2) to explore how community members have engaged in water-related decision-making in personal and professional contexts; 3) to describe community members’ experiences of receiving and responding to educational information related to water conservation. Multiple stakeholder interviews have led to research findings which will now inform the development of initiatives to increase wise water use decision-making, such as an education, outreach, and collaborative decision-making processes that include diverse community stakeholders. Several doctoral candidates in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) have assisted with the research as part of Cooper’s research team.
The SHSSs SGA welcomes our newest member, The Bowen Club.

The purpose of The Bowen Club is to promote intellectual growth among Nova Southeastern University students and faculty by fostering educational opportunities related to Bowen Family Systems Theory. The club shall promote these opportunities through discussions, presentations, projects, conferences and seminars, and media access/communication. Any and all Bowen Family Systems-related prospect is open for exploration as an effort to encourage club purpose and development. The Bowen Club is meant to provide a space where students and faculty can engage both socially and academically with colleagues and the community, while reaching to inspire systemic perspectives.

**Bowen Club Officers:**

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**SHSS Faculty Member Presents on “Equine Assisted Training in a Family Therapy Graduate Program**

Shelley Green, Ph.D., faculty in the Department of Family Therapy (DFT) in NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), recently presented at the national conference on Uniting Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies with Higher Education.

The conference was held at Middle Tennessee State University. Green’s presentation was entitled “Equine Assisted Training in a Family Therapy Graduate Program.” Several years ago, Green initiated a course Equine Assisted Family Therapy, which was the first of its kind to be housed in a nationally accredited family therapy program.

In addition to her work with equine therapy, Green’s other research interests include human sexuality, gender, and systems theories. She was appointed to serve a three year term on the Ethics Committee for the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT).
The Equality Club Fall Events
SHSHSS Faculty Presents at the AGLSP Conference and Highlights the Scholarship of Engagement

Judith McKay, J.D. Ph.D., chair of the Department of Multidisciplinary Studies (DMS) in NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), presented at the 2014 Association for Graduate Liberal Studies Programs (AGLSP) Annual Conference and Meeting in Philadelphia. The conference theme was “Revolutions: Past, Present, and Future,” and was held at the University of Pennsylvania. The Master of Arts in Cross-disciplinary Studies program (MACS) in DMS was accepted as an Associate Member of ASLSP in 2011. The ASLSP is housed at Duke University. McKay’s presentation was entitled: “New Ways to Connect the Academy and the Community: The Role of the Scholarship of Engagement to Address Issues in the Community.” The session highlighted NSU’s community involvement and the scholarship of engagement.

SHSS Dean Participates in the 2014 Forum of the Council of Chinese American

Honggang Yang, Ph.D., dean and professor in NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), participated in the 2014 Forum of the Council of Chinese American Deans and Presidents (CCADP) as President of the organization.

The forum, which was held in Chicago October 10-12, had the theme “Fundraising and Academic Leadership.” It was co-developed to support the growth of academic leadership among members and to provide a platform to share best practices, ideas, and cultivate relationships and networking. In addition to co-facilitating the Plenary Discussion regarding bylaws, project planning, and membership drive, Yang co-facilitated the session entitled, “Developing Multidisciplinary Curriculums.”

The members of CCADP come from across the United States and share a unique set of cultural values, traits, experiences, and skills in addressing challenges and opportunities facing the U.S. higher learning. CCADP aims to contribute to the diversities in its broadest terms in the U.S. institutions of higher learning and commits to the success of its members through the organization’s mission and supportive functions.
Patrick Hiller, Ph.D., doctoral graduate of the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) in NSU’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), presented “The Global Peace System” at the International Peace Research Association (IPRA) 2014 Conference held in Istanbul, Turkey.

Hiller serves as the Executive Director of the War Prevention Initiative (WPI) and he is an adjunct instructor in the Conflict Resolution Program at Portland State University. He is a member of the Governing Council of the IPRA and is on the Board of Director of the International Peace Research Association Foundation.

The vision of War Prevention Initiative is: “a world beyond war by 2-3- and humanity united by a global system of peace with justice.” The organization was founded in 2011 and is a project of the Jubitz Family Foundation with one of its core projects being the Global Peace System. Hiller has been the Executive Director since its inception.

**Student Art Comes to Fruition at Senior Exhibition Futurition, Last Day April 18**

View a variety of works created by talented students about to embark on the next stage of their artistic journeys. The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Performing and Visual Arts will host an on-campus exhibition of art and design from graduating art majors.

*Futurition: Senior Exhibition* features art created by Kristen Ghandour, Samantha Manuel, and Eliana Monaco, who’ve studied graphic design at the college, as well as Kate Allen and Fraser Poorman, who’ve developed their studio art skills.

**Futurition: Senior Exhibition**

Feb. 19–Apr. 18  
Performance Theatre Lobby | Don Taft University Center
NSU Service Trips- Be the Change you Wish to See in the World

Broaden your horizons and learn more about different communities in need.

Upcoming Service Trips

- Disaster Relief: March 1–7 • New Orleans
- Environmental: March 27–29 • Key West
- Education: May 3–10 • Jamaica

Visit [www.nova.edu/studentleadership/service/service-trips.html](http://www.nova.edu/studentleadership/service/service-trips.html) for more details.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement at slce@nova.edu or call (954) 262-

Africa Working Group (AWG) - During Fall Residential Institute

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SHSS SGA Party Like a Pirate Dinner & Social

Work like a CAPTAIN

Play like a PIRATE!

Ahoy! Mates! Arrrrr ye ready to party?
Friday, September 26
7:00pm – 10:00pm
Carl DeSantis—3rd Floor
Sales Institute
The College Student Affairs Association (CSAA)

CSAA Members

Many of the highlights will refer to students in the CSA program instead of the CSAA organization as a whole, as every member of the program is a member of the CSAA.

- It was recently announced that an alum of the CSA program, Stephanie Hammerman, has been selected to be one of the featured speakers at the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) National Conference in Tampa.
- On October 29th, CSAA hosted an event that coincides with Careers in Student Affairs Month (#CSAM), an initiative promoted through the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), of which many CSA students are members. This event gave undergraduate students the opportunity to connect with graduate students in the field, and learn what the field of student affairs and higher education is about.
- On October 24th, in collaboration with other South Florida institutions, NSU’s CSAA hosted a South Florida Student Affairs Social at Fado’s Irish Pub & Restaurant in Miami. Over sixty professionals from several institutions attended.
- On October 3rd, many CSA students attended the NASPA-Florida Drive-In Conference at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers.

October was a busy month, as you can see! Many other CSA students have had the opportunity to attend regional and national conferences throughout this semester as well, including NACA (National Association for Campus Activities), NODA (Association for Orientation, Transition, and Retention), and NASPA. Next semester, many will be participating in conferences for organizations such as ACPA and NASPA as well.
SHSS Donates to Worthy Causes

Thank you for your support SHSS!

Thank you for your support during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We collected donations for the Susan G. Komen Foundation, and for the Movember Foundation, which supports men growing a moustache in an effort to raise awareness about men’s health issues, including testicular and prostate cancer. We also collected supplies for Operation Troop Cares Packages. In all, we raised over $300 and much needed supplies.
In celebration of Native American Heritage Month your SHSS SGA presented the film "Worlds Apart," a PBS short documentary film about Rose Vasquez, a Native American woman trapped between two worlds: the success and distance of college, and the challenges of life on her reservation. A discussion session followed the film.

**Film - Worlds Apart**
*When - Wednesday, November 19th*  
*Time - 12:00 p.m.*  
*Location - DeSantis building, room 3031*
Dinner with the Dean - Sunday, September 28th from 6:40-8 p.m. Students met with Dean Honggang Yang at the NSU Flight Deck. Students got the opportunity to share their interest, and experiences. This was also their chance to ask questions and discuss general matters about SHSS and the university. The dinner was open to all students, faculty and staff of the SHSS community.
National Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

**National Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration and Dessert Social** took place on Sunday, September 28th from 7:30 -10 p.m. after dinner with the Dean. Students enjoyed an ice cream social and entertainment at the Second Floor Lounge in the University Center.
Upcoming Events

Calls for Abstract Submissions for The Qualitative Report 2016 Conference

The Division of Applied and Interdisciplinary Studies is pleased to announce that calls for abstract submissions is now open for The Qualitative Report 7th Annual Conference. TQR2016 will be held January 14-16, 2016 on the main campus of Nova Southeastern University. This annual conference is affiliated with The Qualitative Report, an online journal housed in SHSS, and the theme of the conference is “The Futures of Qualitative Inquiries.”

A number of NSU faculty and graduate students will be presenting at the conference, as well as dozens of national and international scholars and researchers. To learn more about the conference and to register please access the conference website located at http://nsuworks.nova.edu/tqrc/seventh/. Please note that the calls for submissions closes on April 30th, 2015.

The TQR Annual Conference is organized by Ron Chenail, Ph.D., director of NSU’s Qualitative Research Graduate Certificate Program and Editor-in-Chief of The Qualitative Report.

For more information please email us at TQR@nova.edu.
Upcoming Events

The SHSS Hunt

Grab your friends and form teams. Come and join the SHSS SGA for a fun day of scavenger hunting. Saturday March 28, 2015 at 12 noon. Free t-shirts and lunch will be provided for all. Entrance fee is $5.00 per person and all funds raised go toward book scholarships. We are also having a line dance video shot of the cupid shuffle and other line dances... Wobble anybody??? More details to follow. For more information email: Ilise Beasley - ib213@nova.edu or Jennifer Jones - jj683@nova.edu
Dear SHSS Family,

The fall term had exciting activities, both academic and social. Midway through the winter term there is just as much excitement. Thank you all for the wonderful emails, and kind words that highlight your appreciation for the work that the SHSS SGA does.

The SGA is a group of hard working and dedicated team players. I’d personally like to thank them for their hard work!

Let us know what is happening with you on campus, or online.

As always, we would love to hear your feedback. Please feel free to message us on Facebook http://www.facebook.com/NSUSHSSSA or drop us an email. Thank you to everyone: students, staff, faculty, and administration for another great term!

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Additional Photos With The Equality Club
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