



College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

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Peer Mentors



Chinyere Obinna is a doctoral student in DCRS where she also serves as a graduate assistant. She holds a bachelor's degree in Law from University of Nigeria and a Master's degree in Law and Governance from Montclair State University, New Jersey.

Prior to her relocating to the United States for graduate studies, Chinyere practiced as a solicitor in her home country, Nigeria, specializing in organizational compliance and governance. She has been actively involved in volunteer activities in her church community as a counsellor and mediator and is excited about serving as a mentor to new students in the department. Her areas of interest include organizational conflict and peace education. Chinyere can be reached at co418@mynsu.nova.edu



Mark Haskins is currently in his 3rd year at NSU. His employment is with the Federal Government and serves with the USDA. Prior to working for the USDA, He spent twenty (20) years working in Law Enforcement. Mark holds a B.S. in Criminal Justice and an M.S. in Criminal Justice with an emphasis in Homeland Security and Emergency Management. His goal, upon completion of his Ph.D. is to lecture at the university level. He is eager to assist his fellow students find their footing in the program. Mark can be reached at mh2084@mynsu.nova.edu



Jane Walsh a PhD candidate with a concentration in Conflict in Organizations and Schools. She completed course requirements fully online. Jane's professional experience spans clinical research trials in fields ranging from psychiatry to rheumatology, in both healthcare and industry settings. She has experience in public service as an elected municipal official; and has experience with varied community service.

Her general interest lies in conscientious consumption and pro-environment behavior, as well as the navigation of interpersonal conflict. She is an appointed member to her Town's Recycling Committee and a volunteer mediator for small claims and summary process in Massachusetts. Jane holds a Master's degree in Psychology with a psychobiology emphasis from Mount Holyoke College and a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Providence College. Jane can be reached at jw1982@mynsu.nova.edu



Jane N. Mokaya is a doctoral candidate in the first year of her dissertation. Jane has much experience in human services where she worked with many less fortunate populations as a social worker ranging from the physically and mentally challenged and refugees. Jane completed practicum in her native country of Kenya and encourages students to explore “out of the box” practicum possibilities in order to learn more about different conflicts and their resolution processes. Jane earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work from Indiana University School of Social Work and her MBA from Anderson University, Indiana, along with a MA in Conflict Analysis and Resolution Studies with a concentration in International Conflict from NSU. She aspires to see more peace and equality in the society. Her passion is with refugees, particularly women from DR Congo, which is also her area of research. She can be reached at jm3813@mynsu.nova.edu



Diana Herrera is a DCRS Ph.D candidate in the dissertation stage of her studies. She holds a Master of Arts in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from Louisiana Tech University. Diana’s professional experience includes working for a number of years in higher education as the Executive Assistant, Recruitment & Retention Specialist/Program Manager, and as an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Natural & Social Sciences at Miami Dade College, InterAmerican Campus. Ms. Herrera also served in the United States Air Force for four years working in Logistics Readiness. She can be reached at dt508@mynsu.nova.edu



Michelle Thomas-Maison an international student from Trinidad and a DCRS PhD candidate graduated from the University of the West Indies with a BSc in Social Work, a Post Graduate Diploma and MSc in Mediation Studies. Michelle is also a graduate Assistant within the department and served assisting with IRB. Her research focus is in “understanding Trinidadian men's perspectives on male marginalization and why men perpetrate domestic violence”. She is eager to assist her fellow classmates in finding their place in the program. She can be reached at mt1037@mynsu.nova.edu



Iyen Salami is a Doctoral candidate. She is a seasoned teacher, who has also been involved in women empowerment training in her birth country, Nigeria. As a Program officer in Lift Above Poverty Organisation in Nigeria, Iyen offered her services in communities to lift women out of illiteracy, poverty, and abuse. She holds two Master degrees: Conflict Analysis and Resolution from NSU, Florida and International Law and diplomacy from University of Lagos, Nigeria. She is very eager to help students. She can be reached at is308@mynsu.nova.edu