

## 5th Annual Common Ground Film Festival

### Upcoming Events:

**New Student Orientation**

September 8 & 9

**Start of Fall Trimester**

September 11

**International Day of Peace**

September 21

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The 5th Annual Common Ground Film Series sponsored by the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) and the Search for Common Ground was held June 14-28. What sets the Common Ground Film Festival apart from most film festivals and series is the way the filmmakers have chosen to tell their stories. The films that are selected are balanced in their portrayal of conflicts and issues; they avoid stereotyping by focusing on people as individuals rather than as representatives of a group; they promote understanding of the issues and people involved; they give audiences a broader context of the issues; and they show the commonalities among people while not ignoring the differences that divide them.



Walk on Water



West Bank Story

This year's festival focused on films from or about Africa and the Middle East. The opening night film was *Walk on Water*. This enthralling award-winning film by internationally acclaimed director Eytan Fox explores the motives, strengths, and the humanity of an Israeli Mossad agent. Fox has a brilliant gift for putting people in moral quandaries where their responsibilities run counter to their instincts.

*West Bank Story*, demonstrates stereotypes through the use of musical comedy. Rival restaurants Humus Hut and Kosher King are busy cooking up Middle Eastern delights and hateful songs about each other, while a forbidden love affair unfolds between a beautiful Humus Hut Palestinian cashier and an Israeli checkpoint soldier.

*Talk Mogadishu*, explores HornAfrik, the first independent TV and radio station in war-ravaged Mogadishu, which was created in the face of chaos and devastation. A decade after the disastrous humanitarian intervention by the U.S. in Somalia, HornAfrik was established by three brave Somali-Canadians. Their vision was to forge a path to peace through freedom of expression, impartial news, and dialogue.

*The Shape of the Future* tells the story of the first TV series ever simultaneously broadcast on Israeli, Palestinian, and Arab Satellite TV. The series explores—on a very human level—how Israelis and Palestinians might make peace. The emphasis is on building the future, not on reliving the past. The series delves deeply into each of the final status issues that divide Palestinians and Israelis: Security, Jerusalem, Palestinian Refugees, and Settlements.



In My Country

*In My Country*, gives a glimpse into 1996, when the South African government established the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to investigate abuses of human rights under apartheid. These hearings would serve as a forum for those accused of murder and torture to be confronted by their victims and, by admitting their guilt be granted amnesty under Ubuntu, the native custom of forgiveness.

## FACULTY NEWS

**Dr. Tommie Boyd, Chair, Department of Family Therapy/Assistant Professor,** traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend the AAMFT Leadership Conference. The attendees included division leaders from 48 states and 7 provinces in Canada meeting to address AAMFT issues and lobby on Capitol Hill. Dr. Boyd also attended the Florida Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (FAMFT) conference February 12-14 in Tallahassee. She has also been involved in the supervision of the launch of the Jacksonville family therapy cluster site. Dr. Boyd, as President of the Florida Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (FAMFT), led the organization's annual conference in Palm Beach Gardens May 26-29. She also presented a refresher course on supervision at the conference.

**Dr. Chris Burnett, Assistant Professor of Family Therapy,** presented "Expanding Family Therapy into Business Consulting" at the annual FAMFT conference in Palm Beach Gardens, May 26-28 along with Jennifer Spong, DFT doctoral student.

**Dr. Julia Chaitin, Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies,** taught an SHSS two week course in Israel May 15 - May 29. She also had her autoethnographic book, *Inside-Out: Personal and Collective Life in Israel and the Kibbutz* accepted for publication by Hamilton Books. It will be coming out in the beginning of 2007. Dr. Chaitin will be a Visiting Scholar at Ben Gurion University of the Negev in Beer Sheva Israel for the summer semester.

**Dr. Pat Cole, Associate Professor of Family Therapy and Family Business,** along with Dr. Kit Johnson from Barry University, presented their research paper at the 2006 Family Enterprise Research Conference, sponsored by Wilfrid Laurier University. The conference was held in Niagara Falls, Canada April 28-30. Dr. Cole was also selected as a discussant to

provide feedback to participants whose papers were not selected for presentation. She was also appointed Academic Awards Chair for the Family Firm Institute. She will be in charge of selecting the best academic paper and dissertation in family business. The winners will each receive a \$2500 cash award at the annual conference in October.

**Dr. Mark Davidheiser, Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution and Anthropology,** presented "Rules of law and governance: Alternative Dispute Resolution and The Gambian experience" on March 28 for students and faculty. The presentation was an overview of the project that he had been working on during his recent flex term.

**Dr. Jean-Mathieu Essoh Essis, Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution and Public Policy,** was featured in an article in the Fall 2005 edition of the New York University Magazine *The Square* entitled "Scholars in Peril." The article discussed the danger he faced once a civil war broke out when he reentered his country, Cote d'Ivoire, as a scholar studying in America. He also had an article published in the *International Negotiation Journal* entitled "From Individual State Preferences to Collective Decisions: An Analytic Account of the 1995 NPT Review and Extension Conference." Dr. Essis presented "Decentralization and Democracy: The Role of Indigenous Institutions in Mali's Transition and Democracy" at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Africa/Diaspora Conference at California State University on April 28. He also presented "Danger, Opportunity, and Negotiation in a Global Collective Security Region: The Non-Proliferation Treaty and the Controversy over Iran's Nuclear Program" at the June SHSS Advisory Board Luncheon.

**Dr. Alexia Georgakopoulos, Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution and Communication,** presented "An Agenda for Mediation

Research and Practice: Considerations for a Faith-based and Spiritual-based Approach to Mediation" on March 30 for students and faculty. The presentation was an overview of the project that she had been working on during her recent flex term. She was also the faculty coordinator of the Search for Common Ground Film Festival that took place in June.

**Dr. Shelley Green, Associate Professor of Family Therapy,** presented an all-day institute entitled "Approved Supervision Refresher Course: Having Fun Jump-Starting Supervision" at the annual conference of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy in Kansas City, MO on October 20, 2005.

**Dr. John Linstroth, Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution and Anthropology,** is organizing a conference on the Basque ceasefire with Columbia University in New York. He is also writing "Basque Avenues toward Peace: building the new road—to a new dawn, a new beginning" in *Revista Ekarri* for 'Togetherness', Basque Peace Organization, spring 2006. Dr. Linstroth also has a forthcoming book chapter in "Grounds for Legal Contention, Modes of Protestvariations of vigilantism in the Spanish-Basque context" in Davide Pratten and Atreyee Sen (eds.), 'Global Vigilantes: anthropological perspectives on justice and violence'. London: Hurst & Co. and Duke University Press. He also traveled to Goettingen, Germany June 13-June 23 as part of the Humbolt Grant project along with Dr. Chaitin and two SHSS doctoral students. Dr. Linstroth and Dr. Chaitin will be presenting papers in Germany as well as discussing the ethnicity project and providing workshops on ethnicity and identity for Guatemalans, Cubans, and Haitians in South Florida. This project was also funded by the Presidential Faculty Development Grant.

## FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

**Dr. Susanne Marshall, Senior Director of Student and Academic Affairs,** has been co-facilitating an open, informal dialog about relevant diversity topics along with Dr. Debra Nixon each month for NSU students, faculty, and staff as well as community members.

**Dr. Judith McKay, Chair of the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution/ Assistant Professor,** traveled to Atlanta to attend the ABA Dispute Resolution Conference April 4-13. She was also a featured speaker at the National Structured Settlement Trade Association's annual meeting and conference in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico in May. She was invited to speak on the topic of "*Ethics and Mediation.*"

**Dr. Debra Nixon, Assistant Professor of Family Therapy,** invited members of the religious and spiritual community to an informational reception for the Graduate Certificate in Family Ministry Program. She presented an overview of the program at the reception and asked for feedback from the spiritual leaders in attendance. She has also been co-facilitating an open, informal dialog about relevant diversity topics along with Dr. Susanne Marshall each month for NSU students, faculty, and staff as well as community members.

**Dr. Marie Olson-Lounsbury, Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution and International Studies,** attended the International Studies Association, 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in San Diego, CA March 20-27 She also presented the paper "The Challenges of Multilateral Military Intervention: Effects on Stability and Security" (co-authored with Frederic S. Pearson of

Wayne State University and Andrea Talentino of Drew University) at the Annual Meeting of the Academic Council on the United Nations System in Rio de Janeiro, June 8-10.

**Dr. Anne Hearon Rambo, Professor of Family Therapy,** spoke to the Palm Beach Boys and Girls Clubs on June 29 about ways to mitigate against bullying in their programs.

**Dr. Lee Shilts, Professor of Family Therapy,** attended the Brief Family Therapy Center, "Solution Focused Trainers Conference" in Amsterdam, Netherlands March 22-27. He has also been accepted to present at the AAMFT conference in Austin, Texas in October on the WOWW Project (Working on What Works) along with Jeff Cotton, DFT doctoral student.

**Dr. Hamdesa Tusso, Associate Professor of Conflict Analysis Resolution and Sociology,** has been selected to be the Distinguished Visiting Esau Professor for the 2006-2007 Academic Year with the Department of Conflict Resolution Studies at Menno Simons College, University of Winnipeg where he will teach classes and conduct research.

**Dr. Honggang Yang, Dean of SHSS, Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies,** traveled to the International Distance Learning Conference in Tianjin, China April 18-23. He also co-facilitated the 3rd Annual Forum on U.S. - China Higher Education Administration in Washington, D.C. on February 3 and 4. Dr. Yang traveled to Los Angeles, CA to attend the American Council on Education 88th Annual Meeting February 10-14.

## STAFF NEWS

**Sarah Clifford** joined SHSS as the Practicum Coordinator for the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution on June 26.

Congratulations to **Cassandra Damas,** Receptionist/Administrative Assistant, for earning a B.S. in Paralegal Studies from NSU in May.

Congratulations to **Christine Hellkamp,** Operations Coordinator, for earning a B.S. in Business from NSU in May.

Congratulations to **Adam Matheson,** Administrative Assistant of Administrative Operations, for earning an M.B.A. from NSU in June. Adam will be leaving SHSS and moving into a position at the Office of Information Technologies as a Programmer Analyst starting July 10.

**Jennifer O'Gorman** joined SHSS as the Assistant to the Dean's Office on May 15.

**LaChish Rigg** joined SHSS as the Marketing Coordinator on April 24.

Congratulations to **Lisa Wallen,** former Student Services Coordinator, for earning a B.S. in Education from NSU in June.

## STUDENT NEWS

**Dana Baduna, M.S., DFT doctoral student**, presented "The Community Connection: In-Home Solution-Focused Family Therapy with Families at Risk" at the annual FAMFT conference in Palm Beach Gardens, May 26-28.

**Lisa Costantino, DFT doctoral student**, was interviewed and appeared in articles in Upscale Magazine (March Issue 2006) and Washington Woman Magazine (Feb 2006) for my work with eating disorders and women of color. I established the first ethnicity, culture, and identity group at a U.S. treatment facility for eating disorders.

**Jeff Cotton, DFT doctoral student**, and Dr. Lee Shilts, presented "Classroom Solutions: implementing WOWW programs in different educational settings" at the International Solution Focused Trainer's Conference on March 24 in Amsterdam.

**Michael Fonkem, DCAR doctoral student**, spoke on "Boundary and Name Changes in World Geography: A Perspective on the Southern Cameroons Conflict" at the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse on March 21. Also his article, "Third Party Intervention in the Mbindia Enthronement Conflict: Containment or Transformation?" will appear in The African Journal on Conflict Resolution published by ACCORD in South Africa in its July 15, 2006 Edition.

**Jacqueline N. Font-Guzmán, DCAR student**, accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Law at Creighton University and Associate Director of the Werner Institute for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution Omaha, Nebraska to teach conflict resolution courses in the law school and in the new conflict resolution interdisciplinary master's programs which will begin in Fall 2006. Additionally, she will be developing workshops and serving as a trainer at the Werner Institute.

**Martine Francoise, DFT student**, presented at a conference at Mona College in Jamaica, West Indies on information she wrote for a paper entitled "Immigration Laws and Impact on Caribbean Families".

**Tony Gaskew, DCAR student**, submitted a piece to the ACR Newsletter on the culture of terrorism, which explores, among other things, the idea of seeing the foundations of terrorism through the lens of the violence triangle a construct that begins with direct violence as the event that is intended to insult the basic needs of others.

**Tina Jaekle, DCAR student**, was awarded by the Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR) for her endeavors in Crisis Intervention. She has also recently accepted an Assistant Professor position in the Social and Behavioral Sciences at Flagler College in St. Augustine, Florida

**Aniuska Luna, MACS student, and Dana Schulman, DCAR student**, presented Peace Place on "Child Slaves: Stolen Lives" at the Alvin Sherman Library on May 7.

**Debra Marcel-Coney, DFT student**, proposed her dissertation entitled, "A Systemic Analysis of Alternative Outcomes for Ethnic Minority Homeless Women with Co-Occurring Disorders" May 10.

**Kenneth Newberger, DCAR student**, defended his dissertation entitled, "Peacemaking: the Establishment of Justice. The Triumph of Love." on May 17.

**Clare Patterson, DCAR student**, was hired as Director of Equal Employment Opportunity for the Executive Office of the President on June 13.

**Michael Rhodes, M.Div., DFT student**, presented the topic, *From Gutenberg to Gilligan's Island: Hypnosis in Literature and Popular Culture*, at the Florida Association of Marriage and Family Therapy annual convention on May 27 in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. The theme of the conference was "The Practice of Marriage and Family Therapy."

**Karen Shatz, DFT student**, defended her dissertation entitled "The Widow That Wasn't a Bride: A Phenomenological Study of Loss in Cohabiting Heterosexual Couples" on April 20.

**Rebecca Storrow, DCAR student**, will be presenting "Creativity in Research: Process Painting and Process Writing- a Study of the Application of the Creative Process in Business" at the Subversive Activities in Research Conference in Manchester, England April 20-22. The conference will be at the Manchester Metropolitan University.

**Barbara Sunderland Manouso, DCAR student**, facilitated a three hour workshop at the Education Forum of the International Waldenstrom's Macroglobulemia Foundation's conference in Seattle on conflict resolution in support groups: So what's a Support Group Suppose to Do? Bodaciously Living with Cancer in May. She has also been elected president-elect of the Association of Conflict Resolution, Houston Chapter.

**Jennifer Spong, M.S. DFT doctoral student**, presented "Expanding Family Therapy into Business Consulting" at the annual FAMFT conference in Palm Beach Gardens, May 26-28 along with Christopher Burnett, Psy.D.

**Gregory Vecchi, DCAR student**, defended his dissertation entitled, "Assessing Organizational Group Conflict in Law Enforcement Hostage/Barricade Management" on May 16.

**Stanley Zamor, DCAR student**, was selected by Success South Florida Magazine to be part of their 2006 "40 under 40 Most Influential Black Professionals" in South Florida, announced in their April/May issue. The publication features 40 individuals under 40 years old and their achievements that make them influential in the community. He is the only Mediator/Arbitrator - Conflict Resolution professional to have been selected for their list since its inauguration. He has also been selected to be on the Miami-Dade Citizen's Foster Care Review Panel, where monthly foster care children's cases are reviewed to ensure that children in foster care are getting the housing, education and medical attention they need as wards of the State.

**Jason Bailey, DCAR student**, passed away in May. He had been working on his dissertation in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution. Jason earned dual undergraduate degrees in Criminology and Political Science from Florida State University and a master's degree in Criminology from Florida International University. He also had an impressive career in corrections, having served in various capacities including as an Assistant Warden and as corrections coordinator at the Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy. The faculty and staff members at SHSS send their heartfelt condolences to Jason's friends and family.



## ALUMNI NEWS

**Jaime Arango, DCAR Alum**, was the 2005 Fourth Quarter Winner of the Helen Graham Employee Achievement Award of Excellence at NSU. Jaime works as the Institutional Review Board Administrator in the Office of Grants and Contracts and has been an employee at NSU for almost 10 years.

**Dr. Clyde A. Bailey, DFT Alum**, upon his graduation from SHSS, was hired a fulltime as a Clinical Therapist at the Center for Family Services in West Palm Beach. The agency is over 30 years old and serves a wide cross section of the community including offering Employees Assistance Programs to various companies and organizations within Palm Beach County.

**Laurie Charles, Ph.D., DFT Alumna**, presented "Family Treatment with Survivors of Political Torture, Refugees and Asylum Seekers" at the annual FAMFT conference in Palm Beach Gardens, May 26-28. She also recently accepted a faculty position at the University of South Florida.

**Emily Gonzalez-Abreu, DFT Alumna**, was featured in the Sun-Sentinel among a panel of experts in an article discussing the recent violence against the homeless by teenagers in Fort Lauderdale.

**Kathleen Harmon, Ph.D., DCAR Alumna**, spoke with Steven I. Weber, Esq. at the annual meeting of the American Bar Association - Section on Dispute Resolution - ADR on My Mind in Georgia on April 7, 2006. The topic was: The Effective Mediator - Perspectives from Counsel and Client.

**Dr. Florence Ross, Ph.D. DCAR Alumna**, was honored at Temple Adath Or in Cooper City on January 28. The temple honored Ross for her seven decades of peacemaking. Ross' peacemaking activities range from co-founding a Muslim-Jewish-Christian dialogue in South Florida to starting the Institute of Peacemaking Elders at NSU. *The Miami Herald* profiled Ross and her efforts as a peace activist in the "Tropical Life" section in the Saturday, January 28 edition.

**Jim Rudes, Ph.D. DFT Alum**, presented "Four Questions Family Therapy Asks: A Postmodern Reflection" at the annual FAMFT conference in Palm Beach Gardens, May 26-28.

**Sloane Veshinki, M.S., DFT Alumna**, presented "Affairs and Marriage and Divorce: Helping Families Cope with the Divorce Process and Rebuilding after Infidelity" at the annual FAMFT conference in Palm Beach Gardens, May 26-28.

## AFRICA WORKING GROUP ON PEACE AND CONFLICT

The Africa Working Group on Peace and Conflict, comprised of faculty members and students of the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, hosted a presentation by Hamdesa Tusso, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Conflict Analysis and Resolution, entitled "Creating the Third Force: Intervening in a Conflict within a Liberation Front" on June 28. Tusso discussed his mediation between conflicting factions of the Oromo Liberation Front of Ethiopia during the presentation.

The group also hosted a presentation by one of its faculty members, Jean-Mathieu Essis, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution and Public Policy. His presentation was entitled "The Challenge of Peace Negotiations in Cote de Ivoire" and was held on June 21. It included discussions on the current developments in the Ivoirian peace process.

For more information on the Africa Working Group on Peace and Conflict or the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences please call (954) 262-3007 or visit <http://shss.nova.edu>.



## FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

Dear SHSS Students and Alumni,

Greetings! As the 2005-2006 academic year comes to a close I want to thank you all for a fruitful and productive year. This past year has been full of fast-paced changes for SHSS and our students, faculty, and staff have taken them all in stride. By this August, SHSS will successfully complete its first year operating on the main campus.

This past May we brought our Internship and Practicum Fair to the DeSantis building atrium for the first time on the main campus. This beautiful venue accommodated the more than forty sites and agencies that attended from throughout the tri-county area. We also gratefully acknowledged all the distance practicum sites in the U.S. and overseas.

Our students have given back to the community this year in numerous ways from working as interns and volunteers in the community and through special projects such as Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. My colleagues and I are very proud of our students' achievements and alumni's accomplishments. I felt so moved by all the stories shared at our graduation celebration after this year's commencement in June.

I will continue to keep up my open-door policy in the new academic year. Please feel free to contact my assistant, Jennifer O'Gorman, via email at [jogorman@nsu.nova.edu](mailto:jogorman@nsu.nova.edu) or 800-541-6682 extension 3048 for appointments.



## SHSS ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAM EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

The following individuals were chosen as finalists for the 2005 Student Life Achievement Awards:

- Michele Liscio – Student of the Year
- Honggang Yang – Academic Dean of the Year
- Julia Chaitin – Professor of the Year

SHSS hosted visiting professors Dr. Gabriele Rosenthal and Dr. Michaela Koettig from the Georg-August-University of Goettingen on March 15.

Michaela Koettig, a visiting professor and social worker from Germany, joined SHSS in February to collaborate with faculty members in DCAR. Her research focuses on extreme right wing young women (young adults and teens) in the Federal Republic of Germany - in Neo-Nazi and skinhead groups.

The SHSS Student Association hosted a dinner banquet for students on June 9 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino.

The Internship and Practicum Career Fair was held on May 5 in the Carl DeSantis Building Atrium. Over 50 potential internship and practicum sites were in attendance. Dean Yang welcomed and recognized our community partners. He also talked about the quality enhancement plan (QEP) that is focused on experiential learning and clinical training at SHSS.

Commencement was held on June 17 at the Bank Atlantic Center. A reception for students and their families, friends, alumni, faculty, and staff followed the ceremony.

The first Family Therapy cluster from the Orlando Student Educational Center graduated this year.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Search for Common Ground Film Festival was held June 14-28. This year's series focused on films from or about Africa and the Middle East and included: Walk on Water, In My Country, Talk Mogadishu, The Shape of the Future, and West Bank Story.

The Spring 2006 issue of the Peace and Conflict Studies Journal is now available. Visit the SHSS website for more information.

# STUDENT DISSERTATION HIGHLIGHTS

**Charmaine S. Borda**, DFT Student, defended her final dissertation entitled “Forced Into Womanhood: An Autoethnographic Analysis Of a Girlhood Interrupted” on April 26, 2006. The autoethnographic dissertation traces and analyzes the evolution of a girl through the difficulties of a traumatic childhood as she emerges as a woman three decades later. Personal narratives and genograms highlight the roles of three women—a biological mother, an aunt, and a foster mother. Their genograms illustrate their roles and contribution to the details of the story and of their significance in the life of the young woman. That young woman is me, the author of this dissertation. The autoethnographic form provides the researcher with a method for exploring her personal story in a public forum for empowerment, enlightenment, and scholarly debate. This particular autoethnography seeks to further discussion about the experiences of women in a patriarchal society, who endure sexual abuse, deceit, and exploitation from other women and from men—and how then we can emerge at the other end much stronger and whole. In this dissertation, multilayered narratives, including personal recollection, family stories, personal records, and official documents, serve to construct an account of the subject’s life, with scholarly literature providing an analytical foundation for broader contributions to the discipline of family therapy. The goal is that the transformative nature of this study will be useful to family therapists and other mental health practitioners as they work with women who have similar backgrounds.



**Gregory M. Vecchi**, DCAR student, defended his final dissertation entitled “Assessing Organizational/Group Conflict in Law Enforcement Hostage/Barricade Management” on May 16, 2006. The dissertation is a review of the literature on hostage/barricade management indicates that conflict exists among negotiators and tactical operators. Although structural fixes have been implemented in the form of reorganization, this has accomplished little in addressing this conflict. This study was conducted using grounded theory methods (Strauss & Corbin, 1998). Perceptions of motivation, hostage/barricade management, negotiators, tactical operators, on-scene commanders, training, and conflict were obtained from the FBI negotiators and tactical operators and analyzed to form central categories, propositional statements, and a theoretical scheme used to explain negotiator-tactical operator conflict. The study also incorporated the administration of a conflict-handling personality assessment and a demographic questionnaire that were used to determine conflict handling styles and to make comparisons between FBI and non-FBI negotiators and tactical operators. The results suggest that negotiator-tactical operator conflict exists and is a product of differing paradigms relating to their approaches to hostage/barricade management and that the degree of conflict is directly related to the quality of their personal and professional relationships. As a remedy, this study points to the utility of creating a shared vision of hostage/barricade management among the negotiators and tactical operators, via problem-solving workshops and collaborative conflict resolution processes while keeping in mind the importance of conflict styles.

**Susan Besman-Albinder**, DFT student, defended her final dissertation entitled “Subjective Resiliency Among Therapists who Treat Traumatized Clients: Personal and Relational Effects” on May 1, 2006. Many therapists who work with traumatized clients experience secondary, or vicarious, trauma (Figley, 1995; McCann & Pearlman, 1990; Pearlman & Maclan 1995; Saakvitne & Pearlman, 1995). Most studies on vicarious trauma have focused primarily on its existence and on symptoms and contributing factors associated with it (e.g., Avary, 2001; Beaton & Murphy, 1995; Cornille & Woodard-Meyers, 1999; Dutton & Rubinstein, 1995; Figley, 1995; Kassam-Adams, 1995; McCann & Pearlman, 1990; Neumann & Gamble, 1995; Pearlman & Saakvitne, 1995; Trippany, Wilcoxon, & Satcher, 2003). Others have proposed useful tactics for dealing with it (e.g., Catherall, 1995; Cerney, 1995; Dane, 2000; Harris & Linder, 1995; Hudnall Stamm, 1995; Joslyn, 2002; Pearlman, 1995; Pearlman & Saakvitne, 1995; Saakvitne & Pearlman, 1996; Yassen, 1996). However, there has been little inquiry regarding how successful trauma therapists maintain hope, empathy, and stability in the midst of so many stories of pain and grief. Furthermore, no study to date has explored how vicarious trauma affects therapists’ relationships. This study used a mixed method, concurrent nested strategy (Creswell, 2003) with a qualitative emphasis to explore how resilient therapists mitigated the detrimental effects of trauma work and what effects this type of work had on their relationships. Eleven couples were interviewed and completed the Ego-Resiliency Scale (Block & Kremen, 1996), and the ProQOL – R III Questionnaire (Hudnall Stamm, 2005). The analysis confirmed some similarities in the literature. Therapists in this study were more impacted by trauma work earlier in their careers, but found effective ways to manage it, such as maintaining a realistic perspective, developing a life, balancing caseload, resolving personal issues, debriefing, and supervision. The results indicated that the therapists’ partners were not adversely impacted by their tertiary exposure to victimization; however, the therapist-partner relationships were impacted by the therapists’ secondary exposure. This mixed method study provides new information and knowledge about the impact of trauma work on therapists and their relationships. Further research is needed to understand the impact of trauma work on parenting. A broader sample that includes divorced or separated couples would enhance this research.



## SHSS UNITED SOCCER

We are happy and proud to announce news of the mixed women/men recreational soccer team "SHSS UNITED" aka "The Gandhis". Since we have such a diverse student body, we can draw on an international selection of players from countries such as Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Haiti, Germany, China, USA, Italy, Nigeria and Argentina (maybe one of us will be World Champion this year!). In our first Intramural Tournament we might have not been the best team, but we definitely had the most fun and the best fans. Currently we are meeting to play every Sunday morning at 9:00. Anyone interested is more than welcome to join. Our selection criteria are very simple: having fun and getting a little exercise.

If you have any questions and/or are interested please email us at [philler@nova.edu](mailto:philler@nova.edu).



## MESSAGE FROM SHSS STUDENT ASSOCIATION

In order to address students' experiences at SHSS, the SHSS Student Association organized a program survey. The survey was conducted from May 17, 2006 to June 7, 2006. The results will be presented to the students in a future SHSS Dialogs Newsletter. This study provides another opportunity to hear students' voices. Through participating in the survey, students could tell us about their positive moments as well as share their concerns on different topics.

To celebrate the end of the academic year, SHSS SA invited DCAR DFT, CSA, and MACS students, as well as faculty and staff to the First Annual Dinner at the Hard Rock Café Seminole Casino on June 9. The SHSS SA event was a casual social evening and fun for all. Raffles of iPods and other unique gifts added to this successful event.

SHSS SA would like to remind all their fellow students that the opportunity to join the next board of SHSS SA is now open. Please send your candidacy to Mariely Ordonez, [shssa@nova.edu](mailto:shssa@nova.edu), current SHSS vice president, in order to participate in the upcoming board elections for next year.





# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Ana Tettner, M.S. is a graduate of the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) and is an experienced educator and counselor. She has trained parents, teachers and students in communication skills as well as contributed to the training of youth counselors in several organizations such as Macabi Tzair and B'nai Brith. In the Jewish community school system Ana has held the positions of director and then vice director of the school board. As such, her most important role was to hire high level personnel as secular principals and religious school principals in Venezuela, the United States, Argentina and Israel.

In past roles, Ana has evaluated teachers and principal's work, and supervised every aspect of the daily functioning of the schools, which enrolled more than 2,400 students. She also maintained a close relationship with Israel creating an ongoing training program for teachers in Israel and developing a non-profit organization to provide funds for students to participate in a visit to Israel at the end of their senior year. So far, more than 250 students with limited resources have been able to visit Israel thanks to the program.



Ana was a founding member of many organizations such as CODISEC and ASOPREC. These organizations provide financial support and other resources to the educative labor of the Board of Education. While a student in DCAR, Ana combined her previous experiences in education with the new skills she acquired in conflict resolution and violence prevention to be part of a research effort, called SUPERB (Students United with Parents and Educators to Resolve Bullying).



SUPERB was developed by a grant of the Ring Foundation with the purpose of designing a systemic approach to prevent bullying in schools. Due to her previous experiences Ana participated in the design of the curriculum and then the implementation of the program in elementary, middle and high schools both public and private.

As a result of these experiences she wrote her first book *La Violencia va a la Escuela* which represents an effort to incorporate Spanish speaking teachers, parents and students into the worldwide fight against violence in schools. This fight has been endorsed by representatives of the U.S. Congress.

Ana is a regular contributor to magazines and advocates teaching peaceful alternatives of conflict resolution. Simultaneously with her achievements in education, she developed her own family business with her husband Aizic and still oversees functioning from Florida. She plans to write books about conflict resolution for children and to be able to continue training teachers and parents to educate in peace.



# *Congratulations Graduates!*



## **DEPARTMENT OF CONFLICT ANALYSIS AND RESOLUTION**

Cathy D Appleton, Ph.D.  
 Joshia O Osamba, Ph.D.  
 Scott M. Woods, Ph.D.  
 Michelle Marcia Cromwell, Ph.D.  
 Jerry C Dyer, Ph.D.  
 Jason K Brugman, M.S.  
 Deborah A Brown, M.S.  
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 Javier Fernandez, M.S.  
 Courisse Crystal Knight, M.S.  
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