

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Upcoming Events:

- Start of Fall Trimester – September 12
- International Peace Day – September 21
- Residential Institute— October 15-19
- Open House — October 28
- Conference on Solution Focused Practices — November 3- 5

In 1987, the School of Social Science was created at Nova Southeastern University to develop a master’s degree program in gerontology, a doctoral program in family therapy, and to contain the Institute for Social Services to Families. Between 1987 and 1991 a master’s program in family therapy was also established, and in the fall of 1992, a new master’s program emerged – dispute resolution.

In 1991, the School became known as the School of Social and Systemic Studies. A doctoral dispute resolution program was added in 1994. Also in 1994, the Schools of Computer & Information Sciences and Social & Systemic Studies moved from portables on the Main Campus to the East Campus.

The first doctoral program in dispute resolution was offered by distance learning in the fall of 1999. The following year the master’s program also went online distinguishing SHSS as one of the only academic institutions in the world to offer both distance learning and on campus delivery formats. In 2001, the School of Social and Systemic Studies changed its name to the Graduate School of Humanities & Social Sciences (SHSS). The name change reflected the School's recent efforts and intellectual roots. It also gave a more accurate academic identification, improved public recognition, and strategic support for the development of newer and more diverse programming.

Between the fall of 1999 and the spring of 2003, the following academic programs were created at SHSS: Health Care Conflict Resolution (HCCR), Peace Studies, Family Studies, College Student Personnel Administration (CSPA), Doctorate in Marriage & Family Therapy (DMFT), Advanced Family Systems (AFS), and Master of Arts in Cross-disciplinary Studies (MACS).

The 2005-2006 academic year has already brought about many historic changes for SHSS. On August 1st the school relocated from the East Campus in Fort Lauderdale to the Main Campus in Davie. SHSS now shares the Maltz Building with the Center for Psychological Studies (CPS). The new Master’s degree in College Student Affairs (CSA) also launched this Fall with a strong incoming group of students. Throughout the upcoming



SHSS Faculty and Staff on the East Campus

academic year, SHSS will be sponsoring many dynamic conferences and workshops. Faculty, students, and staff are looking forward to welcoming everyone into SHSS’ new home on the Main Campus.



Maltz Building

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FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

Dr. Tommie Boyd, Chair, Department of Family Therapy/Assistant Professor, has become part of a multi-professional team with HPD colleagues and DFT students that focuses on the development of a systems program for people with Parkinson's Disease (PD) and their caregivers that combines a structured exercise program with caregiver/family therapy.

Dr. Julia Chaitin, Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies, became the SHSS representative to the Institutional Review Board on July 1.

Dr. Chaitin also gave an invited talk at St. Thomas University at the 2005 Holocaust Education Summer Teacher's Institute, which was organized by the Holocaust documentation and educational center. The title of the talk was "Lessons learned from Holocaust education: The meaning of the Holocaust for teenagers" It focused on Holocaust education in high schools, research on such education, and what we should be teaching our students about the Holocaust (how to connect the students to the past, how to connect the past to the present, and non violent ways of dealing with racism, intolerance and ethnic hatred).

Dr. Chaitin presented a project she had been working on during the winter semester, "Separation in Israel and Palestine - The Fence, Disengagement from Gaza joint initiatives" on June 7th for SHSS students and faculty.

She also received funding for two research projects. The 2 research projects are: The President's Grant - "*Sense of Self, Sense of Other: Life Stories and Encounters of Palestinian and Israeli Émigrés to the United States.*" This is in conjunction with Dr. Elia Awwad - a Palestinian psychologist currently working in Boston. And the TransCoop Program - the Humboldt Foundation (Germany) Biography and Ethnicity: "Development and changes in sense of socio-cultural belonging in migrant populations in the US and Germany." This is with Professor Dr. Gabriele Rosenthal from the University of Gottingen. Dr. John Linstroth will be

doing the work from the NSU end. This is money for teaching and research collaboration between the University of Gottingen and NSU.

Dr. Pat Cole, Associate Professor of Family Therapy and Family Business, traveled to Portland, Oregon in May to attend the 2005 Family Enterprise Research Conference. She also attended the AFTA-IFTA International Conference of Family Therapy in Washington, D.C. in June. Dr. Cole will also be traveling to Chicago to attend the Family Firm Institute Annual Conference in October.

Dr. Mark Davidheiser, Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution and Anthropology, has received a post-doctoral, Visiting Scholar Fellowship at the Max Planck Institute of Social Anthropology in Halle/Saale, Germany. The Institute has provided a grant so that he may work there this fall on research and writing. The title of his project is Indigenous Institutions, Legal Reform, and Peacebuilding in Africa. He will be there from August until October 8th. He will also be attending the World Mediation Forum in Crans-Montana, Switzerland in September.

Dr. Davidheiser is also an invited presenter at a colloquium on "The Politics of Joking Kinships." Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Internationales, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris in October 2005. His presentation will be published in a French African Studies journal.

- Davidheiser, M. (2006). "Joking for Peace: An Anthropological Case Study of Social Organization, Tradition, Change, and Conflict Resolution." Forthcoming in Cahiers d'Etudes Africaines. No. 183-184.

An article of Dr. Davidheiser's that was recently accepted for publication:

- Davidheiser, M. (2006). "Culture and Mediation: A Contemporary Processual Analysis." Forthcoming in International Journal of Intercultural Relations.

Dr. Alexia Georgakopoulos, Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution and Communication,

presented a project she had been working on during the winter semester, "Teacher Effectiveness and the Power of Immediacy Behaviors" on June 16 for SHSS students and faculty. The study assesses the degree to which students across various cultures perceive immediacy behaviors in relation to their college learning. Its major focus is on effective teacher behaviors, examining culturally relevant features that may affect student perceptions of immediacy.

Dr. James Hibel, Director, Institutional Assessment, Planning and Relations and Assistant Professor of Family Therapy, traveled to San Diego, CA to attend the Association for Institutional Research 45th Annual Air Forum in June.

Dr. John Linstroth, Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution and Anthropology, traveled to Bilbao, Spain in early May to attend the Gernika Gogoratuz, Peace Conference.

Dr. Judith McKay, Chair of the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution/ Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution and Community Studies, co-presented with Amy Kirschner Hyman, JD at the Broward Association for Marriage and Family Therapy on June 24, 2005. The presentation was entitled Marriage and Family Therapy Legal Issues: Staying Safe in a Litigious Society. The 3-credit CEU workshop was held at the Jim Ward Community Center.

Dr. Debra Nixon, Assistant Professor of Marriage and Family Therapy, attended the AFTA-IFTA International Conference of Family Therapy in Washington, D.C. in June. She also traveled to Kampala, Uganda in August to present at the Uganda Counseling Association's Annual Conference.

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Dr. Marie Olson-Lounsbery, Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution and International Studies, continued developing her research database of the past armed conflicts to shed light on the current wars (e.g. potential exit strategies in Iraq). Her co-authored article "Negotiating Insurgencies: Lessons from Recent History" was submitted to a major journal for publication. She also traveled to Washington D.C. in September to present a paper at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Dr. Anne Rambo, Associate Professor of Family Therapy, was recently quoted in the Preteenagers Today newsletter in an article entitled "Lunch Table Wars Helping Your Preteen Survive This Rite of Passage," by Sue Marquette Poremba.

Dr. Hamdesa Tusso, Associate Professor of Conflict Analysis and Resolution, traveled to Washington, D.C. in August to deliver a presentation to the Eittrian – American Society, and at the U.S. State Department.

Noreen Hartman was promoted from Administrative Assistant for the Department of Family Therapy to the Program Coordinator for the Department of Family Therapy on Aug. 2.

Karen Kaestner, DCAR Internship Coordinator, assisted the Criminal Justice Institute with its Crime Time at CJI as the SHSS representative.

Gina Romulus, Assistant to the Director of Institutional Assessment, Planning and Relations left her Federal Work Study position at SHSS on August 23 to take a full time position off campus.

STUDENT AND ALUMNI NEWS

Tina Jaeckle, a Ph.D. student in the DCAR program, will present a 55-minute talk on how to approach the law enforcement arena to offer and provide training opportunities for the Association of Conflict Resolution: CRISIS INTERVENTION/NEGOTIATION SECTION during a 2005 Teleseminar Series. The talk is entitled "The Role of Mental Health Professionals in Crisis and Hostage Teams" and will be presented in September.

Barbara Sunderland Manouso, a Ph.D. candidate in DCAR, has been asked to speak in February at the Texas Association of Mediators annual conference on the issue of mediators being expected to work for nothing.

Michael Rhodes, a DFT student, presented at "From Gutenberg to Gilligan's Island, Hypnosis in Literature and Popular Culture," at the National Guild of Hypnotists convention, in Marlborough, MA, August 12-14, 2005. The National Guild of Hypnotists is the world's largest organization of hypnotists with over 7,000 members in 40 countries. Approximately 1,500 members from all over the world attended this year's convention.

Dr. Arlene Brett Gordon, DFT Alumna, continued her Children's Services Council (CSC) Trainings with a workshop entitled "Crisis Intervention" on August 10 at the Maltz Building.

Dr. Bini Litwin, DCAR Alumna, recently attended a summer institute on Cultural Diversity at the University of Southern California (USC). Acceptance was through a competitive process awarded through a grant offered through USC School of Dentistry. The program was a collaborative effort offered to teams of physical and occupational therapists and dental hygienists. She also had a research study presented as a platform presentation at the American Physical Therapy National Conference in Boston in June. The study was titled "Covert Bias

Among Physical Therapy Students." Dr. Litwin successfully defended her dissertation titled "Playing on the Boy's Team: Narratives of Executive Women in Healthcare" in March 2005.

Carla A. Lord-Hardy, DFT Alumna, has been promoted to the Manager of Debt Management, Student Financial Services & Registration at NSU.

Dr. Joshia Osamba, DCAR Alumnus, has been appointed to the position of Visiting Lecturer in the Department of Sociology at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, commencing August 1, 2005. Apart from teaching sociology courses, I'll also teach graduate courses in conflict resolution and peace studies offered by the Graduate Center for Social and Public Policy.

Dr. Barbara Pryor, DCAR Alumna, recently became the published author of a groundbreaking new book "The Role of an Environmental NGO in the Landmark Florida Everglades Restoration: An Ethnography of Environmental Conflict Resolution With Many Twists and Turns" (ISBN 1-933037-61-X) which details the impact that conflict resolution strategies have had on the largest and most expensive environmental restoration effort in history.

Dr. Florence Ross, DCAR Alumna, was one of two honored at Women's Advocacy: The Majority/Minority's 28th Annual Giraffe Scholarship and Awards Dinner and Auction on May 21. She will also be a speaker at the International Peace Day Celebration on September 21.

Stanley Zamor, DCAR Alumnus, has been selected to be an NASD Public Arbitrator. As an NASD Arbitrator he will hear and decide disputes regarding Security Investments and Security Employment/Management cases.

FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

Dear SHSS Students and Alumni,

Welcome to the new academic year. We are excited to be in our new home, the Maltz Building on the main campus. The new location puts us closer to a variety of the university amenities and resources in Davie. One of the special resources is the Alvin Sherman Library, Research and Information Technology Center. It has many volumes of books, journals, dissertations, CD's and audio reference material. Please take some time to check it out and get yourself familiar with the main campus.

It is our great honor to introduce to you in this issue our distinguished SHSS Advisory Board members. In the following pages, you'll find that some of their stories are both impressive and inspiring.

On September 8th, I had the great pleasure of participating in the joint meeting between the SHSS Student Association Board and the CPS Student Government Association. It was gratifying to see our students sharing stories and comparing notes across the sister disciplines.

I will continue my open door practice, holding office hours every Wednesday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please feel free to walk in. My office is located on the second floor in the Maltz Building, in Room #2025. I am also available for individual appointments. If you would like to make such an appointment, please contact my assistant Ann Zomerfeld via email at zomerfel@nsu.nova.edu or 1-800-541-6682 extension 3048.

We look forward to seeing you all on the main campus!



Honggang Yang
Dean, SHSS

SHSS ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAM EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

The Master of Science in College Student Affairs launched this Fall.

The Schoolwide Luncheon was held on June 22 in the Alumni Hall.

Commencement was held on June 25 followed by a reception celebration at the Office Depot Center for graduates and their families.

SHSS relocated from the Tower Building on the East Campus to the Maltz Building on the Main Campus on August 1. All operating details are being addressed throughout the months of August and September.



SHSS will host an International Day of Peace Celebration on September 21 on the Main Campus in the courtyard between the Alvin Sherman Library and Carl DeSantis Building. September 21 is a day set aside each year by the United Nations to celebrate peace and non-violence around the globe.

Carmen M. Ayala, an SHSS advisory board member, was honored at the 4th annual Hispanic Women of Distinction Charity Luncheon presented by the Colonnade Outlets at Sawgrass Mills & Latina Style Magazine on August 14.

The Department of Family Therapy participated in NSU's Annual Day for Children event on September 18. The department chose to do a solution focused art activity for children at its table.

MEET THE SHSS ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

The SHSS Advisory Board provides support and assistance to the Dean for the overall development and progress of the school. The board members' main responsibilities are to increase public awareness, initiate fundraising and development activities, and promote community relations, which help realize the school's mission. We sincerely thank our board members for their dedicated support towards our school.

Carmen Ayala formed MTM Partners (*Mind-To-Market*) in 1999, after serving as the founding director of communications for the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Real Estate Operation. Located in Palm Beach Gardens and part of the Foundation's investment division, the Real Estate Operation was dedicated to managing and divesting the Foundation's land holdings.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Ms. Ayala operated a public relations and management consulting firm in Broward County. Ms. Ayala draws on her experience in process facilitation and organizational development in designing communications campaigns that focus on building coalitions and consensus within the client community. Ms. Ayala's major areas of discipline include utilities, environmental, land development, community planning and real estate project marketing. She is biliterate in English and Spanish.

Ms. Ayala holds a variety of leadership positions in nonprofit organizations serving Broward and Palm Beach Counties. She serves as a member on Nova Southeastern University's Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences advisory board; City of Hallandale Planning and Zoning board; executive board member of HisPAC, the Hispanic Business Political Action Committee; Toward a More Perfect Union, the community alliance group of Palm Beach County that fosters an open dialogue on race and ethnic relations; and of ASPIRA of Florida, Broward division, a national leadership-development organization targeting Latino youth. She also served on the Broward County Commission on the Status of Women.

Ms. Ayala is past chair of the board of the Florida State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, a former trustee for the Museum of Discovery and Science in Fort Lauderdale, and past president of the Broward County Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners. She also participated on the Multicultural Grants Committee for the Palm Beach Cultural Council. She is a former member of the Urban Land Institute and a current member of the Congress on New Urbanism.



Carmen Ayala

Pat Cole was born in Washington D.C. and grew up in Atlantic Iowa. She attended the University of Denver and received her B.A. in English and Education from the University of Iowa. She later moved to New England and taught 9th grade English. After the birth of her son, she returned to school to pursue a graduate degree in Counseling Education from Rhode Island College. Her daughter was born mid-way through graduate school. In New England, while raising her children, Pat worked as a psych hospital administrator, political consultant, and educational researcher. She also served as a school board member of the Providence, Rhode Island School System.

After moving to Florida in 1981, she worked as a psychotherapist and career counselor before opening her private practice in marriage and family therapy. She closed her practice in 1989 to pursue a doctorate in family therapy from Nova Southeastern University. After graduation, she was hired by NSU in 1993 as a faculty member and as the founding director of the Institute for Family Business, an educational program for families in business together. She directed the Institute for 3 years and stayed on as its advisor until it closed in 1998. To keep the program alive, she volunteers her time as the director of the Family Business Resource Center at Nova Southeastern University. In addition, she served as Director of the Family Therapy Masters Program at NSU for three years and led the Program into reaccreditation status by the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.

As an associate professor of family therapy and family business at SHSS, many of her family business research, writing, and presentations have addressed copreneurs, gender issues, and relationship problems. Her other academic interests include systems theory and postmodern ideas in therapy, especially narrative ideas and the use of personal self disclosure.

Her professional affiliations include: clinical member and approved supervisor of AAMFT (American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy), Fellow Status in FFI (Family Firm Institute), and member of AFTA (American Family Therapy Association). She is also licensed in the state of Florida as a family therapist and mental health counselor.



Pat Cole, Ph.D.



Joan Kovac

Joan Kovac is the former Mayor of the Town of Davie and a graduate of Leadership Broward. She was named 1993 Woman of Distinction for Soroptimist International and 1999 March of Dimes' Woman of Distinction. She is a member of Ft. Lauderdale's Community Appearance Board, Board Member of Davie Community Redevelopment Agency and Chair of McFatter Vocational Center School Advisory Council. She is co-chair of the Broward Beautiful Green-up Broward Committee and the Sponsorship Committee. She is an appointment of Commissioner Lori Nance Parrish.

Ms. Kovac has also been the Vice President and Co-Owner of Kovac Automotive, Inc. for the past 29 years. She is a graduate of the University of Akron in Akron, Ohio.



Jeremy Ring

Mr. Ring and his wife Sharon are founders of SUPERB (Students United With Parents and Educators to Resolve Bullying). He also serves as Chairman of Convizion; a sports marketing and media Company based in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Prior to Convizion, Mr. Ring was an executive with Yahoo Inc. He joined Yahoo in early 1996 as its first field sales representative and first New York employee. During his tenure, Yahoo rose to global prominence and generated over \$1 billion in sales in its first five years of existence. Mr. Ring and his team created innovative and effective marketing programs for Yahoo's largest clients, including AT&T, Chrysler, Fidelity, Ford Motor Co., Gap, and Procter & Gamble.

Prior to joining Yahoo, Mr. Ring held positions at MVBMS Euro RSCG Advertising and Ogilvy & Mather Advertising. Mr. Ring holds a bachelor's degree from Syracuse University and is currently enrolled in a masters program at Florida Atlantic University's School of Education in Curriculum and Instruction.

Florence Ross, Ph.D., a Citizen Diplomat from birth, with subsequent experiences as the President of a variety of organizations, organizer of Human Relations Workshops for youth and adults, a lobbyist to Congressmen, a cancer researcher and an administrator, learned through her experiences that actual change comes from grassroots activism, nurtured relationships that become trusted ones, and direct dialog.

As a grandmother and great grandmother with a loving biological family and extended family in countries all over the world, she has seen the effectiveness of her elder status as a source of security, inspiration, and example to emulate. The effectiveness of her status as a grandmother was demonstrated over a three year period with incarcerated juvenile delinquents. For twelve years, she served as program coordinator of the Institute of Retired Professionals at Nova Southeastern University. In that capacity, she was able to witness the extent to which seniors enjoyed in depth learning opportunities.

As an elder student in graduate school, Florence was able to share unique experiences with the younger students and the teachers who had little intimate knowledge of some of the significant events of the 20th century in which she had been a participant. As a result of her studies, Florence became aware that current demographics on aging mandate that we include elder wisdom, their survival skills and relevant experiences to benefit our entire population and to strengthen our democracy. Thus, Florence determined that an Institute of Peacemaking Elders was needed at NSU to place emphasis on how a culture views and values its elders and how the society integrates them to enhance their effectiveness.

Florence is a member of the American Association of University Women, National Organization of Women, Union of Concerned Scientists, Southern Poverty Law Center, The Democratic Party, Honorary President of Temple Adath Or.



Florence Ross, Ph.D.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Joshia Osamba Appointed to the Duquesne University Faculty

Joshia Osamba, Ph.D., who received his degree in Conflict Analysis and Resolution in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, is now a visiting lecturer at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.

Osamba will be teaching sociology courses as well as graduate courses in conflict resolution and peace studies at the Graduate Center for Social and Public Policy.

Duquesne University is one of the oldest catholic universities in Pennsylvania. It was established in the 1870s and currently has a student population of about 10,000.

A Fulbright Scholar, Osamba came to NSU from Kenya, where he was an assistant lecturer of history at Egerton University and worked at the Kenya Center for Conflict Resolution.

He was the first international student representative to the SHSS Student Association and was the first president of the SHSS International Student Club. While at SHSS, he also published numerous articles in well-known peer-reviewed academic journals, and was featured prominently in the university's 2003-2004 Annual Report. In 2003, he was named Student of the Year.



The Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development at Nova Southeastern University will host the first annual Ethics Bowl on Saturday, October 8, 2005. NSU's Ethics Bowl is designed to introduce students to "real world" ethical dilemmas, have students engage in a truthful and intense exchange of viewpoints, and build community spirit through a healthy competition and dialogue.

NSU will provide the winning undergraduate team with the opportunity to participate in the Southeast Regional Ethics Bowl held each year in St. Petersburg, FL. The winning graduate team will also be able to attend the Southeast Regional Ethics Bowl as mentors to the undergraduate team, as well as receive money towards the NSU bookstore.

The Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development will also commence Ethics Awareness Week, which will be held on October 3rd-8th. There will be programs for students throughout the week to participate in that pertains to ethics and college life.

If you would like to coordinate a team of three to five students to participate in the Ethics Bowl, you can register your team at <http://www.sald.nova.edu/ethics/online.html>, by September 28, 2005. If you would like to volunteer for the event, contact April Eldemire at eldemire@nova.edu.

Message from the SHSS Student Association

Dear SHSS Students and Faculty,

The Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences Student Association is dedicated to bringing together the entire student body in collaborative and creative ways to further academic goals, create learning communities, and to provide a forum for effective communication and networking. SHSS SA serves to foster relationships among students, as well as between students and the faculty, administration, and staff of the SHSS. The overall purpose of the SHSS SA is to enhance the academic experiences of the student body in partnership with the administrative goals and objectives of the programs within SHSS as represented by the faculty.

The members of SHSS SA have been actively working on upcoming activities, events, and projects for the 2005-2006 school year, including: Welcome Back Week, creating an On-Campus Guide, and assisting DCAR with Residential Institute. Future projects include, a student satisfaction survey and an SHSS T-shirt sale.

SHSS SA members include: Brandi Suttles, President; Mariley Ordonez, Vice President; Yulia Watters, Secretary; Amy Shoosmith, Treasurer; Jason McGuire, DFT Representative; Michelle Manely, DCAR Representative; Marina Stonewall, Online Representative; Helena Zacharis, MACS Representative, and Dr. Debra Nixon, SA Advisor. With the addition of the CSPA Program a CSPA rep will be appointed by Dr. Holliday in the fall term.

SA welcomes student and faculty feedback; please contact Brandi Suttles at sapres@nova.edu or the entire board at shssa@nova.edu with any questions or comments.

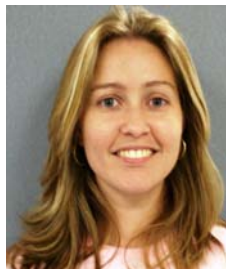
Warm regards,

Student Association Board

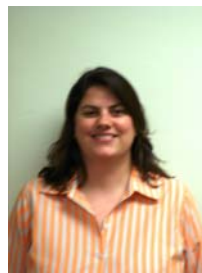
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NEW FACES AT SHSS!



Carlos Perez

Carlos Perez, M.S. began his position as Director of Marketing for the Center for Psychological Studies (CPS) and the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) on June 9. He has over 15 years of administrative experience in program development, student services, marketing and recruitment in both higher education and industry. Previously, Carlos served as the Assistant Director for Program Development at NSU's Miami Student Service Center.

Carlos holds a Master of Education from NSU and a Bachelor's degree from the College of New Jersey. He has also done other graduate work, including a certificate in human resources development, from the University of Michigan. In addition, Carlos has worked with at-risk youth in substance abuse prevention education and community support initiatives.

FAREWELLS

Racquel Gibson resigned from the position of Department of Family Therapy Program Coordinator on July 21. Initially Racquel joined the SHSS team as Assistant to the Dean in October 2003 before moving into her present position in August 2004. During the past months, she has been instrumental in developing new ways to streamline the administrative work in her office while working closely with students. For her new venture, Racquel has accepted a position as a school teacher to be able to spend more time with her daughter and for advancement in her career. We wish her the best and a most successful career as a middle school teacher.

Richard Williams last day as the Master of Arts in Cross-disciplinary Studies (MACS) Program Assistant was on July 29. Richard has been with MACS since before the program's formal launch. His dedication to the program, his ability to work effectively with students, and his skills at setting up student processes will be sorely missed. Richard is pursuing a graduate degree in dentistry.



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The Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) offers interdisciplinary programs in conflict analysis & resolution, family therapy, cross-disciplinary studies, college student affairs, peace studies, family studies, health care conflict resolution, family systems health-care, advanced family systems, and joint programs with the other NSU units. SHSS is also a home of the two academic journals: "Peace and Conflict Studies," and "The Qualitative Report." For more information about SHSS, visit the website at: <http://shss.nova.edu> or us call (954) 262-3000.