

SHSS Highlights:

- SHSS is celebrating 15 years of excellence!
- The SHSS Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution offers the only online Ph.D. program in the nation.
- The SHSS Department of Family Therapy now offers Family Systems Health Care.
- SHSS offers two specialization tracks in the Criminal Justice Institute program.

Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences
Celebrating 15 Years of Excellence

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Doctoral Student is Awarded STUEY's Highest Honor

Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) doctoral student in Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR), Joshia Osamba, took home a Student Life Achievement Award (STUEY) for Nova Southeastern University Student of the Year at the 2003 Student Life Achievement Awards on April 15, 2003.



Joshia Osamba awarded NSU's highest honor at the 2003 Student Life Achievement

Osamba received the prestigious STUEY for his engagement in University life, which has contributed to the overall quality of the SHSS and NSU community.

The NSU STUEY's is the vision of the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Brad Williams. Williams set out to create a celebration to recognize those who further a sense of campus community. Osamba competed against 13 other hopefuls for the STUEY's highest award.

Osamba's education at NSU faculty, student, and staff associates for his intellectual energy, conflict resolution practice, engagement in the life of our learning community, and personal character since he arrived from Kenya, where he was an assistant lecturer in history at Egerton University and where he worked at the Kenya Center for Conflict Resolution in 2000.

Osamba was supported for the first two years of his doctoral studies with a distinguished Fulbright Fellowship. Since then, he has also been a recipient of a Practitioner-Writer Scholar Fellowship from the Network of Communities for Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution. He has presented papers at the Conflict Studies Conference in Boston, MA and the International Studies Association Conference in New Orleans, LA. While at SHSS, he has published three articles in well-known peer-reviewed academic journals and has two forthcoming articles.

Osamba is the first international student representative to the SHSS Student Association, and he is currently the first president of the SHSS International Student Club. Osamba also participates in all activities of the Nova International Student Association

Osamba has been valued by

Osamba's education at NSU

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SHSS Receives Generous SUPERB Grant

Project SUPERB (Students United with Parents & Educators to Reduce Bullying) is the philanthropic vision of Jeremy Ring and his wife Sharon. The Rings came to the School of Humanities and Social Sciences with a dream that they could put their money where their passions were; they were very interested in launching a project that addressed the devastation and pervasiveness of childhood bullying. They were interested in SHSS because they had heard of the "systemic approach" that was employed by the faculty and students here, and they were curious to find out more about how this might be applied to school



bullying. After a series of discussions with a group of faculty and administration representatives, the Rings agreed that they would commit themselves to funding a \$100,000 gift to the school, earmarked for the development of a pilot project to be launched within the Broward County School system.

Their generous gift has been used to fund two doctoral level Research Assistantships that have allowed Jewell Bexley (DFT) and Hansa Dineth

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Candy Fish, (DCAR) doctoral student, nominated for **NSU Administrator of the Year**



Janice Burgoyne, SHSS director of finance and administration, nominated for **NSU Administrator of the Year**



Dr. Jeanmarie Pinto (DCAR), nominated for **NSU Staff Person of the Year**



Dr. Arlene Brett Gordon (DFT), nominated for **NSU Alumnus of the Year**

(NISA). In 2002, Osamba was appointed as a Nova Presidential Knight. He keeps a high profile and attends all SHSS functions, including Open Houses and SHSS-DCAR Residential Institutes.

With other DCAR students and faculty, Osamba is involved in the Theories Working Group, a collaborative research and writing project. A skilled researcher and writer, Osamba has been a valued graduate assistant during the current academic year.

“Joshia is a skillful practitioner. He especially values DCAR’s

practical component, and has been engaged in practice in the local community,” said DCAR professor, Jessica Senehi.

While at NSU, Osamba has organized three workshops for the “Fathers Count” program of the Urban League of Florida, conducted more than twenty seminars for the Salvation Army Transition Department, Fort Lauderdale, and facilitated a community discussion addressing ethnic conflicts in South Florida.

“Joshia has especially enjoyed the teaching practicum for which he and other DCAR

students are assisting Dr. Judith McKay, in teaching a course on “Dispute Resolution” for undergraduates students at the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences,” said Senehi.

Osamba is committed to his education and the field of conflict resolution. His long-term goal is to be a university professor in Kenya and serve others as a practitioner of conflict resolution and peace building at the community and international levels.

SHSS Receives Several STUEY Nominations

This year SHSS had four individuals nominated for the prestigious STUEY awards.

Janice Burgoyne, SHSS director of finance and administration was nominated for NSU Administrator of the Year.

Burgoyne is responsible for the SHSS budget planning, facilities management, and human resources. She attends all events, helps out where needed, and is an expert in so many areas. Although technically a finance person, Burgoyne is a real student affairs specialist at heart.

Dr. Jeanmarie Pinto (DCAR), is an SHSS alumni works for at the Graduate School of Computer and Information Sciences (SCIS) was nominated for NSU Staff Person of the Year.

Candy Fish (DCAR) doctoral student who also works at the Graduate School of Computer and Information Sciences (SCIS) was nominated for Administrator of the Year.

Dr. Arlene Brett Gordon (DFT), Department of Family Therapy alumnus, was nominated for NSU Alumnus of the Year. Gordon is a true ambassador to South Florida and to community outreach.



A celebration of NSU’s best in leadership, scholarship, service, integrity, commitment, involvement and responsibility.

she had planned to read the following acceptance poem if she had won.

I’ve been in the Nova family since 1982 when campus was the Everglades and a building or two.
 3 generations of my family have been Nova’s family too. NSU is in my blood. I bleed not red, but blue.
 Nova helped me reach my goals and all of them were high. Therapist, faculty, all that I could try.
 I’ve taught undergrad and master’s and doctoral students too, and 3-year olds at the University School – the spectrum at NSU.
 I work with other Nova grads from Kendall to Belle Glade. I don’t have time enough to list the difference’s they’ve made.
 I’m proud of my Alma Mater, I’m proud of NSU, where the sky has been the limit and the sky is Nova blue.

From the Dean's Desk

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my deep appreciation to all the SHSS faculty and staff for always stepping up to the plate and getting the job done! Your fine work is not unnoticed! My salute also goes to the SHSS students and alumni for your efforts and achievements in your graduate studies.

Thanks are due to our partners from the sister programs and the community.

Our Master of Arts in Cross-disciplinary Studies (MACS) proposal has earned positive

reviews from the new program review committee, the Council of Deans, and the President's office. On May 16, 2003, MACS was approved by the Board of Trustees. Congratulations to our colleagues and partners who worked so hard to develop this innovative, collaborative program.

We have had a few departures from our School who will be sorely missed: Sean Byrne, Jessica Senehi, and Richard Toumey. We are very pleased to have Christine Hellkamp, Community Education and

Business Coordinator, join us this trimester. We will be welcoming Dr. Marie Olson Lounsbury to DCAR faculty in August.

Academic freedom and responsibilities are essential to intellectual growth and student success. Through open-minded, civil dialogues, we will continue to make a difference in quality and harmony of life.

Have a good, productive summer trimester!

Dean Honggang Yang



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Faculty and Staff News

Drs. Michele Rice (DCAR), **Jessica Senehi** (DCAR), **Sean Byrne** (DCAR) and **Cynthia Irvin** (DCAR) attended the National Conference on Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution" (NCPCR) Conference and Expo, "Weaving The Future of Peacemaking" April 3 - 7, 2003 in College Park, GA.

Rice presented at the conference on "The Ellison Model: Building Inclusive Communities Through Mentoring". **Senehi** presented on "The Role of Storytelling in Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding"

along with DCAR doctoral students **Thomas Matyok** and **Barbara Timmons Strahl**. **Drs Sean Byrne** (DCAR) **Cynthia Irvin** (DCAR) presented on "Transforming Cross-Cultural Conflicts in the 21st Century".

Dr. Tommie V. Boyd (DFT) lobbied in Washington, D.C. for Marriage and Family Therapy issues--especially becoming providers for Medicare. There is a bill going through that AAMFT is trying to get Marriage and Family Therapist's name on the provider of

service list--this means that Marriage and Family Therapists could bill Medicare insurance and see the elderly as well as disabled persons. The lobbying in Tallahassee was to educate the legislators about the field of marriage and family therapy. This incorporated explaining what Marriage and Family Therapists do and that Marriage and Family Therapists don't do only marriage therapy.

Dr. Douglas Flemons (DFT) presented two two-hour workshops at the 26th Annual Psychotherapy

Networker Symposium in Washington, DC:

- The Art of Irreverent Respect
- The Paradox of Letting Go

The Networker Symposium is the most respected psychotherapy conference in the country. Many thousands of therapists attend. In contrast to other conferences, presenters are chosen by invita-

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Students and Alumni News

Cheyenne Corbett (DFT), doctoral candidate in Family Therapy, accepted a position as assistant director of the cancer patient support program at the Duke University Cancer Center. She has been working in this position since December 2002.

Kristen Wright, Ph.D. (DFT) is on the faculty at St. Louis University.

Alumna **Francis Belle** (DCAR) has created a website "Caribbean Conflict Management" at <http://www.caribbeanconflictmanagement.com/>.

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Joshia Osamba (DCAR) recently published a piece titled, "The Role of Multi-Party Politics in Ethnic Conflicts in Africa: The Kenyan Experience Since 1991", in The Journal of Intergroup Relations. Vol. XXIX, No. 4, Winter 2002/2003, PP. 6-23.

DCAR doctoral students presented at the National Conference

on Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution" (NCPCR) Conference and Expo, "Weaving The Future of Peacemaking" April 3 - 7, 2003 in College Park, GA:

- "Using Peace and Power" presented by **Danielle Dozier, Tom Matyok and Barbara Timmons Strahl**
- "Peace Beings in Preschool" presented by **DelShanna Jones and Barbara Timmons Strahl**
- "Conflict Resolution Strategies in Inner-City Youth"

presented by **Tom Matyok, Joshia Osamba, Meridith Gould and Brecken Johnson**.

- "A Working Framework for Conflict Resolution Programming" presented by **Danielle Dozier, DelShanna Jones and Barbara Timmons Strahl**.

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- “How A Color-Blinded Society Can Impede Co-existence Between Different Racial Groups” presented by **Meridith Gould, Brecken Johnson and Joshia Osamba**.
- “Peacemaking: Empowerment Through Story Telling”, presented by **Tom Matyok**.

Margaret Armand and Joshia Osamba were also PRASI writing scholars who met in Atlanta, Georgia in conjunction with the NCPCR conference.

Janet McIntyre (DFT) passed away May 5, 2003 of natural causes. McIntyre would have been a graduating master's student. She had taken her comprehensive exams and was planning for a future in the field of family therapy. She will be receiving a posthumous degree at the June 2003 graduation ceremony.

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(DCAR) to be hired on to the project. These two research assistants have played very important roles in gathering and organizing the initial research efforts needed to launch the project, consisting of interviewing key members of the Broward County School system, including School Board President Lois Wexler and Broward County School Superintendent Dr. Frank Till. With the full backing of these two important school district officials, the pilot project is scheduled to be launched in September 2003.



Look for an exciting project update in the next edition of the SHSS Dialogs!

Center News

DEPARTMENT OF CONFLICT ANALYSIS & RESOLUTION

By JUDITH MCKAY

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF DCAR PROGRAMS

DCAR has been very pleased to welcome Neil Katz, Ph.D. as a Distinguished Visiting Professor for the summer trimester. Dr. Katz is the Director of Training and Organizational Development for the Executive Education Programs at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University and is a nationally known scholar and practitioner in the area of organizational conflict. Dr. Katz is teaching a hands-on practice-related elective, “The Reflective Practitioner: Consulting, Conflict and Change in Organizational Settings.” Dr. Katz presented a workshop on “Negotiating Skills and Strategies” in March and will present a workshop entitled: “Organizational Conflict Diagnostic and Intervention Tools” on June 7-8.

DCAR bid adieu to Drs. Sean Byrne and Jessica Senehi, who are heading to Winnipeg, Canada, to commence work at The Centre for Peace and Justice at St. Paul's College at the University of Manitoba.

We wish them well and thank them for their years of service!

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY THERAPY

By CHRIS BURNETT

DIRECTOR OF DFT DOCTORALS PROGRAMS

The department's new Doctor of Marriage and Family Therapy degree program (DMFT) is off to a very successful first year. This new program enrolled a total of 10 new students in the academic year 2002-2003. The DMFT degree program is only the second one of its kind in the country, and it is designed for mid-career working adult students who want to specialize in clinical applications of marriage and family therapy practice. Students are drawn to the DMFT program as an alternative to the traditional Ph.D. degree in two ways. First, the DMFT curriculum emphasizes additional clinical training and second, instead of completing a dissertation, DMFT students are required to complete an Applied Clinical Project or ACP. The ACP is designed to showcase the students' applied clinical research in a format that helps them make their mark in a competitive clinical marketplace.

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tion only.

Dr. Judith McKay (DCAR) was invited to speak on March 30 at the North Miami Police Dept. During her talk, she was able to share information about SHSS. From this talk, McKay generated interest in DCAR program and the Criminal Justice (CJI) track. Furthermore, she was able to form potential partnerships with individuals who may help with future grant projects.

Dr. Shelley Green (DFT) has been selected to serve on the Editorial

Board for the Journal of Feminist Family Therapy: An International Forum. Dr. Green will serve a three-year term on the board.

Dr. Marie Olson Lounsbury (DCAR) has been appointed to the faculty position of Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution & International Studies, effective August 4th, 2003. As a political scientist, Marie has an impressive multidisciplinary background with two graduate minors; (urban politics and public policy). Technologically, she was instrumental in constructing the Wayne State program website. **Drs. McKay, Irvin, and Nixon** were a part of the search committee for Dr. Lounsbury's hire.

Upcoming Calendar of Events

MAY

- 5/15 - Children's Services Council Training: "Resource Based Solutions" presented by Dr. Arlene Brett Gordon (Alumni Hall Auditorium— 9 a.m.—4 p.m.)
- 5/19 - Career Services: Career Café— Resume Writing (Seminar Room—1p.m.—2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.—6)
- 5/26 - Memorial Day— University CLOSED
- 5/28 - Internship Practicum Fair (Alumni Hall Auditorium)
- 5/29 - Insoo Kim Berg (Alumni Hall Auditorium)

JUNE

- 6/6 –6/7 - Workshop: "Organizational Conflict, Diagnostic and Intervention Tools" presented by Dr. Neil Katz (Alumni Hall Auditorium— 9 a.m.)
- 6/6 - SHSS Open House (Alumni Hall Auditorium – 6 p.m.)
- 6/7 - KOSAMBA (Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center)
- 6/12 - Children's Services Council Training: "Resource Based Solutions" presented by Dr. Arlene Brett Gordon (Seminar Room – 8 a.m.—1 p.m.)
- 6/28 - Graduation Party (Alumni Hall Auditorium— 4 p.m.— 6 p.m.)
- 6/29 - Commencement Exercise

JULY

- 7/4 - Independence Day— University CLOSED
- 7/10 - Children's Services Council Training: "Resource Based Solutions" presented by Dr. Arlene Brett Gordon (Seminar Room – 8 a.m.—1 p.m.)
- 7/12 - Summer Trimester Ends

AUGUST

- 8/14 - Children's Services Council Training: "Resource Based Solutions" presented by Dr. Arlene Brett Gordon (Seminar Room – 8 a.m.—1 p.m.)



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The Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Nova Southeastern University offers interdisciplinary programs in conflict analysis and resolution, family therapy, peace studies, college student personnel administration, health care conflict resolution, family systems health care, family studies, and joint programs with the Criminal Justice Institute and the Shepard Broad Law Center. The Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences is also home of the two academic journals: "Peace and Conflict Studies", and "The Qualitative Report". Please visit SHSS online at <http://shss.nova.edu> or us call (954) 262-3000.

SHSS Events

- SHSS will host a workshop on Organizational Conflict, Diagnostic and Interventional Tools, presented by Dr. Neil Katz on June 6 & 7, 2003.
- 9 a.m.—12 p.m., Insoo Kim Berg will spend an afternoon with students, faculty and staff on May 29, 2003
- Community Resolution Services (CRS) at SHSS in collaboration with Broward County Libraries presents Peace Place where DCAR students present to community members on various conflict resolution topics. Topics such as stress management, "A Country Without and Army", conflict and sexuality in youth were recently presented. Upcoming sessions are as follows:
 - April 10- "Workplace Violence"
 - April 19- "Are you Caught in the Middle?"
 - May 17- "How Visual Arts Can Combat Conflict"
- SHSS is holding the Annual Joint Fair of Internships and Practicums on May 28.
- The Department of Family Therapy started an online learning initiative. Dr. Debra Nixon (DFT) facilitated two planning sessions.
- SUPERB, the acronym for *Students United with Parents and Educators to Reduce Bullying*, is a pilot project aimed at using a systemic, preventative approach to the issue of school bullying. The program is led by Drs. Chris Burnett and Anne Rambo (DFT) in conjunction with a generous gift from local philanthropists, Jeremy and Sharon Ring.
- SHSS continues to collaborate with the Children's Services Council of Broward County and Families Facing Solutions to present 'Solution Focused



Trainings' for various organizations and therapists in the community. Facilitated by Arlene Brett Gordon, LMFT, SHSS alumna and distinguished graduate of the SHSS family therapy program, the CEU trainings will continue once a month through October 2003. The topic for February was reframing.

• SHSS hosted a workshop entitled "Building Sustainable Community Relations" presented by Dr. Deryl G. Hunt at the Alumni Hall Auditorium on February 13 and February 14. Following the workshop, a play entitled "A Lady Called Justice" was performed at the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center.

The Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) is celebrating 15 Years of Excellence.

SHSS has grown not only in enrollment but also in the number of programs offered over the past 15 years. SHSS offers doctoral, master's, graduate certificate, and graduate minor programs in conflict analysis and resolution, family therapy, peace studies, college student personnel administration, health care conflict resolution, family systems healthcare, and family studies. SHSS also offers joint graduate degree programs the Criminal Justice Institute and the Shepard Broad Law Center. Most of the graduate programs are offered in both on-campus and online formats.

What makes SHSS unique is that its programs are multidisciplinary learning processes that provide hands-on experience. Family therapy students learn to cultivate their skills at the school's Brief Therapy Institute, a clinical site that provides therapeutic assistance to couples and families. The Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution provides practical experience in mediation and other professional skills application through its Community Resolution Services, which provides direct services and trainings through community organizations and agencies.