

SHSS Dialogs

news from our local and global community

Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences

20th Anniversary of NSU's Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS)

SHSS was founded in 1987.

It offers three doctoral programs, four master's programs and several graduate certificate programs in applied multi-disciplinary studies and helping professions, via various delivery formats. In collaboration with other academic units, SHSS also makes available a number of joint offerings and graduate minors.

For more detailed information please visit <http://shss.nova.edu> including overviews of our clinics and community outreach initiatives.

The Quality Enhancement Plan for the next five years is going to be focused on experiential learning and clinical training (e.g. practicums and internships), to strengthen the School's multicultural, community-engagement orientation.

Below is a brief chronology of the School's advancement.

We are inviting all alumni to join us to celebrate the 20th Anniversary Celebration in this new year.

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1987

The School of Social Sciences was created to develop a master's program in gerontology and Ph.D. program in family therapy founded by Dr. Brad Keeney, and to host the Institute for Social Services to Families.

Dr. John Flynn served as dean. The School was located on N. Pine Island Road in Plantation.

1990

The Medical Family Therapy specialty available for both Ph.D. and M.S. programs in family therapy created training and research projects to encourage collaborations among physicians, family therapists, and family members.

The online academic journal "Qualitative Report" was launched.

1991

The Institute for Systemic Therapy was renamed the School of Social & Systemic Studies. Dr. Ronald Chenail was named dean.

The Institute for Social Services to Families changed its name to the Family Therapy Associates (FTA).

1992

M.S. in Dispute Resolution program began.

1993

Institute for Family Business began.

1994

The School moved to the East Campus in Ft. Lauderdale.

Ph.D. in Dispute Resolution program began.

1996

The M.S. Program in Family Therapy received full accreditation with the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage & Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE) of the American Association for Marriage & Family Therapy (AAMFT).

The Dept. of Dispute Resolution (DDR) provided mediation training for educational, governmental, and professional groups.

1997

The Academy for Dispute Resolution (ADR) was incepted. The Violence Outreach & Intervention through Community Education & Services (VOICES), a federal funded project, started.

1999

The School began the first Ph.D. program in conflict resolution offered via distance learning.

President Ray Ferrero promoted Dr. Chenail to the Special Assistant to the President for Academic Affairs.

President Ray Ferrero appointed Dr. Honggang Yang to the dean's office.

The 1st Residential Institute (RI) was held on campus for distance students.

2000

The online M.S. program in conflict resolution moved forward.

The Civility Project was created.

FTA was renamed the Center for Collaborative Change (CCC).

ADR evolved into the Community Resolution Services (CRS).

The 1st school marketing office was instituted.

2001

The School changed its name to the Graduate School of Humanities & Social Sciences (SHSS).

DDR changed its name to the Dept. of Conflict Analysis & Resolution (DCAR).

CCC was renamed the Brief Therapy Institute (BTI).

Transit Greenway: An innovative community design project for a more pedestrian-oriented environment.

Graduate Assistantships (GA's) for SHSS students were offered.

The SHSS Student Association was founded.

2002

The Doctorate in Marriage & Family Therapy (DMFT) program was launched.

The 1st Common Ground Film Festival was initiated.

The semiannual interdisciplinary journal of "Peace & Conflict Studies" was transferred from George Mason University to NSU.

2003

SHSS celebrated 15 Years of Excellence.

The Master of Arts in Cross-disciplinary Studies (MACS) was approved by NSU's Board of Trustees.

Medical Family Therapy was renamed Family Systems Healthcare.

SHSS Advisory Board was organized.

"Students United with Parents & Educators to Resolve Bullying" (SUPERB) was created by Jeremy and Sharon Ring, in collaboration with SHSS.

2004

The Ph.D. Program in Family Therapy received full accreditation from the COAMFTE.

The Dept. of Family Therapy (DFT) launched a cluster M.S. program in Jacksonville and Orlando.

The Community Nutrition Awareness Project (CNAP) was initiated.

SHSS was recognized as a Finalist for Academic Diversity of "Diversity Works! Award" by the South Florida Business Journal.

2005

SHSS was relocated to the main campus in Davie, sharing the Maltz Bldg. with the Center for Psychological Studies.

2006

The M.S. in College Student Affairs (CSA) program was launched. The Community Resources, Solutions and Partnerships, a federal funded project, continues moving forward.

2007

The Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) is initiated to further experiential learning and clinical training at SHSS over the next five years.

SHSS celebrates the 20th Anniversary.

**BROWARD STUDENT THERAPISTS: JOIN BAMFT TO COMPLEMENT AAMFT  
MEMBERSHIP**

by

Gary M. Forrest

At the Florida Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (FAMFT) conference in May, there were a number of students who were attending for the first time. A question frequently asked by newcomers is, *as a student therapist, how do I get involved?*

If you live in Broward County, Dr. AnnaLynn Schooley has an answer for you: join the Broward Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (BAMFT). Schooley is the President of BAMFT and is also a board member for the Florida Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (FAMFT). She told *Dialogs*, "Getting involved could not be easier." Schooley recommends that people "Check the calendar of events at [www.bamft.org](http://www.bamft.org), and come to any of our scheduled meetings and workshops."

BAMFT is the local Broward County chapter of the statewide FAMFT ([www.famft.org](http://www.famft.org)). Both of these organizations are part of the national American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy ([www.aamft.org](http://www.aamft.org)). "There are numerous benefits that the national organization provides to its members including two publications of multiple issues each year, discounted rates at state and national conferences, and political advocacy to solidify and expand Marriage and Family Therapy scope of practice," said Schooley.

Contrasting the national AAMFT organization with the BAMFT, Schooley said, "At the local level, additional opportunities include participation in local governance, workshop planning and participation, and professional networking." She added, "Many students have found supervisors, mentors, and private practice opportunities through their participation in BAMFT."

A yearly student membership in the AAMFT costs \$50 for the national fee and an additional divisional fee of \$8, which helps fund the FAMFT. BAMFT charges annual student dues of \$30, which includes the cost of continuing education credits for attendance at its four annual workshops. Membership and participation in the BAMFT is the perfect complement to your AAMFT student membership!



**NOVA SHINES AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE**

by

Gary M. Forrest

The Florida Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (FAMFT) held its annual statewide conference at the Orlando Marriott in Lake Mary, Florida on May 18<sup>th</sup> through May 20<sup>th</sup>. FAMFT members and graduates from the Nova Department of Marriage and Family Therapy (DFT) significantly contributed to the overall success of the conference.

According to Steve Livingston, FAMFT President, "Nova's participation in this year's conference was quite impressive. Nova was represented on the Board by Dr. Tommie Boyd, Past President." He added, "Nova's faculty and students were involved in numerous workshop presentations, doing their usual excellent work."

At the Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> luncheon meeting, Dr. Debra Nixon, Associate Chair, was named as the Andres Nazario Diversity Award winner. Congratulations to Dr. Nixon for this richly deserved award. Later in the conference, Dr. Nixon teamed with Dr. Mary Naples, LMHC to present a workshop on *Skills MFTs Have and Need to Treat Adolescent Drug Abuse* that focused on the skills that MFTs possess to treat adolescents within the family system successfully.

On Saturday morning, Dr. Tommie V. Boyd, Chair, DFT, and past FAMFT President and Yulia Watters, M.S. and Ph.D. student presented *Relationships in an Aging Society: A Therapeutic Model*. This lively and highly interactive session illuminated the changing roles for elderly populations and the need for more research to determine the best ways to provide therapy in the future. Later in the conference, Dr. Boyd conducted a well-received workshop on *Leadership Training for Current and Future Leaders of FAMFT*.

Dr. Anne Rambo, Associate Professor of Marriage and Family Therapy, and doctoral students Regina Ravachi, Lisa Palmer, and Shatavia Alexander led the workshop *Becoming more Culturally Sensitive and Competent When Working with Our Immigrant Clients*. In

this workshop, the presenters shared a variety of approaches on how to work effectively with immigrant clients.

One of the more unusual and popular workshops at the conference was presented by AnnaLynn Schooley, Ph.D., LMFT, Cappella University core faculty, Nova Adjunct professor and Michael Rhodes, M.Div., M.S., and Nova MFT doctoral student. The session was titled *Aphorisms for Therapy and Life: The Importance of Words*. Schooley and Rhodes facilitated a spirited exploration of how aphorisms, clichés, and well-known quotes may be used with clients to help reinforce positive behaviors and transform problem behaviors.

Nova was once again represented at Sunday morning's session when Karen Shatz, Ph.D., LMFT presented *The Widow Who Wasn't a Bride: The Phenomenology of Loss in Cohabiting Heterosexuals*. In this presentation, Shatz described the fascinating results of her research study on nine people whose long-term partners had died. Since these people were not married to their significant other, each experienced a sense of grief and isolation that—because they were not the widow (or widower)—was oftentimes little understood or totally ignored by society.

On Saturday, in addition to the workshops, a number of participants entered the *Student Poster Display and Competition* in which students create poster presentations based on research they are doing. Nova MFT graduate Paul Sanford, doctoral student at FSU, and his partner Andrea Myer, also of FSU, won second prize in the poster competition for their presentation on student perceptions of common factors in therapy.

Nova Ph.D. student Lauryn Gilliam also participated in her first poster competition with her projected titled *Solution Focused Approach to Infertility*. Speaking about the experience Gilliam said, "I was a bit intimidated by entering the poster presentation since I had never done one of these before. I am glad I took the chance and did it because it was a very positive experience and I was able to share with others in the field information about the work that I am doing. I would encourage more students to get involved in this worthwhile exercise."

Saturday evening FAMFT President Steve Livingston and past President Tommie Boyd led a Student Forum at which the board of FAMFT solicited feedback from students attending the conference from all over the state. In addition to getting feedback, this forum is an opportunity for future leaders of the organization to meet with the existing board to exchange ideas.

According to Steve Livingston, "This year's conference was quite successful drawing over 160 attendees to the 3-day conference held on May 18<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>."

"The conference is structured to offer a variety of presentation topics and give our membership the opportunity to share their expertise," said Livingston. "To this end, we were once again successful. We also had a nice balance of students and associate and clinical members in attendance."

FAMFT Executive Director Larry Barlow echoed Livingston's enthusiasm for how the conference turned out saying, "FAMFT has been holding state conferences for over 25 years. This year's conference had the largest attendance of any of the conferences in the previous 5 years."

We congratulate all these presenters for their fine work and thank them for their support in sharing their expertise with other mental health professionals across Florida and surrounding states.

## **Your 2007-2008 SHSS Student Association**

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**SA Upcoming Events....**

**GRAB-A-BITE**

The SHSS Student Association (SA) will be hosting a Grab-A-Bite on June 12th from 5:00pm-6:30pm. This Grab-A-Bite will be dedicated to our graduates. Don't miss out on our tasty hor'devours. The SA will post flyers with the location of this event.

**SHSS Student Association (SA) Upcoming Meeting**

The SA meets once every month. Students are more than welcome to attend these meetings. We would love to hear from you! Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 9, 2007 at 10:00am.

## **Internship Fair 2007**



The annual SHSS Internship/Practicum/Career Fair was held on Friday, May 4, 2007 from 1:30-4:00pm in the Huzienga School of Business atrium. The fair was a great success and had a great turnout of practicum, internship and job sites as well as students. The Internship/Practicum Coordinators, Kavel Green (DFT) and Sarah Clifford (DCAR) put much work into this event as well as students, and other SHSS staff members and faculty. The tables were decorated with beautiful vases and flowers with SHSS coffee cups full of candy for the site representatives. Speakers at the event included Dean Honggang Yang, Ph.D. and Chairs, Tommie Boyd, Ph.D. (DFT) and Judith McKay, J.D., Ph.D. (DCAR). Dr. McKay also represented the MACS and CSA departments. Certificates of Appreciation were given to the sites. Special Presentations were made to the 2006-2007 SHSS Student Association Board as well as Mara Kiffin, Assistant Director from the Office of Public Affairs. For the students and the sites, there was a wonderful array of treats to eat such as buffalo wings and meatballs along with some great sweets and coffee. The atrium buzzed with great conversations between students and interested sites. The purpose of the fair was to bring opportunities to students for their practicums, internships, and jobs while facilitating opportunities for enduring partnerships between SHSS and the community. The fair provided an open and interactive way for students to ask any questions they may have

about the various educational and professional opportunities available to them in the community. This year's fair also included an exciting raffle and gave away prizes to both students and sites. The prizes included such things as gift certificates to restaurants, the movies, and an iPod Nano. Congratulations are extended to the winners. We are looking forward to seeing you next year.

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