NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
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ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS
SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

ATHLETICS

In 2006-07 NSU Athletics produced…

- ***4 teams ranked in the Top-10 nationally***
- ***9 NCAA All-Americans***
- ***1 NCAA National Player of the Year***
- ***3 Sunshine State Conference Players of the Year***
- ***3 Sunshine State Conference Freshman of the Year***
- ***5 Academic All-Americans***
- ***2 National Scholar Athletes***
- ***Women's Golf had the highest GPA among all NCAA DII programs***
- ***Men's and Women's Cross Country were each named Academic All-American Teams***
- ***The overall GPA of NSU Student-Athletes was above 3.0 for the sixth straight year***

BSO ADVISORY BOARD

Under a new partnership between Nova Southeastern University and the Broward Sheriff's Office, board members appointed by both organizations began meeting over the summer to jointly develop programming and professional development opportunities in Public Safety and Criminal Justice. The first joint project under this agreement is the Executive Leadership Certificate – with the first graduating class made up of 20 officers. This certificate is taught by both NSU faculty and qualified BSO personnel.

Current plans are underway for a Post-Shooting Incident Conference catering to law enforcement and their families – speakers include distinguished NSU faculty and renowned Criminal Justice experts. In addition, the advisory board is developing Crime Scene courses for a new Criminal Justice Masters degree Specialty Track.

CENTER FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES

Program Highlights

CPS Ph.D. Program Ranked 9th in the U.S.

In a research study published by the American Psychological Association (APA) comparing scholarly productivity of the 166 APA accredited Ph.D. programs in clinical psychology, NSU's

program was ranked 9th in the country based on total publications of full-time faculty. Publications reviewed included books, book chapters, and peer-reviewed journal articles.

New Faculty

CPS welcomed new full-time faculty:

Diana Formoso, Ph.D., Arizona State

Dr. Formoso's research interests include risk and protective factors that shape youth development within low-income, ethnic minority families; family conflict; prevention and intervention with ethnic minority children and families experiencing adversity, including the family lives and school experiences of immigrant youth.

Stephen A. Russo, Ph.D., Nova Southeastern University

Dr. Russo is the sports psychologist who is part of the team for NSU's Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Clinic. Dr. Russo's research interests include sport psychology; sports medicine, physical rehabilitation, and recovery from injury; performance enhancement and coaching consultation; anxiety, anger, and emotional regulation.

Student Accomplishments

Marva Robinson (**doctoral student**) was elected student president of the national Association of Black Psychologists. Ms. Robinson is currently completing her pre-doctoral internship in clinical psychology at the University of Medicine and Dentistry. Ms. Robinson was past president of the Ethnic Minority Association of Graduate Students (EMAGS) at CPS.

Angela Kuemmel (doctoral student*)* was named Student Representative to the Executive Board of the American Psychological Association (APA) Division for Rehabilitation Psychology and, is the recent recipient of several prestigious awards. Ms. Kuemmel was presented with the Florida Coalition for Domestic Violence CA Padgett Award – given to an individual who has overcome obstacles and working to break down barriers of domestic violence in society; the 2007 Easter Seals Wisconsin Personal Achievement Award; the APA Division for Rehabilitation Psychology 2007 Women in Rehabilitation Research Award – given to best poster furthering knowledge of Women in Rehabilitation; and the 2007 Ethel Louis Armstrong Scholarship, a top honor given to women with disabilities in graduate school.

Ashley Vigil and Gabiela Tellez (doctoral students and senior authors), along with **Professor William Dorfman and Assistant Professor Craig Marker**, presented their research entitled, *Development of a Severity Rating Scale for Pediatric Bipolar Disorder,* at the APA Annual Convention in San Francisco, California in August 2007.

Bevin Merles, Katherine Wenzel and Monique Mendez (doctoral students) and CPS Professor John Lewis gave a presentation, *From Prisonization to Acculturation: An*

Acculturation Curve for New Inmates, at the APA Annual Convention in San Francisco, California in August 2007.

Colleen Sheehan (doctoral student) is participating in collaborative research with the Health Professions Division which has been accepted for presentation at the American Osteopathic Annual Conference.

Janier Sideregts (master's student) presented a workshop on pregnancy and parenting teens at the Joining Hands: Engaging Families Conference at the West Palm Beach Convention Center.

Publications:

Professor Lenore Walker and CPS Alumna Rachel Needle co-authored a book, *Abortion Counseling: Psychology, Legislation, Politics, and Competency*, published by Springer Publications, NY.

Professor Robert Lane authored a book, *A Developmental Perspective on the Life Cycle and Treatment Process,* Trafford Publishers, Victoria, B.C., Canada.

Professor Linda Sobell co-authored a book, *Promoting self-change from addictive behaviors: Practical implications for policy, prevention, and treatment,* Springer Publications, NY

Assistant Professor Christian DeLucia is co-author of an article, *Individual growth curves of sexual intercourse behavior among urban, adolescent, African American youth: Results from the CHAMP basic study,* Social Work in Mental Health (in press).

Associate Professor Jeffrey Kibler co-authored an article, *The feasibility of modified directly observed therapy for HIV seropositive African American substance users,* Aids patient Care and STDs (in press).

Assistant Professor Shannon Ray co-authored, *Building caring schools: Implications for professional school counselors,* which appeared in the Journal of School Counseling, 5 (14).

CPS Professors Mark and Linda Sobell and Kenneth Johnson of the Health Professions Division (HPD) co-authored an article in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine entitled, *Preventing alcohol-exposed pregnancies: A randomized controlled trial.*

Doctoral students Jessica Foley and Lindsay Shaw with Professors Charles Golden, Edward Simco, Barry Schneider, and Adjunct Professor Robert McCue co-authored an article, *Pattern of memory compromise in chronic geriatric schizophrenia, frontotemporal dementia, and normal controls published in* Acta Neuropsychiatrica.

Presentations and Professional Activities

Professors Mark and Linda Sobell will collaborate with HPD on the AHEC Health Professions Tobacco Cessation Training Initiative. The purpose of this agreement is to support the delivery of training curricula, instruction, and materials designed to educate health professions students in medicine, nursing, dentistry, pharmacy, and other allied health disciplines on tobacco cessation throughout the NSU AHEC 19-county South and Central Florida service area.

CPS Associate Professor David Reitman with Tom Kennedy and Alex Edmonds from Fischler received $700,000 of funding from the Children's Trust for Project Rise, for after school program evaluation and training.

Professors Mark and Linda Sobell received funding from the University of Virginia in support of their collaborative research project entitled, *How Does Motivational Interviewing Work? Mechanisms of Action in Project Choices.*

Professor Vincent Van Hasselt has been appointed to the NSU-BSO Board of Advisors. The charge of the Board is to provide the planning, oversight and evaluation functions for existing and future BSO/NSU activities. Professor Van Hasselt's appointment is for one year and is renewable on an annual basis. Dr. van Hasselt recently received an Outstanding Presenter Award at the Florida Association of Hostage Negotiators Conference.

Professor Steven Gold has been elected president of the APA Division of Trauma Psychology.

Professor Linda Sobell has been appointed to the Editorial Board of *Current Drug Abuse Reviews*.

Professor Lenore Walker has been re-elected for a three-year term to the APA Counsel of Representatives from the Division of Media Psychology.

CPS Professors Vincent Van Hasselt, William Dorfman, Scott Poland, Lenore Walker, and Dr. Jose Rey from the Health Professions Division (HPD) presented as part of a *Crisis/Hostage Negotiations Advance Course* at a seminar hosted by CPS, the FBI Miami Field Office, and the City of Plantation Police Department. Law enforcement hostage negotiators from across South Florida received training in a number of areas considered crucial to the peaceful resolution of high-risk and often volatile events.

Professor Robert Lane has been re-appointed to the Editorial Board of *Psychoanalytic Psychology*.

Associate Professor Mercedes ter Maat presented a paper on school strategies for immigrant students at the American School Counselor Association Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado in June.

Professor Linda Sobell gave an invited presentation, *Self-Change: Findings and Implications for the Treatment of Addictive Behaviors,* at the Rethinking Addiction Conference, SMART Recovery that took place in Glasgow, Scotland.

CPS Professor Scott Poland and Dr. Richard Lieberman, presented a program on *Suicide and Self-Mutilation* for mental health and school professionals at both the NSU Orlando and Fort Lauderdale-Davie main campus.

Professors Lenore Walker and David Shapiro presented on their research to the School of Public Health in Madrid, Spain. While in Spain Drs. Walker and Shapiro visited the University of Barcelona where they met with psychologists and researchers to discuss their research in the area of forensic psychology, domestic violence and other gender violence.

Associate Professor Scott Poland, a national expert on school crises, presented training on Crisis Intervention for the school resource officers in Broward County. The session was focused on lessons learned from school violence and was hosted at the South Florida State Hospital. Professor Poland also presented in Asuncion, Paraguay on school safety that was attended by staff from ten private schools. While in Paraguay, Dr. Poland was interviewed by the Telefuturo television station in Asuncion.

Professor Lenore Walker and CPS doctoral students and alumni presented on their research on battered women at the American Psychological Association (APA) Annual Convention in San Francisco, California in August.

CPS Professors David Shapiro and Lenore Walker and Dr. James Pann from the Fischler Center for Education and Human Services, along with CPS alumni Drs. Allison Schwartz, Justin Rigsbee and Lauren Katchen, presented on their research in treating mentally ill in the jail at the APA Convention in San Francisco, California in August 2007.

Professor Steven Gold chaired a symposium at the APA Convention in San Francisco, California in August entitled, *Prostitution, Trafficking, Sexual Compulsivity and Trauma.* Additionally, Dr. Gold was on a symposium panel entitled, *The Many Faces of Trauma in Private Practice.*

Associate Professor Jeffrey Kibler participated in a symposium entitled, *Why Trauma Makes People Sick: The Role of Traumatic Stress in the Pathogenesis of Cardiovascular Disease, Metabolic Syndrome and Neurodegenerative Disease,* in August 2007 at the Annual APA Convention in San Francisco.

Associate Professor Ralph "Gene" Cash presented at the National Association of School Psychologist's (NASP) Summer Institute in Cleveland to more than 200 school psychologists. The topic was *The School Psychologist's Role in Promoting Children's Mental Health.* Dr. Cash also presented *Building Grassroots Advocacy in Your State* at the NASP Public Policy Institute in Washington, DC. Cash is the president-elect of National Association of School Psychologists (NASP).

Professor Charles Golden and CPS doctoral students co-authored nine presentations on neuropsychology at the Annual APA Convention in San Francisco, California in August 2007.

Professor John Lewis gave a presentation entitled, *The construction and validation of intellectual assessments in the Caribbean,* at the 31st Inter-American Congress of Psychology held in Mexico City in July 2007.

Professors Mark and Linda Sobell with **Kenneth Johnson (HPD)** presented a paper entitled, *A media-based motivational intervention to reduce alcohol exposed pregnancies,* at two separate symposia at the Annual Meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism in Chicago, Illinois in July 2007.

Service

Anxiety Treatment Clinic, a Psychology Services Center faculty applied-research clinical specialty program under the direction of Assistant Professor Craig Marker will begin offering services this fall.

CPS partnered with the American Red Cross to provide training to mental health professionals on **"Disaster Mental Health**". The purpose was to prepare professionals to respond to the psychological needs of individuals across the continuum of disaster preparedness, response and recovery. The partnership has included CPS Associate Professors Dr. Sarah Valley Gray and Gene Cash, CPS Alumni Ron and Marty Ellis. Numerous doctoral students have received this training.

Associate Professor Stephen Campbell and 8 CPS doctoral student volunteers traveled to South Africa and Swaziland on a humanitarian mission. The mission was part of the Seeds of Hope Outreach (SOHO), a U.S. based nonprofit organization. Along with Dr. Campbell, the students spent three days in Johannesburg, South Africa and twelve days in Swaziland delivering training on crisis intervention, substance abuse counseling, stress management, stigmatization, and suicide prevention. While in Swaziland, the team traveled to various towns and communities throughout the nation, visiting community centers, orphanages, churches, and schools. The team met with numerous groups addressing issues of orphan relief, HIV/AIDs, and substance abuse.

Doctoral students completing practicum in the Healthy Lifestyles: Guided Self Change Clinic, under the direction of **Professors Mark and Linda Sobell,** are continuing to provide services to NSU to support employees working to improve their health. In addition, they are providing psychoeducational training on smoking cessation to the City of Miramar.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

The Master of Human Services in Child Protection (MHS:CP) is a new degree that will be offered through the Criminal Justice Institute this fall. Similar to the Master of Science in Criminal Justice, this new degree: MHS:CP is a collaborative university effort. Ten different tracks will be offered through the following schools/centers: Center for Psychological Studies,

Fischler School of Education and Human Services, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Shepard Broad Law Center, Mailman Segal Institute for Early Childhood Studies, College of Osteopathic Medicine-Public Health Program.

With special assistance from President Ray Ferrero, Jr. and NSU Board of Trustees member David Rush, the Criminal Justice Institute is pleased to announce that on May 25, 2007 Ray Ferrero Jr., President of Nova Southeastern University, Ken Jenne II, Sheriff of Broward County and Marta Prado, Chairperson of the Sheriff's Foundation of Broward County, formally signed agreements to cooperatively develop educational, research and service programs related to criminal justice and public safety. A ceremony was held in the atrium of the Horvitz Administration Building on the campus of Nova Southeastern University at 3:00PM. This agreement marks the first time the three entities come together to form such a significant alliance. This venture will provide advanced leadership training for senior and supervisory public safety officers, access to NSU's Bachelor's and Master's programs in criminal justice and shared resources in the development of training and research programs specifically related to meeting the needs of the criminal justice and public safety communities.

As part of our new partnership with the Broward County Sheriff's Office and the Sheriff's Foundation of Broward County we will be collaborating to create a new Executive Leadership Program (ELP). The ELP will be offered as a hybrid delivery format, online, ground based and by video-teleconference through NSU education centers. The ELP will be offered twice in 2007 with the first class being held on main campus, beginning January 9th and the second beginning February 20th in the NSU Palm Beach Satellite education center. The ELP is made up of law enforcement and public safety managers from several departments, counties and disciplines (law enforcement, corrections and fire rescue).

The multi-center Psychology Postdoctoral Residency program, sponsored by the Criminal Justice Institute began Sept 1, 2007. This collaborative program will now be partnered with the University School, the College of Dental Medicine, Health Professions Division's Institute for Child Health Policy, the Center for Psychological Studies and the Fischler School of Education and Human Services and consists of 10 residents for the 2007-2008 year.

FARQUHAR COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Distinguished Speaker Series

The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences' Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences presents **Erin Brockovich** at Nova Southeastern University. As part of the college's Distinguished Speaker Series, Brockovich will speak on November 1, from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Miniaci Performing Arts Center. Admission is free.

A movie about her first great legal case made her famous around the world, even though she has never been a lawyer. Julia Roberts won an Oscar for portraying her as a spunky, sassy legal assistant with endless determination, but she might have underplayed the role. As a file clerk in the law firm of Masry and Vititoe, Brockovich came across medical records in a file on a pro

bono real estate case and began to look into the matter. Her investigation revealed that the health of many people from Hinkley, California, had been compromised for decades by exposure to Chromium 6, a toxic chemical that had leaked into the groundwater from the nearby Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Compressor Station. The biggest direct action lawsuit of its kind forced the giant utility in 1996 to make the largest legal settlement in U.S. history, paying out $333 million in damages to more than 600 Hinkley residents.

Brockovich has managed other major lawsuits at Masry and Vititoe as their Director of Environmental Research, including one for residents in the town of Kettleman, also against PG&E, that was settled for $335 million. While she has great empathy for the environment, she spearheaded these suits for humane reasons as well. She said, "I do care a great deal about the environment but my real work and my greatest challenge is trying to overcome deceits that end up jeopardizing public health and safety."

In addition to a small role as a waitress in the film that bears her name, she has also hosted a Lifetime series, *Final Justice*, a reality drama series about women who have faced great challenges. Brockovich next hosted ABC's *Challenge America*, which motivated people to support charitable causes. She has also published a book, *Take It from Me, Life's a Struggle but You Can Win*, and worked as a consultant.

On February 21, 2008, the Division of Math, Science, and Technology will present the next Distinguished Speaker in the series, Nobel Prize winner **Eric Kandel**, M.D. He won for his research in the physiological basis of memory storage in neurons. A refugee from the Nazis as an Austrian Jew, Kandel studied in the United States. His interest in neuroscience led him to recognize, through experiments, that the physical storage of memory relied on synaptic connections between neurons. Connected with this research are investigations into the nature of learning. Kandel describes memory as "a form of mental time travel [that] frees us from the constraints of time and space." It is the brain's amazing ability to store a seemingly infinite number of facts, figures and experiences, according to Kandel, which enables us to retrieve what we have learned before the present time.

College News

2007 Convocation

The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences celebrated the beginning of the 2007-2008 academic year by hosting Convocation on Tuesday, September 4, 2007, at the Miniaci Performing Arts Center. A reception followed at the Dr. William S. Spears Courtyard Atrium in the Carl DeSantis Building. At this annual ceremony, the undergraduate student body and the faculty join together in anticipation of academic excellence and shared intellectual pursuit. The program included talks by Altaf Ali, Executive Director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Florida Chapter, as the keynote speaker. Kathleen J. Waites , Ph.D., recipient of the 2007 Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Full-Time Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award, also spoke. Other features of Convocation included the Clinic Exploration Program Jacketing Ceremony, in which participants of the program received their blue jackets they wear while shadowing medical professionals at NSU clinics. The Dean's List Scholars Recognition celebrated outstanding undergraduate students.

Donald Baird, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Division of Math, Science, and Technology, recently took three NSU undergraduate biology majors to the American Chemical Society's 83rd Annual Florida Section Meeting and Exposition (FAME 2007) in Orlando. Student **Richard Wheeler** won second place in the Undergraduate Poster Competition and received $100 for his poster on "The Synthesis of Building Blocks for Metal-Organic Frameworks (MOF): Potential for Gaseous Fuel Storage." FAME 2007 included all levels of students and faculty from chemistry departments across Florida.

The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival (FLIFF), and the South Florida Irish Studies Consortium are co-sponsoring the first **South Florida Irish Film Festival** from September 6–14. The festival features five films shown at NSU's main campus and Cinema Paradiso in downtown Fort Lauderdale. The films are provided by Reel Ireland, which is run by the Irish Film Institute. The schedule includes:

September 6: Panel Discussion featuring professors Jim Doan, Ph.D., Steve Alford, Ph.D., and David Kilroy, Ph.D. of the Division of Humanities in the Parker Building, room 243.
September 8: *Adam and Paul*, Cinema Paradiso.
September 10: *Pavee Lackeen*, NSU's Mailman Auditorium.
September 11: *Meeting Che Guevara and the Man from Maybury Hill* (short), Parker Building, room 243.
September 12: *The Wind that Shakes the Barley*, NSU's Mailman Auditorium.
September 14: *Studs*, Cinema Paradiso.

The college is offering workshops on Law School Prep for students interested in law school who are not sure how to prepare for and apply to law school. The workshops, free and open to all NSU students, are held September 5,12, and 19 in the Parker Building, Room 2002. Topics covered include:

Where should you go to school?
How should you prepare for the LSAT?
How do you apply?
How do you create personal statements and get letters of reference for applications?

The workshops are run by Tim Dixon, J.D. and Gary Gershman, J.D., Ph.D., associate professors of legal studies in the Division of Humanities, as well as students from NSU's Shepard Broad Law Center.

Mark Jaffe, D.P.M., assistant professor in the Division of Math, Science, and Technology, is gathering volunteers to assist with "A Day for Children" on Sunday, September 16. The volunteers will get a t-shirt, letter of recognition of their volunteer work from HPD, and an opportunity to shadow almost all of the departments from HPD.

Faculty Lecture Series

This series explores the college faculty's diverse areas of interest in the humanities, biology, physical science, and social and behavioral sciences. Upcoming faculty lectures include:

> "Philosophical Conceptions of Truth," with **Darren Hibbs**, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Division of Humanities, on Tuesday, September 1. Hibbs will provide descriptions and critical assessments of each of the four dominant theories of truth within the Western philosophical tradition: the correspondence, pragmatist, coherence, and deflationary theories. He will then discuss the relevance of the concept of 'power' in developing a theory of truth.
> "The Soul of the Psychopath," with **Tom Fagan**, Ph.D., associate professor in the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, on Tuesday, October 2. This lecture will explore the concept of psychopathy and review the traits that make up the psychopathic personality. A videotaped interview with an incarcerated psychopath will be used to illustrate the salient features of the psychopath.
> "Truth and Power in Modern China," with **Tim Dixon**, J.D., associate professor in the Division of Humanities, on Tuesday, November 13. As the date of the 2008 Olympic celebration nears, with the expected massive influx of Western press, many wonder what the Communist Party will do to maintain the façade of "democracy" in the People's Democratic Republic of China. Dixon will discuss this issue, as well as the growing international presence of China in global resource purchases, especially in Africa, and the influence in international affairs that China's investments in Africa have created.
> "Truth, Power, and the Mexican Cult of Death: The Life and Art of Frida Kahlo," with **Barbara Brodman**, Ph.D., professor in the Division of Humanities, Tuesday, December 4. Frida Kahlo spent most of her adult life reinventing herself in her art. Overlooked, however, is that her life and work reflect the efforts of the Mexican people to create a collective identity, a national psyche by which they, after a half millennium, might rediscover the path to truth and power. Brodman will explore the aspect of the collective Mexican psyche with which Kahlo most identified, and through which she strove to discover her own truths and power—the Mexican cult of death.

Faculty Achievements:

Alexandru Cuc, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, published:

> Alexandru Cuc, Jonathan Koppel, and William Hirst. 2007. Silence Is Not Golden: A Case for Socially Shared Retrieval-Induced Forgetting. August 2007 (Volume 18, Issue 8, Pp. 657-751)

Thomas Fagan, Ph.D., an associate professor in the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, published the following:

> Thomas Fagan. 2007 Prescriptive authority and preferences for training. Professional Psychology: Research and Practice, 38(1), 104-111.
> Thomas Fagan. 2007 License Portability: Do we want it? Professional Psychology: Research and Practice, 38(2), 187-190.

Thomas Fagan. 2007. Professional education and training: How satisfied are we? An exploratory study. Training and Education in Professional Psychology, 1(1), 13-25.

Gary Gershman, Ph.D., associate professor in the Division of Humanities, will moderate a panel discussion as part of the *Prayer in America* forum, on Thursday, September 6, in the Sherman Library. After an opening reception and a screening of the two-part documentary *Prayer in America*, Gershman will moderate a panel discourse featuring interfaith leaders, students, and members of the South Florida community. The discussion will focus on the role of prayer plays in the lives of Americans confronting crises and tragedies. The documentary was inspired as a companion to the book *One Nation Under God: The History of Prayer in America* (Doubleday, 2005) by James P. Moore, Jr.

Professor **Matthew He**, Ph.D., director of the Division of Math, Science, and Technology, earned international accolades during the summer of 2007 with projects, publications, and leadership roles that highlighted his broad spectrum of expertise in the science and mathematic fields. At the University of Rome, Italy, during his visit from May 19–June 3, He presented a series of research lectures to graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and faculty on computational biology and bioinformatics. The lectures included topics on genetic codes, attributive mappings, and stochastic matrices. His visit was sponsored by the Universita degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza", Rome, Italy, and the Italian National Research Council. He also completed a research paper with Paolo E. Ricci, Ph.D., and William Goh, Ph.D., titled, "On Tribonacci Polynomials," which provided a solution to a standing conjecture on the generalized Fibinacci polynomials in the case of Tribonacci. This research paper has been submitted to an international journal for its publication.

Michael D. Reiter, Ph.D., assistant director and associate professor in the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, published a textbook for beginning students in counseling and psychotherapy. *Therapeutic Interviewing* (Allyn & Bacon/Longman Publishers) is the first introductory counseling text to focus both on the microskills of therapy so important for beginning counselors and on the unique challenges a counselor faces according to the context of setting and client. The book offers foundational strategies, skills, and tools of therapeutic interviewing along with an understanding of the formats and settings in which students will be working. Reiter provides novice therapists with a basic understanding of interviewing and explores with them how they can develop the skills to become a competent therapist.

Jason A. Rosenzweig, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Division of Math, Science, and Technology, gave a research seminar for the Department of Biotechnology and Bimolecular Science in the Università degli studi di Milano in Milan, Italy, on June 21. Rosenzweig's research seminar was titled, "Optimal Type Three Secretion System Activity of the Pathogenic Yersiniae Requires Polynucleotide Phosphorylase: A Phenomonan that is Mediated by its S1 RNA Binding Domain." The work that Rosenzweig presented has been published in both the *Journal for Biological Chemistry* (the JBC) and the *Federation for European Microbiological Societies: Microbiology Letters* (FEMS).

Eileen Smith-Cavros, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, co-published:

Kushlan, J. and E. Smith-Cavros. 2007. Human Heritage and Natural Heritage in the Everglades. *International Journal of Heritage Studies*. Vol. 13 (Issue 4 & 5), p. 335-349.

Jaime Tartar, assistant professor in the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, co-published:

John G. McCoy, Jaime L. Tartar, Alaina C. Bebis; Christopher P. Ward, James T. McKenna, Mark G. Baxter, Jill McGaughy, Robert W. McCarley, Robert E. Strecker. 2007. Experimental sleep fragmentation impairs attentional set-shifting in rats. SLEEP, Vol. 30, No. 1.

McKenna JT, Tartar JL**,** Ward CP, Thakkar MM, Cordeira JW, McCarley RW, Strecker RE. Sleep fragmentation elevates behavioral, electrographic and neurochemical measures of sleepiness. Neuroscience 2007, 146:1462-73.

New Faculty 2007-2008

Division of Humanities

William Adams, D.M.A. Adams performed in several operas in New York City and has previously taught at Clarion University of Pennsylvania and the Conservatory of Performing Arts at Point Park University. Dr. Adams teaches music appreciation and performance classes while assisting in development of the new music curriculum.

Michelina Carbonara, M.A. Carbonara received her M.A. from Florida Atlantic University and is pursuing her Ph.D. in European History at the University of Miami. Her research interests focus on religion, gender, and sexuality in Renaissance and Reformation Italy. She teaches history and coordinates adjunct faculty for history and politics.

Ronald García, M.A. García received his M.A. in Spanish, with a concentration in contemporary Latin American literature, from the University of Central Florida in 2002. He is currently earning his Ph. D. in Spanish at Florida International University. His research and teaching interests include Latino literature and film, contemporary Latin American literature, and Central American women writers, on which he has published and presented several articles. An adjunct instructor and lecturer with the Division of Humanities since 2006, García teaches Spanish.

Daniel Gelbmann, M.F.A. Specializing in technical theatre and scene design, Gelbmann has held professional positions with a number of theatre companies and has particular expertise in Asian theatre. He teaches theatre.

Alisa Karten, M.S. With research interests in human communication, rhetoric and semantics, and women in communication, Karten has been an adjunct instructor and lecturer with the Division of Humanities since 2000. Karten was awarded the 2003 Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Part-Time Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award. She teaches speech and communication.

Eric Mason, Ph.D. Specializing in rhetoric and composition, Mason's teaching often incorporates service learning. His research focuses on how various modalities of composition—textual, oral, visual, and digital—intersect with the study of culture. He is the online editor of *JAC*, a quarterly journal for the interdisciplinary study of rhetoric, literacy, culture, and politics. He teaches writing.

Lorraine Stanchich, M.A. Stanchich received her M.A. in English and Comparative Literature from Fairleigh Dickinson University and is pursuing an M.F.A. from Warren Wilson College in North Carolina. Her first book of poems, *Witness*, was released in 2003 from Epic Press. Her writing has appeared in the various journals and anthologies, and she is currently at work on a historical fiction novel. Stanchich has been an adjunct instructor and lecturer with the Division of Humanities since 2005. She teaches composition and poetry writing.

Lee Williams, Ph.D. He received his Ph.D. in Spanish, with a specialization in Latin American literature, from the University of Miami in 2005. Williams conducted a literary investigation in Uruguay under a Fulbright fellowship in 2003. His novel, *Author of Destiny*, was published by Livingston Press in 2002. He teaches Spanish.

Division of Math, Science and Technology

Victor Castro, Ph.D. Castro received his doctorate in physics in 2007 from the University of Miami. He taught at the University of Miami and Universidad de Oriente, Venezuela. His research area is in nonlinear dynamics and chaotic systems, and electronic circuits, and their applications in neural networks and communication.

Jason Gershman, M.A. He received his master of arts in statistics in 2006 and is expected to complete his Ph.D. in statistics in December from Rice University. His research area is in biostatistics. Gershman's current research includes classification of time-course array data. He is a member of American Statistical Association.

Jose Lopez, Ph.D. received his Ph.D. in environmental biology and public policy in 1990 from George Mason University. He has published a number of research papers in microbiology. He has taught biology at Florida Atlantic University, Florida Institute of Technology, and Indian River Community College.

Steven Patterson, M.S. Patterson received his master's of science in mental health counseling with a specialization in athletic training from Palm Beach Atlantic University in 2002. He is currently pursing his doctor of education in health care education at NSU. Patterson holds the National Athletic Trainers' Board of Certification, credentials for the State of Florida, and additional state licensure in Texas. A NATABOC Certified Examiner for the Board of Certification, he is also an approved clinical instructor for the NSU Athletic Training Education Program. Additionally, Patterson holds American Heart Association First Aid/CPR/AED certification. He has been actively involved in both regional and national athletic training associations.

Jeremy Perotti, Ph.D. After receiving his doctorate in chemistry from the University of California, Irvine, and completing postdoctoral appointments at Harvard University in 2006, and USC in 2007, he taught chemistry at the University of California, Irvine.

Saeed Rajput, Ph.D. He received his doctorate in electrical engineering from the University of Southern California in 1992. Rajput served as a faculty member at University of Miami and Florida Atlantic University, teaching object oriented design and programming, network security, and foundations of computer science. He published numerous research papers in the areas of computer security and wireless security protocols. In 2001, he received a patent (US6401206) on a method and apparatus for binding electronic impressions made by digital identities to documents and another patent (US6199054) on automated software metering of digital payloads. Rajput also conducted several funded research projects with graduate and undergraduate students in speech perception of mobile phones and application security research.

Reza Razeghifard, Ph.D. He completed his Ph.D. in chemistry at the Australian National University in 1997, and continued as a postdoctoral research associate in biochemistry at the University of Minnesota and later in the Department of Human Biological Chemistry & Genetics at the University of Texas Medical Branch. In 2001, he joined the Research School of Biological Sciences at the Australian National University as a postdoctoral, then research, fellow. Razeghifard pursued research at the Medical School at the University of Michigan, working on the catalytic cycle of the P450 enzyme.

Deanne Roopnarine, D.P.M. She received her Doctor of Podiatric Medicine in 1989 from Barry University. She has been practicing medicine since her graduation and has taught at Barry University, Broward Community College, and NSU. Her graduate work covers a range of topics in anatomy, physiology, cell biology, immunology, gross anatomy, biochemistry, and neuroscience. She was board certified in primary podiatric medicine by the American Podiatric Specialties Board 1992.

Jason Rosenzweig, Ph.D. He received his Ph.D. in microbiology from the University of Miami in 2006. Rosenzweig served as a visiting professor of biology at NSU and has published a number of research papers in microbiology.

Phyllis Sweeny, Ed.D. Her doctorate in curriculum and instruction, focusing on instructional technology, has informed Sweeney's teaching of courses on specialized technology applications. Having taught at Our Lady of the Lake College and Southeastern Louisiana University, she has worked with various online teaching systems. Sweeney also completed a $2.3 million grant-funded project with other researchers that focused on intellectual property policies. Having published several papers, she is co-authoring a textbook on instructional technology.

Eduardo Veliz, Ph.D. With a doctorate in medicinal chemistry in 1992 from the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Veliz has published a number of research papers in organic chemistry and taught at the University of Miami, Miami-Dade College, and University of California, Santa Cruz.

Bashar Zogheib, Ph.D. Earning his doctorate in mathematics in 2006 from University of Windsor, Zogheib has taught mathematics at the University of Windsor and at Millersville University of Pennsylvania. His research area includes velocity-pressure coupling in finite difference. He has also completed a range of graduate courses in mathematics education from Wayne State University.

Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Michelle Grillo, Ph.D. Earning her doctorate in criminal justice at Rutgers University, Grillo's primary area of research is the study of terrorism, criminal analysis, and local law enforcement. She has conducted research under the auspices of the Rutgers Center for the Study of Public Security.

Ellen Krakoff, J.D. Her law degree from NSU led her to a distinguished and varied career in the practice of law. Krakoff has argued before the US Court of Appeals (5th and 11th Districts), and served as an adjunct professor at the college since 1994. Featured *in Who's Who in American Law,* and *Who's Who in American Women,* Kracoff was awarded the 2007 Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Part-Time Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award.

Mindy Ma, Ph.D. With a doctorate in clinical health psychology from the University of Miami as well as having received a postdoctoral fellowship from the University of Mississippi Medical Center, she has taught and researched health psychology. Ma has had considerable experience in program administration as director of a university-based community health program, with responsibilities including staff recruiting and training, budgetary oversight, and interfacing with other organizational units in the university. These skills prepared her for her role as coordinator of the psychology program in the college in addition to her teaching.

Lisa Machoian, Ph.D. With a doctorate in human development and psychology from Harvard University, Machoian served as the Director of the Gender Studies Concentration at that university. She is a recognized expert in the area of adolescent depression and has published extensively in that field. Her ground-breaking book, *The Disappearing Girl: Learning the Language of Teenage Depression,* received widespread popular and professional recognition for its advocacy of careful listening to depressed girls' self-reflections that reveal their serious, self destructive behavior as not so much the behavior of deviants, or nonconformists, but rather as over-conformists to stereotypic notions of femininity. She plans on continuing her research to include adolescent boys.

Madhavi Menon, Ph.D. She received her doctorate in psychology from Florida Atlantic University. Her research focuses on processes of social development during middle childhood, focusing on attachment, aggression, gender identity, and achievement. A major finding from this research is that high self-esteem encourages aggressive children, as well as avoidantly-attached children, to rationalize their antisocial conduct.

Glenn Scheyd, Ph.D. He earned his doctorate in evolutionary psychology from the University of New Mexico in 2006 and served as an assistant professor of experimental psychology at Eureka College. As a researcher, he has applied the evolutionary perspective to the topic of individual differences in human mating, writing extensively on the subject of evolution and mate selection. He was awarded a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship in Personality Psychology and has served as a peer reviewer for the journal *Evolution and Human Behavior*.

Teruyuki Tsuji, Ph.D. With a doctorate in comparative sociology from Florida International University, Tsuji was a research assistant at the Institute of Ethnicity and Immigration at Florida International University where he worked on a project that ethnographically examined civic engagement in immigrant and native minority congregations in Miami. From January 1998 to July 2000 Tsuji was a research officer for the Cultural Attaché, Embassy of Japan in Kingston, Jamaica through the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In this role he participated in several economic development assistance programs and expert-trainee exchange program. He has also served as a research officer for the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Commercial Attaché, Embassy of Japan, in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, where he was involved in similar economic assistance programs.

NSU Performing Arts

NSU Performing Arts, which is housed in the Division of Humanities, has announced its 2007-2008 performance schedule, which includes:

> *The Women of Lockerbie* by Deborah Brevoort
> NSU Theatre opens its third season with this drama, inspired by true events. A mother from New Jersey roams the hills of Lockerbie, Scotland, looking for her son's remains that were lost in the crash of Pan Am 103. She meets the women of Lockerbie, who are determined to convert an act of hatred into an act of love by washing the clothes of the dead and returning them to the victim's families.
> University Arts Center Black Box Theatre
> November 9-11, and 15-17, 2007.
> *Peace: A Holiday Concert*
> Presented by NSU Music at the Miniaci Performing Arts Center
> December 7, 2007.
> *Muscle to Bone: Moving the Power Within*
> An original program presented by NSU Dance at the Miniaci Performing Arts Center, February 1-2, 2008.
> *Cinderella*, by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein III
> This presentation offers the timeless enchantment of a magical fairy tale with the originality, charm, and elegance of a classic Broadway musical.
> University Arts Center Black Box Theatre,
> March 28-30, and April 3-5, 2008.
> *Director's Festival of One-Acts*
> The final offering of the year will be a festival of student-directed works.
> University Arts Center Black Box Theatre, April 24-27, 2008.

NSU Theatre
NSU Theatre is holding auditions, open to all NSU students, faculty, and staff, as well as members of the community, for the upcoming production of *The Women of Lockerbie*. The production is seeking actors, stage crew, and technicians. All auditions will be held in the University Arts Center's Black Box Theatre. Auditions are being held Monday, September 10, and Tuesday, September 11.

The Promethean Theatre
The Promethean Theatre, a community partner of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences and NSU's professional theatre company in residence, presented *Cyrano*, an adaptation of the classic play by Edmond Rostand by Mark E. Hayes. Performances were held in the summer of 2007 in the college's Black Box Theatre, situated in the new University Arts Center on main campus. Directed by Margaret M. Ledford, this production of the classic swashbuckling tale of love and mistaken identity was set in Miami's plastic surgery industry.
The Promethean Theatre will present two outstanding productions at NSU:

Red Tide by Juan Sanchez
Second-Floor Auditorium, Mailman-Hollywood Building
October 12–28, 2007
The Violet Hour by Richard Greenberg
Second-Floor Auditorium, Mailman-Hollywood Building
February 29–March 16, 2008

The Lifelong Learning Institute
The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) is holding free Open Houses on Tuesday, September 25, and Wednesday, September 26. Refreshments will be served. The LLI has served the active retirement community in South Florida for 31 years and continues to grow by offering members daytime lecture courses, workshops, discussion groups, field trips, and satisfying volunteer and social opportunities.
Upcoming field trips include:

November 8, 2007: Norton Museum of Art
December 5, 2007: Shark Valley, Everglades National Park
December 13, 2007: Mozart's *Cosi Fan Tutte*, Broward Center for the Performing Arts
January, 31, 2008: Bass Museum of Art, Miami
February 16, 2008: Bizet's *The Pearl Fishers*, Broward Center for the Performing Arts
February 28, 2008: Fort Lauderdale International Airport
February 29, 2008: Puccini's *Tosca*, Broward Center for the Performing Arts
March 13, 2008: Boca Raton Museum of Art
May 8, 2008: Puccini's *La Boheme*, Broward Center for the Performing Arts

FISCHLER SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

Argentine Teachers to be hosted by NSU-FSEHS in the Fall

The Fischler School of Education and Human Services and the Consorcio-red de Educácion a Distancia (CREAD) have been selected by the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Argentina to host 42 educational leaders from that country for educational courses in Spanish and English. The program will take place from October 1 to October 24, 2007 at the NSU Main Campus. The teachers, who will be divided into three groups, will study Leadership, the Use of Educational Technology, and the Teaching of English as a Foreign Language. CREAD is the Inter-American Distance Education Consortium, an organization hosted by the Fischler School since 2003.

The Argentine teachers will be housed in the NSU dormitories and will have many opportunities to meet American colleagues and experience life on an American university campus. So, in addition to receiving extensive formal instruction, the teachers will visit local schools, attend cultural and social activities and, in general, familiarize themselves with our community and culture.

NSU's Fischler School to host Bullying Conference

The 4th Annual International Bullying Prevention Conference hosted by the Fischler School at Nova Southeastern University will be held November 5th - 8th, 2007 at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. This International Bullying Prevention Conference supports the "Best Practices" of bullying prevention and intervention programs and techniques. This unique conference offers educators, educational leaders, school support staff, law enforcement, and community agencies to be involved with the leaders in the field of bullying prevention, providing the most current information. There are 1000 expected participants and many outstanding presenters including NSU's Dr. Meline Kevorkian, author of Preventing Bullying: Helping Kids Form Positive Relationships and Six Secrets for Parents to Help Their Kids Achieve in School and Dr. Scott Poland, author of Crisis Intervention in Schools.

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES

Faculty Scholarly Accomplishments

Abramson, T. (2007). Classroom Amplification Technology. *Journal of Instruction Delivery Systems*, 20 (4), 3-4.

Abramson, T. (2007). Big, Small and Virtual Conferences. *Journal of Instruction Delivery Systems*, 21 (1), 3-5.

Abramson, T. (2007). Review Publication of "Walking the Tightrope: the Balancing Acts of a Large e-research Project" by K. Lawrence in *Computing Reviews: An ACM Publication*, May 17, 2007.

Abramson, T. (2007). Sound-Field Amplification: Applied Universal Design. Presented at Interactive Technologies Conference. Arlington, VA: August 22, 2007.

Abramson, T. (2007). Teach the Teachers Well: Teaching and Learning with Today's Tools. Presenter and Panel moderator for the SIGTE panel discussion with Jo Ann Carr, Fran Sikorski and Camilo Willis. National Educational Computing Conference. Atlanta, GA: June 26, 2007.

Abramson, T. (2007). Attended the Annual meeting of the board of directors, Society for Applied Learning Technology, Arlington, VA: August 21, 2007.

Abramson, T. (2007). Session Chair of Instructional System Design: New Learning Technologies Conference 2007. Interactive Technologies Conference. Arlington, VA: August 22, 2007.

Dringus, L.P (2007). Invited Reviewer for Israel Science Foundation grant proposal, grant #339/07, April 2007.

Dringus, L.P. (2007). Manuscript Reviewer for CAE-D-07-00089 for Computers & Education, April 2007.

Ellis, T. J. and Hafner, W. (2007). Incorporating Project based Collaborative Learning Experiences in Asynchronous Learning Nerworks. *Proceedings of the 18th International Conference on College Teaching and Learning*. April 10-12, 2007. Ponte Verde, FL.

Hafner, W. & Ellis, T. J. (2007). Privacy and Educational Information Systems. Presented at the 18th International Conference On College Teaching and Learning. April 10-12, 2007. Ponte Verde, FL.

Laszlo, M. (2007). Manuscript Reviewer for *Journal of Intelligent Systems*.

Levy, Y., & Ramim, M. (2007). Towards a Framework of Biometrics Exam Authentication in E-learning Environments. *Proceeding of the Information Resources Management Association International Conference (IRMA) 2007,* Vancouver, Canada, 539-543.

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Levy, Y. (2007). Podcasting—do they really listen? *The Annual NSU best Practices in Online Learning Forum*, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Levy, Y. (2007). Weekly Reminders—students just love it! *The Annual NSU best Practices in Online Learning Forum*, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Levy, Y. (2007). Refereed a manuscript submitted to the *Journal of Information Systems Education* (*JISE).* August, 2007.

Levy, Y. (2007). Editor for two manuscripts submitted to the *International Journal of Doctoral Studies (IJDS)*, August, 2007.

Levy, Y. (2007). Refereed a manuscript submitted to the *Journal of Cases of Information Technology (JCIT)*, August, 2007.

Levy, Y. (2007). Refereed a manuscript submitted to the Advances in Teaching and Learning Technologies mini-track in the 2008 Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS-41*)* July, 2007.

Levy, Y. (2007). Refereed two manuscripts submitted to the *International Journal of Doctoral Studies (IJDS*), March, 2007.

Levy, Y. (2007). Member of the Editorial Advisory Board for the *Advances in Web-based Learning (AWBL)* Book Series to be published by Idea Group Reference during 2008.

Levy, Y. (2007). Attended the 2007 Chair Conference on Instructional Technologies Research, The Open University of Israel, Raanana, Israel.

Levy, Y. (2007). Attended and Chaired the 1st Informing Science Institute Doctoral Consortium at Informing Science and Information Techonoly Education (InSITE) 2007 Conference, Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Levy, Y. (2007). Attended and Chaired the Distance Learning Technologies track in the Informations resources Management Association International Conference (IRMA*) 2007*, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

Li, W. (2007). Reviewer, *International Journal of Computer and Applications*

Li, W. (2007). Program Committee and Reviewer, Second International Conference on Internet Technologies & Applications *(ITA07)*, September 2007, Wrexham, North Wales, UK Program Committee.

Li, W. (2007). Reviewer, 20th International Conference on Computer Applications in Industry and Engineering (CAINE-07), November 2007, San Francisco, CA.

Gelenbe, E., Liu, P., Szymanski, B., Lisee, M., Wasilewski, K. (2007). Cognitive and Self-Healing Algorithms for Fault Torelant Routing. *Proceedings of the 1st Annual Conference of International Technology Alliance in Networking and Information Science*.

Liu, P., & Gelenbe, E. (2007). Recursive Routing in the Cognitive Packet Network. *Proceedings of the 3rd International Conference on Testbeds and Research Infrastructures for the Development of Networks and Communities* (TridentCom).

Littman, M.K. (2007). Member, Technical Program Committee. First ISI Doctoral Consortium. InSITE (informing Science + IT Education) conference. Slovenia/Ljubljana, June 22-25, 2007.

Littman, M.K. (2007). Program Committee Reviewer, 2007 IRMA (Information Recources Management Association) International Conference.

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Mitropoulos, F.J., Voorhees, D.P. (2007). A Software Size Measure for Estimating Effort based on as Software Development Life Cycle. *Proceedings of the 2007 International Conference on software Engineering Theory and Practice*, Orlando, FL, 70-80.

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Mukherjee, S. (2007). Manuscript Reviewer for *IEEE Transactions of Knowledge and Data Engineering.*

Mukherjee, S. (2007). Manuscript Reviewer for *Journal of Official Statistics*.

Nyshadham, E. A., Wang, L., & Hafner, W. (2007). Dimensions of Perceived Ecommerce Risks: An Empirical Study using the Psychometric Paradigm. Presented at AMCIS Conference 2007, Fort Collins, CO.

Sun, J., Tout, S., and Sverdlik, W. (2007). Cluster Detection of Special Datasets using the PYRAMID Algorithm. Presented at IAENG International Multi-Conference of Engineers and Computer Scientists, March 21-23, 2007.

Sun, J. (2006). Served as session chair and Co-Chair at 2007 IAENG International Multi-Conference of Engineers and Computer Scientists,March 21-23, 2007.

Sun, J. (2007). Served as Track Co-Chair for Database Track at the Twenty-Second ACM Symposium on Applied Computing, March 11-15, 2007.

Terrell, S. (2007). Matching People, Processes, and Products: supporting different learning characteristics and preferences in an online environment. Presented at the 12th Annual Instructional Technology Conference, Murphreesboro, TN.

Terrell, S. (2007). Self-perceived causality for attrition from a limited residency doctoral program. Presented at the Annual Educational Research Association (AERA), Chicago, Il.

Terrell, S. (2007). Paper discussant for Computer-Mediated Communication and Communities at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association.

Terrell, S. (2007). Introduction to the special issue of the AERA Education and World Wide Web Special Interest Group (EdWeb/SIG). *Internet in Higher Education, 10(*1).

Terrell, S. (2007). Session Chair for Online Courses as Learning Environments. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of American Educational Research Association.

Wang, L. (2007). Professors' and students' perceptions of online learning: A qualitative study. *Proceedings of Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education (AACE)'s Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education (SITE) International Conference*, 1146-1148.

Wang, L. (2007). Online testing: Students' perceptions and determinant characteristics. *Proceedings of Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education (AACE)'s Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education (SITE) International Conference*, 196-198.

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Brown, W. A. (2007). CIO of Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, Kansas.

Ferebee, S. (2007). An Examination of the Influence of Involvement Level of the Web Site Users on the Perceived Credibility of Web Sites. Presented at the Persuasive Technology Conference 2007, Stanford University, Palo Alto, Ca, April 26-27, 2007.

Hawthorne, E. (2007). Chair of the ACM two-year College Education Committee.

Heikkila, F. (2007). Encryption: Security Consideration for Portable Media Devices. *IEEE Security & Privacy*, 5(4), 22-27.

Huff, D. (2007). Technology in higher education and the job responsibilities a CIO should hold. *Campus Technology*, August 16, 2007.

Huff, D. (2007). Project director at Oracle.

Smith, C. (2007). Where is it? How Deaf Adolescents complete fact-based Internet search task. *American Annals of the Deaf*, 151 (3), 513-529.

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Activities and Events

SHSS Practicum Fair a Success: The annual SHSS Internship & Practicum Fair was held on May 4, 2007 on the main campus. The 2007 fair was a great success and had a large turnout of practicum, internship sites as well as students. The Internship and Practicum Coordinators, Kavel Green and Sarah Clifford put much work into this event as well as students, and other SHSS faculty and staff members. Speakers at the event included Drs. Tommie Boyd and Judith McKay. Dr. McKay also represented the MACS and CSA programs. Dean Yang also talked about the School's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) focused on experiential learning and clinical training. Certificates of Appreciation were given to the practicum 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.

Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences Celebrates 20 Years**.** More than 120 people celebrated the 20th Anniversary of NSU's Graduate School of Humanities & Social Sciences (SHSS) on May 22. Among the attendees were NSU President Emeritus Abe Fischler; Davie Mayor Tom Truex; The Honorable Gisele Pollack, 4th DCA, County Court Judge, 17th Circuit; and St. Thomas University Provost Gregory Chan. Florida Senator Jeremy Ring (D-Parkland), SHSS Advisory Board member, served as an emcee, and shared passionately with the cheerful crowd about his experience working with SHSS over the years. In his address, NSU President Ray Ferrero, Jr., recognized the steady growth and fine quality of the School, while Honggang Yang, Ph.D., dean of SHSS, acknowledged the enormous contributions of faculty, students, alumni, staff, and community partners. SHSS, which was founded in 1987, now offers three doctoral programs, four master's programs, and several graduate certificate programs via a variety of delivery formats.

Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences In Collaboration with Health Professionals Division Is Offering a Diabetes Education and Support Group. This group is designed to provide emotional support and diabetes education for patients living with diabetes. Those with diabetes can join this group for FREE: The group will meet weekly and the Maltz Building.

SHSS and CPS Co-Host "Schools Under Fire: Crisis and Safety Issues" - June 13.
The Center for Psychological Studies and the School of Humanities and Social Sciences co-hosted a forum on school violence, the after-effects and what can be done to help prevent it, on Wednesday, June 13 at 6:00 p.m., on NSU's main campus. Presenters include Scott Poland, Ed.D., Marcia Sweedler, Ph.D., Ann Rambo, Ph.D., Stephen Campbell, Ph.D., and Gay Holliday, Ed.D.

SHSS Graduation Celebration
The graduating students gathered together celebrating with their faculty mentors, family members, friends, and staff members, after the University Commencement on June 16th, 2007. The celebratory reception was held on the second floor at the Bank Atlantic Center. This year also marked the graduation of the first cohort of students from the

First Cohort of College Student Affairs Students Graduated from SHSS. The first cohort of alumni of the M.S. program in College Student Affairs (CSA) at SHSS celebrated their graduation last Saturday at the Commencement. Stan Kaszuba has accepted a position with Saint Leo University, his alma mater, as Assistant Director of Student Activities, within the Office of Student Involvement. He began right after graduation on June 18th. He is going to work with the Campus Activities Board (CAB), large scale programs such as Fall Family Festival and Spring Fling, as well as New Student Orientation. He may also have the opportunity to teach a section or two of the Freshman Experience course. Stan served on the SHSS Student Association Board while studying for his master's in CSA.

International Day of Peace

The Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) in collaboration with the Division of Student Affairs and community partners is planning a week full of activities, lectures, and events for NSU students, faculty and staff members, as well as the South Florida community to commemorate the International Day of Peace. The celebration will begin with The Day of Justice on September 17th; The Day of Forgiveness on September 18th; The Day of Ecology on September 19th; The Day of Human Rights on September 20th, and culminate with The International Day of Peace on September 21st. There will be speakers, a film fest, and interactive projects of civic engagement. All events are designed to engage, educate, and inspire everyone who participates.

The International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by the United Nations Assembly. It is part of global efforts to create a culture of peace. On every continent across the globe, people come together in September to focus on creating peace through a collective endeavor of schools, groups, communities, organizations, families, and individuals. SHSS and DOSA are proud to be a part of this worldwide effort. If you would like to be involved, please contact Sophie at mamykerl@nova.edu who is a doctoral student of conflict analysis & resolution.

A culture of peace is a culture that promotes peaceable diversity involving constant shaping and reshaping of understanding, situations, and behaviors to sustain well-being for all – Elise Boulding.

NSU Student Mediation Services begins its fourth year!

Started by Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution students, NSU Student Mediation Services is beginning its fourth year as a campus resource for NSU students to learn about conflict and its resolution as well as utilize resolution process for solving their existing conflicts. Whether it’s a roommate disagreement, relationship conflict, club or organization dispute or argument with a fellow student, Student Mediation Services offers a variety of free services designed to assist and educate NSU students in their resolution of conflicts. Services include One-on-One Conflict Coaching, Mediation, Restorative Justice as well as presentations and trainings. The service is sponsored and located in the NSU Division of Student Affairs and supported with a volunteer staff of trained graduate student from the Department of Conflict Analysis and

Resolution (DCAR) in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences.
Along with serving the needs of university students, Student Mediation Services serves DCAR students as a practice site for developing and enhancing their skills and for earning practicum hours. During the past three years the program utilized over 40 DCAR students as volunteer co-mediators and conflict coaches, facilitating over 100 mediations and 50 conflict coaching sessions.

One-on-One Conflict Coaching offers an individualized and confidential service to students interested in resolving an existing conflict or to develop their understanding of conflict and the various skills and strategies for conflict resolution. Coaching is intended to provide the knowledge and support necessary to understand past conflict behaviors and explore more effective approaches. Each session is designed to fit the needs of the student seeking assistance.

The Mediation program provides a safe and confidential process for students in an existing conflict to work through their issues and arrive at a mutually satisfying agreement. Mediation assists student disputants with communicating issues, determining interests, generating options and developing an agreeable outcome to a conflict that supports and enhances disputant's relationship. Additional information is available at http://www.nova.edu/studentmediation/, or contact us directly at studentmediation@nova.edu or 954-262-7196.

On June 14, 2007 the SHSS Advisory Board welcomed Mr. Franklin Tse, a leader in the Asian-American community as a new member of the board.

SHSS staff and leadership team members gathered together on June 22, 2007 for a school staff luncheon. During the luncheon the staff members had the opportunity to share ideas and suggestions. Honggang Yang, Ph.D, dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences thanked the staff members for their efforts and collaborations and each supervisor got a chance to present staff members with individual certificates of appreciation as well as the NSU American Express employee recognition awards.

Faculty News

Tommie V. Boyd, Ph.D. Chair, Department of Family Therapy and Assistant Professor along with Ilana Nativ, Ph.D, a graduate of the Family Therapy Ph.D program at SHSS will present at the 65th AAMFT Annual conference. The presentation entitled "Standing on the Sidelines: Watching a Family Member Die" will discuss loss and death as inevitable parts of life. Participants will identify ways they can enhance therapeutic skills when working with people on end of life issues through interdisciplinary collaboration and palliative care. The 65th AAMFT Annual conference will begin in Long Beach, California, on October 11.

Tommie V. Boyd, Ph.D. Chair, Department of Family Therapy along with Manny Gonzalez-Abreu, Ph.D and alumni and Adjunct professor of the Department of Family Therapy were awarded the presidents R&D grant for the grant titled: Marital Therapy for Couples at Risk with One or More Children Diagnosed with Autism.

Christopher Burnett, Psy.D., an associate professor in the Dept. of Family Therapy at the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, presented a course entitled, "Organizational Consulting: Putting Your Relational Therapy Skills to Work in Larger Systems" at the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy's Summer Institutes for Advanced Clinical Training in Rapid City, South Dakota on July 22-26.

Pat Cole, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Family Therapy & Family Business at SHSS, was interviewed by "Time" for the May 7th Issue article on young "co-preneurs" defining the pleasures and perils of sharing a relationship as well as a business. As an expert in family business research and practice, many of Dr. Cole's writing and projects have addressed copreneurs, gender issues, and relationship issues. Dr. Cole and her colleague have identified that mutual trust is most important in family business. Dr. Cole's academic and professional interests also include systems theory and postmodern ideas in therapy, especially narrative ideas and the use of personal self disclosure. Dr. Cole is a Fellow of the Family Firm Institute as well as an approved supervisor of the American Association for Marriage & Family Therapy (AAMFT).

Pat Cole, Ph.D and Dr. Shelley Green, Ph.D, both Associate Professors of Family Therapy in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, delivered a presentation entitled "Lessons of an Academic: The Passions and Pitfalls of Passing on the Torch" at the annual conference of the American Family Therapy Academy in Vancouver, British Columbia, on June 21, 2007. Their co-presenter will be Dr. Muriel Singer, and alumnus of the family therapy doctoral program at NSU, and currently an Associate Professor of Family Therapy at Kean University in New Jersey.

Mark Davidheiser, Ph.D, Assistant Professor of Conflict Resolution & Anthropology at SHSS, gave a conference presentation titled "Sons of The Gambia: Migrants, autochthony discourses, and intergroup conflict" at the Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) Annual Conference held in Tampa in March. Dr. Davidheiser was an organizer and chair of a special double session entitled "Displacement and Disputing: Migration, Relocation, and Conflict." The audience included NSU students and faculty.

Jean-Mathieu Essis, Ph.D, was appointed to the Interim Chair's position for DCAR, effective on June 18th. Dr. Essis received his Ph.D. in Public Policy from George Mason University in Virginia. He was an associate research scientist in the Center on International Cooperation at New York University, and served as Director, Institut des Hautes Etudes Professionnelles, Université de l'Atlantique, Abidjan. He is a two-time recipient of the prestigious Fulbright Scholarships. Among Jean-Mathieu's impressive administrative appointments, he was Chair for Science and Pedagogy Council, Centre African de Management et de Perfectionnement des Cadres, Universite d'Abidjan-Cocody. He was also Director of the Department of Decentralization and Local Capacity-Building, Ministere d'Etat, Ministere de l'Interieur et de la Decentralisation, Abidjan. Dr. Essis joined SHSS in 2004, and has taught extensively on campus and on line. His caring commitment to student learning has been remarkable. He has represented our School on NSU's IRB and Faculty Advisory Council. In addition to his artistic and athletic talents, Dr. Essis also speaks English, French, and Adjukru.

Judith McKay, Ph.D, was appointed to the Chair's position for our third department of multi-disciplinary studies to lead CSA, MACS, and other program initiatives. Dr. Ann Booth and Dr. Susanne Marshall administered the newer programs at the earlier phases. With the ongoing consolidations between SHSS and CPS, Susie will concentrate on the administrative operations and student services as Senior Associate dean for both units. Judith received her J.D. from Emory and Ph.D. from DCAR at NSU. She joined SHSS in 1997 as VOICES Coordinator, and was interim director for DCAR in 2003-2004. Since 2004 Judith has served as DCAR's Chair, and expanded the programs to a new level via both on-campus and online delivery formats. As a skilled facilitator, caring mentor, collaborative professor, and experienced trainer, Judith has made many enduring contributions to DCAR, SHSS, and NSU. For example, she developed the Community Resolution Services and designed the two specialty tracks of the Criminal Justice Institute. She is a principal investigator for the Community Resources, Solutions and Partnerships funded by the Dept. of Justice. Judith is going to work with DCAR's interim chair in June to take care of the transitional details.

Debra Nixon, Ph.D. Associate Chair of the Dept. of Family Therapy, received the 2007 A. Nazario Jr. Outstanding Contribution in Diversity Award from the Florida Association for Marriage & Family Therapy. The Award was presented to Professor Nixon for her outstanding efforts in furthering issues related to diverse, marginalized, oppressed, and minority populations. Her leadership efforts have been reflected through clinical & community outreach, research projects, supervisory work, and teaching & training. Dr. Nixon has been serving as faculty advisor for the SHSS Student Association, and facilitating monthly Campus Diversity Dialogs. She was also recognized at the award ceremony of "Celebrating Black Achievements: Who's Who in Black South Florida" last winter.

Hamdesa Tuso, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Conflict Resolution and Sociology and Laure Paquette of Lakehead presented a workshop on May 24 at Menno Simons College titled Refugee Strategies: Why they don't work; how to make them work. They provided an overview of the problems and conflicts refugees face; how they try to solve their problems and conflicts; why it doesn't work; and how to help them improve their strategies. Dr. Tuso, once a refugee himself, with twenty years' experience and research on refugee issues in the Horn of Africa and elsewhere, has a finely honed expertise in the conflicts that refugees experience and the strategies.

SHSS Welcomes New Faculty. The Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (DCAR) at SHSS has welcomed three new faculty colleagues for the new academic year, whose backgrounds are multidisciplinary and multicultural.

Sam Baroni holds a Ph.D. in Comparative Studies from the Florida Atlantic University. She received the 2006 Dissertation Year Grant. Baroni has been an instructor at the J.F. Kennedy Special Warfare Ctr., Regional Studies, Middle East & Central Asia, at Ft. Bragg for 13 years; the Mayfair Institute in Malta; and the Shabukshi Institute in Saudi Arabia. She has also been an instructor to the U.S. Departments of Defense, Commerce, Treasury and State, and briefed the Pentagon, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and U.S. Central Command. Baroni speaks five languages in addition to English, including Arabic, Italian, Maltese, Persian and Russian.

Elena Bastidas holds a Ph.D. in Food and Resource Economics, with a specialization in Agricultural Development and Gender Analysis from the University of Florida. She was a Visiting Research Professor in the Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Florida for three years. At the International Programs in the Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences, she was the Coordinator of the Galapagos Islands Educational Tour, and Program Director for the Ecuador Study Abroad Program. Bastidas taught multidisciplinary courses such as gender, environment, agriculture, intercultural practice, and community participation and has organized workshops in the areas of conflict management, governance, quantitative and qualitative methods, and gender studies.

Michele Rice holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from the Florida International University. She is a Florida Supreme Court Certified Mediator and is certified as an Inclusive Community Building Trainer. Rice has been an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Florida Memorial University (FMU) since 2003. From 2001-2003, she was with DCAR, first as a Postdoctoral Fellow and then as a Visiting Assistant Professor. Rice has worked on leadership and management teams to develop the operational infrastructure and community building programs for the community centers in CA and GA, groups in The Bahamas and elsewhere. She is currently part of a team working with the Turks and Caicos Government in implementing their Poverty Alleviation and Citizens Empowerment program.

Student News

All of the six students who sat for the CSA Comprehensive Exam on June 5, 2007 have passed the exam.

Nathalie Bello a Ph.D student at the Department of Family Therapy and executive director of SUPERB (Students United with Parents and Educators to Resolve Bullying) father an artist that moved here from New Orleans donated artworks to Superb. He also donated artwork for a silent FAMFT auction

Mr. Solomon Kuvinyu Losha is a Fulbright student from Cameroon, Africa. He is pursuing Ph.D. in Conflict Analysis & Resolution at SHSS. Solomon is the fourth child in a family of nine. Under these circumstances his family resources were never enough to provide for everybody in the family. As a little boy of 10 he was already working alongside his father, helping raise more money to supplement his meager family income. Solomon received a Cameroon Government Scholarship which took him through secondary education.

At the completion of High school he was awarded another government scholarship to study for his undergraduate degree in Sociology at the University of Yaounde. At the completion of his college studies, he was admitted to the advanced teacher training college of Yaounde, where he studied for two years to become a teacher trainer in Comparative education and Education Policies.

As a teacher trainer, Solomon worked for 10 years with the Ministry of National Education of Cameroon in different capacities, first as a teacher trainer in Mamfe's Government Teacher Training College and secondly, he worked as a Provincial Pedagogic Inspector for

French/English Bilingualism, and thirdly as a National Pedagogic Inspector for Bilingualism. While working as teacher trainer in Mamfe as a side activity, he coordinated the activities of the Peace and Justice Commission of the Catholic Diocese of the Manyu Division. This involvement in Peace and Justice Activities spurred in him the desire to know more on issues of Peace and Conflict. Through the joint financial assistance from the Austrian Government Development Scholarship and from Reverend father John Willet of Austria Solomon was able to complete his Master of Advanced Studies in Peace and Conflict Studies at the European Peace University in Austria. In 2005, he decided to go in for a doctoral degree and with the joint financial assistance from his Fulbright scholarship he has been able to pursue his doctoral studies at SHSS.
(See his photo available at
http://www.nova.edu/cwis/ia/pubaffairs/ebulletin/sneak_peeks/2005/dec13/shss peek.html as he is the first person sitting on the left side of the table in the picture)

Mr. Ronald Allan Salazar Mabunga. Ronald is a Fulbright scholarship recipient studying for his Ph.D.in the Dept. of Conflict Analysis & Resolution (DCAR) at SHSS. He was University Director of the Center for Linkages & Extension Services Philippine Normal University, responsible for establishing academic linkages with other institutions, locally and abroad and also for the community development services of the university. The Center is facilitating and coordinating the university activities and initiatives in terms of – academic and non-academic linkages, community extension, alumni relations, media and publicity relations as well as advocacy (for peace and human rights education, sustainable development and environmental education, good governance, and relief operation). In addition, he was a member of the university's administrative council for all activities and projects involved faculty, staff, undergraduate and graduates students from the Philippine Normal University and other academic and non-academic institutions. Ronald joined NSU last fall and has an extensive professional experience in teacher education having served as director, convener, lecturer and/or facilitator in a number of international and national conferences, seminars and training specifically in the areas of peace, education for tolerance, human rights, democracy, sustainable development, global education and social science education. He has presented and/or participated in international conferences and seminars in Australia (1996); Bangkok, Thailand (1997 & 2002); Brunei Darussalam (1998); Seoul, South Korea (1999 & 2001); Hong Kong (1999) and Shanghai (2003), China; Japan (2004); and Viet Nam (2004).

Hassan Khannenje, a Fulbright student of conflict analysis & resolution, came from Kenya, a country known best for its beautiful safari and marathon runners. He holds a Bachelor's degree in political science and history from the University of Nairobi. In 2003, he enrolled into the prestigious graduate Institute of Diplomacy & International Studies (IDIS), University of Nairobi, which was interrupted in late 2004 by a Fulbright fellowship offer that Hassan received to study in the U. S. In the fall of 2004, he was admitted to the Graduate Center for Social & Public Policy at Duquesne University. In the fall of 2006, he joined the Ph.D. program in the Dept. of Conflict Analysis & Resolution (DCAR) at SHSS. He has worked with groups and organizations that advocate and promote pacific approaches to dispute resolution in Kenya. Hassan wrote extensively on U.N. reform, Peacekeeping and Human rights in conflict ridden regions from multiple perspectives with a proven ability to maximize alternatives.

He has organized workshops; chaired Community Based Organizations and directed programs for the Supreme Council of Kenya Muslims. He also volunteered in the refugee resettlement program through University of Pittsburgh's Medical Center which in liaison with Catholic Charities helps refugees from Eastern Europe and Africa. He is currently serving as a Graduate Assistant with DCAR (His photo is attached below).

Kristy Dascoli, a doctoral candidate in marriage and family therapy at Nova Southeastern and a former Ohio State women's tennis player, has been elected to the Ohio State Athletics Hall of Fame. She is the fourth women's tennis player to be honored and the first since 1996.

Robin Rose, a Ph.D. student of the Dept. of Conflict Analysis & Resolution (DCAR) at the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, was appointed to the Executive Director of the OneCommUnity-Broward & Palm Beach, a not-for-profit human relations organization that has been committed to creating an inclusive community in South Florida. Rose was the Executive Director for A Season for Nonviolence, a not-for-profit organization founded by Arun Gandhi, grandson of M.K. Gandhi. She recently rode the Peace train with him, the late Yolanda King, and other living legends of peace and nonviolence.

Terry Morrow and Teri Williams, both doctoral students in the department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution at the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, recently participated in a national conference in Washington D.C. as members of the Peace Alliance, where they became empowered citizens for peace through the campaign for a United States Department of Peace.

The pair spent time learning about the growing campaign, meeting individuals from around the world who value peace, and lobbying our State Representatives on the Hill for a cabinet level Department of Peace that works in collaboration with governmental institutions. Initiating a positive, educational, and domestically driven forum will be the catalyst for change in this country and around the world.

Alumni News

Gregory M. Vecchi, Ph.D., is an alum from the Dept. of Conflict Analysis & Resolution (DCAR), and serves as Supervisory Special Agent of the Behavioral Science Unit for the FBI Academy. He has also been teaching in the Criminal Justice Institute (CJI) and the Executive Leadership Program, a partnership among the Broward Sheriff's Office, NSU and the Sheriff's Foundation of Broward County that focuses on the development of key leadership competencies. Dr. Vecchi was assigned to the FBI's Behavioral Science Unit (BSU) in January 2006. Dr. Vecchi began his service with the FBI in Miami in 1996, where he worked a variety of organized crime and drug matters. Dr. Vecchi became an auxiliary negotiator 1998 and was formally certified by the FBI in 2002 and later by the London Metropolitan Police Department in 2005. In his capacity as a field negotiator, Dr. Vecchi responded to numerous warrant and barricade situations; co-managed the Miami Crisis Negotiation Team; and trained local, state and federal law enforcement officers on a variety of crisis management and negotiation topics. In 2003, Dr. Vecchi was promoted and transferred to the FBI's Critical Incident Response Group (CIRG), where he was assigned to the Rapid Deployment/Logistics Unit (RDLU) and subsequently to the

Crisis Negotiation Unit (CNU) as a program manager. During his time at RDLU, Dr. Vecchi deployed to Iraq in support of counterterrorism operations and while assigned to CNU, he responded to and conducted research on international kidnapping situations. Prior to joining the FBI, Dr. Vecchi was a special agent/criminal investigator with the U.S. Department of Justice - Office of the Inspector General (OIG), U.S. Department of Agriculture - OIG, and the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division.

SHSS Alum Interviewed on PBS. Lidia Alejandra Puricelli received her Ph.D. from the family therapy program in 2006, and was interviewed on ISSUES: Child Obesity, which is being carried on WPBT Channel, a PBS station. This segment will air on July 6th, 2007 at 7:30 PM and again on July 8th at 12:30 PM. Dr. Puricelli received the Scholarship Award "The Healthy Kids Project" from the Quality of Life Council. She studied under the mentorship of Dr. Jim Hibel from the Dept. of Family Therapy. The project addressed childhood obesity to prevent or reduce the severity of childhood obesity, which can reduce health care expenditures and improve the quality and longevity of life for the at-risk segment of this population. The program was presented through collaboration with four YMCAs in Broward and Miami-Dade counties, serving as sites for the programs.

Alum and adjunct faculty member, **Thomas Matyok, Ph.D.** has been appointed as Assistant Professor in the Conflict Resolution program at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Lawrence E Hibbert, M.S.a graduate of the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution is a Professor/Faculty Advisor, Coordinator of the Criminal Justice Program, Union Institute & University, Florida Academic Center, North Miami Beach, Florida. Lawrence is the Academic Advisor to 28 undergraduate learners, Instructor of tutorials in business and criminal justice courses. He works with both full-time and adjunct faculty on committees, curriculum development, program policy etc.

As the coordinator of the Criminal Justice Program he is responsible for the following: Supervising a staff of four (4) professors, making arrangements for his staff to attend police roll calls and educational fairs, conducting orientations for new criminal justice learners at the start of each new semester, making sure that the criminal justice curriculum is up to date and the assignment of Criminal Justice adjunct professor as needed.

Paul Brugman a PhD graduate of the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution is currently working Roadpatrol as a Midnight Shift Commander. In addition to his responsibilities as a Patrol Lieutenant, he has also put together and taught several training course for both officers and supervisors in Conflict Resolution. These courses were included in their annual training to improve the officer’s skills in dealing with public conflicts as well as internal conflicts such as the receipt and processing of complaints.

Besides his work at the Davie Police Department, he has been working as an Adjunct Professor at the Union Institute and University. He began teaching in January 2003 after finishing Graduate School.

Michelle Cromwell, Ph.D., an alum of the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences,

and Assistant Professor of Social and Political Systems and Center Associate for Multicultural Curriculum at Pine Manor College in Massachusetts, taught Violence Prevention, and Communications & Conflict at the University of Calgary's Department of Sociology as a visiting scholar this summer. She also attended the International Peace Research Association's conference in Calgary.

Jeffrey Krepps, Ph.D., alumni of family therapy at Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, is Assistant Professor in the Department of Child Development and Family Relations, College of Human Ecology at the East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina. As a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist, Dr. Krepps teaches and conducts research in therapy as social construction, clinical process research, discourse analysis, family illness, and marriage & family therapy education and supervision.

H. WAYNE HUIZENGA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

M.B.A. Student Receives MacArthur Leadership Award

Captain David L. Jerkins, an M.B.A. student at the Huizenga School and a combat infantry officer in Alpha Company, Warrior Transition Unit in Fort Stewart, Georgia, was recently awarded the MacArthur Leadership Award for demonstrating the ideals for which General Douglas MacArthur stood: Duty, Honor and Country. Captain Jerkins competed against nominees from the US Army, Army National Guard and the US Army Reserve. As an award recipient, he attended a special ceremony and an informal reception sponsored by the Chief Staff of the Army (CSA) at the Pentagon, and received a memorandum of commendation from the CSA for placement in their official military personnel files. He also received a gold watch with the Association of the US Army (AUSA) logo and an engraved bronze bust of General MacArthur from the MacArthur Foundation. Additionally, his name is engraved in gold/brass in General MacArthur Hall.

Business School Develops Six New Corporate Clusters

The Huizenga School's long history of offering business degree programs on-site at corporate locations continues, as we proudly announce the development of six new corporate clusters beginning in the Fall 2007 semester. Master of Business Administration, Master of Public Administration, and Master of Science in Leadership programs will kick-off in October at the following companies: Piper Aircraft Headquarters in Vero Beach (M.B.A.), Baptist Health South Florida in Miami (M.B.A. and M.S. in Leadership), Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and Heart Institute in Fort Pierce (M.B.A.), Miami-Dade County governmental employees (M.P.A.), and the Palm Beach County Sheriffs Office (M.P.A.). The concept of a "cluster" involves faculty

members from the Huizenga School traveling to various corporate locations to teach weekend classes on-site.

Attend the Annual Fall Kick-Off Reception: September 20th
The Huizenga School along with NSU's cheerleaders, student athletes and coaches cordially invite you to join us for the annual Fall Kick-Off Reception/Cocktail Party on Thursday, September 20 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Carl DeSantis Building's Dr. William S. Spears Courtyard Atrium. Please RSVP by September 15 to Karen Gruenstrass at 954-262-5008 or gruenstr@nova.edu.

Doctoral Graduate Publishes Book on Online Teaching
Jim Mirabella, a Doctor of Business Administration graduate, recently coauthored the book *Make Money Teaching Online*, which was published in February 2007 by Wiley & Sons. As the book explains, the growing demand for online education exceeds the current supply of qualified instructors. The book goes into detail about how individuals with doctoral and master's degrees—even bachelor's degrees, retired military, experienced professionals and others—can find work in the field. Dr. Mirabella has taught courses at NSU in the B.S., M.B.A., D.B.A. and Ed.D. programs. As such, this book is based on his more than 20 years of classroom and online teaching experience. Purchase *Make Money Teaching Online* at Amazon or Barnes & Noble. For more information about the book, visit www.teachonlinebook.com or contact Dr. Mirabella directly at jim@teachonlinebook.com.

M.B.A. Student Establishes Nonprofit Organization
An M.B.A. student at the Huizenga School, Simone Brookins, established a nonprofit organization called The Institute of Life and Learning, Inc. in June 2006. The Institute of Life and Learning provides academic and social education to inner-city youth. Brookins' personal experience working at an inner city school motivated her to establish this organization. The knowledge gained from her M.B.A. classes will prepare her for success in expanding and growing her organization. Brookins explains that she is already putting her course work to good use. "For example, I've learned the importance of employee retention and motivation in my Human Resource Management course. In my Delivering Superior Customer Value course, I've learned the importance of meeting the needs of the customer, which in my case are the inner city youth." Brookins launched a fundraiser called the High Five Campaign last month, which will raise money to support her organization. For more information about donating, please visit http://www.lifeandlearning.org.

M.B.A. Graduate Named President of Interactive Marketing Association

Dan Alpert, Client Director and Digital Marketing Services Lead for the Ft. Lauderdale office of Avenue A | Razorfish, one of the largest interactive services firms in the world, has been named President of the South Florida Interactive Marketing Association (SFIMA) for the 2007-2008 year. The SFIMA is a non-profit forum for interactive professionals, businesses and educators dedicated to the exchange of ideas, information and best practices. Alpert holds an M.B.A. from the Huizenga School, certifications from the London Business School, and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Florida. He plans and directs

strategic marketing programs for the Southeast region of Avenue A | Razorfish, including rich media, search and relationship marketing programs. Alpert's project experience has included organizations such as Carnival Cruise Lines, ADT Security Systems, Hotels.com, Club Med and International Speedway Corporation. For additional information on SFIMA and its programs, visit www.sfima.com.

Doctor of Business Administration Alumnus Publishes Book

Dr. Rodney Oudan, alumnus of the Doctor of Business Administration in Marketing program and Assistant Professor of Marketing at Worcester State College in the Department of Business Administration and Economics, recently published a book entitled *Market Orientation, Benefits to Firm and Economic Development*. The book is published by the leading German publishing company VDM Verlag Dr. Muller. In his book, Dr. Oudan asserts that with an increasing trend toward globalization, trade liberalization and a digital world economy, companies need to be market-oriented if they are to remain competitive and improve their performance in the marketplace. The book is available at Amazon.com, Borders, Barnes & Noble, Booksmith and most other booksellers.

Business Students and Staff Members Team-Up to Help Habitat for Humanity

Fifteen Graduate Business Student Association (GBSA) members and several staff members from the Huizenga School teamed-up on Saturday August 18 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. to work on four Pompano Beach homes that were being constructed by the Broward Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. The diligent team consisted of painters, diggers and roofers. The Huizenga School team consisted of Krystal-Gayle O'Neil, GBSA acting President, Dr. Albert Williams, GBSA Faculty Advisor, and the following other students and staff members: Abraham Auguste, Tashanti Berry, Vanessa Carmona, Jeremiah Chapman, Lilibeth Hernandez, David Lester, Neema Moraveji, Farieza Osman, Syam Ramnarine, and Narika Williams, Debbie Etienne, Brandi Nottingham, and Henry Ponciano.

M.B.A. Student Wins Monthly $100,000 Challenge

Neville Maycock, an M.B.A. in Finance student at the Huizenga School, was the February 2007 monthly award winner in the Zacks $100,000 Challenge. The Zacks $100,000 Challenge is a nationwide talent search to find the best traders and stock writers in the Zacks.com community. Being a monthly winner gives Neville the opportunity to win a $100,000 one-year contract from Zacks.com. Click here to view Neville's current contest portfolio and blog. More information on the Zacks.com contest can be found at http://woas.zacks.com/zcom/challenge/about.html.

Faculty and Students Present at Academy of Management Conference

The annual Academy of Management Conference was held in Philadelphia last month. Many faculty members and students from the Huizenga School were able to attend the conference,

where they presented their research at various sessions. Many also had papers that were accepted by the Academy of Management. Nearly 10,000 academicians and administrators from around the globe attended the conference. The following Huizenga School professors attended the event: Jane Gibson, D.B.A.; Terrell Manyak, Ph.D.; Regina Greenwood, D.B.A.; Claire Gong Ph.D.; and Bahaudin Mujtaba, D.B.A.

Master's Student Gets National News Coverage for Coffee Company
Jonathan Evans, a Master of International Business Administration student at the Huizenga School, recently received national news coverage for his renowned coffee business. Jonathan is the CEO and owner of North Carolina-based DaSilva coffee, a highly regarded small-scale Brazilian coffee company. DaSilva was recently spotlighted in an article written by Susan Buchanan, a Dow Jones Reporter, where Jonathan was documented for his "sustainable coffee" business efforts. The story was picked up by several national news sources including FlexNews.com, Streetinsider.com, Smartmoney.com, News.morningstar.com and CNNMoney.com. For more information, visit www.DaSilvaUSA.com.

Doctoral Candidate Publishes Book
Matthew G. Kenney, Doctor of Business Administration candidate, recently published his first book entitled "Entrepreneurship: Myths, Realities, and Rewards." According to Matthew, "Embarking upon an entrepreneurial career is a paradoxical experience. It can simultaneously be rewarding and terrifying. Taking the plunge may be easier if you remember that entrepreneurship isn't just about being self-employed, it's about being yourself. It is the pursuit of fulfilling your true potential, of simultaneously bettering your life, the lives of others, and managing your career on your terms." His book is not intended to convince readers to start or buy a business, rather the intent is to debunk the 20 most common myths he encountered as both a business school professor and practicing entrepreneur. The text is available on Amazon.com and Borders.com.

Huizenga School Participates in Coral Springs College and University Partnership
The City of Coral Springs, in conjunction with the Coral Springs Economic Development Foundation, Inc., has coordinated efforts with local colleges and universities to provide degree and non-degree courses within Coral Springs to the residents of northern Broward County. This program, entitled the Coral Springs College and University Partnership, was established in 2005 and currently encompasses three partners offering associates, bachelors, and masters degrees, as well as continuing education classes: Broward Community College, Barry University, and Nova Southeastern University's Huizenga School. Courses currently being offered are: Business, Public Administration, Technology, Education, Professional Training, Languages. For more information on these and other course offerings, please visit www.csup.org.

Huizenga School Graduate Lands Job at 5th Largest Accounting Firm in U.S.
Maritery Batista, a 2002 Master of Business Administration graduate, recently landed a job as a tax associate at RSM McGladrey Inc., the fifth largest accounting firm in the U.S. and the sixth largest firm globally. In addition, Maritery is currently working on sitting for the CPA exam, and hopeful for entering NSU's LLM program in taxation. She also owns an international marketing/consulting firm, B&B Global Inc. For more information or to contact Maritery, email maritery.batista@rsmi.com.

MBA Graduate Starts Successful Construction Company
Jessica Hoppe, a 2003 graduate of the MBA in Entrepreneurship program, has found entrepreneurial success in the start-up of Hops Construction Inc. Hops Construction, the sister/brother owned construction business, specializes in custom bathroom remodeling. The company's success and growth over the past year indicates that Hops' superior quality, specialization and detailed service are well received by its consumers. "I know the growth we have experienced can be attributed to the knowledge I attained from the Huizenga School. With every class catering to small business needs, I was able to learn the details necessary to become proficient in each area of business so that I could hire the best professionals to fuel our growth. With every new business I start, I realize the value of the education I received at NSU has allowed me to turn each into a success," said Jessica. For more information, please visit us at www.hopsconstruction.com, or contact Jessica at 954-292-7067.

Florida Marlins Award Huizenga School with Scholarship
The Florida Marlins recently awarded the Huizenga School with a $2500 scholarship, which is designated for a student registered in the B.S. in Sport and Recreation Management degree program. Nancy Olson, Executive Director of the Florida Marlins Community Foundation, presented the cheque to representatives from NSU on the field before the game on Friday, July 20, when the Marlins took on the Cincinnati Reds. It was a night of fun, excitement, and a big bonus win for the Marlins—with a final score of 10–2. Several hundred alums, faculty, staff and friends were in attendance to represent NSU.

Hudson Institute Graduates Broward County Employees
Nova Southeastern University's Hudson Institute of Entrepreneurship and Executive Education is pleased to announce the graduation of 15 Broward County employees who recently completed the Customer Service Professional Certificate Program. This online certificate program incorporates subjects such as customer relations, professional development, team building and valuing diversity. In addition to the Customer Service Professional Program, the Hudson Institute offers more than 40 executive education certificate programs in areas such as leadership, coaching, communication, selling, management, conflict resolution, strategy, accounting, finance, and more. For more information about the Hudson Institute, visit www.huizenga.nova.edu/ExecEd/ or call 954.262.5137.

Economics Professor Wins National Dance-Off
Congratulations Dr. Craig Bythewood, the #1 Dancing Daddy from Tampa Florida. Dr. Bythewood is a current professor of economics for the Huizenga School who teaches at the Tampa Student Educational Center. He recently competed in a dance-off presented by Hallmark and won a 42" screen TV, $5000, and the opportunity to appear on The Today Show. By winning the local contest he was entered into a national contest against seven other contestants from across the country. Click here for more details about the contest and to view his video.

International Business Professor Has Papers Accepted at Annual Meeting
Ruth Clarke, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Chair of International Business at the Huizenga School, attended the Academy of International Business Annual Meeting in Indianapolis from June 25-28. Dr. Clarke led the Seminar in Academic Research with nine DBA students.

Additionally, she also had three peer reviewed papers accepted, which were coauthored with her students. One of the papers authored by Paul Stephenson and Dr. Clarke was accepted for the AIB Paper Development Workshop held prior to the conference. The three accepted papers are listed below:

1) Susan Scott and Ruth Clarke, “The Role of Social Capital in Creating Effective Global Supply Chains.”
2) Jennifer Isern and Ruth Clarke, “E-banking in Emerging Markets: Shifting the Competitive Landscape.”
3) Paul Stephenson and Ruth Clarke, “International Market Entry and Organizational Competency Development: A Case Study of a Russian Oil and Gas Joint Venture.”

Doctoral Students and Professor to Present Papers in London
Two Huizenga School Doctor of Business Administration students have coauthored papers with Professor Michael Bendixen, Ph.D., Chair and Professor of Research Methods and Decision Sciences. Both papers were accepted at the POMS College of Service Operations annual conference to be held at the London Business School from July 12-13. Jennifer Isern and Dr. Bendixen will be presenting a paper entitled "Outsourcing for Financial Service Providers: A Decision Framework." Stephen Willis and Dr. Bendixen will be presenting a paper entitled "A Review of Call Center Measurements." Both of these papers were the result of term papers that the students wrote for the Operations Management course.

MBA Student Publishes Two Articles
Judy Li, a current graduate student and the Information Systems Business/Social Sciences Librarian the Alvin Sherman Library recently had two of her published articles cited in the “22nd Annual Bibliography of SLA Business and Finance Division Authors 2006-2007" for the Special Library Association 2007 Annual Conference. The conference was held in Denver, Colorado from June 3-6. The two cited articles are: "Review of Market Women: Black Women Entrepreneurs - Past, Present and Future" and "Swinging Between Academic and Public Librarianship."

MIBA Graduate Gets Position at Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines
Bina Patel, a recent graduate from the Master of International Business Administration program, recently accepted a position with Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines as an Ocean Traffic Coordinator. Ruth Clarke, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Chair of International Business at the Huizenga School, recommended Bina for this position.

Executive Education Management Program is a Success in the Bahamas
The Hudson Institute of Entrepreneurship and Executive Education is pleased to announce the completion of a highly successful two-week Management Development Program that was offered to more than 100 executives of the Bahamas Electricity Corporation. The program was held at the NSU Bahamas Student Educational Center, and was coordinated in conjunction with the staff at the Bahamas SEC. The program concluded with a capstone session on June 15, which included a closing presentation by the Minister of Public Works.

MAILMAN SEGAL INSTITUTE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES

The Mailman Segal Institute's Family Center Parenting Place and Family Center Preschool received the coveted "Best of the Best" award for excellence in South Florida children's programming. A reader-voted award, South Florida Parenting Magazine is the largest magazine for parents in the South Florida Community.

The institute's Interim Dean, Dr. Roni Leiderman, published her 365 Activities series: *365 Activities You and Your Baby Will Love, 365 Activities You and Your Toddler Will Love, 365 Activities You and Your Preschooler Will Love, The Parent's Guide to Play*, and *1001 Activities for the First 5 Years* for the Gymboree Corporation. The books detail fun, affordable activities that are developmentally appropriate and build rich relationships between caregivers and children.

The institute's Drs. Christine Reeve and Susan Kabot will be presenting at the September 2007 NATTAP (Network of Autism Training and Technical Assistance Programs) Conference. Dr. Kabot's talk, *Case Studies in System Change Efforts: Developing and Supporting School Systems' Autism Programs*; are actual field experiences taken from her work with the MSI Autism Consortium consulting arm. Dr. Reeve will present, *Online Learning Can Be Fun: Getting Adult Students Engaged from a Distance*, practices she implements as MSI's Director of Graduate Academics.

The institute completed its community outreach challenge campaign to raise funds for outreach initiatives in underserved communities within Broward County. The endowment, housed at the Community Foundation of Broward and established by a lead gift from Jim & Jan Moran, will enable the institute to continue to take its parenting and professional training programs into communities where they are most needed. The endowment campaign goal was $2 million including a $1 million gift from Jim & Jan Moran, and a $333,000 matching grant from the Kresge Foundation secured in December 2003.

OCEANOGRAPHIC CENTER

Oceanographic Center's Guy Harvey Research Institute Billfish Research Receives Extensive National and International Media Coverage

A scientific study published in the journal *Bulletin of Marine Science* by **Mahmood Shivji,** Ph.D., director of the Guy Harvey Research Institute with his graduate students and collaborators from NOAA Fisheries in Miami has received national and international coverage in over 120 media outlets. His genetics research validated the existence of a previously unrecognized billfish species, (roundscale spearfish), in the western Atlantic ocean. The study showed that this species is virtually indistinguishable from the fabled white marlin that is threatened with extinction due to over-fishing.
The close resemblance between the two species has likely caused species misidentifications in the catch records. Consequently, previous population estimates of the already diminished white marlin stocks may have been overestimated. This discovery of the roundscale spearfish and potential for species mix-ups has

triggered new population assessments of the white marlin to determine if it should be prohibited from fishing by listing it under the U.S. Endangered Species Act.

White Marlin *Photo by Guy Harvey*

Roundscale spearfish *Photo: G. Hinteregger*

NSUOC's research has been reported in worldwide media (Germany, UK, South Africa, Canada, Romania), including prominent U.S. venues such as the *Washington Post*, *National Public Radio* (All Things Considered Show), and *Science Magazine*.

Many of the media reports are available on the Guy Harvey Research Institute web site: http://www.nova.edu/ocean/ghri/

Dan Rather Tapes Show on Coral Reefs at the Oceanographic Center

Dan Rather interviews Dr. Richard Dodge

Dan Rather visited the NSU Oceanographic Center for a day in March to gather material for his television news show *Dan Rather Reports* on the cable/DirectTV channel HDNET. The show features field reports that include politics, international affairs, and the environment. The NSUOC segment aired on April 3**.** In researching a story on the fate of coral reefs, Rather and his staff became aware of the coral reef research being done by scientists of the NSU National Coral Reef Institute (NCRI), and of the upcoming 11th International Coral Reef Symposium coming to Fort Lauderdale in 2008 that NCRI is helping organize. Rather extensively interviewed OC Dean **Richard Dodge**, Ph.D. who is also Executive Director of the National Coral Reef Institute (NCRI). During his visit, Rather met many of the OC scientists and staff.

The interview equipment being set up in the lobby of the OC.

After the interview he was shown the coral laboratory where he was informed of the coral reproduction/restoration project that was taking place. He was shown maps of the coastline and how close the reefs are to Port Everglades. Dodge explained that due to the poor placement of the anchorage sites, ships have drifted into the reefs causing groundings that destroy the coral.

Dan Rather is flanked by (L-R) Ph.D. candidate Abby Renegar and researcher Alison Moulding, Ph.D. in the coral lab as Dick. Dodge looks on.

Rather also marveled at the picture of ancient star coral that was discovered in the waters south of the Port Everglades Inlet in 2005. The coral had been dated by Ph.D. candidate **Kevin Helmle** to at least 1694, making it possibly the oldest living animal in southeast Florida.

Following the interview and tour of the labs, Rather was treated to lunch provided by the NSU catering service and got to meet many of the faculty, staff and students of NSUOC.

NSU OC Student Studies

Whale Sharks Tagged for Research!

A Really Big Mouth: Whale shark feeding (Photo Matthew Potenski)

M.S. student **Matthew Potenski** recently completed five months of field research in Tanzania, on the east coast of Africa. During his time there he observed and tagged whale sharks (*Rhincodon typus*) in the waters surrounding Mafia Island, Tanzania. Potenski works on a volunteer basis as a shark biologist for the New Jersey-based non-profit organization, the Shark Research Institute (SRI - www.sharks.org). Potenski split time between living onboard the *M/V Kairos* (www.thekairoscompany.com), a French-owned 300 ton live-aboard dive vessel and on Mafia Island itself, at a compound owned by the Tanzanian office of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF – www.panda.org). WWF also provided funding for equipment, especially the pop-up archival (PAT) satellite tags to be deployed in the study.

The M/V Kairos (Photo by Matthew Potenski)

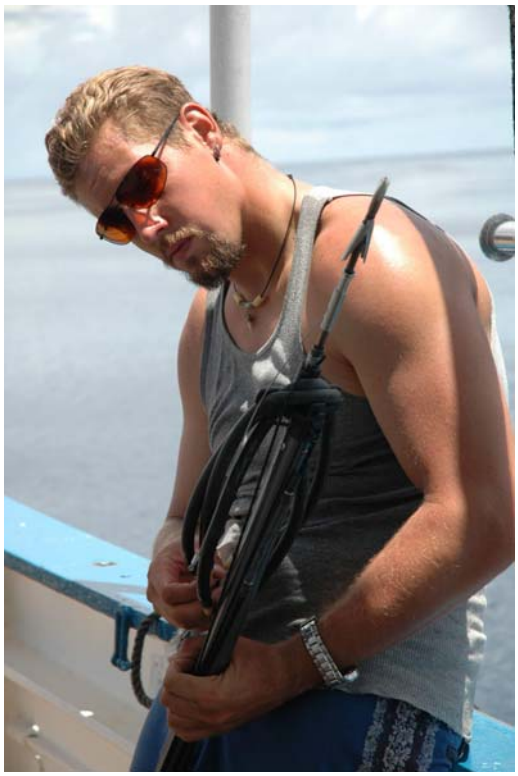
Whale sharks have been discovered to aggregate in Kilindoni Bay off of Mafia Island, the southernmost island of the Zanzibar Archipelago in Tanzania. The island sits offshore from the Rufiji River delta, and the nutrients from the river runoff must collect in this area and feed the thick, green soup of phytoplankton that is prevalent in this area. Whale sharks are filter feeders, and migrate over huge distances, stopping in strategic spots to feed. They must have discovered this veritable bonanza of plankton and started to exploit the resource as a stop in their travels. All the sharks here are juveniles, with individuals ranging in length from roughly 3-8 meters. While these are not small animals, the whale shark is the largest fish in the ocean and can attain sizes up to around 15-17 meters. These giants calmly swim along the surface with their wide mouths agape, gorging themselves on microscopic prey. They can be spotted by looking for their large, rounded dorsal fins breaking the surface, as well as their heads and tails bobbing up and down and sometimes breaking the surface. They are surprisingly graceful for their size, and seeing them underwater as they glide by in a flash of spots is truly an amazing experience not soon forgotten.

The goals of the study of whale sharks in Tanzanian waters is to characterize the population, determine migratory pathways, and add habitat use information to our overall understanding of whale sharks.

Visual ID tags and satellite telemetry tags were deployed to try and gain insights into their migratory patterns. The ID tagging also helped determine a base population number while *in-situ* observations served to determine the demography of the population. Each whale shark has a spot pattern as unique as our fingerprints, and images were captured of each shark for photo-ID. The images can be analyzed by software that makes a 2D referenced spot-map, and then compares multiple maps for overlap. The software is being used by whale shark monitoring programs across the Indian Ocean (Seychelles,

Maldives, Mozambique, South Africa, and Australia) and a cooperative effort to create a database of shark images (and thus population estimate) for the entire ocean basin is currently being collected. Tags were attached to the whale shark via standard NMFS-style Casey tag dart anchors (albeit super sized for the whale sharks). The anchor was shot into the left dorsal of the whale sharks with a spear-gun having a specially modified tagging head on the spear. The skin in this area can be up to 10 inches thick and the methodology has proved to be minimally invasive to the sharks. The deployment of in-situ tags is required due to the fact that a whale shark cannot be captured to apply a tag like most shark species.

PAT satellite tags were also deployed. These tags remain on the shark for a set amount of time (2, 8, or 12 month intervals in this study) and record information about temperature, depth, and light intensity. At the end of the interval, the tags pops off the tether and floats to the surface where it beams all the data to the ARGOS satellite system where it is made available to the researcher. The tags are a great way to increase our observation time of an animal that spends it life in a cryptic environment and in limited use has already caused us to totally rethink whale shark habitat use. The only drawback is price – each tag costs $4,000 USD, and studies can get expensive quickly.



Matthew Potenski with speargun used in tagging

The field season was a large success. Twenty-five whale sharks were marked with ID tags and thirty-three were identified from photos. Eight PAT tags were deployed on ID tagged individuals. Potenski also worked closely with WWF and the local community on Mafia Island to set up an ongoing whale shark survey program to look for whale sharks year round. Potenski will return to Mafia Island in October for a six month field season as year two of the research project.

Tags showing on a young whale shark.

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Profs. **Charles Messing,** Ph.D**.** and **Richard Spieler,** Ph.D**.** and students in the Deep-Water Ecology of the Strait of Florida class loaded the Research Vessel *Suncoaster* (Florida Institute of Oceanography) and departed Port Everglades on the evening of May 13 for an offshore deep-water trawling and dredging expedition. Although the cruise was cut short by unexpectedly strong winds and rough seas, they made five very successful collections at depths ranging from about 215 to 425 meters. The Isaacs-Kidd midwater trawl, launched after dark to take advantage of the many invertebrates and fishes that migrate toward the surface from deep water at night, brought up prambugs (the model for the alien in *Aliens*), krill, bizarre shrimps, a silvery and silver-dollar-size hatchetfish, a tiny black dragonfish with a luminous chin lure, and a host of gelatinous plankton.

Three successive hauls at greater and greater depths with the otter trawl brought up seastars, urchins, crabs, sea anemones, thumbnail squid, brilliant yellow and orange dragonets, a wide-mouthed goosefish the size of a large frying pan, pink shovel-nosed armored searobins, a vertically striped boarfish like a card-deck diamond, blind electric rays and beautifully patterned little sharks called chain dogfish. The final haul, made at the foot of the Miami Terrace with the heavy-duty Cape Town dredge, brought up chunks of ancient terrace limestone blackened by deposits of the mineral phosphorite, fan sponges, lace corals, snake stars, and a giant orange sea spider almost a foot across. The class will spend next weekend sorting through the catch, identifying as many creatures as possible and adding them to the lab's collection.

NCRI faculty member **Sam Purkis**, Ph.D. gave an invited Keynote presentation at the European Remote Sensing conference (EARSeL) held April 23-25 in the historic Belgium city of Bruges. The presentation was entitled, “Remote sensing the statistics of coral reef landscapes: The pattern in the pages,” and highlights the work Purkis has been doing on the fractal properties of coral habitats.

During a break in the proceedings, Sam Purkis (L) discusses reef remote sensing systems with Tony Vanderstraete from the University of Gent, Belgium

M.S. student **Meghan Bills**, attended the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic Marine Mammal Symposium (SEAMAMMS) March 16-18, at the Duke University Marine Lab in Beaufort, NC. Meghan presented a poster entitled "Temporal and Spatial distribution of the Atlantic Bottlenose Dolphin, *Tursiops truncatus*, along the Northwest Atlantic Coastline" that describes the preliminary results of her M.S. thesis research. Co-Authors on the poster were. Lance Garrison, Ph.D. (NOAA Fisheries Southeast Fisheries Science Center in Miami, FL) and Edward O. Keith, Ph.D., (NSUOC).

OTHER NEWS

Coral Lab Has Babies!!

Saturday night, May 12 the first captive coral spawning occurred in the NSUOC's new outdoor coral husbandry system. The spawning yielded larval *Porites astreoides*, which were collected and transferred to settlement tanks in the Coral Ecology Laboratory, where experiments to determine preference for settlement substrate will take place.

The coral husbandry system, which has made captive coral spawning a possibility at the NSUOC, is comprised of four large raceways holding over 450 gallons each, a 500 gallon holding tank and a 10' tall protein skimmer. The system was fabricated and constructed over the past few months by **Alison Moulding** PhD, and research assistants **Abby Reneger** and **Adam St. Gelais**.

The parent *P. astreoides* colonies were collected from reefs off Broward County on May 11 and placed in the outdoor system inside specially constructed larval collection buckets. Each of the ten buckets has its own water inflow and an overflow into a plastic container with 120-micron mesh sides. When larvae are released by the colony, they flow out of the bucket and into the mesh cup where they can be collected.

A topside view of "parent" Porites asteroids *coral*

Allison Moulding checks on the corals.

Larval release is synchronized with lunar cycles, and *P. astreoides* is known to release larvae nocturnally a few days before or after the new moon, primarily in April and May. Each morning the collection cups are checked for larvae and brought into the lab if they are present.

Once in the lab, the larvae are individually separated from the collection cups and divided between experimental settlement tanks as needed. Different substrate choices will be provided for the larvae in hopes of determining settlement preferences.

Adam St.Gelais carefully transfers the larvae for placement in settling tank.

As the spawning season progresses, Moulding plans on attempting the same techniques with a number of other species including *Montastraea cavernosa* and *Siderastrea siderea*. Captive coral spawning holds exciting potential for reseeding coral reefs with captive raised colonies.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

On May 15 **Edward O. Keith,** Ph.D., was awarded an NSU President's Faculty Research and Development Grant for his proposal entitled "Field Testing of Sonar Fishfinders for Manatee Avoidance Technology". Watercraft related mortality is the major "known" cause of manatee mortality in Florida (25% of all mortality between 1977-2006). This project aims to develop technology designed to alert vessel operators to the presence of manatees in sufficient time for them to either reduce speed or take evasive action, thus reducing vessel related manatee mortality. Interphase Technologies (Soquel, CA) and Techsonic Industries, Inc. (Eufaula, AL) both manufacture a number of different sonar units, and these will be evaluated and modified to develop such a manatee alert system.

Due to difficulties in obtaining the requisite permits to conduct such testing on free-living manatees in the United States, the field testing will be conducted in Mexico in collaboration with David Leon Olivera, Ph.D. at the Universidad Juarez Autonoma de Jalisco, in Villahermosa, Mexico. Most of the work described in this proposal will be conducted by a graduate student at the NSU Oceanographic Center, and the results of these investigations will comprise this student's master's thesis. Undergraduate students from the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences will participate in the field testing of the sonar units at the NSUOC using simulated manatee targets fabricated from wood and plastic. Total funds awarded under this grant are $10,000, one-half coming from NSU, and one-fourth each coming from **Richard Dodge**, Dean of the Oceanographic Center and **Don Rosenblum**, Dean of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences. The Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF) has provided an additional $1600 in matching funds to support this project.

SHEPARD BROAD LAW CENTER

NSU Law Center Welcomes New Class of 1Ls

The new incoming class of 322 day students and 67 evening students were welcomed with a week long orientation program covering the nuts and bolts of law school including briefing, note taking, lawyering skills and values, and laptop training. Dean Harbaugh welcomed the new students in his home for six enjoyable "dine with the dean" evenings. Each class section was given an opportunity to enjoy some fine fare while socializing informally with classmates, law faculty, and senior administration.

Launch of Innovative Law Course in Consumer Protection

The Law Center has announced the launch of a course in Consumer Protection examining the regulation of unfair and deceptive trade practices under the common law, the Federal Trade Commission Act, administrative regulations and decisions, policy statements, and the Florida Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act. The course is designed and taught by Michael Flynn, Professor of Law. A unique feature of this new and innovative course is that students enrolled must also perform 24 hours of volunteer work at the Broward County Consumer Affairs Department during that semester.

Innovative Master of Science Degree in Health Law Program (M.S.H.L.) Graduates Its Fifth Class

The Law Center held its fifth Master of Science Degree in Health Law (M.S.H.L.) commencement ceremony on July 7 at the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center. Twenty-three students from nine states traveled to Fort Lauderdale to celebrate their completion

of the rigorous online two-year program designed to education non-lawyer health care professionals about health-related legal issues. The key commencement address was given by Executive Vice President of Biomedical Services and Former Interim President and CEO of the American Red Cross, John F. "Jack" McGuire. Student speakers included Diane Benfield and Cathy McCreadie. The M.S.H.L. program is taught almost entirely over the Internet with the exception of three short residential sessions held on campus annually in July. The program is designed for full-time practitioners, administrators, military personnel, nurses, risk managers, and leaders in the health care industry.

Children and Families Clinic Victory

In June, the NSU Children and Families Law Clinic and Professors Michael Dale and Timothy Arcaro represented an 18-year-old unwed father in his efforts to set aside an adoption proceeding in Broward County and obtain legal custody of his newborn child. After nine different lawyers refused to represent the father in this case, Professors Dale and Arcaro agreed to represent him on behalf of the Clinic as the spring semester was ending. They filed pleadings challenging the constitutionality of the Florida Putative Father Registry and sought the return of their client's child. On July 11 they received a 13 page order ruling in their client's favor even though the court did not reach the constitutional questions presented. The court ordered that the father should have his child returned to him within three weeks; he has not seen his child since the child was removed from the hospital shortly after birth and placed for adoption without his knowledge or consent in December, 2006. The case is a tremendous victory for NSU Law's client even though there may be an appeal.

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Recognize NSU Children and Families Clinic

The NSU Children and Families Clinic, Professor Brion Blackwelder, and Professor Tim Arcaro have been formally recognized by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for their work on behalf of internationally abducted children. The Award of Merit reads: "In recognition of and appreciation for outstanding commitment to the protection of children and knowledge of the Hague Convention on The Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. Issued this 22nd day of June 2007."

Professor Timothy Arcaro Receives 2007 Faculty Professionalism Award

Professor Timothy Arcaro was the unanimous choice of the Florida Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism and The Florida Bar Standing Committee on Professionalism to receive the 2007 Faculty Professionalism Award. The Award was presented to Professor Arcaro by Justice Raoul G. Cantero, Chair of the Florida Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism, at the annual Florida Bar meeting in June.

NSU Law's Lawyering Skills and Values (LSV) Program Receives Top Ranking

For the first time ever, NSU Law's LSV program made the *U.S. News and World Report* specialty rankings for legal writing. NSU was ranked #30 out of all 191 accredited law schools. The top 40 are listed on their Web site. NSU and Stetson were the only Florida schools on the list.

Southeast Legal Writing Conference
The Law Center was host to the Southeast Legal Writing Conference held September 7 and 8 with over 60 attendees. The conference was geared towards legal research and writing faculty with "Teaching the Basics: Practical Ideas for the Legal Writing Classroom" as its theme. The keynote speaker was Professor Peter Joy, Washington University School of Law and past president of the Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA). He is one of the primary authors of *Best Practices for Legal Education: A Vision & A Road Map.*

Bioterrorism Event
In response to federal, state, tribal, and local governments' focus on an appropriate legal environment for public health emergencies, the Law Center hosted, under the direction of Leonard Levy, D.P.M, M.P.H., a one day CLE seminar on September 8 to address "reshaping the legal landscape to effectuate emergency responses" and to give recognition to the fact that the judiciary is an essential component in public health readiness. This program brought together legal and public health officials to provide preparedness training related to all-hazards emergency planning, public health law, and courts preparedness as it impacts practicing attorneys, prosecutors, and members of the judiciary at the local, state, and national levels.

Faculty News

Professor Stephanie Aleong's article, "Green Medicine: Using Lessons from Tort and Environmental Law to Hold Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Distributors Liable for Injury Caused by Counterfeit Drug," will appear in Volume 69 of the *University of Pittsburgh Law Review*, with an expected publication date of February 2008.

For the fourth time in the past six years, the California Bar Examination (July, 2007) included a question written by Professor Anthony Chase.

Two books that Professor Joel Mintz co-authored were published recently. *Environmental Enforcement: Cases and Materials* (co-written with Professors Clifford Rechtschaffen and Robert Kuehn and published, with a teacher's manual, by Carolina Academic Press) is the first law school casebook on that topic. State *and Local Taxation and Finance in a Nutshell*, 3d ed. (co-authored with Professor Peter Salsich, Jr. and published by Thomson West) is a substantially revised, expanded edition of the same book that Salsich and he wrote (together with the late David Gelfand) in 2000.

Associate Dean Gail Levin Richmond was quoted in the *Wall Street Journal* on July 18 in the article, "When the IRS Shows Mercy to Home Sellers." Dean Richmond was invited to join the ABA Tax Section Committee on Government Submissions. Unlike membership on the substantive tax committees, COGS membership is by invitation only. COGS members review substantive committees' proposed submissions to governmental bodies for conformity to ABA and Tax Section policy, overall style, etc.

Professor Florence Shu-Acquaye is the recipient of the Quiet Storm Award for her work with women who are living with HIV/AIDS in Cameroon, Africa. The award was presented at the 5th

Annual Women's Power Caucus, South Florida, "Moving from Good to Better to Great" on August 25, at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66 Resort in Fort Lauderdale.

UNIVERSITY SCHOOL

PREPARATIONS FOR SACS, FCIS, FKC AND AISF RE-ACCREDITATIONS

University School is preparing for its 5-year SACS visit along with other primary accreditations that include Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS), Florida Kindergarten Council (FKC) and the Association of Independent Schools of Florida (AISF). Committees representing all three University School academic divisions and all constituencies have begun the self-study process of evaluation and assessment of goals and action plans for school improvement. Among the focal points are student learning and instructional methodology, student life, professional development and informational technologies. Embedded within the school improvement plan is the following University School QEP initiative:

Focus: Enhancing student academic engagement by improving the quantity and quality of communication among and between students, faculty and parents.

Context: University School students, faculty and administration identified an opportunity to enhance the quantity and quality of communication between students and teachers by improving the multiple modes and availability of face-to-face communication between the groups

Input:

- Conduct pre and post surveys with students, faculty and parents to increase modes of communication
- Conduct pre and post surveys with students, faculty and parents to increase availability of communication
- Increase use of WebCT as a communication venue to heighten academic dialogue, critical thinking and information exchange

Process:

- Semi-annual QEP Objective Seminar
- Semi-annual QEP Leadership Team Meeting
- Annual QEP Process and Product Report

Product:

- A more effective use of and integration of WebCT application by teachers
- A more effective use of WebCT by students for discussions and assignments
- Increased student achievement based on increased student learning time
- Increased level of information exchange via WebCT
- Increased level of information for parents

SUMMER PROGRAMS:

Camp NOVA 2007 continues to excel in day camp experiences and surpasses other camps with its availability of specialist core camp choices. Camp Nova launched the 2007 summer fun with "Making a Difference". Camp Nova is committed not only providing a safe, fun and learning environment; but has the goal of making a difference in the social development of all its campers through positive interactions. Camp Nova was led by Camp Director, Dr. Stephen Marten for the second year and Administrative Assistant, Dana Buss along with a cohort of camp counselors ranging from highly qualified teachers/staff all the way to outstanding High School students.

Camp Nova provides children (Ages 5-13) the opportunity to choose from 25 different programs as well as some exceptional programs including Magicamp, Lovewell Drama, and many athletic camps. Guitar continued to grow in its second year, digital photography was incorporated into computers while Chess was a great success in its inaugural year.

Camp Nova's overall enrollment in 2007 reached unprecedented high numbers. Weekly summaries ranged from 359 campers all the way up to 448 campers on a weekly basis which represented a 9% increase on the record year of 2006.

Summer Scholars is a 4 week academic skills enrichment program designed for local children in grades kindergarten through fifth. This half-day program, which enrolled over 60 youngsters, seeks to enhance literacy through innovative and individualized instruction in reading, math and writing.

Middle School Academic Camps, including Algebra, Keyboarding, Literature, and Introduction to Middle School Years, enrolled more than 120 students in grades 6 through 8 who attended daily to hone and refine academic competencies.

Upper School offered a summer session from June 11 to June 29. The school day was scheduled to run from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm and classes were held in the Sonken Building. The courses did, in some instances, satisfy credits toward graduation, thus opening up students' schedules for electives or other academic courses. Other courses (for no credit) were for review and improvement in a subject with the aim of making headway into the next school year. Programs included **Fundamentals of Algebra and Geometry (no credit), Expository Writing (½ credit), Health (½ credit), SAT Prep (no credit), Personal Fitness (½ credit) and Spanish I – II (1 credit).**

The Sonken building also hosted the AP Summer Institute sponsored by the Fischler School of Education. Courses were offered from June 27th through July 19th and covered the areas of Art History, Micro and Macro Economics, French Language, Statistics, Biology, English Language B, Music Theory, Studio Art, Calculus AB, English Literature B or E, Physics B & C, U.S. Government, Calculus BC, Environmental Science, Psychology, U.S. History, Chemistry, European History, and Spanish Language.

ADMINISTRATIVE INITIATIVES AND GOALS

University School administrators attended an administrative retreat hosted by the Headmaster in August, 2007. The focus of the working retreat event was upon establishing high levels of client satisfaction through increased quality of service. The following action plans were designed to

increase customers' perceptions of value and appreciation for the education provided at all grade levels and across academics, athletics and activities.

I. Communication
   a. Every member of the leadership team receives a copy of all emails sent to parents
   b. Develop a communication format for monthly director email messages to parents to promote consistency and quality of communiqué.
      i. Focus on positives
      ii. Consistent messages across divisions

II. Build a collaborative, decision-making process and focus on faculty development
   a. Have regular, academic director meetings to complement vertical team to build and expand the PK-12 articulation. (Dr. Blinder will facilitate with Lois scheduling meetings)
   b. Create cross-training opportunities for members of the vertical team as well as faculty
      i. Establish opportunities for shared faculty development
      ii. Increase opportunities to share (model) good practices between faculty within and across divisions
   c. Create a plan to increase resources to enable our faculty to provide better instruction
   d. Identify ways to recognize and reward faculty for no absenteeism and other "above & beyond" actions

III. Create more brag-able moments
   a. Create more opportunities for students to achieve brag-able moments, including more collaboration with NSU
      i. Start earlier (ninth grade)
   b. Create ways for our students to distinguish themselves from students at other schools (for college)
   c. Expand administrative leadership outreach to NSU and other organizations. (All directors will join one community or NSU organization, see Dr. Brennan)

IV. Increase school spirit and strengthen relationships between groups
   a. Create a plan to increase involvement in school life (students, faculty and staff)
   b. Find ways to encourage people to attend school events
   c. Increase opportunities for school-wide activities (more community-building events)
   d. Find ways to build and strengthen relationships between school and parents, school and students, school and faculty

FALL SPORTS

University School Fall Sports program is off to a great start. Football has been a wonderful addition to our sports program helping create school spirit, commitment, and increase the number of participants from our student body. There are fifty varsity and forty-six middle school students participating in fall football. This has also helped increase our cheerleading and dance

teams. Currently, University School has twenty-five varsity and fourteen middle school cheerleaders. The number of student athletes participating in all the other fall sports has also multiplied from past years. Swimming and diving teams have over 60 participants. Boys' varsity and junior varsity golf have nineteen athletes. We have added a girls' varsity golf team and a middle school team which consists of five girls and ten middle school students. Cross country has twenty-four boys and girls participating. There are twenty-two students on the varsity and junior varsity volleyball team as well as fourteen girls on the middle school team. Sports that are not in fall season such as softball, baseball and girls' lacrosse are participating in fall leagues to help prepare for the spring season. Crew is practicing for their spring season and twenty-nine students are training diligently. The number of athletes participating includes eleven baseball players, eighteen softball players, and 22 lacrosse players.