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**On the cover:** The 2017–2018 CAHSS Graduate SGA executive board is shown, from left, E. Jayne Schatz, administrative adviser; Portiaatrice Morse, treasurer; Edwina A. Ward, president; Tatiana Rivera, vice president; Gita Neemar, immediate past president; Carol Reynolds-Srot, secretary; and Elena Bastidas, faculty adviser.

## A message from the *Dialogues* Editor/Graduate SGA Secretary



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### **Greetings CAHSS Sharks,**

Welcome to the winter 2018 edition of *Dialogues* and the second issue touting a new look. Our biannual newsletter has been expanding, and has spread its wings to become a magazine!

Gone are the updates touted only by words. Now, articles have more graphics to bring the reader a more engaging experience. If you couldn't be at the events with us, through our depictions, we want to relive the experience with you.

To help us make your *Dialogues* magazine more informative and attractive, CAHSS Graduate SGA has brought professional help on

board—NSU's Office of Publications, with its team of highly experienced communications professionals. We've also updated the name to the more acceptable and popular spelling (and its original moniker).

### **We Need Your Help**

Now, we need your help to continue to make this CAHSS publication an informative keepsake of each semester's happenings. Departments, we need your submissions. Tell us about your achievements, what's new, and what's on the horizon. Readers, send us your thoughts and suggestions. Most of all, share *Dialogues* with your coworkers and classmates.

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy this edition as we highlight a semester filled with achievements and events. Revisit the CommunityFest with us; take in the Interdepartmental Symposium and Winter Social; walk with our students at the March for Our Lives rally in Washington, D.C.; and celebrate with our Student Life Achievement Awards finalists.

As I finish up my two-year stint getting my M.A. in Composition, Rhetoric, and Digital Media, and my year on the executive board of the CAHSS Graduate SGA, I must say this has been an enlightening, energizing experience. And, I am happy to have shared it with all of you.

Have a great summer!

Because of publication deadlines, some late-semester events were not included in this issue of *Dialogues*. Please check [facebook.com/sgansucahss](https://facebook.com/sgansucahss) to get updates on all CAHSS Graduate SGA-related happenings.

## From the Dean's Desk



**Honggang Yang**

Dean, CAHSS, NSU

### Greetings Colleagues,

My earlier message in the fall of 2017 asked you to “reflect on various socioeconomic complexities and human challenges facing our country and our globe from multidisciplinary, multiprofessional, and multicultural perspectives.” Unfortunately, these challenges have recently come to bear with full force on the South Florida community. NSU’s College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, and indeed, the nation, continues to mourn the heartbreaking events that took place at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas (MSD) High School in February.

Such horrific events remind us of our mortality, but also provide an opportunity for us to reach out and support those affected by the tragedy. Our college remains resolute in its resistance to terror, and it is with great pride that I recognize the numerous ways in which CAHSS has responded to this terrible moment and supported the South Florida community.

The following are just a few examples of the college’s heartfelt initiatives in response to the tragedy:

- The Brief Therapy Institute’s Family Therapy Clinic in the Department of Family Therapy (DFT) is providing

ongoing, free therapy sessions for those directly affected by the tragedy in Parkland. Arlene Gordon, Ph.D., clinic director, is managing these services.

- Christine Beliard, Ph.D., DFT faculty member, and several advanced family therapy doctoral students provided on-site emergency crisis counseling in Parkland on February 15.
- Douglas Flemons, Ph.D., DFT faculty member, and colleagues from NSU’s Office of Suicide and Violence Prevention facilitated “Processing Parkland” for students, staff members, and alumni. Some of the attendants were first responders to the MSD shooting.
- Kara Erolin, Ph.D., a Green Cross Academy field traumatologist who is a part of our faculty, provided two “Introduction to Psychological First Aid” trainings for NSU students, alumni, faculty members, and community providers. To date, 95 participants have received the training including staff members from local community agencies.
- Six students were able to be a part of history and attended the March for Our Lives rally in Washington, D.C., on March 24, thanks to financial sponsorship from the CAHSS Graduate Student Government Association.

Please visit our website at [nsunews.nova.edu/one-month-later-nsu-continues-to-respond-to-marjorie-stoneman-douglas-high-school-tragedy/](https://nsunews.nova.edu/one-month-later-nsu-continues-to-respond-to-marjorie-stoneman-douglas-high-school-tragedy/), to see a detailed list of all the services CAHSS has offered or is providing.

In addition to the aforementioned undertakings, I am also proud of the CAHSS Graduate SGA’s decision to focus on a critical topic for the winter Interdepartmental Symposium in connection with the recent events. The symposium, Putting Knowledge into Action: Responding to School Violence, took place on March 17, reflecting the college’s continued commitment to the South Florida community.

Furthermore, the CAHSS Graduate SGA Endowed Scholarships Fund for Community Outreach (now in its 10th year), will be awarding funds to students involved in local and national outreach initiatives relating to the tragedy.

My heartfelt appreciation goes to all students, faculty and staff members, alumni, and community partners for your tremendous caring efforts.

Best,

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## A message from the **CAHSS Graduate SGA President**



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**Edwina A. Ward**

CAHSS Graduate SGA President

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### **Greetings CAHSS Graduate SGA Family!**

What a joy and privilege it has been to serve as your CAHSS Graduate SGA president. This year, we had many changes within our executive board, but always remained focused on student-driven events, educational lectures, and creating a space for engagement.

As scholars and leaders, we participated in Nova Southeastern University's CommunityFest 2018.

On Valentine's Day, we handed out roses to students in classrooms. In March, we presented our annual Interdepartmental Symposium. The symposium was an academic dialogue to inspire scholars to share their papers on the topic of Putting Knowledge into Action: Responding to School Violence, organized by Tatiana Rivera, SGA vice president.

After the school shooting in Parkland, our team joined efforts by attending the historic March for Our Lives rally in Washington, D.C., to raise awareness.

Finally, we were nominated for the 20th annual Student Life Achievement Awards as Student Government of the Year, alongside other top SGA's at NSU.

Our diverse programs have created many opportunities for students across the nation and around the world to discover the multidisciplinary programs and activities that we have to offer. The CAHSS Graduate SGA is a catalyst for high-quality leadership programs and educational development opportunities.

CAHSS Graduate SGA's doors are always open!

## A message from the **CAHSS Graduate SGA Vice President**



**Tatiana Rivera**

CAHSS Graduate SGA Vice President

### **Greetings CAHSS Sharks,**

I would like to welcome you to the winter 2018 *Dialogues*, which captures the exceptional events and accomplishments of the CAHSS Graduate Student Government Association (SGA) this semester.

The CAHSS Graduate SGA hosted many events that engaged students, faculty members, and the community. Following Nova Southeastern University's mission of a "diverse array of innovative academic programs that complement on-campus educational opportunities and resources with

accessible distance learning programs," the CAHSS Graduate SGA provided opportunities for students to present their research, network, socialize, and give back to the community.

The winter 2018 semester was filled with significant events including CommunityFest, Interdepartmental Symposium, CAHSS Social, March for Our Lives, and many more. I would like to thank our department representatives, faculty members, and volunteers who helped make these events enriching and successful.

As the semester comes to an end, I would like to wish everyone continued

success with finals and projects. For students who are graduating this semester, congratulations on reaching your goals. I hope you take everything you have learned from the CAHSS and apply it to your future endeavors.

It has been a pleasure serving on the CAHSS Graduate SGA Executive Board first as your secretary, and now, as your vice president. This experience has been edifying and rewarding.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to provide feedback and contact me at [tr580@mynsu.nova.edu](mailto:tr580@mynsu.nova.edu).

Have a wonderful summer!

# Student Spotlight:

## CAHSS Graduate SGA Treasurer



### Portiaatrice Morse

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, I have experienced firsthand the stigmas associated with mental health issues not only in the neighborhoods I grew up in, but within my own family. As a result of my experiences, I aspire to advance the field of marriage and family therapy, as well as mental health treatment, so they become more acceptable in the urban communities in which I grew up.

After graduating cum laude from Delaware State University, where I obtained my Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, I was fortunate enough

to be able to make my first mark on the world. Determined to continue my education and broaden my understanding of families and their impact on mental health, I returned to Philadelphia, where I earned a Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy. As a first-generation college student in my family, I continue to set the tone for those after me by pursuing a doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy here at Nova Southeastern University.

Today, I am working as an in-home marriage and family therapist for Gerena & Associates, where I primarily focus on trauma-based clients and their families. I have dedicated my work to providing a safe space for my clients to be heard and understood in a world where they are often marginalized. My passion for in-home therapy provides me with a platform of opportunities to learn from the various environments in which I conduct individual and family therapy, as well as change the stigma of what therapy should look like.

When I am not providing individual and family therapy, I work steadfastly as the treasurer of the CAHSS Graduate Student Government Association, where I am responsible for accounting

and distributing funds to support multiple organizations within NSU. Achieving honors at many levels has opened the door for me to also be a proud member of other organizations such as the Doctoral Family Therapy Club and Delta Kappa Omicron Honors Society.

### Promoting Strength

Recently, I cofounded the “House to Home Development, LLC” in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which is an organization that works diligently to provide temporary housing within the local communities to young boys in foster care who have been in the system for an extended period. I hope to continue these developments worldwide to reduce the number of children who end up aging out of foster care, and to promote the strength of being supported within the community.

In what little spare time I have available, I love to cook and try new recipes. I enjoy hosting Sunday dinners with my closest friends, where I can showcase the new recipes I’ve learned. I also enjoy taking long walks with my dogs and embracing the occasions where I can live in the moment.





The presenters and the dean: From left are Oksana Bykova Dognon, Porshia Cunningham, Kimberly Cohane, Dean Honggang Yang, April Coan, Flavia Almonte, and Natacha Celcis. (Not pictured: Darby Munroe)

# Interdepartmental Symposium and **WINTER SOCIAL**

The CAHSS Graduate SGA hosted its Winter 2018 Interdepartmental Symposium and Social on March 17. The events were held jointly in the Club Room of the Don Taft University Center.

The title of the symposium was Putting Knowledge into Action: Responding to School Violence. The subject was chosen in the light of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting, and the current movement led by high school students in Broward County.

There were five presentations on the topic, and discussions followed each one. One student, Darby Munroe, held her presentation and discussion via GoToMeeting. In addition, a few students also joined the symposium by video conference.

The symposium topics, in order of presentation, were as follows:

- **Darby Munroe**, Conflict Analysis and Resolution: *Putting Knowledge into Action: Responding to School Violence*
- **Porshia Cunningham**, Marriage and Family Therapy: *Curiosity Changing Community*

- **April Coan and Kimberly Cohane**, Conflict Analysis and Resolution: *From Columbine to Parkland: A Content Analysis Study of Where South Florida Media Places Mass Shooting Blame*
- **Oksana Bykova Dognon**, Conflict Analysis and Resolution: *Restorative Justice*
- **Flavia Almonte and Natacha Celcis**, Marriage and Family Therapy: *When Knowledge is Put into Action: Collaborative Language Systems Theory as a Solution to School Gun Violence*

A \$150 Barnes & Noble gift card, funded by the CAHSS Graduate SGA and Dean Honggang Yang, was awarded for each presentation.

The CAHSS Winter Social followed the symposium. Students and faculty members had the opportunity to mix and mingle; dance to music by DJ Genesis; and enjoy a meal of chicken marsala, baked salmon, rice, potatoes, vegetables, rolls, and dessert.



The CAHSS Graduate SGA team and symposium judges: Jennifer Lawer, CRS representative; Robin Cooper, CRS chair; Elena Bastidas, SGA faculty adviser; Edwina A. Ward, SGA president; Dean Honggang Yang; Carol Reynolds-Srot, SGA secretary; Tatiana Rivera, SGA vice president; E. Jayne Schatz, SGA administration adviser; Shanti Bruce, DWC chair.



Dean Honggang Yang addresses attendees at the Interdepartmental Symposium.



Graduate students from the M.A. in Composition, Rhetoric, and Digital Media program are shown with their department chair at the social. From left are Chris Netterville; Jacqueline Lytle; Noemi Nunez; Carol Reynolds-Srot; Shanti Bruce, Ph.D., department chair; and Veronica Diaz



CAHSS Graduate SGA team: From left are Jennifer Lawer, representative for the Department of Conflict and Resolution Studies; Edwina A. Ward, president; Tatiana Rivera, vice president; and Carol Reynolds-Srot, secretary



From left: Edwina A. Ward, Alicia McCray, Lauren Hutchison, Tatiana Rivera, and Carol Reynolds-Srot

# CommunityFest

CAHSS Graduate SGA hosted a booth at NSU's 15th annual CommunityFest on Saturday, February 10. The annual festival connects NSU students, employees, and their families, as well as community businesses and organizations. This year's event drew more than 4,000 participants, who gathered around Gold Circle Lake at the Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus to play games, listen to music, and eat lots of free food—mostly donated by area vendors.



The CAHSS Graduate SGA booth at CommunityFest got a visit from George L. Hanbury II, Ph.D., NSU's president and CEO, center. Shown with him are members of the board, from left, Tatiana Rivera, vice president; Edwina A. Ward, president; Carol Reynolds-Srot, secretary; Elena Bastidas, Ph.D., faculty adviser; and Jennifer Lawer, Conflict Resolution Studies representative.

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Among the members of the CAHSS Graduate SGA who were engaging CommunityFest participants were, from left, Elena Bastidas, faculty adviser; Edwina A. Ward, president; Tatiana Rivera, vice president; Jennifer Lawer, Conflict Resolution Studies representative; and Ryan Johnston, History and Political Science representative.



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A participant chooses her prize after playing a game.



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CommunityFest attendees play games in front of the CAHSS Graduate SGA booth.



# March for Our Lives Rally



About 800,000 people converged on Washington, D.C., for the March for Our Lives rally on March 24. Among them were Nova Southeastern University graduate students from the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (CAHSS). Thanks to financial sponsorship from the CAHSS Graduate Student Government Association, the students were able to be a part of history. They also met lots of important people, including U.S. Representatives Alcee Hastings and Ted Deutch.



Pictured, above, from left, are Nancy Gonzalez, National Security Affairs; Nicole Quint, Ph.D., Conflict Analysis and Resolution; Maria Gaston, National Security Affairs; U.S. Representative Alcee Hastings; CAHSS Graduate SGA President Edwina A. Ward, Conflict Analysis and Resolution; U.S. Representative Ted Deutch; Stephanie Hampton Credle, Ph.D., an NSU alumna who lives in Washington, D.C; and Katie Goodroad, College Student Affairs. At left, Quint, Goodroad, Gonzalez, Ward, Hampton Credle, and Gaston are shown at the rally.



Six NSU CAHSS graduate students attended the Broward County Delegation Reception in Washington, D.C., and met the mayor of Fort Lauderdale. From left, Oksana Bykova Dognon, Conflict Analysis and Resolution; Maria Gaston, National Security Affairs; Katie Goodroad, College Student Affairs; Dean Trantalis, mayor of Fort Lauderdale; Nicole Quint, Ph.D., Conflict Analysis and Resolution; CAHSS Graduate SGA President Edwina A. Ward, Conflict Analysis and Resolution; and Nancy Gonzalez, National Security Affairs.

### Edwina A. Ward

“I am so very grateful for the opportunity to represent our Graduate SGA and to organize the Nova Southeastern University College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences student delegates. ... To see the level of diversity within the speakers, to hear their personal stories, and to hear the message from Yolanda Renee King, granddaughter of civil rights activist Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., brought us all to an awakening period. Standing in the midst of 800,000 people was indeed an educational experience.”

### Nancy Gonzalez

“It was astonishing to see teenagers showing adults that they have a voice, and they cannot be stopped. How every one of their votes matters and will change the country and, ultimately, the world. Also, this generation is intolerant of intolerance; not just toward gun violence, but also toward racism and sexism, and stands up for LGBTQ rights.”

### Katie Goodroad

“One of the most powerful parts of the March for Our Lives was the volume and diversity of people from across the U.S. coming together to march for one topic. ... It was inspiring to see young people encouraging other young people to be civically engaged.”

### Nicole Quint

“It was so wonderful to see diversity represented with the event, and the students’ making a conscious effort to recognize the media’s under representation of diversity in this movement. I found that to be so inspiring, and a testament to their generation and mindful efforts toward inclusion.”

### Maria Gaston

“One significant observation I analyzed through this march is the importance of being educated. Being educated reduces the amount of bias and single-sided approaches one can either exert onto others or be influenced with from others.”

### Oksana Bykova Dognon

“I was astonished to see how peaceful this movement was, inspired by the numerous participants standing back to back. While moving in the crowd, which was not easy to do, I observed the behavior of the people around, and only saw smiles on their faces and polite vocabulary and gestures.”

# Department of Conflict Resolution Studies

## DCRS Professor, Students Provide Mediation Workshop for Seminole Tribe of Florida

Neil Katz, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Conflict Resolution Studies, and students Jennifer Lawer, Nekeisha Bacombe, and April Coan led an all-day workshop at the Seminole Native Learning Center in Hollywood, Florida. The workshop focused on “Managing Employee Conflict through Workplace Mediation.”

Katz and his team offered insight with the lecture; in addition, the group participated in discussion and role-play exercises. The talk focused on using mediation techniques to resolve workplace conflict. Specific attention was given to highlighting human needs in conflict. Also, the exercises gave members of the Seminole Native Learning Center an opportunity to apply this insight firsthand in simulations.



Pictured from left: Jennifer Lawer, Nekeisha Bacombe, Neil Katz, and April Coan

## Author Shares Insight on Healing

Irit Schaffer, M.S., physical therapist, healer, and author, visited Nova Southeastern University on April 4 to discuss her book *Good Blood—A Journey of Healing*. Schaffer addressed an audience that included NSU faculty and staff members, students, and members of the community.

In her presentation, Schaffer, who was born in Israel and raised in Montreal, related a little about the pain her parents endured during the Holocaust. She told a story of her father, who suffered from six gunshot wounds, and how he healed because he was focused on helping others.

Growing up, Schaffer said she was fascinated with her father’s stories and how he had pushed past his pain. So, she wrote the book, which spans two continents and four generations, to offer wisdom and insight about healing.

From physical to emotional pain, Schaffer told the audience, “We have the power within us to heal.” As she discussed ways to use insight to heal pain and grief, she advised the audience, “You have to let go of attachment and fear.”



Irit Schaffer shared snippets from her book *Good Blood—A Journey of Healing* with an NSU audience on April 4 in the Cotilla Gallery of the Alvin Sherman Library. The event was sponsored by CAHSS Graduate SGA.

## Pizza Bonds Students and Professors

During the winter semester, Jennifer Lawer, the Department of Conflict Resolution Studies SGA representative, along with Elena Bastidas, Ph.D., hosted weekly pizza parties for DCRS students and faculty members.

The weekly event featured not just pizza and beverages, but professors who shared their research expertise, teaching, publications, and current projects. A different professor was featured each week. Although they couldn’t partake of the pizza, online students joined the conversations via GoToTraining. The series, sponsored by CAHSS Graduate SGA, was a great success and will be continued next fall. Keep an eye out for the invitations and join us!

# Department of Family Therapy

The Department of Family Therapy (DFT) had many events during the winter semester.

## Adjunct Professor Retreat

DFT adjunct professors participated in a retreat in January at the Stable Place where Equine Assisted Family Therapy flourishes. DFT interns and Stable Place staff members encouraged the adjunct professors to expand their teaching to include exploring areas of strength and growth.



## Internship Fair

An internship fair was held in March. Irina Vicnansky, program coordinator, organized and hosted the event, which welcomed more than 30 community partners who had positions available for interns and employees.



## Introduction to Psychological First Aid

In response to the Parkland tragedy, DFT deployed first responder advanced students supervised by Christine Beliard, Ph.D.; Randy Heller, Ph.D.; and Charmaine Borda, Ph.D. Additionally, Kara Erolin, Ph.D., assistant professor, and a Green Cross Academy field traumatologist, presented “Introduction to Psychological First Aid” to more than 90 participants during the course of a week. Many community agencies participated in the event.



## IFTA

Michael Reiter, Ph.D., DFT professor, and student Faith Wonbin Jung presented at the International Family Therapy Association World Congress in Thailand. Other DFT student presenters included Ben-Gassendi St. Juste and Antoinette Edwards.

## Dealing with the Aftermath of School Shootings

The Department of Family Therapy (DFT) and the Mailman Segal Center for Human Development have offered assistance in many ways to help those impacted by the February 14 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland. DFT students worked hand in hand with Red Cross volunteers in Parkland to provide counseling to students, faculty and staff members, and families. Students can gain more insight on what they can do in the aftermath by listening to a free webinar by the Florida Association of Marriage and Family Therapy. <http://www.famft.org/recording-fridays-training-dealing-aftermath-tragedy-posted-wish-hear-interview-dr-larry-barlow-dr-tyon-hall-dr-michael-alicea/>

## Celebrating the Life of Dr. T. Berry Brazelton

*“When you strengthen families you ultimately strengthen the community.”*  
— Dr. T. Berry Brazelton

Trailblazer and renowned pediatrician T. Berry Brazelton, M.D., died March 14, just short of his 100th birthday. He was a pioneer in the field of infant mental health and united marriage and family therapists, psychologists, pediatricians, social workers, politicians, and other field leaders for strength-based and trauma-informed care of children. To carry forward Brazelton’s work, learn more about how you can get involved at [brazeltontouchpoints.org/honor](http://brazeltontouchpoints.org/honor).



## Department of History and Political Science



### The FBI Experience: Site Visit

What does it take to join an elite team that protects the American people and upholds the U.S. Constitution? On March 26, the Department of History and Political Science (DHPS) joined with the Career Development Office for “The FBI Experience” to find out. More than 40 undergraduate and graduate students traveled to the FBI’s Miami Field Office

and received a behind-the-scenes tour from professionals within the organization. Eighteen DHPS students learned about the required skills and qualities needed by applicants interested in becoming agents or many other less well-known, but vital, positions in the agency.

### Valentine’s Day Lunch with DHPS

The Department of History and Political Science hosted a Valentine’s Day lunch on February 14 in the Alvin Sherman Library to recognize the student organizations in the department. Students from the Mock Trial Team, Nova International Relations Association and Model United Nations Team, Phi Alpha Delta, Pi Sigma Alpha, and the Undergraduate-Graduate Leadership Council met with other DHPS students and faculty members to share a little love. The event provided the opportunity for organizations to share updates on activities and recruit new members while enjoying lunch as one big group. More than 30 students and faculty and staff members attended.



Andrea Shaw Nevins, right, Ph.D., professor, chair, interim assistant dean for the Department of History and Political Science, is shown with Ben Mulvey, Ph.D., associate professor.

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## Department of **Multidisciplinary Studies**

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Judith McKay, J.D., Ph.D., left, and Chinyere Obinna

### Community Resolution Services Offers Crisis Training

Judith McKay, J.D., Ph.D., in the Department of Multidisciplinary Studies (DMS) in the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (CAHSS) provides training for law enforcement officers in Broward County who are becoming a part of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) in their respective agencies. McKay presented a training on crisis intervention at the Hollywood Police Department. Conflict Resolution doctoral student Chinyere Obinna accompanied McKay as an observer. Obinna has done practicum work with Community Resolution Service (CRS).

CRS is a practicum and volunteer site for students interested in enhancing their skills in training, workshop development, and presentations by using narratives and storytelling to promote community dialogue and peace, facilitation, conflict coaching, and other projects. Other CRS events included participation at CommunityFest on February 10, and a workshop presentation about Interpersonal Communication Conflict that was held in collaboration with the Alvin Sherman Library in February.

Two upcoming events include the Fourth Annual Story Café, where participants are invited to share stories related to themselves, society, and the topic of maintaining communities, and Tips for Peaceful Families in the summer.

# Department of Writing and Communication

## Rebecca Lorimer Leonard Visits the DWC

The DWC welcomed professor and author Rebecca Lorimer Leonard, Ph.D., on March 12 to discuss her book, *Researching Writing on the Move: Migrant Women and the Value of Literacy*. Leonard is an assistant professor in the Department of English at University of Massachusetts—Amherst, and regularly presents at events such as the Conference on College Composition and Communication, the Watson Conference on Rhetoric and Composition, and the Writing Research Across Borders Conference. She also received the Outstanding Teaching Award from the College of Humanities and Fine Arts at UMass—Amherst in 2017.

In her book, Leonard examines how transnational literacy practices are valued according to shifting language ideologies. DWC students were able to get some insight from the discussion with Leonard and enjoyed an Asian-style meal catered by Chartwells that included sweet and sour chicken, coconut curry vegetables, steamed white rice, spring rolls, lo mein, and beverages.

In addition to the book discussion, Leonard addressed students and faculty members at the Writing and Communication Center on March 13 and discussed “Supporting Multilingual Writers in the Writing Center.” Here, the conversation revolved around the best practices for working with multilingual writers. Attendees were treated to a brunch that included sandwich wraps and chocolates. Both events were sponsored by CAHSS Graduate SGA.



Rebecca Lorimer Leonard, Ph.D.

## DWC Attends SWCA 2018 Conference

Students Jacob Weiers, Jacqueline Lytle, Michaela Greer, Emalee Shrewsbury, and Chris Netterville attended the Southeastern Writing Center Association (SWCA) 2018 Conference February 22–24 at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia. SWCA serves as a forum for the writing concerns of students, faculty and staff members, and writing professionals from both academic and nonacademic communities in the southeastern region of the United States. The conference’s theme was Writing Centers in Transition. Kevin Dvorak, Ph.D., executive director of the NSU Writing and Communication Center; Kelly Concannon, Ph.D., associate professor; and Eric Mason, Ph.D., assistant professor, also attended the conference.

The NSU group presented A Transition to Using Online Learning Modules for Staff Education. The presentation examined how a writing center transitions staff education and training from being primarily onsite to being primarily online. The DWC professors, two graduate assistants, and the undergraduate writing fellow’s presentation reviewed methods used to develop a series of online learning modules, how to conduct assessments, and how to plan to revise in the future. Dvorak accepted a plaque on behalf of the NSU Writing and Communication Center, as it is one of the first two college writing centers in the region to be certified by the SWCA. In addition, CRDM students Lytle and Shrewsbury received the Graduate Tutor Award for their work in the Writing and Communication Center.

# Student Life Achievement Finalists

The following were CAHSS finalists in the Student Life Achievement Awards, which were presented on March 27.

## NSU Student Government of the Year

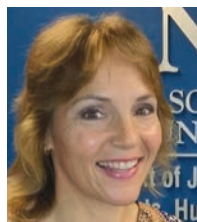
The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences has eight graduate departments. And, its Graduate Student Government Association (executive board shown on the cover) represents them all. **CAHSS Graduate SGA** is a catalyst for high-quality leadership programs and educational development opportunities.



## NSU Cocurricular Adviser of the Year

**Kara Erolin, Ph.D.**, has been an assistant professor in the Department of Family Therapy since 2015. She is passionate about social justice and

diversity issues and integrates this across teaching, clinical supervision, and scholarship/research.



## NSU Staff Person of the Year

**Kathleen Doyle** came to NSU in April 2011 and works as an administrative assistant in the Department of Justice and Human Services. She thinks some of the things that make NSU special are

its vision, leadership, and openness to new ideas in the ever-changing landscape of education.



## NSU Professor of the Year

**Molly J. Scanlon, Ph.D.**, is an associate professor in the Department of Writing and Communication. She teaches first-year experience and college composition, as well as research methods and design

for the department's M.A. in Composition, Rhetoric, and Digital Media program.



## NSU Alumni of the Year

**Gwendolyn Smith, Ph.D.**, graduated from CAHSS in 2013. She completed the doctoral program in Conflict Analysis and Resolution and has been conducting training and instructing courses with NSU since.



## NSU Executive of the Year

**Honggang Yang, Ph.D.**, has served as NSU's dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences since 1999. He received his Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of

South Florida. Yang was awarded a STUEY in 2002 as Academic Dean of the Year.



## NSU Student of the Year—Overall

**Michelle Thomas-Maison** is an international student from Trinidad and Tobago and a doctoral candidate in the Conflict Resolution Program.

Thomas-Maison graduated from the University of the West Indies in Trinidad with a bachelor's degree in social work, a distinction postgraduate diploma in mediation studies, and a master's degree.

## Department of Performing and Visual Arts

The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Department of Performing and Visual Arts (CAHSS DPVA) offers events throughout the school year. Mainstage theatrical productions, dance and music concerts, visual arts exhibitions, and student-driven projects and performances fill both fall and winter semesters.

CAHSS DPVA was excited to host Fulbright Scholar Sudha Rangunathan for the winter term. Rangunathan, one of India's foremost Carnatic vocalists, visited Nova Southeastern University as a featured guest artist on January 23 for the Portraits in Music concert. Rangunathan has performed in countries including Tunisia, Israel, Myanmar, Norway, Switzerland, France, and Belgium. She performed at the United Nations for the International Day of Non-Violence in 2016, only the second Carnatic musician to do so. In 2015, she was a recipient of Padmabhushan, the third highest civilian award from the government of India. Rangunathan received Sangita Kalanidhi, the highest recognition for performing artists from the prestigious Madras Music Academy in 2013.

In February and March DPVA opened both its Senior Exhibition, Juxtaposition, and the 10th Annual Student Juried Exhibition, Decade, in Gallery 217 on the second floor of the Don Taft University Center. Michael Greer and Carli Lutz were the featured seniors this year and Logan Stewart and Aina Rivas were honored with Best in Show Award and Purchase Award at our juried exhibition.

This semester DPVA was also commissioned by the Florida Breast Cancer Foundation to create Facing Forward, a fast-paced play full of humor, information, and poignant moments spotlighting our young community and breast health awareness. It was performed in March.

April rounded out DPVA's dynamic year with a focus on student-driven initiatives. Inspired by Theatre Lab, The Professional Resident Company of Florida Atlantic University, a student-driven production company, Stage 2, staged and produced *The Mayfly: A 24hr Theatre Project*. The final event of the year was a Student Choreography Showcase, which was the culmination of dance students' studies here at NSU. Students choreographed a dance piece to be performed by their peers.

To keep up with everything happening at the DPVA, visit the websites listed below.

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Fulbright Scholar Sudha Rangunathan visited NSU in January.



Logan Stewart (middle) and Aina Rivas were honored with the Best in Show Award and Purchase Award.

# CAHSS Graduate SGA Endowed Scholarship for **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

## **Applications Due for CAHSS Graduate SGA Community Outreach Scholarship**

We are pleased to announce that the CAHSS Graduate SGA is currently accepting applications for the fall 2018 scholarship funds.

This scholarship was established in 2005 to honor colleagues who are committed to giving back to the community. It is awarded to the CAHSS student whose community service is exemplary of, and committed to, Nova Southeastern University's vision and the CAHSS motto of "walking the talk." Outreach programs must incorporate theory and practice of

CAHSS academic ideals/philosophies and add to the quality of life locally, nationally, or internationally. This scholarship is available to students enrolled in a graduate degree program (at least 6 credit hours a term), who are in good academic standing and have completed at least 9 credits in a CAHSS program.

Applicants should submit a detailed letter explaining why they think they are good candidates for this scholarship and how they meet the criteria. Applications should be submitted to the CAHSS Graduate SGA faculty adviser, Elena Bastidas, Ph.D., at [bastidas@nova.edu](mailto:bastidas@nova.edu) by Friday, June 8.

# CAHSS 2018 Dean's List **CEREMONY AND LUNCHEON**

On March 20, the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences honored its highest achieving undergraduate students at the annual Dean's List Ceremony and Luncheon, which was held in Nova Southeastern University's beautiful Carl DeSantis Atrium. In order to earn a spot on the prestigious Dean's List, undergraduate students must earn a term grade point average of 3.8 or higher.

The celebration was attended by approximately 100 students, faculty members, and guests. Dean Honggang Yang offered words of inspiration to the honorees, encouraging them to continue their strong academic performance. Edwina A. Ward, CAHSS Graduate SGA president, also provided an inspiring message, highlighting the benefits of pursuing an advanced degree. Each honoree was called by name to be personally congratulated by Yang and the department chairs. Each student received a letter of commendation, a certificate of achievement, and a Dean's List pin that can be worn at graduation.



***Kudos to all the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Dean's List recipients.***

# CAHSS Department Chairs/Graduate SGA Advisers

The CAHSS Graduate SGA would like to acknowledge the help and assistance of our department chairs and SGA advisers in each of the activities we accomplished during fall 2017.



**Robin Cooper, Ph.D.**

*Chair/Associate Professor*

Conflict Resolution  
Studies



**Martha Marquez,  
Ph.D.**

*Chair/Associate Professor*

Family Therapy



**Andrea Shaw  
Nevins, Ph.D.**

*Chair/Professor*

History and  
Political Science



**Kimberly Durham,  
Psy.D.**

*Chair/Professor*

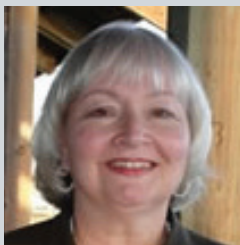
Justice and  
Human Services



**Marlisa Santos,  
Ph.D.**

*Chair/Associate Professor*

Literature and  
Modern Languages



**Judith McKay, J.D.,  
Ph.D.**

*Chair/Associate Professor*

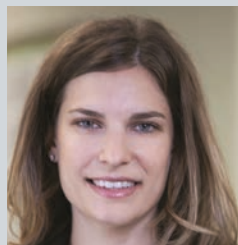
Multidisciplinary  
Studies



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M.F.A.**

*Chair/Associate Professor*

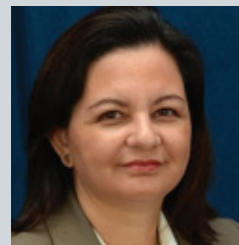
Performing and  
Visual Arts



**Shanti Bruce, Ph.D.**

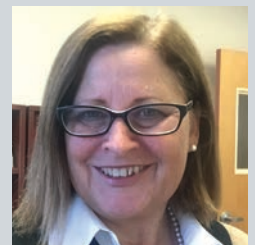
*Chair/Professor*

Writing and  
Communication



**Elena P. Bastidas,  
Ph.D.**

*SGA Faculty Adviser*



**E. Jayne Schatz,  
M.A.**

*SGA Administrative Adviser*

“Your **education** is a dress rehearsal  
for a **life** that is **yours to lead.**”

— Nora Ephron

## SGA SALUTE

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*The CAHSS Graduate  
Student Government  
Association wishes you a  
happy and healthy summer.  
See you in the fall!*

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