

49th RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTE
Fall 2024, September 27th - 29th
Presentation Synopsis

The 49th Residential Institute organized by the Department of Conflict Resolution Studies is an in-person event on Nova Southeastern University Campus.

Friday, September 27

Dissertation Boot Camp

9:30 am -10:40 am

This session aims to comprehensively prepare you for a successful dissertation journey. Emphasizing that it's never too early to begin contemplating your dissertation, we'll equip you with invaluable insights into the dissertation process. This early awareness will put you in an advantageous position to navigate this complex terrain with confidence when the time comes to start writing. During this session, we will delve into crucial topics, including the logistical aspects of the process, necessary paperwork, the significance of your dissertation committee, transitioning from an initial idea to a refined research topic, and crafting a compelling proposal. Beyond these essentials, you'll also make connections with peers and mentors who can provide invaluable support and guidance throughout your dissertation journey, ensuring you maintain your sanity amid the challenges.

Presenter: Dr. Elena Bastidas

Sustainable Development Working Group

10:45 am to 12:15 pm

Conflict and Sustainable Development: Through the Eyes of Communities.

In this session, the presenters discuss how local communities can develop sustainably under changing environmental conditions when the discrepancy between community views and those of organizations responsible for implementing development initiatives is sufficiently addressed. They introduce a theoretical framework and practical tools for analyzing such views. The presentation highlights the scholarly contributions of NSU students, alumni, and faculty involved in a collaborative research agenda.

Advisor: Dr. Gwendolyn Smith and Dr. Elena Bastidas

Career Development Presentation

2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Center for Academic & Professional Success (NSU)

Presenter: Aliesha Daise, Senior Career Advisor

Peace Education Working Group

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Please join the PEWG for a moderated and urgent panel discussion on the impact of gun violence on our campuses and communities, and how we can prevent it together. Please join Kylle Elizabeth Summers, Yvonne Perez and Dr. Cheryl Duckworth for this discussion.

Moderator: Dr. Cheryl Duckworth

HALMOS SGA Social – Grand Oaks Dinner

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

This event is open to all students and serves as an excellent opportunity for us to connect, socialize, and engage in person. Food and refreshments will be provided. The dress code for the event is business casual. 4-minute drive from the main NSU campus.

Saturday, September 28

Dissertation Formatting Session

09:00 am – 11:50 am

All interested DCRS doctoral students are welcome to join Jacqueline Ennis to learn more about the details and process of dissertation formatting.

LUNCH & GLOBAL PRACTICUM

12:00 pm – 1:20 pm

Join us to explore the exciting opportunities our faculty offers through our Global Practicums.

Presenters: Drs. Terry Savage, Elena Bastidas and John Cuda

Keynote Speaker Workshop

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Exploring the art, science, and practice of mediation. How a mediator cultivates their craft through knowledge and mastery of the tools at their disposal. Identifying what those tools are, and how to practically apply the tools in real time/real life situations.

Presenter: Kevin Hawkins

Latin American and The Caribbean WG

4:30 pm– 5:45 pm

Up Close and Personal: The State of Conflict and Resolution in Latin America and the Caribbean. Panel Presentation

According to the United Nations report, several key issues fuel social conflict in Latin America and the Caribbean. The region has the highest income inequality worldwide, leading to protests and instability. As poverty increases, so do crime and drug trafficking, while resources for law enforcement are stretched thin. Countries with deep social divides and weak governments are more prone to unrest. Many nations struggle with economic challenges due to a lack of agreement on fixing their problems, and divisive political approaches only worsen things.

Our panel, composed of citizens from Latin America and the Caribbean, will offer an in-depth look at how ordinary people confront the harsh realities in their countries.

Advisor: Dr. Elena Bastidas

Social Justice Roundtable

4:30 pm – 5:45 pm

The Social Justice Roundtable (SJR) provides a means to examine and discuss topics related to human rights and social justice. The roundtable is symbolic of our desire to invite everyone to the table as colleagues, with a respect for differences and diversity, and as equal participants for lively discussion.

Presenter: Dr. Judith McKay

Keynote Dinner

6:00 pm -9:00 pm

Humble and Prepared: The Proper Disposition of the Mediator

(Being Effective in an increasingly polarized and constantly evolving environment)

A comprehensive discussion of the process of mediation, the goals of the mediation process, the role of the mediator in the process, how a mediator prepares for the process, and the proper comportment/disposition of the mediator within the process.

Presenter: Kevin Hawkins

Sunday, September 29

Advanced Transitional Justice

9:00 am-11:50 am

The most predictable consequence of war is more war, as the burden of grievance and outrage threatens to crush peacemaking efforts. The toolbox known as Transitional Justice holds strategies and methods for intervening in this cycle of violence when the guns grow quiet, a pause takes hold, and an interval of opportunity for peace appears. This session at the Residential Institute will pull together the core elements of transitional justice, explored in the first five weeks of the course and, for students not taking this course, serve as a glimpse into real-world, effective action in settings yearning for peace.

Presenter: Dr. Terry Savage

Global Practicum: Dominica Presentation

1:30 pm-2:30pm

Students who participated in a 10-day trip to conduct a conflict assessment in Dominica in April-May 2024 will present the preliminary findings from their research and discuss their experiences conducting research in around sensitive topics in a challenging environment.

Presenters: Dr. Mary Schwoebel, Katherine Rivas, Cleveland Ferguson and Kevin Peters

RI Open Session on "Functions and Benefits of Organizational Ombuds and What it Would Bring to NSU

1:30 pm-2:45pm

A brief introduction to the Role, Functions and Benefits of Organizational Ombuds, and the projects that the class is working on this semester to prepare for a possible Ombuds at our University

"This open session will also feature an interview between Prof. Neil Katz and Kira Nurieli, a nationally recognized consultant and trainer on designing and implementing Organizational Ombuds services.

Presenter: Dr. Neil Katz

Gun Violence

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY IMPACT
DISCUSSION



Cheryl Duckworth
Moderator

DATE

Friday, September 27



TIME

5:30pm - 6:30pm



LOCATION

DeSantis 2072



Kylie Elizabeth Summers

Kylie Elizabeth Summers (she/they) is a South Florida educator dedicated to creating equitable and supportive learning environments. Kylie uses liberatory practices, student-centered pedagogy, and decolonizing approaches to address the systemic barriers faced by students.



Yvonne Perez

Yvonne Perez is a former middle school teacher in New York City with extensive experience in the educational field. She holds a Master of Science in Multicultural Education with a concentration in adolescent development from the College of Mount Saint Vincent. Through her time in the classroom, Mrs. Perez has firsthand experience with the challenges and fears that both educators and students face daily. Her background gives her a deep insight into the complex dynamics of youth behavior and highlights the critical role of education in fostering safe, inclusive environments. In addition to her educational expertise, Mrs. Perez holds a Master of Legal Studies from the Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law at Arizona State University.

PEACE EDUCATION WORKING GROUP



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Global Practicum Sustainable Development Puerto Rico Winter 2025

Travel Dates: March 3rd to 9th



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Course Instructors

Graduate Programs - Conflict Transformation – Elena Bastidas, Ph.D.

Undergraduate- Programs Sociology – John Cuda, Ph.D.

This course focuses on interdisciplinary sustainable development, combining research, learning, and community engagement. Students will travel to Puerto Rico, beginning in San Juan, where they'll connect with researchers and policymakers to explore the island's historical, socioeconomic, and ecological contexts. The program includes visits to El Yunque National Forest and Jobos Bay to study biodiversity conservation and related social issues. In Ponce, students will engage with artists and anthropologists, delving into the Caribbean's history, art, and anthropology. Additionally, participants will join community-led farm tours, observe sustainable development projects, and experience the region's

rich cultural and ecological diversity. For more information on this course, contact Dr. Elena Bastidas at bastidas@nova.edu.

Who Can Enroll?

This Faculty-Led Study Travel course is available to undergraduate and graduate students, offered as an Independent Study (undergraduate) and as a Practicum or Elective Course (graduate).

General Learning Objectives

- Enhance students' cross-cultural skills, cultural sensitivity, and understanding of diversity and global issues related to sustainable development.
- Apply various conceptual and analytical frameworks introduced in class to evaluate sustainable development initiatives.
- Utilize an experiential learning approach to approach diverse concepts in various settings and situations.
- Discuss career paths and tips for success after interacting with diverse communities of researchers, practitioners, and policymakers.

Become part of the vibrant community of students who have embarked on our Global Practicums since 2010!





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DeSantis Room: TBA

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&

Gwendolyn Smith, Ph.D.

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**Room: Mailman Hollywood
Auditorium**

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Nova Southeastern University- 2024 Residential Institute
Hosted by: Conflict Resolution Community of Practice Working Group Professor
Alexia Georgakopoulos, Ph.D. Faculty Director of this Group **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER**
28th, 2024:

TWO SESSIONS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS: JOIN US TO LEARN!



TIME: 9am to 11:50am- Room DeSantis 3032 Featuring:

ZOOM: <https://nova.zoom.us/j/99681859621> Meeting ID: 996 8185 9621

- **Dr. Rebecca Storrow (Our Alumni, Former Director of Palm Beach Mediation Department, and VP of American Arbitration Association.)**
- **Panel of Entrepreneurs from the Conflict Resolution Startup Course CARD 6631- Your peers share their business startups!**

TIME: 1:30 to 4:20 pm- Building/Room DeSantis 1048 Featuring:

ZOOM: <https://nova.zoom.us/j/92562914327> Meeting ID: 925 6291 4327

- **Lynn Cole, ESQ. (Former President of Mediators Beyond Borders and Director of BRDGES ACADEMY- Focus on Ukraine Project.**
- **Dr. Rebecca Storrow (Former Director of Palm Beach Mediation Department and VP of American Arbitration Association) &**
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For Information Contact: Alexia Georgakopoulos, Ph.D. georgako@nova.edu

The Community of Practice Working Group (CPWG) is excited to announce the 2nd Annual Professional Series: Storytelling Festival of Conflict Resolution which will feature notable conflict resolution professionals and entrepreneurs who will share their stories and experiences that surround the remarkable work that they have been doing in the field of conflict resolution

Rebecca Storrow, PH.D.- (Our Alumni) Former VP of American Arbitration Assoc.

For over two decades, Dr. Storrow has provided mediation and dispute resolution services. She received her Doctorate of Philosophy from the Department of Conflict Resolution Studies at Nova Southeastern University.

Rebecca was a Commercial Vice President for the American Arbitration Association Miami Regional Office and was an Alternative Dispute Resolution Director for two Florida Judicial Circuit Courts. Some areas of expertise include organizational conflict management and coaching, divorce mediation, ADR education, program evaluation, and indigenous forms of conflict resolution. Rebecca has published numerous articles and studies on dispute resolution and co-authored two chapters in the 2017 first edition of the Mediation Handbook, edited by Dr. Alexia Georgakopoulos. Rebecca holds Florida Supreme Court certification in family, dependency, circuit civil, and county mediation and has been an adjunct professor at three Florida universities. She currently focuses her efforts on the creation of films and books that teach children conflict resolution skills. Her current film, *The Weedy War of the Gnomes*, has been selected for participation in two international film festivals.



Lynn Cole, Esq. -Former President of Mediators Beyond Borders

Lynn is an experienced dispute resolution professional with experience in all aspects of ADR, including mediation and arbitration and mediation system-design in four developing Rule of Law countries. As a Harvard-trained and Florida-certified mediator, she also has served as a Special Master, an SEC receiver, a neutral evaluator, a Special Magistrate and settlement Counsel. She has served internationally in Ukrain, Bulgaria, Jordan, Kosovo, and Sri Lanka as an ADR and Mediation Specialist with USAID and teaches internationally. Ms. Cole is the President and CEO of BRDGES Academy, an online educational platform for training dispute resolution practitioners. Mediators Beyond Borders International, Founding Member; President, Board of Directors. She will speak about her current work in providing conflict resolution training in Ukraine.



Facilitated by students in CRS. For more information, please contact Dr. McKay at mckayj@nova.edu Dept of Conflict Resolution Studies



SOCIAL JUSTICE ROUNDTABLE

Join us as we discuss the impact conflict has on our mental health & relationships.
(Helpful tools & resources provided)

COMMUNITY RESOLUTION SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2024 @ 4:30PM-5:45PM
NOVA MAIN CAMPUS
CARL DESANTIS BLDG ROOM# 1054



**GENERATIONAL
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CHRISTINA MARSH



**RELATIONAL
CONFLICT**
AMEERAN AZIZ



**SYSTEMIC
CONFLICT**
SONYA NELSON



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