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Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies presents 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award to sociologist S. M. Miller and in memory of psychiatrist Jean Baker Miller

On December 9th, the global network Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies presented their 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award to economic-political sociologist S. M. Miller and in memory of Jean Baker Miller, legendary psychiatrist, teacher, and activist.

Representing more than a century of service to humanity, S. M. Miller, and the late Jean Baker Miller were honored with the **2011 Lifetime Achievement Award** at the *18ᵗʰ Annual Conference of Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies* during their *Workshop on Transforming Humiliation and Violent Conflict* at Columbia University in New York City, December 8-9ᵗʰ.

Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies (HumanDHS) is an global network of scholars, practitioners, and activists who strive to end cycles of humiliation and promote equal dignity around the world. This year they recognized and celebrated the visionary leadership and courageous efforts that characterized the life-long endeavors of activists S. M. Miller and Jean Baker Miller.

S. M. (Mike) Miller, Ph.D., is an economic-political sociologist who is the co-author of *Respect and Rights*; author of the upcoming book, *The Fourth Way*; and co-founder and board member of *United for a Fair Economy*. He is the former Chair of the Sociology Department at Boston University and Director of th*e Project on Inequality and Poverty* at the Commonwealth Institute, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Throughout his life Mike focused on reversing the harmful dynamics of inequality, social exclusion, and poverty while promoting respect, constructive dialogue, and social justice for all.

Jean Baker Miller, M.D., (1927-2006), was a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Boston University School of Medicine and the Founding Director of the *Jean Baker Miller Training Institute* at Wellesley College in Massachusetts. As a practicing psychiatrist and activist, she wrote the best-selling classic, *Toward a New Psychology of Women*, which was translated into more than 20 languages. Dr. Miller's work sparked the formulation of *relational-cultural theory* that emphasizes that growth-fostering relationships are a central human necessity throughout people's lives. It is considered one of the ten most important theories in the field of psychology today.

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Notes to editors:

- [Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies](#) (HumanDHS) is a global transdisciplinary network and fellowship of concerned academics and practitioners. [Founding President Evelin Lindner](#) states that the network strives "to stimulate systemic change, globally and locally, to open space for dignity and mutual respect and esteem to take root and grow, thus ending humiliating practices and breaking cycles of humiliation throughout the world." Its work emphasizes that a frame of cooperation and shared humility is necessary if we wish to build better world, a world of equal dignity for all.

- HumanDHS has more than 280 distinguished scholars on its [Global Advisory Board](#), more than 1000 active members, and more than 4000 supporters from 180 countries around the world.

- Previous Lifetime Achievement Award Winners:

    2009 – [Morton Deutsch, Ph.D.](#), one of the world's most respected scholars of Conflict Resolution and the founder of the International Center for Cooperation and Conflict Resolution (ICCCR).

    2010 – [Bertram Wyatt-Brown, Ph.D.](#), one of the most distinguished historians of the American South, and [Anne Wyatt-Brown, Ph.D](#)., editor, educator, and activist.

- HumanDHS hosts two annual conferences, one at Columbia University in New York City and one at a different international location each year (please see graphic below).

- HumanDHS is the number one website for the study of humiliation and human dignity.