

## Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies



### GOOD NEWS UPDATE!

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- **Introducing our new 2011 NYC Conference Coordinator: Tonya Hammer, Ph.D.!** Tonya is an Assistant Professor at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, in Texas and is a Member of the HumanDHS Global Core Team, and the HumanDHS Research Team.
- **Sandra Hurlong, Ph.D., President of the Intercultural Open University Foundation** would like to offer a 10,000 Euro scholarship to the doctoral program in social change to one of our 2011 NYC conference participants. The scholarship means that a prospective learner would be able to complete the Ph.D. for a total of 3,000 Euros tuition and fees.
- **Thanks largely to the efforts of Uli Spalthoff, Director of Project Development and Systems Administration, Dignity Press**, the publishing branch of the World Dignity University, has begun publishing a group of five flagship books as an initial offering. Linda Hartling secured 100 ISBN numbers for current and future publications.
- **Evelin Lindner is finishing her first book with Dignity Press: *A Dignity Economy*.**
- **Evelin Lindner and Linda Hartling are working on an upcoming book for Dignity Press: *The Moment Is Now*.**
- **Evelin Lindner and Linda Hartling are dedicating more time to writing and creating materials for advancing the work of HumanDHS, the WDU Initiative, and Dignity Press.** Therefore, they are happily welcoming dear HumanDHS network members like Tonya Hammer, Phil Brown, Annette Engler, and others—who “walk the talk” of equal dignity—to take leadership roles on projects and community building activities.
- **Please welcome Annette Anderson-Engler, Ph.D., as a “new member nurturer.”** She will meet and greet people who connect with us through the website. Annette is a Member of the HumanDHS Global Core Team, the HumanDHS Education Team, our HumanDHS Research Team, and our Global Coordinating Team.

- **In the spring of 2012, we will be offering an online course** through the Center for Rebuilding Sustainable Communities After Disasters at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, under the leadership of Founder and Director of Adenrele Awotona. The course, Human Dignity, Human Rights and Sustainable Post-Disaster Reconstruction, will include intellectual contributions by many members of the HumanDHS network.
- **Linda Hartling and Evelin Lindner hosted an “Occupy Equal Dignity Dialogue Party” in Portland, Oregon, October 16, 2011.**
- **We will never forget our 17th Annual HumanDHS Conference, “Enlarging the Boundaries of Compassion,” August 29-September 1, 2011 at the National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Otago in beautiful Dunedin, New Zealand!** The program continued with thought-provoking discussions and presentations, including Dan Baron sharing his arts-based pedagogical work in the Amazonian North of Brazil, Carmen Hetarak and Michelle Brenner modeling an appreciative approach to understanding the history and experience of the indigenous Maori people, and Linda Hartling describing the impact of humiliation on creativity. In addition, participants led discussions on education, activism, and other approaches that advance human dignity, conflict resolution, and peace.
- **Founding President Evelin Lindner was a special guest on Sunday Morning,** a popular show on Radio New Zealand that was broadcast throughout the country on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011.
- **We launched the World Dignity University Initiative on June 24, 2011! A World Dignity University will build on the knowledge and wisdom of a global community.** By connecting across cultures, disciplines, and institutions, the WDU will realize the important goal of creating “unity in diversity.” Technology will allow the WDU to easily build cyber-bridges across cultures, disciplines, and institutions, opening the door to new possibilities and innovative ideas. Founding members include:
  - Prof. Inga Bostad, Vice-Rector Univ. of Oslo (Philosophy)
  - Prof. Morton Deutsch, Columbia Univ., NY (Social Psychology, Founder of the Int. Center for Cooperation and Conflict Resolution)
  - Arun Gandhi (Author and Non-Violence Educator)
  - Prof. Francisco Gomes de Matos, Recife, Brazil (Peace Linguistics)
  - His Excellence Shahid Kamal (Pakistan's Ambassador to Germany)
  - Prof. Kamran Mofid, Dalhousie Univ., Canada (Economics)
  - Prof. Reidar Ommundsen, Univ. of Oslo (Social Psychology)
  - Ole Petter Ottensen, Rector of Univ. of Oslo (Medicine, Neuroscience)
- **Evelin Lindner received a special YouTube privilege.** She can now upload videos longer than the standard 10-minute recording time. This allows HumanDHS to post many conference videos and interviews. So far, we have videotaped and uploaded more than 25 videos for the World Dignity University Initiative.
- **We have more than 4080 names on our mailing list.**

- **We now have more than 280 distinguished scholars on our Global Advisory Board!**
- **Our website sustains a top ranking by Google!** If one searches for “Humiliation Studies,” the number one search result is [www.humiliationstudies.org](http://www.humiliationstudies.org). Also, when searching for “Human Dignity,” our site comes up as number three (as of May 9, 2010). This is not by chance, but is achieved because Google's page ranking algorithm detected that the site contains very relevant content and that [www.humiliationstudies.org](http://www.humiliationstudies.org) is cited very often by other websites, thus indicating the high reputation of the Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies network.
- **Our HumanDHS conferences!**

