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**Areas of Interest/Research:**
Documentary, film and research.

**What would you like to get out of this gathering?**
This will be my first workshop with Human Dignity and Humiliation studies so I would very much like to listen, collaborate and join the community with an open heart and mind. I’d be honoured to spend time at the whole workshop so I can build a genuine bond within the Human Dignity and Humiliation studies family. I respect deeply what Evelin Linder, Linda Hartling and the other members of the group have accomplished and maintained. I firmly believe that healing and preventing humiliation is integral to a compassionate future generation.

**What would you like to contribute to this gathering?**
I want to contribute to the gathering by supporting and encouraging the other group members by being a sounding board for ideas. I would like to help create an objective viewpoint where ideas can be challenged, developed and finessed. As a filmmaker, I’m always trying to look at the world objectively to try and open up to the many different perspectives. I’ve found the best way to achieve this is with compassionate enquiry, support and encouragement.

**What does dignity mean to you and your work?**
I’m fascinated by the concept of dignity and humiliation. I am presently putting together a documentary film about humiliation so am very keen to explore the ideas in depth. I hope to create a film that will enable the audience to explore both humiliation and conversely dignity. To me personally, I’ve found that dignity is the salve which heals humiliation. It energises a sense of moving forward, objectifying the situation and can resolve any lingering bitterness.

Thank You!