

# Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies



## GOOD NEWS UPDATE!

May 2010

- **We can celebrate the success of the 15th Annual HumanDHS Conference, "Peace at Home, Peace in the World," which took place at Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Türkiye!** HumanDHS friends joined us from 13 countries, including Bosnia-Herzegovina, Czechoslovakia, Palestine, Israel, Ireland, England, India, Germany, Norway, Canada, Argentina, and the United States. We were particularly delighted to make many new friends during our Public Event, which was presented in both English and Turkish. Thanks to all for helping us co-create a magnificent conference as well as all who supported our program in spirit! Most importantly, we want to thank our extraordinary convener and organizer, Dr. Hayal Köksal, who made our time in Istanbul an experience we will never forget!
- **Our website has gained 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.
- **We now have more than 250 distinguished scholars on our Global Advisory Board!**
- **Founding President Evelin Lindner published her third book, *Gender, Humiliation, and Global Security: Dignifying Relationships from Love, Sex, and Parenthood to World Affairs!*** The book includes a Foreword by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and an Afterword by Linda Hartling, Ph.D., honoring Evelin, Jean Baker Miller, MD, and Donald Klein, Ph.D.
- **Founding President Evelin Lindner has been giving lectures**, for example, 3 lectures in Oslo, Norway, in January 2010, at the University in Oslo and the International Peace Research Institute in Oslo (PRIO), in (1) Anthropology, (2) Social Psychology, and (3) Peace Studies, as well as 1 lecture in Istanbul, Turkey, in April 2010, at Boğaziçi University, in Education, and 3 lectures in May 2010 in Rome, Italy, at the University La Sapienza and University Tre, in (1) Moral Philosophy, (2) Sociology, and (3) Gender Studies.

## 2009

- **The first HumanDHS Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Dr. Morton Deutsch** December 11, 2009—Morton Deutsch is considered one of the fathers of modern conflict resolution theory. He has been a visionary supporter of the development of the HumanDHS network!
- We celebrated the success of the **6<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Humiliation and Violent Conflict, at Columbia University in New York City, December 10-11, 2009.** A special thank you goes to Alan B. Slifka and

the Slifka Foundation for awarding HumanDHS its sixth grant in support of the workshop.

- **American Bar Association's Human Rights Committee** included HumanDHS as a "Featured Website" in the October 2009 edition of their weekly newsletter.
- On June 21, 2009, Evelin accepted the **Norwegian 2009 "Prisoner's Testament Peace Award"** on behalf of the entire HumanDHS network!
- We can celebrate the success of the **13th Annual HumanDHS Conference, "World Peace through Humiliation-Free Global Human Interactions,"** which took place at the University of Hawaii.
- The first **Dignity and Humiliation Studies Dialogue Home** was established by Linda Hartling and Rick Slaven in Portland, Oregon, bringing the work to the West Coast of the United States.
- Evelin, Linda, and Rick represented HumanDHS at the **2009 Hollyhock Summer Gathering—"Creating Change Together"**—in British Columbia, July 26-31. The gathering is an annual invitational conference of leaders exploring ways to work together and support each other in creating a world that works for all.
- **Alan Slifka Foundation** awarded Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies its sixth grant in support of the **Workshop on Humiliation and Violent Conflict** at Columbia University in December 2009.
- **Rick Slaven registered HumanDHS in the State of Oregon**, which allows us to do business on both coasts. I also filed a required IRS report for HumanDHS.
- **E-Solutions** — We've studied more than 100 different e-options over the last year,
  - Created a *Good News Calendar* to announce events and activities.
  - Created a "Connect with us" portal to welcome new people.
  - Developed "Take a Look," an e-publication summarizing HumanDHS events and activities.
  - Established Twitter and Facebook accounts.
  - Established special accounts for managing communications about workshops, conferences, and joining HumanDHS.
  - Refreshed information about how people can contribute to HumanDHS.
- The HumanDHS website ([humiliationstudies.org](http://humiliationstudies.org)) has visitors from 180 countries representing nearly 4,000 cities around the world.