



GOOD NEWS UPDATE!

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This is an overview of recent achievements of the Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies (HumanDHS) network:

- **Celebrating 12 Years of HumanDHS!**
- **Dignity Press: Report from Uli Spalthoff**



This year was a year of consolidation for Dignity Press. To date, we have published 26 books, five in the last 12 months.

Dignity Press continues to receive high-quality manuscripts from authors coming from all over the world. We are proud to report that one of our books recently received the award “2015 Best Edited Book” from the U.S. National Communication Association. The nonprofit spirit of Dignity Press is demonstrated through the fact that several of our authors use their proceeds from their Dignity Press books to support humanitarian projects.

New Books

- ❖ *A Journey to the East* — Michael H. Prosser
- ❖ *No Greater Love: Testimonies on the Life and Death of Felicitas Niyitegeka* — Fr. Jean d'Amour Dusengumuremyi
- ❖ *Unbounded Organizing in Community* — Gavin Andersson & Howard Richards
- ❖ *A Mighty Case Against War* — Kathy Beckwith (in press)
- ❖ *Systems in Transition* — Susan Scharwiess (Ed., in press)

Previously Published

- ❖ *Dignity Economy* – Evelin Lindner
- ❖ *The Pearl* – Ragnhild Nilsen
- ❖ *The Nurturing of Time Future* – Howard Richards
- ❖ *Rare Flower* – Ada Aharoni
- ❖ *Decolonizing Peace* – Victoria Fontan
- ❖ *Afghanistan* – Pierre Amal Kana (in French)
- ❖ *Gandhi and the Future of Economics* – Howard Richards
- ❖ *A Journey Through Turbulence* – Deepak Tripathi
- ❖ *Finding Cross-Cultural Common Ground* – Michael H. Prosser, Mansoureh Sharifzadeh, & Zhang Shengyong
- ❖ *Dignity: A Multidimensional View* — Francisco Gomes de Matos

- ❖ *Online Collaborative Learning* – Kenday S. Kamara
- ❖ *Ein liebendes und ruheloses Herz* – Helmut E. W. Starrach
- ❖ *Conversations of Taoist Master Fu Hsiang* – Mark Tarver
- ❖ *Enlightened or Mad? A Psychologist Glimpses into Mystical Magnanimity* – David Y. F. Ho
- ❖ *The Magic of the Everyday* – Arctic Queen
- ❖ *Meditations on Mystery* – George Wolfe
- ❖ *Mehr als du denkst. 77 Namensgeschichten* – Petrus Ceelen
("More Than You Think: 77 Name Stories," in German)
- ❖ *Çekirdekten Yetistirme* – Hayal Köksal ("Catch Them Young," in Turkish)
- ❖ *Chinese Communicating Interculturally* – Li Mengyu & Michale H. Prosser
- ❖ *Generating Forgiveness and Constructing Peace Through Truthful Dialogue* – Hilarie Roseman
- ❖ *Friedhofsgeschichten* – Petrus Ceelen

We are also pleased to announce a new look for the DP webpage! Now visitors can easily scroll through the covers of each book and instantly click on a specific book to read a description.

We are deeply grateful to Uli Spalthoff, DP Executive Director of Operations, for creating this wonderful, user-friendly feature that allows everyone to explore all of the remarkable books in the DP collection.

➤ **Appreciating the 2015 Nobel Peace Prize Recipients and Nominees**

Our entire community was delighted to learn that our Founding President Evelin Lindner, as representative of our HumanDHS network, was included among the 2015 Nobel Peace Prize nominees. Her nomination is an affirmation of our global dignity work and Evelin's forty years of service and action to bring peace and dignity into the lives of all people. Please see: www.humiliationstudies.org/whoweare/evelin/142.php.

Altogether, the Nobel Committee received a total of 276 nominations for the 2015 Peace Prize, thereof 227 nominations of individuals and 49 nominations of organizations. Twenty-five were nominated by a group who has endeavored to find candidates whose work is in particular resonance with the will of Alfred Nobel and his inspirer, Bertha von Suttner. It is a double honor for us that we are among these 25 candidates.

We warmly congratulate the [Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet](#) for receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 2015 for their decisive contribution to the building of a pluralistic democracy in Tunisia in the wake of the Jasmine Revolution of 2011.

➤ **Celebrating the 25th Annual Human Dignity Conference in Kigali, Rwanda**

It was the greatest honor to host our [25th Human Dignity Conference](#) in Rwanda, June 5 – 8, 2014! We are humbly aware that without the remarkable efforts of our hosts, [National Unity and Reconciliation Commission](#) (NURC), it would not have been possible to bring our community together in this nation at the forefront of difficult social transformation.

Rwanda is one of the most important global locations for learning about the suffering that stems from cycles of humiliation. Thinking as a global family, we need to learn how to cultivate social infrastructures that heal the wounds of history and encourage a new world of mutually dignifying opportunities.

The list below illustrates the far-reaching topics discussed:

- *What the World Can Learn from Rwanda's Experience* - Johnson Mugaga, on behalf of Dr. Jean Baptiste Habyalimana
- *Restorative Justice in Rwanda: The Gacaca Experience* - Odette Yankulije, Principal State Attorney, Ministry of Justice
- *Fighting the Genocide Ideology and Denial* - Jean-Damascène Gasanabo, Director General of Research and Documentation, Centre on Genocide, National Commission for the Fight Against Genocide
- *Healing the Wounds of Humiliation* - Hélène Lewis, psychotherapist, South Africa
Preventing Humiliation Through Education - Professor Magnus Haavelsrud, Global Peace Education, Norway
- *Honoring Felicitas Niyitegeka, a Martyr of Genocide* - Fr. Jean d'Amour Dusengumuremyi
- The Honorable Bishop Rucyahana, President of Rwanda's National Unity and Reconciliation Commission (NURC), honored the participants by opening and closing the conference

Our media appearances in Rwanda were widely acclaimed. HumanDHS President Evelin Lindner recommended that all participants be interviewed by local journalists. Please see the [media clip](#) that Evelin received on June 22nd, with interviews of Hélène Lewis, Magnus Haavelsrud, and Déo Mbyonyinkebe Sebahire, among others. We also invite you to read the reflections published in our community [report](#) on this conference.

➤ **World Dignity University (WDU) Initiative Is Joining Hands with the Western Institute of Social Research (WISR) to Offer Dignity Studies**

The [World Dignity University \(WDU\) Initiative](#) and the [Western Institute for Social Research \(WISR\)](#) are pleased to announce a partnership that will provide adult learners the opportunity to pursue the multidisciplinary study of topics related to human dignity and social change. This collaboration will provide individuals with flexible, learner-centered graduate degree programs.

The WDU Initiative is an affiliate of Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies (HumanDHS), a global, multidisciplinary network of scholars, practitioners, activists, and students committed to the advancement of human dignity around the world. WDU was initiated in 2011 to foster educational programs related to human dignity, both independently and in ongoing and temporary partnerships with other institutions and individuals.

The WISR is a small, nontraditional, nonprofit university in Berkeley, California, founded in 1975 to offer innovative degree programs emphasizing social change, community involvement, and multiculturalism. WISR's interdisciplinary and personalized degree programs include Master's programs in Education, in Community Leadership and Justice, and a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) program.

The WDU-WISR collaboration will allow students to pursue a WISR graduate degree, based largely on multidisciplinary readings, learning projects, and a thesis or dissertation on topics related to human dignity. Students will be working with faculty drawn from WISR's core faculty and from the WDU and HumanDHS communities to serve as adjunct WISR faculty for this purpose. Three current WISR graduate degree programs are eligible for this "Dignity Studies" specialization:

- M.S. in Community Leadership and Justice
- M.S. in Education
- Ed.D. in Higher Education and Social Change

In exceptional cases, people may be able to pursue a BS degree (in Community Leadership and Justice) if they can demonstrate prior extensive experience and expertise in community and/or professional

All three programs have a small number of required courses, each of which has some required readings, but primarily involves learner-defined action and/or research projects culminating in papers related to the student's purposes and interests. Students pursuing a Dignity Studies specialization would take a 5-credit course, "Dignity Studies," as part of their required courses. For more information, please contact John Bilorusky, Ph.D. at: johnb@wisc.edu

Evelin's Global Presentations

- **September 24, 2015:** *Von Demütigung zu Terror und Krieg: Erniedrigung kann zu Gewalt führen, kann sie auch zu Liebe führen?* [2015 Symposium "Gehirne zwischen Liebe und Krieg - Menschlichkeit in Zeiten der Neurowissenschaften"](#), gemeinnützige [Turm der Sinne / Tower of the Senses](#) GmbH, Nürnberg, Germany. More than 650 people in attendance.
- **June 4, 2015:** *Regaining Dignity: A Dignity Renaissance* — Presentation prepared for the [25th Annual Conference of Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies](#), which took place in Kigali, Rwanda, given in Kigali on 30th June 2015, see the [PowerPoint video](#) created on June 30th.
- **February 16, 2015:** *Transforming Humiliation and Violent Conflict* — Monday lunch / Mandagslunsj with Evelin Lindner, introduction / åpningsinnlegg [Inga Bostad](#), [Norwegian Centre for Human Rights / Norsk senter for menneskerettigheter](#), University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway, Seminarrom Asbjørn Eide, see [announcement](#).
- **February 11, 2015:** *Hva har kultur- og samfunnspsykologi med verdighet å gjøre?* — [Gjesteforelesning / guest lecture](#), [Psykologisk institutt / Department of Psychology, Universitetet i Oslo](#), Norway, Harald Schjelderups hus, Forskningsveien 3A, 0373 Oslo, Norge. This lecture is part of an annual series hosted by the Department of Psychology at the University of Oslo, Norway (until 2014 as part of [PSYC3203 - Anvendt sosialpsykologi](#), from 2015 onward as guest lecture; see the [video site of the Faculty of Social Science](#) at the University of Oslo).

Upcoming Events and Other News

- **We are continuing to publish articles on our HumanDHS [Digniblog](#).** Most recently, Evelin posted “The Journey of Humiliation and Dignity, and the Significance of the Year 1757” and “Reflections on Tannhäuser, Terrorism, Revolution, and *Economism*.” Linda Hartling and Evelin Lindner posted “Mass Shootings: A Missing Link, A Common Denominator” about the community college shootings in Roseburg, Oregon. Please see: <http://www.worlddignityuniversity.org/joo/index.php/digniblog>
- **The Humiliation Inventory has now been translated into Italian, French, and, most recently, Japanese.** The scale was originally developed by Linda Hartling to assess the internal experience of humiliation. Italian researcher Alberto Collazzoni has used the scale to examine the relationship between the experience of humiliation and negative primary familial environment, protective factors, and clinical interpersonal sensitivity in depressed patients.

- **HumanDHS continues its connection with Adenrele Awotona, the director of the [Center for Rebuilding Sustainable Communities after Disasters](#) at the University of Massachusetts, Boston.** This spring, Linda Hartling, Evelin Lindner, and Uli Spalthoff will co-instruct the online graduate and professional course, *Human Dignity, Human Rights, and Sustainable Post-Disaster Reconstruction*.
- **Journal of Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies:** Co-editors, Linda Hartling and Jane Hilken, develop the automated text for this Open Source electronic journal. The implementation of the journal is still in the pipeline. Progress has been slowed by Linda's growing family health responsibilities. She would welcome additional contributors to facilitate final implementation of this project.
- **We have more than 200 videos on YouTube!** Many of our videos are dialogues with scholars, practitioners, and activists who are contributing their knowledge, expertise, and ideas in support of our *World Dignity University* initiative.
- **We have over 1,000 personally invited members and more than 6,500 names on our email list.** Our Constant Contact communications continue to have some of the highest "open rates" compared to the rates of other similar organizations.
- **We have over 300 distinguished scholars and other professionals on our Global Advisory Board.**
- **We are looking forward to:**
 - **The 27th Annual HumanDHS Conference in Dubrovnik, Croatia, September 2016.**
 - **The 2016 Workshop on Transforming Humiliation and Violent Conflict in New York City.**
 - **The 29th Annual HumanDHS Conference in Indore, India, August 2017.**

A Global Map of HumanDHS Conferences!

