

The Dignity Rights Project

Dignity in Action

Widener University Delaware Law School

Invites you to a

Virtual Workshop on Dignity Rights Scholarship and Practice

May 12, 2017, 10 a.m.

Human dignity recognizes the equal and inalienable value of every member of the human family. Dignity is recognized as a foundational value and as a legal right in international law from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) to the Sustainable Development Goals (2015); it is found in most of the world's constitutions, and figures prominently in a growing body of jurisprudence worldwide. Dignity affects our sense of self-worth, how we engage with others, how we live, and who we imagine ourselves to be, and how we interact in our social and natural environments. It is implicated in all areas of experience and law and it is gaining recognition as an important legal claim throughout the world.

The Workshop will bring together scholars and practitioners working on dignity rights and advancing legal claims based on human dignity. The objective is to begin a serious, international, interactive, and interdisciplinary conversation about the work that Human Dignity can do. We will share ideas and provide peer level feedback about our work in an informal context in order to begin to assess the impact of law and legal scholarship about human dignity, in its various domains.

We will use [ZOOM](#) video and audio conferencing. Instructions will be provided in the week prior to the event.

If you would like to participate, please reply to Professor Erin Daly (edaly@widener.edu) or Professor James R. May (jrmay@widener.edu). You may also include a paper or a presentation (eg power point).

The [Dignity Rights Project](#) works in tandem with legal, academic, non-profit, community-based organizations in all parts of the world to advance the human right to dignity in three principal ways:

- ❖ **Education:** Public education, legal education, and professional training and workshop programs, and scholarship on dignity-related questions.
- ❖ **Advocacy:** Coordination and collaboration with governments, communities and members of civil society including dignity rights assessments.
- ❖ **Litigation Support:** Consultation, research, fact-finding, brief-writing, and oral argument for potential and ongoing litigation.

We engage students, lawyers, and activists in a global conversation about the right to human dignity.

The Dignity Rights Project Advisory Board comprises: Lisa Chamberlain (Wits/CALS Johannesburg), Catherin Dupré, (Exeter UK), Angela Kariuki (UN Environment Nairobi), and Stephen Kass (Carter Ledyard & Milburn, New York). [End]