The Dignity Rights Project

Dignity in Action

Widener University Delaware Law School

3rd Virtual Workshop on Dignity Rights *How is Dignity Gendered?*

June 20, 2018, 12pm - 2 pm ET (New York time)

The <u>Dignity Rights Project</u> invites you to participate in the 3rd Virtual Workshop on Dignity Rights. This Workshop will focus on the relationship between human dignity and gender. It will be conducted by videoconference at no cost.

Human Dignity is the foundational human quality. It affects our sense of self and our relations with others. But it is also a legally enforceable right, recognized in international law, in most of the world's constitutions and in countless laws, touching on civil as well as social rights. Gender – as the collection of social attributes and opportunities associated with sexual identity – affects and is affected by how we think about dignity in numerous ways. This Virtual Workshop aims to explore the relationships between gender and the right to human dignity. Our aim is to advance how we think about dignity in gendered terms and how we think about gender in terms of human dignity.

We invite proposals for presentations examining how dignity rights in theory and in practice impact gender from diverse perspectives. This is a forum for academics, policymakers, and members of civil society to share ideas about how law can protect human dignity in its various manifestations. Because the Dignity Rights Project aims to put "dignity in action," we welcome scholarly contributions as well as presentations based on dignity-based advocacy and legal work. If you would like to participate, please send a brief (100 words or less) overview of your proposed contribution to Professor Erin Daly (edaly@widener.edu) or Professor Jimmy May (jrmay@widener.edu) on or before June 1, 2018. This may represent recently completed projects, ongoing work, or ideas still developing.

We will use <u>ZOOM</u> video and audio conferencing. Instructions will be provided in the week prior to the event. There is no registration fee. We also welcome anyone who would like to participate without making a formal presentation. You are welcome to join whether or not you participated in previous Virtual Workshops.

The <u>Dignity Rights Project</u> engages students, lawyers, scholars, and activists in a global conversation about the right to human dignity. We work 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.

The Dignity Rights Project was founded by Professors Erin Daly and Jimmy May; the 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).