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## WELCOME!

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Welcome to the *Interdisciplinary Journal of Partnership Studies*, dedicated to sharing new knowledge and successful applications of Riane Eisler's partnership paradigm: a new perspective on human possibilities increasingly utilized, explored, and expanded by others.

Eisler uses systems thinking and a macro-historical approach to uncover the patterns of social organization she calls *partnership systems* and *domination systems*. This journal encourages similar thinking from all disciplines, and invites both scholars and activists to contribute to the advancement of partnership knowledge.

Generation of knowledge is impacted by many factors, including access to education, access to funding, academic affiliation, and being invited to disseminate findings in professional journals and at professional conferences. Traditionally, the generation of knowledge has been rigidly ranked and confined to intradisciplinary thinking. Most journals focus on a single discipline, and rarely invite studies that reflect collaboration among fields of knowledge.

The editors and board of the *Interdisciplinary Journal of Partnership Studies* are eager to disrupt these conventions and open the door for partnership-based studies. This peer-reviewed journal is open access so that people all around the globe may advance their understanding of partnership both as a process and as an organizational/cultural system.

Many of us today recognize that holistic thinking and inclusive participation are required to generate effective solutions for our complex and critical challenges. We

believe that the partnership paradigm can help us fashion these innovative solutions by fostering new ways of thinking.

We also believe that high-quality open access scholarship requires adept information management and collaboration. This is why the University of Minnesota School of Nursing, the University of Minnesota Libraries, and the Center for Partnership Studies have come together in hosting this journal.

The *vision* for the *Interdisciplinary Journal of Partnership Studies* is to share scholarship and create connections for cultural transformation to build a world in which all relationships, institutions, policies, and organizations are based on principles of partnership.

The *mission* of the journal is to be the essential anthology for scholarly writing about cultural transformation and partnership. We encourage interdisciplinary contributions from both scholars and practitioners worldwide to explore and promote the partnership paradigm of mutual respect, social and economic justice, and gender and environmental balance, through research, innovation, and community-based applications.

The *Interdisciplinary Journal of Partnership Studies* will publish both partnership-based research findings and stories about applications of partnership approaches. This unique intersection of knowledge from diverse disciplines and experiences in all areas of life will open the door for insights and innovative solutions that would not otherwise be possible within a single field. The journal has a dedicated “Community Voices” section to encourage communication between those engaged in building partnership systems in various settings and those developing the science of partnership.

We welcome your participation in an ongoing dialog between knowledge generation and knowledge application. Together we can move our diverse cultures toward partnership.

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