

Center for Partnership Systems

2024 Gratitude Report

Letter from Riane Eisler



I am excited to share with you this annual gratitude report, an opportunity for reflection, acknowledgment and thanks. 2024 was a year of deep appreciation for this vibrant community including thousands of friends, donors, and funders of the Center for Partnership Systems.

With additional grant funding from the Mustardseed Foundation, and the support of our Board, The Power of Partnership Podcast launched its second season in 2024, with 15 interviews celebrating the voices and ideas of Partnership Leaders from across disciplines and around the world. Hosted by CPS team member Cherri Jacobs Pruitt, the podcast opens doors of conversation and introduces new audiences to the concepts of Partnerism and its impact.

Other key resources for the Partnership community including The Partnership Toolkit also continued to reach new audiences in 2024. The Interdisciplinary Journal of Partnership Studies celebrated ten years of ground-breaking work with a curated edition in 2024 highlighting the broad impact of Partnership theory and practice as it evolves across disciplines.

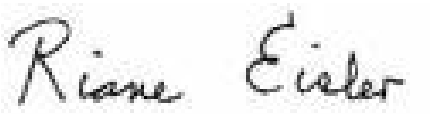
2024 provided me, personally, with greater opportunities to connect, collaborate and engage with audiences globally, as I continued to speak on podcasts and grant interviews; wrote and published articles; and mentored women and men to spread the new thinking about our past, present, and better possibilities for our future.

A core team of CPS staff, advisors, and Board members gathered over the course of several months this year to define a strategy and approach to ensuring that my work continues to be accessible to new generations. An exciting step in this direction was our work with a professional archivist to begin preparing for both paper and digital archives.

2025 will be a time for pivotal action to ensure that my scholarship continues to be digitally accessible and that key impact projects have sustainable roots. Watch for news, too, about the Peace Begins at Home Summit, coming in Fall 2025.

On behalf of our CPS team and the global community of Partnership Leaders, I thank you for your support of the Center for Partnership Systems.

With all best wishes,



Who We Are:
Center for Partnership Systems

The Center for Partnership Systems (CPS) is dedicated to research, education, and building tools to construct economic and social systems that support human beings and the planet that sustains us. Based on the groundbreaking work of Riane Eisler, CPS introduces a new story about human nature and human possibilities that has transformed organizations, policies, and people worldwide.

After the international success of Riane Eisler's ground-breaking book *The Chalice and the Blade: Our History, Our Future* (hailed by Princeton anthropologist Ashley Montagu as "the most important book since Darwin's Origin of Species"), the Center for Partnership Systems (CPS) was founded in 1987 as a 501c3 nonprofit. Through CPS, Dr.Eisler pioneered the extension of human rights theory and action to the majority of humanity: women and children. Her multidisciplinary research and scholarship provide a roadmap for all of us who seek to build a more equitable, sustainable, and less violent world based on partnership rather than domination.

CPS is committed to creating a Partnership future, one that nurtures our humanity and protects our environment by focusing on four key cornerstones for shifting toward Partnership Systems: Partnership Families, Gender Equality, A Caring Economy, and Stories and Language that normalize and celebrate peace, equality, justice, caring, and mutual respect.

Through educational materials, digital and social media content, and collaborative partnerships with organizations and individuals, CPS is activating a mainstream movement, educating for action, and supporting the implementation of Partnership policies.

"Your books helped me realize that dominator society isn't an inevitable end result of flawed human nature. You taught me that a different world IS possible.

It may seem distant and I may not live to see the changes that need to happen, but maybe my daughter will. For her sake, and for all of humankind's, I know how important it is to keep hoping and pushing for better. Thank you, thank you, thank you."

Ashlinn Romagnoli, Letter to Riane, 2024

Highlights of Riane Eisler's Teaching, Speaking, and Publications

- Riane continued to be in demand this year as a guest lecturer, podcast guest, and interviewee in 2024. Filmed interviews were included in two different documentaries, and print interviews with Riane were translated into Romanian, German, Italian, and Dutch.

- New articles authored by Riane Eisler were published in Tikkun, Kosmos Journal, Compass Magazine, TSFX.com, and the Interdisciplinary Journal for Partnership Studies.

- Some of Riane's speaking engagements included a talk at the Inaugural Women's Congress of the Founding Mothers Movement, and a community call with the Project for Integrating Spirituality, Law and Politics (PISLAP).

- Riane's work continues to inform and inspire the work of scholars, writers, and media makers around the world. In addition to being cited as a foundational influence in more than 30 new books and articles this year, Francis Ford Coppola cited *The Chalice and the Blade* as one of the books that influenced his film Megalopolis, and IntersectionalInnovations.com named Eisler one of 20 "Resorative People Leaders to Watch."

"Your books have affected me deeply and your analysis seems absolutely on the mark."
- Ingrid Style, Activist

"I have been reading Sacred Pleasure for the third time and facilitating my second book study group on your phenomenal work. Your work has helped me knit back together the lost parts of myself and history. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for brilliantly bringing back the truth of the feminine in the world. Your beautiful work continues to be a beacon in the world."
– Laura Keller Coyote

"I recently finished reading your profound work, "The Chalice and the Blade," and I wanted to reach out to express my deep appreciation for your insights. I believe that your work could provide invaluable guidance as we navigate these complex issues within the European Union. Your vision of a partnership-oriented society offers a hopeful and actionable framework for addressing some of the most pressing challenges we face today.
– Charles Edward Andrew Lincoln IV

2024 Impact Projects

Riane Eisler and CPS continue to inspire innovative scholarship, educational programs, and social change initiatives all over the world. Here are some of our favorites from 2024.

The Power of Partnership Podcast Grows in Season Two

The POP Podcast, produced and hosted by Cherri Jacobs Pruitt, released 15 new episodes in 2024 in both audio and video formats, and was downloaded nearly 25,000 times. Guests from all over the world explored with Cherri how Partnership practices are transforming diverse fields, from men's mental health to education, the environment, technology, healthcare, family life, organizational leadership, politics, and economics.

The POP Podcast can be accessed anywhere you get your podcasts, or at https://centerforpartnership.org/the-power-of-partnership-podcast/. Video versions of episodes are on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/@centerforpartnershipsystem5539



"Rebirth" by Angelica Walton was featured as the cover art for IJPS Vol 11, Issue 2.

The Interdisciplinary Journal for Partnership Studies Celebrated 10 years of Original Scholarship by Partnership Leaders and Practitioners

This peer-reviewed, open-access, electronic journal is a partnership between the Center for Partnership Systems, the University of Minnesota Libraries, and the University of Minnesota School of Nursing. Since 2014, the IJPS has provided a global audience with online and open access to 24 published issues including 230 articles by a total of more than 330 authors. In 2024, its tenth year, the Journal published two issues bringing together voices of scholars and community activists working to build a Partnership world. **Read the Journal**.



First Chalice Award Was Presented at the Money Matters 3 Symposium

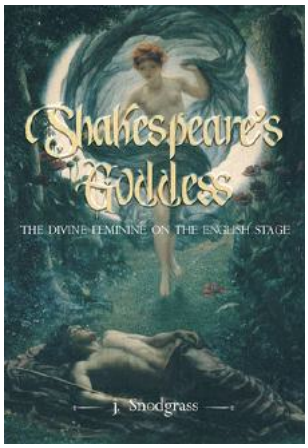
Rickey Gard Diamond, author of *Screwnomics: How Our Economy Works Against Women and Real Ways to Make Lasting Change* and founder of An Economy of Our Own, presented the first annual Chalice award in honor of Riane Eisler's work at the Money Matters 3 Symposium in Vermont.



Riane Eisler Was Featured as a Peace Heroine in an Online Exhibition

Melanie Lynch, Founder and Director of the feminist cultural and historical revival project Herstory, featured Riane Eisler among the Peace Heroines profiled in her online exhibition of women who have worked for peace in Ireland and around the world. Melanie has gone on to work with CPS to develop a Partnership Film Contest slated to launch in 2025-26.

More 2024 Partnership Impact Projects



New Book by Professor John Snodgrass Brings Eisler into Conversation with Shakespeare

In his new book *Shakespeare's Goddess: The Divine Feminine on the English Stage,* John Snodgrass cites Riane Eisler's *The Chalice and the Blade* as a foundational influence. Snodgrass teaches "Introduction to Religious Studies" at Canisius College in Buffalo, New York, and he wrote to CPS to share that he assigns Eisler's essay "The Goddess of Nature and Spirituality" as the first reading assignment of the course. “This is a real eye-opener for students who have been taught that religion has always been male-dominated. *The Chalice and the Blade* has been such a defining influence on my thought and understanding of human history. I'm really grateful to have read it, and glad to be able to share it with others.”



***The Chalice and the Blade* Informs a Philosophy of History Curriculum in Mexico City**

After Amilcar Paris Mandoki, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Philosophy and Literature of the National Autonomous University of Mexico wrote to share that he is using *The Chalice and the Blade* as a foundational text in his Philosophy of History course, Riane joined Paris Mandoki’s undergraduate course for three online sessions in 2024.



Cherri Jacobs Pruitt Advocated for Partnership Practices in two national conferences

Cherri’s presentation, "Building Capacity and Resilience in Community Health Centers through Partnership Practices," sparked conversations among attendees at the Fall 2024 CHAMPS/NWRPCA Primary Care Conference.

Cherri was also a featured speaker at the Women Virtual Summit, where her presentation "Changing Our Story, Changing Your Life" addressed how the Domination/Partnership framework helps us leverage points for impactful social and personal change.

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