

# Higher Purpose Forum: Thomas Ward - Role of the Natural Family in the Realization of World Peace

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## Presentation & Discussion Series

### New Topic Area: The Family & Positive Peace

Tuesday, July 2 @ 7:00 PM EST via ZOOM  
(Registration Required)

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### Presenter - Dr. Thomas Ward

Provost & Professor, HJ International Graduate School

## "The Role of the Natural Family in the Realization of World Peace"

### Respondent - Mika Deshotel

Associate Dean of Student Life

HJI International Graduate School

[ZOOM Registration Link \(New\)](#)

Dear

We invite you to participate in next Tuesday's (July 2nd) meeting of the Higher Purpose Forum in which we will introduce a new topic area: *"The Family & Positive Peace"*. Our first meeting on the topic will feature a presentation by Dr. Thomas Ward, provost and professor at HJI.

Article 16 of The United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) asserts that *"the family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by*

*society and the State.*” This HPF Session explores the rationale for the strong position taken on the value of the family in the UDHR. It highlights the contribution of the Universal Peace Federation’s (UPF) to the vision of the family and the work in this domain today by UPF and HJI Co-Founder Hak Ja Han Moon.

This will be our final meeting for the summer. We will resume HPF programs in September.



## **Presenter**

### **Dr. Thomas Ward**

Dr Ward serves as Provost at the HJ International Graduate School of Peace and Public Leadership (HJI). At HJI he is Professor of Peace and Development Studies. Previously he served for eighteen years as Dean of the University of Bridgeport's College of Public and International Affairs where he taught graduate courses on Culture and Development, Peace and Conflict Studies, and Political and Economic Integration.

Dr. Ward has lived and worked in the United States, Europe, Latin America and East Asia. He lectures in English, French and Spanish. His writings and research have been published in numerous newspapers and journals in the U.S. and Asia and he has authored or edited more than ten books.

He has been a Fulbright Scholar, a Taiwan Foreign Ministry Research Fellow, and a guest lecturer at the Academy of Social Science in Beijing and at Academia Sinica's Institute of Modern History in Taipei.

Dr Ward earned his doctoral degree at De La Salle University, a Masters of Religious Education from the Unification Theological Seminary, and a Bachelors of Arts from the University of Notre Dame.

## **Respondent**

### **Ms. Mika Deshotel**

Ms Deshotel is the Associate Dean for Student Life and a doctoral candidate at HJ International Graduate School.

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Sincerely,

James B. Edgerly

Director, [Higher Purpose Forum](#)

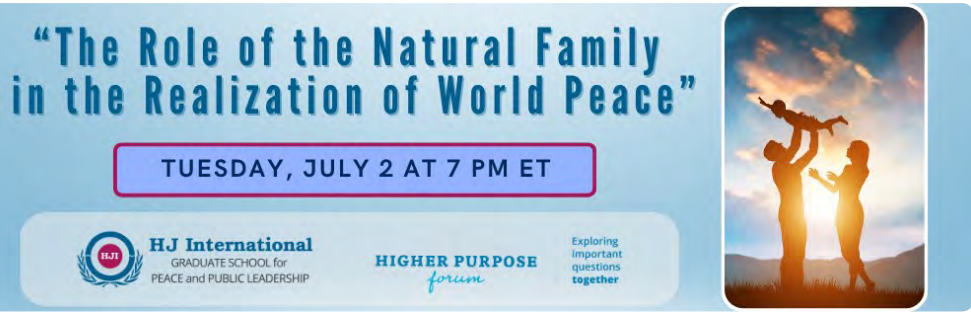


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## The Role of the Natural Family in the Realization of World Peace

Date & Time Jul 2, 2024 05:00 PM in Mountain Time (US and Canada)

### Meeting Registration

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