

Bio, Louise Diamond

Louise Diamond, Ph.D.

Louise Diamond's life has been devoted to fostering healthy and peaceful human systems at every level, from the individual to the global.

In 2008 Louise founded *Global Systems Initiatives*, where she brings a transformative whole systems perspective on complex global issues to the policy community. Believing that we need new tools to address the unprecedented challenges and opportunities of our inter-connected world, she is committed to helping generate creative approaches that build on the discoveries of systems and complexity sciences for the times we are facing.

In 1992 Louise co-founded (with Ambassador John McDonald) *The Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy* (IMTD) in Washington, D.C. There she worked as a peacebuilder in places of violent conflict around the world, helping adversaries bridge political, historical, cultural, and psychological divides to find common ground and creative solutions. Always her approach aimed at building viable and sustainable peace systems. She also trained hundreds of peacebuilders from dozens of countries, and crafted theory out of practice and practice out of new theory.

In 2004 Louise founded *The Peace Company*, seeking to show that peace is good business and to bridge the gap between the non-profit and for-profit worlds. During this time, she continued to provide training and consulting nationally and globally, and wrote *The Peace Book: 108 Simple Ways to Make a More Peaceful World*, which has sold close to 100,000 copies. She has written three other books and innumerable articles published in a wide variety of venues, and now writes a monthly e-newsletter, *The Global Systems Review*. In 1989 she produced a film on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, *Many Voices, One Song*.

Over the course of her career Louise has worked extensively on issues relating to development, conflict prevention and transformation, diversity, leadership, youth, business, non-profits, education, media, health, and more. She brings a background in applied human behavior, organizational transformation, and systems dynamics to all that she does.

Louise received a Ph.D. in Peace Studies in 1990; a CAS degree in Human Resource and Organizational Development in 1974; and a B.A. from Oberlin College in 1966. For more than 30 years she has been a student of Native American and Tibetan Buddhist ancient wisdom.