Spring 2025

Dear Entering WHiSTEP Students~

I am incredibly excited to welcome you all to Center for Anthroposophy's (CfA) Waldorf High School Teacher Education Program (WHiSTEP) as we gear up for our work together in summer 2025.

In preparation for this first summer session together, I need to call on you for your help: namely, to be sure that you read all advance assignments carefully and return all forms and payments promptly. At each step of the way -- whether in filling out any remaining forms or arriving here in good time for our opening session the success of the group will wax or wane according to the responsiveness of individuals.

We will hold three online sessions together **the week of July 7-11.** These sessions are primarily for incoming students to help acclimate to the program. (Note, students in the mathematics subject seminar have their first session with Marisha Plotnik on Monday, July 7).

In preparation for this first session together on Tuesday, July 8, I would be grateful if each of you would be prepared to speak for 5-7 minutes to the question:

What have been the most important formative moments and events along your life's path that have led you to this inaugural moment?

Live classes in Wilton begin on **Sunday, July 13** at 8:30 am with the Convocation along with the Antioch University Waldorf Teacher Education Program students. Dorms are open **Saturday, July 12** and there will be dinner on Saturday night for those who have signed up.

- Here is the <u>link</u> to the summer schedule for the online and live residency weeks.
- Please examine carefully the reading lists/syllabi for your academic courses here.
- "Required articles" for Human Development course can be found here.

Please remember: It is your responsibility to secure, prior to arrival, all required books for summer courses. It is also required that students read all assigned books as indicated on the reading lists -- including those for your subject seminar -- before the start of the summer session. In addition, you might choose to bring eurythmy slippers (found online) and loose cotton clothing for the eurythmy course.

As you may already know, your families are warmly invited to join us for two special events that will bring together all of the Waldorf teacher education programs this summer -- elementary and high school. One is a demonstration evening of student offerings on **Saturday July 26**, starting at 7:00 p.m. with open gallery; the other is the closing graduation ceremony the following day on **Sunday July 27**, starting at 10:30 a.m. Please remember that all other functions -- including the opening convocation ceremony of all Waldorf program participants on the morning of Sunday July 14 -- are for enrolled students only.

Questions about program or courses -- such as difficulties in finding assigned readings or anything at all-- can be routed to me by phone at (603) 533-3383 or by e-mail at david@centerforanthroposophy.org.

Administrative questions, for instance housing, meals and other arrangements, should be directed to Milan Daler, Administrator of the Center for Anthroposophy, at (603) 654-2566 or at milan@centerforanthroposophy.org

We are eagerly looking forward to welcoming you to Wilton for our first summer together -- and to having you meet your fellow students as well as those in the upper levels of the Waldorf high school teacher education program. See you soon!

With tremendous enthusiasm,

David Barham, Director Waldorf High School Teacher Education Program (WHiSTEP) Center for Anthroposophy