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Wheaton College
For Christ and His Kingdom

Learning to accompany communities worldwide toward justice and fullness of life



For the Healing

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Reflections

On the 2018 HNGR Symposium

Dr. Jamie Huff | HNGR Assistant Professor

The 2018 Wheaton College Symposium in Human Needs and Global Resources (HNGR), entitled *For the Healing of the Nations: Global Health and the Environment*, was a unique, collaborative endeavor that was co-hosted by the HNGR Program and the Biology Department. This joint Symposium convened leading researchers and health practitioners to consider the resolve, vision, leadership, and expertise of diverse individuals and organizations working to improve human health and to combat environmental injustice in communities around the world. Symposium participants included scientists, medical practitioners, and human rights and environmental justice advocates whose professional work focuses on comprehending and confronting the environmental conditions that impact peoples' health vulnerability, resilience, and their access to effective health systems. The event included presentations that gave special attention to the themes of health and climate change, nutritional ecology, environmental injustice, and rural poverty and profiled the work of organizations that partner with communities located in west Africa, Central America and the southern United States. Symposium presenters highlighted the efforts of grassroots community development, health organizations, and advocacy campaigns that confront the local and global environmental factors that impact the physical, mental, and social well-being of people in these communities.

The HNGR program and the Biology Department hosted three remarkable leaders from Latin America and the United States, who inspired the Wheaton community with several informative lectures and practice-oriented workshops. Joining us for the Symposium was Ms. Catherine Coleman Flowers, who serves as the founder of Alabama Center for Rural Enterprise (ACRE) and the Rural Development Manager for the Equal Justice Initiative, and who currently directs the Environmental Justice and Civic Engagement Division at Union Theological Seminary's Center for Earth Ethics. Our guests from Latin America included Drs. Francisco Moraga and Reyna Sanchez, who work as family care physicians and are the co-directors of Luke Society Nicaragua, a faith-based organization that provides community health education and organizes public health initiatives in numerous marginalized communities across Nicaragua. Finally, Wheaton College and HNGR alumna Dr. Rebecca Heidkamp, who is faculty member at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, joined us to share about her work on developing evidence-driven public health nutrition policies and programs in low- and middle-income countries.

The Symposium began with a public lecture delivered by Drs. Vanya Koo and Kristen Page (Biology Department faculty) on Tuesday, March 13, that

explained the relationship between public health and environmental change and featured presentations on original field research conducted by three Wheaton College undergraduate students, including two HNGR interns (Sean Lyon and Laura Pax). The first full day of activities on Wednesday, March 14, included a Chapel address by Dr. Rebecca Heidkamp and a variety of panel and breakout sessions in the afternoon during which our three Symposium guests shared about their professional work as medical doctors, public health researchers, and community organizers with a diverse audience of Wheaton College students. Approximately one hundred Wheaton College faculty, staff, and students attended discussion-based, breakout sessions hosted by Drs. Moraga and Sanchez, Dr. Heidkamp, and Ms. Coleman Flowers. That same evening Ms. Coleman Flowers delivered the Science Symposium plenary address during which she described the work she directs with the Alabama Center for Rural Enterprise, which focuses on advocating for access to clean water and proper sanitation on behalf of marginalized households in Lowndes County, Alabama.

The HNGR Symposium continued with a timely and informative plenary address by Drs. Reyna Sanchez and Francisco Moraga, Health, Environment, and Climate Change in Latin America, on Thursday evening, March 14. The joint address included an opening lecture by Dr. Sanchez that detailed the particular ecological and health vulnerabilities of different rural communities in Nicaragua and elsewhere in Central America. Her address offered concrete examples of how climate change in the region has exacerbated problems of clean water access and susceptibility to certain vector-borne diseases in the communities where San Lucas Nicaragua carries out various public health and community development initiatives. The presentation also identified the strategies that public health professionals are adopting to strengthen community resilience in the face of adverse climate change. Dr. Moraga closed the plenary address with a set of moving reflections on the calling that we have as followers of Jesus to care for Creation and to work for the flourishing and well-being of neighbors living nearby and far away who are vulnerable to climate change. Following the plenary address we hosted approximately one hundred guests in the lobby of the Meyer Science Hall for the HNGR Interns Poster Session – the poster session continued late into the night with nearly seventy-five guests

sticking around to learn from and query students about the independent study projects they carried out during the course of their HNGR internships.

A notable activity during this year's Symposium was a community art project facilitated by Associate Lecturer of Art, Leah Samuelson, and a group of undergraduate students from the Art Department. The project was held during the course of the entire Symposium event and invited all guests and participants to contribute to the creation of a mosaic of the HNGR logo (the mosaic was installed in the HNGR office in May 2018). In all, approximately one hundred individuals contributed to the creation of the mosaic.

On Friday, March 16, the HNGR interns led the entire community in a worship service as part of the weekly Chapel service. That afternoon the program hosted a closing workshop with staff from a local organization, Faith in Place. Approximately twenty-five Wheaton College students attended the workshop to learn about the practical steps they could take to mobilize the Wheaton College community in Creation Care and environmental stewardship work. To end this year's Symposium, we hosted approximately seventy-five guests, including Wheaton faculty, staff, students and HNGR alum for a Saturday morning brunch and a closing address by various HNGR staff, including Drs. Laura Yoder, Jamie Huff, and Mandy Kellums Baraka. 🍀



SYMPOSIUM
Reflection

STEPHAN RAUH | HNGR '13
FORMER LUKE SOCIETY INTERN

How good it was to be with Francisco and Reyna again for the 2018 HNGR symposium! The time together was significant for me in a number of ways. It was fun to laugh, share memories, and recount God's goodness together. Even beyond the good fun of being together and the joy of reminding one another of God's faithfulness, I was blessed again by their deep witness to God's redeeming, transformative work.

They shared powerful words about God's Kingdom and of opportunities they have to accompany Latin American communities in pursuit of greater health and well-being in the midst of global climate change. The approach they take in their development work, strengthening leadership within communities and encouraging community members to work together to identify problems and move toward greater well-being, is a deep encouragement to me and a strong example for me as I go about my work.

For years, Francisco and Reyna have invested significant energy to welcome and include HNGR students in their work at Fundación San Lucas. They do so with patience and kindness, embracing interns as part of their team. It was fun to witness their genuine excitement at the opportunity to visit Wheaton and to share with the Wheaton community. What a rich blessing it was to hear from Francisco and Reyna, to be with these dear friends again, and to receive encouragement through their work, their witness, and their love. Thanks be to God!

2018 HNGR COVENANT

The creation of the HNGR Covenant is an important part of students' pre-departure reflection. At their winter retreat, the outgoing group thinks and prays about what they hope God will accomplish in and through their group, and what qualities or practices they hope to characterize their internships. Through a visioning process, the interns find two or three themes to work into a HNGR Covenant. This prayerful statement of intentionality serves as a guidepost for their individual internship as well as a touchpoint by which to share with each other about their different experiences. Below is the 2018 HNGR Covenant. We encourage you to use it as a resource for your own reflection and as you pray for the 2018 interns.

Lord God, in our rising and lying down,
and in our coming and going, remember us,
the HNGR interns, and hear our prayer.

Faithful God, you are Creator and
Redeemer of our stories. Allow us
to enter in the broken stories that
you faithfully redeem.

Father, hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, you share in our
suffering and turn our mourning into
dancing. Help us to be a community
who weeps with those who weep, and
rejoices with those who rejoice.

Holy Spirit, hear our prayer.

Sovereign God, you liberate us from
our fears and burdens. Give us the
courage to be vulnerable with each
other and stand alongside one another.

Jesus, hear our prayer.

Loving God, you became flesh and
established your Kingdom among us.
Help us to be humble participants in
your Kingdom story.

Holy Trinity, hear our prayer.

Abide in us as we wait for you.

Amen. 



HUMAN NEEDS AND GLOBAL RESOURCES

2018 Internship Placement Map

Abi Conway
 Allison Bassett
 Anna La Dine
 Elisabeth Stringer
 Erika Johnson
 Hannah Appleyard
 Hyeong Keon Yoon
 John Mark Daniel
 Joseph Choe
 Kayley Goertzen
 Lauren Tsao-Wu
 Maddie Engh
 Meg Hutton

THAILAND
 HONDURAS
 ISRAEL
 ETHIOPIA
 ZAMBIA
 INDONESIA
 PERU
 COSTA RICA
 EL SALVADOR
 ECUADOR
 PHILIPPINES
 URUGUAY
 INDIA

Noah Dunlap
 Paul Cardillo
 Rissa Ho
 Sade Bamimore
 Sarah Camillone
 Sarah Herning
 Sarah Holcomb
 Sherry Kang
 Sophie George
 Susie Krogh
 Tom Whittington
 Yuri Bernales

ARGENTINA
 ETHIOPIA
 CHINA
 PERU
 ECUADOR
 UGANDA
 INDIA
 CAMBODIA
 INDIA
 GUATEMALA
 CAMBODIA
 RWANDA

Job Openings



Click on the links in the descriptions to read more!

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

The Associate Director of Development at Lawndale Christian Legal Center will work closely with and report to LCLC's Chief Operating Officer. This position will focus on raising funds for the community-based services needed to implement the Restorative Justice Community Court, for which LCLC is the lead agency. This position will also write grant proposals/reports and support development activities for LCLC's other programming. The position requires strong administrative, writing, coordination, and interpersonal skills to complete the following responsibilities:

- Conduct research to evaluate prospects for new sources of funding
- Develop and submit grant applications, letters of inquiry (LOIs), emails, and supporting documents ahead of deadlines and in accordance with guidelines for submission
- Prepare progress reports and updates for foundation, government, corporate, and individual funders
- Maintain an up-to-date grants calendar and track deadlines letters of intent, proposals, and reports
- Work closely with LCLC program and fiscal staff to collect data for required reports
- Represent LCLC at presentations and networking opportunities to cultivate relationships with individual donors and supporters
- Assist with planning and execution for LCLC's annual fundraising events

[View the full job description](#)

CHIEF PROGRAM OFFICER

The Chief Program Officer oversees all services provided by Lawndale Christian Legal Center's Legal Team, Case Management Team, Outreach Team, MAC House, Mentoring, Restorative Justice Hub, and Detention Reduction Program, ensuring the cohesive integration and delivery of our team-based model of services. The Chief Program Officer will join a growing team of executive leaders at LCLC to play a critical role in the execution of our Chicago Beyond award and rigorous evaluation with the University of Chicago Urban Labs. As an organization, we are in a season of growth that requires us to develop our model of services such that we are able to equip and train other communities in Chicago to implement these services in their neighborhoods. During this season, it is critical that the Chief Program Officer facilitate the collection and analysis of data from the various departments so that, in partnership with Urban Labs, we can determine critical interventions, length of interventions, and the overall impact and cost of our services, particularly in comparison to traditional forms of criminal justice interventions. We are looking for a high-level executive leader with non-profit management experience; strong management, organizational, and administrative skills; and experience in collecting and analyzing data to inform model delivery of services as well as replication and scaling of those services. This position reports directly to LCLC's Executive Director.

[View the full job description](#)

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STRONG FUTURES CASE MANAGER

The Case Manager will work with youth, age 18-24, who are involved in the juvenile and adult criminal justice systems, to set and achieve educational, employment, and personal goals and will support youth to develop positive pro-social attitudes and behaviors, maintain court compliance, and decrease engagement in violent behavior.

Responsibilities include:

- Maintain a case load of 15-20 emerging adults, age 18-24, involved in the criminal justice system
- Recruit, enroll and provide program orientation for each referred adult
- Complete Social Assessment, Self-Sufficiency Matrix, and develop Individualized Service Plan with each individual indicating
- short and long term goals and the steps needed to achieve those goals
- Meet with each emerging adult weekly (home, school or in the community) to provide one-on-one mentoring support,
- complete assessments, individualized service plans, make referrals to community services identified through assessment,
- and work with adult to increase job retention
- Conduct monthly cohort meetings, providing life skill training
- Coordinate job fairs and workshops for program participants
- Refer participants to NLEN's U-Turn Permitted Program for workforce development training for employment

[View the full job description](#)



SAVE THESE HNGR Symposium DATES!

MARCH 21-23 2019:

Ruth Padilla DeBorst
(FTL, INFEMIT, CETI, Casa Adobe)

OCTOBER 5 2019 | 3-5 PM

HNGR Homecoming Open House
HNGR Office | Lower Schell Hall

OCTOBER 6-8 2019

HNGR Symposium

This symposium will feature speakers on three intersecting themes: Learning from the Global Church, Creation Care, and Christian Social Engagement:

- **Ruth Padilla DeBorst**
- **Kuki Rokhum**
- **Myrto Theoharus**
- **Bishop Zac Niringiye**
- **Christopher J.H. Wright (Langham, UK)**
- **Mark Labberton (Fuller)**
- **Special musical guests**
- **Integrative workshops**
- **...and more!**



What does it mean for you to practice justice today, in your home community and social context?



Streetside Conversations

Food

Policy and Law

Mentors

Submit by: 15 July 2018

<http://streetsideconversations.com/submit>

- How does your work contribute to making quality food accessible and affordable for all?
- In what ways do you strive to produce, purchase, and/or consume food ethically?
- How do you promote a culture of food that is life-giving?
- How do you work to transform unjust laws and legal processes in your country?
- In what ways do you use advocacy or policy to favor the disadvantaged?
- How do you practice justice by providing legal assistance?
- Who has mentored you in practicing justice and what does that relationship look like?
- How has your life been influenced by people who taught you about the importance of treating others with the dignity and respect they deserve?

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)



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7TH TRIENNIAL CONSULTATION

INTEGRAL MISSION AND RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

ADDRESSING POVERTY, INJUSTICE AND CONFLICT

THE PHILIPPINES

10TH to 14TH September 2018



The media tends to focus on sudden large disasters, yet miss the profound reality that a majority of people who die unnecessarily each year, die from local events and systems that don't reach our news reports. Those most adversely affected are from poor and often marginalised communities, who have received limited-to-no support. Compounding this problem is the ever-reducing availability of resources (international and national) that can be drawn on for the meeting of basic life-saving needs. Even when aid is supplied, building the community capacity to become more resilient for future shocks is limited. Unjust systems continue to be the cause of poverty cycles, death and conflict.

RESILIENCE

The ability to recover quickly from difficulties, the ability to cope with the life shocks and challenges.

RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

The sustained ability of a community to draw on available resources to withstand, respond to and recover from adverse situations.

MICAH AND INTEGRAL MISSION

Recognising that a reconciled community has the greatest capacity to work together for the healing and restoration of its people, we centre our mission in Christ, so that all we do and say has a transforming impact, enabling **communities to live life in all its fullness, free from poverty, injustice and conflict.**

DATES AND TIMES

Monday, 10TH to Friday, 14TH of September 2018

ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION STARTS:

Sunday, 9TH of September (Recommended arrival, so as to rest and join in pre-consultation meetings.)

OPENING AND WELCOME:

Monday, 10TH of September at 2pm

CLOSING AND DEPARTURES:

Friday, 14TH of September at 2pm after closing ceremony and lunch

PRE-CONSULTATIONS:

Monday, 10TH of September from 8:30am to 1pm

POST-CONSULTATION:

Friday, 14TH of September 2pm to Saturday, 15TH of September: Stott-Bediako Forum

LOCATION

CCT Tagaytay Retreat and Training Center

Kaykulot Road, Barangay Sungay East,
Tagaytay City, Cavite, Philippines

HOSTING MEMBER: CCT, in cooperation with PCEC and Micah Philippine members

SPEAKERS INCLUDE

CB Samuel	Fransisco Portillejo
Dave Bookless	Mary Nelson
Ruth Padilla DeBorst	Vladimir Ubeivolo
Johannes Reimer	Kennedy Dhanabalan
René Padilla	Melba Maggay
Peter McVerry	Florence Muindi
Zach Niringiye	Boureima Diallo
Alia Abboud	Nada Thabet

CONSULTATION PROGRAMME

THEME: Integral Mission and Resilient Communities

PRE-CONSULTATIONS INCLUDE:

- Stott-Bediako Forum
- Integral Mission, Compassion and Community Health
- Pursuing Urban Shalom
- Micah Young People—engaging for today

Pre-consultation papers and materials to draw from will be available at www.micahglobal.org/events.

CONSULTATION

PROGRAMME OUTLINE:

MONDAY, 10TH

Resilience and God's Mission

TUESDAY, 11TH

Resilience in the Pursuit of Justice

WEDNESDAY, 12TH

Resilience and Persisting Compassion

THURSDAY, 13TH

Resilience and Disasters Responses

FRIDAY, 14TH

Resilience and Partnerships

GLOBAL CONSULTATION:

Visit www.micahgc2018.org to download the programme

LANGUAGES:

The consultation will be conducted in the following languages using simultaneous interpretation:

English, French, Portuguese, Spanish, Russian, Arabic and Filipino.

REGISTRATION FEES

YOUR REGISTRATION FEES INCLUDE:

- Five nights of accommodation
- Full Board and refreshments from Sunday evening to Friday lunchtime
- Transfers from airport to the venue and return to airport
- Registration fee and participant materials

YOUR REGISTRATION FEES DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Visa fees
- Flights to The Philippines
- Travel and health insurance
- Additional accommodation (before Sunday the 9TH or from Friday the 14TH)
- Post-Consultation additional events

Accommodation:

TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION	SHARED ROOM	SINGLE ROOM
MEMBER	\$580	\$800
NON-MEMBER	\$680	\$900

Membership rates are for all members who have confirmed and sent in their annual membership contribution within the last 12 months.

FUNDING AND SPONSORSHIP: Micah Global unfortunately cannot offer funding or sponsorship for delegates to attend the Global Consultation. We encourage you to plan early and seek funding where required from churches, partner agencies etc. to ensure you are able to attend.

PAYMENT: Full payment is required prior to arrival. As some countries may experience limitations on using the online payment service during registration, a manual registration form is available on request. A list of alternative ways to pay the registration can be discussed. These include bank transfers, Western Union and PayPal. **PLEASE NOTE:** When transferring please ensure all charges are born by delegate so that the full amount required is paid for the registration. Thank you in advance.

TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT

NEAREST AIRPORT: Manila Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA)

AIRPORT TRANSFERS: To be announced once we receive flight details – please allow 2 hours travel time to venue.

VISAS: Some countries require a visa to enter The Philippines. All participants must check their own visa requirements. Visa support letters will be issued by Micah on request. Visa processing often takes time. Please apply early. Remember if you are travelling through the USA or the EU you may require a transit visa.

INSURANCE: All participants are required to have their own appropriate health insurance. Micah has a contract with Dr Walter Health Insurance and can issue health insurance cover for the event on request. This usually will cost €2.50/day. Payment of health insurance can be done on arrival. If you would like to use this please contact Micah for details.

HEALTH ADVICE: A number of mosquito-borne diseases are prevalent in the Philippines all year round. Precaution (clothing, repellent etc.) to avoid mosquito bites is advised.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Micah seeks to create a platform for Christians ministries to meet, share and consult one another on relevant global and contextual issues and concerns, through the lens of integral mission.

This global consultation is important and relevant for all those involved in the theology and practice of missional transformation through relief, rehabilitation, development, advocacy, reconciliation, environmental care and justice ministries.

It is often around the tables at meals and other connecting times that the best collaboration occurs. Organisations have changed their entire strategy after participating in a Micah Consultation – so come prepared to be inspired, challenged and changed. Come to share your experiences and knowledge so that others can learn from you.

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

At the heart of Micah is our passion for **integral mission**. Christian ministries coming to learn together how we can:

- Effectively respond to the travesty of poverty, injustice and conflict in such a way that God's Shalom is evident in word, deed and signs?
- Discern theologically and practically together to speak and act with prophetic authority so as to disciple our nations and hold leaders to account for their responsibilities for the flourishing of humanity and all of creation?
- Walk together in humility, serving one another as we seek to enable the local church to be the agent of change in each community?

MORE INFORMATION

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To find out more about Micah Global visit
www.micahglobal.org

