

Farewell to Our HNGR Mom

After 24 years of service, Barbara Watson has retired

Laura Yoder - HNGR Director

In 1990, before most of this past year's graduating class was even born, the HNGR program received a marvelous gift, in the person of Barbara Watson. Barb brought to Wheaton College and to the HNGR Program a remarkable presence, impeccable skills in office management, and administrative abilities that have enabled the program to expand, to flourish, and to run so smoothly and efficiently for decades. Barb handled the extra complexities of an international programs office with such skill, grace, and excellence, that many difficulties seemed to resolve before they even become evident.



And now, 24 years, 3 program directors, and 618 interns later, Barb, who generations of HNGR interns have fondly called "HNGR Mom," will be retiring later this summer. Together, we want to honor her years of service, and significant contribution made to the learning and growth of so many students through this program.

Barb has welcomed 83%--83%!--of the HNGR interns, and I think it's safe to say that every person that has come through the HNGR Program has been blessed by some interaction with Barb, and could bear witness to her clear and gracious manner of writing. And so importantly, she radiated

God's love and concern for each person, every single time someone came through our door, with a warm greeting and a smile.

So, what does it mean to have worked with the 618 HNGR interns who have completed the HNGR Program since 1990? Sometimes it feels like a lot is going on with just about 26, so to help us understand what administering 618 interns means, we had to pull out our calculators and quantify some things. Here are some conservative estimates, using actual figures:

From initial inquiry meetings, through the application process, pre-departure placement, until final re-entry conversations, HNGR interns have a lot of meetings.

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"Barb, You have been such a faithful servant to HNGR over so many years to hundreds of interns and staff, and you will be missed by all. Your gentle demeanor and warm welcoming personality have made the HNGR office a real home to so many of the interns over the years. Now that you will have more free time, we hope that you and your family will consider visiting us in Costa Rica in the near future. We promise you a good 'HNGR intern' experience!"

-Bob Stickney
HNGR Director, 1987-1999

Notes for Barb and Sydney can be sent by mail to the HNGR office or via email to hngr@wheaton.edu. All notes will be given at a joint reception on September 2.



Pray for the interns in the field

Many of you may recall August being a difficult month during your internship. With students' peers coming back to campus, interns in the field often encounter loss and loneliness. Here are some ways you can be supporting the class in the field:

- Pray for God's protection and provision during the continuing HNGR advisory visits: that HNGR students would feel encouraged by their times with Wheaton faculty and staff, and that the trips would allow interns to approach the second half of their internships with insight, vigor, and a renewed sense of grace

- Pray for the Lord to meet interns in any sadness encountered as they think of the semester at Wheaton starting; pray that they will feel supported and remembered by the Wheaton community and that they will find a renewed sense of purpose for their internships in having been 'sent out'

- Pray for HNGR interns' continued relationship-building with host families, friends, and co-workers: for conversations that bring greater understanding of and care for each other; for shared activities or times of relaxation that allow barriers to break down and commonalities to be acknowledged; and for opportunities to share in God's presence together

"For decades, you have been the face - and reflection - of all the deepest values embodied in the HNGR Program.

"HNGR has sought from its beginning to be a voice and a presence at Wheaton College for the excluded, poor, neglected, and hurting people of our world. You are a person whose very presence conveys God's love and concern for everyone. You welcome and embrace all, without distinction.

"HNGR has sought to be about transformation. Transformation looks for, anticipates, encourages, and participates in what the Scriptures describe as the outcome of God's desire and activity - making all things new. To encounter you and to spend time with you is to be in the presence of a person who evidences transformation because of your belief in God, what you have believed about God, and what you anticipate is God's mission in the world. And so, in you, faith, hope, and love come together in a quiet confidence about what is and what will be. These are embodied and practiced in your life."

-Paul Robinson
HNGR Director, 1999-2013

Farewell Barb, continued

How many? Barb has arranged at least 10,506 student meetings for our graduated interns: and perhaps we may need to add about 30% or more on top of that, for meetings that students missed and had to be rescheduled.

This means proofreading no fewer than 384 parent, alumni, and intern newsletters.

And this means personally acknowledging the receipt of 8,034 bi-weekly Assessment Letters that students write in the field.

It was not just one graduate of the HNGR Program that has said that if not for Barb's persistent encouragement, that she would not have been able to complete the demands of the HNGR Certificate. And so to honor the support of so many others and after shepherding 618 interns through this process, the HNGR Program awarded Barb a HNGR Certificate of her own, in recognition of the exceptional service to the Program, its interns, and by extension to God's world.

If you would like to join us in recognizing and celebrating the 23 years of faithful service that Barb has given to the HNGR Program, please send notes of appreciation via email to hngr@wheaton.edu and cards to

HNGR Program
501 College Ave
Wheaton IL 60187

All notes will be given to Barb at her retirement celebration to be held on September 2 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the HNGR Office. All alumni are invited.

HNGR says goodbye to Sydney

Dear HNGR Alumni,

Greetings from the Wheaton campus where the campus is beginning to buzz in anticipation of freshman orientation and returning students. Here in the office it has been a busy couple of weeks wishing Barbara a hearty farewell in her retirement, meeting with faculty visitors as they prepare to visit interns in the field, and welcoming our new HNGR faculty member, Dr. Jamie Huff. We are also finalizing the newest edition of the Alumni Newsletter that you should be receiving in the next few weeks.

I am writing today with some news I wanted you to hear directly from me. After fourteen wonderful years in the HNGR program, I have decided to leave my position with the HNGR program at the end of September. This comes with much prayer and thoughtful consideration. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all of you. Many of you have volunteered and served the HNGR program by being guest speakers at our retreats, leading HNGR small groups, participating in our panels and classes and mentoring our HNGR students. It has been a wonderful experience to see not only where your HNGR journey took you while at Wheaton but also where it has taken you in life much beyond your time here. When I first started I had two boys and my youngest Matthew was six months old sitting on Barb's lap while I did interviews. Now my oldest, Mitch, just graduated high school, Matthew is starting high school at Wheaton Academy and my youngest, Skyler is going into fifth grade. The time has really flown.

Even though I will be leaving my daily responsibilities on the HNGR staff, I will still be in the area. I will be working as a full-time therapist at Alliance Clinical Associates in Wheaton starting in October. I hope you all will continue to stay in touch through email and drop by our houses as many of you have done in the past.

It has been the best part of my job to be able to accompany you on your HNGR journey from the time you first



Sydney McRay has been with the HNGR Program from 2000-2014

met with me for an interview. Seeing the transformation in HNGR students throughout the years has also transformed me. My own values and life choices have been deeply impacted by the students who have been part of my HNGR journey. I cherish my many HNGR visits through which students and HNGR partners have challenged me and helped me to more fully understand who is my neighbor and what it means to truly live as a good neighbor and global Christian. I look forward to seeing many of you at campus events (as a Wheaton Alumna and faculty spouse) and perhaps in other global settings, as I will continue to travel and serve the global church in other capacities. I thank all of you for your part in this and I look forward to seeing where our journeys take us.

Blessings,

The HNGR Program is putting together a book of photos and memories for Sydney. If you have any reflections, funny stories, or words of thanks and encouragement, please send them to hngr@wheaton.edu. We will accept submissions until Friday, September 19.



The HNGR Team continues to grow

It is our pleasure to announce the hire of Laura Atkinson (a second Laura!), the new HNGR Office Manager.

Laura Atkinson was raised in Wheaton and attended all Wheaton schools: Wheaton Christian Grammar, Wheaton North and then Wheaton College. She graduated in 1996 with Sociology degree and a concentration in Social Work. Soon after graduation, Laura married Tim, who is originally from MI and graduated from Olivet Nazarene in Kankakee IL.

Laura and Tim have 3 children: Drew, Sarah, and Emily. Drew will be entering Wheaton North High School this year, Sarah will be in 8th grade at Franklin Middle School, and Emily will be in 4th grade at Washington Elementary School. The kids all keep busy with different activities such as sports, church youth group, & friends.

Laura's work background covers a variety of jobs ranging from working with the elderly to the other end of the spectrum: preschoolers. Laura's first job out of college was working in Social Services at a nursing home in Naperville. Once she and Tim had kids she enjoyed staying home with them and as they got older, Laura began working part-time as a teacher's assistant at a preschool and then later as an Elementary Director at their church.



Prior to joining the HNGR Program, Laura worked as an Office Coordinator in Wheaton's Athletics Department for 2 years.

Laura's favorite thing to do is to be together as a family, though that doesn't happen as often as she would like. When she has free time, Laura enjoys baking, gardening, and soaking in the sun (when it's warm - which doesn't happen much here in IL). Her favorite time of year is summer, so she's sad that it's almost over. Lastly, Laura's favorite food is chocolate!

Laura looks forward to meeting and getting to know alumni as you come back through the office for Homecoming, HNGR Symposia, and other events here on campus.

Back to Zambia

This article was printed in Jubilee Centre's regular newsletter

Former Jubilee Center HNGR intern Hillary Waters returned to Zambia to research intersections between urban water issues, such as access, quality, and pollution, and industrial mining. The motivation for her current research came out of her time at the Jubilee Center when she worked on a research project about priorities in urban development. Neighborhood Resident Development Committees found water to be a crucial need for development in Ndola yet one residents felt they had little control over. Currently a PhD student at the University of Minnesota in the Geography department, Hillary hopes to return to Zambia for her dissertation research next year



and she hopes her research will have a positive impact. In welcoming Hillary, Executive

Director of Jubilee Centre, Pastor Lawrence Temfwe, said that he was touched by Hilary's research work because it showed commitment to people's real need. Currently, Jubilee Centre is hosting another intern from Wheaton College. Megan Pawlak arrived in June and returns to the USA in November.

Open Position to Join the HNGR Team: Student Support Coordinator

Responsibilities

Responsible to the Human Needs and Global Resources (HNGR) Director. Assessing applicants to the HNGR Program; providing psychosocial support and guidance in cross-cultural adjustment to students before, during, and after international internships; and providing input to those who engage HNGR students in group settings (meetings, retreats, and small groups).

This position is 32 hours a week, 10 months a year and 20 hours a week, 2 months a year. Candidates must be available for some essential responsibilities that occur in summer months (much of June-August) while students are in field internships.

Applicants should have a demonstrated commitment to the core values of the Human Needs and Global Resources Program, including reciprocity, mutual learning, collaboration, justice, and transformational development. HNGR is strongly committed to listening to and engaging with the global church, and walking alongside communities for whom poverty and suffering are lived realities.

Duties

1. Assessments
 - a. Administer assessments and conduct structured assessment interviews of HNGR intern applicants.
 - b. Provide summaries and feedback for all selection committee meetings.
 - c. Contribute to letters for conditions and provisions of HNGR applicants in collaboration with selection committee.
2. Student support
 - a. Meet with all newly accepted interns to help formulate growth goals and review conditions of acceptance.
 - b. Monitor newly accepted interns during their junior year for all conditions and provisions of the HNGR Advisory Committee.
 - c. Communicate, assess and monitor students in the field through email, Skype and phone.
 - d. With Director and Assistant Director, respond to any difficulties or crises that arise with students on field internships.
 - e. Mentor students as needed after internship regarding reintegration and adjustment issues, and referring them to care as needed.

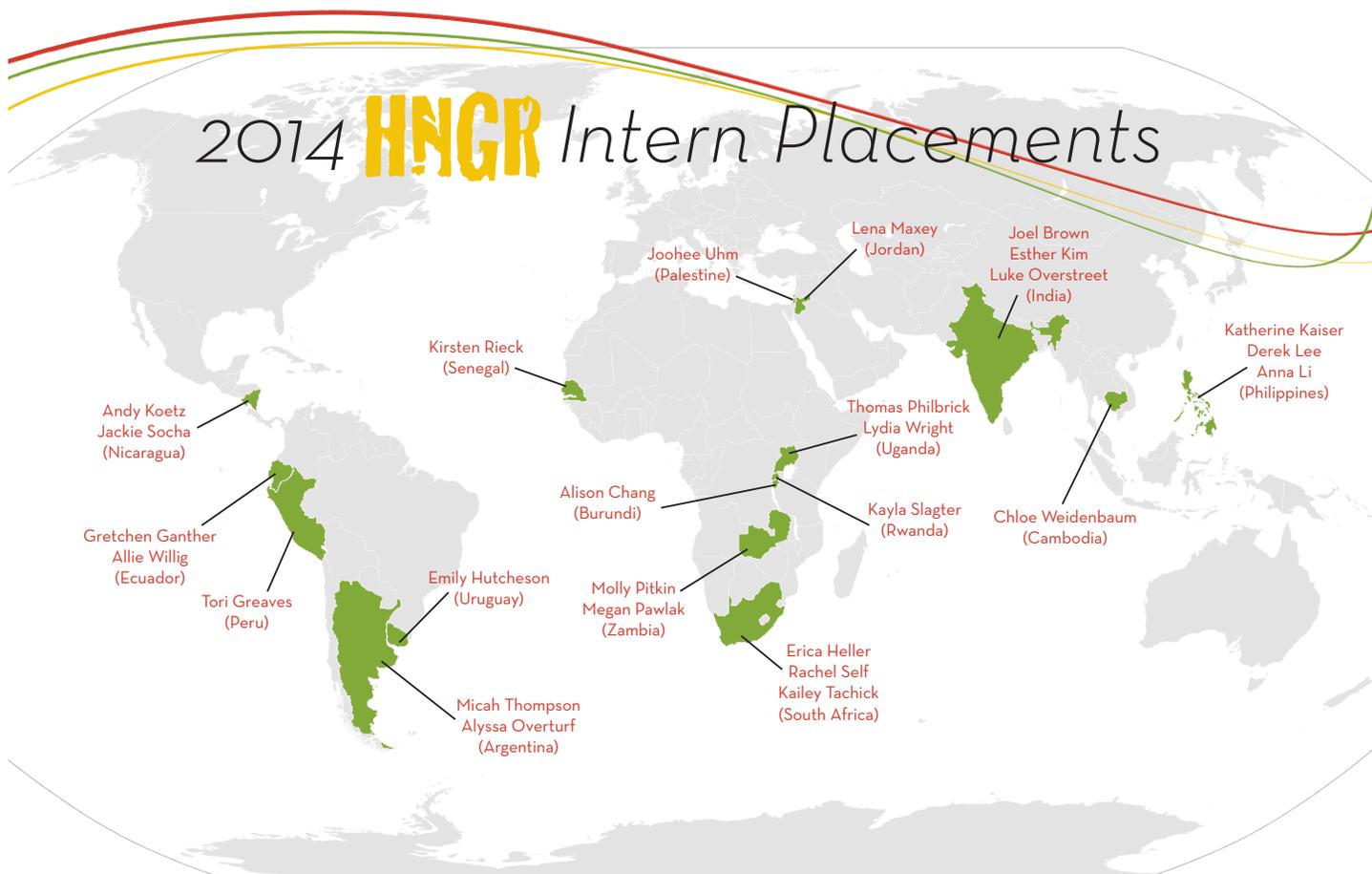
- f. Liaise with other campus services about the nature of the Program and specific needs of HNGR students.
 - g. Consult with faculty advisory visitors regarding student well-being and development on field internships.
 - h. Contribute to HNGR newsletters on mental health and cross-cultural topics.
 - i. Visit individual students on the field as needed.
 - j. File incident reports from interns on the field and track incident response.
3. Coordination of HNGR Program components and group events
 - a. Oversee content and components of student retreats, including materials, schedule, and invited participants.
 - b. Recruit, train, and monitor small group leaders and/or individual mentors for outgoing and returned interns, providing materials and group activities.
 - c. Provide tabulated evaluations for HNGR Program components for annual program assessments.
 4. Perform other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

1. M.A. in Clinical Psychology preferred; Social Work, LMFT, or related degrees with cross-cultural or international education components considered.
2. Experience in working with college-age population and in areas of wellness and mental health screening.
3. Experience with structured interviewing and intakes.
4. Experience in administering assessment tools, e.g. 16PF, SCL-90R (please name those you have used in application materials).
5. Experience living and working cross-culturally for at least six months in the Majority World (please include a description in application materials).
6. Experience in dealing with cross-cultural orientation, preparation and readiness, learning, adjustment, stressors, and competency, including re-entry.
7. Experience in mentoring and spiritual formation.
8. Understanding of experiential learning and formation.
9. Understanding of Majority World perspectives and cross-cultural competencies, and experience in giving guidance through stressors common to people living in situations of oppression, poverty and suffering.
10. Familiar with HIPAA, FERPA, Title IX, and other regulations relevant to higher education programs.

2014 Intern Placements

Please continue to join us in prayer for these interns as they complete their internships around the world.



Student Name

Organization

Joel Brown	Emmanuel Hospital Association
Alison Chang	Amani ya Juu
Gretchen Ganther	Camp Hope
Tori Greaves	Paz y Esperanza
Erica Heller	InnerCHANGE
Emily Hutcheson	CLAVES
Katherine Kaiser	Shiphrah Philippines
Esther Kim	Freeset
Andrew Koetz	Pueblos en Accion Comunitaria
Derek Lee	Luke Society
Anna Li	Kalahan Education Foundation
Lena Maxey	Operation Mercy Jordan
Luke Overstreet	Emmanuel Hospital Association
Alyssa Overturf	Comunidad y Cambio

Student Name

Organization

Megan Pawlak	Jubilee Centre
Thomas Philbrick	Joseph Initiative
Molly Pitkin	Pro-Life Advancement and Education Programme
Kirsten Rieck	World Renew
Rachel Self	The Warehouse
Kayla Slagter	CARSA
Jackie Socha	Luke Society
Kailey Tachick	dlalanathi
Micah Thompson	Suyay
Joohee Uhm	Holy Land Trust
Chloe Weidenbaum	World Relief
Allie Willig	Paz y Esperanza
Lydia Wright	Amani ya Juu