

2018 REINHOLD NIEBUHR AWARD

The Reinhold Niebuhr Award honors a faculty member or administrator whose body of academic work and life promote or exemplify social justice. A 1993 Notre Dame graduate, this year's winner devotes her research, teaching, and practice in industrial design to deepening cross-cultural understanding and making life better for poor rural communities in Nepal. She was the inaugural winner of the Young Educator of the Year Award from the Industrial Designers Society of America and has for more than a decade engaged Notre Dame undergraduates in social design and community-based research that benefit Nepalese artisans. Through The Fair Trade Project, her students collaborate with artisans to update traditional cultural designs, establish businesses, and distribute handicraft goods to a global market. In addition, she and her husband are the founders of the Hope Initiative, an organization with a mission of “bringing HOPE through education to the poorest children of Nepal.” Its comprehensive programs include primary and secondary education, health care, and technology literacy training.

The University of Notre Dame is proud to present the 2018 Reinhold Niebuhr Award to

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