The Reinhold Niebuhr Award honors a faculty member or administrator whose body of academic work and life promote and exemplify social justice. Heidi Beidinger-Burnett brings a fiery sense of justice and a talent for leadership to her work in public health. She currently serves as president of the St. Joseph County Board of Health, advocating tirelessly for HIV care and screening, reduction of infant mortality, vaccination clinics, and childhood lead screening on behalf of those who are too often ignored or forgotten. She cofounded Notre Dame’s Lead Innovation Team, which has brought together public health officials, academic collaborators, and community members to enable local families to detect and live safely with legacy lead. As director of the Master of Science in Global Health program, she mentors and trains dozens of young scientists who will help carry the flame of social justice into the future.

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