



**School of Nursing**  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON



**Karen D. Solheim, RN, PhD**  
Clinical Professor

I am pleased to announce that Karen D. Solheim has accepted the position of Director of Global Health Initiatives for the School of Nursing. This position is established to contribute to the School of Nursing's vision of improving human health through nursing science and leadership and its mission of preparing nurse leaders. Dr. Solheim brings experience to this position as a nurse practitioner, educator, researcher, and consultant in a variety of global settings. Her scholarship has focused on International Nongovernmental Organizations (INGO) employment of refugees and internally displaced people. Dr. Solheim's work has supported the start of an NGO program in Somalia, the start of a nursing college in India, and a sustained community health HIV/AIDS program in Cambodia. Dr. Solheim co-leads interdisciplinary and global health nursing courses to Thailand and Malawi.

In her new role, Dr. Solheim will lead the involvement of students, faculty, and staff and in education, scholarship, and service activity in global health. She will serve as the point of contact to link School of Nursing faculty, international partners, and students with campus, state, national, and international initiatives.

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