

Karen Barton, Rotary International Peace Scholar, to speak June 13th

Karen Barton, Professor of Geography, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and Sustainability at the University of Northern Colorado, will speak about the Rotary International Peace Centers program. She just returned from West Africa. She begins as a Rotary Peace Fellow in September at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda.

As you can read online, Karen travels the world: <https://www.unco.edu/unc-magazine/features/understanding-through-geography.aspx> . A UNC interview tells of Karen's Fulbright awards to Senegal, Mexico, Myanmar, Kuwait, Nepal, and Bangladesh: <https://www.unco.edu/news/bear-in-mind/podcasts/117-karen-barton.aspx> .

You learn that she's been part of an Australian-based leadership program called Homeward Bound Women in Science. It's a yearlong program about women in leadership. It culminates in a trip to Antarctica with 108 women. Her project: a book, a story map, and a podcast, *Geographies of Hope and Resilience*: <https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/k-run> .

You learn that Karen led a group of students on a trip to the Mississippi River where they cleaned up trash on a garbage barge with the nonprofit Living, Lands, and Waters.

We can expect to learn about a planned Social Change Initiative through the Uganda Rotary Peace Center.