

June 17, 2022

Dear Friends of the Institute for the Study of Global Anabaptism,

Greetings from Goshen College, where the early summer sun and rains are bringing forth beautiful blossoms and new growth!

This spring semester has marked a significant transition for the ISGA, particularly in light of my decision in November to retire from Goshen College. But I am thrilled to announce that Goshen College has now completed an extensive search for my replacement. Last month, Elizabeth Miller accepted the offer to join the Goshen College history department and to serve as the next director of the ISGA and the Mennonite Historical Library. Elizabeth, who brings a wealth of gifts and training to the position – including nearly 4 years as the ISGA administrator from 2013–2017 – will officially begin her work in August 2022.



Goshen College hires Elizabeth Miller as the new ISGA and MHL Director.

Elizabeth’s academic training includes a BA in history (with honors) from Goshen College and an MA (with distinction) in theological studies from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Most recently, Elizabeth and her husband, Neil Richer, completed a five-year term with Mennonite Central Committee as program directors for Colombia-Ecuador. During a previous term of service with MCC in Colombia, Miller researched the history of the Colombian Anabaptist-Mennonite churches. Her book, *Desde el Principio Anabautistas: La Historia de las Iglesias Menonitas y Hermanos Menonitas en Colombia, 1946-1975* (MCC / Editorial Gente Nueva, 2022) has just appeared.

“Anabaptist faith and practice has looked different across time and place. To be able to bring those distinct expressions in conversation with each other through the work of the ISGA at Goshen College is both a joy and a privilege,” Elizabeth wrote regarding her new position as director of the ISGA.

I am extremely pleased that Elizabeth has agreed to carry forward the work of the ISGA. She brings a depth of international experience, demonstrated administrative gifts, academic gifts, and a love for the church to the task. I should also note my gratitude to Goshen College for its decision to bring the ISGA into the college budget. We continue to count on your support for the ongoing work of the ISGA and MHL, but this decision by college administrators means that Elizabeth’s energies will focus primarily on program development. The future of the ISGA is in very good hands!

We are grateful for your continuing financial support through this transition which may be made by check or online through the Goshen College website (www.goshen.edu/give/online/) – be sure to mention the ISGA in designating your gift.

In gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John D. Roth". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

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