

**Name: Kristin N. English, Ph.D.**

Position: Board Member

Years served on HFH Board: Since Oct 2013

**habitat:** How did you first become involved with HFHMBC? Why did you choose to serve on the HFHMBC board?

**english:** During one of my classes, a student worked with the ReStore for a project. From that experience, I was connected with the organization to integrate them into my campaigns course. After a successful semester and strong foundational relationship built, I was asked to join the board in October 2013. Working with nonprofits is an important aspect of both my personal and professional lives. With that said, HFHMBC allows me to combine both of those elements for an organization that seeks to improve communities from within. Habitat's mission also combines my passion and desire to work for a purpose.

**habitat:** What do your responsibilities on the HFHMBC board entail?

**english:** In addition to attending monthly board meetings, I am responsible for helping to manage public relations efforts for the organization. As a small organization, all board members also represent the organization at various events.

**habitat:** What is the most rewarding part of being on the HFHMBC board for you?

**english:** This is a tough question. I find it most rewarding to watch my students learn and grow from their experiences with HFHMBC. However, on the personal side, I would say it is serving my community in multiple ways and the opportunity to enrich mental, emotional and spiritual aspects of my life.

**habitat:** What do you do in the community outside of HFHMBC?

**english:** My career and passion is teaching. I am in my third year as an assistant professor in the Department of Mass Communication at Georgia College.

**habitat:** What are some hobbies that you enjoy doing in your spare time?

**english:** Outside of my career and other community service, I enjoy anything outdoors including hiking, kayaking and geocaching. I also love to travel, visit museums, attend sporting events and am a bit of a foodie, so I enjoy food festivals and cooking.