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# The Hunger Project

documenting hunger & food insecurity in North Carolina

September 11 ~ 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. at Hickerson House

*Bring your lunch / Drinks and dessert provided!*

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**& Sharon Paynter**

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Hunger and food insecurity are growing problems in the U.S. Hunger is one of the clearest indicators of poverty, but like poverty, hunger affects people in different ways. Food insecurity is classified as one type of hunger experienced by a household in which members are uncertain of having enough food because of insufficient resources. In 2005, the USDA reported that North Carolina ranked higher than the national average for rates of both food insecurity (13.8%) and prevalence of hunger (4.9%). Those rates had increased significantly from previous reports. Berner and Paynter will discuss The Hunger Project, a year long study to create an accurate picture of hunger in our state by documenting and evaluating the prevalence of hunger and food insecurity. They will be joined by photographer Donn Young who will present a photo essay that humanizes and further documents this issue.

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