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Education

- May 1996 Master of Arts in Theological Studies
 Study track: Christian Faith and Public Policy
 Eastern Baptist Seminary (now Palmer Seminary), Wynnewood, PA
- May 1990 Bachelor of Arts
 Major: Social Science (Political Science, Sociology, and Anthropology)
 Summa cum laude
 Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

Honors and Awards

- Professional: Finalist, Social Change category of the National Best Books 2007 Awards,
 Hope for Children in Poverty
 Notable, Culture category of the Eric Hoffer 2008 Book Awards, *Hope for*
 Children in Poverty
 Bronze medal, 2008 Living Now Book Awards, *Hope for Children in*
 Poverty
- Seminary: Wilbur T. Elmore Prize in Church History
 Charles Finney Fellowship in Evangelism and Social Change
- College: Wheaton College Honor Society
 Merit Scholarship to the University of Arizona
 Phi Beta Kappa pin (Speech and Debate Society)
 First place, *The Lyric* national poetry competition

Grants

- 1996-1999 Congregations, Community Outreach and Leadership Development Project
 The Lilly Endowment
- 2000-2001 Congregations, Community Outreach and Leadership Development Project
 The John Templeton Foundation
- 2002-2003 Learning About How Churches Learn About Social Ministry
 The Lilly Endowment

Employment

- 2004 - present Consultant / Curriculum Development (freelance)
Compassion Coalition, Knoxville, TN
- 1996 - present Director
Congregations, Community Outreach, & Leadership Development Project
- 2009 - 2011 Public Policy editor, ePistle (weekly blog)
Evangelicals for Social Action, Lansdale, PA
- 2009 - 2010 "Faith in Action" section editor, *Journal of Family and Community Ministries*
- 2007 - 2008 Consultant / Editor (freelance)
Faith in Action Project, World Vision, Seattle, WA
- Fall 2002 Adjunct instructor, "Growing Holistic Congregations," Palmer Seminary
- 2000 - 2002 Community Support Staff
Dock Village, Lansdale, PA
- 1996 - 2000 Policy Analyst
Managing Editor, Crossroads Monograph Series on Faith & Public Policy
Evangelicals for Social Action, Wynnewood, PA
- 1995 - 1998 Writing Tutor
Palmer Seminary, Wynnewood, PA
- 1993 - 1996 Research Assistant to Dr. Ron Sider
Palmer Seminary, Wynnewood, PA
- 1993 - 1996 Crossroads Program Assistant
Evangelicals for Social Action, Wynnewood, PA
- 1992 - 1993 Program Assistant / Grant-writer
Mennonite Voluntary Service program participant
Interfaith Housing Services, Hutchinson, KS
- 1991 - 1992 Secretary to the Director
Center for Cardiovascular Health Services Research
New England Medical Center, Boston, MA
- 1990 Writing Tutor
Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL
- 1988-1989 Teacher's Assistant for Dr. Zondra Lindblade
Sociology Department, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

Publications

"Is Our Church Growing -- God-Style?" chapter in Al Tizon, ed., *Preaching as if the World Matters: The Missional Imperative for the 21st Century* (Judson Press, forthcoming).

"Family of Jesus, Family for All," *Mennonite Weekly Review* (November 2010).

"A Better Dialogue about Better Government," *City & Citizen* blog [www.cityandcitizen.com] (September 2010).

"Mainline Protestant Strategies to Maintain Connections Between Faith Communities and Their Nonprofits," co-authored with Jill Sinha and John Belcher (University of Maryland College Park: Faith and Organizations Project, 2010).

"Evangelical Strategies to Maintain Connections Between Faith Communities and Their Nonprofits," co-authored with Jill Sinha, Isaac Morrison and John Belcher (University of Maryland College Park: Faith and Organizations Project, 2010).

"Maintaining Vital Connections Between Faith Communities and their Nonprofits: Overview Report on Project Findings," co-authored with Jo Anne Schneider, Isaac Morrison, John Belcher, Patricia Wittberg, Wolfgang Bielefeld and Jill Sinha (University of Maryland College Park: Faith and Organizations Project, October 2009).

"Guidance on Fundraising and Support Strategies," "Guidance on Staffing Decisions," and "Strategies for Faith-Based Organizations: Engaging Volunteers from the Faith Community" (University of Maryland College Park: Faith and Organizations Project, May 2010).

Salt & Light: A Guide to Loving Knoxville, 3rd edition, co-edited with Andy Rittenhouse (Knoxville, TN: Compassion Coalition, 2009).

"Building the Church's Readiness for a Transformational Ministry Journey," *Journal of Family and Community Ministries* v. 22, no. 4 (Winter 2009).

"Oaks of Righteousness: An Egalitarian Family's Mission Statement," co-authored with Jim Unruh, *Mutuality* (August 2008).

Hope for Children in Poverty: Profiles and Possibilities, co-edited with Ronald J. Sider (Valley Forge: Judson Press, 2007).

Becoming a Church That Makes a Difference: Ventures in Holistic Ministry CD-ROM, co-authored with Phil Olson and Ron Sider (Wynnewood, Pa.: Evangelicals for Social Action, 2006)

Saving Souls, Serving Society: Understanding the Faith Factor in Church-Based Social Ministry, co-authored with Ronald J. Sider (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005).

"Transitional Journey Ministry: A Church-based Welfare-to-work Partnership Model," co-authored with Jill Witmer Sinha, a chapter in *Sanctioning Religion?: The Constitution and Faith-Based Public Services*, David K. Ryden and Jeffrey Polet, eds. (Boulder, CO: Lynn Rienner, 2005).

"Religious Elements of Church-Based Social Service Programs," *Review of Religious Research* vol. 45, no. 4 (2004): 317-335.

"Typology of Religious Characteristics of Social Service and Educational Organizations and Programs," co-authored with Ronald J. Sider, *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* vol. 33, no. 1 (2004): 109-134.

"Getting There from Here: Starting Compassion Ministry in Your Congregation," co-authored with Philip N. Olson, *Enrichment Journal*, forthcoming Spring 2004.

Becoming a Church That Makes a Difference: A Guide to the Holistic Ministry Journey (Wynnewood, PA: ESA, 2003).

"Anthony Campolo," entry in the *Biographical Dictionary of Evangelicals*, Timothy Larsen, ed. (Leicester, England: Inter-Varsity Press, 2003).

"Evangelism and Social Services," co-authored with Ronald J. Sider, a chapter in *Christianity and Social Work: Readings on the Integration of Christian Faith and Social Work Practice*, 2nd ed., Beryl Hugen and T. Laine Scales, eds. (Botsford, CT: NACSW, 2002).

"Choosing Partners," *Christian Century* vol. 119, no. 25 (December 4-17, 2002): 8-9.

Review of *Sacred Places, Civic Purposes: Should Government Help Faith-Based Charity?* edited by E.J. Dionne, Jr. and Ming Hsu Chen. *Journal of Church and State* vol. 44, no. 3 (Summer 2002): 592-93.

Churches That Make a Difference: Reaching Your Community with Good News and Good Works, co-authored with Ronald Sider and Philip Olson (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2002).

"In Good Faith: A Dialogue on Government Funding of Faith-Based Social Services" (drafting committee), document commissioned by the American Jewish Committee and the Feinstein Center for American Jewish History, 2001.

"Evangelism and Church-State Partnerships," co-authored with Ronald J. Sider, *Journal of Church and State* vol. 43, no. 2 (Spring 2001): 267-295.

"No Aid to Religion? Charitable Choice and the First Amendment," co-authored with Ronald J. Sider, a chapter in *What's God Got To Do with the American Experiment?* E.J. Dionne, Jr. and John J. DiIulio, Jr., eds. (Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press, 2000).

"An (Ana)Baptist Theological Perspective on Church-State Cooperation: Evaluating Charitable Choice," co-authored with Ronald J. Sider, a chapter in *Welfare Reform and Faith-Based Organizations*, eds. Derek Davis and Barry Hankins (Waco, TX: J.M. Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies, 1999).

"No Aid to Religion? Charitable Choice and the First Amendment," co-authored with Ronald J. Sider, *Brookings Review* (Spring 1999): 46-49.

"Correcting the Welfare Tragedy: Toward a New Model for Church/State Partnership," co-authored with Ronald J. Sider, a chapter in *Welfare in America: Christian Perspectives on a Policy in Crisis*, ed. Stanley Carlson-Thies and James Skillen (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1996).

"The Promise of Charitable Choice," co-authored with Keith J. Pavlischek, *ReGeneration Quarterly* (Spring 1996): 13-14.

The Record (weekly Wheaton College newspaper), reporter and columnist, 1993-1995.

Poetry published in *The Lyric*, *PRISM*, and *First Things*.

Articles Published in PRISM Magazine

"Passionate Politics," *PRISM* (forthcoming).

Review of *A New Kind of Big: How Churches of Any Size Can Partner to Transform Communities* by Chip Sweney, *PRISM* (May/June 2011).

Review of *Listen to the Children: Conversations with Immigrant Families* by Elizabeth Conde-Frazier, *PRISM* (May/June 2011).

"Budgeting Justice," *PRISM* (January/February 2010)

"Churches and Public Funds: Risks or Rewards?" co-authored with Jill Witmer Sinha, *PRISM* (May/June 2001): 11-13.

"Holistic Ministry: Four Snapshots," *PRISM* (November/December 1999): 14-15, 25.

"Welfare Reform: From Bad to Worse," *PRISM* (January/February 1999): 7-11, 17-18.

"Introducing the Doctor to the Cure: A New Report Challenges Assumptions about Welfare Reform," *PRISM* (September/October 1995): 22-23.

"Waging Peace in Bosnia", *PRISM* (June 1994): 13.

Website Resources

Salt & Light supplemental resources (Compassion Coalition, 2009)
[www.compassioncoalition.org/get-involved]

Ministry resources (UrbanMinistry.org, 2007) [www.urbanministry.org/tag/heidi-unruh]

"Congregations, Community Outreach and Leadership Development Project" – project overview, summary of research findings and list of reports (Hartford Institute for Religion Research, Summaries of Congregational Research, 2006) [www.hartfordinstitute.org/cong/research1.html]

"Becoming a Church That Makes a Difference: Ventures in Holistic Ministry"
(UrbanSermons.org, 2005) [www.urbansermons.org/f/becoming-church-makes-difference-ventures-holistic-ministry]

Invited Lectures and Workshops:

"Politics and Passion: Being an American Christian with Grace and Truth," Eastern University Windows on the World Lecture Series (St. Davids, PA, 25 March 2011)

"Evangelism and Justice," Workshop, Christian Churches Together (Seattle, 10 January 2010)

"Leadership for Faith in Action," Plenary, Franconia Mennonite Assembly (Franconia, PA, 13 November 2009).

"Putting Feet to Faith: Action-Learning Process of Ministry Development," Next Big Idea conference, Baylor School of Social Work (Waco, TX, 9-11 February 2009).

"Missional Community Outreach," guest intensive for a course on Missional Church Leadership, Central Baptist Seminary (Kansas City, 13-14 November 2008).

"Churches That Make a Difference," Plenary, Adventist Development and Relief Association, Annual Summit (Vancouver, BC, 19 June 2008).

"A Framework for Measuring the Role of Faith in Program Outcomes," Panelist, *Measuring the Role of Faith in Program Outcomes* Conference, U. Wisconsin (Madison, 25 April 2008).

"Urban Ministry Research 101," Workshop, SCUPE Congress on Urban Ministry (Chicago, 16 April 2008).

"Can Liberals & Conservatives Work Together to Solve America's Social Problems?" Plenary; "How Should Christians Engage the 2008 Election?" Respondent, ESA conference, *The Scandal of Evangelical Politics: Toward a Biblical Agenda* (Wynnewood, PA, 29 March 2008).

"Varieties of Faith-Based Ministry: How and Why Churches Are Serving their Communities," Lecture, Missouri State University (10 April 2007).

"Panoramic View of the Church at Work in Communities," Plenary, Transformational Community Ministry Research Summit (El Paso, 18 April 2007).

"Research in the Service of Community Ministry," Workshop, City Impact Roundtable (El Paso, 20 April 2007)

"Tools for Transformation." Workshop, Outreach conference (San Diego, 11 November 2006).

"Making the Faith-Based Initiative Work." Workshop, Evangelicals for Social Action 30th Anniversary conference (St. Davids, PA, 26 July 2003).

"So Your Church Wants To Do Mercy Ministry?" Seminar, Chalmers Center for Economic Development, Covenant College (Lookout Mountain, GA, 23 May 2003).

Plenary presentation, Philadelphia Faith-Based Summit (Philadelphia, 20 May 2002).

Invited participant, Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government, The Roundtable On Religion and Social Welfare Policy research consultation (Washington, DC, 5 April 2002).

"The Faith in 'Faith-Based' Social Service Providers." Pre-Convention Institute, National Association of Christians in Social Work (Waco, TX, 18 October 2001).

"In Good Faith: A Conference on Government Funding of Faith-Based Social Services." Panelist, Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America (Washington, DC, 16 October 2001).

"Church, State, and the Policy Implications of Charitable Choice." Panelist, Aspen Institute Summit on Government Funding of Social Services Provided by Religious Congregations (Washington, DC, 28 June 2001).

"Partnership or Peril? Faith-Based Initiatives and the First Amendment." Panelist, First Amendment Center (New York, 23 April 2001).

"Faith and Welfare Policy: Taking a Both-And Approach." Plenary address at the Inaugural Conference of the Center for American and Jewish Studies, Baylor University (Waco, TX, 2 November 2000).

"Mobilizing and Equipping Churches for Holistic Community Ministry." Workshop, Strategies for American Family and Community Renewal conference (Philadelphia, 1 August 2000).

"Poetry and the Academic Life: Observe, Contemplate, and Joyfully Confess." Lecture to Yale Graduate Christian Fellowship (1998).

"Church-Based Social Services." Presentation at the American Academy of Religion journalism workshop (Toronto, 25 October 1999).

Other

Research Fellow, Center for Family and Community Ministries, Baylor University School of Social Work, 2010 – present.

ESA Advisory Board Member, 2008-present.

Editorial Board, *PRISM* Magazine, Evangelicals for Social Action, 1998-present.

Advisory Committee, Faith and Organizations Project (directed by Dr. JoAnne Schneider, University of Maryland College Park), 2009-2010.

Editorial Advisory Board, *Journal of Family and Community Ministries*, Baylor School of Social Work, 2007-2009.

Consultant, Service and Faith Project (directed by Dr. Diana Garland, Baylor University School of Social Work), 2002-2003.

Advisory Board, "A Study of the Social Service Dimension of Theological Education 'Certificate Programs'" (directed by Dr. Harold Dean Trulear, New York Theological Seminary), 1996-1997.

Personal

Married in 1996 to James Unruh (pastor, Faith Mennonite Church). Three children.