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CURRENT POSITION

Acquisitions Editor, Herald Press

September 2016–present

- Actively recruits new authors, reviews manuscripts and proposals, researches market, and acquires books that fit the publishing mission of Herald Press.
- Prepares profit & loss statements, product information sheets, and other documents for the acquisitions team.
- Performs developmental and content editing, evaluating and editing manuscripts for overall narrative and structure, clarity, voice, and house style.
- Continues many of the tasks of managing editor.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Managing Editor, Herald Press

September 2013–September 2016

- Served as project manager and editor from manuscript submission through book production, overseeing schedules for each book published.
- Performed developmental and content editing, evaluating manuscripts for overall narrative and structure, clarity, and house style.
- Hired copyeditors, proofreaders, and designers.
- Worked with sponsoring committees and series editors of academic and commentary series.
- Worked with editorial director and management team to acquire new Herald Press books.

Freelance Editor, Writer, and Consultant

September 2003–September 2013

- Wrote books, chapters, book reviews, essays, op-eds, and features (see list below and on website).
- Served as A-list book reviewer for *The Christian Century* and a regular reviewer of religion titles for *Publishers Weekly*.
- Edited manuscripts for scholars who received contracts with Jossey-Bass, Oxford University Press, and Cambridge University Press.
- Performed manuscript review and/or copyediting for publishers including Brazos Press, InterVarsity Press, Johns Hopkins University Press, Herald Press, and Cascadia Publishing House.

- Served as contributing editor to *Sojourners* magazine, accepting assignments as given and proposing projects to editors.
- Worked as an editorial consultant for Cascadia Publishing House, advising publisher on acquisition or rejection of manuscripts.

Adjunct Instructor, Messiah College, Harrisburg Area Community College, and Catholic Charities
1999, 2001, 2008, 2010

- Taught first-year writing courses and developmental reading courses and received positive student evaluations and feedback from the supervisors.
- Taught English as a Second Language to recent immigrants.

Adult Basic Education Instructor, Knott County Adult Learning Center, Hindman, KY
2003–2004

- Taught basic literacy, writing, and GED preparation to individuals and groups through Mennonite Central Committee.

Assistant Director, Lancaster Mediation Center, Lancaster PA
1998–99

- Directed case management, led mediation trainings for adults and youth, edited newsletter, managed marketing tasks, and coordinated volunteers.

Assistant Editor and Associate Editor, *Gospel Herald*
1995–97, 1997–98

- Directed weekly production of the news and theology magazine of the Mennonite Church.
- Wrote regular editorials and news and feature articles, selected articles and photographs, edited articles, and designed pages.
- Supervised work of an assistant editor and worked with administrative support staff.

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Education

January 2000 GPA: 4.0
Degree: Reading/Writing/Literacy
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

Bachelor of Arts

May 1994 GPA: 3.950
Major: English (Minors: Sociology, Socio-Economic Development)
Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, VA

AWARDS

Dale Brown Book Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Anabaptist and Pietist Studies (2015)
Snowden Fellowship, Young Center, Elizabethtown College (2011)
First Place, Evangelical Press Association; General Article, Short (2011)

Individual Creative Artist's Fellowship in creative nonfiction, Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (2009)
Special Mention, *Pushcart Prize XXXIII: Best of the Small Presses* (2009)
Summer Writing Grant, Collegeville Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research (2008)
Pushcart Prize Nomination, "Holding Baby Birds" (2007)
Second Runner-Up, *Central PA Writing Competition*; Fiction (1999)
First Place, Associated Church Press; Magazine Editorial (1997)
First Place, Associated Church Press; Editorial Courage Category (1997)
First Place, Evangelical Press Association; Poem (1996)

BOOKS AND CHAPTERS

Chapter, *What Did Jesus Ask? Christian Leaders Reflect on His Questions of Faith*, ed. Elizabeth Dias and Nancy Gibbs, Time Inc. Books, 2015
Thrill of the Chaste: The Allure of Amish Romance Novels, Johns Hopkins University Press, February 2013
"One Mean Mennonite Mama," *Christian Peace and Nonviolence: A Documentary History*, ed. Michael Long, Orbis Books, June 2011
"Compromise," *Just Moms*, ed. Melanie Springer Mock, Barclay Press, Summer 2011
Prayer, *Resist! Christian Dissent for the Twenty-First Century*, ed. Michael Long, Orbis Books, 2009
Living More with Less: 30th anniversary edition (revised and edited), November 2010
"Peace March Sans Children," *The Maternal Is Political: Women Writers at the Intersection of Motherhood and Social Change*, ed. Shari MacDonald Strong, Seal Press, May 2008
"Reading the Word and the World," *Journeys with Scripture: Young Adult Perspectives on Scripture*, Cascadia Publishing House, 2006
"Carving Out Her Own Identity," *Celebrating Women's Stories*, Evangel Publishing House, 2002
"Why I Don't Fly Old Glory," *Where Was God on September 11?*, Herald Press, 2002
"Listening," *Making Peace with Conflict: Practical Skills for Conflict Transformation*, Herald Press, 1999
"Beyond the Blushes of Song of Songs," *What Mennonites Are Thinking 1998*, Good Books, 1998

ARTICLES AND ESSAYS

The Christian Century: "The Postapocalyptic Strength of the Amish," August 2, 2017
The Christian Century: "Words Made Pulp: Why I Destroy Books," April 28, 2016
The Wall Street Journal: "Why Amish Romance Novels are Hot," June 6, 2013
The Christian Century: "Chaste Romance: The Lure of Amish Fiction," April

22, 2013

- The Mennonite*: “The Amish Makeover of Christian Fiction,” April 4, 2013
Los Angeles Review of Books: “Bonnet Rippers: The Rise of the Amish Romance Novel,” March 21, 2013; reprinted in *Salon*, March 24, 2013
Huffington Post: Reprint of “A Field Guide to Fannies,” November 19, 2012
Mennonite Quarterly Review: “Tracing the Backstory of Bonnet Books,” October 2012
Babble: “A Field Guide to Fannies,” October 15, 2012
Christian Science Monitor: “Of Flower Beds and Baseball Bats,” June 13, 2011
Sojourners: “Simple Living Becomes Sexy,” December 2010
The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: “A Whole World of Novelers,” November 27, 2010
The Chicago Tribune: “Changing My Drying Ways,” October 3, 2010
The Los Angeles Times: “He Didn’t Sow, But He Reaped,” Sept. 21, 2010
Orion: “The Philo-Lilac,” May/June 2010
Sojourners: “The Afterlife of Trash,” January 2010
Central PA: “Hawk on the Highway,” February 2010
Mothering: “Small House, Big Life,” December 2009
Brain, Child: “Afterbirth,” Winter 2010
Skirt!: “Mentor or Mom?” September 2009 (reprints in *Toledo Area Parent* and *Ann Arbor Family News*)
Literary Mama: “Swimming Lessons,” September 2009
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “Spending Lent (Mostly) Offline,” March 24-25, 2009
Literary Mama: “When Income Envy Comes Home,” February 2009
Brain, Child: “Wrestling Moves,” Winter 2009
Central PA: “In Defense of Leftovers,” January 2009
The Christian Century: “Close Quarters: Life in a Not-So-Big House,” October 7, 2008
Skirt!, “Cover Your Head: Mennonites, Muslims, and Fashion,” July 2008
The Patriot-News, Op-Ed about 5th anniversary of Iraq War, March 16, 2008
DreamSeeker Magazine: “The Small, Beautiful Thing: Saying No in a Culture of Yes,” Winter 2008
Brain, Child: “Holding Baby Birds,” September 2007
The Christian Century: “Mother in the House: Nancy Pelosi’s First Career,” February 3, 2007
The Mennonite: “One Mean Mennonite Mama,” October 3, 2006 (reprinted in *Mennonite Brethren Herald*)
The Patriot-News: “Toddler’s Death Brings Home Horror of War,” August 3, 2006
Seek: “In Search of the Sabbath: Finding God’s Rest in a Restless Culture,” Spring 2006
Central PA: “Lice Lessons,” May 2006
Sojourners: “The Second Coming of the Lord God Bird,” Winter 2006
Timbrel: “Remembering the Self that isn’t Mommy,” July/August 2005
Central PA: “A Marriage Secured With Feathers,” May 2005
The Other Side: “Becoming Un-Enlightened,” September-October 2002
Conrad Grebel Review: “Harold Who? A Twenty-Something Glimpse of the Anabaptist Vision,” Spring 2001

BOOK REVIEWS

- Publishers Weekly*: Reviews of religion books, 2008–2010
- The Christian Century*, Review of M. Halford, *My Utmost*, May 3, 2017
- The Christian Century*, Review of S. Klebold, *A Mother's Reckoning*, July 5, 2016
- The Christian Century*, Review of N. Bolz-Weber, *Accidental Saints*, September 27, 2015
- The Christian Century*, Review of S. Young, *Vainglory*, April 22, 2015
- The Christian Century*, Review of H. Kopp, *Sober Mercies*, November 10, 2013
- The Christian Century*, Review of R. Stone, *Eat with Joy*, July 21, 2013
- The Christian Century*, Review of *Love and Salt*, May 23, 2013
- The Christian Century*, Review of J. Brooks, *The Book of Mormon Girl*, October 25, 2012
- The Christian Century*, Review of J. Scheeres, *A Thousand Lives*, May 22, 2012 (reprinted in *The Jonestown Report*, October 2012)
- The Christian Century*, Review of A. Boers, *Living into Focus*, April 23, 2012
- The Christian Century*, Review Essay of *A Year of Magical Reading* and *The Reading Streak*, October 26, 2011
- The Christian Century*, Review Essay of *In Cheap We Trust* and *The Cheapskate Next Door*, October 7, 2010
- The Christian Century*, Review of N. Bado-Fralick and S. Norris, *Toying with God*, September 7, 2010
- The Christian Century*, Review of S. Maitland, *The Book of Silence*, June 29, 2010
- The Christian Century*, Review of G. Boyle, *Tattoos on the Heart*, May 4, 2010.
- The Christian Century*, Review Essay of R. Janzen, *Mennonite in a Little Black Dress* and R. Rhodes, *Nightwatch*, Fall Books Issue 2009
- The Christian Century*, Review of W. Lobdell, *Losing My Religion*, September 8, 2009
- The Christian Century*: Review Essay of S. Campbell, *Dating Jesus: A Story of Fundamentalism, Feminism, and the American Girl* and V. Chater, *Waiting for the Apocalypse: A Memoir of Faith and Family*, July 14, 2009.
- The Christian Century*: Review of L. Tanenbaum, *Taking Back God: American Women Rising Up for Religious Equality*, May 5, 2009.
- The Christian Century*: “Addicted to Sex,” Review Essay of S. Cheever, *Desire: Where Sex Meets Addiction*, and B. Denizet-Lewis, *America Anonymous: Eight Addicts in Search of a Life*, March 24, 2009
- Conrad Grebel Review*: Review of A. Hall, *Conceiving Parenthood: American Protestantism and the Spirit of Reproduction*, Winter 2009
- The Christian Century*: Review of A. Irvine, *Trespass: Living at the Edge of the Promised Land*, September 23, 2008
- The Christian Century*: Review of G. Barrett, *The Gospel of Father Joe: Revolutions and Revelations in the Slums of Bangkok*, October 21, 2008
- The Christian Century*: Review of S. Huber, *Opa Nobody*, May 6, 2008
- The Christian Century*: Review of K. Braestrup, *Here If You Need Me*, March 25, 2008

The Christian Century: “Weddings, Inc.,” Review Essay on three books about wedding industry, November 27, 2007
Books & Culture: “Simply Stay,” Review of V. Stem Owens, *Caring for Mother: A Daughter’s Long Goodbye*, September/October 2007
The Christian Century: Review of B. Kingsolver, *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*, July 17, 2007
The Christian Century: Review of *The Gentle Subversive*, a Rachel Carson biography, May 1, 2007
The Christian Century: “Enough Already,” Review Essay on three books about simple-living experiments, January 23, 2007
The Christian Century: Review of T. Montgomery-Fate, *Steady and Trembling: Art, Faith and Family in an Uncertain World*, September 5, 2006
The Christian Century: “Moms’ Malaise,” Review Essay on three books about modern motherhood, February 7, 2006

FEATURES

Canadian Mennonite, *The Mennonite*, *Mennonite Weekly Review*: Feature related to *Living More with Less*, Winter 2010
Central PA: “Greening Kids’ Plates and Palates,” September 2009 issue
Publishers Weekly: Author Profile of D. Nasser, July 27 supplement
Sojourners: “Buy, Buy Baby,” January 2009
The Mennonite: “Poverty in the Suburbs,” May 20, 2008
Mennonite Weekly Review: “Did E’er Such Love and Sorrow Meet?” December 12, 2007
Sojourners: “Jesus of the Cul-de-Sac” and “Picket-Fence Poverty,” July 2007
Sojourners: “From Imagination to Action: Can Fiction Be A Vehicle for Social Change?” (includes interview with Barbara Kingsolver), November 2006
Christian Living: “Nancy Heisey’s Vision for World Mission,” October-November 2001
Christianity Today: “God’s Crime Bill,” April 24, 2000
Christian Living: “The Mediation Movement Comes of Age,” January-February 1999

RECENT TALKS AND INTERVIEWS

Featured speaker, Calvin College’s Festival of Faith & Writing, April 11, 2014 (panelist and solo craft talk)
 Guest, InterFaith Radio, January 23, 2014
 Guest lecture, Franklin & Marshall College Common Hour and Writers’ House speaker, January 15, 2014
 Guest, WITF’s *SmartTalk*, Amish romance novels, August 12, 2013
 Plenary address, “Thrill of the Chaste: The Secret Life of an Amish Romance Novel,” Amish and Technology Conference, Elizabethtown College, June 2013
 Guest, WOSU’s *All Sides*, May 7, 2013
 Guest, Monocle Radio, May 2013

Guest, Amish America website, April 23, 2013
Lecture, history of Amish romance novels, Elizabethtown Public Library,
Christian Scholars Network, April 2012
Paper, history of Amish romance novels, Mennonite/s Writing conference,
March 2012
Snowden Lecture, on history of Amish romance novels, Elizabethtown
College, Fall 2011
Presentation, two book launches for *Living More with Less*, Ephrata,
Pennsylvania, and Harrisonburg, Virginia: November and December 2010
Guest on WITF's *SmartTalk*, *Living More with Less*: February 2011
Interview for *Central PA* magazine article, January 2011
Presentation, *Living More with Less*, Millersville Brethren in Christ Church,
March 19, 2011
Presentation, *Living More with Less*, Leacock Presbyterian Church, Paradise,
Pennsylvania, June 2011
Interview about *Living More with Less*, Amish Wisdom, August 18, 2011
Panel leader and speaker, Bridge of Hope National Pre-Conference session:
October 2011
Presentation, *Living More with Less*, Elizabethtown Public Library, October
2011