

# Rev. Dr. W. Hunter Roberts



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## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

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**Coach and therapist; ordained minister; published author; gendered communications specialist; trained and experienced in wide variety of change and transformational modalities**

## EDUCATION

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- 2013**                      **Doctorate in Ministry (Pacific School of Religion), Graduate Theological Union at UC Berkeley, CA, USA.**  
Foci of Study: spiritual entrepreneurship, religion and society, value formation, multi-culturalism, leadership and changing attitudes  
*Dissertation: Of Wine and Wineskins: Experiments in Re-Forming Religion for the Postmodern Era.* This project assesses the nature of decline in organized Christianity in western and central Europe and in the United States and the promise of trends in the “spiritual but not religious” demographic in these geographies. Interrogates various methods and motivations of humanistic concerns in Europe and North America. *Advisor: Dr. James Lawrence.*  
  
*Ordained 2006, Swedenborgian Church of North America, Urbana OH*
- 1990**                      **M. Div., Thomas Starr King School for the Ministry at Graduate Theological Union; Berkeley, CA, USA.**  
Special Study in: religion and society, liberation theology, women’s religious history, world mythology, transformation and paradigm shift in the postmodern world, systems, pastoral counseling and coaching.  
*1988 recipient of Thomas Starr King research grant to investigate pre-Biblical religious history sites and artifacts of the ancient Near East in Egypt, Syria, Turkey, Cyprus, and Greece. Independent research in Women’s Religious History.*
- 1980**                      **M.S.W., State University of New York at Stony Brook; Stony Brook, NY, USA.**  
*Thesis: A Critical Assessment of the Theory/ Practice Connection in the Work of R.D. Laing and John W. Perry.*  
Graduate work in social policy analysis, critical research methods, community organizing, group process, systemic change, psycho-social psychology, social casework.  
Professional intensive study: Churchill Institute of Psychotherapy, London, under Dr. Wm. Swartley  
Field Work: Philadelphia Association, London, England, under Dr. R.D. Laing.

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**B.F.A., American Musical and Dramatic Academy; New York, NY, USA.**

Professional training in Rhetoric, Acting, Speech, Musical and Classical Theater.

**Additional Certificates and Trainings:** *Advanced Neuro-Linguistic Programming; coaching Self Expression and Leadership (Landmark Education); group dynamics and facilitation (Tavistock, theme-centered, sensitivity, primal, gestalt); chaplaincy and spiritual direction; death and dying; rites of passage; dream work; somatic psychology; transpersonal psychology; systems theory; primal regression and emotive therapies; holistic health; gender communications*

## **PUBLICATIONS & LECTURES**

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- Oct. 2009–Present      Huffington Post Blogger, Commentary on women, religion, international living, and multi-cultural values (<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/w-hunter-roberts/>)
- Feb.2011-Aug.2013      Commentator, THINK Magazine, Budapest HU
- January 2010              “Against Solipsism: Dole on Swedenborg, Postmodernism, and Morality,” *Principles in Play: Essays in Honor of George Dole’s Contribution to Swedenborgian Thought*, Studia Swedenborgiana Press, Berkeley, 2010.
- 2009–2010                “What Matters,” Radio Commentary on Private Spirituality and Public Morality, WHMP Radio, Western Massachusetts.
- 2005, 2007, 2008        Lectures in Transcendentalism, Swedenborg, and Hermeneutics. Fryeburg New Church Assembly, Fryeburg, ME.
- 1999                        Panelist, World Future Society, The Co-Creative Woman, Washington DC.
- 1998                        “Of Shards and Stories: Implications for the Cosmic Clock,” Presented at the
- 1998                        “Relearning History” Conference, Marion Foundation, Marion, MA.
- 1998-99                    *SageWoman Journal of Women’s Spirituality*, Four Part Series on Women’s Ritual
- 1998                        *Celebrating Her: Feminist Ritualizing Comes of Age*, Pilgrim Press, 1998.
- 1997                        American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, “The Enuma Elish: Mythic Roots of Social Imperialism,” Roundtable Session, San Francisco, CA.
- 1997                        American Academy of Religion, Western Regional Conference, Panelist, “Feminist Appropriations of Myths and Symbols: She Who Rules the Symbols Rocks the World,” San Francisco, CA.
- 1996                        “Celebrating Her: The Re-emergence of the Feminine Face of God,” Spring Semester Public Lecture, Immaculate Heart College, Los Angeles, CA.
- 1994                        American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, Panelist, “Ritualizing Feminism,” Chicago, IL.
- 1990                        “What Is Ministry: Using Jesus As A Model,” Keynote Address, Society For Larger Ministry: National Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- 1993                        “In Her Name: Toward A Feminist Theology of Ritual,” *Women At Worship*, Procter Smith and Walton, Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993.
- 1992                        “Beyond Harmlessness: A Comparative Look At Nature-Based Moral Theology,” *The Green Egg Quarterly*, Vol. XXV, Numbers 95 and 97, Winter and Summer 1992.
- 1980                        “The Rediscovery of Hope,” *Self and Society*, The European Journal of Humanistic Psychology,” Vol. VIII, Number 7, summer 1980, London
- 1981                        “The Double Bind of Women In Mental Health,” New York Governor’s Conference on the Status of Women; First International Feminist Therapy Conference, London.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 2005–Present      **Transformative Arts: Coaching and Counseling Turn-Arounds; Berkeley, CA, Northampton MA,; Budapest, Hungary, Barcelona Spain; and worldwide via Skype**
- Working with individuals, couples and organizations in transition.
  - Teaching transformative arts and providing coaching and counseling for mind, body, and spirit. ([www.trans-arts.com](http://www.trans-arts.com))
- 1995–2005      **Transformative Arts Coaching and Counseling, East West Healing Arts Center, Oakland CA**
- Worked with nutritionist and Chinese and Energetic Medicine Doctor to provide team approach to holistic healing for clients with chronic illness, depression, PTSD, ADD, and general health concerns.
  - Taught transformative arts and provided coaching and counseling for mind, body, and spirit. ([www.trans-arts.com](http://www.trans-arts.com))
- 2009–2011      **Commentator, WHAT MATTERS, WHMP Radio, Northampton, MA, USA**
- Delivered radio commentaries on values and spirit. Wrote and recorded two-minute think pieces on spiritual values and public policy for a local progressive commercial radio station, aired between programs throughout the day.
- Dec. 2008–  
June 2009      **Social Work counselor and Life Skills teacher, SAFE Middle and High School, Springfield, MA, USA**
- Conducted individual and group counseling using art, cognitive therapy and NLP
  - Taught classes and led groups in self-empowerment and gender relations for inner-city teens.
- April–Sept. 2008      **Lead Strategist and Developer, Gateways Entrepreneurial Ministry, Massachusetts Association of the Swedenborgian Church, General Convention, Western MA, USA**
- Conducted extended feasibility study on an initiative to establish a new church in Western Massachusetts.
  - Developed demographic analyses, budgets, team, venues, and networks to support the initiative.