

Jim Burch

I am a tenured Professor in the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) School of Public Health (SPH), Department of Epidemiology. VCU is a state-sponsored nonprofit institution. My job entails research, teaching and professional service. My background spans more than 25 years of project management and research supervision in the human population sciences, and I have led numerous extramurally funded research grants with budgets that range from a few thousand to several million dollars. I have extensive experience in project management, contracting, budgetary oversight, and related duties. I am familiar with procedures for hiring and personnel management. I currently supervise 4 PhD Candidates and another 14 Masters or Undergraduate students and professional research staff. I teach graduate level courses in epidemiology. I serve on multiple VCU committees including the SPH Tenure and Promotion Committee. I am very familiar with processes and procedures for data security and protection of confidentiality among patients, human research study participants and students.



My core values are: fairness, respect for others, integrity, mutual beneficence, and excellence. I strive to integrate these values into all my thoughts, words, and actions. I've explored many different spiritual practices and readings throughout my life including meditation, The Course In Miracles, Chi Gong, the Traceless Way and Eckhardt Tolle. I am a long-time believer in Unity principles and have been associated with the Unity church for most of my adult life, including the Unity churches of Fort Collins and Boulder, Colorado. I've been a member here at the Unity Church of Bon Air (UCBA) since August 2023. I recently attended a prosperity class at UCBA, and I am a member of UCBA Men of Unity, an occasional transformational opportunities speaker, and I help out in the kitchen once a month.