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EDUCATION

Houston Baptist University , Houston, TX	<i>Masters of Arts: Philosophy</i>
Texas A&M University , College Station, TX	<i>Graduate Certificate: Artificial Intelligence (In Progress)</i>
University of Houston , Houston, TX	<i>Graduate Certificate: Digital Humanities Masters of Arts: Literature Bachelors of Science: Engineering</i>
Houston Community College , Houston, TX	<i>Associates of Arts: Computer Science Associates of Arts: English Literature</i>
San Jacinto Community College , Houston, TX	<i>Associates of Arts: Philosophy</i>

EMPLOYMENT & EXPERIENCE

S&P Global , Commodities Insights, Houston, TX	2022 - Present
IHS Markit , Chemical Market Research, Houston, TX	August 2016 - 2022
<i>Data Analyst</i>	
<i>Technical Writer</i>	
College of the Mainland , Humanities Department, Texas City, TX	
<i>Adjunct Professor</i>	January 2025 – Present
M.D. Anderson Library , Digital Research Commons, Houston, TX	
<i>Principle Investigator</i>	Winter 2021 – Spring 2023
<i>Research Assistant</i>	Spring 2017 – Spring 2019
Wharton County Junior College , English & Philosophy Department, Wharton, TX	
<i>Adjunct Instructor</i>	August 2021 – December 2023
<i>Temporary Fulltime Instructor</i>	January 2022 – May 2022
Bar Boheme , Houston, TX	
<i>Waiter</i>	Spring 2017
<i>Bartender</i>	Fall 2016
<i>Barback</i>	Fall 2016
<i>Busser</i>	Summer 2016
Houston Independent School District , <i>Associate Teacher</i>	Winter 2015 – Summer 2016
Austin Independent School District , <i>Associate Teacher</i>	Winter 2015 – Summer 2016
Craigslist , <i>Freelance Tutor</i>	Winter 2014 – Summer 2016

Siemens Energy , ExxonMobil Joliet Refinery, Chicago, IL	May 2011 – January 2015
Siemens Energy , Shell Deer Park Refinery, Houston, TX	May 2011 – January 2015
<i>Process Safety Consultant</i>	
<i>Proposal & Requirement Writer</i>	
Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics I Workshop , <i>Facilitator</i>	Fall 2011
KBR , Process Engineering, <i>Process Intern</i>	Oct 2010 – May 2011
FreeportLNG , Plant Operations, <i>Chemical Engineer Intern</i>	May 2010 – Aug 2010
Ingenia Polymers , R&D Department, <i>Laboratory Technician</i>	Nov 2008 – May 2010
The Daily Cougar Newspaper , <i>Life and Arts Journalist</i>	Fall 2009 – Spring 2010
Maria Taylor Realty , <i>Home Renovator</i>	Spring 2008 – Fall 2008

BUSINESSES

Mrs. Bee's Honey , Houston, TX <i>Beekeeper</i>	Spring 2020 – Present
Culberson House , Houston, TX <i>Property Manager</i>	Spring 2017 – Spring 2023
El Campo Eggery , Houston, TX <i>Chicken Tender</i>	Summer 2016 – Winter 2022

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Ethics , COM	Present
Composition II , WCJC	Spring 2021- Spring 2023
Composition I , WCJC	Spring 2021- Spring 2023
Integrated Reading & Writing , WCJC	Fall 2021- Spring 2023
TSI Mathematics and English , Tutoring	Fall 2021- Spring 2023
Thermodynamics I Workshop , UH	Fall 2011

SOFTWARE & LANGUAGES

Microsoft Office, Adobe Studio Suit, Visual Basic, Visual Studio, Visual Studio Code, R, Python, C#, C++, HTML and JavaScript

AWARDS & AFFILIATIONS

New Mexico Texas Philosophical Association , <i>2025 Honorary Publication</i>	2025
M.D. Anderson Library Digital Research Commons , <i>Sponsored Projects Grant</i>	2022
Media and the Moving Image , <i>Applied Technology Award</i>	2019
Educational Testing Services , <i>GRE English Literature (96th percentile)</i>	2016
Educational Testing Services , <i>GRE (99th percentile)</i>	2015

Law School Admission Council, LSAT (89th percentile)	2015
Texas Board of Professional Engineering, EIT	2012
Cullen College of Engineering, Founder's Award Recipient	2011
AIChE, UH Chapter Chem-E Car, Team Captain	Fall 2010 – Fall 2011
AIChE, UH Chapter Chem-E Car, Member	Fall 2009 – Fall 2010
Omega Chi Epsilon, UH Chapter, President	Fall 2010 – Spring 2011
BAFTA Scholarship Program, Awardee	Fall 2009 – Spring 2011
Industrial Scholars Intern Program, Awardee	Fall 2009 – Spring 2011
Honors Club Theatre, Playwright	Winter 2007
Academic Excellence Scholarship Program, Awardee	Fall 2007 – Fall 2011
Texas School of Bartenders, Graduate	Fall 2007

TRAININGS

- Coursera**, Online Course Certifications
Machine Learning Specialization Certification, Stanford University, DeepLearning.AI
 Supervised Machine Learning: Regression and Classification
Effective Altruism Certification, Princeton University
The Science of Well-Being Certification, Yale University
- Effective Altruism Forum**, Online Courses
In-Depth Course
The Precipice Reading Group
Introductory Course
- Buddhism for Artificial Intelligence**, Online Certificate
- EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium**, Online Certifications
Basic Certificate
- HappyVirtues.com**, *Foundations in Happiness & Virtue*
- Center for Reducing Suffering**, *S-Risk Fellowship*

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Barta, Walter. "Three Laws of Robotics and Three *Methods of Ethics*." in *Ethics and Artificial Intelligence in Fiction*, 2024. <https://philevents.org/event/show/104102>
- Barta, Walter. "Are You Living in a Computer [Game]?" *Acta Ludologica*, 2024. <https://actaludologica.com/>
- Barta, Walter. "The Black Box and the Great Unread." [Vol. 34 No. 1 \(2024\): Case Studies in AI Ethics | The International Review of Information Ethics](#)
- Barta, Walter. "The Dream of the Universal Constructor." [Vol. 34 No. 1 \(2024\): Case Studies in AI Ethics | The International Review of Information Ethics](#)
- Barta, Walter. "Will Large Language Models Overwrite Us?" *Double Helix*, Spring 2024. <https://wac.colostate.edu/double-helix/>
- Barta, Walter. "Biting the Bullet on Toothlessness." *South West Philosophy Review*, January 2024. https://www.pdcnet.org/swphilreview/content/swphilreview_2024_0040_0001_0265_0274
- Mazella, David; Barta, Walter; et al. "'All the modes of story': genre and the gendering of authorship in the year 1771", *Aphra Behn Online*, May 2022. https://www.researchgate.net/publication/369895521_All_the_modes_of_story_Genre_and_the_Gendering_of_Authorship_in_the_Year_1771
- Barta, Walter. "Digital Monology: The Authority of the Search Engine", *Media and the Moving Image Initiative*, University of Houston, Houston, TX, May 2018. <https://uh.edu/class/media-and-the->

POPULAR PUBLICATIONS

Chapters:

- Barta, Walter. "Transhumanism or Bust!" *Fallout and Philosophy*, TBP 2025.
- Barta, Walter. "Being Link." *Zelda and Philosophy*, TBP 2025.
- Barta, Walter. "Grimdark Imitations of Immortality." *Theology, Religion, and Warhammer 40,000*, TBP 2025.
- Barta, Walter. "The 'Country' in *Country*." *Country Music and Philosophy*, TBP 2025.
- Barta, Walter; Vega, Emily. "In Praise of Joker." *Philosophy and Joker*, 2024.
- Barta, Walter; Miranda, Candace. "Post-Punk and Bad Feelings." *Post-Punk and Philosophy*, 2024.
- Barta, Walter; Miranda, Candace. "Post-Punk and Artistic Eclecticism." *Post-Punk and Philosophy*, TBA.
- Vega, Emily; Barta, Walter. "A Heroine's Traumatic Journey". *Philosophy and The Witcher*, 2024.
- Vega, Emily; Barta, Walter. "The Witcher as Postmodern Fairytale". *Philosophy and The Witcher*, 2024.
- Barta, Walter; Lee, Graham. "The Witcher's Moral Dilemmas: Genuine or Apparent?" *Philosophy and The Witcher*, 2024.
- Barta, Walter; Lee, Graham. "The Witcher's Monsters: Natural or Moral?" *Theology, Religion, and The Witcher*, 2024.
- Lee, Graham; Barta, Walter. "Offred's Dystopian Theodicy: What *The Handmaid's Tale* Teaches About the Problem of Evil." *Theology, Religion, and Margaret Atwood*, 2024.
- Lee, Graham; Barta, Walter. "The Fulfilled Prophecy and Prescience of Paul Atreides: *Dune* and the Problem of Theological Fatalism." *Theology, Religion, and Dune*, 2024.
- Barta, Walter; Miranda, Candace. "Anthony Bourdain, Affluence, and Morality." *Anthony Bourdain and Philosophy*, 2023.
- Barta, Walter; Miranda, Candace. "To Eat or not to Eat?" *Anthony Bourdain and Philosophy*, 2023.
- Barta, Walter; Miranda, Candace. "Bourdain and Bourdieu: A French Chef and a French Critic." *Anthony Bourdain and Philosophy*, 2023.
- Barta, Walter; Lee, Graham. "Is Michael Fredo's Keeper? The Special Obligations of a Godfather." *The Godfather and Philosophy*, 2023.
- Barta, Walter; Bhuiyan-Khan, Arlene. "Machiavelli Corleone." *The Godfather and Philosophy*, 2023.
- Barta, Walter; Lee, Graham. "An Interstellar Leap of Faith." *Asimov's Foundation and Philosophy*, 2023.
- Barta, Walter; Lee, Graham. "The Mystery of Mathematics." *Asimov's Foundation and Philosophy*, 2023.
- Barta, Walter; Barnes, Paul. "The Sovereign State of Salamanca", *Better Call Saul and Philosophy*, May 2022.
- Barta, Walter; Barnes, Paul. "Chuckrates v. Saulphists", *Better Call Saul and Philosophy*, May 2022.
- Barta, Walter. "The One Hundred Conundrums." <https://www.redbubble.com/people/wallower/>

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

- Barta, Walter. "Some Loopholes in the Impossibility Theorem for Welfarist Axiology." South West Graduate Conference, Tempe, AZ, April 2025.
- Barta, Walter. "A Taste-Watcher's Manifesto." Popular Culture Association National Conference, New Orleans, LA, April 2025.
- Barta, Walter. "The Dog-Whistle/Wolf-Cry Dialectic." New Mexico Texas Conference, Houston, TX, April 2025.
- Barta, Walter. "The Dog-Whistle/Wolf-Cry Dialectic." North Texas Philosophical Association

- Conference, Dallas, TX, April 2025.
- Barta, Walter. "The Tri-Opti Problem for Godlike Superintelligence: An Anthropic Argument against the Grabby Alien Hypothesis." ISCA X, Pasadena, CA, October 2024.
- Barta, Walter. "The Grabby Alien Observer Paradox." Social and Ethical Frontiers in Space 2024, Kiruna, Sweden, September 2024.
- Barta, Walter. Commentator on Rami Ali's "Homeless in the Metaverse: Five Ethical Challenges in Virtual Reality Design." Digital Worlds Workshop, University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley, TX, April 2024.
- Barta, Walter. "A Bestiary of Utility Monsters." New Mexico Texas Philosophy Conference, University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley, TX, April 2024.
- Barta, Walter. Commentator on Darren Domsky's "Virtue Versus Pleasure: A Critical Evaluation of Thomas Hurka's Comparative Principle." New Mexico Texas Philosophy Conference, University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley, TX, April 2024.
- Barta, Walter. "Saving the World is a Fiction: Doomsdays, Dystopias, Distant Worlds and other Dilemmas," Popular Culture Association National Conference, Chicago, IL, March 2024.
- Barta, Walter. "An Associationist Account of Memetics." Memes Conference, University of Bucharest, Romania, March 2024.
- Barta, Walter. "Nearby-AGI and the Quasi-Singularity: a Commentary on *Machines Will Never Rule the World*", Will Machines Rule the World Workshop, Karel Čapek Center for Values in Science and Technology, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic, March 2024.
- Barta, Walter. "Biting the Bullet on Toothlessness." Southwestern Philosophical Society, Baylor University, Waco, TX, November 2023.
- Barta, Walter. "Why LLMs are [not] like Calculators." South Central MLA Conference, Corpus Christi, TX, October 2023.
- Barta, Walter. "Anarchism in a Vulnerable World." Anthropocene Conference, DuPaul University, Chicago, IL, September, 2023.
- Barta, Walter. "An Empirical Approach to the Analytic/Continental Divide." Reconstructing Knowledge: Digital Humanities and Visual Culture Panel, XX ISA World Congress of Sociology, 2023, Online, July 2023.
- Barta, Walter. "An Empirical Approach to the Analytic/Continental Divide." Texas Conference on Digital Libraries, 2023, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, July 2023.
- Barta, Walter. "Asimov and Sidgwick: The Three Laws of Robotics and *Methods of Ethics*". Philosophy and Culture Panel, Pop Culture Association National Conference, San Antonio, TX, April 2023.
- Lee, Graham; Barta, Walter; Chan, Steve. "An Empirical Survey of the Analytic/Continental Divide." Digital Research Commons, M.D. Anderson Library, University of Houston, December 2022.
- Barta, Walter. "Fermi and Fiction: Dark Forest Decision Trees." SSoCIA 2022, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS, March 2022.
- Barta, Walter. "Two Principles of Utility", South Central MLA Conference 2021, Houston, TX, October 2021.
- Barta, Walter. Commentator on Anthony Gardner's "Annie and Non-Ideal Theory", Rice Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, Rice University, Houston, TX, October 2021.
- Barta, Walter. Commentator on Lamont Rogers's "Against Consequentialist Utopia", New Mexico Texas Philosophical Conference, Baylor University, Waco, TX, May 2021.
- Barta, Walter. "Against Diminishing Marginal Utility", New Mexico Texas Philosophical Conference, Baylor University, Waco, TX, May 2021.
- Barta, Walter. "Envisioning Gendered Topics of 18th and 19th Century Female Novelists." British Women Writers Conference, Texas Christian University, Dallas, TX, March 2020.
- Barta, Walter. "Academic Affiliations: Measuring the Prestige of." Digital Research Commons

Workshop, University of Houston, Houston TX, November 2019.

Barta, Walter. "Adam Smith's Bare Life." Necropolitics and Violence Conference, DuPaul University, Chicago, IL, September 2019.

Bishop, David; Barta, Walter. "A Traditional, and Digital Humanities Approach to Tristram Shandy and the Novel", The 44th Annual Meeting of the South Central Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Dallas, TX, February 2019.

Barta, Walter. "A Humean Digital Analysis of 18th Century Nominalist Determinism: A Tristram Shandy by any other name", The 44th Annual Meeting of the South Central Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Dallas, TX, February 2019.

Barta, Walter. "Digital Monology." Media and the Moving Image Initiative, Applied Technology Award, University of Houston, Houston, TX, 2018.

Barta, Walter. "A Resplendent Conclusion: A Utilitarian Calculus of Deflecting Marginal Utility", HCC Philosophy and Humanities Conference, Houston Community College, Houston, TX, November 2017.

Plays:

Barta, Walter. "Phonies", *Honors Club Theatre*, University of Houston, Houston, TX, November 2007.

Software:

Analytic/Continental Style Identifier, 2022.