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CURRICULUM VITAE

BERNARD WALKER

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Social ethics, Normative Ethics, Medical Ethics, Philosophy of Religion, and Critical Thinking

AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

Logic, Metaethics, Business Ethics, and Comparative Religion

DISSERTATION THESIS:

Agent Causation Within the Context of Libertarianism: the Conditions For Morally Responsible Agency

PUBLICATIONS:

Ethics and the Autonomy of Philosophy: Breaking Ties With Traditional Christian Praxis and Theory (WIPF & Stock Publishers, 2014)

Editorial review of *Ethics and Religion (Cambridge Studies in Religion, Philosophy, and Society)* by Harry J. Gensler 2016

“A Philosopher Reflects On the Sandy Hook Shootings,” *Bethel Magazine*, Winter/Spring 2013.

“Evangelicalism Dissected,” *Bethel Magazine*, Fall 2009 vol. 1, no.1

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

1. *Deconstructing the Bible: A Case For Biblical Theism* (monograph)
2. *Skepticism, Autonomy, and Advance Directives: Luttrell and Sommerville are Right Despite Themselves*
3. Metaphysics, the Sanctity of Life Principle, and the Unanswered Ethical Question of Aborted and Frozen Embryos (submitted for publication)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

African American Male Leadership and Culture

Business ethics
Comparative Religion
Critical Thinking
Epistemology
Ethics (**online and f2f**)
Ethics of Leadership
General World Trends
Ethics and Gerontology
Logic (online and f2f)
Medical Ethics (**online and f2f**)
Philosophy of the Human Person
Philosophy of Religion
Physician Assistant Ethics
Problem of Evil
Social Ethics
Ethics and Worldviews

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCE & COLLOQUIUM PAPERS:

- 2024** “Courage and Self-sacrifice: The Sine Qua Non of Martin Luther King’s Ministry.” The theme of the discussion is "Courage and Sacrifice" in relation to the role of Martin Luther King Jr. in the Civil Rights Movement. Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN on January 12, 2024.
- 2020** Panel discussion titled Africans and African Americans: A Family Reunion, on Oct 29th 2020. The panel will be televised and consist of Africans and African Americans as they discuss both the conflicts between these two groups and the solidarity that exists between.
- 2019** “Mass Incarceration of Black Men.” Part of a panel discussion with Dr. Tommy Curry and Dr. Rose Brewer at Minneapolis College’s 7th Annual Malcolm X Justice and Peace Lectures Series, March 27th, 2019.
- 2018** “An Analysis of Cultural and Religious Moral Relativism.” Presented at the November 15, 2018 Minneapolis College Philosophy Club meeting.
- 2018** “Personhood and Other Morally Relevant Terms Related to Prenatal Development and Reproductive Rights.” Presented at the October 12, 2018 Minneapolis College Philosophy Club meeting.

- 2018** "What Should We Do to Reduce The Number of Mass Shootings in the United States?" Presented at the October 13, 2017 Minneapolis College Philosophy Club meeting.
- 2018** "What is Justice and Its Implication for Policing and Racial Profiling." Presented at the September 29, 2018 Minneapolis College Philosophy Club meeting.
- 2014** "Falsifiability is a Two Way Street: Interpreting the Cosmological Evidence For Natural Theology and Science." Presented as a response to Deborah Haarsma's keynote address: "Cosmology and God: An Ancient Universe and the Ancient of Days" at the Summit on Origins Conference at Bethel University, St. Paul, MN, November 7, 2014.
- 2010** Volunteered for The Equity & Diversity Office of Minneapolis Public Schools' *100 Strong Who Care* event at Patrick Henry High School in Minneapolis, MN. I spoke to students about their respective careers and the value of a college education.
- 2009** A panel faculty member on the topic "Evangelicals at a Crossroad" for Bethel University. Transcript of the panel discussion in *Bethel Magazine*, fall 2009.
- 2009** "The Perennial Tension in Thought of Washington, Du Bois, Malcolm and King: Is a Synthesis Possible for the Welfare of the 21st Century African American?" A paper presented as part of a lecture series during Black History Month at Bethel University.
- 2009** "Ethics and My Experience With In Vitro Fertilization." A presentation to a bioethics course during the J term at Bethel University.
- 2008** "A Period of Solidarity in Black Churches During The Civil Rights Era: The Beginning of a Jeffersonian America." A paper presented as part of a lecture series during Black History Month at Bethel University.
- 2005** Participant on a panel concerning "Ending Institutional Racism" on the Chicago radio station WMBI's nightly program, *Open Line*
- 2004** "Two Dogmas Among Christians Concerning The Relationship Between God, the Bible and Truth." Presented at the Evangelical Theological Society Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- 1998-2001** Presentations given for Chicago State University's History, Philosophy and Political Science "Great Philosophical Debate Series": *Why is there Evil in the World: an atheist and theist response*; *Race Based Affirmative Action: Pro or Con*; *What is The Meaning of Life*; *Are We More Than Our Bodies*; *The Relationship Between God and Science*; *The Existence of God*; and *The Moral Status of Abortions*.
- 2000** Paper entitled "Beware of Question-begging Texts: Taking Sides in the Compatibilist/Libertarian Debate" at the 98th annual meeting of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association.
- 1999** Paper at ADOPT's 1999 Annual Philosophy Conference, "On Teaching the Philosophy of Religion." The conference was held in April at Benedictine University, Lisle, IL.

ACADEMIC EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Ph.D. and M.A. in Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago, January 2000.

B.A. in Psychology with a minor in Philosophy, The University of Illinois at Chicago. 1985

PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Normandale Community College, 2025

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Howard University, 2021-present

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Metrostate University, 2017-present

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Century College, 2017-present

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, St. Paul College, 2016-2018

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, St. Catherine University, 2016-2017, 2019

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Augsburg College, 2016

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Minneapolis Community Technical College, 2011-2012, 2015-2020

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Bethel University (seminary and adult education), 2006-2015

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, University of St. Thomas, 2007

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Loyola University, 2006

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, National Louis University, 2006

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Chicago State University, 1996-2002.

Graduate Teaching Instructor, Loyola University of Chicago, 1993-95.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

2005-present American Philosophical Association, member

1988-94 The Society of Christian Philosophers and *Faith and Philosophy*-a scholarly journal published quarterly.

1988-89 Cognitive Science meetings-an interdisciplinary meeting between faculty and graduates students of the Philosophy and Psychology Departments at Loyola University of Chicago.

1989-91 Minority Graduate Student Organization, Loyola University of Chicago.

UNIVERSITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE:

2020 -Present City council member for the city of St. Anthony Village, MN

2023 Mayor *pro tem* for the city of St. Anthony Village, MN

2018 Helped design a course through the Humanities Department at Century College for high school African American young men in the areas of academic preparation for college, metacognitive skills, leadership, etc.,

2017-2018 Faculty advisor for Minneapolis College Philosophy Club.

2013 Designed the medical ethics course in Bethel University's Graduate School for the Physician Assistant degree program.

2011-2014 Board member of a non-profit organization for children called InnerCity Tennis. InnerCity Tennis is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization located in Minneapolis, Minnesota that has 56 years of experience linking character, self-esteem building and physical education with inner-city youth.

2012 Faculty mentor on Bethel University's annual *Sankofa* Freedom Riders Civil Rights trip to the Southern United States (Memphis, Birmingham, Selma, Montgomery, and Atlanta)

2012 Faculty facilitator for Bethel racial reconciliation lunch groups

2010-11 Faculty thesis advisor for M.A. in Philosophical Theology, Bethel Seminary

2010-11 Faculty thesis advisor for M.A. in Philosophical/Christian Thought, Bethel Seminary

2010-2011 Bethel University Racial Reconciliation Task Force, appointed as member by Provost

2010-2012 Bethel Antiracism and Reconciliation Commission (BARRC), member

2009-2011 Member of BOC Racial Reconciliation lunch group

2008-09 Faculty thesis advisor for M.A. in Gerontology

2007-2013 Member of the Academic and Affairs Community for CAPS/GS at Bethel University

2001-2002 Chicago State University's History, Philosophy and Political Science Fall 2001 Colloquium organizer.

2001 Chicago State University's History, Philosophy and Political Science Student Grievance Committee, chair.

2000 Chicago State University's *Code of Ethics Revision Committee*.

1998-2002 Chicago State University's History, Philosophy and Political Science Department's Great Philosophical Debate Series participant and organizer.

2000 Organizer of an apologetics conference that presented a Christian world view in the areas of Philosophy, Ethics, Theology, Science and Psychology. The conference was held at Judson Baptist Church, November 11th.

1999-2000 Revision Committee for the Department Application Committee (DAC) at Chicago State University.

1999 Interdisciplinary Minors Committee at Chicago State University.

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