

# WILLIAM A. WALKER III

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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. Department of Religion, Philosophy of Religion and Theology, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA, May 2016.

**Dissertation**— Globalization, Violence and Salvation: Toward a Transmodern Political Theology of Neighborliness and Resistance in the thought of Hans Urs von Balthasar and Enrique Dussel

Committee Chair: Dr. Anselm Min

Committee Members: Dr. Santiago Slabodsky and Dr. Helene Slessarev-Jamir

M.T.S. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, Waco, TX. August, 2010  
Concentration — Systematic Theology and Christian Social Justice

B.B.A. Hankamer School of Business, Baylor University, Waco, TX. May, 2007  
Major/Minor— Economics and Spanish

**Research Languages:** Koine Greek, German and Spanish

Other Language Study and Cultural Immersion: Madrid, Spain: Summer 2005 (Baylor University Spanish Department); Juarez, Mexico City & Cuernavaca, Mexico: Summer 2007 (Camino Global); Buenos Aires & Mendoza, Argentina: Summer 2010 (ECELA: Español y Cultura en Latinoamerica)

## ACADEMIC RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**Areas of Specialization:** Political Theology, Soteriology, Epistemology, the Doctrine of Revelation Ecclesiology, Theology of Religions

**Areas of Competency:** 19th & 20th Century Philosophy of Religion and Theology, Thomas Aquinas, John Calvin, Religion and Politics, Economic Ethics

### Graduate Coursework:

- 20th Century Phenomenology
- Hans Urs von Balthasar
- 19th and 20th Century Existentialism
- Thomas Aquinas
- World Religions in the Americas
- Theology and Ethics of Globalization
- Philosophical Interpretations of Paul (in Zizek, Badiou & Agamben)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Online Adjunct Professor, William Jessup University, Summer and Fall 2016

- "Hearing God" (Dallas Willard): Christianity Spirituality of Discernment (Henri Nouwen)

Directed Study Instructor, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Summer and Fall 2016

- Systematic Theology I: God, Creation, the Authority of Scripture, Revelation and Sin
- Systematic Theology II: Christology and Soteriology

Guest Lecturer, The Ridley Institute of Trinity Anglican School for Ministry, Mt. Pleasant, SC  
Classes: Systematic Theology and Christian Mission, 2014-16

- "Christian Spirituality in Public Space" (March 15, 2016)
- "Christianity, Jesus and other Religions" (Oct. 21, 2014)
- "The Christian Doctrine of Revelation in the 39 Articles of Religion" (Oct. 20, 2015)

Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies, University of the Incarnate Word, 2012-14

- Christian Ethics (6 sections, 180 students)
- Introduction to Theology and Ethics (3 sections, 90 students)
- Introduction to Philosophy (1 section, 30 students)
- Guest Lecturer in Christian Spirituality class (Fall 2012)

Guest Lecturer, Claremont McKenna College, Fall 2011

Classes: Christian World History and Poverty, Wealth and Social Change

- "A History of Latin American Liberation Theology" Supervisor: Dr. Esther Chung-Kim

Supplemental Instructor for History of Economics, Baylor University, 2005-07

Supervisor: Dr. Kent Gilbreath

- led two weekly review sessions for class section of 250 students

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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Sellars, Jeffrey (ed.) "Surf's Up: A Spirituality of Transformation and Hope in the Beach Boys"  
*Faith, Hope and Love in the Beach Boys*, Wipf & Stock, 2015

"Response to Mark Lewis Taylor: The (In)Adequacy of Trans-Immanence for Decolonial Struggle"  
Min, Anselm (ed.) *The Task of Theology: Leading Theologians on the Most Compelling Questions for Today*.  
MaryKnoll, Orbis Books: 2014 (157-166)

"A Christian Liberationist Approach to the Crisis at the U.S.-Mexico Border"

Cooper, Thia (ed.) *The Reemergence of Liberation Theology*. New York: Palgrave Press, 2013 (171-180)

Journal Article: "The Trinitarian Theology of Religions Model of S. Mark Heim"  
*Truett Journal for Church and Mission*. Spring 2010 V. 7 n.1

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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AAR Annual Meeting, 2016, San Antonio, TX: The Open and Relational Theologies Group

- "Freedom, Contingency and God's Suffering Love in the Theology of Hans Urs von Balthasar: The Analogy of Drama for Imagining the God-World Relationship"

Subverting the Norm: Political Perspectives on Postmodern Theology & Church (Nov. 5-7, 2015)

- "Imagining the Beauty and Drama of Christ from History's Underside: Toward an Ecclesial Theology of Neighborliness and Resistance"

AAR Annual Meeting, 2014, San Diego, CA: Kierkegaard and Culture and Reinhold Niebuhr Group  
Join Session (publication forthcoming)

- “Striving for the Good in the Face of Uncertainty: The Paradox of Faith and Politics”

“Philosophical and Political Dimensions of NAFTA,” Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana  
Mexico City, Mexico, April 24-25, 2014 (publication anticipated)

- “Globalization, Violence and NAFTA: 20 Years of Free Trade as Decolonial Struggle”

“Subverting the Norm” Session Moderator and Liturgist: Springfield, MO April 5-6, 2013

- “Can Postmodern Theology Live in the Church?”

AAR Annual Meeting, Chicago 2012: Ecclesial Investigations Group

- “The Spirit and Economy of Emerging Churches after the Great Recession”

Issues and Trends in Contemporary Theology Conference: April 20-21, 2012, Claremont, CA

- Respondent to Mark Lewis Taylor: “U.S. Mass Incarceration as Decolonial Struggle: A Theopolitical and Theopoetical Challenge”

AAR Annual Meeting, San Francisco 2011: New Perspectives in Liberation Theologies Group

- “A Christian Liberationist Approach to the Crisis at the U.S.-Mexico Border”

University of Dayton “Ecclesiology and Exclusion” Conference, May 2011

- “Solidarity Before Dialogue: Toward an Ecclesiology of Economic Inclusivity”

CGU School of Religion *Live Options* Conference: March 26, 2011

- “Confessional, Dialectical Theology of Religions in an Age of Globalization”

## **EDITORIAL WORK**

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Assisting editor for book project, Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2013

*An Inquiry into the Possibility of an Evangelical Liberation Theology*, Joao Chavez

Research Assistant for Dr. Esther Chung-Kim, Claremont McKenna College (Summer 2012)

*Reformation Commentary on the Acts of the Apostles*, Baylor University Press, 2013

Co-editor, *Truett Journal for Church and Missions* (2009-10)

## **SELECTED BOOK REVIEWS**

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Wright, N.T. *How God Became King: The Forgotten Story of the Gospels*. Harper One, March 2012  
*Christianity Today*, May 2012, Vol. 56, No. 5, p. 60, "Books to Note"

Bauckham, Richard. *Living with Other Creatures*. Baylor University Press, November 2011  
*Christianity Today*, December 2011, Vol. 55, No. 12, p. 65, "Inherently Valuable"

Smith, Gary Scott. *Heaven in the American Imagination*. Oxford University Press, June 2011  
*Christianity Today*, July 2011. Vol. 55, No. 7, p. 71.

## **HONORS, ACTIVITIES & AFFILIATIONS**

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- Ordination to the Deaconate, Churches for the Sake of Others, ACNA (Fall 2015)
- Writing and Social Media team member, Missio Alliance (2014-15)
- Member, American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature (2011-15)
- Albert B. Friedman Grant Recipient, CGU School of Arts and Humanities (Spring 2014)
- CGU Graduate Student Council Travel Award Recipient (Spring 2011 & Fall 2012)
- Tuition Fellowship, Claremont Graduate University School of Religion (2010-12)
- Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Leadership Scholar (2009-10)
- *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities* Award (2007)

## **MINISTRY AND OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

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*Associate Pastor*, Saint Peter's Church, Mt. Pleasant, SC (2014 - present)

- Preaching once or twice per month
- Overseeing small groups and mentoring ministry
- Coordinating the connection process for membership assimilation
- Teaching weekly Sunday morning adult Christian education classes on topics like "Christ and Culture," "Jesus in the Gospel of John," "Christian Spirituality," and "The Parables of Jesus"

*Youth Ministry Director*, Santa Clarita United Methodist Church, Santa Clarita, CA (2011-12)

- Recruit, lead and train a team of volunteer youth leaders comprised of parents and college students from the church
- Plan retreats and mission trips each semester and summer for the student ministry
- Teach and direct the weekly Sunday night youth worship gatherings
- Preach occasionally on Sunday mornings

*Instructor and Tutor* with Test Prep Gurus, Claremont, CA (2010-2012)

- Online and in-person one-on-one SAT and ACT preparation

*Honors College Resident Chaplain and Ministry Associate for Freshmen* Baylor University Spiritual Life Department, Waco, TX (2008-10)

- Oversee and lead a team of students who facilitate daily Evening Prayer services
- Plan and direct a weekly Monday night worship service for first-year students on campus
- Teach and organize a weekly Bible study and discussion group for student residents
- Provide pastoral care to students who have been hospitalized or lost loved ones

*Youth Pastor*, First Baptist Church of Eddy, TX (2007-08)

- Recruit, lead and train a team of volunteer youth leaders
  - Plan retreats and mission trips each semester and summer for the student ministry
  - Teach and direct the weekly Sunday night youth worship gatherings
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## **ACADEMIC REFERENCES**

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