

Curriculum vitae -

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Theodore Walker Jr.

Education:

Ph.D. in Theological Inquiry (1983)

from University of Notre Dame

Major: theological ethics

Minors: philosophical theology, history of religions

Dissertation: "God of the Oppressed: a Metaphysical and Ethical Analysis" (directed by Stanley Hauerwas)

B.A. in political science (1976)

from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Diploma from Salisbury High School (1972)

in Salisbury, North Carolina

Present position -

Associate Professor of Ethics and Society at the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas, Texas.

Academic appointments:

2018 - SMU Maguire Public Scholar

1992 - Associate Professor of Ethics & Society
at the Perkins School of Theology,
Southern Methodist University
in Dallas, Texas 75275

1986-1992 Assistant Professor of Ethics & Society
at the Perkins School of Theology,
Southern Methodist University
in Dallas, Texas 75275

1985-1986 Assistant Professor of Religion & Philosophy
at Bethune-Cookman College
in Daytona Beach, Florida 32014

1983-1986 Systematic Theology
at Hood Theological Seminary,
Livingstone College
in Salisbury, North Carolina 28144

Memberships:

Shiloh Baptist Church
in Greensboro, North Carolina

Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal
in Woodsdale near Roxboro, N.C.

St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church
in Dallas, Texas

Professional associations:

American Academy of Religion
 American Association for the Advancement of Science
 Center for Process Studies
 Journal of Cosmology, Astro-Theology editor
 Journal of Process Studies, Advisory Board Member
 Society of Christian Ethics
 Society for the Study of Black Religion

Publications

Books:

The Big Bang and God: An Astro-Theology - wherein an astronomer and a theologian offer a study of interdisciplinary convergences with natural theology both in the scientific researches of Sir Fred Hoyle and in the philosophical researches of Charles Hartshorne and Alfred North Whitehead, thereby illustrating a constructive postmodern trend (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, September 2015), Theodore Walker Jr. and Chandra Wickramasinghe.

Whiteheadian Ethics: Abstracts and Papers from the Ethics Section of the Philosophy Group at the 6th International Whitehead Conference at the University of Salzburg, July 2006 (Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2008), Theodore Walker Jr. and Mihály Tóth editors and contributors.

Mothership Connections: A Black Atlantic Synthesis of Neoclassical Metaphysics and Black Theology (Albany: State University of New York Press, May 2004)

Empower the People: Social Ethics for the African-American Church (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 1991)

Contributions to Books:

“Interdisciplinary Convergences with Biology and Ethics via Cell Biologist Ernest Everett Just and Astrobiologist Sir Fred Hoyle,” a chapter in *Panentheism and Panpsychism - Philosophy of Religion Meets Philosophy of Mind Series: Innsbruck Studies in Philosophy of Religion, Volume: 2* (Mentis Verlag; Leiden, Netherlands: Brill, November 2019), edited by Godehard Brüntrup, Benedikt Paul Göcke and Ludwig Jaskolla.

“Interdisciplinary Ethics: From Astro-Theology to Cosmo-Liberation Theology,” a chapter in *Entangled Worlds: Religion, Science, and New Materialisms* (Bronx, NY: Fordham University Press, 2016), edited by Catherine Keller and Mary-Jane Rubenstein.

“Neoclassical Cosmology and Menas Kafatos’s ‘Cosmos and Quantum: Frontiers for the Future’” originally in the *Journal of Cosmology*, v3, Dec 2009; reprinted as a chapter in *Quantum Physics of Consciousness* (Cosmology Science Publishers, 2011), edited by Subhash Kak, Sir Roger Penrose, and Stuart Hameroff.

“‘Yes!’ to Natural Theology and Justice: Stanley Hauerwas, Martin Luther King Jr., and Charles Hartshorne,” a chapter in *Unsettling Arguments: A Festschrift on the Occasion of Stanley Hauerwas’s 70th Birthday* (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2010), edited by Charles R. Pinches, Kelly S. Johnson, and Charles M. Collier.

“Neoclassical Cosmology and Matthew 22:36-40: Necessary Cosmological Distinctions Imply Theological Ethics,” a chapter in *Whiteheadian Ethics: Abstracts and Papers from the Ethics Section of the Philosophy Group of the 6th International Whitehead Conference at the University of Salzburg, July 2006* (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2008), edited by Theodore Walker Jr. and Mihály Tóth.

“Reorientation by Reference to ‘Wrong Way’ Markers: Evaluating a Modern Signifying Mythicization of Ancient Mythicizations,” a chapter in *African American Religious Life and the Story of Nimrod* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2008), edited by Anthony B. Pinn and Allen Dwight Callahan.

"Black Theology and a More Protestant Approach to Wesleyan-Process Dialogue," a chapter in *Thy Nature and Thy Name is Love: Wesleyan Theology and Process Theology* (Nashville: Abingdon, 2001), edited by Bryan Stone and Thomas Oord.

"Can a Million Black Men Be Good News?," a chapter in *Black Religion After the Million Man March* (Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 1998), edited by Garth Kasimu Baker-Fletcher.

"African-American Resources for More Inclusive Liberation Theology," first printed in *Good News for Animals?: Contemporary Approaches to Animal Well-Being* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 1993), edited by Charles Pinches and Jay B. McDaniels; printed again in the *Journal of Religious Thought*, vol. 51, no. 2, Winter 1994-Spring 1995; and printed a third time in *This Sacred Earth: Religion, Nature, Environment* (NY: Routledge, 1996), edited by Roger S. Gottlieb.

"Theological Resources for a Black Neoclassical Social Ethics," first printed as an article in the *Journal of Religious Thought*, , vol. 45, no. 2, February 1989, and reprinted as a chapter in *Black Theology: A Documentary History, Volume Two: 1980-1992* (Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 1993), edited by Gayraud S. Wilmore and James H. Cone.

"Hartshorne's Neoclassical Theism and Black Theology," chapter one in *Charles Hartshorne's Concept of God: Critical Responses* (Birmingham, UK; Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1990), edited by Santiago Sia. This text includes a response by Charles Hartshorne. Reprinted from the journal *Process Studies*, v18, n4, Winter 1989.

Articles:

“Edgar Allan Poe’s Cosmology and Natural Theology,” *The Eureka Project*, May 2016, online at <www.poe-eureka.com/2016/05/09/358/>.

“Our Common Home and the World House: Pope Francis and Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. on Ecological Civilization” in *Pando Populus*, 12 August 2015, online at <<https://pandopopulus.com/francis-and-king-on-earth/>>.

“Postmodern Astro-Theology, Cometary Panspermia, and the Polonnaruwa Meteorite” in the *Journal of Cosmology*, volume 22, no. 21, March 2013.

“The Liberating Role of Astronomy in an Old Farmer’s Almanac: David Rittenhouse’s ‘Useful Knowledge’ and a Benjamin Banneker Almanac for 1792” in the *Journal of Cosmology*, volume 19, June 2012.

“‘The Relation of Biology to Astronomy’ and Theology: Panspermia and Panentheism; Revolutionary Convergences Advanced by Fred Hoyle and Chandra Wickramasinghe” in the *Journal of Cosmology*, volume 19, June 2012.

“Anthropic Reasoning about Fine-Tuning and Neoclassical Cosmology: Providence, Omnipresence, and Observation Selection Theory” in the *Journal of Cosmology*, volume 16, Sept-Oct 2011.

“Important Distinctions in Neoclassical Cosmology and Joseph’s ‘The Infinite Universe vs the Myth of the Big Bang’” in the *Journal of Cosmology*, volume 6, April 2010 (1616-1620).

“Neoclassical Cosmology and Menas Kafatos’s ‘Cosmos and Quantum: Frontiers for the Future,’” in the *Journal of Cosmology*, v3, Dec 2009 (641-643).

“Classical and Neoclassical Cosmology: A Neoclassical Response to the Haugen-Keeling-Hartshorne Discussion and Stephen Hawking’s ‘No-Boundary Proposal,’” in *Process Studies*, vol 35, no 2, Fall-Winter 2006 (270-290).

"The Black and the Red: Responding to Sioux and Other Native American Instructions on Red-Black Solidarity" in the *Journal of Religious Thought*, volume 55, no. 2 and volume 56, no. 1, Spring-Fall 1999-2000 (73-86).

"Why Avoid Statements About What God Cannot Do?: A Note to Neoclassical and Process Metaphysicians" in *Process Studies*, volume 28/1-2, Spring-Summer 1999 (137-138).

"African-American Resources for More Inclusive Liberation Theology" in the *Journal of Religious Thought*, vol. 51, no. 2, Winter 1994-Spring 1995 (9-15) [reprinted in *Good News for Animals?: Contemporary Approaches to Animal Well-Being* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 1993), edited by Charles Pinches and Jay B. McDaniels; and reprinted in *This Sacred Earth: Religion, Nature, Environment* (NY: Routledge, 1996), edited by Roger S. Gottlieb].

"Hartshorne's Neoclassical Theism and Black Theology" in *Process Studies*, vol. 18, no. 4, Winter 1989 (240-258) [reprinted with a response by Hartshorne in *Charles Hartshorne's Concept of God: Critical Responses* (Birmingham, UK; Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1990), edited by Santiago Sia].

"Theological Resources for a Black Neoclassical Social Ethics" in the *Journal of Religious Thought*, vol. 45, no. 2, Winter-Spring 1989 (21-39) [reprinted in *Black Theology: A Documentary History, Volume Two: 1980-1992* (Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 1993), edited by James H. Cone and Gayraud S. Wilmore].

"Three Short Lessons in Christian Ethics" in the *A.M.E. Zion Quarterly Review*, October 1987

"The Most Important Thing Christians Do: A Note to the Seminarian" in the *A.M.E. Zion Quarterly Review*, volume XCVII, number 1, April 1985 (29-30).

"Frederick Douglass: an Autobiography as Theology" in the *A.M.E. Zion Quarterly Review*, volume XCVI, number 2, July 1984 (19-23).

Book Reviews:

a review of Carl Sagan's previously unpublished 1985 Gifford Lectures (then titled "The Search for Who We Are") now printed as a book—*The Varieties of Scientific Experience: A Personal View of the Search for God* (New York: Penguin Press, 2006, edited by Ann Druyan) in the *Journal of Cosmology*, volume 20, September 2012.

a review of Michael Battle's *The Black Church in America: African American Christian Spirituality* (Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing, 2006) for the *Journal of Religion*, volume 89:427-429, July 2009.

a review of *Handbook of Latina/o Theologies* (St. Louis, Missouri: Chalice Press, 2006), edited by Edwin David Aponte and Miguel A. De La Torre in *Apuntes*, year 28, number 1, Spring 2008.

a review of Stephen W. Hawking's and Leonard Mlodinow's *A Briefer History of Time* (Bantum Books, October 2005) in the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, volume 74, number 4, December 2006 (1037-1039).

a review of *God, Truth, and Witness: Engaging Stanley Hauerwas* (Edited by L. Gregory Jones, Reinhard Hütter, and C. Rosalee Velloso Ewell. Brazos Press, 2005. 336 pages. \$39.99.) for the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, volume 74, number 3, September 2006 (798-801).

a review of Evelyn L. Parker's *Trouble Don't Last Always: Emancipatory Hope Among African American Adolescents* (Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2003) in the *Society for the Study of Black Religion Newsletter*, volume 3, number 1, May 2003.

a review of Franklin I. Gamwell's *Democracy on Purpose: Justice and the Reality of God* (Georgetown University Press, 2000) for the *Journal of Religion*, volume 83, number 2, April 2003 (312-314).

a review of Francis Kimani Githieya's *The Freedom of the Spirit: African Indigenous Churches in Kenya* (Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1997) in the *Journal of Religion*, volume 80, number 2, April 2000 (333-335).

a note concerning James H. Cone's *Risks of Faith: The Emergence of a Black Theology of Liberation, 1968-1998* (Boston: Beacon Press, 1999) in *Theology Today*, vol. 57, no. 1, April 2000 (153).

a review of Paul Gilroy's *The Black Atlantic: Modernity and Double Consciousness* (Cambridge: Harvard, 1993) in the *Journal of Religious Thought*, volume 54, number 2, and volume 55, number 1, Spring-Fall 1998/2000 (81-82).

a review of *From Suffering to God: Exploring Our Images of God in the Light of Suffering* (London: St. Martin's Press, 1994) by Marian F. Sia and Santiago Sia in *Process Studies*, volume 28/1-2, Spring-Summer 1999 (147-148).

a review of *The Fountain Arethuse: A Novel Set in the University Town of Leuven [Belgium]* (Sussex, England: The Book Guild Ltd, 1997) by Marian F. Sia and Santiago Sia in *Process Studies*, volume 28/1-2, Spring-Summer 1999 (148-149).

a review of James H. Cone's *Martin & Malcolm: A Dream or a Nightmare* (Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 1991) published in *Critical Review of Books in Religion*, 1993.

a review of Tony Smith's *The Role of Ethics in Social Theory: Essays from a Habermasian Perspective* (New York: SUNY, 1991) in the *Journal of Religion*, vol. 73, no. 1, January 1993

a review of Henry Young's *Hope in Process: A Theology of Social Pluralism* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 1990) in the *Journal of Religion*, vol. 72, no. 3, July 1992

a review of *Witness and Existence: Essays in Honor of Schubert Ogden*, edited by Philip E. Devenish and George L. Goodwin (University of Chicago Press, 1989) in *Process Studies*, vol. 20, no. 1, Spring 1991 (57-59).

a review of *Variations in Christian Theology in Africa* (Nairobi: Uzima Press, 1986) edited by John S. Pobee and Carl F. Hallencreutz in *the Journal of Religion*, volume 69, number 2, April 1989 (268-269).

a review of James H. Cone's *Speaking the Truth: Ecumenism, Liberation, and Black Theology* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1986) in *the Journal of Religious Thought*, vol. 44, no. 2, Winter-Spring 1988.

a review of Jurgen Moltmann's *God in Creation: A New Theology of Creation and the Spirit of God* (San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1985) in *Interpretation*, April 1987 (218).

a review of Donald Wayne Viney's *Charles Hartshorne and the Existence of God* (State University of New York Press, 1985) in *the Perkins Journal*, January 1987

a review of Joseph L. Allen's *Love and Conflict: A Covenantal Model of Christian Ethics* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1984) in *Interpretation*, vol. 40, number 1, January 1986 (106-107).

a review of Walter G. Muelder's *Ethical Edge of Christian Etheology: Forty Years of Communitarian Personalism* (Lewiston, NY: Edwin Mellen Press, 1984) in *Interpretation*, volume 39, number 4, October 1985 (440).

a review of James H. Cone's *For My People* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1984) in *the Journal of Religious Thought*, volume 42, number 1, Spring-Summer 1985 (88-89).

a review of Jacque Ellul's *Living Faith: Belief and Doubt in a Perilous World* (Harper & Row, 1983) in *the Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, volume LII, number 3, September 1984 (622).

a review of Helmut Theilicke's *Living with Death* (William B. Eerdmans, 1983) in *the Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, volume LII, number 2, June 1984 (413-414).

Short Essays:

“Response to ‘Planets for nearly Every Star?’” in *Spectrum: The Journal of the Texas Astronomical Society*, September 2004.

“The M in SMU: A Revival of Original Methodism” in *SMU Magazine*, Fall-Winter 2003

“Wesley as Abolitionist and Liberating Evangelist: A Black Theological Celebration” in *Circuit Rider*, May/June 2003 (26-27).

"Neoclassical Thought and Social Ethical Analysis" in *Creative Transformation*, volume 6, number 2, Winter 1997 (32-34).

"A Social Ethical Reflection on Violence" in *Perspective: A Newsletter for the Alumni/ae and Friends of Perkins School of Theology*, Fall 1994 (18-19).

SMU Scholar - concerning MLK Jr.:

“Three Reasons Martin Luther King Jr. Disliked Being Labeled ‘Civil Rights Leader’” (18 January 2019) online at < https://scholar.smu.edu/theology_research/18/>.

“Slogans Appropriate to the Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.” (17 January 2019) online at < https://scholar.smu.edu/theology_research/17/>.

“A Martin Luther King Jr. Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Toward the Abolition of Poverty” (May 2018) online at <https://scholar.smu.edu/theology_research/14/> .

“Don’t Call King a ‘Civil Rights’ Leader: Toward abolishing poverty and war by correcting our fatally inadequate remembering of MLK Jr”: 2018 *Maguire Public Scholar Lecture*. (10 April 2018 [originally 7 February 2018]) online at < https://scholar.smu.edu/theology_research/11/ >.

“Martin Luther King Jr. on Economy, Ecology, and Civilization: Toward a MLK Jr-Inspired Ecotheology” (9 January 2018) online at < https://scholar.smu.edu/theology_research/10/ >.

+ “Our Common Home and the World House: Pope Francis and Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. on Ecological Civilization” in *Pando Populus* (12 August 2015) online at <https://pandopopulus.com/francis-and-king-on-earth/>>.

SMU Scholar - concerning Ernest Everett Just:

“The ‘Law of Environmental Dependence’ – Biology and Ethics in the Work of Ernest Everett Just: + Found – some 251 mostly typed pages (20 July 2019) online at < https://scholar.smu.edu/theology_research/21/ >

“Bioethics in the Work of Ernest Everett Just + Missing – some 400 pages” (28 January 2017) online at <https://scholar.smu.edu/theology_research/9/>.

SMU Scholar – concerning theology and cosmology:

“In celebration of *Notebooks* (December 2018) by Schubert M. Ogden: Avoiding the Partialist Fallacy in Theology, Especially in Liberation Theology” (March 2019)

“Ten Years Later: A Reply to a Reply from David Haugen and Bryant Keeling: Concerning Charles Hartshorne’s Neoclassical Theology and Big Bang Cosmology” (19 April 2018)

“Another Scientific Revolution: Now Yielding a ‘Cosmic Biology’ Consistent with Natural Theology” (10 April 2018)

“John Cobb’s Liberating Work from the Perspective of Black Theology” (March 2016)

Amazon Book Reviews and Notes:

a review of Natalia Marandiu's *The Goodness of Home: Human and Divine Love and the Making of the Self* (2018) on amazon.com customer review, 23 November 2018.

a review of Ernest Everett Just's *Basic Methods for Experiments on Eggs of Marine Animals* (Philadelphia: P Blakiston's Son, 1939a) titled "Appreciating *Basic Methods* and finding an unpublished work (a work using revised evolutionary biology to explain social ethics)" with co-investigator Lillie R. Jenkins, on amazon.com customer review, 8 November 2016

a review of Harold J. Recinos's *Voices on the Corner* (Eugene, Oregon: Resource Publications/Wipf and Stock, 2015) on amazon.com customer review, 7 November 2016 [February 2016].

a review of David Ray Griffin's *God Exists But Gawd Does Not: From Evil to New Atheism to Fine-Tuning* (Anoka, Minnesota: Process Century Press, 2016) on amazon.com customer review, 10 August 2016.

a review of Santiago Sia's *Society in Its Challenges: Philosophical Considerations of Living in Society* (forward by Mary McAleese, former president of Ireland; Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2014) on amazon.com customer review, 18 February 2016.

a review of Dwayne A. Tunstall's *Doing Philosophy Personally: Thinking About Metaphysics, Theism, and Antiracism* (New York: Fordham University Press, 2013) on amazon.com customer review, 17 February 2016 [5 December 2015].

a review of Norman J. Girardot's *Envisioning Howard Finster: The Religion and Art of a Stranger from Another World* (Oakland, CA: University of California Press, 2015) on amazon.com customer review, 12 November 2015.

a note concerning Jacqueline Leonard's *Culturally Specific Pedagogy in the Mathematics Classroom: Strategies for Teachers and Students* (New York and London: Routledge, 2008) on amazon.com customer review, 7 March 2008.

a note concerning Babara A. Holmes's *Race and the Cosmos: An Invitation to View the World Differently* (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: Trinity Press International, 2002) on amazon.com customer review, 10 June 2005.

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He contributes to and serves on the International Advisory Board for the journal *Process Studies*; and he contributes to and serves with Joseph Bracken as a Guest Editor for the Astro-Theology volumes in the scientific *Journal of Cosmology* (see volumes 3, 6, 16, 19, 20, and 22).

Theodore Walker Jr. is co-author with world renowned astronomer-astrobiologist Chandra Wickramasinghe of *The Big Bang and God: An Astro-Theology ...* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015). He contributes to and serves on the International Advisory Board for the journal *Process Studies*; and he contributes to and served as a guest co-editor with Joseph Bracken for the Astro-Theology volumes in the scientific *Journal of Cosmology*.

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