

TOPICS IN BIOETHICS

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1. Acknowledging and Mitigating Power Disparities in Physician-Patient Communication
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CURRICULUM VITAE FOR JAMES J. WALTER



After completing his undergraduate degree in Philosophy, James J. Walter earned five advanced degrees, including a Ph.D. in ethics, from the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium. Currently, Dr. Walter holds the Austin & Ann O'Malley Chair in Bioethics, and he was the founding Director (1999-2004) and then the Chairperson (2004-2009) of The Bioethics Institute at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California. Professor Walter completed a Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Clinical Bioethics from the Department of Medicine at Stritch School of Medicine at Loyola University of Chicago, and he has had extensive experience as a bioethics consultant to several hospitals. Currently, he serves as a clinical bioethicist at the three medical centers and hospice facility belonging to the Citrus Valley Health Partners in Covina, CA (Citrus Valley Medical Center, Queen of the Valley Medical Center, Foothill Presbyterian Hospital, and Citrus Valley Hospice). Dr. Walter has delivered over 500 scholarly papers and public lectures in the United States, Europe, the Middle East and Asia, and he has frequently been interviewed on television, radio, and by the press. He has published six books, including *Quality of Life: The New Medical Dilemma* (Paulist Press, 1990), *The New Genetic Medicine: Theological and Ethical Reflections* (Sheed & Ward, 2003), *Contemporary Issues in Bioethics: A Catholic Perspective* (Sheed & Ward, 2005) and *Artificial Nutrition & Hydration and the Permanently Unconscious Patient: The Catholic Debate* (Georgetown University Press, 2007). Professor Walter is currently working on a volume entitled *Intersections between Science, Religion & Ethics: A Dialogue between Shin Buddhism and the Roman Catholic Tradition*. He has also authored 100 book chapters, articles and reviews. He is the recipient of several awards, including the 1992 *Graduate Faculty Member of the Year Award* at Loyola University of Chicago and the 2007 *Spirit of St. Francis Award* at St. Francis Medical Center in Lynwood, CA for excellence in clinical bioethics consultation. In 2005 he was appointed by the California Council on Science and Technology to a one-year, state-wide Panel on Bioethics. From 2003-2007 Professor Walter was the founding chair of *The International Forum for Catholic Bioethicists*, which met annually in Brussels, Belgium with participants from around the world.