

## Andrea C. Walker, Ph.D.

### Curriculum Vita

Ph.D., Human Development & Family Studies

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Licensed Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Counselor (LADC/MH)

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#### **Teaching** (All ORU courses involve a web-based, online learning tool, Desire to Learn [D2L])

- 2016-present Full-time faculty, Graduate Professional Counseling Program, Oral Roberts University (ORU). Teach *Counseling Research, Psychopathology, Assessment in Addictive Behaviors, Group Dynamics, Addiction in the Family Theory, Crisis, Trauma, and Addiction, Drug & Alcohol Counseling Theory*, etc.
- 2013-2016: Adjunct - Graduate Counseling Department in marriage and family therapy, ORU. Taught *Introduction to Marriage and Family Therapy* and *Introduction to Addictions Counseling*.
- 2006-2016: Full-time, tenure track faculty in the Department of Behavioral Sciences, ORU. In rotation, taught all of the following: *Advanced Psychology Seminar, Developmental Psychology, Experimental Psychology, Learning and Cognition, Personality Development, Psychological Measurements, Research Design and Analysis* (developed curriculum), and *Senior Paper*.
- 2003-2005: Adjunct – Department of Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS), Oklahoma State University (OSU). Taught graduate courses, *Issues in Family Science, Directions in Human Environmental Science*, and undergraduate course, *Parenting: A Lifespan Perspective*.
- 2001-2002: Student teaching - undergraduate courses in HDFS, OSU. Taught *Introduction to Research Methods, Families in Crisis, Pre-Professional Lab Experience*, and *Directions in Human Environmental Science*.
- Fall 2001: Student teaching - graduate courses in HDFS, OSU. Taught *Research Methods in HDFS* and *Basic Statistics for HDFS*. Courses included online and residential sections.

#### **Research**

- 2018: Exploration of experiences regarding death and dying with individuals associated with the Lakota Sioux community.

- 2016-2017: Compassionate Tulsa. In collaboration with colleagues from City of Tulsa and University of Oklahoma (consultation with University of Louisville, KY), survey conducted regarding predictors of well-being in Tulsa. This is in response to service project involving Tulsa Human Rights Commission.
- 2011-2013: Spiritual/Religious Development and Loss Coping of College Students at Christian and Secular Universities.
- 2009-2010: An Exploration of the Single Family Form. Conducted interviews with always single, widowed, and divorced adults to explore how participants cope with various life issues, including grief/bereavement, addictions, spirituality, and aging.
- 2009: Environmental experiences of bereaved college students within a Christian university culture. Experiences included classroom, social, and psychological experiences as well as utilization of social support resources.
- 2008: Prevalence, severity, and mental and physical health outcomes of college student bereavement. A stratified random sample of 117 students ages 18-23 was measured using a battery of instruments to provide the first estimates of college student bereavement from randomized sampling, as well as the first estimates of complicated bereavement in college students.
- 2002: Parental bonding, self-esteem, depression, social support, age at first birth, and other factors with parenting satisfaction of adolescent mothers and their babies' fathers, in collaboration with Stacy Thompson.
- 2000-2002: Conducted dissertation entitled, *A Social Construction of Grieving and Bereavement Rituals in the Muscogee Creek Tribe*, under David E. Balk, doctoral committee chair. Developed interview protocol, conducted 27 interviews with members of the Creek tribe, and analyzed data qualitatively using social constructionist theoretical perspective.
- 2001: Assisted in data collection and preparation of results of several studies; Supervised telephone interviewers directly involved in data collection, Bureau for Social Research, College of Human Environmental Science, Oklahoma State University (OSU).
- 2000-2001: Explored research possibilities on health issues of adult members of Quapaw Indian Tribe located in northeastern Oklahoma, under supervision of Carolyn Wilken.

## Service

Chair, Mayor's Challenge Treatment Workgroup (April, 2020, to present)

Member, Governor's Challenge (February, 2020, to present)

Member, Faculty Life Committee, Oral Roberts University (2019-present)

Reviewer, *Scholarship of Teaching and Learning*, Oral Roberts University (2017 to present)

Member, *Institutional Review Board*, Oral Roberts University (2017-present)

Reviewer, *Journal of Psychology and Theology*, Biola University (2016-present)

Member, Compassionate Tulsa (2015-present) – founder and past chair

Member, Human Rights Commission, Tulsa City Council, Tulsa, OK (2013-present)

Reviewer, *Death Studies Journal*, Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC; 2011-present)

Member, Board of Mental Health Professionals, National Chapter of Actively Moving Forward (AMF; 2011-present)

Member, Spring Eternal Mental Health Services Board (2014-2019)

Chair, Compassionate Tulsa Steering Committee (2015-2018)

Vice-Chair, Human Rights Commission, Tulsa City Council, Tulsa, OK (2015)

Member, Science Advisory Committee, ADEC (2013-2015)

Secretary, ORU College of Science and Engineering Faculty Senate (2013-2014)

Founder and sponsor of the ORU Chapter for AMF; consists of peer-led support group and initiatives to promote a grief-sensitive campus (2009-2014)

Chair-Elect and Chair, ORU College of Science and Engineering Faculty Senate (2011-2013)

Member, Ethics Committee, ADEC (2010-2012)

Reviewer of conference proposals for the ADEC annual conferences (2010 to 2012)

Coordinated Crystal Darkness campaign on the ORU campus, a state-wide initiative to target crystal methamphetamine addiction (January, 2009)

Licenses:      Licensed Alcohol and Drug and Mental Health Counselor (LADC/MH)  
                     (License #124)  
                     LADC clinical supervisor (License #124)

Internationally Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (ICADC), Certification  
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Professional

Memberships: Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC)

American Counseling Association (ACA)

Oklahoma Drug and Alcohol Professional Counselors Association (ODAPCA)

## Publications

- Walker, A. C. (2020). *Religious schemas through the lens of self-determination theory: A mixed methods design*. Manuscript under review.
- Walker, A. C., Hathcoat, J. D., Munoz, R., Ferguson, C., & Dean, T. (2020). Faith maturity through the lens of self-determination theory: A mixed methods design. *Christian Higher Education*. Manuscript in press.
- Munoz, R. T., Walker, A. C., Bynum, G. T., & Brown, A. (2020). *Social connectedness with Tulsa as a driver of life satisfaction, hope, and flourishing*. *International Journal of Community Well-Being*, 3(2), 161-172. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s42413-020-00058-7>
- Walker, A. C. (2019). Death and dying in American Indian populations. In H. Selin & R. M. Rakoff (Eds.), *Death across cultures: Death and dying in non-western cultures*. Amsterdam, Netherlands: Springer Publishing Company.
- Walker, A. C. (2018). Grandparents and grief. In B. Hayslip & C. Fruhauf (Eds.), *Handbook of grandparenting: The changing dynamics of family relationships*. New York, NY: Springer Publishing.
- Hathcoat, J. D., Walker, A. C., & Harnas, S. (2016). Violent loss and religious coping: A multi-group path analysis. Unpublished raw data.
- Cupit, I. N., Servaty-Seib, H. L., Parikh, S. T., Walker, A. C., & Martin, R. (2016). College and the grieving student: A mixed methods design. *Death Studies*, 40, 494-506. doi:10.1080/07481187.2016.1181687
- Walker, A. C., Hathcoat, J. D., & Mace, A. J. (2015). Discrepancies between student and institutional world views. *Journal of College and Character*, 16(3), 143-154. doi:10.1080/2194587X.2015.1057156.
- Walker, A. C., Gewecke, R., Cupit, I. N., & Fox, J. D. (2014). Understanding bereavement in a Christian university: A qualitative exploration. *Journal of College Counseling*, 17, 131-149. url: <http://www.collegecounseling.org/journal>
- Balk, D. E., & Walker, A. C. (2013). The stories college students tell: An examination of TAT stories related to grief experiences. *Journal of Psychology and Theology*, 41, 340-354. url: <http://journals.biola.edu/jpt>

- Walker, A. C. (2013). Culture, socialization, and end-of-life decision making. In D. E. Balk (Ed.), *Handbook of thanatology*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. (pp. 55-63). Northbrook, IL: Association for Death Education and Counseling.
- Walker, A. C. (2013). Life span issues and end-of-life decision making. In D. E. Balk (Ed.), *Handbook of thanatology*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. (pp. 83-91). Northbrook, IL: Association for Death Education and Counseling.
- Walker, A. C. (2012). Scholarship of suicide [Review of the book *Grief after suicide: Understanding the consequences and caring for the survivors*, by J. J. Jordan and J. L. McIntosh (Eds.)]. *Death Studies*, 36, 83-94. doi:10.1080/07481187.2011.586881
- Walker, A. C., Hathcoat, J. D., & Noppe, I. L. (2012). College student bereavement experience in a Christian university. *Omega*, 64, 241-259. doi:10.2190/OM.64.3.d
- Walker, A. C. (2011, October). A review of complicated grief: Implications for researchers and practitioners. *The Forum: Association for Death Education and Counseling*, 37, 13.
- Balk, D. E., Walker, A. C., & A. Baker. (2010). Prevalence and severity of college student bereavement. *Death Studies*, 34, 459-468. doi:10.1080/07481180903251810
- Walker, A. C. (2010). Adolescent bereavement and traumatic deaths. In D. E. Balk & C. E. Corr (Eds.). *Adolescent encounters with death, bereavement, and coping* (pp. 253-270). New York, NY: Springer.
- Walker, A. C. (2009). Ethics, research, and dying and bereaved children. In D. E. Balk and C. Corr (eds.), *Handbook of children, death, and bereavement* (pp. 61-79). New York: Springer.
- Walker, A. C. (2009). Building bridges in American Indian bereavement research. *Omega*, 59, 351-367. doi:10.2190/OM.59.4.e
- Walker, A. C., & Thompson, T. (2009). Muscogee Creek spirituality and meaning of death. *Omega*, 59, 129-146. doi:10.2190/OM.59.2.c
- Walker, A. C. (2009, April). American Indian populations: Why bother? *The Forum: Association for Death Education and Counseling*, 35, 11.
- Walker, A. C. (2008). From disaster to destiny: A review of Methods for Disaster Mental Health Research. *Death Studies*, 32, 479-485. doi:10.1080/07481180701801238
- Walker, A. C. (2008). Grieving in the Muscogee Creek tribe. *Death Studies*, 32, 123-141. doi:10.1080/07481180701801238
- Walker, A. C. & Balk, D. E. (2007). Bereavement rituals in the Muscogee Creek tribe. *Death Studies*, 31, 633-652. doi:10.1080/07481180701405188

- Walker, A. C. (2007). Culture, socialization, and end-of-life decision making. In D. E. Balk (Ed.), *Handbook of thanatology* (pp. 55-63). Northbrook, IL: Association for Death Education and Counseling.
- Walker, A. C. (2007). Life span issues and end-of-life decision making. In D. E. Balk (Ed.), *Handbook of thanatology* (pp. 83-91). Northbrook, IL: Association for Death Education and Counseling.
- Thompson, S. A., & Walker, A. C. (2004). Satisfaction with parenting: A comparison between adolescent mothers and the fathers of their infants. *Sex Roles: A Journal of Research*, 50(9-10), 677-687.
- Walker, A. C. (2003). The elderly perspective on grieving and dying [Review of the book *Living with grief: Loss in later life*]. *Death Studies*, 27(2), 187-192.
- Walker, A. C. (2003). Religious diversity in grief and bereavement [Review of the book *Death and bereavement around the world, Volume 1: Major religious traditions*]. *Death Studies*, 27(5), 461-468.
- Wilken, C., & Walker, A. C. (2002). Perceived training needs of residential care administrators and direct care staff. *Southwest Journal on Aging*, 17(2), 79-86.
- Walker, A. C., & Wilken, C. (2001). Cultural comparison of bereavement practices. *Social Sciences Monograph Series of the National Conference of the National Association of African American Studies, National Association of Hispanic & Latino studies, National Association of Native American Studies, and International Association of Asian Studies*, 321-352.

### **Presentations (Invited and Peer-Reviewed)**

- Walker, A. C. (2020, February). *The intersection of mental illness and addiction*. Presented at National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Tulsa, OK.
- Walker, A. C. (2020, January). *The power of social connectedness: Addiction recovery*. Presented at Reasons to Believe at Believer's Church, Tulsa, OK.
- Walker, A. C. (2019, May). Mindfulness approaches to treating addiction. Presented at Family & Children's Services staff training, Tulsa, OK.
- Munoz, R., & Walker, A. C. (2019, March). *Social connectedness as a driver to hope*. Presented at Oklahoma Program for Continuing Education in Social Work, Tulsa, OK.
- Munoz, R., & Walker, A. C. (2019, January). *The psychology of hope*. Presented at the Staff and Leadership Training, Transitional Living Program at Catholic Charities, Tulsa, OK.

- Yorgason, J., Jarrott, S., Walker, A. C., Musil, C., & Montoro-Rodriguez, J. (2018, November). *Perspectives on grandparenting in the 21<sup>st</sup> century: Novelty and diversity*. Symposium presented at the Gerontological Society of America annual conference, Boston, MA.
- Munoz, R., & Walker, A. C. (2018, August). *Social connectedness with Tulsa as a driver of life satisfaction, hope, and flourishing*. Presented at the American Psychological Association (APA) annual conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Walker, A. C., & Hathcoat, J. D. (2018, July). *Faith maturity through the lens of self-determination theory: A mixed methods design*. Presented at the Association of Spiritual, Ethical, and Religious Values in Counseling (ASERVIC) conference, Dallas, TX.
- Munoz, R., & Walker, A. C. (2018, May). *A Sense of Community as a Driver of Life Satisfaction Leading to Greater Hope*. Presented at the Canadian Conference on Positive Psychology annual conference, Toronto, Ontario.
- Walker, A. C. (2017, November). *The role of self-compassion in compassionate action*. Invited presentation at the Church Women United gathering, Tulsa, OK.
- Walker, A. C. (2017, April). *A story of compassion*. Invited presentation at the Oklahoma Methodist Manor quarterly meeting, Tulsa, OK.
- Walker, A. C., & Peluso-Verdend, G. (2017, February). *The struggle for compassion: Creating compassionate understanding*. Invited presentation at the Oklahoma Center for Community and Justice (OCCJ) Inter-faith Trialogue Series, Tulsa, OK.
- Walker, A. C., Hathcoat, J. D., & Harnas, S. (2015, November). *Violent loss and religious coping: A multi-group path analysis*. Presented at the National Council for Family Relations, Vancouver, Canada.
- Walker, A. C. (2015, March). *Religious Development of College Students in Religiously Diverse and Specifically Religious Campus Climates*. Presented at the National Technology and Social Science Conference, Las Vegas, NV.
- Walker, A. C. (2015, March). *Charter for compassion project with the Tulsa Human Rights Commission*. Invited presentation at the Tulsa Open Tables event, Tulsa, OK.
- Walker, A. C. (2015, February). *Higher education, racial diversity, and compassion*, as part of the symposium, *Race, Ethnicity, Religion, Culture: Searching for Compassion*. Invited presentation at the Oklahoma Center for Community and Justice (OCCJ) Inter-faith Trialogue Series, Tulsa, OK.
- Walker, A. C., & Balk, D. E. (2014, April). *Resilience, transformation, and gender: Distress within students at a Christian Evangelical university*. Presented at the Association for Death Education and Counseling conference, Baltimore, MD.



- Walker, A. C. (2013, March). *Living with Grief in College*, as part of the National Students of AMF Webinar Series, "Actively Moving Forward with Grief," March, 2013, online (<http://www.studentsofamf.org/amf-webinar-series/>)
- Walker, A. C. (2012, August). *Spirituality and grief*. Presented at the National College Student Grief Conference, Raleigh, NC.
- Walker, A. C. (2011, June). *The college student bereavement experience in a Christian university environment*. Presented at the Association for Death Education and Counseling conference, Miami, FL.
- Balk, D. E., & Walker, A. C. (2010, April). *The stories college students tell: An examination of TAT stories related to grief experiences*. Presented at the Association for Death Education and Counseling Conference, Kansas City, MO.
- Balk, D. E., Walker, A. C., Martin, T., & Noppe, I. C. (2010, April). *Thanatology stories from college classrooms*. Symposium conducted at the Association for Death Education and Counseling, Kansas City, MO.
- Walker, A. C. (2010, February). *College student bereavement experience on the ORU campus: A call for student engagement*. Presented at Tri-Health-a-Thon Conference for Pre-med students, ORU, Tulsa, OK.
- Walker, A. C. (2010, January). *College student bereavement experience on the ORU campus: A call for faculty engagement*. Presented at Faculty Development Luncheon, ORU, Tulsa, OK.
- Shapiro, E., Hogan, N., & Walker, A. C. (2009, April). *Appreciating research that matters: Bridging the gap between research and practice*. Presented at the Association for Death Education and Counseling Conference, Dallas, TX.
- Walker, A. C. (2009, February). *Family studies doctoral training and academics*. Presented at *Seminar in Family Studies* course at Oklahoma State University, Tulsa, OK.
- Walker, A. C. (2008, August). *Prevalence and severity of college student bereavement*. Presented at the National Chapter of Ailing Mothers and Fathers Conference in Raleigh, NC.
- Walker, A. C. (2008, May). *Grieving and bereavement rituals in the Muscogee Creek tribe*. Presented at Association for Death Education and Counseling, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- Walker, A. C. (2008, May). *New directions in college student bereavement*. Presented at Association for Death Education and Counseling, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

- Walker, A. C. (2007, November). *American Indian culture and end of life decision making*. Presented at End of Life Nursing Education Consortium at St. John's Hospital, Tulsa, OK.
- Walker, A. C. (2002, October). *Grief and bereavement in U.S. and in Muscogee Creek culture*. Presented at the Annual Conference of Hospice Association of Oklahoma, Tulsa, OK.
- Walker, A. C. (2002, September). *The Ins and outs of getting into graduate school*. Presented at the Human Development and Family Science (HDFS) Club meeting, OSU, Stillwater, OK.
- Walker, A. C. (2002, March). *The role of the family in Muscogee Creek grieving practices and bereavement rituals*. Presented at the OSU Graduate Research Symposium, Graduate College, Stillwater, OK.
- Walker, A. C. (2001, November). *The Indonesian experience*. Presented at the forum for Qualitative Research Methods, School of Educational Studies, OSU, Stillwater, OK.
- Walker, A. C. (2001, February). *Cross-Cultural comparison of bereavement practices*. Presented at joint conferences of the National Association of African American Studies, National Association of Hispanic and Latino Studies, National Association of Native American Studies, and International Association of Asian Studies, Houston, TX.
- Walker, A. C. (2000, November). *Autonomous motivation of math and reading in high school juniors and seniors*. Presented at the forum for Multiple Regression in Behavioral Analysis, College of Education, OSU, Stillwater, OK.
- Huey, E. L., & Walker, A. C. (2000, March). *Family context and emotional autonomy during early adolescence*. Presented at the Oklahoma Conference on Family Relations, Edmund, OK.

### **Honors, Grants and Awards**

- Nominee and recipient, Oral Roberts University Outstanding Faculty Award (2018-2019)
- Nominee and recipient, Oral Roberts University College of Theology and Ministry Outstanding Service Award (2017-2018)
- Recipient, Compassionate Vision Award, Dialogue Institute of the Southwest (May, 2016)
- ORU grant funding recipient, HEAR project (2015-2016)
- Nominee and recipient, Alumni Excellence in Teaching Award, Oral Roberts University (2013-2014)

ORU faculty research grants; awarded \$8,700 for project, *Spiritual/religious development and loss coping of college students at Christian and secular universities*

Nominee and recipient, Oral Roberts University Faculty Scholar-of-the-Year Award (2009-2010)

Nominee and recipient, Oral Roberts University College of Science and Technology Outstanding Service Award (2008-2009)

Nominee, Oral Roberts University Scholar of the Year Award (2007-2008)

Family & Divorce Mediation Training completion, The Mediation Institute, June 2004  
(compliant with the Oklahoma District Court Mediation Act)

Outstanding Oral Presentation for the category of minority issues at the Oklahoma State University Graduate Research Symposium, April, 2002

Virginia Stapley Award, Human Development and Family Science scholarship, 2001-2002

Dean's Tuition Waiver, College of Human Environmental Sciences, Oklahoma State University, 1999-2002

Delta Mu Delta Honor Society, for honor students with graduate degrees in Business (1995-present)

## **Education**

- 2015: M.A., Counseling, with emphasis on Marriage and Family Therapy  
Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK
- 2002: Ph.D., Human Environmental Sciences, specializing in Human Development and Family Science (HDFS)  
Oklahoma State University (OSU), Stillwater, OK  
Completed coursework in family studies, research methods, and advanced statistics: *Elementary statistics, ANOVA, Multiple Regression, Multivariate Analysis, Qualitative Research: Fieldwork, Qualitative Research: Analysis, Research Methods in HDFS, and Advanced Research Methods in HDFS.*
- 1995: M.S., Management  
Southern Nazarene University, Tulsa, OK
- 1993: B.S., Psychology  
Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK

## **Administrative Experience**

Associate Director, graduate Professional Counseling Program, Oral Roberts University, (2018-present)

*Assistant Director*, Rogers County Youth Services (RCYS), 1998-1999.

- Managed a private, nonprofit, youth services agency in Claremore, Oklahoma. Supervised the three branches of the organization: (1) Youth Shelter that temporarily housed five to seven at-risk adolescents at a time, (2) Outreach Counseling Program that sent two to three counselors into the public schools in Rogers County providing counseling at the school, family counseling after school, and support groups in drug/alcohol issues, and (3) First Offender Program that provided education and counseling services to first-time adolescent offenders and their families.
- Supervised 15-17 employees, managed personnel problems, and presented monthly reports to RCYS Board of Directors.
- Served on the Board of Directors for Truth & Consequences, an outside nonprofit community service providing education to adults and adolescents with offenses of driving under intoxication (DUI) and driving while intoxicated (DWI).
- Assisted in fundraising events for Claremore area United Way, an organization that contributed to RCYS funding annually.
- Was responsible for a \$450,000 (approximately) annual budget.

## Human Service Experience

### First Offender Instructor

- 2002: Payne County Youth Services  
Instructed classes for adolescent first time offenders and their parents on communication, anger management, decision-making, problem solving, values awareness, and cultural sensitivity using curriculum provided by the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services (OAYS).
- 2000: Logan County Youth and Family Services.  
Instructed classes described above.
- 1998-1999: Rogers County Youth Services.  
Instructed classes described above.

### Outreach Youth Advocate

- 1999-2000: Logan County Youth and Family Services.  
Visited Guthrie Public Schools and Crescent Public Schools in Logan County, Oklahoma, and provided child advocate services on site.
- 1993-1998: Rogers County Youth Services.

Visited Claremore and Catoosa Public Schools in Rogers County and provided child advocate services on site.

*Recreational Group Facilitator*

1994-1999: ROPES Course Instructor, Rogers University.  
ROPES=Repetitive Obstacle Performance Evaluation System. Facilitated groups of children and families through outdoor experience-based activities with mental and physical challenges utilizing ropes, balance beams, and strategic games and initiatives promoting trust and self-esteem and stressing teamwork and communication through team performance challenges.