

VITA
April 2007

James V. Bachman

Professor of Philosophy and Ethics
Dean of Graduate Studies, Christ College School of Theology
Concordia University
Irvine, CA 92612; USA

Office: (949) 854-8002; x1751 or x1750
Fax: (949) 854-6854
Email: james.bachman@cui.edu

Born: Council Bluffs, Iowa, USA

Education

1986 **Ph.D. Philosophy**, Florida State University, Tallahassee.
1974 **M.A. Theology**, Cambridge University, England
1970-1972 **M.Div. Ministry**, Concordia Seminary, Missouri
1968-1970 Fulbright Grantee, **Honours B.A. Theology**, Cambridge University
1964-1968 **B.S. Mathematics and Philosophy**, Valparaiso University, Indiana

Professional Positions

1999-current, Dean of Graduate Studies, Christ College School of Theology; Professor of Philosophy and Ethics, Concordia University, Irvine, CA
2004-2005 Trembath Scholar, Concordia University, Irvine, CA
1999-2002 Director of Lutheran Bereavement Ministry; Concordia University, Irvine, CA
1989-1999 John R. Eckrich Chair in Religion and the Healing Arts; Professor of Philosophy, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana
1989-1992; 1994-1995 Coordinator of Curriculum and Program Planning, Department of Philosophy, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana
1992-current, Occasional Visiting Professor, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO
1994-current, Occasional Visiting Professor, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN
1986-1989 Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida
1981-1989 Pastor/Director, University Lutheran Center, Tallahassee, Florida
1978-1981 Department Chairman, Department of Computer Education, Lake City Community College, Lake City, Florida
1971-1981 Fulltime Faculty with continuing contract in Humanities: Philosophy and World Religions, Lake City Community College, Lake City, FL
1971-1981 Pastor, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lake City, Florida

Selected Publications

Books and Monographs:

- 2005, Sept., *Christian Faith and Human Beginnings: Christian Care and Pre-implantation Human Life*, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Commission on Theology Report
- 2002, Apr., *What Child Is This? Marriage, Family and Human Cloning*, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Commission on Theology Report
- 1999, Feb. *Faith Active in Love: Human Care in the Church's Life*, LCMS Commission on Theology Report
- 1996, Sept., *Christians and Procreative Choices: How Do God's Chosen Choose?*, LCMS Commission on Theology Report
- 1996, Nov., *Witnessing in a Culture of Choice*, GEM Module Course, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
- 1993, Apr., *Christian Care at Life's End*, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Commission on Theology Report
- 1991, Jan., *What If . . . ? Toward Excellence in Reasoning* (with Jaakko Hintikka), McGraw-Hill
- 1991, Jan., Teacher's Manual for *What If . . . ? Toward Excellence in Reasoning*

Chapters:

- 2004 Let the Reader Understand, *Critical Thinking and the Bible in the Age of New Media*, University Press of America (with Dr. Susan Bachman)
- 1999 Religious Voices in Secular Settings, *Applied Ethics*, ed P. Kampits and A Weiberg, Vienna
- 1995, "The Appeal to Authority" in *Fallacies: Classical and Contemporary Readings*, ed. H. Hansen and R. Pinto, The Pennsylvania State University Press

Selected Articles:

- 2007, April, The Pastor's Call and the Pastor's Contract, Concordia Seminary St. Louis Online Journal at www.concordiatheology.org.

- 2005, October, God's Wrath Against Sin: Echoes in Contemporary Culture, (with Dr. Kerri Tom and Dr. Peter Senkbeil), *Concordia Journal*
- 2001, Fall, The Communion of Saints: The Church's Unique Contribution to the Changing Moral Landscape, *Issues in Christian Education*, 35:2.
- 2001, Summer, Begotten in Family, Not Cloned in the Lab, *Cross and Caduceus*, 46:2.
- 2000, Fall, Faithful Questions: A Christian Strategy for Ethics, *Family Talk*, 4:1
- 1998, August, Religious Voices in Secular Settings, *Invited Papers of the Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society*
- 1998, April, Two Sermon Studies, *Concordia Journal*
- 1998, April, The Ten Suggestions: Putting Theology into Practice, *Concordia Journal*
- 1997, August, Putting Theories into Practice, *Proceedings of the Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society*
- 1997, January, Ministry in a Culture of Choice, *Concordia Journal*
- 1994, Articles on "Compassion" and "Maximal vs. Minimal Ethics", in *Ready Reference: Ethics*, ed. John K. Roth, 3 vols., Salem Press, pp. 175-176, 536-537.
- 1988, Nov/Dec, Morality and the Gospel, *Lutheran Education*

Lectures and Seminars:

- Recent lectures and seminars in St. Louis, MO, Rochester, NY, Southern California, Indianapolis, IN, Dallas, TX, Cincinnati, OH, and Fremont, NE have covered such topics as: "embryonic stem cell research, the Bible and burdens of proof"; the significance of Trinitarian theology for congregational life; distinguishing between the pastor's call and the pastor's contract; traces of "wrath of God" in contemporary ethical and aesthetic expression; care at life's end; academic excellence in a church-related context; distinguishing between outreach and evangelism; and the function of creeds in theological inquiry.
- 2005, August, Keynote Speaker, "Ethos and Excellence: Lutherans and Faithful Excellence in a New Millennium," Plenary Faculty Retreat, Concordia University Austin

Professional Activities

- 1995-current, Doctoral Theses: reader/advisor for Indiana/Purdue University, Indianapolis, IN, St Louis University, St. Louis, MO, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN, and Concordia University, River Forest, IL
- 2005-current, Member, University of California Irvine Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight Committee
- 2000-current, National Collegiate Ethics Bowl Coach and Sponsor; Moderator and Judge
- 1997-current, Second Level Reviewer and Panel Chair for LSAT question challenges
- 2003-2005, Interim Pastor, Light of Christ Lutheran Church, Irvine, CA
- 2004-2005, Member, University of California Irvine Committee on animal use and care in research
- 2003-2004 Conference organizer: two conferences on end of life issues at Concordia University
- 1998-2000 Summer English Language Ministry in Wittenberg, Germany
- 1997 Referee for *Social Theory and Practice*
- 1995-1999 Ethics Committee, Porter Memorial Hospital, Valparaiso, IN
- 1993-1999 Advisory Board, *The Cresset*
- 1990-current, Consultant: ethics and social, political issues, LCMS Commission on Theology
- 1985-1989 Referee for *Synthese*, An International Journal for Epistemology, Methodology, and Philosophy of Science
- Continuous: Numerous sermons and adult studies, especially on bereavement, health ethics, and Christian Higher Education.

Memberships

- 2000-current, Association of Practical and Professional Ethics
- 2002-current, Academy of LCMS Theologians
- 1990-2000 Chicago Clinical Ethics Programs, Charter Member, Member of Board, Program Chair, President, 98-99
- 1989-2000 American Philosophical Association