

Talking Justice and Walking Justice



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Dr. Vincent Bacote will present the first program for Black History Month. He is enthusiastic about the early sermons of Martin Luther King, Jr. because they reveal King's embrace of Christ's "radical message of love and justice" and its implications for people of every color and background. Dr. Bacote will begin with a brief examination of King's call to preach that message, but then move on to how the message was communicated during King's ministry and after his death and how it stands today. As a nation, are we closer to that "promised land" King dreamed of? Or does it continue to be elusive? And, if so, why? Please attend this very interactive session with Dr. Bacote.

About Dr. Bacote...

Dr. Vincent Bacote is currently an Associate Professor of Theology and the Director of the Center for Applied Christian Ethics at Wheaton College in Wheaton, IL. He has a PhD In Theological And Religious Studies from Drew University, a Masters in Philosophy from Drew, an M.Div. from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (emphasis in Urban Ministry) and a BS in Biology from The Citadel.

Dr. Bacote, author of *The Spirit in Public Theology: Appropriating the Legacy of Abraham Kuyper* (2005), quotes Abraham Kuyper to describe the heart of the way he views theology and the Christian faith: "There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is sovereign over all, does not cry: Mine!" Dr. Bacote adds, "It is important to recognize that our faith...ought to impact every facet of our lives and society. I hope to create this kind of passion in students as they study theology, a truly exciting subject."

He has also contributed articles to books such as *Not Just Science* (Zondervan, 2005), *The Dictionary for the Theological Interpretation of the Bible* (Baker, 2005), *What Does it Mean to be Saved?* (Baker, 2002), *Building Unity in the Church of the New Millennium* (Moody Press, 2002) and *The Best Christian Writing 2000* (Harper, 2000). He is a regular columnist for *Comment* (wrf.ca/comment) and has also had articles appear in magazines such as *Christianity Today* and *re:generation quarterly* and journals such as *Urban Mission* and the *Journal for Christian Theological Research*. He has been President of the Christian Theological Research Fellowship, and is a member of the Evangelical Theological Society, the Society of Christian Ethics and the American Academy of Religion..



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