

# Maureen Walker, PhD, Licensed Psychologist

## Testimonials

*“Maureen Walker is a dynamic speaker and educator! Her gifts are many – she inspires, informs, challenges, and engages. Maureen’s presentations are the kind that move you to continue reflecting on her words long after the session and to wish for additional opportunities to learn from her. She is a deep thinker and has enriched and expanded my thinking about racial identity and experience, interracial and intercultural connection and healing, power in relationships and the broader culture, and how to be a better person in the midst of deep cultural divides. Maureen is amazing and she will change your world!”*

Harriet L. Schwartz, PhD  
Lead Scholar for Education as Relational Practice, JBMTI  
Chair, MA in Student Affairs and Associate Professor of Psychology and Counseling,  
Carlow University

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*“Maureen has been instrumental in deepening my understanding of the connection between relational dynamics and the ways those relationships are embedded in cultural shaping. Maureen is authentic and compassionate in her teaching style. She has led several interactive presentations on a regional and national level for my professional organization. These presentations have been influential in giving our organization language and tools to work with issues of racial difference in new and healing ways. She breaks down dichotomies and invites new healing insights in old biases through real life examples. She is a consummate educator and healer for our time. I for one am a better person in this world because of the influence and wisdom of Maureen Walker.”*

Michelle DeCoste  
Director of Clinical Pastoral Education, Havenwood Heritage Heights, Concord, NH

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*“Brilliance, Creativity, Depth of Knowledge, and Wisdom are just a few of the words that come to mind when thinking about Maureen Walker. The clarity, quality, and depth of her presentation and how she organized her material was nothing short of brilliant. Maureen has a way of getting you to think about your life from challenging perspectives. Her deep compassion for people and spirituality shines through every word.”*

Marie LaBollita, SC  
Sacred Threads for Women, President and Co-Founder



*“As a practitioner of Relational Cultural Theory, Dr. Maureen Walker exemplifies its core principle: we can make a difference in the world only when we are able to pay attention to difference, to listen to the other with respect and compassion and to live our lives with integrity and authenticity. I have known Maureen for twenty years. During this time, she has been teacher, clinical supervisor, coach, mentor and most of all an inspiration and a friend to me. Her ability to present her understanding of complex psychological theory and its application to the most profound challenges we face in today’s world has confronted and encouraged me to rethink assumptions I have made about personal and relational power, and the power of privilege and cultural advantage. More specifically, she has supervised my work as a clinician, providing new ways of understanding that my relationship with clients helps both client and therapist stretch and grow. As a mentor and coach, she worked with me on a project to help mothers and non-mothers hear each other speak about their different experience so that they were able to come together, out of places of personal isolation; isolation that can separate women because of difference. More recently, I have been motivated and moved by Dr. Walker’s clear voice and her courageous and provocative work to confront the realities of racially driven disconnections and segregation. She has helped many of us white women and our sisters of color to have authentic conversations about race in ways that both allow and foster connections and understanding across differences. I have been fortunate to have Dr. Walker as a model at a time when the pull towards isolation, disconnection and separation is strong. She hangs in there. I will too. Together, we can make a difference.”*

Molly Hinchman, PhD  
Licensed psychologist, West Cornwall, CT

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*“Maureen Walker is a skilled teacher, psychotherapist, scholar, researcher and contributor to deepening the emerging studies of race relations. She successfully accomplishes all of this while maintaining a connection to her heart and being a genuine human being which allows her to connect in healing ways with her clients and audience. She has the ability to engage large groups and maintain their attention with her skill and wit as an engaging storyteller and ability to hold the tension among multiple complexities. An international speaker, published author and sought after presenter, in short Maureen is someone I confidently trust to refer a client, friend or family member.”*

Thomas Fronczak, LCSW-R  
Board Certified Diplomate in Clinical Social Work  
Director of Mental Health  
Evergreen Health Center  
Buffalo, New York



*“I have had the pleasure of studying and consulting with Dr. Maureen Walker for 25 years. Her ability to take complex interactions, place them in context and explore them through this fuller perspective brings accessibility and empathy to complicated interactions. I have been able to apply Dr. Walker’s approaches to help multiple systems (law enforcement, mental health and substance abuse, education, boards of developmental disabilities, child welfare, and other social service and community agencies, faith-based groups and volunteers) work together to serve those most in need in the community.”*

Mary Vicario,  
Founder and Director, Finding Hope Consulting, LLC  
Cincinnati, OH

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*“Maureen Walker is a scholar, educator, mentor, colleague and friend. I recall many moments when she has moved others with her insights about the centrality of relationship; her understanding of power; and her passion for justice and personal and systemic transformation. For example, in 2011, she was a keynote speaker at an international conference on human trafficking in Germany. She compassionately and firmly challenged all of us to explore another level of awareness or “connected consciousness” as we addressed the complexities and atrocities of sex trafficking.*

*I value her approaches to mutuality and empathy when she speaks at Wellesley College and The College of St. Scholastica. She says:*

*“Mutuality is not weak-minded relativism. Mutuality makes room for energetic commitment to values and convictions... Yet to sustain us in our struggles we are often reminded to “keep our eyes on the prize” – and we have come to know that the prize itself is meaningless if we lose sight of each other.”*

*She inspires all who desire to co-create a safer, more compassionate world because she understands the complexities of relationship and community, and she challenges each of us to stay the course of love. The philosopher and theologian Ilia Delio (2016) wrote, “Wisdom is knowledge deepened by love.” Maureen Walker is a wise woman who listens, feels, and thinks with her heart and she engages the world in a spirit of collaboration, integrity, care, and LOVE.”*

Connie Gunderson Ph.D., LISW  
Associate Professor in the Department of Social Work  
The College of St. Scholastica  
Duluth, MN



*“I have known Dr. Walker for over twenty years. We first began working together during my second year in graduate school. Since that time, Dr. Walker has offered support to me in various capacities. She's been my life coach, career advisor, and now a friend and colleague. She is a true example of unconditional positive regard. Maureen is indeed an expert in human behavior while being culturally sensitive. Maureen is an astute mental health provider. Dr. Walker's support has been invaluable and without her expertise, my journey into the golden years would not have been as successful as it has been!”*

William H. Alexander, PhD  
Clinical Psychologist  
Consultant, Social Security Administration

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*“Dr. Maureen Walker is a licensed clinical psychologist and gifted therapist with specialties in Relational Cultural Therapy, diversity training, and supporting clients from academic and business communities. She is the former Director of MBA Student and Academic Services at Harvard Business School, and Former Director of Program Development for the Jean Baker Miller Training Institute at the Wellesley Centers for Women. A consummate professional, Dr. Walker continues to make significant contributions to the practice of psychotherapy via professional speaking engagements and her scholarship. She is co-author of **How Connections Heal, The Complexity of Connection**, several book chapters and contributions to **The Stone Center Working Papers Series**. Most importantly, Dr. Walker's sincere concern for her clients and commitment to helping enables her clients to feel at ease, hopeful about change, and to overcome the challenges they face.”*

Yvonne M. Jenkins, PhD  
Licensed Psychologist  
Boston College  
University Counseling Services

