

# SALLY JO SHELTON, PhD

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## CURRENT POSITION

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- Theological Librarian
- Assistant Professor
- 1996 to present

## PREVIOUS POSITIONS

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- Adjunct Instructor, Seminar in Theological Research (2005-2007)  
College of Theology & Ministry, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK
- Library Intern (spring 1995)  
McFarlin Library, University of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK
- Library Director (1989-1996)  
Broadhurst Library, First United Methodist Church, Tulsa, OK
- Freelance Writer & Copy Editor (3 years)
- Writer & Managing Editor (6 years)  
Oral Roberts Evangelistic Association, Tulsa, OK
- French & English Teacher (1 year)  
Okmulgee High School, Okmulgee, OK

## DEGREES

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- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) ~ 2016  
Theological Studies/Christian Theology  
Regent University, School of Divinity, Virginia Beach, VA
- Master of Arts (MA) ~ 2004  
Theological and Historical Studies  
Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK
- Master of Library and Information Studies (MLIS) ~ 1996  
Academic Librarianship  
University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK

- Bachelor of Arts (BA)  
Major: French ~ Minor: Secondary Education  
Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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- Who's Who in America (Marquis), 2016
- Dean's Leadership Award (Regent University), 2010–2011
- Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges, nomination, 2010
- William J. Dooner Scholarship (Regent University), 2007–2009
- Who's Who of American Women (Marquis), 2008–2009
- Professionalism in the Classroom Award for Innovation, Honorable Mention (ORU), 2004
- High Honors, M.A. in Theological & Historical Studies (ORU), 2004
- Customer Service Excellence Award (Oral Roberts Ministries), 2002
- Beta Phi Mu: International Library Honor Society, nomination, 1999
- Merit Scholarship, University of Oklahoma, 1995
- *Summa cum laude*, B.A. (ORU)
- Academic Scholarship (ORU), 4 years
- National Merit Honors Program, Honorable Mention

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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- American Academy of Religion (2007–2011)
- Association of Christian Librarians (2002 to present)
  - Attended 2003 and 2004 conferences
- Beta Phi Mu: International Library & Information Studies Honor Society (1999 to present)
- Society for Pentecostal Studies (2002 to present)
  - Attended numerous conferences since 1996, most recently 2013
  - Chaired a session for the Philosophy Interest Group
  - Presented a paper for the Theology Interest Group
  - Responded to a presentation at a Librarians/Archivists pre-conference
  - Presented a workshop at a Librarians/Archivists pre-conference
  - Member of the Executive Committee, Librarians/Archivists Group (2003–2007)

- Oklahoma Library Association (c. 1996–1999)
  - Member of the University & College Division
  - Served on the UCD Workshop Planning Committee that organize and held the workshop, “Taking Control of the Internet,” at the Bird Library, OU Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma City, OK (1999)

## LANGUAGES

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- English – excellent writing and editing skills
- French – advanced reading level
- Koiné Greek – intermediate reading level
- German – beginning reading level
- Latin – beginning reading level

## PUBLISHED ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

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- “Catherine of Siena,” “Elisabeth Elliott,” “John of the Cross,” “Margery Kempe,” and “Thérèse of Lisieux,” *The Encyclopedia of Christian Literature*. Edited by George Thomas Kurian and James D. Smith. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2010.

## PUBLISHED BOOK REVIEWS

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- Eugene F. Rogers, ed., *The Holy Spirit: Classic and Contemporary Readings* (Malden, MS.: Wiley-Blackwell, 2009). *Pneuma* 33, no. 3 (2011): 455–456.
- William K. Kay, *Pentecostalism*, SCM Core Text (London: SCM Press, 2009). *Pneuma* 32, no. 3 (2010): 458–459.
- Denis Edwards, *Breath of Life: A Theology of the Creator Spirit* (Orbis Books, 2004). *Pneuma* 26, no. 2 (2004): 389–392.
- Evangelical Alliance Commission on Unity and Truth among Evangelicals, *Faith, Health and Prosperity: A Report on ‘Word of Faith’ and ‘Positive Confession’ Theologies*, ed. Andrew Perriman (Paternoster Press, 2003). *Pneuma* 24, no. 1 (2004): 164–166.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- “Turning the Hearts of Women Back to the Heavenly Father: How Embracing the Fatherhood of God Brings Restoration and Reconciliation.” Paper.

- Conference on Christianity, Culture, and Diversity in America, Tulsa, OK, November 10, 2006.
- “The Veiling of the Father in Catherine Mowry LaCugna’s Trinitarian Reconstruction,” Paper. Society for Pentecostal Studies Conference, Virginia Beach, VA, 2005.
  - “Re-Creating the Library for the Digital Generation: A Response to Donald Smeeton, ‘Making Libraries True Places of Learning.’” Round table discussion. Archivist/Librarian Pre-Conference, Society for Pentecostal Studies, Virginia Beach, VA, 2005.
  - “Marketing Library Services.” Panel presentation. Liberal Arts Section, Association of Christian Librarians Conference, Springfield, MO, 2004
  - “Cataloging Your Institutional or Personal Library Using Web Resources.” Workshop. Librarian/Archivist Pre-Conference, Society for Pentecostal Studies, Tulsa, OK, 2001.

## LIBRARY POSITION PAPER

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- “A University Is Only as Strong as Its Library’: A Reminder of the Academic Mission of the Library and a Call to Action.” December 2011.

## RESEARCH PAPERS AND THESES

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- “An Eclipse of the Fatherhood of God: A Critique of Catherine Mowry LaCugna’s Trinitarian Theology.” MA thesis.
- “Overshadowed by the Spirit: Mary, Mother of Our Lord, Prototype of Spirit-Baptized Humanity.” PhD dissertation.
- “The Impossible Novel: A Critique of J.-P. Sartre’s *La Nausée*.” Senior paper.
- Selected research papers written during PhD coursework phase:
  - “Labor of Love and Tears : A Study of the Work of Pioneer Pentecostal Missionary Grant H. Moore Among the Susu and Baga of Guinea (Conakry) ”
  - “The Mission Proper to the Holy Spirit: Sanctifying, Unifying Love.”
  - “Matera’s New Testament Theology: Common Themes in Diverse Unity”
  - “‘We Hold This Treasure in Earthen Vessels’: The Mystery of Divine Power and Human Frailty in the Lives and Theologies of Twentieth-Century Healing Evangelists ”
  - “Redaction Criticism : A Viable, Indispensable Tool for Biblical Studies”
  - “The Image of God in the Theological Anthropologies of Ephrem and (Pseudo-) Macarius : Parallels to John Wesley’s View of the Restoration of the *Imago Dei* as the Goal of Christian Perfection”

- “The Socio-Political Implications of a Corporate Understanding of the *Imago Dei*”
- “The Soul’s Journey to Love: Theological Themes in *Homilies on the First Epistle of John* from the Perspective of Augustine’s Psychology of Love”
- “Toward the Construction of an Ecumenical, Renewal Biblical Hermeneutic: Using Wesley’s Quadrilateral to Catholicize (‘Ecumenize’) the Pentecostal Triad”
- “‘What Hath Amos to Do with Thomas?’ Divergences and Convergences between the Theological Methodologies of Renewal Scholar Amos Yong and Renowned Scholastic Thomas Aquinas”
- “The Anatomy of the Human Soul According to Hugh of Saint Victor: The Dynamics of Nature and Grace in *De Sacramentis*”

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## WEB PUBLICATIONS

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- Google Custom Search Engines (CSE)
  - “Theological Journals Search”: searches over 2,000 web sites/pages of open access religious periodicals; linked by some 130 academic libraries in six continents including Princeton, Yale, Regent, and Fuller.
  - “Open Access Bible Commentary Quick Search”: searches open access Bible commentaries (created November 2014)
- Database Pages
  - “Database List”: lists ORU library databases by title, subject, type, and provider
- Pages for ORU Faculty
  - “Resources by Discipline”: organizes library resources by academic discipline
  - “Library Services for Faculty”: describes services provided to ORU faculty
  - “LIBFUL”: provides quick access to library tools for library faculty and staff
- E-book Pages
  - “eBooks”: provides quick access to the Library’s electronic collections
  - “Open Access eBooks”: provides links to major sources of free online, full-text books
- LibGuides
  - “Bible Commentaries Plus”: designed to assist students to quick start their search for Bible commentaries in the ORU Library
  - “eBooks@ORU”: a guide to reading and annotating the Library’s eBooks online

- “Theological Journals Search”: a collection of links to open access periodicals related to theology, Scripture, and religious studies included in the Google custom search engine with the same name (see above)
- Theological Resources Page (now defunct)
  - “The ORU Library Gateway to Theological Resources on the Internet”: provides links to selected resources related to theology and biblical studies

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## COURSE TAUGHT

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- Seminar in Theological Research (GTHE-517), fall 2004 – spring 2007

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## FACULTY SERVICE

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- University Faculty Senate
  - Library Senator (2009–2012)
- ABET Accreditation
  - Member of the library team interviewed by the ABET site visitor (fall 2011)
- College of Theology & Ministry
  - Appointed Theological Librarian (2016)
  - Prepared library segment of the ATS annual report (1999 to present)
  - Library representative to plenary and graduate faculty meetings (2009 to present)
  - Learning, Teaching and Resources subcommittee of the ATS Self-Study Committee (2016–2017)
  - Curriculum Committee member (2016 to present)
  - Library Committee chair (2010 to present)
  - PhD Committee member (fall 2015 to present)
  - Member of ad hoc mission statement committee (c. 2014)
  - 21st Century Theological Education Taskforce, Resources Subcommittee member (2000–2001)
- Higher Learning Commission Substantive Change Visit
  - Member of library team interviewed by the HLC site visit chair (2010)
- Higher Learning Commission Self-Study Steering Committee (2005–2007)
  - Co-chair of the Resource Room and member of Criterion 3 Subcommittee
- University Chairs’ Council
  - Library representative (spring 2009)

- Higher Learning Commission Self-Study Steering Committee (2005–2007)
  - Co-chair of the Resources Room
  - Member of Criterion 3 Subcommittee
- University Faculty Assembly Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Committee member (2004–2005)
- *Journal of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning for Christians in Higher Education* (JoSTLCHE), resource editor (April 2005 – June 2008)
- University Faculty Assembly ePortfolio Rubrics Subcommittee (2004)
  - Instrumental in the creation of the original general education rubric for information literacy
- University Faculty Assembly General Education Committee
  - Advocate for the inclusion of information literacy as a criterion of the Intellectually Alert student outcome (2003)
  - Served on General Education Rubrics Revisions Committee (2009)
- Arts & Sciences Faculty Senate, Executive Committee
  - Social Sciences representative to the University Faculty Assembly (2000–2001)
- Library Committee Work
  - Faculty Search Committee (2003–2004)
  - Library Web Committee (2002–2003, 2009 –2011)
  - Electronic Resources Committee (2000–2001): served as chair of the committee and, with a former colleague, conducted a comprehensive student and faculty survey regarding library electronic resources
- ORU Alumni Online Community
  - Contributed substantively and positively to the alumni online discussion of the challenges faced by the University by creating the “I believe in Oral Roberts University” Face Place group with some 400 members (2007–2008)

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