

# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **Education**

*Ph.D. in Religious Studies* 1982

University of Stirling Stirling, Scotland

Dissertation: "‘Filled with the Holy Spirit’: A Redactional Motif in Luke’s Gospel"

Advisor: Dr. John W. Drane

External Readers: Prof. F. F. Bruce and Dr. I. Howard Marshall

*M.A. in Biblical Literature* 1977

Oral Roberts University Tulsa, OK

Thesis: "Origins of the Kerygmatic Speeches in Acts: An Historical Survey and Analysis"

Supervising Professor: James A. Hewett, Ph.D.

*Highlights: Served as a graduate fellow, teaching Old and New Testament Survey discussion groups, and serving as director of the graduate fellow program. Graduated with high honors.*

*Part-time Graduate Studies* 1975

University of Tulsa Tulsa, OK

Professor: John Gammie, Ph.D.

*B.A. in Theological & Historical Studies* 1973

Oral Roberts University Tulsa, OK

Senior Paper: "Intercession in the Church"

Major Professors: Dr. Charles Farah and Dr. Howard Ervin

*Highlights: Served two years as youth minister in the Checotah United Methodist Church, participated in discipleship program, and served as student representative to the National Association of Evangelical Students.*

### **Academic Positions**

*Professor of New Testament and Early Christian Literature*

*Theology Department, College of Theology & Ministry, Oral Roberts University*

1973-75	Adjunct Instructor
1975-77	Graduate Teaching Fellow
1977-78	Adjunct Instructor
1978-79	Instructor

1979-82	Ph.D. Student
1982-89	Assistant Professor
1989-99	Associate Professor
1999-2001	Professor
2001-	Tenured Professor
Courses taught	<p><i>Biblical Literature:</i> Elementary New Testament Greek, Greek Exegesis, Hermeneutics, Romans and Galatians, Jesus and the Gospels, Life and Teachings of Paul, Studies in Luke-Acts, Old Testament Survey, New Testament Survey, New Testament Introduction, Parables of Jesus, Miracles of Jesus, Intertestamental Literature. <i>Ad hoc</i> courses: Advanced Hermeneutics, Layman's Introduction to the Bible.</p> <p><i>Systematic Theology:</i> Systematics I-IV, Contemporary Theology, Charismatic Theology, Holy Spirit in the Now, Christian Faith and Ministry, Christian Ethics, Christian Apologetics, and Sacramental Theology and Spirituality.</p> <p><i>History:</i> Church History I-II and History of Missions.</p> <p><i>Distance Learning (formerly School of Lifelong Education), Oral Roberts University</i></p>
Other University Teaching	<p><i>Summer School</i></p> <p><i>Correspondence Courses:</i> Life of Christ, Life &amp; Teachings of Paul, New Testament Survey, and Studies in Luke-Acts</p> <p><i>Continuing Education and Institute of Charismatic Studies:</i> Biblical Interpretation, The Holy Spirit in the Gospels, and Ephesians.</p> <p><i>Online Courses:</i> Introduction to New Testament Literature, Jesus and the Gospels, History of Christianity I, History of Christianity II</p>
Service	<p><i>Comprehensive Advisement:</i> 5 years</p> <p><i>University Faculty Assembly officer</i></p> <p><i>Numerous Faculty Committees, e.g.,</i> spiritual life, academic excellence.</p>
Awards	<p><i>University Faculty Assembly Award:</i> Scholar of the Year: 1992</p> <p><i>Arts &amp; Sciences Faculty Senate Award:</i> Teaching Excellence: 1993</p> <p><i>School of Lifelong Education Award:</i> Teacher of the Year: 1999</p> <p><i>School of Lifelong Education Award:</i> Faculty Service 2008</p> <p><i>Alumni Faculty Service Award:</i> 2007</p> <p><i>Theology Department:</i> Faculty Member of the Year 2010</p>
<i>Pastoral Studies Institute, Diocese of Tulsa, Oklahoma</i>	
1995 to present	Professor
Courses	Gospel of Matthew, Luke-Acts, Old Testament Introduction, New

taught            Testament Introduction, Old Testament Historical Books, Parables of Jesus, Miracles of Jesus, Ethics of Jesus, The Splendor of the Truth: The Basics of the Christian Faith, The Scriptural Passages of the Rosary, Dining with Saint Luke: A Study of the Banquet Passages in the Third Gospel with *Lectio Divina* Meditations, Praying the Gospels: A Bible Study and *Lectio Divina*, "Come Holy Spirit": A Study of Spirit Passages in the Bible with *Lectio Divina* Meditations

*University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma*

2010-2011      Adjunct Professor

Courses          Old Testament Survey; New Testament Survey

## Publications

### *Monograph*

*"Mighty in Word and Deed": The Role of the Holy Spirit in Luke-Acts.* Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1992. Reprinted by Wipf and Stock, 1999.<sup>1</sup>

### *Essays*

"'Filled with the Holy Spirit' and 'Full of the Holy Spirit': Lucan Redactional Phrases." In *Faces of Renewal: A Festschrift for Stanley Horton*. Edited by Paul Elbert. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1987.

"Holy Boldness in Acts with Special Reference to Pauline-Lukan Intertextuality." In *Trajectories in the Book of Acts: Essays in the Honor of John Wesley Wyckoff*. Edited by Paul Alexander, Jordan Daniel May, and Robert G. Reed. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2010.

"A Pendulum Swing Between Prosperity and Suffering." In *Spirit-Empowered Christianity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Edited by Vinson Synan. Lake Mary, Fla.: Charisma House, 2011.

### *Commentaries*

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<sup>1</sup>Published reviews of *Mighty in Word and Deed*: Chrys Caragounis, *Svensk exegetisk arsbok* 59 (1994): 182–183; Neville Clark, *Expository Times* 104 (Dec. 1992): 89; Joel Green, *Themelios* 19 (Oct. 1993): 27; Robert J. Karris, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 55 (Jan. 1993): 182; Robert Menzies, *Paraclete* 27 (Winter 1993): 27–29; R. Menzies, "James Shelton's *Mighty in Word and Deed*: A Review Article," *Journal of Pentecostal Theology* 2 (April 1993): 105–115; John Christopher Thomas, *Pneuma* 15 (Spring 1993): 125–128; Max Turner, "'Empowerment for Mission'? The Pneumatology of Luke-Acts: An Appreciation and Critique of James B Shelton's *Mighty in Word and Deed*," *Vox Evangelica* 24 (1994): 103–122.

"Luke 2:18-4:13." *Commentary on Luke*. In *The Complete Biblical Library*. Springfield, MO: Gospel Publishing House, 1987.

"A Commentary on St. Matthew." *Full-Life Bible Commentary to the New Testament: An International Commentary for Spirit-Filled Christians*. Edited by French L. Arrington and Roger Stronstad. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1999. Title changed to: *Life in the Spirit Bible Commentary*.

#### *Journal Articles*

"Epistemology and Authority in the Acts of the Apostles: An Analysis and Test Case Study of Acts 15:1-29." *Spirit & Church* 2, no. 2 (November 2000): 231-247.

"'Not Like It Used to Be?': Jesus' Miracles, Now and Then." *Journal of Pentecostal Theology* 14, no. 2 (2006): 219-227.

"A Reply to James D. G. Dunn's 'Baptism in the Spirit: A Response to Pentecostal Scholarship in Luke-Acts.'" *Journal of Pentecostal Theology* 4 (April 1994): 139-143.

#### *Book Reviews*

Max Turner, *Power from on High: The Spirit in Israel's Restoration and Witness in Luke-Acts* in *Pneuma* 21, no. 1 (Spring 1999): 163-168.

Justo L. González, *Acts: The Gospel of the Spirit* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2001) in *Pneuma* 25, no. 1 (Spring 2003): 150-152

Robert W. Wall, "The Acts of the Apostles: Introduction, Commentary, and Reflections" in *The New Interpreter's Bible*, vol. 10: *The Acts of the Apostles, Introduction to Epistolary Literature, the Letter to the Romans, the First Letter to the Corinthians* (Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2003), in *Pneuma* 26, no. 1 (Spring 2004): 160-164.

François Bovon, *Luke the Theologian: Fifty-Five Years of Research (1950-2005)*. In *Pneuma* 29, no. 2 (Fall 2007): 339-340.

"Delphi and Jerusalem: Two Spirits or Holy Spirit? A Review of John R. Levison's *Filled with the Spirit*," *Pneuma* 33, no. 1 (2011): 47-58.

#### *Dictionary Articles*

"Episkope," "Epispao," "Epistamai," "Epistrophe," "Epitithemi," and "Epitiamo," in *The Bible Dictionary of The Complete Biblical Library*. Springfield, MO: Gospel Publishing House, 1987.

### *Current Writing Project*

A commentary on the Gospel of St. Luke. Sheffield Press.

### **Selected Papers and Lectures**

- 1983      “Signs and Wonders in Luke-Acts.” Presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Oral Roberts University Holy Spirit Conference, Tulsa, OK
- 1987      Paper. “‘Filled with the Holy Spirit’ and ‘Full of the Holy Spirit’: Lucan Redactional Phrases,” Presented at the 17<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Virginia Beach, VA
- 1990      Paper. “A Reply to Dr. Robert Menzies’ ‘The Baptist’s Prophecy in Lukan Perspective: A Redactional Analysis of Luke 3:16.’” Presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Dallas, TX
- 1995      Paper: “Cardinal Newman’s Understanding of Scripture.” Newman Center, University of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK
- 1997      Lecture: “Ben Sira and Wisdom.” University of Dallas
- 1999      Lecture: “Sacramentality in the New Testament.” Institute of Applied Biblical Studies, Franciscan University, Steubenville, OH
- 1999      Paper: “Epistemology and Authority in the Acts of the Apostles: An Analysis and Test Case Study of Acts 15:1-29.” Presented at the 28<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Springfield, MO
- c. 2002      Lecture: Eschatology. St. Gregory’s University, Shawnee, OK
- 2004      Five lectures: Jesus and the Gospels. Diaconate program, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, OK
- 2004      Paper: “Response to Keith Warrington’s ‘Healing Then: Healing Now: Who is our Paradigm? Jesus or James?’” Presented at the 34<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Wilmore, KY

### **Other Teaching, Ministry & Leadership Positions**

- 1972      *Teacher.* Bixby Pentecostal Holiness Church, Bixby, OK. Rev. Dan Larremore, Pastor.
- 1972-75      *Youth teacher.* Evangelistic Temple Pentecostal Holiness Church, Tulsa, OK. Rev. Dan Beller, Pastor.
- 1975-78      *Teacher.* Christian Renewal Center Pentecostal Holiness Church, Sapulpa, OK. Rev. Dan Larremore, Pastor.

- 1978-79     *Teacher*. First United Methodist Church, Tulsa, OK. Dr. L.D. Thomas, Jr., Senior Minister.
- 1979-82     *Supply preacher*. University of Stirling Chaplaincy. Stirling, Scotland.  
*Advisor*. Chinese Christian Fellowship. University of Stirling.  
*Student leader*. Ecumenical evangelical outreach. University of Stirling.  
*Youth teacher*. Stirling Methodist Church. Rev. David Waterman.
- 1982-94     *Member of educational board, researcher, writer, and teacher*. Adult curriculum and Lay Academy, First United Methodist Church, Tulsa, OK. Dr. James B. Buskirk, Senior Minister.
- 1983-96     *Leader and Bible teacher*. Several home fellowship groups associated with First United Methodist Church, Tulsa, OK.
- c. 1990       *Teacher*. St. James United Methodist Church, Tulsa, OK
- 1994-96     *Priest in residence*. St. Mary's Charismatic Episcopal Church, Tulsa, OK. Fr. James Walsh, Rector.
- 1994 to present     *Ecumenical prayer group leader*. Glastonbury Fellowship, a men's group consisting of priests, academicians, and professionals concerned with Anglican, Orthodox, Catholic, and Charismatic dialogue, prayer, and study.
- 2003 to present     *Senior Fellow*. St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology.
- 2004 to present     *Member, Board of Advisors*. Foundation for Pentecostal Scholarship.
- 2004-07       *Biblical Studies Interest Group leader*. Society for Pentecostal Studies. Duties: Arrange conference program for the Biblical Studies section of SPS.
- 2008-10       *Member of the Steering Committee*. Empowered21 Congress, Oral Roberts University in cooperation with the International Center for Spiritual Renewal
- 2009 to Present     Member of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Steering Committee of the Diocese of Tulsa

### **Selected Recent Activities**

- Fall 2015- Present     James Shelton serves as a mentor for the Museum of the Bible Scholars Initiative projects that transcribes and evaluates ancient Biblical Manuscripts. ORU students who have training in Hebrew and Greek transcribe old script into modern scripts so that the academic community can use the manuscripts.

- March 2016    Chaired a paper at the Society for Pentecostal Studies
- Summer 2016    Accompanied the ORU study group in the Holy Land this summer and lectured.
- June 2016    Attended the Museum of the Bible Logos Conference on textual studies in Oxford England this June.
- Summer 2016    Viewed ancient Biblical manuscripts in Jerusalem, Cambridge, London, and Dublin. These included Dead Sea Scrolls, Augustine' Book of the Gospels, Codices Sinaiticus and Alexandrinus, a Fragment from the Gospel of John from the Oxyrhynchus Papyri, and the Bodmer Papyri.
- June 2016    Lectured on Apologetics at the An Tobar Nua Emmaus School of Scripture in Galway Ireland in June.