

Curriculum Vitae



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I. EDUCATION:

- 2003 **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**, Religion, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.
GPA 3.88/4.00
Dissertation: “Weak Enough to Lead: Paul’s Response to Criticism and Rivals in 2 Corinthians 10--13: A Rhetorical Reading.” Directed by Dr. Daniel Patte
Minor area project: “A Rhetorical Analysis of the Wisdom of Solomon”; submitted to Dr. Walter Harrelson
- 1995 **MASTER OF ARTS**, Religion, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.
GPA 3.88/4.0
- 1984 **MASTER OF ARTS**, English, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.
GPA 3.77/4.0. Examination concentrations: Rhetoric & Composition; American Literature through the Nineteenth Century.
- 1982 **BACHELOR OF ARTS**, Religion, Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi. GPA 4.0/4.0.
Minor: English

II. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Positions

- 2017- **Dean, Learning Resources** (University Library), ORU, Tulsa, OK
- 2016- **Director, Digital Showcase** (<http://DigitalShowcase.ORU.edu>)
* Launched and oversee this Institutional Repository, publishing content from the Holy Spirit Research Center and the University at large.
- 1999- **Reference Librarian & Director, Holy Spirit Research Center, Learning Resources**, ORU, Tulsa, Ok.
* Direct this special collection library within University library

- * Renovated facility; enlarged holdings; progressed in fully integrating holdings with University library catalog and fulfilling mandate to be Library's only comprehensive collection
- * Recruit, train, and supervise student staff

Rank:

2017	Dean, Learning Resources
2016	Professor, Learning Resources
2013	Tenure
2009	Associate Professor, Learning Resources
2002	Assistant Professor, Learning Resources
1999	Instructor, Learning Resources

University Service:

2016-	Chair, Faculty Committee for President's Performing Arts & Lectures Series
2016-18	Faculty Life Committee
2015-17	College of Theology PhD Planning Committee
2015-17	College of Theology ATS Accreditation Committee
2012-14	Faculty Senator, Learning Resources
2012-15	Chair, Faculty Christian Worldview Committee, overseeing several university events
2010	Organizer, ORU Spring Christian Worldview Lectureship, featuring Dr. J. Budziszewski, University of Texas, Austin: "Right Reason about Human Sexuality: Making Sense of the Creational Design," March 25–26, 2010, Oral Roberts University
2010-16	Member, Bible Area Committee, Graduate Theology
2005-06	Member, HLC Self-Study Committee; wrote with Sub-Committee on Criterion One
2001-15	Charter member of ORU Faculty Christian Worldview Committee
2001	Coordinator (with Dr. Trevor Grizzle), 31 st Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies at ORU

Courses Taught:

- * Freelance & Publishing: English Department
- * Exegesis of the Epistle to the Romans, English Bible: seminary, ORU
- * Exegesis of the Acts of the Apostles, English Bible: seminary, ORU
- * Greek Synthesis I: seminary, ORU
- * Life of Christ, ORU Online Bible Institute
- * New Testament Interpretation, Higher Evangelical Theological University, Bankya (Sofia), Bulgaria
- * New Testament Seminar: Apostolic Leadership according to Paul: seminary, ORU
- * New Testament Survey: International Theological Education, Vinitsiya & Brovary, Ukraine; and ORU Online Bible Institute)
- * New Testament Theology, Higher Evangelical Theological University, Bankya (Sofia), Bulgaria

Other Scholarly Activity:

2016	Propose, with ORU faculty colleagues (J. Malcolm, A. Sample, C. Freudenrich), research and creation of two scholarly databases: one on academic publications about Oral Roberts; the other on academic publications about Oral Roberts University.
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- 2016- Oversee fulfillment of Five-Year Adaptive Plan Objective 5.4 – “Provide global access to the Holy Spirit Research Center” – by 1) identifying and gathering pertinent materials to be digitized for worldwide free access; 2) researching and gaining ORU subscription to best vendor publishing digital collections online: the Digital Commons; and 3) writing metadata for published collections to maximize search-engine discovery and patron use.
- 2012-15 Scholar-mentor over three years to five ORU seminary students in the Green Scholars Initiative, each of whom was awarded a two-week LOGOS at Oxford immersion in textual studies (editing ancient Septuagintal Psalms papyrus) and the vocation of the Christian scholar in today’s university. Roberts was awarded the scholar-mentor version of the same each of the three years.
- 2010-15 Planning and directing several Faculty Christian Worldview events, including researching topics, finding the best available presenters, and eliciting ORU faculty and community participation.
- 2015: “The Healing Gospel Academic Conference,” with guest scholars Candy Gunther Brown, Craig Keener, Kate Bowler, and physician Don Colbert, along with twenty breakout sessions led by ORU faculty, April 6–7 (precursor to The ORU Healing Crusade, April 8–10)
- 2014: “The Gospel, Pop Culture, and the Digital Future: Sharing Our Faith with the Most Distracted Generation in History,” with Phil Cooke, October 9–10.
- “Let Freedom Ring: Religious Liberty Week,” with guest scholars Daniel Dreisbach, Timothy Shah, Leah Farish, Allen Hertzke, and FRC’s Tony Perkins, March 24–28.
- 2013: “Convergence: Work as Worship – Your Earthly Vocation for Heaven’s Sake,” with Silicon Valley pastor & business leader Brett Johnson, March 27–28.
- “Poverty Cure: From Aid to Enterprise,” screened documentary series, with project coordinator Anielka Munkel, November 5, 11.
- 2010: “Right Reason about Human Sexuality: Making Sense of the Creational Design,” with Natural Law scholar J. Budziszewski, March 25–26

Beyond ORU:

- 2015- Teacher, Word>Into>Life Adult Bible Class, St. James UMC, Tulsa

Publishing, 1991 to Present:

Publisher, Word & Spirit Press (from 2006): ongoing hobby publishing custom & academic books focused on Pentecostal-charismatic studies (see http://amzn.to/WSP_Catalog). Latest release: Scott Kelso, DMin, *Biblical Eldership: Back to the Future with Spirit-Filled Leadership in the Local Church* (July 2016)

Editor, then Director of Academic & Professional Books, Thomas Nelson Reference & Electronic (1991–1999)

III. PUBLICATIONS, AUTHORED AND EDITED:

Forthcoming:

- 2017 Review of Thomas R. Blanton, IV, *A Spiritual Economy: Gift Exchange in the Letters of Paul of Tarsus* (Yale) in *Journal of Markets & Morality*.
“Grace in the Old Testament,” accepted for publication in volume edited by Vinson Synan

Developing:

Creating publishing prospectus for *Encyclopedia of the Holy Spirit: Biblical, Theological, Historical, Ecumenical & Cultural*. Expect 1,000-page plus, illustrated: a printed and online reference work with international, ecumenical contributors and opportunity for many ORU scholar contributions. Project publication 2020-21.

“What Can You Do with a Blessing? The Rhetorical Function of the Eulogy of 2 Corinthians 1.3-71.” Revising for publication, using four invited critiques.

Published:

- 2017 “Obligations of Grace,” DigitalShowcase. ORU.edu; prepared for Empowered 21 Scholars’ Consultation, May 2016, London.
- 2017 “Christian Literature Crusade,” “Teen Challenge,” “Wycliffe Bible Translators,” and “Youth With A Mission,” in *The Essential Handbook of Denominations and Ministries* (Baker Books), with sixteen (16) contributions from writing students of Dr. Linda Gray that Roberts recruited & oversaw (and others).
- 2016- Founding editor (among three), *Spiritus: ORU Journal of Theology*
(<http://DigitalShowcase. ORU.edu/Spiritus>)
- 2016 Review of Verlyn Verbrugge and Keith Krell, *Paul and Money: A Biblical and Theological Analysis of the Apostle’s Teaching and Practices* (Zondervan) in *Journal of Markets & Morality* 19.1 (2016): 123–25.
- 2015 Review of Fareed Zakarias, *In Defense of Liberal Education* in *The Christian Librarian*, 58:2 (2015): 164–65.
- 2009-13 Co-editor, Society for Pentecostal Studies *Newsletter* (seven issues: sps-usa.org > Resources)
- 2012 Author-invited pre-publication editorial review of manuscript for *What’s Wrong with Protestant Theology: Tradition vs. Biblical Emphasis* by Jon Mark Ruthven (Word & Spirit Press, 2012).

Review of John Witte Jr., *From Sacrament to Contract: Marriage, Religion, and Law in the Western Tradition*. Second Edition. (Westminster John Knox Press, 2012) in *The Christian Librarian*, 55:1 (2012): 39–40.
- 2011 Associate Editor, *Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization* (4 vols.; Blackwell/Wiley)
- 2010 Associate Editor, *Encyclopedia of Christian Literature* (Scarecrow, 2010); and contributor: “Charles W. Colson”; “J(ohn) B(ertram) Phillips”
- 2009 Editor, along with Drs. William Adrian and Reggie Wenyika, *Engaging Our World: Christian Worldview from the Ivory Tower to Global Impact* (W & S Academic). Contributor to the same volume, “How the West Lost Its (Christian) Mind and Can Find It Again” (pp.

76–90).

Review of James R. Edwards, *Is Jesus the Only Savior?* (Eerdmans, 2005), in *The Christian Librarian*, 52: 1 & 2 (2009): 66–67.

“Weakness that Divine Power Perfects (2 Cor. 12.9–10),” *Refleks: med karismatisk kristendom i fokus*, 8-1 2009: 91–102.

2008 Author-invited editorial review of pre-publication manuscript for *People of the Spirit: Exploring Luke’s View of the Church* by Graham Twelftree, published by Baker Academic, 2009.

Review of Efrain Agosto, *Servant Leadership: Jesus and Paul* (Chalice, 2005) in *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies*, 30 (2008) 166-67.

2005 “(Women’s) Aglow International,” “United Pentecostal Church International,” in Michael McClymond, ed., *Encyclopedia of Religious Revivals in America* (Greenwood Press)

2003 “An Ancient Apology for Globalization: A Narrative-Rhetorical Reading of the *The Acts of the Apostles*,” online at Christian Literature and Living
(<http://www.christianliteratureandliving.com/nov2003/ancientapology.html>)

2002 “A Hermeneutic of Charity: Response to ‘Hearing 3 John 2 in the Voices of History,’” *Journal of Pentecostal Theology* 11:1 (Oct. 2002): 89–97.

IV. PRESENTATIONS:

2016 Guest lecture: “Gospel-Centered Pastoral Ministry According to 2 Corinthians,” in DMIN 712, Biblical Issues and Themes for Ministry, June 7.

“Obligations of Grace: Continuity between the Testaments” for the Scholars’ Consultation, E21 European Congress, Paddington Hilton, London, May 6-7.

“What Can You Do with a Blessing? The Rhetorical Function of the Eulogy of 2 Corinthians 1.3-71” for the Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, March 10-12, Life Pacific College, San Dimas, CA

2013 Guest lecture: “What Is Freedom (within a Christian Worldview)?” in HUM 103, Christian Worldview, Sept. 30.

“Holy Sex: The Bane of Severing—and the Blessings of Reuniting—Sex from Procreation As Its Primary End” for the Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, March 21–23, Seattle Pacific University.

2012 Guest lecture: “The Manhattan Declaration: What It Is, Why It’s Needed Now” in GOV 335, Christian Faith & Government: Theory, March 9.

2011 Guest lecture: “Declaring America: The Rhetoric of the ‘Declaration of Independence,’ Its Roots in Natural Law and Its Revival as America’s Creed” in HON 301, Faith & Civilization, 15 November.

2010 “Helping Our Students Meet Intellectual Challenges to the Faith, Modern and Post-modern” at Empowered 21: The Congress on Holy Spirit Empowerment in the 21st Century, April 8–10, 2010, Tulsa, Oklahoma

2008 “The Christian Mind: How We Lost It and How to Recover It Today” at The

- International Institute for Christian Studies Conference, “Engaging Our World: From the Ivory Tower to Global Impact Conference,” Kansas City, Missouri, July 17–19.
- 2008 “Response to Dale Ahlquist: ‘G. K. Chesterton’s Idea of Orthodoxy’” at the Veritas Worldview Institute, Oklahoma Wesleyan University, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, April 3.
- 2006 “Weakness That Divine Power Perfects (2 Cor. 12.9–10)” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California
- 2005 “Response to Charles L. Holman: ‘Spiritual Formation in Biblical Times’” at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Regent University, 10–12 March.
- 2004 “From Natural to Supernatural: Exploring the Relations between Two Kinds of Basic Knowledge,” at the Calvin College Conference “Written on the Heart: The Natural Law Tradition,” Grand Rapids, MI, 13–15 May 2004.
- “Response to Graham H. Twelftree: *Jesus the Miracle Worker*” at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Marquette University, 11–13 March.
- 2003 “An Ancient Apology for Globalization: A Narrative-Rhetorical Reading of the *The Acts of the Apostles*,” Panel 6, “Faith and World Vision: The Globalizing Power of Religion” at “Beyond Borders: Globalization and The Human Experience,” Academic Festival V, Cameron (State) University, Lawton, OK, 28 March 2003. (Also published at <http://www.christianliteratureandliving.com/nov2003/ancientapology.html>)
- 2001 “Weak Enough to Lead: Paul, His Critics, and Apostolic Leadership” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Lakeland, Florida

V. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- 2016 Repository Manager Certification Course for the Digital Commons, Berkeley, California, March 22–24
- 2012 “Seminar on Global Pentecostalism,” Trinity Western University, Langley, BC, Canada, led by Drs. Michael Wilkinson and Allan Anderson, July 12–17.
- Acton University, Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 12–16, stipended
- 2010 Acton University, Grand Rapids, Michigan, June, stipended.
- 2004 Centurions of Prison Fellowship / Wilberforce Forum, a year-long Christian worldview education and advocacy certification directed by Chuck Colson; commissioned January 2005
- 2003 Calvin College Christian Faculty Seminar: “Written on the Heart: The Natural Law Tradition,” directed by J. Budziszewski; University of Texas, Austin; 6 weeks, stipended.
- Acton Institute Seminar: “Toward a Free and Virtuous Society,” directed by Dr. Samuel Gregg, Paradise, Texas, March, stipended
- 2001- Various Eighth Floor workshops: technology in pedagogy