

# CURRICULUM VITAE JAMES B. SHELTON

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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</i>, e.g., 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 taught Gospel of Matthew, Luke-Acts, Old Testament Introduction, New 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; Jesus and the Gospels

### **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>

*"Poderoso em Palavras e Obras": Papel do Espirito Santo em Lucas-Atos.* (Tradução de Idelmar Campos) Natal, RN, Brasil: Charisma, 2018. Campos. (An edited translation of the above work.)

#### *Commentaries*

"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.*

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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.

### 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.

### 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.

A Review of Peter Hocken, *Azusa, Rome, and Zion: Pentecostal Faith, Catholic Reform, and Jewish Roots*. Eugene, Ore.: Pickwick, 2016. *Spiritus* 3, no. 1 (Spring 2018): 148-151.

### *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
- 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

- 2010 "Holy Boldness in Acts with Special Reference to Pauline-Lukan Intertextuality." Biblical Studies Interest Group. Presented at the 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Memphis, Tennessee.
- 2017 "Seeing the Spirit: Sight Words and the Miraculous in Luke-Acts." Biblical Studies Interest Group. Presented at the 45th Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies  
I have also chaired sessions regularly in the Society for Pentecostal Studies.

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

- 1970-72 Youth Pastor, Checotah United Methodist Church, Checotah, OK
- 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 with First United Methodist Church, Tulsa, OK.
- 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-present	Ecumenical prayer group leader. Glastonbury Fellowship, a men's group consisting of priests, academicians, and professionals concerned with Anglican, Orthodox, Catholic
2003-present	Senior Fellow. St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology.
2004-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.

### **Selected Recent Activities**

2008-10	Member of the Steering Committee. Empowered21 Congress, Oral Roberts University in cooperation with the International Center for Spiritual Renewal
2009-18	Member of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Steering Committee of the Diocese of Tulsa
2015-18	Mentor for the Museum of the Bible Scholars Initiative that transcribes and evaluates ancient biblical manuscripts. ORU students with training in Hebrew and Greek transcribe old scripts into modern script 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 and lectured. Attended the Museum of the Bible Logos Conference on textual studies in Oxford England this June. Viewed ancient Biblical manuscripts in Jerusalem, Cambridge, London, and Dublin. These included Dead Sea Scrolls, Augustine's Book of the Gospels, Codices Sinaiticus and Alexandrinus, a Fragment from the Gospel of John from the Oxyrhynchus Papyri, and the Bodmer Papyri. Lectured on Apologetics at the An Tobar Nua Emmaus School of Scripture in Galway, Ireland, in June.
Fall 2017	Lectured on "The Counter Reformation" for St. John's Episcopal Church, Tulsa, OK

Summer  
2018

Represented ORU at the SCIO/Logos conference at St. Hughes College  
in Oxford, England