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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

PhD Doctor of Philosophy. The University of Tulsa, OK, 1989. Educational Administration and Research in Higher Education. Internship with Dr Paschal Twyman, President of the University of Tulsa. Dissertation on College Presidency.

MA Master of Arts. Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK, 1981. Biblical Literature.

BA Bachelor of Arts. The University of Arkansas at Little Rock, AR, 1971. Political Science; minors in History and Public Speaking.

FphS Fellowship Diploma in Philosophy. The International Philosophical Society, the Philosophical Society of England, and the University of Sheffield, UK 2012. Philosophy.

Cert Pro GT. Professional Golf Teacher. World Golf Teachers Federation, Great Britain and Northern Ireland, North Weald Golf Club, Harlow, Essex, UK. 2007.

AphS Associate Fellowship Diploma in Philosophy. The International Philosophical Society, the Philosophical Society of England, and the University of Sheffield, UK 2004. Philosophy.

EXPERIENCE

Academic Dean and Head of Studies (VPAA/Provost), 2004 to 2009. Peniel College of Higher Education, Brentwood, Essex, England. Dean of the College and taught Bible and Theology (2004 to 2008),

Lecturer in Theology, 2005 to 2010, University of Wales, Bangor. Taught theology for MTh degree program (2005-2008) and advise PhD students for University of Wales at Bangor on site at Peniel College (2005 to 2010).

Professor of Philosophy and Theological Studies (tenured) 2001 to present, in the School of Arts and Sciences, Theology Department, at Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK. Teach courses in Philosophy, Ethics, World Religions, Medieval Church History, Theology, and Research.

Associate Professor in Theological Studies (1997-2000) in the School of Arts and Sciences, Theology Department, at Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK. Taught courses in Theology, Research Methodology, Old Testament, and Philosophy.

Assistant Professor in Theological Studies (1991-1996) in the School of Theology and Missions, at Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK. Taught courses in Research Methodology, Systematic Theology, Old and New Testaments, Pastoral Care and Counseling, Christian Education, Church Administration.

Served Peniel College of Higher Education as:

Academic Dean and Head of Studies (VPAA) of the College (2004 - 2009).

Member of the Academic Board of the College (2004 - 2008).

Lecturer in Biblical Literature and Theology (2004 - 2008).

Served Oral Roberts University as:

President of University Faculty Senate (2012-2013)

Vice President of Faculty Senate 2011-2012 (*President-Elect* for 2012-2013)

Senator for the College of Theology (2011-present) University Faculty Senate

Alternate Senator for the College of Theology (2010-2011) University Faculty Senate

Chair of Faculty Search Committee for Theological-Historical Studies faculty positions, Undergraduate Department of Theology, School of Theology and Missions, ORU (2008-present).

Member of the ORU School of Theology and Missions Tenured Faculty Council (2008-present).

Member of ORU Tenured Faculty Council (2008 to present).

Vice-President (and President Elect for 2004-2005) of Tenured Faculty Council (2003-2004).

Faculty Advisor for the Oral Roberts University Christian Philosophical Society (2002-2004).

Member of the Christian Worldview Committee of the University Faculty Assembly (2002-2004).

Member of the ORU Honors Program Council (2001-present).

Member of Curriculum Committee of the ORU Faculty Assembly (1991-1993).

Member of the Faculty Chapel Committee of the Faculty Assembly (1993-1994, 1997-1999, 2003-present).

Chairman of the Faculty Chapel Committee of the Faculty Assembly (1994-1996).

Member of Admissions Committee for ORU Weekend University program (1997-1999).

Member of various ad hoc committees in the ORU School of Theology and Missions, such as the Doctoral Degree Planning Committee, the Committee for Evangelistic Outreach to China and Russia, and the Faculty Governance Committee.

Reader or Supervisor on several Doctor of Ministry Candidate Committees and Doctor of Ministry Terminal Projects in the School of Theology and Missions, ORU, Tulsa, OK.

Member of several committees for the ORU School of Arts and Sciences such as *the Committee for General Institutional Requirements* in the NCA Self-Study, and *the Task Force for VR Registration*.

Member of *the Committee for Informal Assessment of Telecourses* for the ORU School of LifeLong Education.

Presenter of featured displays of faculty academic activity in the *Faculty Showcase of the University Faculty Assembly* in the ORU School of Theology and Missions (1994) and the ORU School of Arts and Sciences (1999, 2001, and 2003).

Member of the *ORU Honors Program Task Force* (renamed in 2001 the ORU Honors Program Council) 2000-2001.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

CHRISTIAN FAITH INSTITUTE: Member of the Advisory Education Board of the college in Jos, Nigeria (2010 to present)

UNIVERSITY OF WALES, BANGOR (now Bangor University) Liasion with PENIEL COLLEGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION:

for the development of a partnership with UWB, to offer additional undergraduate degree programs as well as Masters' degrees and PhD degrees on the Peniel campus.

ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY:

Member of a team of consulting theological faculty which advise the Oral Roberts University Educational Fellowship (ORUEF) regarding programs in its Bible School Division (2008).

Convener of Ad Hoc Committee on Statement of Purpose for the ORU Tenured Faculty Council (August 2008).

Chair of the E-Portfolio Committee of the Undergraduate Theology Department (2003-2004).

Served on Faculty Chapel Committee (1994-1996; 2001-2004).

Constructed new curriculum designs for the seven Practical Ministry major degree plans (1997) and the new major degree curriculum in Christian Philosophy (1999) in the Department of Theology.

Constructed new curriculum design for the Christian Caregiving and Counseling (CCC) major degree (2012).

Constructed the first syllabus for the course entitled Charismatic Life and the Healing Ministry (1998) taught by University President Richard Roberts, and served on the committee with the President to finalize curriculum and syllabus for the course.

Developed the application, and revisions for the syllabus, for the Honors Assistantship (1998) in the Department of Theology, including an amendment to the program and syllabus to include Research Assistants as well as Teaching Assistants.

Constructed the Portfolio requirement and evaluation for the course Senior Paper/Practicum for Practical Ministry majors in the Department of Theology (1997, 2008).

Developed writing guidelines for Case Study papers and Theological papers for use in the Department of Theology.

Constructed an interdepartmental cooperative course, later used as a prototype course for the ORU Honors Program, entitled Philosophy of Science (2001).

Constructed (and re-constructed in 2008-2009) new major and minor in Christian Philosophy and Christian Apologetics for Theology Department; also advised all majors in those fields (2001-2004, 2008 to present).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Administrator/Principal of Valley Christian High School (1989-1990) in Tempe, AZ. Supervised all faculty and staff as well as taught courses in Philosophy and American Government. Created new curriculum structure and innovative class schedule on trimester system. Instituted college and career counseling system, school library, new physical plant, and prepared school for successful approval of North Central Regional Accreditation Association.

Director of Enrollment Management for Bacone College in Muskogee, OK, from September of 1987 to June 1989. As a Vice-Presidential level position, supervised offices of Admissions, Financial Aid, Public Information, and personally conducted the college's Institutional Research in Retention and Student Services. Chair of Bacone Hour Chapel Committee in Fall 1988. Served as Acting Dean of Students, supervised Student Discipline, Student Housing, and Drug/Alcohol Education Program (December 1987 to August 1988). Member of Muskogee Regional Public Schools Educational Advisory Council. Active in Grace Episcopal Church and Bethany Presbyterian Church in Muskogee.

Dean of Admissions (1986-1987) and *University Registrar* (1984-1987) at Oral Roberts University. Supervised the Office of Admissions and the Registrar's Office as well as assisted in the construction of, and supervised as Director, the Office of Student Development (1984) which included the offices of Career Planning and Placement, Student Employment Services, and International Students Services.

ORGANIZATIONS

Current:

Asbury United Methodist Church. Member, Teacher of Apologetics Courses, and Communion Server.

The Episcopal Church of the United States. Licensed Lay Preacher and Licensed Lay Catechist, Lay Reader, Music leader and Teacher in Sunday School program at Church of the Good Shepherd, Sapulpa, OK (1994 - 2004).

Society of Christian Philosophers

American Scientific Affiliation

Philosophical Society of England

International Society for Philosophers (lifetime)

World Golf Teachers Federation, Great Britain and Northern Ireland

European Society for the Study of Science and Theology (online member)

Past:

Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World
Mid-America Medieval Association
The G.K. Chesterton Society
The Association of Literary Scholars and Critics
Oral Roberts University School of Theology Alumni Association. Founding President.
Associations of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers: American AACRAO,
Southern SACRAO, and Oklahoma OACRAO
The US Golf Society
The United States Golf Association

HONORS

Invited to be *Member of the Oxford Round Table*, Oxford University, Oxford, UK,
2008-2010
Cambridge Who's Who Registry among Executives and Professionals (2009/2010)
Winner of the Writing Across the Disciplines Award of the University Faculty
(2003-2004)
Honorable Mention Winner of the Innovation in Teaching Award of the University
Faculty (2002-2003)
Outstanding Academics of the 21st Century (2004)
Outstanding Scholars of the 21st Century (2000)
Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year (1999-2000) Department of Theology,
School of Arts and Sciences, Oral Roberts University
Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year (1997-1998)
Department of Theology, School of Arts and Sciences, Oral Roberts University
Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year (1996-1997) Department of Theology,
School of Arts and Sciences, Oral Roberts University
Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year (1992-1993) School of Theology and
Missions, Oral Roberts University
Outstanding Baccalaureate Professor (1991-1992) School of Theology and Missions,
Oral Roberts University
Outstanding Master of Arts Student (1980-1981) School of Theology, Oral Roberts
University
Phi Delta Kappa Education Honor Society (1989) University of Tulsa
Order of Excellence, The Dictionary of International Biography, Cambridge, England
(2004)
IBC Award of Biographical Recognition, the Awards Board of the International
Biographical Centre, Cambridge (2004)
Madison's Who's Who (2009-2010)
Who's Who Among America's Teachers (2003-2004)
Who's Who Among America's Teachers (2002-2003)
Who's Who Among America's Teachers (2001-2002)
Who's Who Among America's Teachers (1998)
Who's Who Among America's Teachers (1996)

Who's Who in American Education (1993)
Who's Who in American Education (1992)
Directory of American Scholars (1999)
Dr Harold Paul Faculty Lecture Series Special Recognition (1993) Native American Studies paper delivered to Oral Roberts University Honor Society and guests.
Special Appreciation Award (1989-1990) Bacone College Athletic Department, Bacone College. Served as Assistant Coach for baseball.
Contest Semi-Finalist (1998) The Poetry Guild for poem "Teach Me," eventually published by the Guild.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Teacher for several church communities (Sunday School groups) and for the Roadmap program (church education program for adults) at Asbury United Methodist Church, Tulsa, OK. 2012-2013.

Responder and Panel Member for presentation on Christianity and Evolution, a study by Denis Lamoureux, author of *I Love Jesus and I Accept Evolution* and Professor at St. Joseph's College, University of Alberta. April 19, 2009.

Guest Speaker for several television productions, teaching theology for Peniel Church, Brentwood, Essex, England 2008-2009.

Guest Lecturer for Christian Revival Church Bible Training Center, London, UK, 2007-2008.

Guest Speaker for Ministerial Special Event at Westminster Hall, London, UK 2008.

Guest Speaker for Global Gospel Fellowship Annual Conference 2007. Presented three lectures on Hebrew biblical perspectives and language understanding. Peniel Church. Brentwood, Essex, England.

Assistant Instructor for Michael Reid Ministries Annual Golf Camp, July 2007. Brentwood, Essex, England.

Guest for several television productions of "What God Can Do For You," the regular television program for Michael Reid Ministries and, later, Peniel Church, Brentwood, Essex, England, 2004-2008.

"How does the postmodern culture affect the Church in America?" member of panel discussion, Colloquium of the Christian Philosophical Society, Oral Roberts University, April 2004.

"The State of the Episcopal Church in America" presented to students of the graduate school of theology, Oral Roberts University, March 2004 (follow-up to presentation given to the same group in the fall term, 2003).

Guest Lecturer "Natural Law" in Introduction to Ethics course for the Graduate School of Theology and Missions, Oral Roberts University (February, 2003).

Chair of Plenary Session #3 at the Ethics Conference "Should Everyone Be Above Average? Medical Enhancement - Reconsidering the Promises" sponsored by the Ethics Center of Oklahoma State University (February 21, 2003).

"Use of Cartoons in Teaching Biology and Theology Courses" with Dr John Korstad at the Great Plains Honors Council Annual Conference. Fort Smith, AR (April 5, 2003).

Editorial Advisory Board for Collegiate Press (2001).

Tenured Full Professor Oral Roberts University (2000).

Guest Lecturer "Ireneaus and Heresies" in Early Church Fathers course for the Graduate School of Theology and Missions, Oral Roberts University (November, 2000).

"The Relationship of Christianity to Native American Spirituality" (1993). A paper presented to an ORU community forum, part of the Dr Harold Paul Lecture Series, sponsored by the Oral Roberts University Honor Society.

"Relationships of Men and Women" (1995). A discussion forum for the dormitory wing Men of God (EMR 5 South) and their sister wings.

Guest Speaker (1996) for Psi Chi Rho (Psychology Club) at Oral Roberts University.

Guest (1996) interviewed on two television programs of MIRACLES NOW, President and Mrs Richard Roberts, hosts.

Guest (1996) interviewed on ORU television for the School of Lifelong Education promotional video.

Teacher (1997) for televised course THE 230 Christian Faith and Ministry, filmed in 40 one-half hour shows.

Professional Editor (1997-1998) for two published works: *How to Get the Job You Want* by Jeffrey Roberts and Ann Young, and several biblical-archaeological articles written by Victor Hardy.

"Living the Christian Life" (1997) A presentation to dormitory wings EMR 3 and EMR 5 and their sister wings.

Constructed (1997-1998) the revised and new emphases Local Church Pastor, Christian Education, Missions, Evangelism, Church Administration, Youth Ministry, and Pastoral Care in the Pastoral Ministries Major for the Department of Theology, School of Arts and Sciences, Oral Roberts University.

Constructed (1998-1999) the new Christian Philosophy emphasis and academic program in the Theological-Historical Major in the Department of Theology, School of Arts and Sciences, Oral Roberts University and its *revision and reconstruction* in 2008.

Organized (1998, 1999) the Easter Good Friday chapel services, in cooperation with the University Spiritual Life Department, as a member of the University Faculty Assembly Faculty Chapel Committee.

WRITINGS AND PUBLICATIONS

Evolution, Ethics, and Other Provocative Thoughts. Acton, MA: Copley Publishing (Xulon Press), 2013 (should be completed by April).

Good Writers: An Anthology of Excellent English. Fourth Edition, Revised and Extended. Acton, MA: Copley Publishing (Xulon Press), 2013.

Three articles: "Colossal Collapse—No Way!", "The Tiger is Dead", and "What Team?" Written for Bleacher Reports, Internet Sports Information, 2012.

"Comparisons of College Presidencies: Private and Public." PhD Dissertation, University of Tulsa, 1989.

Good Writers: An Anthology of Excellent English. Kearny, NE: K and B Publishers (personal copyright and publishing), printed by Morris Publishing, 1993, 1994, 1995.

A Handbook for Basic Biblical Exegesis: Demystifying the Exegetical Process. Kearny, NE: K and B Publishers, 1994. Reprinted Acton, MA: Copley Custom Publishing, 1997. Reprinted Boston, MA: University Press of America, 1999.

The Complete Biblical Library: The Old Testament Hebrew-English Dictionary, Volumes 1-7. Springfield, MO: World Library Press, Inc., 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999. Contributed multiple articles for each volume of the series.

Bible Doctrines I. Tulsa, OK: Oral Roberts University, 1994. Lecture notes and course construction for the Diploma of Theological Studies Program.

Bible Doctrines II. Tulsa, OK: Oral Roberts University, 1994. Lecture notes and course construction for the Diploma of Theological Studies Program.

Poetic Literature of the Old Testament. Tulsa, OK: Oral Roberts University, 1995. Lecture notes and course construction for the Diploma of Theological Studies Program.

A Bibliography Prepared for Seminar in Theological Research Methods by Paul Chappell. Tulsa, OK: Oral Roberts University, 1995. Constructed the revised edition which includes workbook research exercises based on Dr Chappell's original bibliography.

I'm Still Here! Tulsa, OK: 1996. A polemic play on the subject of euthanasia.

Old Testament Survey. Tulsa, OK: Oral Roberts University, 1996. Bible study book for the Institute of Youth Ministry Program in the School of Lifelong Education.

Learn and Live: A Study in Proverbs. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1996. One of the Spirit-Filled Life Bible Discovery Guides series, Jack Hayford, general editor.

Poetic Literature of the Old Testament. Tulsa, OK: Oral Roberts University, 1996.

Church Administration. Tulsa, OK: Oral Roberts University, 1997. Lecture notes and course construction for the Diploma of Theological Studies Program.

Hebrew Prophets. Tulsa, OK: Oral Roberts University, 1997. Rewriting and construction of this course for the ORU External Degree Program.

Christian Faith and Ministry. Acton, MA: Copley Custom Publishing, 1998.

The Voice of the Spirit: A Philosophical Foundation for Charismatic Theology. Tulsa, OK: K and B Publishing, 1998. Reprinted Acton, MA: Copley Custom Publishing, 1999.

Educational Ministries of the Church. Tulsa, OK: Oral Roberts University, 1998. Lecture notes and course construction for the Diploma of Theological Studies Program.

Ministries With Adults. Tulsa, OK: Oral Roberts University, 1998. Lecture notes and course construction for the Diploma of Theological Studies Program.

Muses of the Midlothian. A book of poetry begun in April, 1998, and added to since.

Poetry Guild Anthology. Bath, OH: Poetry Guild, 1998. Poem entitled "Teach Me."

"Conqueror Love" published in *The Sound of Poetry.* Owing Mills, MD: The International Library of Poetry, 2002.

Four Philosophical Essays: "Against Science," "Objective Morality," "The Nature of Faith," and "Xenophanes' View of God." Requirements for the Associate Fellowship Diploma

in Philosophy, the University of Sheffield (UK) and the Philosophical Society of England, 2003-2004.

"Evolution and Ethics," an essay in preparation for a dissertation as required for the Fellowship Diploma in Philosophy, the University of Sheffield (UK), the Philosophical Society of England and the International Philosophical Society, 2007-2012.

Commentary on Genesis 1, in preparation for the Michael Reid Ministries Study Bible, 2006-2007.

"Principalities and Powers," a word study in the Greek New Testament in preparation for the Michael Reid Ministries Study Bible, 2007.

The Way of Freedom: Understanding Biblical Theology for the 21st Century. Acton, MA: Copley Publishing, 2010.

REFERENCES

Mr Simon Cleminson, businessman in Brentwood, Essex, England. simon@scott-merrick.co.uk (44)1277-211151.

Dr Sheree King, former University Registrar, currently Coordinator of Student Success and Retention, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK. sking@oru.edu. 918-495-7650.

Dr William Kay, Reader in Practical Theology, School of Theology and Religious Studies, Bangor University, the University of Wales, Bangor, Wales. wkkay@btinternet.com. (44)1248-382079.

Dr Ed Watson, Professor of New Testament, Graduate Theology, College of Theology and Ministry, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK. ewatson@oru.edu. 918-495-7098.

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Dr James Shelton, Professor of New Testament and Early Church History, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK. jshelton@oru.edu. 918-495-6108.

Dr Raymond Smith, Professor of Missions, School of Theology and Missions, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK. rsmith@oru.edu. 918-495-6308.

Dr Donald Vance, Professor of Old Testament, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK. dvance@oru.edu. 918-495-6106.