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EDUCATION

MD/PhD (MSTP) University of California, Irvine	2017—Present
PhD in English <i>Medical Humanities Emphasis</i> Advisor: Jayne Lewis, Professor of English.	2019—Present
MA in English (<i>en passant</i>) University of California, Irvine. GPA: 4.0	2020
MA in English Azusa Pacific University. GPA: 3.97 <i>Thesis: "The Poetics of Memory: Literature, Imagination, and Alzheimer's Disease."</i> Advisor: Emily Griesinger, Professor of English.	2017
BS in Biology (Molecular Emphasis), <i>summa cum laude</i> Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA. GPA: 3.99. Minors in English Literature and Spanish, Honors Program.	2015
Study Abroad , Oxford University, New College.	2013

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles:

O'Dell, Sarah. "**The Facts in the Case of M. Valdemar**": **Undead Bodies and Medical Technology.**" *Journal of Medical Humanities*, vol. 41, 2020, pp. 229-242.

O'Dell, Sarah. "**The (Revised) Clinical Imagination: An Unpublished Appendix to *The Problem of Pain***." VII: *Journal of the Marion E. Wade Center*, vol. 36, 2019, pp. 21-44.

O'Dell, Sarah, "**An Unexpected Poet: The Creative Works of Dr. Robert E. Havard**," *Mythlore: A Journal of J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis, Charles Williams, and Mythopoeic Literature*, vol. 38, no. 1, 2019, pp. 21-42.

O'Dell, Sarah. "**Afterword: "A Place of Many Windows"**." *The Faithful Imagination: Papers from the 2018 Frances White Ewbank Colloquium on C.S. Lewis & Friends*, Ed. Joe Ricke and Ashley Chu, Winged Lion Press, 2019, pp. 414-417.

O'Dell, Sarah. "**Robert E. Havard: The Medical Inkling.**" *Catholic Medical Quarterly*, no. 69, vol. 1, 2019, pp. 16-17.

O'Dell, Sarah. "**Robert E. Havard: A Closer Look at the "Medical Inkling"**." *Mythlore: A Journal of J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis, Charles Williams*, vol. 36, no.1, 2017, pp. 195-200.

Olcina, M.M., **S. O'Dell**, and E. Hammond, "Targeting chromatin to improve radiation response". *British Journal of Radiology* 88. 1047 (2015): 20140649.

Book Reviews:

Review of *Chronometres: Devotional Literature, Duration, and Victorian Reading*, by Krista Lysack. *Christianity and Literature*, vol. 70, no. 2, 2021, pp. 163-166.

Review of *Emily Dickinson's Rich Conversation: Poetry, Philosophy, Science*, by Richard E. Brantley. *Christianity and Literature*, vol. 67, no. 3, 2018, pp. 586-589.

Review of *Mysterious Medicine: The Doctor-Scientist Tales of Hawthorne and Poe*, by L. Kerr Dunn. *Postgraduate Journal of Medical Humanities*, vol. 4, no. 1, 2017, pp. 134-137.

Review of *Ill Composed: Sickness, Gender, and Belief in Early Modern England*, by Olivia Weisser. *BMJ Medical Humanities* (Online Blog). 28 March 2017.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, "Behind the Scenes at UCI School of Humanities Presents: Humanizing Science – Interdisciplinary Research to Create Lasting Change," UCI School of Humanities with Dean Tyrus Miller, Online, 22 May 2022.

O'Dell, Sarah. Invited lecture. "Renewing the Medical Imagination: R.E. Havard, C.S. Lewis, and the Inklings" (B), University of California, Irvine, Center for Medical Humanities Works-in-progress Series, 18 May 2022.

O'Dell, Sarah. "Gothic "Lockdown": Environment and Madness in The Mysteries of Udolpho," National Conference for Physician Scholars in the Social Sciences and Humanities, 30 April 2022.

O'Dell, Sarah. Invited lecture. "Renewing the Medical Imagination: R.E. Havard, C.S. Lewis, and the Inklings," Azusa Pacific University Department of Biology and Chemistry Spring Seminar Series, 24 March 2022.

O'Dell, Sarah. Invited public lecture. "'Almost my greatest friend is a doctor': C.S. Lewis, Robert E. Havard, and the Inklings," The C.S. Lewis Society of Central Indiana, Online, 18 March 2022.

O'Dell, Sarah. "Making Modern Memory Medieval: SketchyMedical and Medieval Mnemotechnology," UCI MSTP Annual Retreat, 3 October 2021.

O'Dell, Sarah. "'Almost my greatest friend is a doctor': C.S. Lewis and Robert E. Havard," Southwest Conference of Christianity and Literature, Online, 16 October 2020.

O'Dell, Sarah. "R.E. Havard and the Inklings," "The Future: Young Scholars, Fresh Ideas, New Horizons" hosted by the Center for the Study of C.S. Lewis & Friends, Online, 14 August 2020.

O'Dell, Sarah. "Psychology, Theology, and *Religious Sisters: A Lost Chapter by the Medical Inkling*," The 12th Biennial Lewis and Friends Colloquium, Upland, IN, 4-7 June 2020. Conference Cancelled. (Also Invited as Special Speaker for "Young Inklings" Pre-Colloquium Conference)

O'Dell, Sarah. "Creaturely Eyes, Creaturely Bodies: *Frankenstein* and the Clinical Encounter," Western Regional Conference on Christianity and Literature, Azusa, CA, 12-14 March 2020. Conference Cancelled.

O'Dell, Sarah. "An Unexpected Poet: The Creative Works of Dr. Robert E. Havard" Mythcon 50: Looking Back, Moving Forward, 2-5 August 2019, San Diego, CA.*

***This paper received The Alexei Kondratiev Award for best student paper.**

O'Dell, Sarah. "The (Revised) Clinical Imagination: An Unpublished "Appendix" to *The Problem of Pain*." 11th Biennial Lewis and Friends Colloquium; Upland, Indiana, June 2018.

O'Dell, Sarah. "Between the Borderlands of Life and Death: The Facts in the Case of M. Valdemar." Paper presented at the Western Regional Conference of The Conference on Christianity and Literature; San Diego, CA, 2017.

O'Dell, Sarah. "Alzheimer's Disease: Historical, Scientific, and Literary Perspectives." Invited Talk, Azusa Pacific University Department of Biology and Chemistry; Azusa, CA, 2016.

O'Dell S., Singh S., and Zurawski D. "F17 Fimbriae is Required for *Acinetobacter baumannii* Biofilm Formation and Motility *in vitro*." The 9th Annual Azusa Pacific Department of Biology and Chemistry Fall Research Day; Azusa, CA, 2015. *

**This presentation received the outstanding oral presentation award for its session.*

SELECTED RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

Graduate Research Assistant, Azusa Pacific University Department of English (Emily Griesinger, PhD). 2016—2017. Course development of undergraduate and graduate Medical Humanities courses.

Undergraduate Researcher, Azusa Pacific University Department of Biology and Chemistry (PI: Jon Milhon, PhD). 2012—2015. Molecular biology and protein expression studies related to the protein SmMAK16 from *Schistosoma mansoni*. Over 1500 hours of independent, hypothesis-driven research, including three full-time paid summers and 5 semesters.

TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP

MS2 Program Director (UCI School of Medicine CLC-MSAT Leadership), 2022-2023.
Director of exam review tutorials, shelf exam review tutorials, and small group tutoring.

MS2 Education Support Specialist (UCI School of Medicine CLC-MSAT Leadership), 2021-22.
Led small-group content review sessions (microbiology, pathology, and pharmacology) for second-year medical students.

Pedagogical Humanities Certificate, Fall 2021.
Included guest lecture, "Translating Melancholy," for UCI 39B composition course.
Workshops included sessions on mentorship, compassionate listening, pedagogy of the oppressed, designing inclusive content, and serving diverse learners.

Head Neuroscience Review Tutor. UCI School of Medicine, 2021.
Designed neuroscience review curriculum and led interactive lecture-based review sessions for large groups of first-year medical students.

Teaching Assistant, Art & Medicine (Medical Humanities 3). UCI. Spring 2018.
Led discussions for portion of course relevant to human anatomy.

Teaching Assistant, Honors Colloquia. APU. Fall 2015—Spring 2016.

Supplemental Instruction Leader & Teaching Assistant, Cell Biology. APU. Spring—Fall 2014.
Provided three hours of additional lecture per week and facilitated group learning.
Trained and mentored new instructors, as well as coordinated lab materials.

Selected Leadership Positions:

Founder, Medical Humanities Reading Group. UCI School of Humanities & School of Medicine. 2020-2021.

Co-President, Student Interest Group in Neurology (SIGN), UCISOM Chapter. 2018—2019.
Included coordinating cross-campus Medical Humanities programming.

Coordinator, Lunch with a Physician Scientist (LWPS), 2018-2019.

Medical Missions Action Team Leader. APU. Ecuador, January/May—June 2014.
Coordinated trip preparation (including fundraising), training, and oversaw mobile clinics.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- APU Nominee, CCCU 2021 Young Alumni Award.
- Medical Humanities Graduate Student Summer Support Grant, UCI, 2020.
- Recipient of The Alexi Kondratiev Award, Mythcon 50, 2019.
- Original Art, “Neuronal Threads,” selected for UCISOM Medical Arts Exhibit, 2019.
- Medical Humanities Research Stipend, UC Medical Humanities Consortium, 2018.
- Azusa Pacific University Outstanding Senior Award in Biology, 2015.
- Azusa Pacific University Gerald Wilson Award, 2014—2015.
- Robert and Roberta Wright Science Scholarship, 2014.
- La Verne Rotary Foundation Scholarship, 2011—2014.
- Community Credit Union Scholarship, 2011, 2014, 2015.
- APU Dean’s List, 2011—2015.
- Azusa Pacific University Trustee Scholarship Finalist.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & SERVICE

Reviewer for *Christianity & Literature*, 2021.

Search Committee Member for the Endowed Chair of Medical Humanities and the Arts, UCI School of Medicine, 2020.

Only student member of faculty-led, international search committee for MH faculty position.

Freelance Editor, 2019-present.

Provided consultant services for graduate school applications, including reviewing pre-health application materials and personal statements. Also served as professional/academic copy editor. Provided free application reviews for disadvantaged URM students.

Mentor, Various Undergraduate Mentorship Programs, 2018-Present.

Served as mentor for a variety of undergraduate-focused mentorship programs aimed at students interested in MD/PhD programs, medical school, and PhD programs. Specific focus on disadvantaged and URM students. Partner organizations include: Guiding Hands, LMSA (Latino Medical Student Association), APAMSA (Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association) x MEMO (Medical, Educational, Missions, and Outreach), APSA (American Physician Scientists Association).