

# SARAH O'DELL

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## EDUCATION

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

## PUBLICATIONS

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### 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 "The (Revised) Clinical Imagination: An Unpublished Appendix to *The Problem of Pain*."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:

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

O'Dell, Sarah. **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.

O'Dell, Sarah. **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.

O'Dell, Sarah. **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

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**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 Inking," The 12<sup>th</sup> 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, S.** "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 S.** "The (Revised) Clinical Imagination: An Unpublished "Appendix" to *The Problem of Pain*." 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Lewis and Friends Colloquium; Upland, Indiana, June 2018.

**O'Dell S.** "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 S.** "Alzheimer's Disease: Historical, Scientific, and Literary Perspectives." Narrative Medicine Independent Study Presentation, Azusa Pacific University MA in English Program; Azusa, CA, 2016.

**O'Dell S.** "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 9<sup>th</sup> 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

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**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

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### Teaching Experiences:

**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-Present.

**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

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- 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

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**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.

**Consultant**, Art for the Isolated, 2020.

**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).

## HONORS SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

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- Beta Beta Beta (Biology), Epsilon Gamma Chapter
- Sigma Tau Delta (English)
- Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish)
- Alpha Chi Honors Society