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A Tribute to Dr. Kay Meyers
by
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While sitting in a faculty development meeting years ago, I was listening to the speaker who was lamenting the fact that there were no journals in which Christian faculty could specifically address the Christian aspect of the scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL) as described by Ernest Boyer in his seminal book *Scholarship Reconsidered: Priorities of the Professoriate* (1990). While I listened, God planted an idea in my heart of creating just such a journal. This journal would fill this void and provide a place where Christian faculty (regardless of their institution) could freely publish their scholarship. But how could I do this? The perfect forum would be an online journal—but, I needed help. So, after discussing it with our Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Debbie Sowell, she encouraged me to pitch the idea to the faculty at that meeting. What happened next was truly God inspired—they loved the idea and wanted to do it! With the support of ORU, we began to work together to birth the *Journal of Scholarship of Teaching and Learning for Christians in Higher Education* or *SoTL-CHED*. Seven issues later, we are still going strong.

One of those inspired and dedicated faculty members was Dr. Kay Meyers, tenured Professor of English at Oral Roberts University. Kay, gifted in so many areas of writing and teaching (you can view her [faculty profile](#) on the ORU website), has also been involved in ORU's Honors program. I was honored that Kay was willing to share her giftings and dedicate herself to developing *SoTL-CHED*. Kay's wisdom and insight were instrumental in developing the journal format and content. Since Kay's main area of interest centered on book reviews, she was named Associate Editor and Book Review Editor. She has served in this capacity since the first issue. I am so grateful to Dr. Kay Meyers for believing in my vision and for her help, support, guidance, and loyalty, not only to me, but to *SoTL-CHED*. Kay, you have my greatest admiration. I write this tribute to you out of love and friendship and pray that God will bless you and your family as you battle the debilitating effects of a stroke.

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