

## Biographic Sketch

**PAUL BURTON BELL, Jr., Ph.D.**  
**Dean, College of Arts and Sciences**  
**Vice Provost for Instruction**  
**Professor of Zoology**  
**The University of Oklahoma**



### EDUCATION:

Professor Bell is a native of Memphis, Tennessee. He received his undergraduate degree *cum laude* in Biology (1968) from Washington University, St. Louis, MO; took courses in Secondary Education (1970-71) from the University of Missouri at St. Louis, MO; and earned a Ph.D. in Biology (1975) from Yale University, New Haven, CT. He served as a Post-doctoral Fellow at Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden in 1974 and at California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA in Biology in 1974-76.

### HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:

Professor Bell has received numerous awards for his outstanding teaching, research and administrative leadership including an honorary Doctor of Philosophy from Linköping University, Linköping, Sweden (1997). He also received a Special Recognition Award from the Oklahoma Academic Advising Association in 1995 for his support of academic advising state-wide. Awards through the University of Oklahoma include: OU Research Council Junior Faculty Summer Fellowship (1980), OU College of Arts and Sciences Summer Fellowship (1981), the AMOCO Good Teaching Award, OU (1987), and University of Oklahoma Associates Distinguished Lecturer (1988).

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY and PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:

Professor Bell has served in a wide and diverse range of positions in education including undergraduate and graduate teaching assistant; high school science and biology teacher; high school curriculum developer; research fellow (Caltech); visiting assistant professor (UCLA); visiting scientist, guest researcher, and visiting lecturer (Linköping University). He began his employment at the University of Oklahoma as assistant professor in the Department of Zoology July 1979, earned tenure and was promoted to associate professor July 1986, and was promoted to full professor July 1993. Administrative positions at OU include Faculty Administrative Fellow in the Provost Office, Acting Registrar, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education and Programs and Associate Provost.

He assumed the responsibilities of Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Vice Provost for Instruction on June 30, 1997. Even with his administrative duties, he continues to teach histology and has developed an extensive internet site (<http://casweb.ou.edu/pbell/Histology/histo.home.html>) in support of this course. Professor Bell is a cell biologist with 38 peer-reviewed publications, 25 abstracts, one book review and one technical report. He has also given numerous invited talks to a variety of groups including high schools, community organizations, Junior Chambers of Commerce, various university groups, the Oklahoma Academy of Science, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the US Marine Corps and GEICO. He currently serves on the state-wide Council on Instruction of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education; as Past-President of the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences; Chairman of the Board of the OU Confucius Institute; and on the boards of the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics, The OU University Club and the Sutton Avian Research Center. He is also a member of the International Commission of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities. He is actively involved in promoting the globalization of the university and the international exchange of faculty and students.

### PERSONAL NOTES:

Dr. Bell is interested in languages. He is fluent in Swedish and French, speaks Spanish, reads and understands Norwegian, reads Danish and is studying Chinese. He is married to Terry Carrel Bell (Syracuse, B.S. '64), has two children and two grandchildren.