

David Laird Dungan (1936–2008) was a Distinguished Professor of the Humanities and Emeritus Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and a leading scholar of the Synoptic Problem. As a member of the research team of the International Institute for Gospel Studies, he took the name of UTK's Department of Religious Studies out into the world with his original scholarship on New Testament sources and interpretations.

The son of Presbyterian missionaries, Dungan was born in New Haven, Connecticut, and lived in Shanghai, China (until 1940), and in Berea, Kentucky, where he graduated from high school in 1953. He earned degrees from The College of Wooster (B.A. 1957), McCormick Seminary in Chicago (B.D. 1963), and Harvard Divinity School (Th.D. 1968). During his tenure at UT (1967- 2002), he established a reputation as an inspirational and provocative teacher of courses in biblical literature, church history, images of Jesus, environmental studies, and the legacy of the Vietnam War. He frequently spoke on these issues to communities in the Knoxville region.

Dungan was a Distinguished Lindsay Young professor, a founding member of the Institute for the Renewal of Gospel Studies, and was awarded the Thomas Jefferson Faculty Prize at UT in 2000. He was also invited to teach at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome in 1976-1977 and again in 2006. He died suddenly on November 30, 2008.

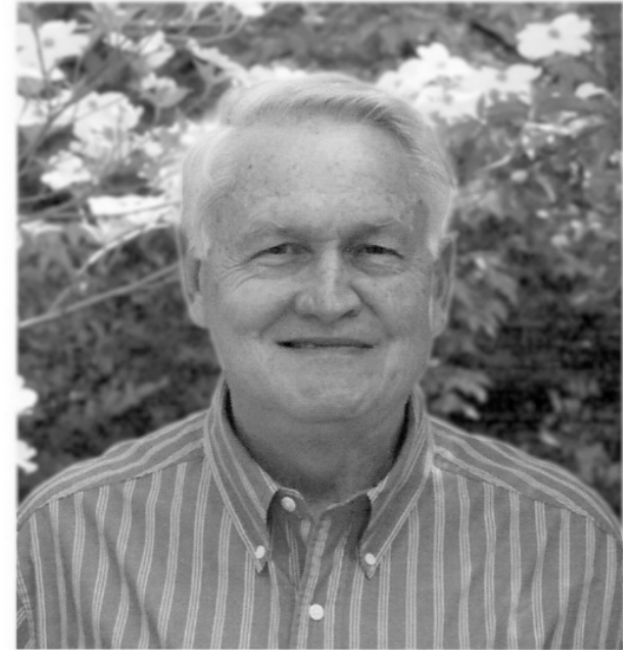
He was perhaps best known for his 1999 book, *A History of the Synoptic Problem: the Canon, the Text, the Composition, and the Interpretation of the Gospels* (Doubleday), as well as his co-edited work, *The International Bible Commentary* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1998). His final book was *Constantine's Bible: Politics and the Making of the New Testament* (Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 2006).

The David L. Dungan Memorial Lecture Fund was established in 2010 to honor Dr. Dungan's achievements, diverse interests, and positive impact on students' lives. The fund will be used to bring eminent scholars to Knoxville who specialize in early Christianity and the resources for studying early Christianity, but also on the contemporary religious issues that so concerned David Dungan, such as the environment, war and peace, missions, and the future of Christianity.

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Bart D. Ehrman (Ph.D., M.Div. Princeton Theological Seminary; B.A. Wheaton College) is the James A. Gray Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He has published 24 books and dozens of shorter articles on the New Testament and early Christianity.



Ehrman is an expert on the New Testament manuscript tradition, the historical Jesus, the early Christian apocrypha, and the Apostolic Fathers. He has also made his expertise readily accessible to the audiences of *The Daily Show*, *The Colbert Report*, the History Channel, and NPR's *Fresh Air*, among others.

Ehrman's recent books include: *The Lost Gospel of Judas Iscariot; Jesus, Interrupted* (NYT bestseller); *God's Problem* (NYT bestseller), *Misquoting Jesus* (NYT bestseller); and *Apostolic Fathers*, Loeb Classical Library.

Professor Ehrman has served as President of the Southeast Region of the Society of Biblical Literature, chair of the New Testament textual criticism section of the Society, book review editor of the *Journal of Biblical Literature*, and editor of the monograph series *The New Testament in the Greek Fathers* (Scholars Press). He currently serves as co-editor of the series *New Testament Tools, Studies, and Documents* (E. J. Brill), co-editor-in-chief for the journal *Vigiliae Christianae*, and on several other editorial boards for journals and monographs in the field.

Professor Ehrman lectures extensively throughout the country. Winner of numerous university awards and grants, he is the recipient of the 2009 J. W. Pope "Spirit of Inquiry" Teaching Award, the 1993 UNC Undergraduate Student Teaching Award, the 1994 Phillip and Ruth Hettleman Prize for Artistic and Scholarly Achievement, and the Bowman and Gordon Gray Award for excellence in teaching.

Opening remarks

Rosalind I. J. Hackett, Professor and Head, Dept. of Religious Studies

Welcome

Harry McSween, Distinguished Professor and Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Reflections on the life and work of David L. Dungan

David Linge, Emeritus Professor, Dept. of Religious Studies

Speaker introduction

Christine Shepardson, Associate Professor, Dept. of Religious Studies

"Does the New Testament Contain Forgeries? The Surprising Claims of Modern Scholars"

Bart D. Ehrman, James A. Gray Distinguished Professor, Dept. of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Moderator

Christine Shepardson, Associate Professor, Dept. of Religious Studies

Question and answer session

Reception

University Center Ballroom

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