



**DAVID LAIRD DUNGAN** (1936–2008) was Distinguished Professor of the Humanities and Emeritus Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Tennessee. During his tenure at UT from 1967 through 2002, Dungan was a Distinguished Lindsay Young Professor, a founding member of the Institute for the Renewal of Gospel Studies, and winner of the Thomas Jefferson Faculty Prize at UT in 2000. He passed away suddenly on November 30, 2008.

He specialized in the study of the New Testament and Early Christianity and was a leading scholar of the Synoptic Problem. In the classroom, 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 religious communities in the Knoxville area.

As a member of the research team of the International Institute for Gospel Studies, he shared his original scholarship on New Testament sources and interpretations with scholars and public audiences throughout the world. His reputation and standing in the scholarly community reflected well on the Department of Religious Studies and the university. He taught by invitation at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome in 1976 and 1977 and again in 2006.

The son of Presbyterian missionaries, Dungan was born in New Haven, Connecticut, and lived in Shanghai, China until 1940, and later in Berea, Kentucky, where he graduated from high school in 1953. He earned the Bachelor of Arts degree from The College of Wooster in 1957, the Bachelor of Divinity degree from McCormick Seminary in Chicago in 1963, and the Doctor of Theology degree from Harvard Divinity School in 1968. A prolific scholar, Professor Dungan was perhaps best known for two publications: *A History of the Synoptic Problem: The Canon, the Text, the Composition, and the Interpretation of the Gospels* (Doubleday, 1999) and his co-edited work, *The International Bible Commentary* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1998). His most recent book was *Constantine's Bible: Politics and the Making of the New Testament* (Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 2006).

A full list of his publications can be found at [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David\\_Laird\\_Dungan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Laird_Dungan).

The David L. Dungan Memorial Lecture Fund was established in 2010 to honor Professor Dungan's achievements, diverse interests, and positive impact on students' lives. The fund provides support for an annual lecture on campus that features an eminent scholar who specializes in early Christianity, and the resources for studying early Christianity or contemporary religious issues of concern to Professor Dungan, such as the environment, war and peace, missions, and the future of liberal Christianity. The inaugural David L. Dungan Memorial Lecture was presented by Professor Bart Ehrman in 2011. Speakers in years following include Jeff Sharlet (2012), Paula Fredriksen (2013), Bron Taylor (2014), and Amy-Jill Levine (2015).

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**SPEAKER:**

**Professor Jonathan L. Walton**

Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister, Harvard  
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Social ethicist and scholar of American religions Jonathan L. Walton joined the faculty of Harvard Divinity School in July 2010 and President Drew Faust appointed him Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in Harvard's Memorial Church in 2012.

Formerly an assistant professor of religious studies at the University of

California, Riverside, Professor Walton's research addresses the intersections of religion, politics, and media culture. He is the author of *Watch This! The Ethics and Aesthetics of Black Televangelism*. He has also published widely in scholarly journals such as *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation and Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies*.

His work and insights have also been featured in several national and international news outlets including the *New York Times*, CNN, and the BBC.

Walton earned his PhD in Religion & Society and MDiv from Princeton Theological Seminary. He also holds a BA in Political Science from Morehouse College in Atlanta. He serves on several professional boards and committees, which include the Board of Trustees at Princeton Theological Seminary, and the National Advisory Board of the John C. Danforth Center on Religion & Politics at Washington University in St. Louis.

## PROGRAM

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**Mark Hulsether**

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### QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

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