



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. Later he moved to

Berea, Kentucky, where he graduated from high school in 1953. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from The College of Wooster in 1957, a Bachelor of Divinity degree from McCormick Seminary in Chicago in 1963, and a 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* (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.

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), Amy-Jill Levine (2015), and Jonathan L. Walton (2016).

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Sexual (Im)morality in Early Christianity

Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 5:30 PM
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Sexual (Im)morality in Early Christianity

When Paul and other early Christian authors condemned sex acts and desires as “porneia,” what counted as sexual immorality for the authors of the New Testament and early Christianity? Only “fornication” (that is, sex outside marriage)? Or many other actions that modern conservative Christians think are perfectly permissible, as long as they are performed in the “marriage bed”? In his talk, Martin argues that the ancient Christian (and Jewish) authors condemned many more actions than modern conservative Christians, including many desires modern Christians consider perfectly acceptable.



SPEAKER: DALE B. MARTIN
Woolsey Professor of Religious Studies
Yale University

Dale B. Martin specializes in New Testament and Christian origins, including attention to social and cultural history of the Greco-Roman world. He is the author of six books and several articles on topics related to the ancient family, gender and sexuality in the ancient world, and ideology of modern biblical scholarship. Martin was an associate editor for the revision and expansion of the *Encyclopedia of Religion*, published in 2005. He has held fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (Germany), the Lilly Foundation, the Fulbright Commission (USA-Denmark), and the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (elected 2009).

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