



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), Jonathan L. Walton (2016), and Dale B. Martin (2017).

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