

2009 International Christian Evidence Conference

Jesus: The Witness of History

Presenters

Dr. Everett Ferguson is Professor of Church History Emeritus at Abilene Christian University. His numerous academic and scholarly honors include an honorary John Harvard Fellowship (1956-57), a Harvard Graduate School Fellowship (1958-59), a Ph.D. "with distinction" (Harvard, 1960), and selection as the John G. Gammie Senior Lecturer by the Southwest Commission for Religious Studies, 1996-97. He is a member of the Council of the Association Internationale d'Etudes Patristiques and past president of the North American Patristics Society. Dr. Ferguson has been co-editor (with

Elizabeth A. Clark) of the *Journal of Early Christian Studies*. His other publications include *Backgrounds of Early Christianity* (Eerdmans, 2nd ed. 1993), *Encyclopedia of Early Christianity*, ed. (Garland, 2nd ed. 1997), *Recent Studies in Early Christianity*, ed. (Garland, 1999), *The Church of Christ: A Biblical Ecclesiology for Today* (Eerdmans, 1996) *Early Christians Speak* (ACU Press, 3rd ed. 1999) and *Baptism in the Early Church* (Eerdmans, 2009). Dr. Ferguson will be teaching two class titled "Is The New Testament Reliable?" and "What Really Happened at the Council of Nicaea?" as well as participating in the Apologetics Forum.

Dr. L. Arik Greenberg is a scholar of New Testament whose research interests also touch on the subject of Greco-Roman history and religions, emphasizing the Roman military and material culture. Dr. Greenberg has just published his first book, *My Share of God's Reward, Exploring the Roles and Formulations of the Afterlife in Early Christian Martyrdom* (Peter Lang, 2009). His research and pedagogy offer a uniquely ecumenical take on early Christianity and Second Temple Judaism, emphasizing the theological diversity within these and treating them as a model for modern religious tolerance.

Dr. Greenberg currently serves on the Theological Studies faculty of Loyola Marymount University. He also serves as director of a newly founded institution, MARS: the Museum of the Ancient Roman Soldier. (B.A., Wesleyan U.; M.A.T.S., Claremont School of Theology; M.A., Ph.D., Claremont Graduate University) Dr. Greenberg will be co teaching a class titled "The Roman Guard and the Empty Tomb." His web site is www.drarikgreenberg.com

Dr. Douglas Jacoby is an international Christian speaker and writer, and has lectured in over 90 nations. He is also principal instructor in the Athens Institute of Ministry. He received his bachelors in history from Duke, a Masters in Theology from Harvard Divinity School, and a doctorate in Ministry from Drew University. He has debated leading scholars in their respective fields such as Dr. Michael Shermer, Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, and Imam Shabir Ally. His interests include cosmology, biology,

and ancient languages. Douglas' books include *Jesus and Islam* (2009), *The Bible Quiz Book* (2008) *Genesis, Science and History* (2004), *True and Reasonable* (4th ed. 2005), *The Quiver* (2007) and many more, as well as many DVD sets on both apologetics and Bible teaching topics. All are available at www.ipibooks.com. Douglas' web-sites are www.douglasjacoby.com and www.jacobypremium.com. Dr Jacoby will be teaching a class titled "Dealing with Doubt, as well as taking on Robert Price in the Debate "Jesus: Man, Myth or Messiah and participating in the Apologetics Forum

Glenn Giles received his M. Div from Lincoln Christian Seminary as well as his Th. M in New Testament from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He is currently working on this Ph. D in Biblical Studies at Trinity Theological Seminary and serves as an elder for his congregation. He has taught courses in apologetics such as, "The Jesus Seminar and Radical Higher Criticism" and has written several articles on the subject of Theology and Apologetics. Glenn will be teaching a class titled "The Documentary Hypothesis."

Tom Hedman, Ph.D. - Orthopedics' founder, and ILS's CSO and Chairman, Tom Hedman, Ph.D., has been involved in orthopedics research and development since 1983, with a focus on spinal biomechanics since 1985. He is currently an Associate Professor at Texas A&M in the Biomedical Engineering Department. He has published numerous articles in peer-reviewed scientific journals, made scores of scientific presentations around the world and has taught classes in apologetics on the subject of intelligent design. Dr. Hedman will be teaching a class titled, "Awe vs. Arrogance in Health Science

Research".

Dr. Robert Kurka is a Professor of Theology and Culture at Lincoln Christian Seminary. Dr. Kurka has been a visiting lecturer for Ghana Christian University in Accra, Ghana (2004, 2005), and the Eastern Asia Graduate School in Yangon, Myanmar (2005). He has more than twenty years of preaching ministry experience in a variety of settings. He is currently an elder at Lincoln Christian Church. Bob Kurka joined the Lincoln Christian Seminary faculty in 2006, following a 21 year undergraduate teaching career at St. Louis Christian College and Lincoln Christian College (since 1992). Dr. Kurka is a

graduate of Crossroads College (BA, 1975); Lincoln Christian Seminary (M. Div., Theology/Philosophy, 1979); and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (D. Min., 1984). Dr. Kurka's most recent publications include a chapter in the Evangelicalism and Stone-Campbell Movement series (InterVarsity and Abilene Christian University Presses), and an article in the Evangelical Theological Society (March 2007). Dr. Kurka is a member and presenter of the Evangelical Theological Society. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Dr. Kurka is the director of the newly created Issachar Institute a scholarly "think-tank" that promotes Biblical worldview thinking. Dr. Kurka will be teaching a class titled "Responding to Competing Pictures of Jesus" as well as participating in the Apologetics Forum..

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Dr. Denis Lamoureux is an assistant professor of science and religion at St. Joseph's College in the University of Alberta. Dr. Lamoureux's academic specialty focuses on the modern origins controversy. He holds three earned doctoral degrees: dentistry, theology, and biology. He is a member of the executive council of the Canadian Scientific and Christian Affiliation, a Fellow of the American Scientific Affiliation, and is cited in the Who's Who of Theology and Science. Lamoureux lectures throughout Canada and the United States in both Christian and secular academic institutions.



Foster Stanback is the chairman of the board of the Apologetics Research Society. He served for several years as a missionary in Mexico and has lectured on Christian evidences topics such as, "Adam and Human Evolution" and "The Resurrection of Jesus Christ," throughout the United States and Latin America. He is the author of *The Resurrection: A Historical Analysis* (IPI Books, 2008) and *Into All Nations* (IPI Books, 2005) and holds a M.A. degree in Sociology from Florida Atlantic University, an M.A. in Religion from Pepperdine University, and an M.A. in Psychology from the Pepperdine Graduate School of Education and Psychology. Foster lives in Southern California with his wife Coco and their three children. Foster will be co teaching a class titled "The Roman Guard and the Empty Tomb."



Dr. John Oakes is a professor of Chemistry at Grossmont College. He has a world wide teaching ministry, having spoken for universities and church groups in thirty-five countries. He serves as the president of the Apologetics Research Society; the sponsor of the Christian Apologetics Conference. He is a teacher and chief administrator of the apologetics certificate offered by ARS. He earned his PhD in chemical physics from the University of Colorado (1984) and has authored numerous books, including *Is There a God?* (2nd ed. 2008), *Reasons for Belief: A Handbook of Christian Evidences* (2nd ed. 2007) *From Shadow to Reality* (2005), *Daniel, Prophet to the Nations* (2nd ed. 2008) and *That You May Believe* (2008), as well as a number of CDs and DVDs, all available at www.ipibooks.com. John lives in Southern California with his wife Jan. His web site is www.evidenceforchristianity.org

