

Distinguished Achievement Citation

James H. Charlesworth

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It is a privilege to honor Dr. James Charlesworth with the Distinguished Achievement Citation.

Dr. Charlesworth is the George L. Collord Professor of New Testament Language and Literature at Princeton Theological Seminary where he is also Editor of the Princeton Dead Sea Scrolls Project. The Princeton Project is preparing the first full critical edition of texts and translations, with introductions and notes, of all the non-biblical Dead Sea Scrolls.

When a major collection of unpublished Dead Sea Scrolls were made available, without restriction to scholars, in 1991, prompting significant repercussion in the religious world, Dr. Charlesworth was interviewed by national media including the New York Times, The Christian Science Monitor, and Good Morning America, confirming him as an authority on the subject.

He holds degrees from Ohio Wesleyan, Duke Divinity School and Duke Graduate School. From 1969 to 1984, Dr. Charlesworth was a professor of religion at Duke University and in 1988 he was Lady Davis Professor in the History Department of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He has been a Fulbright Fellow at the University of Edinburgh, Alexander von Humboldt Follow at Tubingen Universitat, Sanderson Lecturer at Melbourne University, Fellow of the American Council of Learned Societies and has received major grants from numerous foundations.

Dr. Charlesworth is editor of the first full collection of the Old Testament Pseudepigrapha (which won the BAS Book Award in 1984 and 1986) and of the Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha and Related Literatures and its monograph series. In addition he has authored or edited more than 26 books and over 150 articles.

An ordained Methodist minister, Dr. Charlesworth was special guest at the Ohio Wesleyan clergy reunion in 1992 which coincided with his appearance here as the year's Merrick lecturer.

Ohio Wesleyan is proud to recognize Dr. Charlesworth as an alumnus offering significant historical and intellectual insight into the language and literature or theology.

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