



About James D. Tabor

James D. Tabor is chair of the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte where he has taught since 1989. He earned his undergraduate and master's degrees in biblical languages from Pepperdine University and holds a doctorate in biblical studies with an emphasis on Christian origins and ancient Judaism, including the Dead Sea Scrolls, John the Baptist, Jesus, James and Paul from the University of Chicago. Tabor has served as chair of UNC Charlotte's Religious Studies department since 2004.

He previously held positions at the University of Notre Dame (1979-85) and the College of William and Mary (1985-89).

Tabor has published several books and a wide variety of scholarly and popular articles in books, journals, and magazines.

His current research involves the newly released Dead Sea Scrolls, and he has combined extensive field work with his textual research. Most recently he has excavated with Shimon Gibson, a field archaeologist working in Israel and Palestine, at a newly discovered cave outside Jerusalem, at Suba, which appears to contain primitive Jewish-Christian art related to John the Baptist.

Tabor serves as Chief Editor of the Original Bible Project, an effort to produce a historical-linguistic translation of the Bible with notes. He is often consulted by the national media and has been quoted in or appeared on Time, Newsweek, U.S. News & World Report, The New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post, The Wall St. Journal, Harpers, Associated Press, NBC, CBS, ABC, FOX, PBS Frontline and A&E (TV & Radio), particularly in connection with the Dead Sea Scrolls, modern apocalypticism and millennialism.

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About UNC Charlotte's Religious Studies Department

Religious Studies is a department within UNC Charlotte's College of Arts and Sciences. With more than 20 faculty members, the department offers bachelor's and master's degrees in religious studies, a minor in religious studies and an interdisciplinary minor in Judaic studies. Current Religious Studies enrollment is approximately 100 students in the bachelor's degree program and 20 in the master's degrees curriculum.

The Department of Religious Studies makes an explicit commitment to free, non-dogmatic inquiry into religion from a pluralistic and cross-cultural perspective. Religious studies is an inquiry into the fundamental stories, myths, symbols and practices by which communities have attempted to make sense out of themselves and the worlds in which they live. The department offers courses in Asian and Western religions, both ancient and modern, and courses that explore topics in religion in modern culture that are not limited to any one religious tradition. Attention is given to a wide range of attempts to deal with the ultimate questions about the nature of the cosmos, the nature of human beings, and the origins and destiny of human life. This wide-ranging emphasis places religious studies in dialogue with all the methods and disciplines of the liberal arts.

More information is online at: <http://www.religiousstudies.uncc.edu>

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