

About Irving Hexham



**Irving speaking at the Kuyper Conference,
Princeton Seminary
2012**



**Irving with his wife Prof. Karla Poewe
speaking at Colorado Christian University,
2017**

Irving left school at fifteen to become an apprentice gas fitter with the North Western Gas Board in Stockport, England. An evangelical conversion at the age of eighteen triggered a series of events that dramatically changed his life wrenching him out of his secular working class environment. After completing his apprenticeship, he moved into management. Then, encouraged by Dr. Francis Schaeffer, he obtained his BA (Hons) in Religious Studies from the University of Lancaster, an MA in Religious Studies and Theology, "with commendation," and a PhD in History from the University of Bristol. His MA thesis was the first British study of the New Age Movement while his PhD dealt with the origins of the ideology of apartheid.

He has published thirty-two books and monographs and worked as a general editor on another nine in addition to publishing ninety-one academic articles and chapters in books as well as sixty-eight short encyclopedia articles, numerous book reviews and journalistic articles. He has also published a set of video lectures.

Currently, he is Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Calgary in Canada and adjunct professor in the Theological Faculty of Northwest University in South Africa. Before moving to Calgary, he taught at several places including the evangelical graduate school, Regent College in Vancouver, and the Bishop Lonsdale College (Anglican), which later became the University of Derby.

He is an elected Fellow of both the Royal Anthropological Institute and Royal Historical Society and is listed in *Who's Who in Canada*. Irving belongs to various academic societies including Canadian Society for the Study of Religion, the Evangelical Theological Society, and the Berlin Society for the Study of Mission History. He is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Calgary.

Irving loves speaking to both secular and Christians groups, on radio talk shows and television, at conferences, or for special events and teaching short term courses. If you are interested in him speaking at your club, in your church, or at a conference he can be contacted at: hexham@shaw.ca

His website *Understanding World Religions* contains a large selection of open source works on religion. It can be found at: <http://understandingworldreligions.com/>