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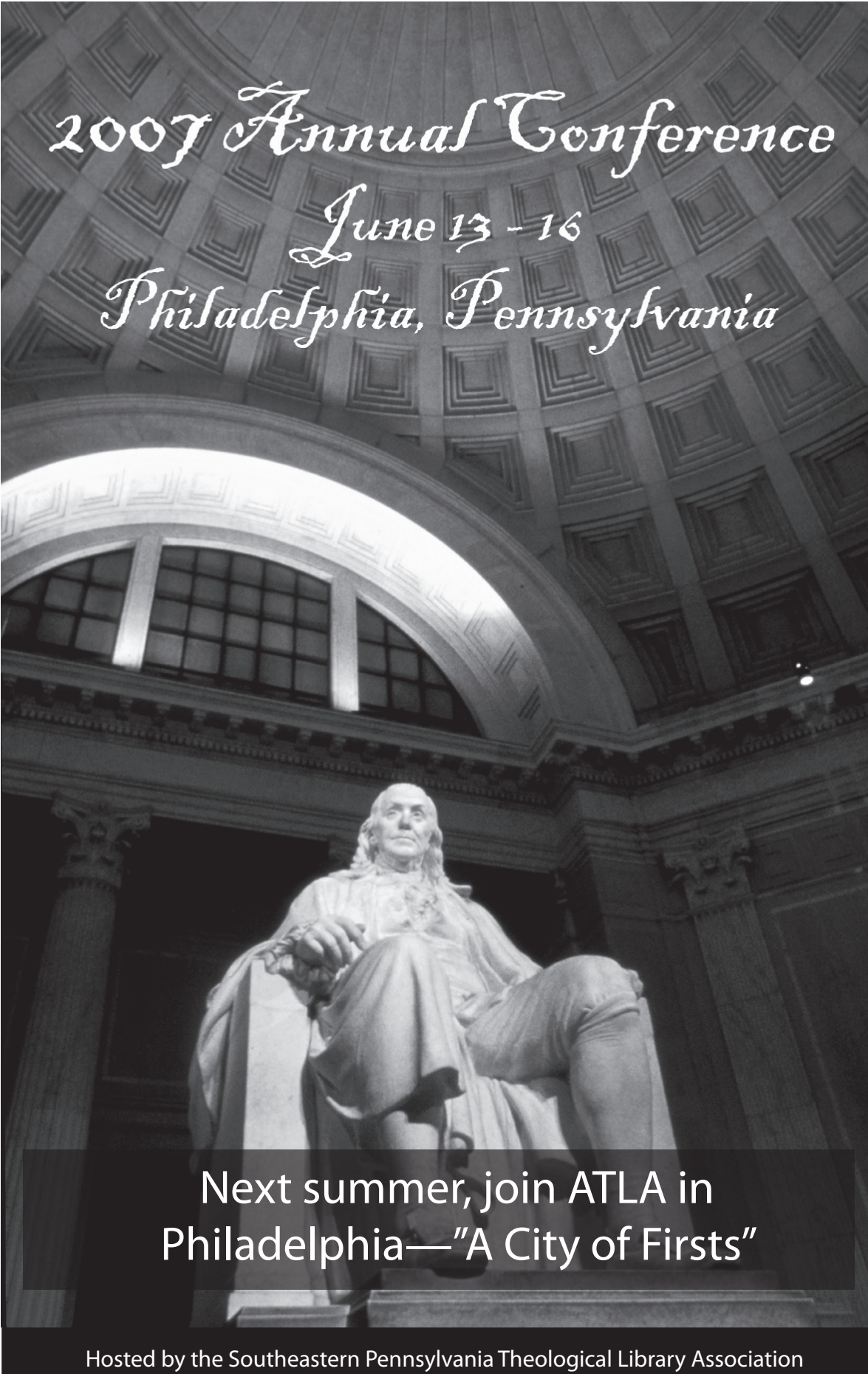
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President's Message



Dear Colleagues:

I urge you to vote— In your national, state and local elections of course, but more specifically for four members of the ATLA Board of Directors in January. In recent elections, only about a third of those eligible to vote have cast ballots. While I don't know how this level of participation compares with other professional associations, I do know that the Board of Directors wants to see the fullest possible participation in the elections. Electing the Board is the primary way the ATLA membership exercises its ownership of the Association. The Board is entrusted with representing the best interests of the membership in shaping Association policy. You, as a member, are best placed to vote for candidates who, when elected, will be conscientious, trustworthy, and knowledgeable in representing your professional needs and concerns and those of your institutions.

There will be two major changes to the process for the 2007 election. For the first time, the election will take place online and, after many years of using a preferential form of balloting, ATLA members will simply cast votes for the number of vacancies to be filled and the nominees receiving the most votes will be elected. Both of these changes are possible because of amendments to the Association's bylaws recommended by the Board and passed at this year's Annual Conference. When the Board discussed changing the way the election was con-

ducted, our primary concerns were that the process be fair, transparent, and as accessible to the members as possible. Of course, we have only anecdotal evidence and educated guesses for the reasons behind the relatively low participation, but we hope that online voting will make the process easier and more attractive. There is more information about the online voting process on page 4 of this *Newsletter*.

Since 1990, Board members have been elected using a system of preferential voting specified by *Robert's Rules of Order* that ensures there can be no ties requiring a second ballot. As long as the election was conducted by mail, this was a necessary consideration. Statisticians argue that the probability that preferential balloting will change the outcome of any election is very low. Nonetheless, the Board had two concerns about the preferential voting system. First, the voting process is sufficiently complex that we feared the risk of receiving invalid ballots was high and that members were being discouraged from voting. Second, a nominee has to receive at least some first choice votes in order to be elected. A nominee could be ranked second choice on every ballot received and not be elected. Under the new system of voting, the nominees who receive the most votes will be elected, and if there is a tie that needs to be broken, the teller's committee will select from among the tied candidates by lot.

Of course, there may be other reasons why some members have not been voting. As compact as ATLA is, we cannot all know one another. The brief biographical information and concise personal statements published on the ballot may not provide enough data for all members to feel they can make an informed decision. If that is the case, please consider doing a bit of research. Look at past *Proceedings* and check for additional information about candidates on the Web, particularly on the sites of the nominees' home institutions. Perhaps that's asking a

lot for a professional association election, but I hope you will make the effort. If you have suggestions for better ways to help members learn about the candidates for the Board, please feel free to send them to any member of the Board.

I also want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of those who have agreed to be nominated to the Board. ATLA is blessed with an extraordinary depth of talent and commitment among its members. There are nine candidates for four openings on the Board. This means that you have real choices in casting your ballot. It also means that five gifted people will *not* be elected this year. In standing for election, they are also serving the Association and it is important that we recognize that service. I am confident they will continue to serve the Association in other ways as well.

When the Nominating Committee puts together a slate of candidates, they do so with an eye to providing both diversity and representation of the membership. Our bylaws provide that other candidates can be nominated by petition signed by any ten members, in part to ensure that the Board does represent the will of the members. However, the process only works when you, the members, exercise the privilege and responsibility of voting for the candidates you believe are truly the best choices for the work at hand. Please vote and help ensure ATLA's continued success.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Duane Harbin".

Duane Harbin
ATLA Board President
Perkins School of Theology, SMU



ATLA Strategic Planning Process

During the fall the departmental directors and I have been conducting retreats to develop the ATLA Strategic Plan for 2007-2010 (September 1, 2007 – August 31, 2010). Our goal is to present a draft of the plan to the ATLA Board of Directors at their January 2007 midwinter meeting.

Normally we would have developed the plan a year ago. Last year, however, we had to devote our full time and attention to planning our new headquarters and upcoming move (March 2006), and planning for hosting the 2006 Annual Conference. For that reason we postponed the strategic plan process until this fall.

We've made several decisions about the plan already:

- Rather than organize the plan around the four traditional organizational ends of ATLA, we are taking a broader view of enterprise-wide issues and challenges. While making a clear distinction between commercial products and member projects, we are also planning to address structural issues;
- We are more clearly addressing the distinction between members and customers, while recognizing that most of our members are also customers;
- We are designing the plan to meet all of our public commitments and promises while insuring that the products and projects we pursue are financially viable;
- We are focusing on clear criteria for planning, developing, and assessing products and projects.

It promises to be an exciting three-year period. We will share the preliminary plan with you in the February 2007 newsletter, and it will go into effect on September 1, 2007.

Dennis A. Norlin
ATLA Executive Director



2007 ATLA Board of Directors Election Update

It is definitely election season. In Illinois, there are several closely contested races and it seems everywhere I turn I'm faced with a billboard, an attack ad on TV and an increasing number of mailings received at my home. One of those helpful mailings was very welcome however—from Board Secretary Roberta Schaafsma regarding the ATLA 2007 Board of Directors election. I was delighted to see that the Nominating Committee had identified nine candidates for the 2007 election, which exhibits the depth of talent and skills among the ATLA membership.

Of course, I wear two hats at ATLA as an individual member and Director of Member Services. I have the privilege of staffing the election and would like to highlight two changes to the voting procedures that will take effect with the 2007 election.

Voting Method

At the June 24th Business Meeting, ATLA members approved changes to Bylaws Articles 4.3 and 4.4. Included in those changes was a revision to the method of voting, stated as follows: *Candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the number of vacant positions shall be declared elected.* This year members will cast their votes for four names listed on the ballot, rather than ranking all the names as in the past.

| ATLA Board Election Time Line | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| October 15, 2006 | ATLA reports slate of nominees to membership. |
| December 1, 2006 | Deadline for write-in candidates. |
| December 6, 2006 | ATLA delivers final slate and biographies to Survey & Ballot Systems (SBS). |
| January 15, 2007 | SBS executes the broadcast e-mail and opens Web balloting site. |
| January 15 –March 1, 2007 | SBS monitors and maintains Web voting activity. |
| January 15 –March 1, 2007 | SBS receives paper and Web ballots, validates members and processes paper ballots. |
| March 2, 2007 | SBS tabulates and delivers results to Nominating Committee by 12 noon EST. |
| May 1, 2007 | Publication of winners' names in May Newsletter. |

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FAQs - 2007 Elections

Ballot Format

The 2007 election will be performed via electronic ballot. ATLA has contracted with Survey & Ballot Systems (www.surveyandballot.com/) to administer the web election process. Survey & Ballot Systems (SBS) handles the ALA election as well as numerous other library and member associations and may already be familiar to you.

Ballots and the candidates' biographical statements will be sent via email in January to voting members in good standing. The initial/broadcast e-mail message will be coming from the following address: atlavote@directvote.net. Please add this address to your address book or alert your IT staff to allow it through your library's firewall. ATLA has emails on file for roughly 90% of voting members, and staff will seek to increase that number as the election nears. Please consider providing your email address for this purpose.

Lastly, I've included some frequently asked questions about the DirectVote® website to inform you about procedures and security (*see box at right*).

For questions on the new voting procedures, please contact me at bkemmis@atla.com. For questions about your membership status, or to supply your e-mail address, please contact Timothy Smith, Membership Associate/Exhibits Coordinator, at tsmith@atla.com. We can also be reached at (888) 665-2852.

Respectfully submitted,

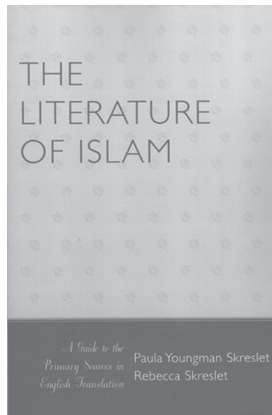
Barbara Kemmis
ATLA Director of Member Services



- 1) **How will the Web site confirm my identity?** You will be provided with a unique voter login ID and E-signature, which will be used by the voting Web site to confirm your identity.
- 2) **What is an E-signature?** An E-signature is a randomly generated set of alphanumeric characters which are assigned to each voter. Only DirectVote® has access to the assignment of E-signatures.
- 3) **How are votes by individual voters kept confidential?** Only DirectVote® has access to the votes cast by voters. Upon request by the organization holding the election, DirectVote® may disclose to that organization the fact that you voted, but not how you cast your votes.
- 4) **How will the Web site prevent voting more than once?** A member's login information will be disabled immediately after submitting the web ballot, preventing the member from logging in to the voting website again.
- 5) **How will I know that my ballot has been received?** After submitting your ballot, you will receive an e-mail message confirming that it has been received.
- 6) **If I make a mistake while voting, can I change it?** Yes. It is very easy to review and change your votes before your ballot is officially submitted for processing. After you make your selections, votes will be displayed on a confirmation screen. At that time, you may either change your selections, or you may submit your ballot. Also, the web site will verify that you have voted within the correct parameters — for example, that you did not over vote or under vote — and will advise you of any corrections that must be made. This additional safeguard, which cannot be offered if you vote by mail, will ensure the validity of your web ballot. *After you submit your ballot*, however, it cannot be changed. Submitting your ballot on the web is analogous to placing your printed ballot in the mailbox; once your ballot has been mailed, it cannot be changed.
- 7) **How are Internet security issues addressed?** Several layers of security are employed to protect the election website. **a)** Votes are transmitted from the voter's computer to a data center using SSL (Secure Sockets Layer), the industry-standard encryption technology used to conduct financial transactions on the Web. **b)** The DirectVote® data center incorporates an intrusion detection system and continuously monitors for suspicious activity and dynamically reacts to any known attempts. **c)** The voting website employs passive and active network monitoring and security monitoring services to detect and prevent unauthorized access. For instance, the election website application has been programmed and tested by third-party certified security professionals to defend against hacking vulnerabilities such as session hijacking, SQL injection, and cross-site scripting. **d)** The website server and its applications have gone through extensive hardening and testing for security and are maintained continuously to ward off new vulnerabilities. **e)** The voting data is stored at the secure data center with controlled, monitored access 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
- 8) **Which browsers can be used to vote on the Web?** Most leading Web browsers such as Internet Explorer and Netscape (versions 5.0 and newer) can be used to vote on the Web. However, if you are using an older version of a Web browser, you should update your software to use the voting Web site. Software updates can typically be found from the manufacturer free of charge on the Web.

Member Notes

New Addition to the ATLA Publication Series



Scarecrow Press has published *The Literature of Islam: A Guide to the Primary Sources in English Translation* by **Dr. Paula Youngman Skreslet** and Rebecca Skreslet. This book introduces the literature of Islam as it is presented in English translation.

Paula Youngman Skreslet is Reference Librarian and Archivist at Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, VA. She is the author of *Northern Africa: A Guide to Reference and Information Sources* (2000). Rebecca Skreslet has a M.A. in Arab Studies from Georgetown University and is the author of the forthcoming book *Exploring the "New Fiqh": A Sociolinguistic Study of an Islamic Legal Opinion*.

(The Scarecrow Press, Inc. \$45.00 Paper 0-8108-5408-2 Sep 2006 264pp Series: ATLA Publications Series)



New Regional Theological Library Association

On April 3, nine theological librarians from Upstate and Western New York met on the campus of Le Moyne College in Syracuse to organize LITANY, a new regional theological library association. Attendees elected **James Mancuso** (Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary—Northeast Campus) as President; **Dr. Barry Hamilton**

(Northeastern Seminary) as Secretary; and Gretchen Pearson (Le Moyne College) as Treasurer. At-large members include Paul Spaeth (St. Bonaventure University) as Communications Chair and William Kanalley (Siena College). Attendees adopted Rules and Bylaws, and considered strategies for recruiting new theological librarians from the region. Jim Mancuso suggested the name, LITANY, an acronym for Libraries Interested in Theology Across New York.

Current members plan annual meetings—with continuing education opportunities—to coincide with the New York Library Association's Annual Conference.

The new association invites prospective members in Upstate and Western New York, who live outside areas currently served by other regional theological library associations, to contact Jim Mancuso (jimancuso@mabtsne.edu) or Barry Hamilton (Hamilton_Barry@roberts.edu).

Barry W. Hamilton, Northeastern Seminary



Norlin Attends RLIT

Executive Director Dennis A. Norlin represented ATLA at the 6th biennial meeting of Red Latinoamericana de Información Teológica (RLIT; formerly the Latin American Theological Information

Network) in Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 10-14. Also representing ATLA were **Mariel Deluca Voth** (the Latin American representative of the Special Committee of the Association for International Collaboration) and **Melody Mazuk** and **Mayra Picos-Lee**, who attended as guests. While there, Norlin and Dr. Pablo Adinach, Director of the ISEDET library in Buenos Aires, signed an agreement to add *Cuadernos de Teológica*, ISEDET's official theological journal, to the *ATLASerials* collection. ISEDET (Instituto Superior Evangélico de Estudios Teológicos) is one of the oldest and largest theological libraries in all of Latin America, founded in 1892 and currently serving a student body of nearly 600 students.



New Member Benefit for Individual, Student and Lifetime Members

ATLA is pleased to offer a new member benefit to Individual, Student, and Lifetime members. ATLA has contracted with Club Quarters, a full service hotel serving associations and corporations in 13 locations in the United States and Europe. Club Quarters, www.clubquarters.com, offers affordable rates in desirable cities and is now the official hotel housing ATLA committee and board members in Chicago. We're pleased to offer access to these affordable rates to



RLIT Meeting: Pictured at left are **Dennis Norlin**, Dr. Adinach, **Mariel Deluca Voth** (in back) and ISEDET staff members at the signing.

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qualified members. Watch your mailboxes for a flyer detailing this new benefit. If you'd like more information immediately, please contact Timothy Smith, tsmith@atla.com or 888/665-2852.



IFLA/OCLC Fellows Announced

Ms. Nevena Tomić, Library Manager of the Cultural Centre "Students' City" in Belgrade, Serbia, is the second theological librarian to receive an IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellowship. Ms. Tomić and the other Fellows in the Class of 2007 will be in the United States next May. Although most of their professional development will take place in Dublin, Ohio, they expect to visit libraries and cultural institutions in selected cities in the United States, including Chicago.

Ms. Tomić has been a librarian at the Cultural Centre "Students' City" since 2001,

and Chief Librarian since 2004. She holds a library and information science specialist degree from the Faculty of Philology, Belgrade University, Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro. Ms. Tomić also serves as librarian for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Belgrade, which she describes as her main field of interest.

This is the third year ATLA has joined IFLA and OCLC in sponsoring five new librarians from countries with developing economies. The other four new Fellows are from Ghana, Brazil, Philippines, and the West Indies. The announcement was made last week at IFLA's annual meeting in Seoul, Korea. See the full press release and application information for the 2008 Fellowship Program: www.oclc.org/education/earlycareer/default.htm#current.



Two New ATLA Discussion Lists Up and Running

ATLA-Ministry

A suggestion was made at the roundtable, "Called to be a Librarian," that a discussion list be started to continue the conversation about theological librarianship as ministry. The list will also help build a stronger community among lay and clergy ministers interested in and/or currently serving in the field of theological librarianship.

If you are interested in subscribing to and/or participating in this list, please e-mail **Myka Kennedy Stephens**, list administrator, at mykaks@gmail.com.

ATLA-Ethics

This discussion list was created in response to a roundtable discussion, "Professional Ethics in Theological Libraries: What, Why,


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and How?," moderated by **Gary Daught** at the 2006 ATLA Annual Conference in Chicago. The roundtable focused on the fact that there is no established mechanisms within ATLA for providing guidance or resources on information and professional ethics issues in the theological (and other academic) library setting.

The initial roundtable discussion could do little more than introduce, raise awareness, and gauge interest in continuing to formalize the issue within ATLA. The participants expressed a clear desire to continue to discuss the issue and work toward some formal statement (e.g., code of ethics?) and/or proposed course(s) of action (e.g., constitute a standing Ethics Committee, develop and/or collect educational resources and workshops on pertinent ethical issues, etc.).

ATLA-Ethics is a venue for continuing this conversation. The list is open to all interested persons within ATLA. Visit the list's webpage (www.atla.com/member/atlantisc_discussion_groups/atla-ethics.html) for subscription information. A specific purpose of list conversation is to work toward the development of a formal statement of professional ethics, and/or suggest various proposals for action to the ATLA Board and membership. The results of this conversation will be collected and presented in a second roundtable at the 2007 Annual Conference in Philadelphia.



ATLA Members Invited to Reception and ATLA Booth at AAR/SBL

Please join us for the American Theological Library Association Member Reception at the Renaissance Washington, 999 Ninth Street, NW, DC, Congressional C Room on Saturday, November 18, 2006, 4:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

ATLA Products and Services will be exhibiting, so please stop by booth #918 and say hello. ATLA staff attending the meeting include: Dennis Norlin, executive director, Barbara Kemmis, director of member

services, Timothy Smith, membership associate, Margot Lyon, director of business development, Lavonne Jahnke, business development representative, and Gregg Taylor, database manager for acquisitions and bibliographic control.



ATLA Member Takes New Position

ATLA offers its congratulations to **Tolonda Henderson**. She was recently appointed as the Librarian for Reference and Access Services for the Gardner A. Sage Library at New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Brunswick, New Jersey.



TLM a Success!

As we go to print, thirteen ATLA member institutions have committed to celebrating Theological Libraries Month (TLM) on their campuses in variety of ways. Many of their materials are published on the ATLA website for your amusement and inspiration. Please tell us about how you celebrated TLM. Email your stories to bkemmis@atla.com, or complete the feedback survey: www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=642022627925



NACO training in 2007

ATLA will offer NACO Training February 26–March 2, 2007 at the Cenacle Conference and Retreat Center in Chicago, Illinois, instructed by Judy Knop, ATLA Digitization Coordinator. Requirements include institutional or personal membership in ATLA; 1-2 years cataloging experience; a letter of support from your supervisor or library director indicating a willingness to permit ongoing time for authority creation. Participants will use a laptop computer with internet connectivity during the training.

You are encouraged to bring your own (laptops may be rented locally for \$200).

To apply, send an email to jknop@atla.com containing your name, title, institution, address, phone, fax, email, a statement summarizing your cataloging experience, a statement indicating what type of records you anticipate creating, and an indication of how many records you might realistically expect to create in a given time period.

Participants will be responsible for travel and lodging expenses. ATLA has arranged for overnight lodging at the Cenacle (www.cenaclesisters.org/chcgcfnctr.htm) for a discounted price of \$225 for the week. Additional nights and meals may be requested. ATLA has made every effort to minimize the expenses related to this training for all participants and will fully subsidize the instructor and materials expense for the course. There is no additional financial assistance available at this time.

The cost of the training is as follows:

- Registration fee: \$265 (includes breakfast and lunch, parking, and wireless internet access for five days)
- Overnight fee (includes a single room for five nights): \$225
- A laptop computer with wireless internet connectivity is required for the training. ATLA can arrange for a rental laptop for an additional \$200.



Upcoming Newsletter Submissions

The deadline for submissions for the February issue of the *ATLA Newsletter* is January 1, 2007. Please send news items, announcements, etc., to Sara Corkery, Communications Specialist, at newsletter@atla.com. For submission guidelines see the newsletter home page: www.atla.com/member/publications/newsletter.html.



Member News

Reference Review

Encyclopedia of American Gospel Music, ed. W. K. McNeil. Routledge, 2005. 512 pp. \$150. ISBN: 0415941792.

As the introduction to this book clearly states, there is a dearth of reference material which focuses on both white and black gospel music, and this encyclopedia aims to fill that gap. It is a compact and readable work suitable for nearly any theological library, though its weaknesses as well as its strengths should be clearly understood.

The book focuses on five areas important to the history of gospel: biographical profiles of performers, composers, and other notables; important events in the history of gospel; prominent broadcasting outlets; significant publications; and thematic entries (including instruments, performance styles, types of gospel groups such as quartets and mass choirs, and such distinctive topics as Black Gospel Musicals and Singing in Tongues.) An all-too-brief introduction explains (in only two pages!) what gospel music is, its complicated history, the rationale for inclusion of entries in the *Encyclopedia*, and the difficulty of finding birth and death dates for many performers. Editor McNeil mentions some controversies surrounding gospel's nature and beginnings, but does not discuss them at length or point the reader towards any relevant literature.

The content of individual entries is generally quite good, although some veer towards a devotional rather than a descriptive agenda, while others betray a stronger familiarity with the musical than the theological aspects of their subjects. (A particular weakness is the misunderstanding of the differences between various denominations; as a Methodist historian, I caught several confusions between the AME and AME Zion and a misinterpretation of the "Episcopal" in "Methodist Episcopal" as Episcopalian.) Many entries include short bibliographies and (for performers) discographies. For many obscure figures, it is obvious that great effort has been made to track down biographical information not easily available elsewhere. Although the focus of the book is 20th-century, it includes appropri-

ate entries on 19th-century gospel-related publications, composers, historical events, and themes (revivals and revivalism, for instance). The 20 included pictures are well-chosen, but one might wish for more of the same, as well as more musical examples alongside the text.

Some omissions are puzzling. For example, the Church of God in Christ (COGIC) is the only denomination that rates an entry—though gospel music in Baptist (and to some degree Methodist) contexts is frequently referred to in various entries, and there is a thematic entry on Catholic gospel. There is an entry on the Asuzu Street Revival, but none on Pentecostalism in general. There is also no entry on prominent white gospel musician and entrepreneur Bill Gaither and his singing groups, again despite the fact that his name is frequently mentioned in entries on other performers. A surprising number of entries focus on contemporary Christian music (CCM) and Christian rock groups. This actually makes the *Encyclopedia* a very good source on this topic (if a patron needs Amy Grant's birthdate or the names of the members of Petra, for instance), but nothing in the introductory description of coverage would lead you to suspect this as a strength.

The *Encyclopedia* has a good system of "See-also" entries, an A-Z index of entries at the beginning, and a decent index in the back to persons named in other entries. However, it suffers a bit from Routledge's encyclopedia mass-production carelessness. (Truth-in-reviewing-moment: I once wrote an entry for a Routledge encyclopedia, and they

got my biographical information wrong!) Although the book contains a list of the 60 or so contributors, there is no indication which entries they authored, nor any sense (other than a statement by McNeil that the contributors were "specially selected because of their expertise") of their qualifications for doing so. There is absolutely no biographical information in the book on McNeil at all; I had to turn to other resources to discover that he was a historian and folklorist, spending much of his life as folklorist at the Ozark Folk Center in Mountain View, AR (see his obituary in *Journal of Folklore Research* 42.3 [2005] 361-363; he died in April 2005, a few months before this book was released). Nor, besides institutional affiliations, is there any indication of the qualifications of the other four members of the editorial board. Some entries are inconsistently formatted and/or marred by meaningless typos, and others appear to have been very lightly edited.

With these caveats in mind, there is much information in this book not available elsewhere, and its readable style makes it very accessible to college and seminary students. It forms a good starting quick-reference point for further research on gospel and CCM topics. At its fairly hefty price, though, one might wish for a little more in the way of added value.

Jennifer Lynn Woodruff Tait



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Grants Annual Fund**

The fiscal year just completed was the first in which we conducted separate drives for the *ATLA Endowment Fund* and the *ATLA Scholarships and Grants Annual Fund*.

The ATLA Endowment Fund is overseen by the ATLA Endowment Committee: **Roger Loyd**, Chair, **Elmer O'Brien**, **Mary Bischoff**, and **M. Patrick Graham** (board representative). The ATLA Endowment Fund is dedicated to one purpose only: to insure the future of ATLA as a membership organization. This spring the committee established a goal of raising \$6,000 for the ATLA Endowment Fund in recognition of the 60th Annual Conference in June. I am pleased to report that we achieved that goal, receiving \$6,103.16 by August 31, 2006.

The ATLA Scholarships and Grants Annual Fund raises funds each year to support three programs: 1) travel grants for ATLA members without institutional support to attend the annual conference (including student members); 2) scholarships for underrepresented minorities to pursue study in theological librarianship; and 3) an AAR student luncheon on alternative careers in theology and religion. Each year we have had increased attendance at this luncheon, and it has become an important recruiting tool for ATLA student members.

To fully fund all three programs, we need to raise \$12,000 in contributions for the ATLA Scholarships and Grants Annual Fund. All ATLA members will be receiving a letter and opportunity to participate in the annual fund drive soon. If each ATLA member contributed \$30 to this annual fund drive, we would exceed our goal and fully fund all of these vital programs.

We want to thank everyone who gave so generously this past year to both the ATLA Endowment Fund and the ATLA Scholarships and Grants Annual Fund and we encourage you to give again this year.

*Dennis A. Norlin
ATLA Executive Director*

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Who We Are: Focus on ATLA's Affiliate Members

In the third installment of the ATLA member profiles, we turn our attention to the 85 Affiliate members. Affiliate membership is available for libraries, organizations, and businesses that are supportive of theological librarianship and the purposes and work of the Association, but do not qualify for regular institutional membership.

There are two categories for Affiliate membership: (1) libraries and (2) organizations and businesses.

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Affiliate Library Members represent a variety of institutions, and include those offering graduate degrees and seeking ATS accreditation, special libraries, bible colleges, and other undergraduate institutions.

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- Job Postings—Free postings on the Web
- Discounted rates for ATLA professional development offerings, including the Annual Conference
- Discounts on selected ATLA products, including the *ATLA Religion Database*,

ATLAS, and preservation products and services

- *ATLA Newsletter*—The primary source of information about ATLA activities and membership news (quarterly)
- Inclusion in ATLA consortial opportunities such as OCLC's FirstSearch
- Advertising
- Discount on placement of advertisements in the *ATLA Newsletter* and conference *Program Book*

Benefits for Organizations and Businesses

Affiliate Organization and Business Members provide products and services targeted to ATLA members of all kinds. Most exhibit at the ATLA Annual Conference and may be familiar to you. Please reward their support of ATLA with your business.

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- Discount on exhibiting at the Annual Conference
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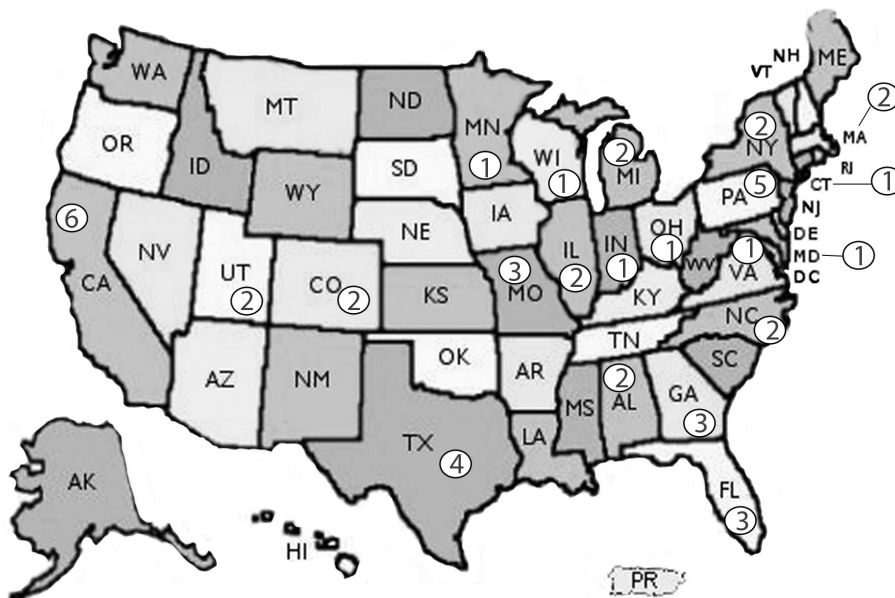
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ATLA is grateful for all members in every category, and we really value your support each year. Member Services is here to serve you. Please contact us at MemberRep@atla.com or 888.665.2852.

Barbara Kemmis
ATLA Director of Member Services



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Perspectives on Professional Development

Most of the time, professional development opportunities for librarians seem to focus on skill building through training or on project management by hearing case studies. We go to a workshop or conference and hope that, at the end of it, we'll have some new ideas for how to tackle a problem we have in common (such as security for rare books or migrating to a new ILS) or technical instructions for mastering new work (cataloging serials or digitizing photos). These programs are tangible, with easily identifiable objectives and outcomes. They bring a level of satisfaction because we know they have saved us from learning exclusively by trial and error or having to reinvent the wheel. It is this collaboration that we regularly point to as a key strength in ATLA. Members are willing to lead conversations and deliver talks about our experiences—the good and the bad—in the hopes of strengthening the association as a whole.

But there are many experiences that we don't share in those settings. In fact, some equally useful topics are more likely to be found in a lunchtime conversation than in a program guide. And yet these are issues that we face every day and often struggle with just as much as information literacy and collection development.

To be honest, I'm not even sure what to call these topics. In contrast to the seemingly concrete or "hard" technical skills we so often seek, I've heard them called "soft skills." These are things like communication skills, interpersonal dynamics, leadership,

conflict management, negotiation, advocacy, diplomacy, and stress management. There are many others. Apparently the term "emotional intelligence" is all the rage in corporate America, but I'm not really sure what that means. So I'd rather call them interpersonal skills.

The point is that we rarely see these topics addressed in conference programs or regional workshops. Sometimes, we may nibble on the edges with topics like time management or listening skills. But who among us is willing to stand up and lead a workshop on other, more relational aspects of our work? Who are the ATLA experts who might help us learn more about these areas? And even if we could identify those people, what would the content of the workshop be? When you walked out the door, how would you know if you'd learned something useful?

Our interpersonal relationships are key building blocks to effective workplace dynamics and productivity. We've probably all seen how one incident between two people can influence an entire staff. If left unaddressed, it can change the culture and capabilities of a workplace. But learning how to prevent/minimize these conflicts and learning how to address them once they happen can be an elusive ambition.

Is experience the only classroom for interpersonal skills? Must we settle with trial and error? Are there ways we could create formal learning opportunities for ATLA members around these issues? Somehow, it seems more risky to deliver programming in these areas. It is hard to gauge interest,

understand what expectations might be, and ensure positive outcomes. Oh, and finding good presenters. That's tough too. It seems to me, however, that these are very good topics for regional groups. These are issues that might best be tackled on a local level, using speakers outside ATLA—perhaps outside libraries altogether. Who among us couldn't benefit from some time to consider communication styles and leadership skills? I know I could, but it always seems to take a back seat to technical training for the task at hand.

I hope you'll consider inviting a speaker to your library for an interpersonal skills workshop of your choice. The time for reflection is likely to benefit you and your colleagues. The PDC Grants for Continuing Education (www.atla.com/prof_dev/prof_dev_grant.html) can help pay for your speaker and by inviting other libraries in your region to participate, you'll create an additional networking opportunity.

I also hope you'll let me know if interpersonal skill development opportunities are something the PDC should pursue. I'm not sure how we'd do it, but knowing the interest level (or lack thereof!) is the first step. Send me a note and I'll gladly share your thoughts with the committee for future planning: laura_wood@harvard.edu.

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did you know?

In addition to currently indexing more than 500 serial titles, the *ATLA Religion Database*® also indexes more than 15,900 essay collections. Essay collections include:

- *African women, religion, and health: essays in honor of Mercy Amba Ewudziwa Oduyoye*
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- *The encounter of eastern Christianity with early Islam*
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- *Religion, media, and the public sphere*
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Institutional Repositories

While not written into most collection development policies, academic libraries tend to collect exhaustively the writings of their own faculty. Just as public libraries try to collect works by “local authors,” academic libraries collect books written by faculty and subscribe to journals most likely to contain faculty writings. Libraries often treat faculty books differently by purchasing additional copies or creating special sections and labels for them. Some libraries have responsibility for maintaining faculty bibliographies or special files for journal article off-prints. In addition, libraries and institutional archives are often very glad to receive a faculty member’s papers and research files.

An institutional repository is a digital extension of these collections of a faculty’s paper output. In this model, the faculty is encouraged to “deposit” its electronic files into an established digital space. Electronic files could include drafts, peer-review drafts, pre-prints, post-prints or unpublished manuscripts. A broader view of an institutional repository might also include lecture notes, audio/video recordings of lectures, and almost any digital or digitized output by members of an institution.

How it works

Basically, a repository is similar to a full-text database that contains both digital objects and basic descriptive information. The primary organization tends to be by author, although the software for repositories is often flexible enough to add a browsable structure for departments, research groups, topical conferences, and individual electronic journals. Basic descriptive information usually includes at least the author’s name and title of the work but could also contain other metadata, citation information, and even formal abstracts. Usually the repository is set up so that metadata and the full text of documents are fully searchable. Popular software for repositories includes DSpace (www.dspace.org), EPrints (www.eprints.org), and Fedora (www.fedora.info).

What is the value

The basic idea of an institutional repository is to collect and make available an institution’s intellectual output in a manner that highlights that institution’s research efforts and makes the research available to lay and professional researchers around the world. Government agencies and grant-making organizations are often very interested in making the raw data and results of their efforts available to a wider audience. The growing requirement, particularly in the sciences, for researchers to make their research available through the use of institutional repositories is one of the main driving forces behind its growth.

The value for the institution is to promote its own faculty and to provide a place for research to be “published” outside of, and sometimes in addition to, the publishing industry. The current scholarly publishing cycle requires that institutions “purchase,” through subscription to journals and other forms of publishing, writings they have already paid faculty members to create. The larger agenda for some proponents of institutional repositories is to break free of the publishing industry altogether.

For faculty and researchers, institutional repositories provide greater visibility. Their work is indexed by search engines and immediately accessible to anyone with an internet connection, providing a potentially higher level of visibility and access than in the print publishing world. The connected nature of the internet allows researchers to make direct connections to other research and documents—also made freely available in this manner. Some have devised ways of doing a traditional peer review online. Others are experimenting with simply using the community of scholars to comment and critique a work, perhaps prompting further revisions.

Copyright

Authors may have limited rights to make freely available their own materials as many

authors give away, negotiate, or sell copyright to the publisher. However, a growing number of journals and other publishers are allowing authors to “self-archive” their documents within an institutional repository. Much of this is due to the grant agencies’ and institutional requirements that work be so deposited. If publishers want to publish research funded by these agencies or by faculty at certain institutions, they are forced to change their policies to allow self-archiving within an institutional repository.

The library’s role

As the campus agency with the clear responsibility for collecting intellectual output, the library has a crucial role in the establishment and ongoing maintenance of an institutional repository. Libraries certainly have a calculated interest in breaking the “monopoly” of journal publishers who charge unreasonably for their journals. Librarians also have skills in collecting, describing, and presenting information. Finally, libraries and librarians have the trust of their faculty and thus have a significant role in encouraging participation. While few ATLA libraries have active institutional repositories, we will likely see continued movement towards this new form of archiving the digital output of our institutions.

In addition to our local institutions, we may also see the application of the “institutional repository” idea to scholarly societies and associations. While some papers and intellectual output will continue to be published in journals and monographs, we may need another place to put drafts, pre-prints, and digital objects that don’t translate well or have limited value in the print environment. At some point, ATLA may wish to consider the development of a repository to store member papers, collection development policies, cataloging tools, instructional handouts, and collection analysis data.

*Andy Keck, Chair
ATLA Publications Committee
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ATLA Product News

providing access to the scholarly literature of religion and preserving it for future generations

New Content Added to *ATLA Religion Database*[®]

In an ongoing effort to deepen and broaden the rich scope of its products, ATLA announced twelve new title additions to the *ATLA Religion Database*.

The new titles include:

- *Ars Disputandi* published by Roquade Electronic Publishing Services for Scientists
- *Black Theology: an international journal* published by Equinox
- *Bulletin for Biblical Research* published by Eisenbrauns
- *Congregations: the Alban Journal* published by the Alban Institute
- *Cuadernos de Teología* published by ISEDET
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- *Journal of Religion & Film* published by the University of Nebraska at Omaha
- *Journal of Religion and Society* published by the Rabbi Myer and Dorothy Kripke Center for the Study of Religion and Society at Creighton University
- *Philosophia Christi* published by Evangelical Philosophical Society in cooperation with Biola University
- *Religion East & West* published by the Institute for World Religions
- *St. Tikhon's Theological Journal* published by St. Tikhon's Seminary Press

Gregg Taylor, Database Manager for Acquisitions and Bibliographic Control at ATLA, commented, "We are excited about the contributions that each of these titles brings to our index. We've added titles covering a wide range of fields, from philosophy to film studies, and a wide range of traditions, from Taoism to Eastern Orthodox Christianity. We're especially

pleased to welcome a range of publishers from the large presses to small one-title publishers to open-access electronic serials, which reflect our commitment to the breadth of avenues of current scholarship."



ATLASerials[®] (*ATLAS*[®]) Quarterly Report

Technical Updates

ATLA staff continue work on many *ATLAS* initiatives, including:

- Catherine Eilers has continued to load archival TIFFs from CDs to our SAN. TIFFs from 80 of 81 *ATLAS* journals are loaded onto the SAN as of November 2006.
- Jack Liu and Dan Pattangi are implementing our second Linux replacement server. Dan, Jim Butler, and Tami Luedtke are also working on the purchase and implementation of a server and software that will perform Optical Character Recognition (OCR) on copies of TIFF images from the SAN to generate searchable PDFs for *ATLAS*.
- Jack Liu is working on scripts that extract and utilize information from our index citations to construct XML configuration files that designate exactly which TIFF images should be OCR'd and put together within a PDF according to our *ATLA Religion Database* citation information. Karl Frantz is also working on scripts that will extract information from the XML configuration files in order to determine which images from the SAN should be copied with a specific configuration file to the OCR software.
- Erin Marshall, Gregg Taylor, Dan Pattangi and Audra Adomenas recently joined the *ATLAS* team.

New and Forthcoming Titles Announced

In August, ATLA announced the addition of significant new content to *ATLASerials*[®] (*ATLAS*[®]), an online collection of major religion and theology journals:

Five titles have recently been added:

- *Biblical Interpretation*, published by Brill
- *Bulletin of the Evangelical Theological Society*, published by the Evangelical Theological Society
- *Presbyterion*, published by Covenant Theological Seminary
- *Reconstructionist*, published by The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College
- *Word & World*, published by Luther Theological Seminary

In addition, the following eight journals have been accepted for inclusion in a forthcoming release of *ATLAS*:

- *Cuadernos de Teología*, published by ISEDET (first Spanish language journal accepted for inclusion in *ATLAS*)
- *Journal of Empirical Theology*, published by Brill
- *Journal of the Interdenominational Theological Center*, published by Interdenominational Theological Center
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- *Religion East and West*, published by the Institute for World Religions
- *Tradition*, published by the Rabbinical Council of America
- *Vigiliae Christianae*, published by Brill

"ATLA continues to add significant titles to the *ATLAS* collection in our effort to offer subscribers a broad range of theological perspectives in all fields of theological and religious studies," commented Dennis Norlin, ATLA's Executive Director. "From the

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more than 500 titles indexed in the *ATLA Religion Database*, *ATLAS* now includes more than 80 key titles of interest to scholars, faculty, pastors and congregations, and the general public, providing an important cross-section and overview of the many issues and events that have their origin in theology and religion.”

ATLA partners with CZ Marketing

ATLA recently announced a partnership with CZ Marketing (www.czmarketing.com), based in Wheaton, IL. CZ is a creative strategy firm that drives new growth for nonprofit organizations. Before starting CZ in 2000, Mr. Goetz, the firm's president, was the new product development manager for Christianity Today, Intl., and was one of the founding editors of *PreachingToday.com*, the Pastor's Soul series (nominated for the Gold Medallion Award), and *Building-ChurchLeaders.com*. CZ will be assisting ATLA with product development and marketing efforts related to the *ATLAS* for clergy and congregations market. CZ will be developing online survey tools, analyzing customer feedback, and helping ATLA develop messaging and advertising campaigns.

New Additions to CDRI Collections

The October 2006 update of the Cooperative Digital Resources Initiative (CDRI) will add five new collections and update four collections. New collections will include:

- A selection of photographs and outgoing letters from the Henri Nouwen Archives
- Images of the Ancient Near East
- Selected Photographs of Ancient Near Eastern and Mediterranean Sites
- Woodcuts and metal engravings from 16th-19th century publications
- Worship Video Project

Tami Luedtke
ATLA Director of Electronic Products & Services
and Margot Lyon
ATLA Director of Business Development



A Report from BETH

ATLA participated in the European Theological Libraries (BETH) Conference in Rome, Italy, September 9–13. Margot Lyon, ATLA's Director of Business Development, represented ATLA Products and Services. Also participating from the U.S. were **Eileen Crawford** from Vanderbilt University, Divinity Library (ATLA Board member, Special Committee of the Association for International Collaboration member, and honorary personal member of BETH), **Maribel Deluca Voth** from Bethel Seminary (Special Committee of the Association for International Collaboration member and RLIT representative), **Kurt Berends** from the Theological Book Network (ATLA Affiliate Member), and **Melody Mazuk** from Palmer Theological Seminary (Theological Book Network Board member and honorary personal member of BETH).

The following is an excerpt of the thank you letter Margot sent to the conference participants:

Dear BETH Executive Committee and Conference Participants,

Thank you very much for welcoming me to the BETH conference in Rome, Italy. I feel very honored to have participated in such a multi-cultural and informative set of meetings. In particular, I learned about some of the challenges that many of you are facing, including information sharing and information technology issues. I truly believe that I learned more about ATLA products and services simply by removing myself from my usual day to day routine and taking time to come to Europe to listen to all of you. I believe that I was able to have meaningful conversations with each and every one of the participants, and for that I am very grateful.

I was also especially touched that the group took time out to remember the victims of the September 11th tragedy. The fact that a group of more than fifteen nationalities convened to discuss issues affecting them all is very impressive.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance in any way.

In friendship,
Margot J. Lyon



Participants at the 2006 BETH conference in Rome.

Preservation Products

Serials newly preserved through NEH grant

Religious Periodical Literature of the Hispanic and Indigenous Peoples of the Americas, 1850-1985

The following serial titles were microfilmed as part of the preservation grant "Religious Periodical Literature of the Hispanic and Indigenous Peoples of the Americas, 1850-1985." The preservation of these serials has been funded by the office of preservation of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

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Minutes of the ... annual session of the Virginia Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, United States of America (1882-1885)

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Proceedings of the ... session of the Virginia Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (1887-1888)

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Proceedings of the ... session of the Virginia Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (1922)

Minutes of the Conference of the Virginia Conference, African Methodist Episcopal Church. ATLA no.: 2006-S030 through 2006-S047, 18 reels (1875-1922).

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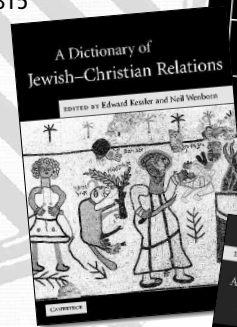
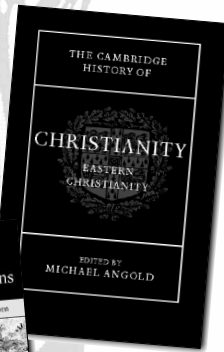
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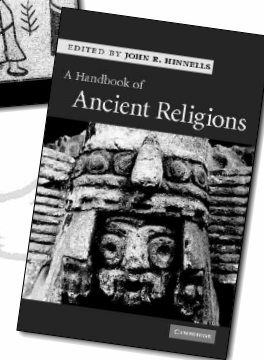
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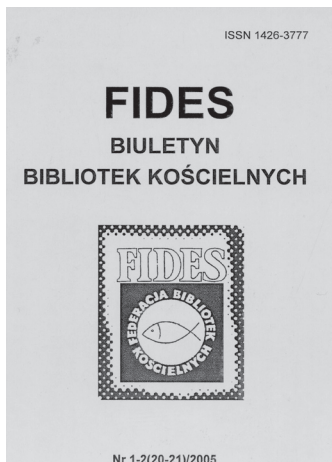
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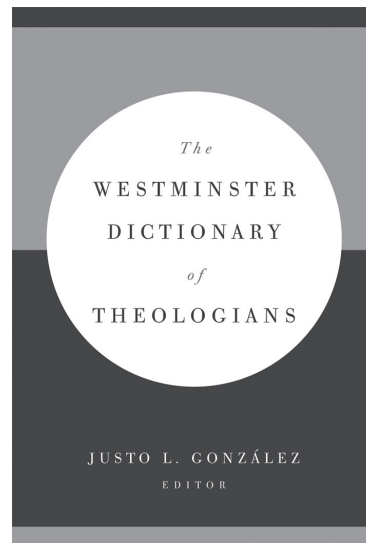
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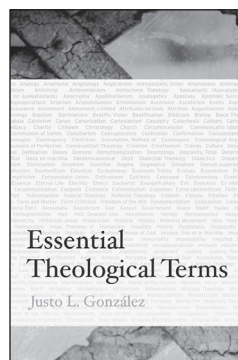
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From the Executive Director

Just Say No to Organizational Humility

Humility is a virtue. I think that's something that most of us were taught in childhood, and I think that theological librarians, as a group, collectively surpass most other groups in the level at which they practice humility (and I say that in all humility). I still remember a long discussion about the association's core values at the Berkeley conference in 2000 when someone contributed "being nice." I think most of us are nice, and most of us are humble.

There is a danger, however, that personal humility can lead to institutional humility, and that may very well be hazardous to our libraries' health.

We've just completed the first Theological Libraries Month, and I hope that you took the opportunity to blow your library's own horn on your campus. It's been interesting to see how many of you have employed your creativity to find ways to draw attention to your library during the month.

It's important to develop an activist approach to promoting your library and services on your campus. Gone are the days when theological librarians could assume that the faculty and administration held the library in high esteem and would continue to do so in the future.

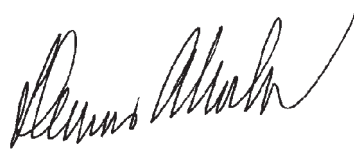
The current situation for theological libraries reminds me of one of my seminary professor's favorite sayings—"everything

that was nailed down has come loose, and the whole place is up for grabs!"

Theological Libraries Month was conceived as a time for us—together as an association—to celebrate our libraries, our staff, our mission, our accomplishments. If we share our success stories and lessons learned, we can all be more effective communicators and promoters of our libraries on our own campuses.

When I was a library director I used two phrases over and over again with our faculty and administration—"we can help you with that at the library" and "that's no problem; we can do it." It was part of what I called the "foot in the door" approach. I was always on the lookout for places and situations and organizations where the library could make an approach, be of service, and make an impact.

So let's keep celebrating Theological Libraries Month each October. And remember, corporate humility is no virtue in our libraries!



Dennis A. Norlin
ATLA Executive Director



Staff and Administrative Structure Changes

We bid farewell to several staff members over the summer, including Kristi Terbrack, Senior Product Analyst, who left to accept a new position at the University of Chicago; Todd Ferry, Indexer-Analyst, who joined the Peace Corps; and Paul Jensen, Director of Information Systems, who left to return to school to complete a degree.

Eight new staff members joined ATLA in that same period. We have been delighted with the talented and qualified applicants who were attracted to these new positions. We are nearly at full staff right now, and we've never had a stronger and more able and skilled staff.

- 1) Audra Adomenas, Product Support Analyst
- 2) Thomas Blanton, Indexer Analyst
- 3) Scott Carlson, Acquisitions/Authorities Specialist
- 4) Justin Harkins, Indexer Analyst
- 5) Juan Hernandez, Staff Accountant
- 6) Julia Olson, Digitization/Data Entry Assistant
- 7) Dan Pattangi, Systems Manager
- 8) Christopher Wachal, Digitization/Data Entry Assistant

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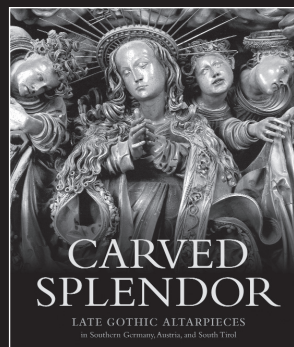
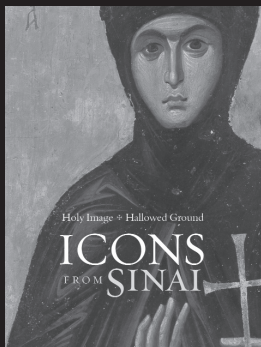
Congratulations are due to ATLA and all the member institutions who participated in the wonderful success of the Association's first-ever Theological Libraries Month. As the stories, sample posters, and invitations poured in for posting on ATLA's website, the high level of creativity among those who took part was remarkable (www.atla.com/member/librarians_tools/TLM_home.htm). With everything from rare book exhibits to slogan contests, library staff devised several ingenious strategies to draw attention to the work they accomplish on behalf of their communities. Even libraries with modest budgets were able to design innovative, entertaining, and informative ways to celebrate the event with their students, faculty, and staff.

There is still time to share your experiences with other ATLA members and help to build a reservoir of ideas for use in next year's TLM. Please be sure to let us know what events you planned and how they turned out. You can email the details of your participation to bkemmis@atla.com. There has also been a survey set up to record your impressions of the inaugural TLM. Go to www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=642022627925 and tell us how you did.

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- 30-31 International Collaboration Committee meets in Chicago

November

- 9-10 Publications and Professional Development Committees meet in Chicago
- 18-21 Dennis Norlin, Barbara Kemmis, Timothy Smith, Margot Lyon, Lavonne Jahnke, and Gregg Taylor attend the AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
- 18 4:00 to 6:30 p.m., ATLA Member Reception at the Renaissance Washington, 999 Ninth Street, NW, Washington, DC, in the Congressional C Room
- 23-24 Thanksgiving Holiday, ATLA office closed

December

- 15 ATLA holiday party, office closed at noon
- 25-26 Christmas holiday, ATLA office closed

January

- 1 New Year holiday, ATLA office closed
- 11 ATLA Board of Directors on-site inspection
- 12-13 ATLA Board of Directors midwinter meeting
- 15 Bibliography Grant deadline
- 15 ATLA Election open—ballots sent via e-mail to eligible members

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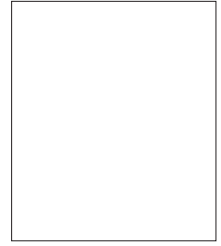
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