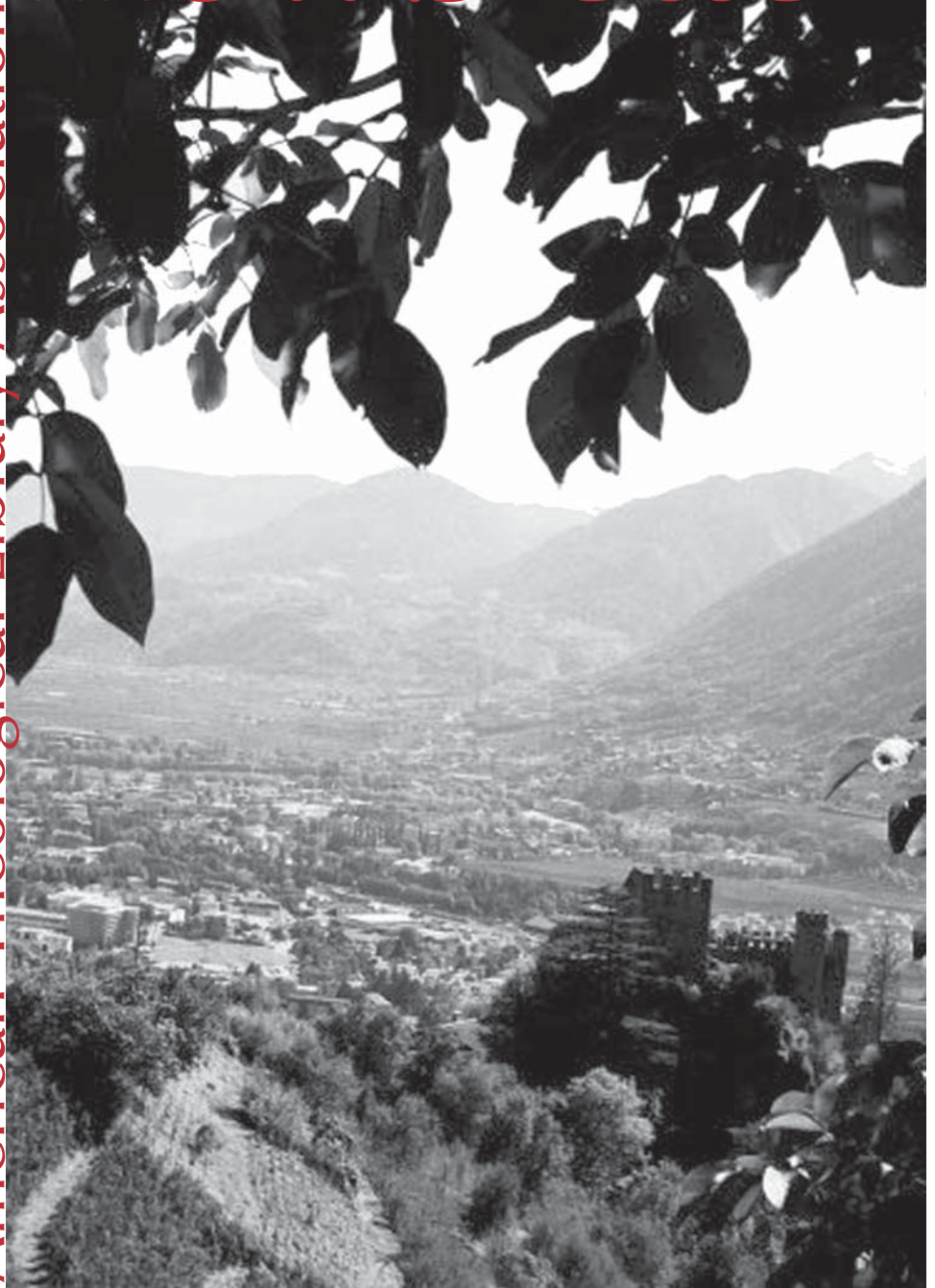


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# Member News

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## Member Notes

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### Pitts Library Receives Grant for Information Literacy Project

The Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion has awarded a \$10,000 grant to fund the Pitts Library's project "Information Literacy in Theological Education." The project aims to accomplish three goals. The first is to review bibliographic instruction programs in select theological libraries and in other academic and special libraries that have distinguished themselves for their bibliographic instruction programs. Second, the project will attempt to formulate a systematic approach for such instructional programs in theological libraries, specifically in terms of information literacy. Finally, plans will be made to implement a program of information literacy instruction at the Candler School of Theology and to begin a wider conversation with other public services librarians in ATLA.

Dr. Douglas Gragg, head of public services at Pitts, is principal investigator and will work on the project during a six-month sabbatical beginning in November 2003 and ending in May 2004. Most of the grant funding will be used to pay for reference service during his absence from Pitts, and the remaining 20% will support site visits that he will make in the course of his research.

*M. Patrick Graham  
Pitts Theology Library*



### New ATLA Bibliography Series Volumes Published

The ATLA Bibliography Series, published by Scarecrow Press, has recently published two volumes. Number 47 in the series, published in 2002, is *Jürgen Moltmann: A Research Bibliography*, by James L. Wakefield. Number 49 in the series is Gregory A. Crawford's *Petra and the Nabataeans: A Bibliography*, published in 2003. Both volumes are available directly from Scarecrow Press or via normal book dealers.



### Committees Meet to Plan Conference

The Annual Conference Committee and Education Committee met in early October in Kansas City to select programming and schedule sessions for the 2004 Annual Conference. Joining the committees were ATLA Board President Paul Schrodt and Member Services Department staff Carol Jones, assistant director, and Karen Whittlesey, director.

As information about the conference is firmed up, it will appear at [www.atla.com/member/conference](http://www.atla.com/member/conference). A print program book will be mailed to members in early spring.



### Digital Standards and Projects Committee Reviews Proposals

The Digital Standards and Projects Committee met October 16–17 to review proposals for Phase Three of the Cooperative Digital Resources Initiative (CDRI). Through this initiative ATLA awards

grants to institutions for the digitization of material that will be added to the freely searchable online CDRI database at [www.atla.com/digitalresources](http://www.atla.com/digitalresources). This project is supported by a grant from the Henry Luce Foundation.



### ATLA Seeks Welcomers for New Members

To orient new and student members to the Association and to help assure they feel connected, a more seasoned member is assigned as a welcomer for each new member.

The welcomer makes contact with the new member, explains something about the Association and the avenues for participation, and accompanies the new member to the opening reception and new member welcome at the Annual Conference, if both go. (New members without a welcomer at the conference are matched with a conference host.)

This program is an orientation and welcome to ATLA and is not intended to be a mentoring program. The relationship between new or student member and welcomer can be as brief or lengthy as both parties prefer.

If you are interested in serving the Association as a welcomer, please let Karen Whittlesey (888.665.ATLA; [kwhittl@atla.com](mailto:kwhittl@atla.com)) know so that she can match you with a new or student member.



### Archives Records Sought

Do you have important ATLA records that date before 1991? Martha Lund Smalley, Research Services Librarian at the Yale University Divinity School, and Diane Shannon, Preservation Specialist and ATLA Archives Liaison to Yale, have been working to improve the organization of ATLA's archives, and would like to make the pre-1991 materials more complete. Members who served in an official ATLA position during those years are encouraged to e-mail Diane at [dshannon@atla.com](mailto:dshannon@atla.com) with a description of records they would be willing to donate to the archives. Especially desirable is information regarding the work of ATLA's various committees and interest groups.



### ATLA Grants Oregon Public Broadcasting Permission to Use Images

ATLA has granted Oregon Public Broadcasting permission to use images from ATLA's CDRI database for an educational series entitled "Bridging World History." The images come from Hartford Seminary Library's slides illustrating the practice of Islam.

The CDRI database is a repository of images created by ATLA member libraries that is freely available on the ATLA web site at [www.atla.com/digitalresources](http://www.atla.com/digitalresources). This project is made possible by a grant from the Henry Luce Foundation.



### San Jose State Library School Hosts Library Association Fair

ATLA was invited to participate as one of several library associations displaying materials at the San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science on October 12. The school hosted the fair to expose library school students to a variety of special libraries and their associations.

In preparation Stacey Schilling, publications associate, designed new membership brochures and a poster for display at the school.

Divinity schools, seminaries, and library schools are welcome to request membership brochures from ATLA for display in career placement offices, libraries, or offices of the dean of students—or wherever you think they would be visible to students and potential members. Contact Tim Smith, membership associate at 888.665.ATLA.



### David Stewart Revises Bollier Bibliography

Westminster-John Knox Press has published *The Literature of Theology. A Guide for Students and Pastors* (Revised Edition) by ATLA member David Stewart.

Many ATLA members are familiar with the book's original edition (Westminster Press, 1979) and with its author, John A. Bollier, who worked in the Yale Divinity Library for many years before serving on ATLA's development staff prior to his retirement.

## Member News

*The Literature of Theology* (Revised Edition) provides a comprehensively updated survey by subject of close to 500 key resources for study. New chapters on “Christian Spirituality” and “Christianity and Literature” have been added. The book is available at Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble.



### PDC Awards Regional Grants

The ATLA Professional Development Committee (PDC) is pleased to announce 2003 summer quarter Professional Development Grants to fund regional educational events. These programs serve an important function for ATLA members by bringing theological librarians together to learn and share.

The next deadline for regional grant applications is January 15, 2003. For more information go to [www.atla.com/prof\\_dev/prof\\_dev\\_grant.html](http://www.atla.com/prof_dev/prof_dev_grant.html). Regional groups are most welcome and most encouraged to submit applications for grants, which, if approved by the committee, can be up to \$750.

PDC has awarded two grants in this cycle. The Southwest Area Theological Libraries Association (SWATLA) will have a program on “Library Support for Distance Learning,” presented by Steven Vanderhill (Westminster), Charles Bellinger (TCU), and Charles Willard (ATS). The libraries of the Boston Theological Institute will have a program on “Scholarly Publishing in the New Millennium: Changes for Libraries and Faculties.”

*Jan Malcheski, for PDC  
St. Paul Seminary*



### Boston Theological Institute Holds Symposium on Millennium

The Boston Theological Institute held an academic symposium November 9–10 on *Millennial Texts and Apocalyptic Contexts: Implications for Congregational Life*. Discussion centered around Daniel 9:24–27. This conference at Andover Newton Theological School is the first of a series of conferences, the next of which will be held in Jerusalem, followed by another in Boston next fall and a summary event 18 months from now.



### Brill Offers Index Islamicus Consortial Pricing

The following letter was sent by e-mail to all ATLA members:

Brill Academic Publishers would like to make the following offer to the members of the American Theological Library Association for online access to *Index Islamicus* through CSA.

The offer provides electronic access to Brill's *Index Islamicus*. *Index Islamicus* is THE international classified bibliography of publications in European (including English) languages on all aspects of Islam and the Muslim world. Rightly described as ‘an indispensable tool for libraries, graduates and undergraduates alike’, it provides the reader with an effective overview of what has been published on any given subject in the field of Islamic Studies in its broadest sense. *Index Islamicus* includes extensive indexes of names and subjects.

Below are the terms of the agreement:

- Brill offers access for all members at the small institutional rate of \$3,380 (35% discount off the list price \$5,200).
- Minimum participation of 25 sites.
- 5% price cap on all renewals.
- Offer to participate in this consortia agreement expires 31 December 2003.
- Current subscribers are eligible for this offer.

A 30-day trial is available for those members interested in this offer. The following link allows a member to set up the trial: <http://www.csa.com/csa/ids/trialsub.shtml>.

Members may also email their request for a trial at [sales@csa.com](mailto:sales@csa.com).

For any questions or further details about this trial, please contact me directly.

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## Professional Development Perspectives

### In Search of Professional Development

ATLA's Professional Development Committee met at the Chicago offices Thursday and Friday last week. I am in my fourth year on the PDC now, and as usual I felt grateful to be collaborating with such resourceful people (our current roster includes Carol Jones, Jan Malcheski, Mikail McIntosh-Doty, Laura Wood, and myself).

One of the very first things on our agenda was to look at the recently conducted membership survey. Some of its indicators for professional development were pretty telling:

- 83% of respondents cited "professional growth" as a reason for joining or renewing membership with ATLA.
- Some of the respondents' topics of greatest interest for professional development were: "keeping current with relevant issues" (88%), "networking" (82%), and "professional resources" (73%).
- Respondents were quite specific in identifying needs for professional growth: "improve skills or knowledge" (12%), "further organizational goals or projects" (18%), "publishing" (14%), "professional advancement" (17%), etc.

It is both helpful and challenging to know that such expectations exist. And we are also encouraged to know that many professional development needs are being met by the conference (an amazing 82% of respondents had attended at least one ATLA conference) and, increasingly, through regional activities.

We have some new ideas and venues in mind for "delivering" structured professional development programs to ATLA members in the coming months, and look forward to sharing them with you.

A closing thought: to some degree, for all of us, an important component of professional development will always be personal. Even with the best efforts of the PDC and other groups, no amount of programming will ever completely match your needs. And this is precisely where individual reflection and reading can play a major role.

Here's an invitation to share via ATLANTIS whatever resources for self-directed professional development you have found especially helpful. This could be a terrific way for you to pass along your enthusiasm, and to extend the process of continuous professional development further.

I will send along a notice to ATLANTIS, inviting recommendations, and, in the spirit of "putting my money where my mouth is," here's a title I have benefited from reading a couple of times: Malcolm Gladwell's "The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference" (Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 2000), for its intriguing reflections on how changes happen.

Best to all of you in the current academic year!

*David Stewart*

*Chair, Professional Development Committee  
Princeton Theological Seminary*



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## Producing a Conference Part 1: October to January

You've booked your plane, the hotel reservation is all set, someone's ready to feed the cat, walk the dog, and bring in the paper. Suddenly it's conference time and you're off to join colleagues and friends you haven't seen maybe since last year's conference, learn something new, and maybe present something yourself.

But for members, local hosts, staff, and businesses, the behind-the-scenes work for this conference has been going on for more than three years.

In this series of four articles, Director of Member Services Karen L. Whittlesey will give an overview of what goes into producing a conference, from selecting a site to tying up loose ends after it's all over. The series will follow the process each quarter and explain the steps that are taken and the work that is done during that particular quarter. This first article will look at selecting the location for a future conference and planning the current conference, both happening at the same time.

### *October to January: Selecting a Future Conference Site*

At their January meeting, the ATLA Board of Directors approves a site for a conference to be held three and a half years later; in January 2001 they approved Kansas City for 2004. But why will the conference be in Kansas City, rather than Fargo, North Dakota?

There are three main questions to look at in selecting a city: 1) Are there ATLA member institutions in the area that would like to host the conference? 2) Is this city in a part of the country where we haven't held a conference for some time? 3) Does this city have a hotel or other meeting space that can accommodate our needs?

Let's look at each of the questions.

1. Are there ATLA member institutions in the area that would like to host the conference? Sometimes an institutional member or an ATLA regional group will approach the office offering to be the host for a conference. The staff of the library or libraries have talked about it, decided they could do it, and asked me about the possibility. Or, I might ask a regional group or mem-

ber library if they would like to consider hosting a conference in a particular year.

2. Is this city in a part of the country where we haven't held a conference for some time? We look at where the conference has been held recently, trying to include all major areas; so, for example, over the last several years the conference has been in, sequentially, Chicago, Berkeley, Durham, St. Paul, Portland, and now Kansas City. Then we'll go south to Austin in 2005. Geographic distribution offers several benefits: librarians around the country have the chance to host and showcase their libraries; attendees on either coast can avoid long transcontinental flights, at least sometimes; and local presenters, worship leaders, and institutions often bring differing regional perspectives to the programming.
3. Does this city have a hotel or other meeting venue that can accommodate our needs? Although by some standards we are not a large convention, we frequently have need of a dozen or more meeting rooms at the same time. Not all hotels or conference centers are equipped to handle this requirement.

With potential local hosts and a city lined up, the next step is to consider which hotels in the city might work for us. Using suggestions from local members and the city's convention and visitors bureau (CVB). I send a RFP—a Request for Proposal—to hotels that sound promising. Or, I might contact ask the CVB or a free hotel-finding service to distribute the RFP on our behalf.

Once we receive a good RFP—that is, a proposal from a hotel that has adequate meeting and sleeping rooms and at a rate that makes sense for the city we will be in—I set up a visit to the city and the hotel. Carol Jones, assistant director of member services, Melody de Catur, exhibits coordinator, and I each have experience and expertise that we bring to a site visit to assure that the hotel under consideration will offer the best opportunity for ATLA members to enjoy the conference. The local hosts, who have more knowledge of the city, offer important critiques and will often accompany us on a site visit.

After the hotel is selected and visited, staff negotiates a contract with the hotel, laying out our obligations to them and theirs to us.

Meanwhile, the local host librarians are securing letters from their deans or presidents confirming that these administrators will support their librarians with time and funds to put on a conference. The primary fiscal responsibility of the local hosts is the opening reception, but there is also a good deal of other planning that the local hosts undertake that consumes many hours.

The local host librarians also form themselves into a committee. The chair will be on the Annual Conference Committee for three years, beginning at the following conference and finishing with the completion of their own conference three years later. So, Debbie Bradshaw (Nazarene Theological Seminary), chair of the 2004 Kansas City local host committee, has been on the Annual Conference Committee since June of 2001. During the last year before their conference, a local host librarian is selected to be on the Education Committee to help with the programmatic planning of the conference. Logan Wright (St. Paul School of Theology) joined the Education Committee this past June in Portland.

With a local host committee in place, letters from deans, a viable hotel, and good reasons to hold the conference in a particular city, I next prepare a proposal for the Annual Conference Committee to review. The committee generally does this in person at the October planning meetings, but may hold discussions and vote electronically. The proposal for the 2004 conference in Kansas City was accepted by the Annual Conference Committee in the fall of 2000.

The last step in the selection process belongs to the Board of Directors. I send them the proposal to host the conference, along with copies of the letters from the deans of the institutions involved, and the letter of acceptance from the Annual Conference Committee. The Board votes on the conference site either during their midwinter meeting in Chicago or electronically. In January 2001 the Board approved Kansas City as the site of the June 2004 annual conference. The Board has already approved conference locations for 2005 (Austin) and 2006 (Chicago). This fall we prepared a proposal for the 2007 conference to bring before the Annual Conference Committee and then to the Board in January.

*October to January: Planning This Year's Conference*

While we are looking toward the 2007 conference, we are engrossed in next year's conference. In early October the two committees responsible for the content and scheduling of the conference meet in the conference city with ATLA staff and the president of the ATLA Board to actually determine programmatic content and logistics.

The Education Committee issues a call in the ATLA News Update, ATLANTIS, and the August *Newsletter* for ideas for preconference professional development workshops and roundtables. At the October meetings the committee determines which of the ideas to pursue as workshops and which as roundtables, identifies possible presenters, suggests presiders for sessions, and looks at room and equipment needs.

The Annual Conference Committee solicits proposals for papers and reviews them at the October meetings, selecting those to be presented. It also forwards to the Education Committee any topics that might be better offered as workshops or roundtables. The Annual Conference Committee does the actual scheduling of the conference program, taking into account the number of sessions to be offered, particular requests from speakers, local host plans for outings or tours, transportation logistics, etc.

Both committees review the evaluations of the previous year's conference to help them in their decisions and to assure that the next conference addresses areas of concern whenever possible.

**ATLA SERIALS EXCHANGE  
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IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS,  
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ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- December 1, 2003
- February 1, 2003
- April 1, 2004
- June 1, 2004

The two committees meet jointly during the October planning sessions to do several things: tour the hotel to see meeting rooms, traffic flow patterns, and location of the registration and exhibit areas; coordinate program planning, ensuring that program ideas from each committee do not overlap; converse with the president of the ATLA Board regarding his or her thoughts on the conference, business and town meetings, and other items of particular interest to the Board; and consult with staff about budget, deadlines, exhibits, availability of technology, and other matters.

During October and November, Annual Conference Committee and Education Committee members contact speakers and facilitators, local hosts contact worship leaders, staff contact plenary speakers. All speakers receive program information sheets. Staff use the information on these forms to produce the conference program book and web content about the conference, set up a database of programs, speakers, equipment needs, schedules, and other information.

Local hosts continue working on the opening reception and tours or outings that they have been planning, compiling lists of local resources and speakers, gathering material for the conference tote bag, and doing all the other things that make each conference unique.

Staff continues to work closely with the hotel, refining a budget for the conference, preparing the program book and web content as more information about programming is confirmed, and soliciting exhibitors and sponsors.

In the fall every year at least five conferences are in various stages of production:

While creation of the current conference gets underway, local hosts for next year and the year after are thinking about their conferences. A site for the conference three years out is under consideration. And staff is producing and editing the proceedings from the conference just ended the past June!

In the next *Newsletter*, I will look at what happens during the December-February quarter, including budget and fees, the program book and conference web content, and preparations for registration.

*Karen L. Whittlesey*  
*Director of Member Services*



## Reference Reviews

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*A Concise Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Religion.* Thiselton, Anthony C.. Oxford: Oneworld, 2002. 344 pages. ISBN 1851683011.

Philosophy of religion may be defined as the field of study that critically examines basic religious beliefs and concepts. Although not the same as theology, philosophy of religion attends to the arguments put forward by theologians, and theologians in turn often draw on philosophical concepts to support their positions. Anthony C. Thiselton's *A Concise Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Religion* is a helpful reference resource for anyone attempting to gain purchase on this fascinating, yet at times intimidating, area of study. In a single-volume work aimed primarily at students, Thiselton presents a readable and clear guide to major thinkers, concepts, and movements in the philosophy of religion. The volume has a number of strengths, most prominently its conciseness and its clarity. What are often complex and difficult concepts are presented in a lucid and readable fashion. Most of the entries, which are arranged in alphabetical order, run only a page or two in length; many entries run less than a single page. The brevity of the entries makes the encyclopedia a good resource for the researcher who needs to make relatively quick acquaintance with a particular topic, concept, or thinker. Cross-references to other entries are clearly indicated by small cap typeset. This is a work that would benefit both its intended audience, that of students in the field, as well as more advanced scholars in both the fields of philosophy and theology.

There are a few limitations to the work. Because of its brevity, it seems clear that the author had to make some difficult choices concerning what was included and what was excluded. Interestingly, although the encyclopedia is primarily focused on Western philosophy, the author nevertheless chose to include some limited coverage of Asian thinkers and movements. The encyclopedia also tends to be weighted toward British luminaries in the field. For example, in the entry on metaphor, a number of British theorists are mentioned (Janet Martin Soskice and Owen Barfield, to name a few) but Sallie

McFague, the influential American theologian who has done extensive work investigating the role of metaphor in religion, is overlooked. There are also some surprising omissions. There are no entries, for example, on the topics of feminism, natural law, or deconstruction. There is no separate entry on William James, although his name crops up in several other entries. While there is an entry for teleological argument for the existence of God, there is no entry for teleology. There are also no bibliographies provided, although there is the occasional reference to other works within an entry. The absence of a bibliography makes the volume less helpful than it could be for the reader who wants to do more extensive exploration on a topic.

Despite these omissions, this is still a very helpful reference resource. In addition to the entries, the volume includes a chronology covering major philosophers of religion, their works, and significant events that runs from 1500 BCE to the death of Hans-Georg Gadamer in 2002. There is also an index of names. Interestingly, a quick search in WorldCat indicates that although there are several encyclopedias and dictionaries of religion and philosophy, there are few encyclopedias available covering the philosophy of religion. The absence of other encyclopedias covering this field of inquiry makes the appearance of Thiselton's work even more significant. In spite of some minor flaws, this is still an excellent resource. It is well-organized, readable, and is simply an enjoyable work to browse. It would make a good addition to the reference collection of any theological library.

*Amy Limpitlaw*  
*Divinity Library, Vanderbilt University*



## DIKTUON

We are eagerly seeking contributors for future Diktuon columns.

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## Diktuon

What a difference a couple of months make! At the ATLA conference last June a group of us talked about connecting laptops to library networks, and I remember stating that of the various computer services we offered, laptop internet access was among the more moderately used.

Since then, a lot of people seem to have bought wireless laptops. From being used in a few, mostly corporate, environments, laptop networking, especially wireless networking, is suddenly the flavor of the month.

Is this just the latest novelty feature, or is it tomorrow's working environment, and something that libraries should invest in now? As with most new technologies, there are both benefits and costs.

Wireless technology is not of course really wireless. It is an extension of the wired network that can either substitute for it or supplement it in certain areas.

Sometimes a facility will have areas where it is not advantageous to install data wiring, and wireless can be used as a *substitute*:

- historically designated buildings that would be marred by cabling
- spaces that are older where finding cable routings is difficult and consequently expensive
- public spaces where you don't want wires trailing (lounges, coffee shops, outdoors)

Wireless connectivity also offers freedom of movement, if you're using a portable device like a laptop. In this case it *supplements* the wired network, adding functions or convenience that wired connections can't provide. We find people will bring their laptop up to the desk with a question about what they have on the screen; and we have experimented with using wireless-equipped laptops in the stacks for inventory.

Lastly, a significant advantage is that wireless (or at least public) connections for user laptops allow people to use their own equipment in your environment. The user can work on her or his own familiar system—and of course the institution does not have to purchase the equipment, so it benefits financially.

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So there are some clear benefits to the use of wireless, both for the institution and for the user. What are the drawbacks?

Wireless technology trails wired technology in bandwidth (access speed). Most universities currently have wired connections in their labs and residences at 100 mbps. The latest wireless standard, 802.11g, which is not yet widely installed, runs at 55 mbps, and that bandwidth is shared among all the users of the access point (AP) which newer wired lines are not. *[Note: all speeds mentioned here are rated (theoretical) maximums. Even under the best operating conditions you would not expect to get more than half the rated speed in real life, and probably less than that.]* The lower bandwidth does not mean wireless is no good. For most purposes, moderate bandwidth is perfectly satisfactory. For instance, typical home high-speed Internet service from the phone company in many areas is rated around 1 mbps. The bandwidth question is important to remember, though, for purposes of planning. No one expects the bandwidth required for typical network services to go down—and certain operations *do* require high bandwidth.

Allowing people to connect their own machines to your network carries with it a security risk, because you are not in control of what is on their computer. User machines can have viruses, Trojan horses, hacking tools, and bandwidth hogs (such as music-sharing programs) on them. These issues are similar to those experienced by institutions with Internet connections in residences, but they may be new to libraries. It is important to keep any sections of your network with user-owned equipment separate from your administrative network, and if possible, from the network supporting your public machines as well.

Wireless technology also sacrifices an additional level of security because its connection to the network is by radio transmission. This means that someone parked outside your building can attach to your wireless network, if it is not adequately protected. (This is a popular pastime for some hackers and is called “war-driving”.)

The security issues do not mean that wireless is too dangerous to use, or that you should not allow users to connect their own equipment. It does mean that security measures such as the use of encryption and isolation of your core network from the “external” segment are important. The implication of in-

creased security needs is increased need for skilled staff to set up and maintain security, as well as additional hardware and software. It is important to factor these costs into your planning.

Finally—not really a downside, but a planning issue: wireless, like any other new service, means something else to cover for your institution’s public service staff. Most libraries will want to provide some basic help to users in getting started, but even if not, you will need to be able to refer people to a source of help for this through a collaborative relationship. It is probably best, if you can, to identify specific members of your staff who will be responsible for front-line technical support. They would help people get set up, resolve straightforward known issues, and make any necessary referrals to your institutional systems support staff or other source of professional help.

Assuming that your institution has decided that the benefits of allowing people to use their laptops on your network outweigh the costs and downsides, you need to make decisions on what kind of access you need where. If you have a newer building where adding jacks is relatively inexpensive, you may want to consider public wired access at carrels and study tables. It is not as cool as wireless but offers a fast, reliable connection with less maintenance than wireless requires. Category 5E wiring infrastructure, the common current standard, will also support gigabit (1000 mbps) Ethernet, should your institution opt for that at some point.

Another important consideration in providing space for laptop use is the need for electrical outlets. Although there have been improvements in the energy efficiency of laptops, many of them cannot go for more than a couple of hours without recharging. The transmission and reception of packets over radio frequencies required for wireless networking is also hard on battery life. So it would be advisable to increase the number of outlets in areas where laptop use is anticipated—ideally, every study space should have a power outlet.

In the more inaccessible or esthetically sensitive areas, or where the convenience of wireless access would be beneficial, you will be installing wireless access points. There are three wireless transmission standards (the 802.11 or WI-FI standards) to choose from, and a number of products support more than one of the standards. The standards are 802.11a, b and g.

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802.11a is a short range, high bandwidth standard (70 meters, 55 mbps theoretical maximums). Because of the frequency range it uses it is less liable to interference than the other two standards. It's good for small areas where high bandwidth is needed, but few of your users will have wireless cards that support it. It's really a niche product now that 802.11g is out.

802.11b is a longer range, low bandwidth standard (150 meters, 11 mbps maximums). It has the biggest installed base at present and there's a wide range of products available at reasonable prices. It will probably be largely replaced by 802.11g over the next several years.

802.11g is the recently approved higher bandwidth version of 802.11b (100 meters, 55 mbps maximums) and is backward-compatible with it to a large extent—802.11b and 802.11g devices will work together. It has some drawbacks—like 802.11b, it uses the crowded 2.4 GHz frequency for transmission, and can be subject to interference from other devices that use or produce emissions in this range, including cordless phones, microwaves, and Bluetooth network devices. Also, note that its range is slightly less than that of 802.11b, so you may need to add additional access points (APs) if you move up from b to g.

Lastly, although 802.11g APs are backward-compatible with 802.11b laptops, they slow down its performance—even for 802.11g laptops attached to the same AP. Still, the bandwidth enhancement is very attractive, so this standard is likely to become the dominant one within the next couple of years,

certainly for new installations.

Once you have chosen your wireless coverage areas, you will need to install ordinary network jacks for the APs that will serve them. These jacks should be located fairly high up on the wall or in the ceiling, to increase the broadcast range of the AP and lessen the likelihood of tampering. I would recommend you talk to your wireless installer about location when you place the jacks. It is also a good idea to put extra jacks in each space for future needs and as a fail-safe—the last thing you want is for a wiring problem on one line to completely eliminate network access for your users. In fact, with wireless it is generally a good idea to “over-engineer” a bit so that if one AP goes down you do not lose too much coverage area. Which of the installed jacks to use for the access points, and their exact placement, should be determined by the installer. They will locate the units to provide the best signal coverage for your space by testing the signal strength.

One of the good parts of Wi-Fi is that because it is based on radio signals, it is not especially affected by obstacles. A reasonably powerful AP can even cover areas with bookshelves fairly well. 802.11g/b APs cost from about the mid \$200's up to several hundred dollars, depending on features.

Another bit of good news is that it is not necessary to provide a power outlet at the AP. Almost all of them use “inline” power, meaning that the power is supplied through the network cable. In the switch room serving the network jack, a small powered unit (sometimes called a “power injector”) is placed between the switch and the line—it sends current down

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one pair of the wires on the data cable to power the access point. You will need a power outlet in the switch room for each access point.

Once the unit is powered up, provided with your network information, and set up with the software provided, several users with wireless equipped laptops can now connect to your network with this access point.

Unfortunately there are many wireless setups that involve hardly anything more than this, and it is really unwise especially in the environment of a public campus. The reason is that in this state it has no security, so it is just like allowing anyone to bring a strange computer in and plug it into a network jack.

A limited form of security, associated with the access point itself, is called Wired Equivalency Privacy or WEP. It works by the assignment of two matching encryption keys, one copy to the laptop and one to the access point. The keys are fairly easy to break with hacking tools, and are of even less use in a library setting because you have to make the key widely known in order for patrons to use it. Ours is up on the web site. So this does no more than deter the most casual wardriving.

I recommend three security measures that should be taken to protect your network if you are providing access for laptops:

1. Isolate the library's core network. Modern switches can support several "virtual local area networks" or VLANs. Have the access points and public jacks associated with a VLAN that has internet access only. This will not permit access to some local resources like locally networked CD-ROMs and certain printing setups, but they can still get at licensed web resources by specifying the public network IP range to your vendor. This does commit you to provide access to the local resources by other means, but often that is being done anyway on library equipment.
2. Use the security on the access points. If you already have APs and all they have is WEP, at least use that. There are proprietary solutions already that are better than WEP, and a full replacement standard for security called 802.11i will be out next year. The WiFi alliance (manufacturers of 802.11 wireless equipment) have recently introduced an interim security standard called WPA (Wi-Fi Protected Access). It may be available as a firmware upgrade to your existing access points. 802.11i support will likely require new equipment.

If you're starting out with wireless, then depending on when you plan to implement wireless coverage you should ask whether your equipment supports 802.11i or WPA.

3. Make users authenticate with a username and password. This provides some ability to make sure your resources are being used by students staff and guests of your institution, not just anyone who wanders in, and it allows any misuse to be tracked. This is particularly an issue when people can hook their own equipment up without needing even to come to the desk, but I should note that increasingly academic libraries are implementing authentication with all or almost all their public computers. The reason is that even a machine that is secured from tampering is not immune to misuse such as being used for spam or hate mail. Laptop access may raise some specific security issues, but keeping our resources safe for legitimate use is an increasing general concern for many schools.

*Recommended Sites for More Information on Wireless Technology*

For a good basic description of the technology, though a bit dated, check Bill Drew's Wireless Librarian at:

[people.morrisville.edu/~drewwe/wireless/How\\_it\\_Works.htm](http://people.morrisville.edu/~drewwe/wireless/How_it_Works.htm)

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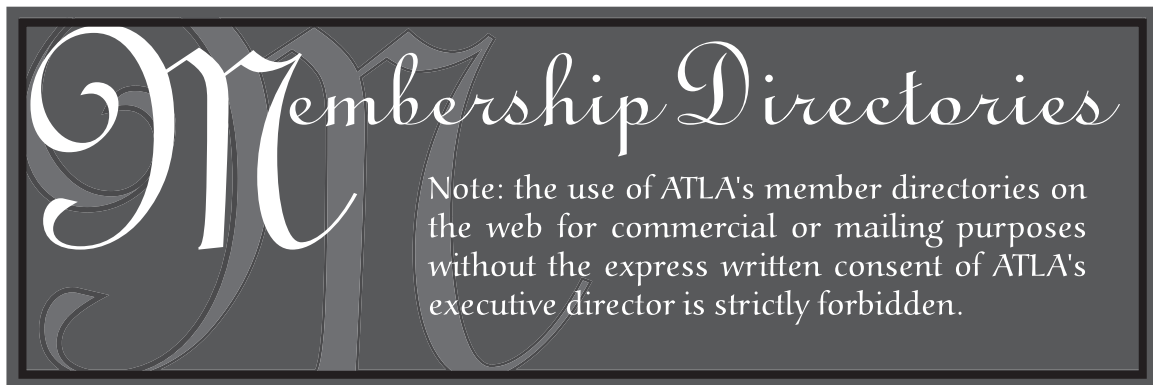
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### NFAIS Releases Reference Linking Guiding Principles

Upon a vote of the NFAIS Board of Directors and with support from individual member organizations, the National Federation of Abstracting and Information Services (NFAIS) has released a set of Guiding Principles to encourage widespread linking of bibliographic and full-text databases. For a full press release visit [www.nfaais.org](http://www.nfaais.org).



### RIO Semiannual Shipped

The semiannual edition of *Religion Index One: Periodicals*, vol. 35, 2003, was shipped in late October. The issue indexes 3,559 articles from 486 journal issues and is 12% larger than last year's. One new electronic journal is indexed for the first time: *Journal of Global Buddhism*



### ATLA RDB on CD-ROM Begins New Release Schedule

The update of the *ATLA Religion Database on CD-ROM* was shipped September 15. This disc marks the beginning of a new release schedule for the CD-ROM version of the database. Discs will now be sent in March and September. These new release months are a return to the original publication schedule last employed with the 1995 CD releases.



### Thesaurus Revisions Posted in October

The October update of cumulated changes to *Religion Indexes: Thesaurus, 1994* has been posted. The list can be accessed at [www.atla.com/products/technical\\_support/thesaurus\\_revisions.html](http://www.atla.com/products/technical_support/thesaurus_revisions.html) and is updated quarterly (July, October, January, and April) to coincide with the quarterly release of updates to the *ATLA Religion Database* in MARC format.



### Correction to On Demand Pricing

In the August 2003 *Newsletter* (p. 40), it was incorrectly stated that the cost for ATLA On Demand microfilming will increase from \$.35 to .38 per exposure beginning September 1, 2003. In actuality, the cost per exposure will remain at \$.35 until at least August 31, 2004.





## Preservation: New Dissertations Available on Microfilm

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Dissertations on microfilm are available to Institutional Members for \$100 per reel. To purchase, please contact Rick Adamek (888.665.ATLA; radamek@atla.com).

From “winner” to “sign:” *the changed understanding of the church-world relation in twentieth-century ecumenical thought*, by Benebo Fubara Fubara-Manuel, submitted to Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2003. The author writes: “Many critics and supporters alike of the World Council of Churches (WCC) contend that it has shifted from its original Christocentric and Trinitarian ‘Basis.’ Some, especially conservative evangelicals, see this shift as a movement away from Christian evangelism and the uniqueness of Christ to the unification of all humanity in a syncretism of religions in which the gospel is replaced by social work. . . . The argument of this dissertation is that the shift in understanding of twentieth-century ecumenical church-world relation is not from Christology to pneumatology, or from Christological universalism to Trinitarian universalism, or in a loss of eschatological vision. Ecumenical theological thinking has consistently remained within its Christological and Trinitarian ‘Basis’ and has been consistently eschatological. The shift is from an understanding of the church as the sphere of redemption to that of the world as the sphere of redemption. The proposal in this thesis is that this shift is best understood by a contrast between two interpretive models which may be described as ‘the Church as Winner of the World’ (the Winner model) and ‘the Church as Sign to the World’ (the Sign model). . . . The shift in the twentieth-century ecumenical understanding of the church-world relation is the result of a move from the Winner model to the Sign model.” ATLA no.: D00005, 1 reel.



## Preservation: Serials Newly Preserved through NEH Grant

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The following serial titles were microfilmed as part of the preservation grant “Christianity and the Encounter with World Religions, 1850-1950.” The preservation of these serials has been funded in part by the office of preservation of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

Serials on microfilm are available to ATLA Institutional Members for \$100 per reel. To purchase, please contact Scholarly Resources (800.772.8937; sales@scholarly.com).

### *L'ami du clergé*

Translated as “Friend of the clergy : a review of all ecclesiastical questions,” this Catholic journal came about primarily because of the rise of anti-clericalism in France. The second reason was to provide as economically as possible topics spanning a wide range—such as dogma, morality, liturgy, etc.—in a single magazine for clerics who did not have the time to read several journals. Published in Paris. Text in French. ATLA no.: S1019, 42 reels (1878–1968).

### *Ons Suriname : zendingsblad uit de Ev.*

#### *Broedergemeente*

Dutch mission of the Moravian Church to Suriname. “De Christus Gods heeft in de donkere dagen der slavernij Zijn boden naar Suriname gezonden, om den gebonden en het Evangelie van de vrijheid der kinderen Gods te doen verkondigen en de armen rijk te maken in genade. De Christus Gods heeft Suriname en zijn menschen niet verlaten, noch toen het uur der vrijheid sloeg, noch in de huidige moeilijke omstandigheden. Zijn liefde is hun steeds getrouw gebleven.” —from p. 1 of first issue. Published in Zeist by the Zendingsgenootschap der Evangelische Broedergemeente, Zeist. Text in Dutch. ATLA no.: 2003-S024, 2 reels (1929–1949).

*Missions of the Church of England to North China (1893–1896)*

*Land of Sinim (1896–1951)*

The quarterly paper of the Church of England's mission to North China and Shantung. Founded in 1872 as the North China Mission, the mission covered parts of Shansi and the Mongolian border. In 1903 the Diocese divided, with North China acquiring the province of Sheng-King. At this time the mission's name was changed to North China and Shantung Mission. Published in Leeds, England. ATLA no.: 2003-S030 through 2003-S031, 5 reels (1893–1951).

*Theosophic messenger : a monthly magazine for the interchange of theosophical opinions and news (1899–1912)*

*American theosophist (1913–1914)*

*Messenger (Los Angeles, Calif.) (1913–1927)*

*Theosophical messenger (1927–1932)*

This four-title serial run was published consecutively from 1899–1932 by the American Section of the Theosophical Society. Founded by H.S. Olcott and H.P. Blavatsky, "the Theosophical Society was formed at New York, Nov. 17, 1875, and incorporated at Madras, April 3, 1908. A Society of absolutely unsectarian and non-political character, whose work should be amicably prosecuted by the learned of all races, in a spirit of unselfish devotion to the research of truth, and with the purpose of disseminating it impartially, seemed likely to do much to check materialism and strengthen the waning religious spirit."—from p. 2 of cover of American Theosophist, Jan. 1913. Published in California and Illinois. ATLA no.: 2003-S050 through 2003-S053, 9 reels (1899–1932).

*Alaska Friend*

Mission of the Society of Friends in Alaska. Published in Douglas, Alaska. ATLA no.: 2003-S057, 1 reel (1893–1894).

*El Mejicano = The Mexican*

The official organ of the Latin American work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Pacific Southwest. "This publication is issued in the interest of the Spanish-American Mission Association, and is distributed among those individuals and organizations who are . . . contributing to the success

of the work in behalf of the Spanish-speaking people in Southern California."—p. 7 of April 1913 issue. Published in Los Angeles. Text in English. ATLA no.: 2003-S058, 1 reel (1913–1923).

*Rockefeller Foundation. China Medical Board. Annual report*

Medical mission in China. "In creating the China Medical Board, it was the aim of the Rockefeller Foundation to promote the gradual and orderly development of a comprehensive and efficient system of medicine in China. . . Realizing the importance and value of the work the medical missionaries are doing for the people of China, the China Medical Board has endeavored to co-operate sympathetically with the several missionary societies in strengthening their medical schools and hospitals."—from p. 7 to 8 of 2nd annual report. Published in New York. ATLA no.: 2003-S059, 1 reel (1914/15–1926).

*New Church life*

"A monthly magazine devoted to the teachings revealed through Emanuel Swedenborg." The Swedenborgian Church, also known as the Church of the New Jerusalem, is based on the Bible and on the teachings of the scientist and theologian Emanuel Swedenborg (1688–1772). Published in Philadelphia. ATLA no.: 2003-S060, 13 reels (1881–1934).

*Lotusblüten Theosophy.*

"Ein monatlich erscheinendes Journal enthaltend Originalartikel und ausgewählte Übersetzungen aus der orientalischen Litteratur in Bezug auf die Grundlage der Religionen des Ostens und der Theosophie." Contains articles such as, "Das Evangelium Buddhas," "Über die 'Geheimlehre von H.P. Blavatsky und ihre Quellen,'" "Christliche Mystik," and "Die Bhagavad Gita oder Das Hohe Lied." Published in Leipzig. Text in German. ATLA no.: 2003-S069, 4 reels (1893–1900).



## Preservation: Serials Newly Available on Microfilm

ATLA has received written permission from the publishers to duplicate and sell archival microfilm copies of the following titles for preservation purposes and for the advancement of theological and religious research and studies. In all other cases, the materials have passed into the public domain.

Serials on microfilm are available to ATLA Institutional Members for \$100 per reel. To purchase, please contact Scholarly Resources (800.772.8937; sales@scholarly.com).

### *Algemeen doopsgezind weekblad*

Mennonite weekly in the Netherlands. Published in Kollum by the Algemene Doopsgezinde Sociëteit. Text in Dutch. ATLA no.: S0336, currently 28 reels (1946–2001).

### *Evangelischer Pressedienst für Österreich : EPD*

The Lutheran Church in Austria. Church and the world. Published in Vienna by the Presseamt der Evangelischen Kirche A.u.H.B. in Österreich. Text in German. ATLA no.: S0398, currently 27 reels (1958–1999).

### *Information letter (Lutheran World Federation. Dept. of Studies)*

Communism and Christianity. Civilization in China. Published in Geneva by the Lutheran World Federation Marxism and China study. ATLA no.: S0466, 1 reel (1972–1985).

### *Kotimaa*

The Lutheran Church in Finland, a weekly paper. Published in Helsinki by the Suomalaisen Kirjallisuuden Kirjapaino. Text in Finnish. ATLA no.: S0275, currently 48 reels (1971–2001).

### *LWF information (1960–1979)*

#### *Lw information (1980–)*

LWI is the information service of the Lutheran World Federation. Published in Geneva. ATLA no. S0354A-B, currently 20 reels (1968–2000).



## Preservation: Ongoing Serials on Microfilm

New issues are of various ongoing serials are filmed periodically in the On Demand program. New issues of the titles listed below have been recently filmed.

Serials on microfilm are available to ATLA Institutional Members for \$100 per reel. To purchase, please contact Scholarly Resources (800.772.8937; sales@scholarly.com).

*Australian Friend (Sydney, N.S.W.). ATLA no.: S0863.* Reel no. 1–2: 1950–1976.

*Catholic standard (Washington, D.C.). ATLA no.: S0185.* Reel no. 60–61: v. 52 (2002).

*Catholic standard and times.* ATLA no.: S0268. Reel no. 150–151: v. 107–108 (2002).

Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche in Thüringen. *Amtsblatt.* ATLA no.: S0733. Reel no. 11 and 13: v. 42–46, 51–54 (1989–1993, 1998–2001).

*Kairos (Braamfontein, South Africa). ATLA no.: S0406.* Reel no. 2: v. 9–13 (1977–1981).

*Libresens.* ATLA no.: S0924. Reel no. 2–3: no. 31–90 (1994–1999).

*Lwinformation.* ATLA no.: S0354B. Reel no. 20: 1998–2000.

*Mission (Copenhagen, Denmark). ATLA no.: S0507B.* Reel no. 19: v. 103–109 (1992–1998).

National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (U.S.). *Handbook.* ATLA no.: S0914. Reel no. 1: 1962–1971/72.

National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (U.S.). *Yearbook.* ATLA no.: S0915. Reel no. 2–3: 1979/80–1992.

*SNOP.* ATLA no.: S0589. Reel no. 12: no. 1023–1063 (1998–1999).



## Retrospective Indexing Project Quarterly Report

June–August 2003

The summer quarter has proven to be among our most productive to date. We have completed the indexing of eight titles, seven of which had not been begun by the conclusion of the last quarter: *Zeitschrift für Religions- und Geistesgeschichte* (1948); *Vigiliae Christianae: A Review of Early Christian Life and Language* (1947–1948); *Union Seminary Quarterly Review* (1945–1948); *Traditio: Studies in Ancient and Medieval History, Thought, and Religion* (1943–1948); *Theologische Zeitschrift* (1945–1948); *Nederlands Theologisch Tijdschrift* (1946–1948); and *Mélanges de Science Religieuse* (1944–1948). Todd informs me that he has finished indexing the *Journal of Biblical Literature* (1881–1948); with the completion of the approval process, a matter of some days, this major ATLAS title will be complete. We are also within 4 issues of completing *Orate Fratres*, the ancestor of *Worship* and another ATLAS title, a major commitment in terms of RIP hours since it is a monthly publication.

A variety of factors account for this rapid throughput. Ben Butler has “graduated” from his novitiate into the ancient and honorable society of ATLA indexers (company policy forbids the imbibing of champagne or other spirits on the premises). Too, the RIP staff as a whole has settled into familiar rhythms of indexing and approving since the mid-course correction of last quarter, which, in the case of Todd and Ben, includes balancing three days a week of RIP indexing with 2 days of regular ATLAS RDB production. The cutoff for book reviews (a thousand words or more) has drastically reduced the number of bookmasters we must create, always the most time-consuming and soul-destroying facet of ATLAS indexing. And, with the exception of *Journal of Biblical Literature*, all of the newly completed titles began publication in 1943 or later, meaning that the number of volumes indexed were few.

With the coming of the new fiscal year in September, Todd has been promised a newer and more reliable laptop, and Ben will receive one for the first time. At that point, both Ben and Todd will

spend more of their RIP hours indexing in Hyde Park than here on South Wacker Drive, increasing overall efficiency and reducing wear on brittle high-lignin volumes.

*To date, we have finished RIP indexing for these 16 titles:*

*American Catholic Sociological Review*  
1940–1948)  
*Catholic Biblical Quarterly* (1939–1948)  
*Eastern Buddhist* (1921–1939 [publication suspended until 1949])  
*Ecumenical Review* (1948–1949)  
*Estudios Bíblicos* (1941–1948)  
*Hebrew Union College Annual* (1919, 1924–1948)  
*Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* (1947–1948)  
*Journal of Pastoral Care* (1947–1948)  
*Zeitschrift für Religions- und Geistesgeschichte* (1948)  
*Vigiliae Christianae: A Review of Early Christian Life and Language* (1947–1948)  
*Union Seminary Quarterly Review* (1945–1948)  
*Traditio: Studies in Ancient and Medieval History, Thought, and Religion* (1943–1948)  
*Theologische Zeitschrift* (1945–1948)  
*Nederlands Theologisch Tijdschrift* (1946–1948)  
*Mélanges de Science Religieuse* (1944–1948)  
*Journal of Biblical Literature* (1881–1948)

*Indexing has begun on these 9 titles:*

*Christian Century* (issues in 1917–1919, 1940, 1941, 1945)  
*Church History* (1932–1948, lacking 1942 only)  
*Journal of the National Association of Biblical Instructors* and *Journal of Bible and Religion* (the ancestors of the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 1933–1946, lacking 1947–48)  
*Orate Fratres* (1926–1947, lacking issues in 1948)  
*Theological Studies* (1940–1942)  
*Westminster Theological Journal* (1938–1941)  
*Commentary* (1945–1946)  
*Biblical Archaeology* (1938–1940)

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### *Titles remaining to be begun:*

*Covenant Quarterly* (1941–)  
*Journal of Jewish Studies* (1948–)  
*Journal of Religious Thought* (1943–)  
*Reformed Theological Review* (1942–)  
*Revue des Études Byzantines* (1944–)  
*Scottish Journal of Theology* (1948–)  
*Studia Theologica: Scandinavian Journal of  
Theology* (1947–)  
*Theology Today* (1944–)  
*Unitarian Universalist Christian* (1946–)

### *Indexing has been suspended on:*

*Bibliotheca Sacra* (1856–1948)  
*Christian Century* (1900–1939)  
*Christian Oracle* (1884–1899)

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
Steven W. Holloway, RIP Project Director



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## **From the Executive Director**

### Norlin at BETH

From September 13 to 18 I represented ATLA at the meeting of Bibliothèques Européennes de Théologie (BETH) at the Cursanus Akademie in Brixen / Bressanone, Italy. ATLA and BETH have been in affiliation with each other since 1997, and this was the fifth time I have attended.

BETH meetings are more like a federation's than ATLA's annual conference. Representatives from each of BETH's ordinary members (national theological library associations) are joined by representatives from extraordinary members (major research libraries) and guests (like ATLA). The group totaled just over thirty from 9 different countries (England, Denmark, Netherlands, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, and Hungary).

BETH conferences last 4 days and alternate days of business meetings and presentations with excursions to historically significant sites. I was pleased to represent ATLA at the meeting and to make a presentation about our programs and services.

I learned about several important collaborative projects currently underway in Europe: 1) development of a theology portal in Denmark; 2) efforts to make all of Cologne's manuscripts digitally available on the web; 3) development of a union catalog by nine significant theological libraries in Rome; 4) consolidation of Tilborg's theology library within the university library in the Netherlands; and 5) successful efforts to save the York Minster Library in England.

These innovative efforts were placed in historical context by several trips to nearby historic sites. At

Trent we visited the site where the Counter-Reformation began, in a cathedral that has an unbroken record of its bishops since the mid-4<sup>th</sup> century. At the Augustinian monastery in Brixen we saw the original charter for the monastery signed by Pope Innocent II in 1143. We also saw a plenary institutional indulgence from the 1520s that was obtained by the Augustinian hospital.

All of this was in a setting of incredibly beautiful mountains and valleys carefully cultivated to produce grapes, apples, olives, and lemons. As a key route from Germany to Rome, the South Tyrol region is strategically significant, incredibly bountiful, fully multilingual and multicultural (German and Italian), and breathtakingly beautiful.

We look forward to increasing our interaction with our sister associations in Europe, and are thankful for this opportunity to exchange information, encouragement, and support with one another. You can learn more about BETH on their website: [www.theo.kuleuven.ac.be/beth/](http://www.theo.kuleuven.ac.be/beth/).

*Dennis A. Norlin*  
*ATLA Executive Director*



## Staff Notes

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### Index Department Undergoes Staff Changes

ATLA's Department of Indexes has filled the position of database manager for products. Tim Elston, currently a Student Member, began on October 6. Tim joins the staff with an MA in Biblical Studies from Denver Seminary and course work completed for a ThD in New Testament Studies from Wycliffe College, Toronto School of Theology. Tim also has a BA in linguistics. In addition to his theological studies he brings a knowledge of Latin, classical Greek, and modern Arabic as well as French, German, and Biblical Hebrew.

Nina Schmit, indexer-analyst, has accepted an appointment as senior indexer-analyst. Nina will, in addition to regular indexing duties, assist the department's management team in helping train new indexers, documenting policies and procedures, and managing the department's backlogs more efficiently.



### ATLA Changes Home Page URL

When you go to the ATLA home page you may notice an expanded URL: [www.atla.com/atlahome.html](http://www.atla.com/atlahome.html). If you see only a blank, please refresh your page and you should find yourself on the ATLA home page.

We have made this change in order to provide direct domain name access for member groups, such as ATLA regional groups, that have their site hosted on the ATLA server. If you have bookmarked the ATLA home page as [www.atla.com](http://www.atla.com), you may want to re-bookmark it.

If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan West, editor of member publications at 888.665.ATLA or [jwest@atla.com](mailto:jwest@atla.com).



### ATLA Hires Publications Associate

Stacey Schilling has joined the Member Services Department as publications associate. Under the day-to-day direction of Jonathan West, she will have responsibilities for creating and producing ATLA's member print and web publications.

Stacey's background includes work as a graphic designer for the Vincent DePaul Leadership Program and the Vincentian Urban Educators. She has a BA in graphic design from DePaul University.



## ATLA'S Administrative Team

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As we enter our new fiscal year we begin a series of articles that describe the six administrative structure of ATLA staff. We begin with a general overview and a description of the administrative team.

The attached chart shows the six departments that constitute ATLA staff: Member Services, Financial Services, Information Services, Electronic Products and Services, Preservation Products and Services, and Indexes. The directors of each department constitute the primary administrative team that guides ATLA's operations. Every Tuesday morning the directors meet with the executive director to review current projects and issues. The agenda for each directors' meeting is shared with all staff, and directors meet with departmental staff to review the decisions that were made and information that was shared at the directors' meeting.

Once each quarter the directors hold an extended strategic planning meeting that addresses a specific issue, policy, project, or plan. In October, for example, we focused on the new strategic plan and the new supervisor evaluation process. The fourth Tuesday of each month we hold an all-staff meeting to share information with and to receive ideas and suggestions from all the staff. Our September all-staff meeting introduced the revised personnel handbook.

Each ATLA staff member is assigned to one of the six departments except for the administrative team. As executive director I lead the administrative team that includes the executive assistant (Beverly Thompson) and the office manager (Janan Robinson). The administrative team also meets weekly to review the issues and projects that fall to us. Those responsibilities include:

- Receiving visitors and guests
- Receiving and distributing telephone calls, facsimiles, mail, and e-mail

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- Shipping and mailing ATLA's publications, products, and other materials
- Ordering equipment and supplies
- Maintaining facilities and equipment
- Serving as liaison with contractors and vendors
- Leading the emergency response team
- Maintaining the ATLA calendar
- Facilitating travel and lodging for staff and members
- Maintaining ATLA's copyright and trademark portfolio
- Scheduling professional development opportunities for staff
- Maintaining administrative team internal web page

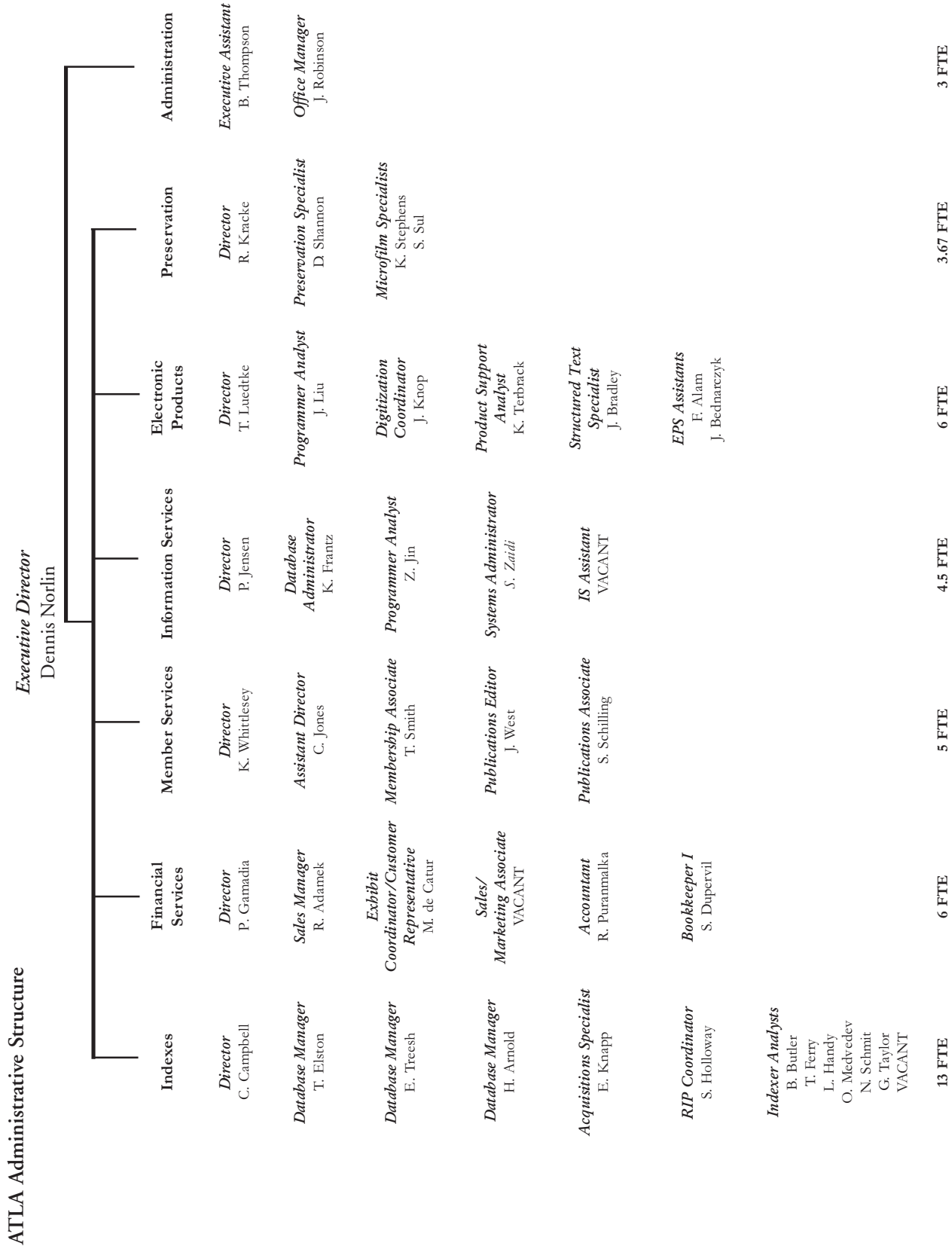
The administrative team is frequently the first point of contact that ATLA members and/or customers have with ATLA staff. It is our goal to provide an efficient and pleasant response to all who contact ATLA.

*The Administrative Team  
Beverly, Janan, and Dennis*





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## Calendar

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### November

- 4–6 Tami Luedtke, ARL OLMS Management Skills Institute I
- 6–7 International Collaboration Committee meets at ATLA headquarters
- 18 Susan Barrick, Assistant Dean, Development and Alumni Relations, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois, visits ATLA
- 20 Charles Kolb, Senior Program officer, NEH, Division of Preservation and Access, visits ATLA
- 22–25 ATLA at AAR/SBL meeting, Atlanta (D. Norlin, C. Jones, M. de Catur, R. Adamek)
- 27–28 Thanksgiving Holiday, ATLA office closed

### December

- 24–26 Christmas Holiday, ATLA office closed
- 31 New Year's Eve Holiday, ATLA office closed

### January

- 1–2 New Year's Holiday, ATLA office closed
- 8–12 ALA Midwinter Meeting (K. Whittlesey, R. Kracke)
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, ATLA office closed
- 22 ATLA Board of Directors on-site inspection, ATLA headquarters
- 23–24 ATLA Board of Directors Winter Meeting, ATLA headquarters

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