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ATLA Member News

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President's Message



Dear Colleagues,

This January, as every January, your Board of Directors met in Chicago at ATLA Headquarters to do the business of visioning for your Association. In years past when I've served on the Board, I've been used to boarding a plane and entering the glamorous world of the Business Traveler (OK, I'm a sucker for fantasy)—the airport, the plane, the taxi or van, all those important people coming from Somewhere to Chicago to oil the economic machinery of our land. It was glorious. Chicago would faithfully provide a show called Winter—wind, a sideways snowstorm, and of course, bitter cold. This year, after more prep work than is my custom, I boarded not a skybird, but the #55 bus which took me to the Green Line which went north to the Loop and a transfer to the Brown Line—a less than exotic journey taking a grand total of 40 minutes and costing two bucks. Chicago petered out too: sunshine, temperatures in the 40s, rain. Rain! Clearly this was going to be a working trip, full of the quotidian and mundane.

Well, it was a working trip, all right. The Board met for two solid days (three days for the faithful three who came in Thursday for Direct Inspections), from 8:30 to 5:00, with a packed, unrelenting agenda. But I wouldn't say that what faced us was quotidian and mundane. We did the usual

things: make appointments, meet new ATLA staff, approve a conference site, hear committee and staff reports. But this year there were several things we considered, debated, and ultimately ruled upon that are more than a little important for the future of ATLA. You'll see these mentioned in the brief report from the Board, but I would like to highlight four of these things because of their significance to us all.

First, as every year, we evaluated the performance of our Executive Director, Dennis Norlin. But this year we also approved a new five-year contract with Dennis. This contract is both a sigh of relief for us—that we have five more years of stability of leadership we can rely upon—and a signal that we appreciate immensely Dennis' capabilities, energies, and vision in guiding ATLA. As we know, Dennis turned ATLA around from the brink of economic disaster to its financial health of today. This contract is the Board's signal to Dennis of thanks and confidence. Personally, it was a pleasure to be part of the new contract process.

Secondly, the Board heard a report from the Endowment Committee and with their counsel approved some changes to the Association's two funds. We agreed that clarification of the differences between the two would be improved by calling the one the *Scholarships and Grants Annual Fund* and the other the *ATLA Endowment Fund*. The purpose of the Scholarships and Grants Annual Fund (for which I wrote a solicitation letter back in November) is to provide ATLA members money for assistance with personal vocational development—funds to enable attendance at ATLA annual conferences, library school and other library educational events. Like a seminary annual fund, money raised will be expended directly on the appropriate scholarships.

The ATLA Endowment Fund, however, is a vehicle for supporting the program of the Member Services portion of ATLA. This will operate more like the endowments of our various schools: ATLA will only spend a portion of the income of the principle, and spend it on Association program, not individual member activities. This is one, and only one way, of addressing the funding of Member Services, which is primarily funded now by ATLA product and dues income. The Board encouraged the Endowment Committee to move forward in its appeal for gifts for the Endowment, recognizing this as only one strategy in an overall program for ATLA's financial health.

The third matter to bring to your attention will require a change of the ATLA By-Laws (sorry!), meaning a reading and vote by the membership at the upcoming Annual Conference in June 2006. The Board is suggesting changes to two sections of the by-laws, changes that will alter how we vote for Directors of the Board. Currently, we vote by paper ballot and preferential voting. The Board would like to bring ATLA into the 21st century and have us vote electronically (provisions made for those who cannot do so). One of the virtues of electronic balloting is, of course, the speed by which it can be done. This speed will not only allow us to move up deadlines so we will know election outcomes sooner, but it will eliminate the need for the—to some—cumbersome and mysterious preferential balloting system which ATLA has used for (only) the last fourteen years. The Board is thus recommending that elections be determined by plurality vote. That is, candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the number of vacant positions shall be declared elected. If a tie occurs, the teller's committee shall select from among the tied candidates by lot. We think this plurality system is much more transparent and understandable.

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Finally, the Board tackled once again the matter of dues. We all know that the economy has brought many stresses to our institutions. Our seminars and library budgets feel the pinch. And ATLA has not been exempt from budget stress either. The last time ATLA changed its dues was 1998, now almost *eight* years ago. During these years, the level of dues income has not kept pace with the necessary growth in the Member Services budget. It is not likely that adding substantial numbers of new members will increase dues income, and the potential number of ATLA members is finite anyway. The Board feels it is also unwise to allow the level of subsidy from product income to Member Services to increase unchecked.

ATLA must protect its capital, which its products embody. Protecting that capital means investing in Research and Development (R&D) to keep competitive—in other words, investing some product income back into products.

All of these factors combined require increasing... institutional member (not individual member) dues. And so we will bring to you this coming June at the Annual Conference the figures and reasoning which have emerged out of long Board study and long debate. We do not bring dues changes to you lightly. After all, it affects our library budgets as well! But we find that in the long run, the benefits to ATLA and therefore to our home libraries warrant these proposed changes.

So, January brought unnervingly warm weather to Chicago, and plenty of challenges to the ATLA Board of Directors. We have tried in our deliberations to keep you, the institutional and individual members of ATLA, uppermost in our minds. We have tried to chart a course forward that protects all our work and investments in theological librarianship. Let us pray we saw well and wisely.



*Christine Wenderoth
ATLA Board President
JKM Library*

We welcome the following new members to the association:



Individuals

Ms. Karen J. Alexander, Minneapolis, MN
Miss Jan M. Edmiston, Houston, TX
Mrs. Suzanne Gleason, Creve Ceour, MO
(formerly a student member)
Mr. Mark Steven Ingrassia, Pekin, IL
(formerly a student member)
Ms. Barbara Kemmis, Chicago, IL
Ms. Teresa Lubieniecki, East Aurora, NY
Ms. Christine R. Mitchell, Baton Rouge, LA
(formerly a student member)
Miss Lisa M. Olsen, Fort Wayne, IN
(formerly a student member)
Miss Mayra G. Picos-Lee, Wynnwood, PA
Miss Janet I. Reese, Mill Valley, CA
Mr. Dean Seeman, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
(formerly a student member)
Ms. Jennifer Tsai, Berkeley, CA
Ms. Donna J. Wells, Wake Forest, NC

Students

Rev. Raymond Gonia, Chippewa Falls, WI
Rev. John D. Ritter, Porter, TX

International Institutional

China Evangelical Seminary Library, Taipei, Twain

Affiliate Libraries

Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA
Mary Rio Verde University, Provo, UT
Baker Eddy Library for the Benefit of Humanity, Boston, MA

Affiliate Businesses

Pelham House, Marlborough, United Kingdom

Member News

Board Meeting Highlights

Summary report of the ATLA Board of Directors Midwinter Meeting, January 12-14, 2006.

The ATLA Board of Directors met at ATLA Headquarters for its semiannual Board meeting. The following summary highlights the business conducted. Full minutes will be posted on the Board's website, available to all ATLA members, at: www.atla.com/board/newboardhome.html.

Financial Education

Thursday afternoon Pradeep Gamadia, ATLA Director of Financial Services, led an educational session on the organization's budget and financial reports. It is the second year Pradeep has offered this very helpful session for the Board members.

On-Site Inspection of Products

Three Board members met with the headquarters Directors responsible for ATLA products and product services. The

team reported that the staff members are doing an extraordinary job and are highly committed to professional, creative, and client-focused stewardship of products.

Barbara Kemmis and Member Services

The Board met with the new Director of Member Services, Barbara Kemmis, who reported on the department's current activities and priorities. One major priority for the next year is reviewing and redesigning the ATLA website.

Tour of New Headquarters

Friday morning the Board toured and toasted the new headquarters offices. Renovations will begin soon with the move anticipated for March.

Discussion of Elections Procedures

Portions of Bylaws Article 4 related to the Board of Directors election timetable and procedures were discussed with an eye toward moving to electronic ballots. Changes to this section of the Bylaws will

be brought to the membership for discussion and vote at the Annual Conference in June.

Dues Change Proposal

The Dues Task Force presented a document that will be sent to members regarding a revision to the institutional membership dues. The revision to the dues will be discussed and voted on by the membership at the Annual Conference in June.

Interest Groups

Issues related to expectations for existing and proposed interest groups, and continuing recognition of current groups, were discussed.

Executive Director's Contract

The Board voted to renew Dennis Norlin's contract for the period from July 1, 2006-June 30, 2011 and expressed appreciation for his good work over the past years.

*Roberta Schaafsma
ATLA Board Secretary
Duke University Divinity School Library*



ATLA board members toast the new office space at 300 South Wacker Drive. Left to right: Duane Harbin (vice-president), Jim Pakala, Paul Stuehnenberg, M. Patrick Graham, Paula Hamilton, Christine Wenderoth (president), Bill Badke, Martha Lund Smalley, Eileen Crawford, David Stewart, Roberta Schaafsma (secretary), Howertine L. Farrell Duncan

Greetings from the Conference Local Host



Welcome to Chicago!

The Local Host Committee and the ATLA staff are delighted to welcome you to the Windy City, home of ATLA headquarters! Sixty years ago, 50 seminary librarians came together as strangers and through two brief days together became friends and colleagues, collaborating to bring life to something larger than themselves. Since those humble yet ambitious beginnings, ATLA and the craft of theological librarianship have grown and developed substantially, as this year's annual conference proves. With more papers, presentations, and roundtables than ever before, the 2006 annual conference is sure to provide something of interest for everyone.

While you're here, we hope you'll find Chicago to be, as we do, the perfect blend of big-city culture and small-town friendliness. The Local Host Committee thought you might like to know a few facts about the city so that you feel less like a tourist during your visit: the "Windy City" refers to our politicians, not our weather; in Chicago, we say "pop" and "bag," not "soda" and "sack;" when people take the L, they're really taking the "el" (for "elevated train").

Your hotel, the Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza, is adjacent to the famous Merchandise Mart on the North Bank of the Chicago River. The Mart, built in 1930, is the largest commercial building in the world, encompassing over 4 million square feet. Due east of the hotel is Michigan Avenue, famous for the shopping along its Magnificent Mile, the world-renowned Art Institute of Chicago, the lively summer bustle of Grant Park, and the captivating allure of Chicago's newest attraction, Millennium Park. All in all, Michigan Avenue is a great place for any visitor to begin exploring Chicago.

The conference opening reception takes place in the beautiful offices of Gardner, Carton, & Douglas—just steps away from your hotel; the banquet takes place in the hotel itself. The Local Host Committee has lined up some exciting entertainment for both events.

Excursions on Thursday and Friday will allow you and your colleagues and friends to explore a vast sampling of the cultural events and world-class cuisine that make Chicago great. We hope you'll consider staying on a few extra days with your family to take advantage of all that this big-city-small-town has to offer.

We can't wait to see you!

Local Host Committee, 2006 conference

ATLA Staff



The historic Water Tower, survivor of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871

Committee members—seated, l to r: Kristen Terbrack, Beverly Thompson (chair), Lowell Handy; standing, l to r: Todd Ferry, Dennis Norlin, Cameron Campbell, Tracie Guy, and Zhongwen Jin.

Conference Highlights

Theological librarians and paraprofessional staff, directors, academic administrators, and theology and library school students will gather June 21-24 to network, learn, teach, and discuss matters affecting theological libraries and librarianship.

Conference Sessions *(subject to change)*

Plenary address

Martin E. Marty, PhD, theologian and historian, on “Chicago’s Influence on Religion”

Martin E. Marty is a theologian and historian of modern Christianity whose many books address issues of religious practice and its role in both private and public life. An ordained minister and a distinguished emeritus professor from the University of Chicago, he has written books that range widely from meditations on aspects of faith to wholesale histories of religion, even to studies on the intersection between religion, politics, and education. Ordained a pastor within the conservative Missouri Synod of the Lutheran church and active as such for two decades, Marty is nonetheless liberal enough to be in the vanguard of the Christian ecumenical movement and to act as contributing editor of the progressive Protestant magazine *Christian Century*. While juggling these two careers, along with those of professor and scholar, Marty has also found time to write or edit over fifty books on religious subjects ranging from Christian perspectives on health to the natures of friendship and grieving. (Excerpted from: *Contemporary Authors*, vol. 194.)

Panelists responding to Dr. Marty’s remarks: David Heim, executive editor of *Christian Century*, David Neff, editorial vice-president, *Christianity Today International*

Plenary address

Daniel Aleshire, PhD, Executive Director of ATS, on “The Future of Theological Librarianship”

Daniel Aleshire was elected executive director of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS) in 1998. He first joined the staff in 1990 as an associate director for accreditation and was named associate executive director in 1996 with the responsibility of overseeing the range of the Association’s programs and services to its member institutions, in addition to accreditation. From 1992 to 1996, he provided the primary ATS staff leadership to the Quality and Accreditation Project to redevelop the ATS accrediting standards that were adopted by the membership in 1996. An ordained minister, Aleshire holds a BS degree from Belmont College, the MDiv degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, and an MA degree and PhD in psychology from George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tennessee. Aleshire has written extensively on issues of ministry and theological education, Christian spirituality, and Christian education. He is co-author of *Being There: Culture and Formation in Two Theological Seminaries*, which received the 1998 Distinguished Book Award from the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and was published by Oxford University Press in 1997. His articles have appeared in *Commonweal*, *Christian Century*, *Theological Education*, *Journal of Supervision in Ministry*, *Baptist History and Heritage*, *Dictionary of Pastoral Care*, *Search*, and *Review and Expositor*. (Excerpted from the ATS website, www.ats.edu.)

Pre-conference activities

Five pre-conference workshops will be offered on topics ranging from institutional archives to licensing and evaluating library resources. Pre-conference excursions to the Wade Center at Wheaton College, the Oriental Institute (including a walking tour of Hyde Park), and tour of world religion sites in suburban Chicago are also planned.

For more information

Information about the conference, including paper and roundtable topics, is posted on the ATLA website at www.atla.com/member/conference. Please visit often to see updates as they become available.



photo: courtesy Chicago Convention & Tourism Bureau

Member Notes

ATLA at AAR/SBL

ATLA held a member reception in the ATLA suite from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 19, 2005, at the AAR/SBL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. ATLA staff in attendance at the conference included Executive Director Dennis Norlin, Business Development Representative Lavonne Jahnke, Director of Membership Barbara Kemmis, Director of Business Development Margot Lyon, and Membership Associate Timothy Smith.



Don Haymes Festschrift Presentation

At the conclusion of the Churches of Christ Professors' Breakfast at the annual AAR/SBL conference on November 20, 2005, Don Haymes was presented his copy of a collection of essays in his honor. The volume, *Restoring the First-century Church in the Twenty-first Century: Essays on the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement: In Honor of Don Haymes*, was edited by Warren Lewis and Hans Rollmann, who managed to contact more than 50 potential contributors and bring 44 of their essays through editing and into print without allowing Don to discover the work in process. The presentation was to be a surprise; to this end Betty Haymes, Don's wife, maintained secrecy, though she claims it almost slipped out on numerous occasions. The presentation was made by Warren Lewis before a packed gathering of Church of Christ scholars and clergy, with many of the contributors in attendance, to thunderous applause and many heartfelt congratulations to the honoree from those who knew him through the years as civil rights activist, New Testament scholar, theological librarian, or solid Stone-Campbell Restorationist.

The volume was nearly two years in the making. Editors Lewis and Rollmann credit

Betty Haymes (who wrote the "*brevis curriculum vitae*" for the volume) with instigating the project. Contributors were told to produce works that would reflect Don's many interests while reflecting a Church of Christ connection. Thereafter the essays poured in on topics academic, social, political, educational, and confessional. Wipf and Stock Publishers accepted the project as the very first volume in their newly organized series, *Studies in the History and Culture of World Christianities*, edited by David Bundy. A flurry of editing activity soared through postal and electronic mails for the better part of a year as the book took shape, most of the manuscript passing through Betty's hands without Don, the always observant, ever noticing. Not until the morning of the presentation itself was Don aware of anything being prepared in his honor, and he accepted the volume humbly with a short thank you. Then he started pouring over the contributors, and surprise, joy, and exclamations beamed forth from the honoree. He immediately discerned problems with page headers; the irrepressible editor, author, librarian, and perfectionist in him bubbled forth even on this occasion. Congratulations, Don, it is an honor well deserved.

*Submitted by Lowell Handy
ATLA Indexer Analyst*



Bibliography Grant 2006

The ATLA Publications Committee received a number of applications for the 2006 ATLA Bibliography Grant in January. The recipient of this grant will be selected by the Publications Committee. Applicants will be notified by March 1, and the funding granted will be distributed to the recipient within two weeks of the committee's decision.

The grant is given annually to one or more bibliographers or indexers to aid in the development of a work that provides access

to a significant body of literature within the fields of theological and/or religious studies. The scope and subject matter are broadly conceived, with the intent of encouraging bibliographical essays or annotated bibliographies, especially by persons undertaking their first major project in this area. In addition to any other publication, all projects should result in a bibliographic essay that will be submitted for possible publication in the *ATLA Journal of Theological Bibliography*. Applicants are not required to be members of ATLA.

See the Publications Committee web site, http://www.atla.com/pub_com/grant.html, for full details.



Regional Grant Applications

The next quarterly deadline for regional grant applications is April 15. Future deadlines are July 15 and October 15. These grants provide funding for groups that organize regional professional development programs. Both ad hoc groups of Institutional Members and affiliated regional groups may apply. See the Professional Development Committee web site, http://www.atla.com/prof_dev/prof_dev_grant.html, for more information and an application form.



Upcoming Newsletter Submissions

The deadline for submissions for the May issue of the ATLA Newsletter is April 1, 2006. Please send news items, announcements, etc., to Sara Corkery, Communications Specialist, at newsletter@atla.com. For submission guidelines see the newsletter home page <http://www.atla.com/member/publications/newsletter.html>.



Member News

2005 ATLA Conference Proceedings Mailed

The 2005 *Summary of Proceedings* (http://www.atla.com/member/publications/summary_of_proceedings.html) of the ATLA Annual Conference was mailed in mid-December to members and subscribers. If you are not a member and would like to order this publication, contact Tim Smith at 888-665-ATLA or tsmith@atla.com. Members receive these publications as a benefit of membership; see the membership application page, <http://www.atla.com/member/application.html>.



Italian Monastery Cataloging Project

In December 2005, Ethan Allen, a staff member of St. Vincent de Paul Seminary Library, returned to Monastero di San Benedetto in Norcia, Italy to resume work cataloging books. Since beginning the project in 2002, the collection at the Benedictine monastery has grown from 1,000 to over 6,000 volumes, of which two-thirds have been cataloged. The library serves the monks at the monastery and visitors. In the future, the monastery may offer a licentiate degree in theology. Further information on this project will be highlighted in an upcoming article in *The Journal of Access Services*, volume 3, number 1, Spring 2006.

*Submitted by Arthur G. Quinn
Director of St. Vincent de Paul
Seminary Library, Boynton Beach, FL.*



Member-Authored Book Published

William Badke has just published *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Meaning of Everything* (Kregel Publications, 2005, ISBN: 0-8254-2069-5, \$11.99). The publisher's blurb includes the following: "This book approaches the Biblical narrative in a fresh way, setting it loose into

the lives of the seeking postmodern reader. Badke uses postmodern concepts and issues to help the reader arrive at biblically-based answers to the big questions in life that are more satisfying than anything Douglas Adams could ever devise."



Theological Librarianship Course at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to be offered again

ATLA is pleased to announce a continuing partnership with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) to offer a graduate-level course in theological librarianship. This course, available to members and non-members, is accessed online through the distance education program (LEEP) of the university's Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) as LIS 590TL Theological Librarianship. The course will run August 23-December 8, 2006.

Students will register with UIUC through the LEEP program, enrolling for either two or four credit hours. Those enrolling for four credit hours will be required to complete an additional term project. Total enrollment will be capped at 20-25 students. ATLA members will be able to register at in-state tuition rates, a major cost savings.

The instructor for the course will be Dr. Carisse Berryhill, special services librarian at Abilene Christian University. She is developing the course in consultation with the ATLA Professional Development Committee and with UIUC's technology support staff. She welcomes ideas and useful anecdotes from ATLA members that will help to enrich the course. E-mail her at carisse.berryhill@acu.edu.

The course will provide an overview of theological librarianship, briefly covering its various components in order to develop in the student a basic understanding of the contexts, materials, services, and issues that

characterize theological librarianship. Discussion of the *contexts* of theological librarianship will include history, professional organizations, theological discourse and texts, the variety of theological library career paths and academic cultures, and negotiating the teaching role of the librarian in collaboration with other theological educators.

Consideration of the *materials* of theological librarianship will emphasize bibliography of theological resources, acquisition of theological literature, publishers and series, denominational collections, and archival collections. Among the *services* studied will be organizing theological materials, providing reference services in the context of the reader's writing processes, searching databases (with special attention to scripture searching), and evaluating web resources.

As far as *issues and trends* facing theological libraries today, the class will consider globalization, dealing with religious sensitivities and controversies, the role of the librarian in facilitating technology in teaching and learning, and the digital future.



2009 ATLA Annual Conference to take place in St. Louis

At the Midwinter board meeting, the board approved the Annual Conference Committee's proposal to hold the 2009 ATLA Annual Conference in St. Louis. Allen Mueller, Eden Theological Seminary, and Jim Pakala, Covenant Theological Seminary will co-chair the host committee. During a site visit of hotels in early January, Barbara Kemmis, Director of Member Services, attended the initial meeting of the host committee at Concordia Seminary. Participants included: David Berger, Eric Stancliff, and Lyle Buettner, Concordia Seminary; Allen Mueller, Eden Theological Seminary; Jim Pakala, Covenant

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Theological Seminary; Ron Crown, St. Louis University; and Gary Truman, Urshan Graduate School of Theology.



Happy 60th birthday, ATLA!

To help the Association celebrate its 60th birthday this summer, the Endowment Committee is asking you to make a special gift to the ATLA Endowment Fund. Our goal is to add \$6,000 to the fund by the time of the Annual Conference in Chicago this summer. To help meet this goal, please send your check (any amount is fine) to ATLA, marking it "Endowment Fund." Thank you for helping our "Happy Birthday" have an enduring meaning for member services at ATLA.

Later this spring we will be writing you with additional information about making planned gifts to the Endowment Fund, whose purpose is "to secure the future of ATLA as a membership organization."

*ATLA Endowment Committee:
Roger L. Loyd, Chair, Duke University
Divinity School Library; Mary Bischoff;
Elmer O'Brien; M. Patrick Graham, Emory
University, Pitts Theology Library*



**ATLA Annual Conference
June 21 - 24, 2006 • Chicago**

List of Exhibitors (as of 2/1/06)

- Abingdon Press
- Adam Matthew Publications*
- American Bible Society
- Baylor University Press
- Brill Academic Publishers, Inc.
- Eisenbrauns, Inc.
- Gorgias Press
- Georgetown University Press
- InterVarsity Press**
- The Scholar's Choice
- Theological Book Network
- YBP Library Services

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Issues In Publishing

Electronic Texts Reconsidered...

At a session organized by Eileen Saner reporting on the experience of theology libraries with NetLibrary e-books at the 2002 ATLA Annual Meeting, I reported that the experience at the Hartford Seminary Library was not encouraging. Nor, as I recall, was the experience of the other libraries reporting. I suggested that "we had not learned enough" about how people read online texts. Almost four years later, I think my statement was right, but it made the solution seem too simple. The issue is not just learning how users read online, but how to develop user interfaces, library services, and business models that meet users' needs and expectations. These tasks are complicated by cultural, generational, and personal differences that make it difficult to develop a single solution that fits everyone.

Four years ago, it was clear that the library users at Hartford Seminary were primarily Baby Boomers and early Gen-Xers. Though most were reasonably adept at using e-mail and the Internet, they were primarily print-oriented. Recent user studies, primarily of undergraduates (Generation Y), report user expectations and use patterns that appear to be very different from those I observed at Hartford Seminary. The Gardener and Eng study (2005) of users at the University of Southern California portrays users who increasingly rely on (and demand) digital content. Only 36% of surveyed users went to the library to check out a book. Only 12% went to the library to use print journals or magazines. The USC users are increasingly mobile, always connected (through a variety of communication devices), and demand fast, easy to use, customizable interfaces. Gardener and Eng are careful to say that their user sample doesn't allow broad generalizations, but their findings are consistent with other recent user studies.

Newspapers like the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* are discovering that young adults just aren't interested in reading print newspapers and magazines. Adam Penenberg reported on a round of focus groups organized by the *Washington Post*. The focus group participants declared they wouldn't accept a *Washington Post* subscription even if it were free. The main reason was that the participants didn't like the idea of the newspapers piling up in their homes. That's not to say young adults don't read the news. Most of the participants in the focus groups were heavy consumers of a variety of news sources. But, having grown up under the credo that information should be free, most young adults don't see any reason to pay for the news. They don't rely on a single source for news. "They customize their news-gathering experience in a way a single paper publication could never do. And their hands never get dirty from newsprint." (Penenberg, 2004)

While they use online news sources, young adults also express frustration with online newspapers. Kirk McElhearn's recent post, "*Why Haven't Online Newspapers Gotten It Right?*" (2005), is a well-articulated rant about the problems with online newspapers. McElhearn claims that print newspapers have abandoned the features of print newspapers that facilitate information discovery and reading while ignoring the features of the electronic interface that enhance usability. For example, print newspapers are designed to enable one to scan and skim, encountering a broad selection of news stories. The headlines, photos, and first paragraphs of the stories draw the reader to varying degrees to read the entire article in detail, to skim it, or to skip it entirely. This scanning and skimming technique of reading is thwarted in online newspapers by providing only two or three brief headlines. It is much more difficult to think about reading an entire newspaper online. At the same time, online newspapers frequently fail to implement features that are possible in an online environment that would enhance the readers' experience.

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Though newspapers aren't considered scholarly publications, their failure to make the transition from delivery of information in print to delivery of information electronically is shared by most publishers of scholarly journals.

At the 2004 conference of the Modern Language Association, James F. English provided one of the keynote addresses to the Council of Editors of Learned Journals (English 2005). English is a former co-editor of *Postmodern Culture (PMC)*, the first all-electronic peer-reviewed journal in the humanities. *PMC*, truly a pioneer in electronic publishing, was established in 1990, before the development of hypertext and the World Wide Web, before the creation of Web browsers, before the first national ISPs, and even before the advent of the affordable 28KB modems.

Now nearly half of all humanities journals are available online and the impact of technology on our research and publication process far surpasses what could have been imagined in 1990. But these changes, according to English, "have not had a very significant impact on journal publications, in *PMC* or elsewhere, considered individually. However much the advent of electronic venues, searchable databases of academic work, broadband access, and so on have reshaped our scholarly practices as researchers, these developments have done little to transform our scholarly 'output' – the published article itself." (English 2005, p. 10) The dominant trend in publishing online journals has been mimicry of print journals.

Complaints about early online journals often focused on the poor aesthetics of the journal as compared to print journals. New software such as Adobe Acrobat makes it easy to produce online text that looks just like the print version. These advances, though, only highlight how much the online journal is modeled after the print version. One could ask if a new generation of readers will level the same criticisms against online journals that they currently direct toward online newspapers. In their

effort to mimic print, have they sacrificed those enhanced features that are only possible in an online version?

This is not to suggest that I advocate for efforts to turn us into a "paperless society." Malcolm Gladwell's 1992 essay is a good summary of some of the very good reasons that we depend on paper as a means of organizing information. Paper is important to collaboration. Its ability to embody information allows collaborators to physically act toward the paper in subtle ways that communicate to their peers. Paper also allows us to sort and store information spatially. When people see my desk, I'm sure it looks like chaos. But I can quickly locate what I'm looking for because my stacks (and the position within the stack) are a way of organizing the information.

Yet, despite my need for paper, I am increasingly aware that other generations, and cultures are not so paper-bound. In a recent trip to South Africa, I discovered a culture in which paper may play a different role. At the beginning of one meeting, I was told that no meeting (at least of new acquaintances) could begin until all had shared who they are. We spent several minutes, each rehearsing our life stories, our families relationships and how we had come to this place and time. This is an oral culture in which paper is much less prominent, and less available. Students in some parts of Africa buy paper for assignments by the sheet rather than the ream. My time in South Africa was too short to leave me with much more than questions, but I wonder if paper in such oral cultures is used for collaboration and organization of information in the same way it is in North America.

If I'm right that younger generations and other cultures are less insistent on having a print copy of books and articles, or even having an electronic copy that looks like a print copy, perhaps the challenge for publishers (and librarians) is to focus on content discovery and delivery tools that allow the user to customize the interface and

output rather than attempting to recreate electronic texts that remind, look like, and are bound by print formats.

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Checklist of Reference Tools

A Checklist of Reference Tools of Interest to Theological Librarians, 2004-2005

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Reference Review

Lentz, Harris M., III. *Popes and Cardinals of the 20th Century: A Biographical Dictionary*. Jefferson, North Carolina: McFarland, 2002. 250 pages. ISBN 0-7864-1094-9 \$55.00.

This work provides short biographies of the 642 cardinals and nine popes who lived during the twentieth century. There is no other comparable book in English—but, as we shall see, that is not a decisive factor in its favour. The author, Harris M. Lentz, III, is described as a “researcher and independent scholar;” he has edited several other reference works on topics ranging from world leaders to television western series.

The biographies in Lentz’s work range in length from four to fifty lines. They usually include information about the subject’s birth and death, education, ecclesiastical career, and membership in the College of Cardinals. Sometimes—but not nearly as often as one might hope—Lentz has provided some additional analysis of a subject’s life, e.g., “he was considered a conservative on theological and social matters” or “[he] viewed birth control as a matter of personal choice.” But for the most part, the biographies are dull and dry. Nobody would ever be tempted to pick up the book and read sections of it; it is purely for reference.

What is perhaps worse is that one is left with the impression that *cardinals* are dull and dry: they are born, go to school, hold various church offices, are made cardinal for some unknown reason, and then die. Now anyone who has read widely in the history of the Catholic Church knows that many cardinals have been anything but dull and dry—and not just those during the Renaissance. There are a number from the twentieth century who were decidedly colourful—in some cases far more colourful than they perhaps should have been. But little if any of this color (whether for good or ill) appears in Lentz’s work.

Judging by this work one would think that there were virtually no saints or scholars among the twentieth century cardinals. No mention is made that Cardinal Aloysius Stepinac was beatified in 1998. In only a very few cases is mention made of any books authored by these men. If one were to refer only to this work, one would not know that Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (now Pope Benedict XVI) is a well-known theologian, or that Cardinal Carlo Martini has written numerous works on Sacred Scripture.

Of the book’s more than 200 pages, four pages are given over to biographies of the nine popes of the twentieth century. Since all nine of these popes were at one point cardinals themselves, they clearly had to be included in this work. But does this really justify the technically accurate but somewhat misleading title of the book *Popes and Cardinals of the 20th Century*? Nobody should use this work to find information about twentieth century popes.

In the case of cardinals who died in the first few years of the twentieth century, the biographies are exceptionally short (often only four or five lines). Some of them do not even include birth information. One is left wondering if these biographies were added at the last moment after an editorial change in the dates of coverage for the work.

In several cases the names of particular cardinals are misspelt. Cardinal Schönborn (ghost-writer of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*) is four times referred to as Schöborn. Hans Urs von Balthasar (the Swiss theologian who died the day before he was to be made a cardinal) is twice called Balthazar. These two men are among the most important churchmen of the last thirty years; when their names are misspelt it leaves one wondering whether or not the author has an appropriate intimacy with his subject. There are a number of oddities and mistakes with the names of other cardinals, especially those of Italian or Hispanic origin.

There are also indications of a lack of expert knowledge in the biographical entries

themselves, and even more so in the glossary. There are no bibliographical references for individual cardinals. There is a one-page bibliography which clearly does not list the major sources of information used. There is, however, a useful list of cardinals by nationality and an appendix with biographies of those cardinals named in 2001.

It is worth comparing Lentz’s work with the most important of English-language Catholic reference works. Of the 651 men listed in Lentz’s book, 121 also have articles in the 2002 edition of the *New Catholic Encyclopedia*; these are mostly cardinals from English-speaking countries with a few others of international reputation. The articles in the *NCE* are generally of a higher quality and include bibliographical references.

There are two significant alternatives to Lentz’s book available free on the Internet. The first of these is the “List of Cardinals” on the website www.catholic-pages.com. This site is edited by an Australian Catholic, Paul McLachlan, and his family. McLachlan’s list only includes currently living cardinals and ones who have died in the last four years. The entries generally provide a similar amount of information as that found in Lentz’s book; they do not include any critical analysis but are supplemented with photographs. Like Lentz, McLachlan has no particular academic background in Catholic Church history, but he does not make the numerous slips that Lentz does. McLachlan’s website includes lists of cardinals by age (important for when they lose their voting rights), ecclesiastical rank, date of appointment to the College of Cardinals, and nationality.

A far more comprehensive website, and one with strong scholarly credentials, is *The Cardinals of the Holy Roman Church* (www.fiu.edu/~mirandas/cardinals.htm). This site is edited by retired librarian Salvador Miranda (who wrote his M.A. thesis on the College of Cardinals in the twentieth century). The site includes

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biographies of cardinals from 1559 to 2003; the biographies are almost all substantially more detailed than those in Lentz's book; in addition, many include bibliographical references and weblinks to photographs and other related scholarly resources.

Miranda's website is one of a growing number of websites in a variety of subject areas which are actually better than anything available in book form. They are freely available to anyone with an Internet connection. Often they are updated frequently: errors are corrected, and more information added. The danger, of course, is that someday this website will disappear; fortunately the Wayback Machine Internet

Archive (www.archive.org) has preserved it for eternity—unless the Wayback Machine also disappears!

In addition to these two websites specifically on cardinals, there are also 130 articles about twentieth century cardinals in the English-language version of *Wikipedia* (en.wikipedia.org)—more than the number in the *New Catholic Encyclopedia*. Most of these articles are more detailed than those in Lentz's work. Based on the changes in Wikipedia over the last few years, it is not unreasonable to expect that over time there will be an increase in the number and in the accuracy of these articles.

Only the very largest Catholic academic libraries should purchase Lentz's work—and then only on the grounds of comprehensiveness. Other libraries both academic and public should encourage their patrons to use the much better reference material about cardinals available without charge on the Internet.

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International Report

Why should ATLA bother with international collaboration?

My daughter is a respiratory therapist in Toronto and works in a hospital, the whole of which was quarantined because of the SARS outbreak in 2003. I felt as though I had a daughter on the front lines of battle during some of that time. Common sense does not have to be in great supply to realize that international collaboration is of tremendous value when it comes to dealing with a disease like SARS or some particularly nasty flu strain. Comparing notes with physicians in other countries as to symptoms, incubation periods, treatments, and prevention is tremendously helpful. Were it not for collaboration, every infected country would have to rediscover each aspect of each disease and thousands of lives would be lost. Modern technology facilitates this collaboration. Few intelligent people would need more than passing thought to be convinced of the value of collaboration in the sphere of medicine.

However, some might wonder why ATLA should bother to invest time and money in international collaboration with theological libraries worldwide.

Whatever our religious affiliation, there is likely interest in worldwide missionary activity within that organization. In addition to responding to a central missionary mandate within our religious persuasion, there are a variety of other reasons we have sought to further our gospel. These haven't always been for the best. In the Christian church, if one believed that Christ would return when all the world became Christian, then accomplishing this by killing off the non-Christians was one practiced option. The motives for missionary activity have been many: genuine caring for the well-being of people around the world, desire to implement a new millennium, an obsession with imposing western standards and values – the list could go on. At its best, though, is the genuine caring about other people, the

recognition that those we see in photographs from half way around the world are human beings the equal of ourselves. As we desire to see the faith of which we are a part shared beyond our own shores, for a variety of reasons, as librarians, we desire to make available the knowledge and methods we have developed in our profession.

If arrogance is not among our besetting sins, we may also be curious to learn what librarians in other parts of the world can teach us. The first class on my first day of library school was a presentation of S.R. Ranganathan's Colon Classification as the ideal classification system against which all other classification systems must be measured. We had to learn this Indian system first, so we could see how all the others fell short. It was our introduction to classification. Some might not go so far as that professor did, but whatever else that three-hour class demonstrated, it showed that there are creative library systems to be learned outside of North America.

We respond to Tsunami and earthquake crises with generous help. We support children around the world through various relief organizations. In like fashion, we can help in the area with which we are familiar: libraries and books. Here a case can be made that the Theological Book Network (TBN, <http://www.theologicalbooknetwork.org>), is a fine vehicle for this kind of help. While sending books to this organization to distribute overseas in less prosperous theological libraries may suffice for some, for others of us, this is not enough. Librarians live in a world of sharing and helping. Cooperative ventures are our history. Assisting people is the fabric of each day's activity. As librarians we are hopefully more citizens of the world than the general population. We pay attention to world news, listening in the past to short wave receivers, and were early to adopt the internet as a way to gain various international perspectives of events. In this world where globalization and intermixing of cultures is the air we breathe, it is only natural that we desire to affiliate with our

peers in other countries. We want to combine the desire to help, the awareness of the world around us, and the international spirit of the times. For this variety of reasons, as valuable as sending books to TBN is, it is not enough.

The International Collaboration Committee (ICC) is ATLA's response to thinking through these issues. The Committee's charge and the energies of the Committee members share a common heart beat, an enthusiasm for this collaboration. As one of the new members on the Committee, it is exciting to join with a group which shares a concern I have maintained since prior to the existence of this Committee. In broadest terms, we try to be ATLA's liaison with international counterparts. The Committee looks forward to hosting international representatives at each ATLA Conference. At various times, some of us anticipate attending theological library conferences internationally. As ATLA's representative, I will be attending the Association of British Theological and Philosophical Librarians' 50th anniversary conference which will meet in Prague in April of 2006. ATLA will assist with approximately 1/3 of my costs in making this happen, with me paying the rest. Beyond these opportunities for face-to-face contact with fellow librarians, through our web site we seek to make available resources to theological libraries around the world. We attempt, as opportunities arise, to link international needs with those who may be able to help. The Committee serves as an advocate for theological libraries internationally. Many of these libraries wish to employ ATLA products. We have considered how to maximize their availability, making products affordable overseas while not compromising ATLA's income to support these products.

ATLA is to be commended for its initiative in launching the ICC.

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Perspectives on Professional Development

From August to December, Carisse Berryhill taught a course in Theological Librarianship through the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) LEEP program of online courses at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science. Twenty-one students completed the course. These students live in 12 states and 10 are in the process of obtaining their library science degree; combined, they have completed 25 master's degrees already. The vast majority of them currently work in an ATLA library. As this first experiment in offering the course came to a close, I telephoned Carisse to get some of her impressions.

Laura Wood: Carisse, what else can you tell me about your students?

Carisse Berryhill: When we built the course, we were thinking that one of the target populations was paraprofessionals. I think we had one person in the class who wasn't somehow in transit to having an MLS and an MDiv or equivalent. So what we had was either library people in transition to divinity work or divinity people working in a library setting. We found people wanting to prepare themselves better for what they are already doing—maybe because of how we marketed it.

Dennis Norlin and Linda Smith thought it over and said, "We need to do this again next fall. Are you okay with that?" and I said, "Well, sure!"

LW: What were your course objectives and how did you create a structure for the course?

CB: I wanted the course to give everyone a balanced view of the work of theological librarianship. And the goals are, first of all, to identify resources about theological librarianship as a profession. In other words, I wanted them to connect with ATLA and with the published materials, because for me, that's really a pipeline to learn about theological librarianship. The second goal

is to understand the variety of contexts and roles that theological librarians work in, including the various teaching roles of librarians. So that objective was addressed in our first unit called "contexts."

Then I wanted them to be familiar with the tools of theological reference to a certain extent. The next unit was called "materials" and we talked about collection development and reference materials. The next unit was called "services" and we talked there about cataloging and preservation and public services. And we talked about a personal philosophy of service. In the fourth section we tried to talk about trends in librarianship, including diversity and globalization. And we talked about the digital future.

So we had these objectives, and we had some good texts to read. We read almost every article in *Theological Education* 40:1. And David Stewart and Melody Layton McMahon have a new reader (forthcoming from Scarecrow Press). Next year I can adopt the book, but this year they let me adopt the list.

I also realized that I couldn't lecture for two hours each week. So I decided early on that I would invite people to come to talk to the class. We had a guest at 11 of our 14 live classes. And that just gave people wonderful exposure to a wide variety of people: David Stewart, Dennis Norlin, Don Meredith, Herman Peterson, you [Laura Wood], Eileen Crawford, Doug Gragg, Bill Badke, Pat Graham, and Duane Harbin. So we had a wonderful partnership with people who are prominent in ATLA, working in very well known and respected libraries. I never had a course in my training where I got to hear from so many people on topics where they really knew and felt comfortable with the topic.

The structure of the course developed from panic. If I'd been teaching in a library school for years and years I would have had courses and files to pull from for *me* to say. But I didn't have that. What I did have was ATLA. And so in a way we kind of did what ATLA *always* does, we collaborated by

drawing on the work everyone else had done unselfishly.

I think getting connected to people in ATLA is what makes a theological librarian. Don't you think that is the source of resourcefulness? It's not any one person's expertise. Well the course is like that too. I built the entire course on the syllabus that PDC [Professional Development Committee] handed me. I don't even know Ivan Gaetz, who wrote the syllabus. I've never met him! He labored and labored and wrote this 100-plus page syllabus which I shamelessly pilfered and which was given to me by PDC for that very purpose. And David Stewart shared the contents of his new reader. Dennis Norlin saw to it that everyone in the class had access to the most current version of *ATLAS*. And I've got messages from the students saying "we're so happy that ATLA gave us a chance to do this course." They have been so appreciative.

LW: It's so nice to hear that this has been a group effort.

CB: Absolutely. For heaven's sake, I nearly *died* when Dennis asked me to teach this course! My role was not so much professor as it was facilitator. And when you've got a class with 25 master's degrees among them you can't get too high on yourself.

LW: Can you share with us a little more about the technology that you used?

CB: UIUC built their course website before BlackBoard and everyone else. They sent me a hands-free phone to plug into my computer at home. And then they have a web page for each course which has a section for the syllabus, a section for the bulletin boards, and a section for the software to run the weekly live sessions. The technical support for the course was outstanding. We had a technician named Matthew Best who was there every class session. There was a technology room where you could go when you were having trouble with audio or something and he would be there and solve problems.

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LW: So individuals considering taking this class need not worry about being adrift with technological issues?

CB: Right. Even if they were having trouble uploading things they could get help. All they need is a fairly robust internet connection with speakers. You have to download RealAudio, but it is free. And the java client that runs the chat is also downloadable. So it couldn't be simpler for these potential students.

LW: Would you describe the weekly asynchronous assignments?

CB: Every week they had the live session on Wednesday. Then on Thursday there was a discussion question they had to answer and sometimes those would run on for the rest of the week as they replied to each other. By Saturday they had to post their journal entry for the week. On Sunday they had to pose questions for the next guest. And on Tuesday, they had to post a reading report for one of the assignments for the week. One of our most fun weeks we did a scripture citation search in *ATLA Religion Database*. Some people accessed it through First Search and others through ATLA or EBSCO. And they didn't know that the indexing for 19 years had no scripture

index. I asked the students to find citations in the database during that time period.

LW: How did they do?

CB: It was a mess, but they learned how to do subject search by scripture. And of course the whole point was that you have to know how the data is entered in a database in order to understand how the searching strategies work. And it was really fun to watch that develop and watch them struggle with "why did this one come up?" That was the most convoluted set of reading reports, but it had more discussion.

The Wednesday live section works this way: Two things happen at once. One is, I put out a conference call that is streamed live on their computer. So I'm on the phone and they're listening to me on their computer speakers. The other thing is that there is a live chat room that is open.

At the last class we said, "where do we go from here?" LEEP has a wiki that we can use. The students want to keep a LEEP listserv, like some of the interest groups in ATLA. And they are doing a round table show-and-tell at the annual conference. The students think they want to have a standing event every year, since next year there would be a new group of people who had taken

the course. I think it might end up becoming a new members' round table.

Oh, and one more thing about the structure of the class. At the end of each unit, they wrote a summative essay to pick out the things that really made them grow in relation to the particular material. So for their fourth and final essay I asked them to develop a personal goal for themselves for each of the four content units and tell me what they want to do, what the steps will be, and how long it will take. One of the four goals had to be something that they could do in a library setting. And at least one had to be something they would publish.

LW: So we might see some ATLA conference work or other projects out of this?

CB: You sure will. We've already got two papers and a round table out of this class. Jeepers LEEPers! These people are really engaged in ATLA because they've been reading about ATLA throughout the semester, the early papers and founding fathers. And they've learned a lot from all these voices that have formed ATLA. At the round table we'll have the chance to say, "How are you doing with your goals?"


LW: That is very exciting that the work of this class could result in concrete benefits for the rest of us. Anything more you'd like to say to ATLA members?

CB: I want to invite/encourage ATLA members to look for LEEP-related events at the annual conference, try to support those and meet folks and network with them. Most of the students already have local connections to ATLA members, especially if they are already working in an ATLA library, but they could all stand to meet more people and make additional connections.

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Member News

Diktuon

As Andy Keck temporarily takes over coordination of this column, the ATLA Publications Committee would like to extend a big thanks to Duane Harbin for co-founding Diktuon and for his decade-long service in helping all of us plan for and think about the use of technology in our libraries. The Publications Committee will be working with our new ATLA Newsletter editor to make sure this important work continues.

Digital video

Duke University is about to start the fourth year of a program called "Froshlife" (<http://www.duke.edu/froshlife/>), where undergraduate freshmen form teams, are loaned equipment, and have two weeks to develop and edit an 8-minute film about some aspect of freshman life at Duke. The students who were freshmen for the first "Froshlife" will graduate this year. Now imagine if they enrolled in your seminary next fall....

Digital video production has become both more accessible and more common in

recent years as prices continue to drop and tools become easier to use. Seminaries and churches have long made use of video for capturing particular events such as lectures or worship services. The prevalence of digital video makes it easier to document spiritual practices, case studies, and worship for coursework and research. Some of this video output from departments, faculty, and students is an extension of the scholarship that informs the materials in every library collection. Libraries and librarians need to understand the basics of video production so that we can help preserve and provide access to these materials for future generations.

Equipment

The digital camcorder is a good place to start. The consumer market for these has become crowded and confusing now that one can capture video with a still camera or take still pictures with a video camcorder or even take and send both with a cell phone!

Among dedicated digital camcorders, the MiniDV format remains the most standard

and involves digitally recording the video on a small cassette. If you need something that can be made immediately available for others to view, you can buy a camcorder which records directly onto a 3" DVD. Finally, there is an emerging set of camcorders that records directly to flash memory or small hard drives.

Part of the beauty of using a digital camcorder is the relative ease of transferring the video to a computer for editing. However, you need more than a good monitor and video card to ensure the PC workstation is up to the challenge. In order to transfer the video from a camcorder to the computer, the standard is typically Firewire (also known as 1394 or i.LINK). Although you can get by with less, the computer workstation will need at least 1 GB of RAM and enough hard drive space to support the approximate 13GB per hour needed for raw digital video.

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Software

Software tasks include the “capture” of video from the video camera; the ability to manipulate, move, and edit the video images and the audio; and the ability to save the result in a useful way (burn to a DVD, format for a website, etc.). Consumer software packages attempt to provide most of these features, but there are also individual programs that specialize in performing specific functions (such as editing audio or producing a DVD). So, if a particular software program doesn’t provide a facility for adding voice-over audio or producing a DVD, you can complete the project with other software programs that are free (such as Audacity for audio), come bundled with the DVD burner or video camcorder, or are purchased separately.

Pinnacle Studio and Ulead VideoStudio are homegrown for the consumer market. Adobe’s Premiere Elements was developed as a consumer version of a professional tool. Others, such as Apple’s iMovie or Microsoft’s Windows Movie Maker are packaged as part of a computer’s operating system. While these basic programs can be found for under \$100, professional packages can quickly add up to over \$1000, and sometimes include the need for specially configured workstations.

Expertise

Editing video is on par with entering a well-supplied woodworker’s shop. While there are lots of tools and it is possible for any novice to use them to create the perfect coffee table, most will be lucky to emerge with a simple flower box! As you edit video, you become the “director” and have an infinite number of choices for manipulating, moving, and editing the raw footage. The combination of technical tools and creative choices can be quite overwhelming.

The amount of time required to edit video can sometimes be measured in days rather than hours and minutes. The standards of

quality for a movie, television series, or even a 30-second commercial are hard to match by those without the same expertise, tools, and time. Start with a small project and don’t expect to be the next Ken Burns or George Lucas on the first video. Try to master the basic editing tools first before moving on to the advanced features and functions.

Basic steps in working with video

First, capture the video with the digital camcorder. Remember, it is always easier to get what you need initially rather than to go back and record additional video later. However, having plenty of raw footage is both a blessing and a curse. More footage means it’s usually easier to find the “right” video segment but it also means more material to work through.

Second, transfer the video to the computer workstation. Video editing software should have a facility to help accomplish this task. Because of the amount of disk space needed to store digital video, you do have the option of being somewhat selective about the video that is captured, especially long sequences of video that will be unused. Some software will recognize “breaks” in the filming and automatically separate these into different scenes.

Third, edit the video. The software should come with various tools to help delete unwanted video, move segments around, and add special effects. The “big picture” work will include deciding which video segments to use and their proper sequence on the timeline. While this vision is significant and essential, the detailed work includes determining the precise moment to begin and end each video segment. You can also incorporate still photos and transform them for the video environment by adding the “Ken Burns” effect of panning or zooming so that the camera seems always in motion. Similarly, one can add a voice-over narration or background music (but beware of copyright issues!).

Fourth, add “titles” such as the opening and/or closing credits or acknowledgments. Add titles for new scenes or to describe a location, person, or situation that isn’t obvious to the viewer. Video titles are equivalent to a book’s title page and footnotes. Be careful in both placement and color so that the titles can be seen but do not obscure any important objects in the video.

Fifth, save the resulting video so that it can be distributed for others to view. Typically, the best way is to burn the video directly to DVD where you can add features like scene menus (think table of contents) or closed captioning. The DVD-R has the best record for being compatible among most DVD players and will hold around 2 hours of high-quality video including multiple audio tracks. DVD-R, however, does not support Macrovision (the program that keeps people from easily copying a DVD) so if the video is to be commercially produced or duplicated, a different format may be required.

Final thoughts

Working with video is both a science and an art. The best video projects are necessarily collaborative. If you have trouble mastering the technical details or finding your “inner director,” seek out and work with people who do have those skills. Given the complexity of editing video with the most basic consumer package, an investment in some training or educational materials may also be necessary. More information about editing digital video can be found on the web as well as in books from your local bookstore or library.

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ATLA Product News

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

Product Notes

Thomson Gale Representative at AAR/SBL

Bennett Lovett-Graff, Managing Editor & Product Manager for Primary Source Media & Scholarly Resources/Thomson Gale, stopped in at the ATLA booth at AAR/SBL on Saturday, November 19 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. to talk to members and customers about ATLA's microform collections.



ATLASerials Update

On November 15, 2005, ATLA released the November 2005 *ATLASerials* (*ATLAS*) update. The November 2005 *ATLAS* update consists of a total of 618 new journal issues, including the addition of two new *ATLAS* titles. The new titles, *Currents in Theology and Mission* (1974-2005) and *Didaskalia* (1989-2004), are posted from the journal's introductory (volume 1) issue. ATLA is pleased to note that the November 2005 release also includes significant updates to the long-standing *ATLAS* titles *Christian Century*, *Cross Currents*, and *Ecumenical Review*. For further information, please see the most recent *ATLAS* press release (<http://www.atla.com/newspress.html>).



Catholic Periodical and Literature Index Update

On November 15, 2005, the Catholic Periodical and Literature Index (CPLI) MARC update was made available to EBSCO for the product CPLI Online. The update includes 4,790+ MARC records in

each of nine record types. These record types include book, book review, book article, church document, interview, journal article, movie review, papal document, and theater review. Please see the ATLA catalog for a description of CPLI. For information about the online version, please contact EBSCO directly at: 800.653.2726 or www.epnet.com.



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ATLA invites you to visit the website: <http://www.textweek.com>, a site which features a diverse variety of free resources for study and liturgy. ATLA is currently sponsoring this website by posting a promotional ad and free individual trials for *ATLASerials* (*ATLAS*), ATLA's online collection of major religion and theology journals. Feel free to pass this promotion along to your own contacts in the clergy community. For further information, visit <http://www.textweek.com> or contact sales@atla.com.



RIM Online Updated

The quarterly update of *RIM Online* was completed on November 16. Ninety-two new abstract records of DMin research projects from ATS-accredited schools were created and added to the index. A total of 9,568 bibliographic records are now accessible through this free online web application.



CHOICE Reviews and ATLA Response

ATLA Religion Database, *American Theological Library Association*, Contact *ATLA* or vendors for subscription information. Internet Resource <http://www.atla.com> Reviewed in 2006jan CHOICE.

[Revisited Oct'05] Available either combined with *ATLASerials* (*ATLAS*) (CH, Jan'06, 43-2539) or on its own, this database (last reviewed, CH, Jun'00, 37-5391) indexes over one million bibliographic citations for articles, essays, and book reviews in all areas of religious studies. It is available from several online aggregators: OCLC FirstSearch, Ovid/SilverPlatter, Cambridge Scientific Abstracts, and EBSCO. When combined with a subscription to the *ATLAS* database, *ATLA Religion Database* is enhanced with full-text access to all the *ATLAS* titles. The EBSCO version of the database allows for both simple and complex multifield Boolean searching. Index browsing is also provided. One particularly helpful feature is that the database records a history of searches performed during each search session. The Search History feature affords users not only the ability to go back and rerun searches, but also a way to combine searches—and the capacity to create increasingly complex search strategies. Searches can also be limited by parameters such as language, date, and full text. Unfortunately, Search History is not available for searches launched from the Basic Search page.

An interesting feature is the Scriptures index, enabling users to search for works that deal with one or more specific passages from the Bible. Unfortunately, the numbering within this index is flawed, following what might be considered digital

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as opposed to numeric order for the chapters and verses cited; for example, the index shows Genesis 11 following Genesis 1, and Genesis 2 following Genesis 19. Users have the ability to create personal accounts where they can save specific searches either across search sessions or as e-mail alerts. Despite the few shortcomings noted above, the coverage of titles in religious and theological studies is unmatched by other databases; this is an indispensable tool for scholars and students doing research in religion. Summing Up: Highly recommended. Upper-level undergraduates and above. — A. Limpitlaw, Vanderbilt University

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ATLA serials, American Theological Library Association, Annual subscription starts at \$2,226.00 per year (for ATLA religion database subscribers). Internet Resource <http://www.atla.com> Reviewed in 2006jan CHOICE.

[Visited Oct'05] For almost 60 years, the American Theological Library Association (ATLA) has produced some of the most indispensable tools for researchers in the field of religious studies, including the Religion Index and Index to Book Reviews in Religion. *ATLA Serials (ATLAS)* is another important product. It provides full-text electronic access to over 70 leading academic journals in all areas of religious studies. One characteristic that distinguishes this database from others is that leading scholars in the field have selected the titles. The search interface for the database is fairly simple in comparison to other databases, which can be both a boon and an impediment for users. The interface only allows for combining search terms in different fields with the AND Boolean operator; however, more complex searching is possible within a single search field by using the Boolean operators AND, OR, and NOT. Phrase searching and truncation of

terms are also possible. The user must access the Help feature to learn how to perform such complex searches.

The range of dates covered varies with each journal, but coverage tends to go back further than in other comparable databases such as EbscoHost's Religion & Philosophy Collection (CH, Oct'03, 41-0664) or InfoTrac Religion & Philosophy (<http://www.gale.com>). A number of titles go back as far as the 1940s and 1950s, and a few go back even further. Articles come in the form of page images from the actual journals, rather than HTML text. This allows for browsing through an entire issue of a particular journal. The database is also available as a joint product with the *ATLA Religion Database* (CH, Jan'06, 43-2538), allowing for broader coverage of titles within a more sophisticated search interface. Summing Up: Recommended. Upper-division undergraduates and above. — A. Limpitlaw, Vanderbilt University

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ATLA Letter to the Editor:

January 10, 2006
 Carolyn Wilcox
 Reference, Biological Sciences, and
 Humanities Editor
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 (Also sent via e-mail to: CWilcox@ala-choice.org)

Dear Ms. Wilcox,

I represent the American Theological Library Association (ATLA) as Director of Business Development. I am writing regarding the recent reviews of the *ATLA Religion Database* and *ATLASerials (ATLAS)* as published in the January 2006 issue of *Choice*.

While we were pleased with the overall article and being cited as "an indispensable

tool for scholars and students doing research in religion," we would like to raise a few concerns:

- The *ATLA Religion Database* review identifies challenges with the scripture searching on one online version. While we provide raw structured data to our aggregator-partners and work with our aggregator-partners on an ongoing basis to improve the quality and functionality of the various versions, we do not control the final implementation of their versions. On a related note, the *ATLA Religion Database* on CD-ROM available directly through ATLA provides scripture searching capabilities that are an alternative to the single character alphanumeric ordering typically presented.
- Regarding *ATLAS*, it was unclear what platform was reviewed. *ATLAS* is available directly through ATLA, and is also available via EBSCO, OCLC FirstSearch, and Ovid's Silver Platter Platform.
- The prices listed are for four-year academic institutions and graduate schools. We offer discounted rates for consortia, public libraries, community colleges, high schools, sites in eligible developing countries, clergy, and congregations.

For further information, please visit ATLA's website at <http://www.atla.com>.

Sincerely,

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ATLASerials® (ATLAS®) Efforts— Quarterly Report

ATLAS team members have been busy working on a number of projects since the last quarterly report.

We continue to develop pieces of the PDF production process to prepare for the unveiling of a beta version of *ATLAS* containing full-text PDF in late summer of 2006. This endeavor involves loading more than 1 million images onto a 8.5-terabyte SAN (Storage Area Network) device, which will store the *ATLAS* database, archival TIFFs, GIF access images, and PDF files that will be generated from the TIFFs.

Electronic Products and Services (EPS) staff worked on several aspects of the PDF production process in anticipation of the 2006 release:

- Judy Knop, Digitization Coordinator, and Catherine Eilers, EPS Assistant, are continuing the loading of Tiffs from CDs to our SAN. As of mid-December Judy and Catherine had loaded and consolidated Tiffs from 23 of 81 *ATLAS* journals onto the SAN. They also are working to restore and/or re-scan any corrupted files they identify as each journal is loaded onto the SAN. Judy and Tami Luedtke, Director of Electronic Products and Services, continue to examine the process to find additional ways to improve the speed and accuracy of our CD-to-SAN TIFF loading project.
- Jack Liu, Programmer Analyst, and Tami continue work on the project to extract the end page of a given article or review from our index citations. After initial citation analysis, several citation patterns that do not contain pagination about the end of the article (e.g., citations for items appearing on a frontispiece, insert, or other non-paginated section) were identified. Citations following those identified patterns were extracted from the *ATLAS* database and parceled out to

staff who are manually checking the journal issue corresponding to each citation for the beginning and end page images.

- Tami is examining PDF compression options available in the software program ATLA plans to use for optical character recognition (OCR).
- Tami and Dennis Norlin, Executive Director, began an analysis of the license contracts and copyright information within our *ATLAS* contracts that will need to be extracted to allow us to adhere to any license restrictions required during the PDF production process as well as to stamp appropriate copyright information into each resulting PDF.

Other key *ATLAS* updates include:

- In November, Lilly Endowment Inc. awarded ATLA a new grant of \$257,000 to purchase new computer servers, software and equipment. These purchases were vital to the future growth and expansion of *ATLA Religion Database* and *ATLAS*. The equipment has already been purchased and is being used.
- ATLA sent royalty checks totaling \$175,000 to participating *ATLAS* publishers for our last fiscal year (ending August 31, 2005), based upon a 30% increase in subscriptions during the past year.
- Paul Jensen (Director of Information Services), Jack Liu, Syed Zaidi (Systems Administrator) and Tami Luedtke purchased replacement servers for our three aging *ATLAS* servers. Working with the first replacement server, they began the installation, configuration and migration of ATLA's Oracle database to the new OS, Linux. The migration of the first server replacement is expected to be finished early in January 2006 to allow for quality assurance testing prior to using that server in our new office location during our upcoming move to ensure continued *ATLAS* access for subscribers.

- Margot Lyon, Director of Business Development, and Lavonne Jahnke, Business Development Representative, provided account access, management information, and promotional information for the underwritten *ATLAS* alumni/ae accounts to ATLA Institutional and International Institutional members that were award recipients. The accounts were activated on January 1, 2006.
- John Dlutowski, Product Support Analyst, joined the *ATLAS* team in early December.
- We are also persistently pursuing publishers to add more journals to the collection. In the November update we added: *Currents in Theology and Mission* (1974-2005) and *Didaskalia* (1989-2004), both of which were posted from the journal's introductory (volume 1) issue.

Continue watching the weekly updates for further details on the ATLA website and posted on ATLANTIS, and look for quarterly reports on *ATLAS* updates in the Newsletter.

Tami Luedtke
ATLA Director of Electronic Products
& Services



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Exploring ATLA's IT Infrastructure

Our culture is increasingly dependent on technology. Of course, some technologies are more dependable than others. Most of us have been frustrated by an “out of service” message on a cell phone or the infamous “blue screen of death” on a computer monitor indicating a major problem with the Windows operating system. However, when it comes to information technology (IT), there's one thing you can always depend on: there's someone out there working on a way to make it better and faster (and hopefully, cheaper). There is a downside to this constant advancement, though. While we all agree faster and better is good (and who doesn't like cheaper?), it does mean that some piece of equipment somewhere is always in need of replacement by a better and faster counterpart.

ATLA is not exempt from the race to keep pace with the IT industry. Our IT department oversees the technology infrastructure that supports staff work, products, and the production of CD ROM products, as well as ATLASerials (ATLAS). Like most organizations, our IT needs have multiplied over the years, and our infrastructure has expanded to meet those needs. In this article, I'd like to share with you some of the IT department's solutions to the challenges that ATLA's infrastructure has confronted over the last five years.

By 2000, ATLA had already made a significant investment in its IT infrastructure. We had our own internal network, as did most similar organizations. There were servers allowing us to host our network files and printing, as well as servers supporting important databases such as *iMIS*, our association software, and CuadraStar, our indexing software. Additionally, we hosted our own email and web services. At that time, we had a single

firewall and router, connected through a full T1 Internet connection to our Internet Service Provider (ISP).

By 2005, ATLA had experienced significant growth. We had added an on-site interactive conference facility for video conferencing. With the success of the *ATLAS* product, we were also now generating all of the new page images for inclusion in *ATLAS* in-house. Additionally, the *ATLAS* product itself was now being hosted on-site. We had also produced a number of web applications, including *ATLA Serials Exchange* and CDRI.

Most of these additional services simply required additional hardware and support. For example, the interactive conference facility required additional monitors, cameras and custom software to enable the video conferencing. The in-house scanning required additional scanning hardware and software, as well as server capacity for processing. However, moving the *ATLAS* servers on site required a bit more of an investment. It necessitated increased storage capacity.

The continuing growth of *ATLAS* material required that we invest in a Storage Area Network (SAN). A SAN device provides the storage capacity to allow several servers to access the same data simultaneously. In this case, we implemented an 8 terabyte (TB) SAN to host not only the *ATLAS* database, but all the page images required by the *ATLAS* servers. The SAN was chosen not just for its current size, but also because it can scale to meet increasing storage needs.

The other infrastructure improvement made to support *ATLAS* on-site was improved Internet connectivity. Not only did we increase the bandwidth, going from a 1.5 Megabits per second (Mbps) on a regular T1 to 4.5 Mbps through a multilink frame relay connection (MLFR) through a new ISP, but we enhanced our connectivity redundancy to prevent connection failures. We retained our original T1 and ISP and implement router architecture to allow our Internet to utilize that connection, should

anything happen to our new MLFR connection or ISP. Additionally, we subscribed to a 24x7x365x4 (that's 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year of support, with a guaranteed 4 hour or less response time) router monitoring service that will notify us immediately, and begin working on a solution should anything happen to our Internet connection.

These improvements have all helped to shape and nurture a robust IT infrastructure at ATLA headquarters. In the near future, we are also looking at implementing cluster architecture for the *ATLAS* servers. A server cluster allows for multiple servers to be deployed for the same service, in this case the *ATLAS* product. If something happens to the live server, one of the other servers would be able to step in and continue providing the service or product seamlessly. Clustering the servers provides yet another level of redundancy and support as we continue to upgrade and provide quality services for our *ATLAS* product.

A key element in creating successful products is sustaining dependable staff support. ATLA's IT department engages in ongoing professional development to maintain the expertise in appropriate programming languages and skills that sustain our growing infrastructure. While the IT staff has not increased in size since 2000, they routinely seek out new technologies and implement efficiencies to ensure a high level of support for ATLA.

Obviously we will never be “done” with our enhancements and improvements to our IT infrastructure. We know for a fact there is someone out there working on something that will improve on, speed up, or reduce the operating cost of a piece of equipment we currently have, and we look forward to the challenge of adapting.

Paul Jensen
ATLA Director of Information Services



Microfilm Update

ATLA closes On Demand microfilm program; explores transition into digital preservation

Since 1957, ATLA has preserved theological and religious material—monographs, serials, and archives—on microform. This included microfiche and 35mm microfilm. In recent years ATLA has worked exclusively with 35mm microfilm, in accordance with Research Libraries' Group (RLG) guidelines for preservation microfilm. Materials have been microfilmed either in ATLA's On Demand program or through funds provided by National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grants. Serials microfilmed in the NEH-funded grants are currently filmed at OCLC Preservation Service Centers in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania (formerly Preservation Resources). The Preservation Department is currently involved in facilitating three concurrent NEH preservation microfilm grants: 1) *Religious Periodical Literature of the Hispanic and Indigenous Peoples of the Americas, 1850-1985*; 2) *African American Religious Serials, 1850-1950*; and 3) *Christianity and the Encounter with World Religions, 1850-1950*. It is anticipated that the first grant will be completed in April 2008; the second and third should reach completion by late summer 2006.

While ATLA continues to preserve religious and theological literature on microfilm

through grant-sponsored projects, ATLA's Preservation Department has decided to close down its On Demand microfilm program. From 1994 through September 2001, ATLA microfilmed materials for its On Demand program through Preservation Microfilming Co., owned and operated by Sang Sul. In October 2001, Preservation Microfilming Co. closed. ATLA purchased the microfilming equipment from Sang and opened its own microfilming center (the Preservation Microfilm Center or PMC). Sang was briefly hired at ATLA to train a new microfilm coordinator, Kevin Stephens. After Sang retired in April 2005, Kevin unexpectedly resigned as Microfilm Coordinator in September 2005 after 3½ years in that position. Because of the difficulty of replacing Kevin and because the microfilm equipment was old and increasingly problematic to maintain, the department decided to close the PMC.

We then looked into the feasibility of continuing the On Demand microfilm program through outsourcing. But after several bids, it became evident that ATLA would have to charge its customers high prices in order to recover staff costs. After discussion with the Preservation Advisory Committee (PAC), the executive director, and the other ATLA directors, the department decided to close its On Demand microfilm program.

The Preservation Department, however, remains committed to the preservation of

religious and theological materials. As it continues working on its three microfilm current grants, the Department is exploring:

- Applying for an additional microfilming grant for May 2008 (materials would be microfilmed off site)
- Applying for a grant to digitize serials from ATLA's large corpus of microfilmed serials
- The department's transition into an On Demand digital preservation program
- Becoming an information resource for member libraries for all forms of preservation activities

We have started discussions with the PAC, Tami Luedtke (Director of Electronic Products and Services), and Paul Jensen (Director of Information Services) as the Preservation Department transitions into digital preservation and constructs a framework in which the departments can best work together. We feel confident that the move towards digital preservation will bring the Preservation Department in line with the preservation strategies of the 21st century. Following best practices for digital preservation, ATLA will continue to preserve religious and theological materials that are more easily accessible than microfilm, yet digitally preserved for the long-term.

Russell Kracke

ATLA Director of Preservation



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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).

Trabajador Guadalupano

Catholic labor unions. Issued by the Asociación Nacional Guadalupano de Trabajadores Mexicanos. Text in Spanish. ATLA no.: 2005H-S001, 1 reel (contains one issue: January 1948).

Corazon y vida : organo de las iglesias evangelicas "Amigos"

Society of Friends in Central America. "Revista de educacion cristiana de las Iglesias Evangelicas 'Amigos' de Centroamerica." Published in Chiquimula, Guatemala. Text in Spanish. ATLA no.: 2005H-S002, 2 reels (1963-1986).

Aquí estamos

Jews in Mexico. Published in Mexico. Text in Spanish. ATLA no.: 2005H-S003, 1 reel (1978).

African American Religious Serials, 1850-1950

The following serial titles were microfilmed as part of the preservation grant, "African American Religious Serials, 1850-1950." The preservation of these serials has been funded by the office of preservation of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

African Methodist Episcopal Church. General Conference:

Minutes of the General and Annual Conference of the African Methodist E. Church, comprising four districts (1836-1840)

General conference (1844)

Proceedings of the ... General Conference of the African M. E. Church (1848)

General Conference of the African M. E. Church (1856-1864)

The ... quadrennial session of the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (1872)

The ... session, and the ... quadrennial session of the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (1876)

Journal of the ... session and the ... quadrennial session of the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States (1880)

Journal of the ... quadrennial session of the General Conference of the African M. E. Church (1900-1936)

Official minutes of the ... session of the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (1948-1956)

Minutes of the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. ATLA no.: 2005-S083 through 2005-S090, 11 reels (1836-1956).

African Methodist Episcopal Church. Financial Board:

Quadrennial report of the Financial Board to the ... session of the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (1904-1908)

African Methodist Episcopal Church. Finance Dept.:

Quadrennial report of the Department of Finance to the ... session (Centennial) of the General Conference, African Methodist Episcopal Church (1916)

Report of finances to the General Conference, African Methodist Episcopal Church. ATLA no.: 2005-S092 through 2005-S093, 2 reels (1904-1916).

The Non-slaveholder

Society of Friends antislavery periodical. "We are opposed to slavery. It is the crying sin of this land and of large portions of this hemisphere, and we seek its overthrow by all just and peaceful means, 'in season,' and, as some will think, 'out of season,' but 'with all longsuffering and doctrine.'" Reprinted by Negro Universities Press, 1970; originally published in Philadelphia. ATLA no.: 2005-S094, 1 reel (1846-1854).

Colored Woman's League of Washington D.C.:

Annual report of the Colored Woman's League of Washington, D.C.

Annual report of the Colored woman's League of Washington, D.C. "Whereas, in Union there is strength; and Whereas, we, as a people have been and are the object of race prejudice, proscription and injustice, the more successful, because of our lack of unity and organization; *Resolved*, that we, the colored women of Washington, associate ourselves together to collect all facts obtainable, showing the moral, intellectual, industrial, and social growth and attainments of our people; to foster unity of purpose; to consider and determine methods which will promote the best interests of the colored people in any direction that suggests itself." —from p. [16] of 1897 issue, Preamble to the

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Constitution. Published in Washington, D.C. ATLA no.: 2005-S095, 1 reel (1897-1898).

State Industrial School for Colored Youths (La.):

Annual report of the Board of Commissioners of State Industrial School for Colored Youths

Annual report of the State Industrial School for Colored Youths in Louisiana. Published in Baton Rouge, La. ATLA no.: 2005-S096, 1 (reel (1948/49-1949/50)).

House of St. Michael and All Angels:

Annual report of the House of St. Michael and All Angels for Young Colored Cripples (1887-1903)

Annual report of the House of St. Michael and All Angels for Colored Crippled Children (1916-1930)

Annual report of the House of St. Michael and All Angels; African American children with disabilities. "This House receives destitute little colored cripples without entrance fee, and without board; it is without endowment or connection with any parish, and is entirely dependent on charity for daily bread. It seeks to diminish or remove the deformities of the body, to improve the mind and teach the hands, through education of the soul, that each may, as far as possible, be able at the proper time to earn his or her support." –from 1887 issue (p. 2 of cover). Published in Philadelphia. ATLA no.: 2005-S097 through 2005-S098, 2 reels (1887-1930).

The Negro journal of religion

"An interdenominational review." Officially authorized to publish for the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches. Published in Wilberforce, Ohio. ATLA no.: 2005-S099, 1 reel (1935-1936).

Industrial Home for Colored Girls (Baltimore, Md.). Board of Managers:

Annual report of the Board of Managers of the Industrial Home for Colored Girls of Baltimore City

Female juvenile detention home in Baltimore. Extract from charter, sec. 6: "And be it enacted, That the Board of Managers shall take into said institution all such colored female minors under the age of eighteen years as shall be taken up and committed as street beggars or vagrants, or who shall be convicted of criminal offenses, or who shall be committed under the provisions of Article four, Code of Public Local Laws, title City of Baltimore, sub-title Vagrants..." –from p. [15] of 4th report. Published in Baltimore. ATLA no.: 2005-S100, 1 reel (1886-1916).

Home for Aged and Infirm Colored People (Chicago, Ill.):

Annual report of the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored People (1916/17-1919/20)

Home for Aged Colored People (Chicago, Ill.):

Annual report from ... to ... (1920/21-1948/49)

The Home for Aged and Infirm Colored People, located in Chicago, was founded in 1893 for the purpose of caring for older colored

people; the original location of the Home was at 510 W. Garfield Boulevard; in 1920, the Board of Directors moved the Home's location to 4430-4432 Vicennes Avenue. The Home remained at that location until its closure in 1970. The Home first changed its name in the 1940s to the Jane Dent Home for Aged Colored People and then in the 1960s to the Jane Dent Home for the Aged. Published in Chicago. ATLA no.: 2005-S101 through 2005-S102, 2 reels (1916/17-1948/49).

The Apostolic faith (Los Angeles, Calif. : 1906)

Pentecostals. "The Apostolic Faith Movement. Stands for the restoration of the faith once delivered unto the saints—the old time religion, camp meetings, revivals, missions, street and prison work and Christian Unity everywhere." –from p. 2 of Sept. 1906 issue. Edited by William Joseph Seymour. Reprint of original published in Los Angeles by: Apostolic Faith Movement of Los Angeles, Sept.-Oct. 1906; Pacific Apostolic Faith Movement, Nov. 1906-Jan. 1907; Apostolic Faith Mission, Feb./Mar. 1907-May 1908. ATLA no.: 2005-S103, 1 reel (1906-1908).

Christiansburg Industrial Institute:

Catalogue of the Christiansburg Institute (1897/98-1907/08)

Annual catalogue (1910/11-1929/30)

The Christiansburg Industrial Institute was founded in 1866 in Cambria, Virginia, by Capt. Charles S. Schaeffer as a primary school for black children. Supported by the Friend Freedmen's Association of Philadelphia, Booker T. Washington molded the program in 1896 to one that would emphasize technical training for blacks. A 185-acre farm was purchased as the school's campus in 1905. Published in Cambria, Va. ATLA no.: 2005-S104 through 2005-S105, 2 reels (1897/98-1929/30).

Christiansburg Industrial Institute:

Annual report

Annual report of the Christiansburg Industrial Institute. Published in Cambria, Va. ATLA no.: 2005-S106, 1 reel (1903-1923).

The friendly messenger (Philadelphia, Pa.)

Society of Friends, "For the promotion of religion and morality." "For free distribution among the colored people of the Southern States of the United States of America, and Liberia in Africa." Published in Philadelphia. ATLA no.: 2005-S107, 1 reel (1931-1945).

The Negro worker (Tuskegee, Ala.) (1944)

The better worker (1948-1952)

African American workers. "The Negro worker today-tomorrow. Many jobs are open to you now, and money plentiful. After the war is over this will not be so. There will be lots of people who want the job that you are now holding. If you are a good worker now, you will have a better chance to keep your job after the war. You want to earn a living, don't you? Then read this HANDBOOK carefully

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and see some of the things you want to do right now.” –from p. 3, July 1944 issue of *Negro worker*. Published in Tuskegee, Ala. ATLA no.: 2005-S108 through 2005-S109, 2 reels (1944-1952).

Bethany Mission for Colored Children:

Annual report of Bethany Mission for Colored Children (1860)

Bethany Mission for Colored People:

Annual report of the Bethany Mission for Colored People (1872-1886)

Society of Friends mission. Founded in 1856, the Mission was a Sunday School for imparting literacy and religious education to African Americans in Philadelphia until the 1930s. Published in Philadelphia. ATLA no.: 2005-S110 through 2005-S111, 1 reel (1860-1886).

Christianity and the Encounter with World Religions, 1850-1950

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).

American Baptist Missionary Union:

Hand-book of the American Baptist Missionary Union (1883/84-1909)

American Baptist Foreign Mission Society:

Handbook of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (1910-1916/17)

American Baptist Foreign Mission Society:

Guidebook of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (1917/18-1927)

Baptist missions. The American Baptist Missionary Union was founded in 1846 and changed its name to American Baptist Foreign Mission Society in 1910. Missions included Burma, Assam, South India, China, Japan, Africa, Siam and Philippine Islands. Published in Boston. ATLA no.: 2005C-S053 through 2005C-S055, 3 reels (1883/84-1927).

Gasseren

Mission of the Lutheran Free Church. A periodical devoted to the interests of foreign missions especially in the island of Madagascar, later expanded to Africa, China and other countries. Published in Minneapolis, Minn., by the Lutheran Board of Missions. Text in Norwegian. ATLA no.: 2005C-S056, 2 reels (1900-1916).

Patna Mission letter

Patna news letter

Catholic Church mission to India. “Published by American Jesuits of Patna Mission, India.” ATLA no.: 2005C-S058 through 2005C-S059, 4 reels (1926-1956).

Voice of India (1938-1940)

Vedanta and the West (1941-1953)

Vedanta. Published by the Vedanta Societies of San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Southern California. ATLA no.: 2005C-S060 through 2005C-S061, 6 reels (1938-1953).

The Kurdistan missionary

Lutheran church mission to Kurdistan. “Published monthly by the Inter-Synodical Ev. Luth. Orient-Mission Society in the interest of Lutheran Missions in Persian and Turkish Kurdistan.” ATLA no.: 2005C-S062, 2 reels (1910-1928).

Lutheran Orient Mission (1929-1963)

Messenger (Lutheran Orient Mission Society) (1963-1971)

Lutheran mission in Iran and Iraq; mission to Muslims. “*The Kurdistan Missionary* is changing name, not purpose or policy. It seems our friends in Persia are quite Nationalistic. The name Kurdistan, as applied to a district, or province, is not correct; it is divisive, so they think. In the past, we have been addressing our mail to Soujbulak, Kurdistan. This latter name was always blue-penciled. The geographic designation, for what we have been calling Kurdistan, is—Azerbaijan. For this, and other, minor reasons, we have changed the named from Kurdistan missionary to the Lutheran Orient Mission. This latter has always been the name of our society.”

–from p. 1 of Jan. 1929 issue of *Lutheran Orient Mission*. Published by the Lutheran Orient Mission Society. ATLA no.: 2005C-S063 through 2005C-S064, 2 reels (1929-1971).

Association of Baptists for Evangelism in the Orient, Inc. : [papers] (1929-1931)

Message (Association of Baptists for Evangelism in the Orient) (1932-1933)

Message (Marblehead, Mass) (1934-1952)

Baptist mission to the Orient and the world. Published by the Association of Baptists for Evangelism in the Orient and the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. ATLA no.: 2005C-S065 through 2005C-S067, 3 reels (1929-1952).

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Association of Baptists for Evangelism in the Orient:

Report of the Association of Baptists for Evangelism in the Orient, Inc.

Annual report of the Baptists for Evangelism in the Orient. Published in Lynn and Marblehead, Mass. ATLA no.: 2005C-S068, 1 reel (1930/31-1931/32).

Lutheran women (Rock Island, Ill.)

Lutheran Church periodical. Published by the United Lutheran Church Women in Rock Island, Ill. ATLA no.: 2005C-S070, 1 reel (1960-1962).

The Indian standard

Presbyterian Church in India. Organ of the Presbyterian Church of India, <1916>-1924 and United Church of Northern India, 1925-<1929>. Published in Bombay. ATLA no.: 2005C-S071, 3 reels (1916-1929).

The United Church review

Official organ of the United Church of Northern India. Published in Bangalore, India. ATLA no.: 2005C-S072, 4 reels (1929-1951).

Mélanges chinois et bouddhiques

Buddhism in China. Published in Brussels by the Institut belge des hautes études chinoises. Text in French. ATLA no.: 2005C-S073, 2 reels (1931/32-1948/51).

The silent helper

Mission to the deaf. Published in Kalamazoo, Mich., by the Deaf Missions of Western Michigan. ATLA no.: 2005C-S077, 1 reel (1912).

The silent news-letter (Baltimore, Md.) (1924-1927)

The silent missionary (1927-1946)

The deaf churchman (1946-1956)

Episcopal Church mission to the deaf. "Official organ of the Conference of Church Workers among the Deaf in the United States. Published in Baltimore, Md. ATLA no.: 2005C-S078 through 2005C-S080, 4 reels (1924-1956).

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.

Primitive Christian and the pilgrim

Periodical of the German Baptist Brethren (U.S.). Published in Huntingdon, Pa. ATLA no.: S1069, 3 reels (1877-1879).

On-going Serials on Microfilm

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

EPD-Dokumentation. ATLA no.: S0272B. Reel no. 82-83: No. 1-52 (Jan.-Dec. 2002).

Coracle (Glasgow, Scotland). ATLA no.: S0630B. Reel no. 5: 3/13 & 3/14-3/53 (1994-2000).

Materialdienst. ATLA no.: S0380. Reel no. 8: v. 47-54 (1996-2003).

Monographs Newly Available on Microfilm

Each title is contained in one reel, unless otherwise specified.

An exposition of the book of Revelation / by William Burgh. Published in London, 1845. ATLA no.: B00742.

Biblische Zeitfragen (9. Folge, 1919-1921: Heft 1-12):

Die Göttliche Weisheit als Persönlichkeit im Alten Testamente / by Johann Göttberger

Ehe und Jungfräulichkeit im Neuen Testament / by Joseph Fischer

Christus in der modernen sozialen Bewegung / by Petrus Dausch

Das Weib im Alten Testament / by Johann Döller

Personifikationen und Hypostasen im Alten Testament und im Alten Orient / by Paul Heinisch

All titles published in Münster in Westfalen. Text in German.

ATLA no.: S1074 (five monograph titles on one reel).



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ATLA Staff News

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From the Executive Director

During our ATLA Board of Directors meeting last weekend someone commented that they remembered what our current headquarters looked like before any of the work was done. Then he remembered that he had not been here, but had enjoyed our weekly updates on the website, showing the progress we make each week.

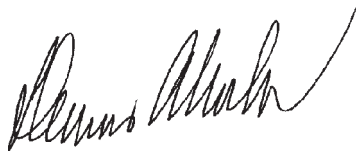
We are currently in the process of constructing our new headquarters at 300 South Wacker Drive, and we will follow the same course. So that you can follow our progress, we will post photos each week of the changes that have taken place that week.

The initial meeting of the construction team was held Monday, January 16. Krahl Construction (Chicago) is our general contractor, with separate subcontractors for HVAC, electrical, plumbing, and painting.

This will, of necessity, be a very rapid build-out and we plan to be moved by April 1st. As you can well imagine, there are many, many details to be worked out prior to the move. We will make every effort to insure that there is little or no interruption of service to ATLA members and customers.

We appreciate your patience as we immerse ourselves in this project, and we are confident that you will be pleased with the results. Plan now to celebrate ATLA's 60th anniversary with us at our new headquarters during ATLA's annual conference in June!

Dennis A. Norlin



ATLA Executive Director

Staff Notes

New Information Services Assistant Hired

We are pleased to report the appointment of Jim Butler as IS Assistant. Jim began work at ATLA on Monday, October 31st. He has a B.S. in Information and Decision Sciences from the University of Illinois at Chicago, where he is also currently enrolled in the MIS graduate program. As IS Assistant, Jim will be the first line of internal user technical support from IS for workstation hardware and software problems.



John Dlutowski Appointed As Product Support Analyst

The Electronic Products and Services Department is pleased to announce the appointment of John Dlutowski as Product Support Analyst. John brings eighteen years of testing, training, and user support experience working for Sears, Roebuck & Co. He started on December 5, 2005. John will be working with Kristin Terbrack and the rest of the EPS department on quality assurance testing, support, documentation, and on other improvements to our products and support system. Please join us in welcoming him to ATLA.



Deana Dorsey Appointed as Accounting Clerk

The Financial Services Department is pleased to announce the appointment of Deana Dorsey as the new Accounting Clerk. Deana brings eight years of

accounting experience from three business organizations in Westchester County, New York. She started on November 28, 2005. Deana will be responsible for Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, timesheet processing, petty cash, benefit statements, and various other accounting functions. Please join us in welcoming her to ATLA.



ATLA Staff Hold Annual Holiday Book Drive For Children's Home

ATLA employees recently collected more than eighty books to help fill the empty shelves of the library at Uhlich Children's Home in Chicago (<http://www.ucanchicago.org>). The Uhlich Children's Advantage Network (UCAN) was established in 1869 within the congregation of St. Pauls German Evangelical Lutheran Church (known today as St. Pauls UCC, Chicago).

Originally founded to care for Civil War orphans, the organization describes itself as "much more than an orphanage," proudly offering a range of child welfare services through community-based initiatives.



Eric Knapp Resigns as Acquisitions Specialist

Eric Knapp's last day at ATLA was January 20. Eric had been with ATLA since March 2002 coordinating acquisitions for the Index and Preservation departments. Eric is moving to Michigan to pursue graduate study. ATLA is grateful for Eric's contributions over the years and wishes him and his family well.



ATLA Member Services Department Staffing

Director of Member Services Barbara Kemmis has been reorganizing some department functions for the new year. To that end, she hired Sara Corkery as the department's new Communications Specialist. With a background in writing, editing, and graphic design for nonprofit associations, Sara will assume the editorship of member publications and help to redesign and maintain updates to the ATLA website. Most recently, Sara served as Communications Director for the National Association of Independent Artists.



Anthony Elia Resigns as Indexer-Analyst

Anthony Elia accepted a position as Librarian for Academic Technology at the JKM Library, affiliated with the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) and McCormick Seminary. Anthony's last day was Friday, February 3, 2006. Please join ATLA in wishing him all the best in his new career.



From the Editor

With a background in editing, writing, graphic design, and production for non-profit professional associations, I am delighted to take on my new role as ATLA's Communications Specialist and editor of this newsletter. I am confident that this position will make use of the whole range of my current skills and encourage me to develop new ones as ATLA communicates with its members, partner associations, institutions, students, vendors, and the public.

While most of the features in this issue of the newsletter will be comfortingly familiar, you may notice a few subtle differences in the details of its design and layout. An effort has been made to use the space more efficiently, compressing the publication so that the content remains every bit as informative and newsworthy, but is packed into fewer pages. This streamlining measure will save trees and enable us to use ATLA's resources to better advantage as we economize on both printing and postage.

With a life-long devotion to reading and education, I am always eager to take on new challenges that will enrich my understanding of the world around me. I look forward to immersing myself in the culture of theological librarianship and helping to further the mission and goals of of this association. I welcome your contributions and suggestions for the newsletter, most especially the submission of your articles and your updates and photographs for inclusion in the member notes section.

*Sara Corkery
ATLA Communications Specialist*

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Calendar

January

- 5-6 Barbara Kemmis in St. Louis for site visit for 2009 Annual Conference
- 12 Board of Directors triennial on-site inspection of Products, Chicago
- 12 Endowment Committee Meeting
- 13-14 Board of Directors midwinter meeting, Chicago
- 16 Martin Luther King Day, ATLA office closed

February

- 15 Deadline for postmarking Board election ballots being sent to members
- 16-17 Dennis Norlin at Princeton University
- 20 Publications Committee, Chicago

March

- 1 Annual Conference Registration Opens
Membership Advisory Committee, Chicago
Bibliography Grant recipients notified

April

- 1 Deadline for postmarking Board election ballots being sent to ATLA headquarters
Deadline for May newsletter submissions
- 15 Deadline for Regional Grant Applications
- 18 Dennis Norlin at Catholic Library Association Board Meeting, Atlanta

May

- 1-3 Dennis Norlin meeting with Old Testament Abstracts (OTA), Washington, D.C.
- 15 Early Bird Conference Registration Deadline
- 29 Memorial Day, ATLA office closed

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