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View of the pool at Hyatt Gainey Ranch in Scottsdale. Photo courtesy Brenda Bailey-Hainer.

Don't Forget to Vote!

The 2012 Board of Directors election commenced on January 13, and is being conducted electronically. Survey & Ballot Systems is handling the election on behalf of ATLA. They distributed personalized access codes to voting members in good standing in mid-January. These codes allow access to the ballot as well as to the list of candidates and biographical information about each of them. Don't remember receiving the message? Be sure to check your junk mail folder or spam filter--the email was sent from ATLA's Election Coordinator at ATLAvote@directvote.net. Please be sure to vote by March 1 if you haven't already!

From the President

ATLA Bylaws



As was mentioned in the *January Newsletter*, the ATLA Board of Directors recently completed a review of the ATLA Bylaws. After identifying revisions for consideration, the Board unanimously agreed to recommend that ATLA members vote to approve these revisions at the upcoming annual conference in Scottsdale. These proposed revisions do not change the identity or mission of our

association, but represent an ongoing effort to update and correct the content of our current Bylaws, which can be read on the Community page of the ATLA website. The proposed revisions will be distributed later this month.

The Board plans to describe and explain the nature of the proposed changes in advance of the annual conference in a number of ways, including opportunities for members to voice questions, and for all members to see the Board responses online. As I think you will see, the main purpose of the changes is "cleanup" of the Bylaws. These generally have one of three goals: 1) To bring the Bylaws into conformity with the Board's governance model. (The Board governs by setting policy and defining organizational "ends," not by managing the "means" or the operations of the association, which is the responsibility of the Executive Director). 2) Some of the proposed revisions correct vagaries and inaccuracies in the Bylaws. 3) Others enhance the operation of the association by bringing the bylaws up to date with contemporary culture, especially with regard to new communication technologies.

Of course, there are other reasons to attend the annual conference in Scottsdale besides a vote on the Bylaws! As we enter into the season to register for the annual conference, I hope you'll plan to come to Arizona in June, both to add your vote as a member of ATLA, and to participate in enriching -- and often transformative -- presentations and conversations.

-- John B. Weaver



From the Executive Director

Content-ious Questions

The recently released NMC Horizon Report: 2012 Higher Education Edition (<http://net.educause.edu/ir/library/pdf/HR2012.pdf>) focuses on emerging technologies that have the potential to impact teaching, learning, and creative inquiry in higher education. While the technology trends themselves are interesting, equally intriguing are the environmental assumptions and challenges used to frame the report. In particular, two of the challenges referred to in the Horizon Report are ones facing ATLA member institutions right now: digital media literacy and new modes of research.

Digital media literacy has increased in importance as a skill that professionals in all disciplines should learn. The next generation of information literacy, digital media literacy goes one step further. As outlined in the vision of the Center for Media Literacy (<http://www.medialit.org/about-cml>), it refers to "the ability to communicate competently in all media forms as well as to access, understand, analyze, evaluate and participate with powerful images, words and sounds that make up our contemporary mass media culture." While the humanities disciplines have traditionally embraced new trends in media at a more leisurely pace than the sciences, they are now catching up. And the churches and congregations that ATS graduates will lead may already have expectations in this area that go beyond traditional skills. The 2011 ATLA Proceedings includes a panel discussion on "Libraries Teaching Technology" which describes one institution's response to the need for theological related education in this area. It describes a course created at the Candler School of Theology (Emory University) called "Technology for Ministry" taught by librarians (pp. 195-209) helping to train theology students in technology.

Increasingly, new modes of scholarship are being used in the humanities. At the 2011 BETH Conference held in Amsterdam last fall, two scholars described their research and its challenges. One analyzes blogs to identify trends in Christian youth movements in Amsterdam and the other analyzes website content as part of research on charismatic religious leaders in Ghana. Both expressed the frustration of trying to work with large electronic data files that may not be accessible from one day to the next. They challenged librarians to focus on this issue. Other trends, such as open content and budget constraints, challenge the library's traditional role as a collector and force a consideration of the library's potential role to serve instead as an access channel.

Theological libraries are facing the challenges of digital media literacy and new modes of scholarship right now. What should ATLA be doing to help them meet these challenges? For many years ATLA has been considered a premier publisher of scholarly tools in religion and theology. Over the years, some of these tools migrated from print to CD-ROM to online databases. Other research tools began as microform renderings of print materials, later shifting to an emphasis on providing the digitized images of print materials searchable in database form. ATLA started an online, open access journal a few years ago, but still provides its own conference proceedings in print form and its three book series in partnership with Scarecrow Press primarily in print as well.

The 2012 Horizon Report raises many content related questions. What other content would be useful for religion and theology researchers? What formats would be useful? Should the ATLA Proceedings be available as an ebook or online instead of paper, or even multimedia? Would the three book series currently with Scarecrow be more useful as ebooks? Should ATLA be pursuing the indexing or storage of multimedia works, such as video of sermons or audio recordings of oral history narrations? Or striving to help preserve social media data sets that will be of interest to future researchers? Should there be a continuing education series that helps train librarians to teach digital media literacy to faculty and students?

These may all be worthy pursuits, but as always, ATLA will need to pick and choose among them. I'd love to hear from you directly with any thoughts or ideas you have on these content related questions.

--Brenda Bailey-Hainer

Summary Report of the ATLA Board of Directors Midwinter Meeting



The ATLA Board of Directors. Seated left to right are André Paris, Doug Gragg, Andy Keck (Vice-President), H.D. Sandy Ayer, Carisse Mickey Berryhill, and Laura Wood. Back row: Sandra Lipton, Beth Bidlack, Eileen Saner, John Weaver (President), Kelly Campbell, and Carrie Hackney (Secretary).

January 12 - 14, 2012

The ATLA Board of Directors met at ATLA Headquarters for its semiannual Board meeting. The following summary highlights selected items of business. Full minutes will be posted on the ATLA SharePoint pages, available to all ATLA individual members at: <http://www.atla.com/community/Pages/default.aspx>.

Audit Report: Legacy Professionals LLP

Rose Doherty, representative from Legacy Professionals LLP, distributed two documents and reviewed their content with the Board members. The first document was the audited financial statements as of August 31, 2011. The second contained required information related to the audit. The opinion of the auditors was unqualified with no management letter needed. This year, for the first time, the audit provided comparative data from the previous year (FY 2011).

Open Access and ATLA

Kevin L. Smith, Scholarly Communications Officer at Duke University, joined the Board via conference call to discuss the role of Open Access in the scholarly process and the ways ATLA could promote Open Access.

Approval of Denver, CO, as site for the 2015 ATLA Conference

The Board approved the site for the ATLA 2015 Annual Conference to be held in Denver, Colorado, on June 17-20, 2015. The conference hotel is the Marriott Denver Tech Center.

Proposed Bylaws Revision

The amendments to the Bylaws, as recommended by the Bylaws committee, were presented to the Board for discussion and further refinement before presentation to the membership. The recommendations will be presented to the membership for approval at the June 2012 conference

Revision of Board Policy Manual

The Governance Committee presented revisions to the Executive Limitations in the Board Policy Manual. These revisions were discussed and approved. The Board will continue to revise other sections of the Manual.

Revision of ATLA Ends

The Board began the process of analyzing the Ends to conform them to the Carver Governance Model. Each End will state (1) the intended beneficiary, (2) the intended "good" to be received, and (3) the expenditure. Revisions of Ends 1 thru 1.2 were approved.

--submitted by Carrie M. Hackney, Secretary

We welcome your submission of news, photos, and other items of interest for the *ATLA Newsletter*. All submissions are due on the first business day of the month preceding publication. Contact newsletter@atla.com with any questions or concerns or if you are interested in sponsoring an issue of the newsletter.

2012 Annual Conference



2012 Conference Travel Grants Available

ATLA is pleased to offer grants of up to \$750 each to support attendance at the conference. Any ATLA Student or Individual Member who receives no financial assistance from their institutions to attend the conference is eligible to apply. You may apply for a travel grant until April 17, 2012. Visit <http://www.atla.com/Members/conference> to apply. Grants will be awarded on a first come, first served basis and approved recipients will be notified on or before Tuesday, April 24, 2012. Recipients must register for the conference before May 1, 2012, and will be required to stay at the conference hotel.

Arizona Anniversary Celebrations

On Valentine's Day 1912, Arizona became the 48th state. When President Taft was to sign the proclamation (above), most people hoped it would be on Feb. 12, Lincoln's birthday, but he held off on signing for two days due to a trip to New York.

Many activities have already taken place, with others yet to come commemorating Arizona's 100th birthday. The Theological Library Cooperative of Arizona (TLCA) is very excited to have you help us celebrate our state's centennial at the annual conference this June! Birthday cake is planned for the opening reception.

As has already been mentioned, the hotel where we will be meeting is in a residential area. Within walking distance, about half a mile, there is one shopping area (Gainey Village) with restaurants, clothing boutiques, and a couple of banks along the way. At the hotel is a gondola ride, complete with a singing gondolier; tickets are complimentary with a dinner entrée from the Alto ristorante (Italian fare). The hotel's other main restaurant is the SWB, a southwest bistro. Other restaurant choices are available outside of the hotel with a cab ride or other transportation arrangements—we will have more information on that at the local host table.

What would Arizona be in the summer without our pools? The Hyatt has a 2.5 acre water playground with waterslide. Some pools are reserved for adult use only. What a relaxing way to end the day, lounging by the pool! Or visit spa avania for a massage, facial/wrap, manicure/pedicure, sauna, hot/cold plunge (extra charges for these services). For those who would like some physical activity, there is golf across the canal (three 9-hole courses), tennis courts and a fitness room.

Camp Hyatt may be another option for kids besides the pools and waterslide. For a fee, you may enroll your child (ages 3-12) for fun activities related to the flora, fauna, culture and geography of the area. For more information on the Hyatt Regency, see their website: scottsdale.hyatt.com.

Housing Block Now Open--Reserve Your Room Today

Hotel reservations can now be made for the upcoming ATLA 2012 Annual Conference. The hotel rates for the Hyatt Regency Resort and Spa at Gainey Ranch are \$145 per night - single/double occupancy. Conference rates at the hotel expire after Friday, June 1. For your convenience, visit the Passkey link to secure your room(s) on line: https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=3407677. If you have questions regarding your reservations please call 1.888.421.1442.



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Member News

William Badke Publications

William Badke, Librarian at Associated Canadian Theological Schools, has just published *Teaching Research Processes: The Faculty Role in the Development of Skilled Student Researchers* (Oxford: Chandos Publishing, 2012). It is distributed in the US by Neal-Schuman (<http://www.neal-schuman.com/trp>). Also check out William's novel, published electronically through Amazon (search on Badke Storm).

Retirement at Biola University

Dr. Rodney Vliet, Dean of the Library at Biola University (and Talbot School of Theology), retired at the end of December after more than 20 years of dedicated service to the university. Rod's service to Biola was highlighted by the vital role he assumed in the design of the new Biola University Library building, which opened in the fall of 2001. He was an active participant with the CCCU Library Directors and the Snezek Library Leadership Institute. Rod says that he is taking his long overdue sabbatical. He plans to continue his research projects and to write, and he will continue to serve as the secretary for Statewide California Electronic Library Consortium (SCELC).

Biola University is searching for a new Dean of the Library. The job posting can be found on the ATLA website.

Job Postings Online

Are you in the market for a new position? Be sure to check the ATLA web listings to see who is hiring now.

Routine Maintenance Reminder

Routine maintenance will be performed on ATLA systems on Monday, March 5, 2012. You may encounter a brief interruption of service between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. (CST). Services that will be affected include ASE, ListServe and the ATLA Websites. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

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New Offer From ATLA/SCELC

We are pleased to announce a consortial offer for the electronic books offered by Brill through the ATLA/SCELC Affiliate Program. Brill is offering ATLA/SCELC Affiliates a 20% discount off the purchase of its eBook collections. These eBooks are available by subject collection for the publication years since 2007, or the entire subject collections from years 2007-2010 can be purchased at an even greater discount of 50%. Among the collections included are Biblical Studies, Ancient Near East, and Early Christianity and Religious Studies, Theology, and Philosophy. The order form, including pricing information, is located here: <http://www.atla.com/Members/benefits/projects/Offers/BrillEBooksOffer.pdf>. The deadline for this offer is March 30, 2012.

Please note that a one-time completion of the ATLA/SCELC Affiliate documentation is necessary to participate in this and future offers. The ATLA/SCELC Affiliate documentation can be found here: <http://scelc.org/atla>. SCELC charges a 5% fee for any purchases your institution adds from Brill through SCELC. In addition, SCELC adds a \$50 affiliate transaction fee for the administration of resources for non-SCELC members.

For more information about Brill's eBook collections, including a full title list for each collection, visit <http://booksandjournals.brillonline.com/content/collections>. If your institution is interested in a trial to any of these resources, please contact Ellen Endres at Brill--eendres@brillusa.com.



ATLA Staff News



Ginny Landgraf Article in French Publication

The French Protestant newspaper *Réforme* recently published an issue dedicated to the life, thought, and influence of French Reformed theologian and sociologist Jacques Ellul (1912-1994) in honor of the one hundredth anniversary of his birth on January

6th. ATLA Indexer-Analyst Ginny Landgraf, who wrote her dissertation on Ellul, was invited to contribute a piece on the reception of Ellul's thought in the United States. She is shown photographed at her workspace with an issue of *Foi et vie*, a periodical of which Ellul was editor-in-chief from 1969 to 1986 and which ATLA indexes for the ATLA Religion Database.



Columbia International University

Post-Fire Update

Jo Ann Rhodes, Library Director for G. Allen Fleece Library (above) at Columbia International University, recently shared the following happy news about her institution:

I am pleased to announce the opening of our newly renovated library on Tuesday, January 17, and a formal dedication on January 24. This is the culmination of 20 months of recovery from our devastating fire on May 8, 2010. The renovation features nine new group study rooms seating 6-8 people each and a small "coffee nook" where students can gather for a cup of cappuccino or a latte from the new robotic barista.

An additional highlighted feature is the new entrance into the library that encapsulates a cement sculpture of an open Bible. The sculpture had been on the outside of the building but the new entrance features it in a much more dramatic way.

Students sponsored "Occupy Fleece" the night before the grand opening, sleeping in tents and hammocks outside the main entrance in order to be on hand at 7:30 a.m. when the doors opened for business. Several faculty members and students brought their shofars and blew them as the countdown to opening drew to its close. A local news station was on hand to record the festivities: <http://www.wistv.com/story/16538501/students-celebrate-library-reopening-at-ciu>.

ATLA offers its congratulations and all the best to those who will enjoy the revitalized amenities at the Fleece!

ATLA Welcomes Five Titles to *ATLASerials*® (*ATLAS*®)

Chicago, IL, February 9, 2012--The American Theological Library Association (ATLA) is pleased to welcome five titles that will be available in forthcoming releases of *ATLASerials*® (*ATLAS*®), ATLA's online full-text collection of more than 200 major religion and theology journals.

The titles include the following historically significant ceased titles:

- *Andover Newton Quarterly*, by Andover Newton Theological School
- *Andover Newton Review*, by Andover Newton Theological School
- *Impact: A Journal of Thought of Disciples of Christ on the Pacific Slope*, by Disciples Seminary Foundation

In addition, ATLA welcomes two currently published titles:

- *Religions of South Asia*, by Equinox Publishing Ltd.
- *Theology & Sexuality*, by Equinox Publishing Ltd.

Gregg Taylor, ATLA's Database Manager for Acquisitions and Bibliographic Control, commented, "ATLA is showing its dedication to excellent scholarship, be it found in journals that have ceased publication or in journals that have recently been launched. *ATLAS* continues to offer the best of religious and theological journal literature from a wide range of perspectives."

Read the entire press release at <http://www.atla.com/about/pressroom/Pages/ATLASWelcomesFiveTitles.aspx>.

ATLA Calendar

February

- 1 Submissions for March ATLA Newsletter due on first business day of this month
- 21 Wesley Theological Seminary Library Dedication, Washington, D.C.; Brenda Bailey-Hainer attending.
- 25-28 NFAIS Annual Conference, Philadelphia; Margot Lyon, Jim Butler, and Gregg Taylor attending.

March

- 1 Submissions for April ATLA Newsletter due on first business day of this month
- 1 2012 ATLA Annual Conference registration opens
- 15 Florida Theological Library Association conference, Brenda Bailey-Hainer attending

April

- 1 Submissions for May ATLA Newsletter due on first business day of this month

Calvin Symposium on Worship

Gregg Taylor, Manager of Business Development, and Justin Travis, Editor of Research in Ministry, recently attended and exhibited at the Calvin Symposium on Worship in Grand Rapids, Michigan, from January 26-28th. The Symposium is a three-day conference sponsored by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and the Center for Excellence in Preaching. This ecumenical conference brings together a wide audience of pastors, worship leaders and planners, artists, musicians, scholars, students, and other interested worshipers. This year the focus was on praying and worshipping through the psalms. The 1800 international attendees enthusiastically welcomed ATLA as a first-time official participant. ATLA staff promoted a new ministry survey to a wide range of people participating in ministry, with the aim of developing new products and services to serve that community better. Staff also raised awareness of the ATLAS® for ALUM program and ATLA products and resources more broadly.

Have You Heard?

New Digital Curation Residency Program

The Library of Congress Office of Strategic Initiatives (OSI) and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) announced that they will collaborate to develop and implement a national residency program in digital curation, involving the collection, selection, management, and long-term preservation and accessibility of digital assets. The primary goals of the IMLS/Library of Congress Residency Program in Digital Curation are to foster the creation of a cadre of experts in the field and encourage LIS schools to include more experiential learning as part of their standard curricula. Those selected to take part in the program will be outstanding graduate-level students currently enrolled in nationally accredited LIS programs, as well as recent post-master's graduates with an LIS concentration. Organizers plan to start taking applications this summer. You can read more about the program here: <http://blog.ims.gov/?p=892>.

Member Product Loyalty Program

Claim Your Rewards

ATLA Members can be proud of the distinguished line of resources produced by the Association. In turn, ATLA is proud to sponsor the Member Product Loyalty Program. This member benefit is designed to recognize and reward our current Institutional, International Institutional, and Affiliate Members who demonstrate their loyalty to ATLA through subscription to both the *ATLA Religion Database® (ATLA RDB®)* and *ATLASerials® (ATLAS®)*.

How it works: ATLA reserves a portion of funds garnered from product sales for distribution to eligible member sites. This year a maximum of \$300 per eligible site is available to be re-invested into ATLA Member Programs. Redeemable loyalty benefits include:

- a total of \$300 toward ATLA conference registration (maximum three registrations), OR
- up to \$300 toward one year of individual membership (maximum two memberships), OR
- a \$300 gift to the Scholarships and Grants Annual Fund.

The deadline to apply and redeem your benefits of the Member Product Loyalty Program is Friday, May 18, 2012. Please complete the form available at <http://www.atla.com/Members/benefits/projects/Pages/Member-Loyalty-Program.aspx>.