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by Milton J. (Joe) Coalter

ATLA needs your best thinking on a matter that has rich potential if we can reach more clarity concerning what we as an association wish to accomplish. Please take the time to read on and respond with your thoughts on ATLA's best course of action.

In 1992, the Board of ATLA established an endowment fund. John Bollier, acting as the newly "minted" Director of Development, explained this action at the association's annual conference. He noted that ATLA had only three sources of financial support for its services and projects: membership dues, grants, and income from the sale of ATLA products. Each of these, John observed, had their limitations as stable bases for the association. Membership dues could not provide sufficient income for the association's needs without unduly burdening members. Grants provided only time-limited "soft" money, and the sale of products could rise or fall depending on the market and the marketing. In order to stabilize ATLA's financial course through "the lean years and fat years," the opportunity for building an endowment was begun.

The vision that John Bollier set before the association on behalf of the ATLA Board assumed that giving to the endowment would, of course, always be voluntary but also that it would become a common annual practice among ATLA members. By donating, the membership would insure and invest in the future vitality and service of the association to the theological community.

Since 1992, the ATLA endowment fund has grown to a little over $86,000, thanks to the generosity of members, the good services of John Bollier, a bequest in honor of Raymond Morris, careful investing by the ATLA staff, and a matching program initiated by ATLA in 1994 where every $1 donated is matched by $2 from ATLA's capital fund. David Wartluft, our current Director of Development, aims with your help to increase the endowment fund to the $100,000 mark and beyond in the near future so that the annual proceeds from the fund represent an amount of some consequence.

At the last ATLA conference in June of this year, another "vision" for the use of the endowment surfaced. This alternative view would apply the endowment's future proceeds to activities aimed at addressing a particular need of the membership, the profession, or theological libraries. John Trotti, the chair of the Membership Advisory Committee, publicly asked the membership to pass along their ideas for the most meaningful and effective use of endowment proceeds. Some at the conference had already suggested to him that these funds could be used to encourage individuals from those racial/ethnic communities that are underrepresented in the association to pursue careers in theological libraries. Since John's announcement, more ideas have been proposed. But not nearly enough suggestions have been made yet for us to think that we have considered the full range of possibilities for utilizing these funds.

I ask that *in the next week,* you consider three questions concerning the future of the ATLA endowment fund and that you send your reflections to the Membership Advisory Committee.

First, we need your reflection on what you believe the basic purpose of our endowment fund should be—a source of steady support to undergird the association, a vehicle for initiating action in an area of special need, both, or some other yet unnamed purpose?

Second, if you believe that the endowment should be employed for some special need, what would that need be and how might the funds, when they become available, be used to address that need?

Third and perhaps most revealing, would you personally contribute annually to the endowment if the funds were used in the way that you think best? Do you believe that your associates in the association would do the same?

Endowment funds have their purpose, but that purpose can be varied among organizations and associations. Unless we are clear about and committed to the purpose of an endowment, it is unlikely that we members will nurture it with

our personal donations. We need your views on this matter. So please contact the Membership Advisory Committee. The chair of that committee is John Trotti (e-mail: Jtrotti@utsva.edu; phone: 804-278-4311) and its members are Linda Corman (e-mail: corman@vax.library. utoronto.ca; phone: 416-978-2653), Susan Sponberg (e-mail: sponberg@vms.csd.mu.edu; phone: 414-288-3542), and David Wartluft (e-mail: dwartluft@ltsp.edu; phone: 215-248-6328).

The Advisory Committee will consider your ideas, discuss them with the ATLA Board at its mid-winter meeting, and, at a "town meeting" session during the 1999 annual conference, the Board will offer a proposal for the membership to discuss. Following the conference, the Board will take what we have heard from you and clarify the purpose(s) for which the ATLA endowment can be used.

We need to hear your views on this matter, however, so please contact the Advisory committee soon. We welcome your good advice. 📖

Joe Coalter
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ATLA President

News of ATLA Members & Member Libraries

The **Alumni Memorial Library** that serves **SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary** and **St. Mary's College** has completed implementation of the DRA automated library system. The DRA Web 1 is installed on the online catalog that contains 73,000 books including 9000 Polish language books. A fiber optic connection links St. Mary's Preparatory, located on the Orchard Lake Campus, to the online catalog. An important aspect of this project was the Library Services and Construction Act that provided a $23,700.00 grant to complete the retrospective conversion of the Polish materials.

The Web site for SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary is http://www.sscms.edu/~deansoff. The Web site provides the mission and history of the Seminary and gives a description of the degree programs that are offered. 📖

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The **B. L. Fisher Library of Asbury Theological Seminary** has appointed Ms. Hannah Kirsch as its Reference Librarian effective September 1, 1998. Ms. Kirsch holds both an MA in Music and an MS in Library Science from the University of Kentucky. She has also completed two years toward her Ph.D. in Musicology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. While at Asbury she will also be pursuing an MA in Biblical Studies. 📖

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The **Ryan Memorial Library of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary** is pleased to announce that Mr. Clay-Edward Dixon has joined the staff as Reference and Collection Development Librarian. Mr. Dixon has a Master of Arts in Religious Studies from Loyola University in New Orleans, and a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Texas at Austin. His previous position was at the Library of Virginia in Richmond as a cataloger for the Virginia Newspaper Project. 📖

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Ronald F. Deering, now Associate Vice President for Academic Resources and Seminary Librarian at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky announces the appointment, effective August 12, 1998 of **Bruce L. Keisling** as Associate Librarian. Mr. Keisling has assumed the day-to-day responsibilities of the operation of the library as Dr. Deering moves to a more executive role in planning and directing

academic resources for the seminary. The seminary envisions the coordination of traditional library resources, local and remote computerized databases, utilization of the Internet and television, for both on-campus and distant educational programs. Mr. Kiesling comes to his new post after three years' service as Librarian at Virginia Theological Seminary's Center for the Ministry of Teaching, Alexandria, Virginia following his receipt of the M.S.L.S. degree from Catholic University of America in 1995. &

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Jack H. Goodwin, 77, Librarian and Professor Emeritus of the **Virginia Theological Seminary,** died October 21 at Inova Alexandria Hospital of complications following a stroke. He is buried in the Virginia Seminary campus cemetery. He had lived in Falls Church, Virginia since his retirement in 1991.

During World War II he worked as a Staff Sergeant cartographer in the Pentagon and also served in China for six months after the war.

Mr. Goodwin earned a B.A. from Olivet College in Kankakee, Illinois in 1948 and a Master of Library Science from the University of Illinois in 1949. He also studied Theology at New College, Edinburgh, Scotland in 1952.

His early career included brief service at the libraries of Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and Princeton Seminary in New Jersey. He became librarian of the Virginia Theological Seminary in October of 1954, serving in that capacity for thirty-seven years. During his tenure, he established a professional library staff. He transformed the library into a recognized center for theological research, expanding the collection from 40,000 to 120,000 books and establishing special collections for rare books, seminary and diocesan archives, and alumni/ae publications. He directed the construction of a new library building in 1956, and a further doubling of its size in 1979. Beginning the computerization of the library in 1972, he installed a fully integrated library computer catalog in 1988. After retiring in 1991, Mr. Goodwin had recently returned to work at the library during the sabbatical of the present librarian, and was in the Rare Book room when the stroke occured on October 15.

He is fondly remembered by generations of grateful students as an advisor, counselor, mentor, and friend, and by his colleagues on the faculty as a devoted servant of the Episcopal Church.

He was a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Burke, Virginia and the American Theological Library Association. He had been active in the Northern Virginia Amateur Radio Club.

Survivors include Mary E. Goodwin, his wife of fifty-five years; his sons James W. Goodwin of Boxborough, Massachusetts and Jeremy P. Goodwin of Raleigh, N.C.; a sister Betty Eichenberger of Nampa, Idaho; two brothers, Richard Goodwin of Hobe Sound, Florida and Mahlon Goodwin of Tucson, Arizona; and two grandchildren, Jonathan (5) and Emily (2) Goodwin. &

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Gary Metzenbacher recently accepted the Library Director's position at Circleville Bible College in Circleville, Ohio. His new office address is: Circleville Bible College, P.O. Box 458, Circleville, OH 43113; telephone: (740) 477-7736. &

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Princeton Theological Seminary is pleased to announce that David R. Stewart joined the staff of the Seminary Libraries September 1 as the Electronic Services Librarian. Mr. Stewart comes to Princeton from **Regent College** in Vancouver. &

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Paul A. Roberts replaced **Ron Jordahl** as Library Director of the T.S. Rendall Library of Prairie Bible College and Prairie Graduate School on July 1, 1998. For eleven years Paul was the reference librarian at Columbia International University (formerly Columbia Bible College) in South Carolina. He has been a member of ATLANTIS from its earliest days. &

Announcements

Continuing Education Grants

The ATLA Education Committee hereby reminds members that December 1, 1998 is the deadline for continuing education grant applications. Either a regional consortium of ATLA or another grouping of ATLA members or member libraries may apply. Up to $750 may be requested per application, and grants must be used during 1999. Information about applying may be found at the ATLA Web site (http://www.atla.com) and in the August 1998 issue of the *ATLA Newsletter* (p. 6). 📖

James C. Pakala
Chair, Education Committee

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Editor of *ATLA Monograph Series* Seeks Manuscripts for Publication

With several projects pending agreement to publish, the *ATLA Monograph Series* continues to seek manuscripts of scholarly distinction for possible publication in the series issued in cooperation with Scarecrow Press.

Since 1972 ATLA has proudly published studies in religious history, theology, ethics, literature, music, sociology, education, and linguistics. That ecumenical and eclectic vision continues as ATLA continues to seek, in particular, works that will become useful resources in library research. Editions of critical texts or collections of annotated documents illustrating the history of religious movements or phenomena can be especially valuable to librarians and researchers, when accompanied by incisive critical analysis. Also useful are guides to particular fields of the study of religion that trace the development of literature and method.

Prospective authors—and theological librarians who offer suggestions for needed projects—should contact Don Haymes, the Series editor, via e-mail at pp002454@mindspring.com or by telephone at (847) 475-2650. Manuscripts and written proposals may be sent to Mr. Haymes's attention at ATLA, 820 Church Street, Suite 400, Evanston, Illinois 60201-5613. Mr. Haymes requests that prospective authors communicate with him before sending a manuscript.

Mr. Haymes will attend a meeting of the Conference on Christianity and Literature in Dayton, Ohio, on October 23–24, 1998. He will also be seeking manuscripts at forthcoming meetings of the American Academy of Religion, Society of Biblical Literature, American Society of Church History, and other gatherings of scholars. 📖

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Ryrie Exhibit at Bridwell Library

The Charles Caldwell Ryrie Collection. Formatting the Word of God. Bridwell Library, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, October 23, 1998 through January 22, 1999.

Charles C. Ryrie is well known for *The Ryrie Study Bible,* one of the best-selling study Bibles in America. He is also the author of such books as *Basic Theology, Biblical Answers to Contemporary Issues,* and *Neo-Orthodoxy,* as well as works on topics as varied as social responsibility, biblical inerrancy, and the role of women in the church. In Dallas, many know Charles Ryrie as a long-time professor at Dallas Theological Seminary. But few know him as a book collector.

In this exhibition, Professor Ryrie is sharing part of his collection with a broader public. True to his scholar's nature, however, this is not just an exhibition of bibliographic rarities. Instead, he has focused on the compelling idea that our engagement with the Word of God is, in many ways, influenced by the physical realities of text presentation.

We all know that the Bible has meant different things to different people at different times, regardless of what we might claim about its immutability. That is part of the beauty of the Bible. In this exhibition, we explore a deceptively

simple, but often-overlooked reason for differences in biblical interpretation: the impact of format. Have text-critical notes been added in the margins? Is the poetry set off as verse? Do woodcuts tell the story in pictures? Is it printed on precious vellum, ordinary paper, or as pixels on the screen? Did the translator have an agenda or confessional bias? We have looked at these rare Bibles with questions of form and format in mind to try to understand both the motivation for production and the intended interpretation of the text.

The issue of format also pertains to the exhibition itself. To wander through Bridwell's galleries is the best way to see and experience the nuances of *Formatting the Word of God*. But exhibitions are temporary in nature, so we have published a beautiful printed catalog as a lasting record. Not satisfied with only two formats, we added an electronic version of the text with additional images on CD-ROM. And, to expand access to the electronic format, we will also make it available on the Internet at Bridwell Library's Internet Web site.

These rare and important Bibles dating from C.E. 500 to 1998 will be on display from October 23, 1998 to January 22, 1999 at Bridwell Library at Southern Methodist University. Admission is free. Call (214) 768-3483 for directions and further information. 📖

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Bridwell Library Judaica Lecture Series, 1998–1999

The Bridwell Library, Perkins School of Theology, SMU, The Dallas Chapter of the American Jewish Committee, and The Dallas Jewish Historical Society proudly announce the fifth annual Bridwell Library Judaica Lecture Series, 1998–1999.

Sunday Lectures at 2:00 p.m.
October 18, 1998
Harvey Richman
"Early Masters of Hebrew Satire and Invective: Joseph Perl and Jacob Emden"

November, 15, 1998
Zsuzanna Ozshvath
"The Lure of the Hero: Conflicts of Identity in the World of the Hungarian Poet Miklos Radnoti"

January 17, 1999
Michael Pollak
"Was Pocahontas Jewish? The American Indians and the Lost Tribes of Israel"

February 14, 1999
Karen Prager
"Planting a Vineyard with Her Own Labor: Women Interpret Jewish Tradition"

March 21, 1999
Eric Marshall White
"Rembrandt's Etching of *Jews in a Synagogue*"

April 11, 1999
Reid Heller
"When Jewish Identities Collide: Reflections on the Conversion Wars in Israel and the United States"

All lectures are at Bridwell Library, 6005 Bishop Blvd., Dallas, TX. For information call (214) 768-3483. 📖

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Recycling Theological Books

Theological education and books go together. In most countries around the world, however, libraries in theological schools have very meager collections of theological texts for their students. Knowing the wealth of books and educational materials in the United States, SPCK/USA started the Adopt-A-Seminary program in 1986.

The Society asked the questions, "What do clergy do with their libraries when they retire? Would they be interested in donating their libraries to SPCK/USA for distribution to seminaries, church schools, and libraries around the world?" The answer was a resounding, "Yes!" Since 1986 the Society has received more than 200,000

pounds of recycled theological texts from clergy across the United States.

In the past twelve years the Adopt-A-Seminary program has shipped recycled theological texts and Christian literature to all the continents. Countries receiving literature have included Honduras, Tanzania, India, Kenya, Romania, Nigeria, Swaziland, Uganda, Belize, the Virgin Islands, Burma, Myanmar, the Philippines, Ghana, Ecuador, Puerto Rico, Newfoundland, Mexico, Haiti, Panama, El Salvador, Romania, and Syria. Today the Adopt-A-Seminary warehouse in Sewanee holds more than 60,000 volumes with more arriving daily.

The program reaches out to seminaries and Bible schools of all denominations around the world, providing much needed theological texts for the training of lay ministers and seminarians. In many schools and seminaries the only books available for study are those provided by the SPCK/USA Adopt-A-Seminary program.

This program will continue to have a profound influence on the Church. In the years ahead we expect it will become an ever-greater blessing to worldwide Christianity and an increasingly important ingredient of the American churches' global involvement.

Will your library consider a Library Membership of $35.00 in the Adopt-A-Seminary program? Through your support theological books will be placed in the hands of those best able to use them to train new leadership in the church.

For more information on the SPCK/USA Adopt-A-Seminary program you may call our office in Sewanee, Tennessee at (931) 598-1103 or e-mail the Society at spck@sewanee.edu. We also invite you to visit our Web site at http://www.sewanee.edu/spck.

Patti Joy Posan
Administrative Director, SPCK/USA

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Houses of Worship

On Wednesday, September 23, 1998 representatives from the following institutions and agencies met for a consultation in Pittsburgh:

Columbia University
Houses of Worship Project
Princeton Theological Seminary
Candler School of Theology
Vanderbilt Divinity School
Hartford Theological Seminary
Digital Library Federation
Carnegie-Mellon University
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

The primary purpose of this gathering was to discuss a proposal for selecting, cataloging, and insuring access to already digitized theological materials on the Internet. Dr. Robert Thibadeau of Carnegie-Mellon University organized the meeting. Dr. Thibadeau currently directs the Houses of Worship Project (the Web site is at http://www.hows.net). Houses of Worship, with the help of substantial funding from the American Bible Society, has created a system designed specifically to enable local-church editors to submit tagged/form/searchable data about their congregations. This database infrastructure has, in turn, provided a platform for still more expansive potential projects. Carnegie-Mellon University's Universal Library Project, directed by Dr. Michael Shamos, intends to serve as "a proactive source for trusted digital library coordination" (http://www.ul.cs.cmu.edu/adlrc/index.html).

Well aware of ATLA's expertise and track-record in matters of access, preservation, and cataloging, Houses of Worship/Universal Library wishes to collaborate with the Association on the substantive issues of selection and access to existing electronic texts. Among the questions this group asked is, "How can we best provide access through metadata to digitized texts?" While creating electronic texts is not within the scope of its efforts, this group hopes to develop standards for collecting digitized texts (see, for example http://www.cs.cmu.edu/books.html) that will facilitate their creation. It also hopes to develop a means of insuring continued access to the text even when it is unavailable from its original source.

Issues such as sources of funding, collabora-

tion between ATLA member libraries and with other agencies, etc. were discussed extensively. It was agreed that Jackie Ammerman, Librarian at Hartford Theological Seminary, will chair the steering committee that will work to develop a formal proposal for what is now being called the Universal Theological Library Program. Dr. Ammerman will report from this gathering to the January 1999 meeting of the ATLA Technology Committee for information and possible further action. 📖

David Stewart
Electronic Services Librarian
Princeton Theological Seminary

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Spirituality and Healing in Medicine—1999

A conference titled *Spirituality and Healing in Medicine—1999,* sponsored by Harvard Medical School Department of Continuing Education, the Mind/Body Medical Institute, CareGroup, and the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, will be held March 20–22, 1999 at the Chicago Hilton & Towers in Chicago, Illinois. The objectives of this course are to scientifically explore the relationship between spirituality and healing in medicine and to give perspectives from world religions. As a new and expanded feature, special emphasis will be placed on death and dying.

For more information on *Spirituality and Healing in Medicine—1999,* contact: Professional Meeting Planners—Telephone: (781) 279-9887 or (800) 378-6857; Fax: (781) 279-9875; E-mail: PMPMeeting@aol.com; On-line: http://www.med.harvard.edu/conted/

Also, mark your calendar for *Spirituality and Healing in Medicine—1999,* December 11–13, 1999. 📖

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SLA's 1999 Awards and Honors Program Now Accepting Nominations

The Special Libraries Association announces that nominations are being accepted for the 1999 SLA Awards and Honors and the Public Relations Awards and Honors Programs. Nominations must be received by December 4, 1998; April 23, 1999 for the Public Relations Award for International Special Librarians Day (April 15, 1999).

Award recipients will be determined by two committees and approved by SLA's Board of Directors at the January 1999 Winter Meeting in San Francisco, CA. The awards will be presented at various events held in conjunction with the 90th Annual Conference in Minneapolis, MN, June 5–10, 1999.

SLA chapters, divisions, caucuses, and individual members or colleagues are encouraged to submit nominations. Only SLA members in good standing may be nominated for an award—exception: the Public Relations Media Award. Award descriptions and nomination forms can be found on the SLA Web site at http://www.sla.org/pr/index.html, and via fax from SLA's toll-free fax-on-demand system at 1-888-411-2856. 📖

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SLA Now Accepting Applications for 1999 Goldspiel Memorial Research Fund

The Special Libraries Association announces that proposals are being accepted for the 1999 Goldspiel Memorial Research Fund. The deadline is February 28, 1999. Established in 1991, SLA's Steven I. Goldspiel Memorial Research Fund is designated to support projects that promote research on and advancement of library sciences, in particular focusing on projects that address the goals identified in SLA's Research Agenda. This agenda encompasses topics on the future of the profession; current/user issues; measures of productivity and value; client/user satisfaction measures; and staffing.

The availability of the grant is announced internationally. Applications are reviewed by

SLA's Research Committee and are evaluated based on the purpose and objectives of the proposed project, the significance of the topic to the profession, the project's methodology, qualifications of staff, and the appropriateness of the project's budget and timetable. The recipient of the 1999 Steven I. Goldspiel Memorial Research Fund will be determined at the June 1999 meeting of SLA's Board of Directors, held prior to SLA's 90th Annual Conference in Minneapolis, MN.

The Research Fund is an endowment; research projects are funded solely from investment income generated by the Fund. Application materials are now available on the Web site at: http://www.sla.org/research/index.html and via fax from SLA's toll-free fax-on-demand system at 1-888-411-2856. Please direct questions to Director, Research Ruth Arnold, Ph.D., at 1-202-234-4700, ext. 615. 📖

Conference News & Information

The 1999 ATLA Annual Conference is being hosted jointly by the Library Council of the Association of Chicago Theological Schools (ACTS) and ATLA. The Local Host Committee has been meeting for almost a year already in preparation for your enjoyment of this event.

The conference will be held on the campus of Loyola University Chicago, which is on the north side of the city of Chicago and on the shore of Lake Michigan. The urban setting for this conference will allow for some exploration of the city, its museums, and its libraries, and we hope to have some planned opportunities during the course of your stay.

We have some wonderful speakers lined up: Dr. Susan Thistlethwaite, a noted author and theologian who was recently named President of Chicago Theological Seminary; Mary Dempsey, Commissioner of the Chicago Public Library (her picture made the front cover of *Library Journal* last year); and Dan Aleshire, Executive Director of the Association of Theological Schools. In addition, His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, the Archbishop of Chicago, will preside and preach at one of our worship services.

Recently we made the decision to hold the banquet at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary, which is the Roman Catholic major seminary for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Located north of the city in suburban Lake County, the campus resides on a beautiful property with a lake, some woods, and many deer.

We hope to offer tours of the property for a while before the banquet.

These are just some of the many inspiring events we have planned for you at the next annual conference. The Local Host Committee will be meeting with the Annual Conference Committee and the Education Committee this fall to finalize many other facets of the program. We hope that you will all be able to attend the conference. 📖

Herman A. Peterson
University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary
Chairman, Local Host Committee

ATLA Annual Conferences

June 9–12, 1999
Chicago, IL
Association of Chicago
Theological Schools
Library Council

June 21–24, 2000
Berkeley, CA
Graduate Theological Union

June, 2001
Durham, NC
Duke Divinity Library

LATIN Report

II Encuentro de Bibliotecarios Teológicos Latinoamericanos (II Congress of Latin American Theological Librarians) July 20–22, 1998, La Paz, Bolivia: A Summary
by Alvaro Pérez

The Congress was a great success and the results were much better than expected. After this event groups were formed to deal with different challenges. As a result of the II Congress there now is a much stronger organization that wants to deal with theological information matters in the Latin American region. The organization that will handle this group's business is called the Latin American Theological Information Network (LATIN).

During the course of the event, bylaws were approved for LATIN, a directing group was elected, and clear objectives were stated: to work on standards; to analyze and to diffuse Latin American theological information; to promote interlibrary cooperation in the field of Latin American theology; to encourage research that improves Latin American theological librarianship; and to highlight the role of the library and of the librarian in the theological education process in this region.

The elected Coordinating Group for LATIN is as follows:

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The following work areas were established:

Communication
The members of this group will be concerned with the various challenges in dealing with communication such as the creation, design, and development of the following: discussion group by e-mail, a Web site on the Internet, and a newsletter called *Boletín del Bibliotecario Teológico Latinoamericano (Latin American Theological Librarian Newsletter)*

Cooperation
This group will be in charge of various tasks, including the drafting of an interlibrary loan proposal, theological librarian training (workshops, handbooks, etc.), the design of a strategy for the exchange of bibliographical materials, providing ideas for Latin American theological library development, database design, and the compiling of information on Latin American human resources in the field of theological librarianship.

Standards
This group will be concerned about database formats, controlled languages, and authority files (author).

Production

Those in this group will be producing works such as a Latin American union catalog of theological journals, a Latin American theological library directory, a Spanish and Portuguese publishing house directory, a bibliography of theses, and a second edition of the *Manual para bibliotecarios teológicos* (Theological Librarians Manual). This group will also encourage research work.

As a result of the above efforts some tasks are already being carried out. LATIN already issues the newsletter, *Boletín del Bibliotecario Teológico Latinoamericano (Latin American Theological Librarian Newsletter)*. The latest issue of this newsletter has just been sent out. LATIN now has a Web site that is still under construction and, obviously, in the Spanish language. The colleagues of this region that are affiliated with LATIN recently created a discussion group by e-mail. In September a controlled language was produced (a Spanish theological subject headings list). LATIN is slowly moving forward. 📖

Alvaro Pérez
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ATLANTIS Reference Review

September Reference Review

The Encyclopedia of Aesthetics, by Michael D. Kelly. New York, Oxford: Oxford University Press, © 1998. 4v. $395.

Purpose:

"Aesthetics is for artists what ornithology is for birds." (Preface, xi) While believing that aesthetics is uniquely situated to "serve as a meeting place for numerous academic disciplines and cultural traditions," the chief editor of the new *Encyclopedia of Aesthetics,* Michael Kelly, also realizes that at present the meeting place is largely empty.

The quote above is attributed to the artist Barnett Newman whom Kelly cites as representing the popular regard (or disregard) for contemporary aestheticians and their discipline. The Preface defines aesthetics for the purpose of the *Encyclopedia* as the "critical reflection on art, culture, and nature." (A rather broad definition to be sure!)

Kelly offers further a brief historical sketch of aesthetics, addresses the "misconceptions" associated with the study of aesthetics and proposes the correctives for revitalizing aesthetics for fruitful dialogue among the various academic disciplines in the present.

Content & Scope

Although the *Encyclopedia* focuses primarily on the history and development of aesthetics in Europe and the United States since the late eighteenth century (beginning with Emmanuel Kant), it also provides a fuller genealogy of aesthetics and includes comparisons "with non-Western art forms and their distinct aesthetic traditions." (xiii) There are more than 600 articles in four volumes.

Most of these entries fall into six major categories: 1) aesthetics according to region, ethnic group, or nationality, e.g., "Italian Aesthetics," "Black Aesthetics"; 2) aesthetics according to religious tradition, e.g., "Islamic Aesthetics," "Buddhist Aesthetics"; 3) aesthetics according to historical period, e.g., "Medieval Aesthetics," "Baroque Aesthetics"; 4) key figures in aesthetics, including many of the Western philosophers/thinkers and artists you would expect to find; 5) key topics and concepts in the study of aesthetics, e.g., "Essentialism," "Representation," "Formalism"; and 6) art forms and movements within the arts and art theory, e.g., "Dance," "Bauhaus," "Frankfurt School." The remaining entries touch on a wide variety of groups and issues, including gay and lesbian aesthetics, aesthetics related to technology and media, sports aesthetics, and art appropriation and copyright.

General usefulness

To help out those of us who have little contact with the area of aesthetics, some entries include a "headnote" to "clarify the topic or offer a rationale for its inclusion for the general reader."(xv) The cross- and "see also" references are well developed and include blind entries to steer the reader to an article where the subject is discussed.

A key element to good subject encyclopedias are the bibliographies. Many articles have generous bibliographies often numbering more than twenty titles. Bibliographies for many personal entries include separate lists for primary and secondary works.

References to works in French, German, Russian, and Italian are common. In at least one case, however, this is problematic. The article on the "Icon" is translated from the Russian. The bibliography for this entry offers nine references for further readings but eight of them are in Russian! I found the content of this particular article also to be fixed too narrowly on Russian Orthodoxy. As for being current, the Preface is dated April 1998 and I found bibliographic entries as recent as 1997. This is hot off the press.

Usefulness for religious studies

Look up "Christianity" in the index and you are referred to "religion and aesthetics." This composite article contains an overview written by Nicholas Wolterstorff and an article on "art and religion" from Olivier Christin, both of which I found interesting and helpful. Wolterstorff includes a list of twenty-five recommended readings by diverse authors including Dorothy Sayers, Theodor Adorno, Umberto Eco, and Emmanuel Kant. Wolterstorff treats early Christian reflection on art in a very basic manner in his overview.

Articles devoted to Augustine, Byzantine aesthetics, Russian aesthetics, Thomas Aquinas, and Kant constitute the core material on Christianity and aesthetics, along with several substantial entries discussing icons, iconoclasm and iconophobia, and iconography and iconology.

Recommendation

For a library serving programs in art and philosophy as well as religious and theological studies, I give the *Encyclopedia of Aesthetics* a high recommendation. There is no other reference work like it on the market. The breadth of material is a significant achievement. In one sense, however, this broad inclusion of issues, concepts, and persons, and all the competing ideas about aesthetics past and present which the *Encyclopedia* seeks to represent and draw into "fruitful dialogue," did not engender in me a desire to join in any broad discussion about aesthetics. Nonetheless, the work serves well those of us who have a more narrow interest in aesthetics. For the library serving only programs in religion and theology my recommendation is less enthusiastic.

Such libraries would do better, I think, to spend $400 on monographic material to deepen their existing collections on this subject. The *Encyclopedia's* bibliographies would be a good starting place to develop such a list. 📖

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Publications

Historic, Prophetic Text Nears Publication Just in Time for the New Millennium
by Don Haymes

In 1999 a daring broadside of adventurous, truly apocalyptic scholarship—bridging the centuries between the year 1297 and the year 2000—will appear in print for the first time, in a critical edition published in the *ATLA Monograph Series* by Scarecrow Press.

> Peter John Olivi (1248-1298):
> Prophet of the Year 2000
> 1:*Ecclesiology and Eschatology*
> *in the* Lectura super apocalipsim
> 2:Lectura super apocalipsim:
> *An English Translation from a Critical Text*

In *Peter John Olivi (1248-1298): Prophet of the Year 2000*, Warren Lewis offers his English translation and critical introduction to an epic commentary on the New Testament Revelation to John, based on his critical Latin text of this monumental work. Olivi's *Lectura super apocalipsim*, completed in 1297, survives in only thirteen Latin manuscripts, and has never before appeared in print in any language.

Olivi and his commentary were condemned by Pope John XXII in 1326, and all copies of the work were ordered to be destroyed. Despite this condemnation Olivi's last great work continued to influence Franciscan Spirituals, Beghards, and Beguines, who handed it on to Anabaptists and other radical reformers.

This landmark in the history of biblical scholarship opens a window on the beliefs and struggles of Spiritual Franciscans, for whom Peter John Olivi is mentor and exemplar. Olivi, writing at the beginning of the end of the medieval synthesis, illumines the moment that the great edifice constructed by popes from Leo the Great through Innocent III to Boniface VIII began to turn inward on itself. His commentary is an aid to understanding the reading of the Bible in the Middle Ages, especially the reading of the Revelation, and how that reading shapes the history of apocalyptic and millennial eschatology.

Inevitably and ironically, study of Olivi's commentary also informs the history of anti-papal polemic—a scarlet thread running through the history of heresy and reform.

Olivi remained throughout his life a true brother of Francis and a true son of the Church; he never defied the discipline of the Church or the Order. Yet in his commentary on Revelation Olivi is the first person to declare the Church of Rome and its Bishop to be the great harlot Babylon, the Beast, and the Anti-Christ. That Church would, in Olivi's prophetic eschatology, be rejected and replaced by the coming, new Spiritual Church. That Spiritual Church would emerge, in the wake of the second coming of Christ "in spirit" in the person of Francis of Assisi, in the Third World Age of the Holy Spirit that is about to begin even as he writes. In 700 years, at the end of that age, as the Spirit of Pentecost would have pervaded the earth, Olivi prophesied that Jesus himself would come in judgment as King of kings and Lord of lords—at the dawn of a new millennium, in the year 2000.

In his introduction to Olivi's exegesis, eschatology and ecclesiology, Warren Lewis documents, explains, and confirms the lasting significance of this thirteenth-century commentary in its incisive assessment of the Holy Catholic Church of its own time—understood as "the Whore of Babylon" about to give way to the "new bride—and its projection of that Church's progress through a "Third Age of the Holy Spirit" toward the return of Christ in the year 2000. Dr. Lewis was educated in Harvard Divinity School, the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies, and the Universität Tübingen. He is Chair of Liberal Arts in Martin University, Indianapolis. 📖

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New Hispanic Bibliography
by Sharon Taylor

Hispanic Christianity within Mainline Protestant Traditions: a bibliography, edited by Paul Barton and David Maldonado, Jr. Decatur, Georgia: Asociación para la Educación Teológica Hispana (AETH) Decatur, Georgia, 1998. In Association with Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. (ISBN 0965783936; $40 hardbound)

While the membership rates of most mainline Protestant denominations dwindle at depressing rates, there is something of a growth boom going on in the Hispanic Church population. The expansion and vitality of Hispanic churches are coloring some denominations significantly. Leaders of the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. predict that in another decade the denomination will no longer be predominantly white and Anglo-Saxon. Over 200 new Hispanic churches have sprung up in fewer than ten years, and the enthusiasms of these and other non-white churches are breathing new life—and presenting new challenges—to mainline denominations.

Barton and Maldonado are trying to provide some resources for the study of the emerging Hispanic church phenomenon and to call our attention to its theological and biblical foundations. The bibliography is part of a larger project funded by the Lilly Endowment that is trying to define, among other things, what is "Protestant" about Hispanic Protestants and what is "Hispanic" about Hispanic Protestants. Maldonado and Barton were clear in setting out the parameters for the work. They wanted to include materials not only about Hispanic Christianity in the United States but also works by Hispanic authors across the spectrum of theological studies. And, though the parameters of the bibliography limit the study to Protestantism, several Roman Catholic authors are represented. Materials are divided into five major categories (theology, Biblical studies, history, church and ministry, and social science) preceded by a short essay of the field. Periodical articles, monographs, and audio-visual materials are included. D.Min. and even some M.A. theses were included but these don't seem to be included comprehensively. (For instance, some Andover Newton D.Min. theses were included but at least two appropriate theses were not.)

On my first quick survey of the book I was put off by what I saw as a "padding" of the bibliography. A variety of citations occurred several times throughout the book, and all or part of two previously printed bibliographies had been included. But when I went back and read the introductions and the thoughtful essay by Justo L. González at the beginning of the theology section, the methodology became clear.

Daisy Machado also does a fine job in laying out a critique of religious history and makes a case for including "non-academic sources," alternative press publications, church materials, and worship aids written by those "outside the gate."

While the identification of materials is noteworthy, the access to some titles will be problematic. There are several citations to mimeographed papers and unpublished manuscripts, and since this is a blended work from several sources, there is no clue to where they might be located (for example, one citation listed the author and title and "Chronicle 2 no. 3, 1939" as the imprint). There was an attempt to combine into one heading articles that had been reprinted or translated in more than one publication. The work would be easier to use if titles under each author had also been alphabetized.

There were some anomalies in the indexing. There was some attempt to group name variations and usually these are self-evident (see for example Recinos, Hal or Harold or Harold J.). Others may not be as apparent to those not familiar with Spanish surnames (Solivan, Samuel and Solivan-Roman, Samuel were linked; but Rodríguez, Daniel R. and Rodríguez-Diaz, Daniel R. were not). And some users might not identify "Mackay, Juan A." with John A. Mackay, preeminent missionary to Latin America and one-time president of Princeton Seminary.

But these details are minor ones that can easily be corrected or updated in another edition. What we have here is a work that has no equal in its field. It shows the breadth and magnitude of works by key thinkers of the Hispanic community. And it does every library and researcher a service by pulling together a list of materials that

form the core of any comprehensive Hispanic collection for seminaries or religion collections. 📖

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Publications from le Conseil International des Associations de Bibliotèques de Théologie

The International Council of Theological Library Associations/le Conseil International des Associations de Bibliotèques de Théologie and ATLA have an agreement to share publications. Below is a list of publications newly available for loan to ATLA members. For a complete list please contact Margret Tacke, Editor of Member Publications, at mtacke@atla.com.

- *Interface*—Lettre d'information trimestrielle de l'Association Internationale "Bible et Informatique" de l'A.S.B.L. ISSN 0770-4720. 98/70-3ème trimestre 98. 15 septembre 1998.
- *Bulletin de liaison,* no 111, 1998. ISSN 0066-8958. Associations de Bibliothèques Ecclésiastiques de France. 📖

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"Burn Your Own": Electronic Publishing on Compact Disk
by Duane Harbin

Nowadays the "buzz" in electronic publishing focuses almost exclusively on the Internet. Yesterday's hot digital publishing medium, compact disk (CD), rates a big yawn because it has become so commonplace and because its replacement technology, digital videodisk (DVD), is already here. Yet CDs are far from dead, and precisely because of their huge market penetration and massive manufacturing base, they have become economically and technically accessible even to very small publishers—publishers as small as your library.

The Cost of Electronic Publishing

Let us not belittle the cost of becoming a publisher. Any publishing project incurs several types of expense, and electronic publishing has costs that are distinct from paper publishing. Content, raw material worth publishing, is a prerequisite to the entire enterprise. If the publisher must purchase or develop content, this may be a major cost. Libraries and academic institutions are more likely to own the rights to the content they want to publish already. However, the content they own is not apt to be in publishable form. The time and effort required to organize the content in useful ways is a major expense for many academic publishing projects, but it is often "buried" in the routine work assignments of the institution.

For an electronic publication, the content often has to be converted to the appropriate digital formats as part of the preparation. If the publisher uses commercial software to organize and provide access to the content, it must obtain the necessary licenses both to create the data and to distribute retrieval software with the products. This expense is probably the most onerous for small academic publishers. One way to avoid it is to create products in public-domain formats such as HyperText Markup Language (HTML).

Once the content is prepared, the next expense is reproducing the content. Here is where CD publishing offers advantages. Commercial publications also involve distribution and promotional expenses. Academic products produced by small publishers for niche markets usually keep these expenses to the absolute minimum, making use of existing professional networks and publications to get the word out about their works. Therefore, the major costs for a small academically oriented electronic publication are

likely to be in the preparation of the content and in the licensing of whatever commercial software is required to make the product useable.

CD Media

There are several types of optical disk media. CD-Audio and CD-ROM (Read-Only Media) are the most familiar. These formats are physically identical and reproduced by the same process. Once they are "burned," they can only be read. No data can be added to them and the data on them cannot be altered except by physically damaging the disk. With a maximum storage capacity of 650MB, CD-ROMs are now the distribution media of choice for commercial software packages and few desktop computers in use today lack a CD-ROM drive.

This article will focus on CD-R (Recordable) and CD-RW (Rewritable). Both these formats are close cousins of CD-Audio and CD-ROM. There are some significant differences between CD-R and CD-RW. Data written to CD-RW can be erased or written over. CD-R disks cannot be erased or written over, although data can be added to them in multiple sessions until they are full. CD-R can be read by most existing CD-ROM drives (or CD-Audio players if they are recorded in audio mode). CD-RW requires newer *multiread* drives because the disks have a much lower reflectivity than CD-ROM or CD-R. CD-RW disks currently cost about six times as much as CD-R disks ($12 apiece vs. $2). Most CD-RW recorders will write CD-R disks as well, but recorders designed specifically for CD-R will not work with CD-RW disks.

You may hear that the various CD formats are already obsolete since DVD (Digital VideoDisk, a.k.a. Digital Versatile Disk) is already on the market. There is some truth in this. DVD technology is a further development of CD technology. DVD technology uses a variety of methods, including finer laser beams and better compression to pack up to 17 gigabytes (that is, 17,000 megabytes) on a disk very much like a CD. That is 26 times as much data in the same size package. Although there are commercial products on the market, DVD is still developing. At least two types of recordable DVD products are already on the market or slated to be shortly. For more information about DVD, see the FAQ (Frequently

Asked Questions) at http://www.videodiscovery.com/vdyweb/dvd/dvdfaq.html.

For the purpose of this discussion, only one point is truly important: DVD drives will read CD-ROMs. Therefore, the hardware to read the CDs we create now will be available well into the future. Right now, few small publishing projects require the additional data storage capacity of DVD urgently enough to justify the additional costs and risks involved in using the new technology.

CD Recording Hardware and Software

Several companies, including Hewlett-Packard, JVC, Philips, Sony, and TEAC, have CD-R and CD-RW recorders on the market. Like CD-ROM readers, these were once external boxes about the size of a VCR. Nowadays they will fit in the same 5.25-inch drive bay in your computer as your CD-ROM drive. While the preferred interface for recorders is SCSI (Small Computer System Interface), some models will connect to the same controller as most current fixed disk drives. Some external models will even connect to your parallel printer port. The street cost for the drives is about $350 for a CD-R recorder and about $550 for a CD-RW recorder. Again, most CD-RW recorders will also record on less expensive CD-R disks.

CD recorders usually come bundled with pre-mastering software. The most popular are from Adaptec (http://www.adaptec.com), including *Easy CD Creator* for Windows95, 98 and NT, and *Toast* for the Macintosh. Adaptec and other providers usually have a deluxe upgrade for the bundled software that runs $100-$150. If you find a drive without bundled software, your best choice is probably to search the Web for companies currently offering software to support that particular drive.

Publishing on CD

Once you have your data ready to publish, your next step is to copy the material to CD-R. To publish and distribute a short run (less than 500 units), the fastest and most cost-effective means will probably be to publish directly on CD-R. You may either burn the copies yourself, or arrange for a local service bureau to do it for you. Service bureaus can usually accept files via

FTP or on tape or Zip disk, as well as on CD-R. Low-end publishing does not necessarily mean plain and boring. You can purchase adhesive labels designed specifically for CD that you can print using your laser or color inkjet printer (see http://www.neato.com). Service bureaus will also pre-print custom labels on blank CD-R media, although it adds significantly to the cost of the media (e.g. $6 apiece for four colors with a minimum of twenty-five).

If you want to produce more than 500 units, you should probably produce a true CD-ROM. CD-R is the preferred replication master for CD-ROM. Costs will vary depending on the number of units, the speed of turnaround you require, and additional services you purchase. Expect to pay more if you need to have your job turned around in less than ten working days. Volume production will net a much cheaper price per unit. For example, if the price per disk for 500 is $1.30 and the price per disk for 1,000 is $0.80, then you can get an extra 500 copies for only an additional $150. Depending on the scope of your project, it may be worthwhile to make more copies than you think you will need.

Artwork and packaging can add significantly to your costs. Most CD replicators include two-color disk labels in their base price. Additional colors will raise the price per disk. Traditional "jewel boxes" run about $0.25 to $0.30 each plus the cost of printing and inserting liners. A non-scratching paper sleeve with a clear window is more economical at $0.12 to $0.20 each and does not require additional artwork. Even shrink-wrap may cost extra. Additional services include serializing your CDs and distributing them to your customer list.

In short, CD replicators will do almost anything for you (except put together the data) but you will have to pay for it. To keep your costs down, maintain flexibility in your production schedule. The company representative may offer a better rate if she can fit your job into a relatively slow production period. Provide your own artwork electronically using templates provided by your replicator. Some replicators will give better pricing to ongoing customers, so if you expect to produce CDs regularly, be sure to let your representative know.

You search for a CD service bureau as you would any other service. If you prefer word-of-mouth, try contacting your regional library association or the regional OCLC network. (Metatec Corporation (http://www.metatec.com) of Dublin, Ohio recently acquired ATLA's supplier. Like many CD providers, Metatec maintains sales offices in several U.S. cities.) On the Internet, you can begin by checking Yahoo (http://www.yahoo.com) under "Business and Economy: Companies: Communications and Media Services: Duplication," or search specifically for a company in your state or region. Finally, there are always the yellow pages.

Advantages and Disadvantages

CD is not perfect for all applications. CD will probably not work for you if your dataset is larger than 650MB, or if your data changes rapidly and users need access to the current version. It works best for relatively static publications. You will probably also prefer the Web if you want to maintain a high degree of interaction with your reader. Licensing costs may be prohibitive if you are dependent on commercial software to access your data.

However, if you want to publish and distribute a dataset of up to 650MB, CD is a very desirable option. The facilities for duplicating and distributing the data are well developed and readily available. The cost of duplication can be very low, with $3 to $5 per copy well within reason even with attractive packaging and artwork. CD-R is available for small run publications and CD-ROM for larger runs. Most PCs currently read CDs and should continue to do so well into the future. CDs are durable, and data on CD-ROM is virtually impervious to tampering (although it is vulnerable to piracy). Properly handled, they will not lose data even if the power fails unexpectedly. CDs are reliable even when telecommunications are not. Large documents and graphics are quickly available without long delays downloading. CDs are lightweight and easily transportable anywhere in the world. 📖

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News from ATLA Staff

Staff Additions

ATLA is pleased to welcome Pradeep Gamadia to the Financial Services staff as Financial Administrator. Mr. Gamadia holds a B.S. in Advanced Accounting and Auditing from Gujarat University in India. Before coming to ATLA Mr. Gamadia was a Senior Staff Accountant for the Bradford Exchange, direct marketers of collectibles with an annual revenue of $500 million. At Bradford he was responsible for compiling and analyzing financial statements. Mr. Gamadia has seventeen years of experience.

ATLA is also pleased to welcome Stuart Creason to the Indexing staff. Holding a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago Oriental Institute, Dr. Creason publishes in the field of Semitic languages and teaches introductory language courses at the Institute. Dr. Creason will be dedicating approximately twenty hours weekly to processing and editing retrospective data for Old Testament Abstracts on CD-ROM. That retrospective conversion project is due to be completed by the end of 1998.

Because there have been so many staff changes this year, a staff directory is printed on pages 32 and 33 for your convenience. 📖

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From the Executive Director

The ATLA Web Site

For the past three years, through the intervention of Bill Hook and the generosity of Vanderbilt University, ATLA has supported a Web site that has been an extremely important factor in ATLA's ability to share information about the Association and its products, programs, and services. Just two years ago Kathy Denise Flint accepted the responsibility for becoming the ATLA Web master. Since that time she has developed remarkable programming and design skills that have helped make our Web site a very successful venture, attracting more than 50,000 visitors in two years.

There have been significant limitations for our Web site, however, since it was maintained at a site remote from ATLA headquarters. We could provide plenty of information and forms that could be downloaded and duplicated, but we could not support transactions, ftp, listservs, bulletin boards, or database searching. For that reason we sought and received a grant form the Lilly Endowment, Inc. in February 1998 that allowed us to begin development of a fully-capable ATLA Web site that would support all of those additional features.

The task has not been a trivial one. We have had to seek expertise and outside support to assist with new cabling (our new T1 line has the capability to expand eventually to a T3), to select the appropriate hardware and software, and to hire a systems administrator who will supervise the new site. As a stand-alone association, ATLA cannot profit from the considerable technological infrastructure afforded universities with major computing staff. ATLA staff has attended workshops and classes to develop SQL and firewall expertise and skills and four ATLA Information Services staff have now achieved certification in various areas of programming.

The hardware, software, and staff expertise, however, are simply the *tools* we need to construct the new ATLA Web site. Now we need to engage the entire membership to design a site that will be central to all Association activities and services and will support our many products and customers.

I have asked the three advisory committees—the Preservation Advisory Committee chaired by Donald Vorp, the Membership Advisory Committee chaired by John Trotti, and the Technology Advisory Committee chaired by Duane Harbin—to concentrate their efforts this fall on thinking about the kinds of activities and projects we could support through our new Web site. When the three committees meet at Midwinter, in conjunction with the ATLA Board, a major emphasis will be placed on establishing priorities and plans for implementation on the ATLA Web site.

I hope that all ATLA members will partici-

pate in this planning process by forwarding suggestions and ideas to these three committees for their consideration. I'm convinced that the new ATLA Web site will be the single most important technological asset of the Association in the next century, and I'm equally determined that it must reflect the values and goals and ideas of the entire Association. Please take time during the next few months to give serious thought and reflection to the new ATLA Web site and share with us your ideas, dreams, and concerns. If you haven't yet looked at the new site please do so at http://www.atla.com. Thank you. 📖

Dennis A. Norlin
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ATLA Endowment Fund and Annual Giving

The ideas of both an annual giving fund and an endowment fund to support ATLA efforts have been with us since 1992. During most of those years contributors to the Annual Giving Fund have been encouraged to designate their contributions for the Endowment Fund. An added incentive was inaugurated by ATLA staff with approval by the Board of Directors when they designated an unused capital development fund to match every contribution with a double portion for contributions made to the Endowment Fund. This continues for the current year. The effort is to bring the Endowment Fund, currently slightly more than $86,000, over the $100,000 level so that it can begin to produce an annual benefit of some consequence.

This adolescent fund's coming-of-age invites us to seek a common mind about the application of earnings from this fund. There are many opportunities available to ATLA to allow these funds to impact our efforts consistent with our mission statement. We need to seek a consensus about our highest priority. This conversation can best be channeled through our Membership Advisory Committee on which I also serve. Another aspect of this conversation can be a decision to direct channeling of Annual Fund contributions

to multiple designated causes. If we choose to follow this route, we need to remember that the accrual in each area will probably be smaller even though the total of giving may exceed a single-cause effort. Several suggestions began to arise at our annual conference. Again, conversation from ATLA's membership channeled to and through the Membership Advisory Committee, chaired by John Trotti of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA will lead to consideration by the Board of Directors and the staff. As you see by our President's message in this issue, forging a common vision for our future is also a concern of the Board of Directors.

Meanwhile, let the fund grow! I know that theological librarians are careful stewards of resources; it is in our blood. We will not squander the funds. In the coming year we have a forum for developing our hierarchy of causes and then seeking approval and support for channeling our efforts and resources once they have grown to a more mature balance.

You have noticed an opportunity to contribute to the Annual Fund on your dues invoice. Perhaps you are as fortunate as I am to have your institution sponsor membership for you in one or more professional associations. If so, you may have found that method of response awkward for making a contribution and left it blank.

If you are blessed to have your employer cover your ATLA membership, you might consider a personal commitment to your profession by making a contribution to the Annual Fund in the amount of that membership or some other amount you choose. Can we combine our various efforts to bring that endowment balance to six figures? It is within our power—is it our will?

Pride may have been identified as one of the seven deadly sins in the past, but to take pride in your profession and your professional association is appropriate when it serves others well. And ATLA has served well not only to bind theological librarians in common endeavors and provide opportunities to grow in skill and impact, but it has also served students, leaders, scholars, and a wide variety of people through our indexing efforts, our more expertly trained librarians, our publications, and our preservation efforts. One way we show appropriate pride is to support these

efforts and our association by giving of ourselves not only with our effort and time but also by economic means.

And a timely contribution to the Annual Fund designated for endowment will be doubly blessed by matching funds. May the fund increase, and may its benefits extend to future generations! 📖

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Report from ATLA's Grants Officer Consultant

Just a brief note to let you know that in the past several months I have been:

- investigating the possibility of the Association providing tax receipts to Canadian members supporting ATLA's endowment;
- drafting a grant proposal on behalf of the Association in the area of electronic journals (more details to follow in the next Newsletter);
- considering ways in which to broaden our relationship with corporate sponsors.

In August I had the opportunity to attend a week-long seminar titled "The Principles and Techniques of Fundraising" that was sponsored by The Fundraising School, a program of the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy. I also met with my counterpart at the American Library Association for the purpose of information gathering.

Of interest to you in your library fundraising efforts may be the book by Victoria Steele and Stephen D. Elder, *Becoming a Fundraiser: The Principles and Practice of Library Development* (ALA, 1992). 📖

Cindy Derrenbacker
Grants Officer

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From the Director of Member Services

We are primed in this society to think, see, and hear in bytes of information that change shape as rapidly as the fragments in a twirling kaleidoscope. Even a catastrophe may draw no more than its allotted fifteen minutes of "fame" before we move on to the next news event. Unless we know someone involved. Unless we've been there ourselves. By the time you read this, Georges will be another name in the list of 1998 hurricanes. There may well be other equally ferocious storms before the end of the season in November, but Georges is the one I'll remember.

I left Puerto Rico just five days before Hurricane Georges made its dead-on hit on San Juan. I had gone down to attend the conference of the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors to learn more about the process and trends in accreditation. One of my goals as Director of Member Services is to develop the skills to help our institutional members as they go through ATS (or other) accreditation review or application. This trip seemed (and indeed was) an excellent opportunity. But that conference isn't all I think about when I remember Puerto Rico.

No, what I think about are the lovely people I met at the Seminario Evangélico in San Juan and the Centro de Estudios de los Domínicos del Caribe (CEDOC) in Bayamón, a suburb of San Juan. I think about Ms. Maricarmen Laureano, director of the library at the Seminario, who made sure I had a complete tour of the library, top to bottom, and who chatted with me about her children. I think about Sr. Ada Pagán, head of the CEDOC library, who apologized for her hesitant English, and offered me the most wonderful Puerto Rican cookies. I think about Dr. Lillia Planel, the delightful, energetic, and enthusiastic vice-regent of CEDOC, who spent most of a day with me at CEDOC and at the Universidad Central de Bayamón, with whom it enjoys an academic and administrative consortial arrangement.

These wonderful people represent two of

ATLA's institutional members. Like you, they care about their libraries, they're concerned about how to get funding for projects, they want to give their seminary students the best possible environment in which to learn. They have ideas—and not enough money. They have collections—and not enough space. Despite what they lack, they are also rich—in wonderful materials, some unique, about religion in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean; in lovely campuses replete with palm trees and *magas,* the official flower of Puerto Rico; in devoted staff, both full-time and student.

I write in the present tense and I hope what I write is still true. Hurricane Georges blasted through San Juan, and I worry that these materials—or the libraries—have been destroyed, that the beauty of their settings has been devastated, that the staff and students have been made homeless even temporarily.

How much lessened would be my worries, and those of the people involved, if all libraries as a matter of course had a disaster preparedness plan. Does yours? Do you know what to do in case of fire, flood or water damage, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes? Your library may not be situated in a hurricane- or tornado-prone area, but human carelessness or a broken water pipe can bring you and your collections quickly to ruin. Do you know what to do first? Which staff to call? Where to turn for immediate help for your materials? Is your plan written down somewhere so that everyone who needs to know can find it easily in the midst of a traumatic occurrence?

I am reminded as I write this first week in October that it is National Fire Prevention Week. I remember that when my children were young, their father and I used to take them every October to Boston Common to watch the firefighters demonstrate their skills, take part in contests, let the children climb on the trucks, and enjoy other thrilling activities. I also remember that we would change the batteries in our fire alarms and practice leaving the house in an emergency and gathering at a stone wall across the street. We had a plan. We never needed it.

At the ATLA office in Evanston we have made a plan for emergencies as well. Everyone knows what to do and where to go. We make sure our products are backed up and stored offsite. We know where to meet in case of evacuation of the building.

So, this brings me back to my question to you: Does your library have a disaster plan that covers prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery? Such a plan would have very specific information: which exits to use to evacuate the technical services area, who needs to be called and by whom, where the tornado shelter is and how to get to it, how to keep risk of fire to a minimum. But once an emergency exists, you still have hundreds of details to take care of in the first few hours. The National Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Property (NIC, now called Heritage Preservation) in cooperation with the National Task Force on Emergency Response, an initiative of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the Getty Conservation Institute have designed an Emergency Response and Salvage Wheel. The wheel was designed in 1997 with significant input from the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS), a division of the American Library Association. With major outside funding NIC produced the wheel and distributed it free to nearly 45,000 libraries, museums, archives, and historical organizations and sites.

On one side of the wheel are nine sets of Emergency Response Action Steps to be taken within the first forty-eight hours after a disaster. The topics include what to do when you have warning, how to assure safety of persons and materials, how to begin salvage operations (crucial to begin immediately after a disaster), what needs documenting and how to do it, retrieval and protection of materials, salvaging priorities, etc. The other side gives general salvage techniques for several classes of item: books and paper, electronic records, photographs, etc.

The wheel is full of information, yet handy and easy to use. If this sounds like a commercial, it is. For $9.95, it's a small investment in responding to a disaster that may never come and salvaging your collections if one does come. You can order one by calling (888) 979-2233, or get more information at the Heritage Preservation Web site at http://www.heritagepreservation.org/programs/tfwheel.htm. Additional help is available from ALCTS, which has just developed a Disas-

ter Preparedness Clearinghouse on the Web at http://www.ala.org/alcts/publications/disaster.html. This is a clearinghouse for libraries of all types and sizes and "contains resources, links to the disaster preparedness sites of agencies whose primary role is emergency response or conservation, and information on available training."

It sometimes takes someone else's misfortune to make us take seriously our own vulnerabilities. I hope that the libraries and the people I visited in San Juan and Bayamón suffered very little damage to their persons and their collections. I would hope for you all that you never experience a disaster, but if you must, that you know what to do. 📖

Karen Whittlesey
Director of Member Services

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From the Director of Indexes

Abstracting and indexing services have glimpsed the dawn of a new day in scholarly publishing. The development of the Internet and the advent of electronic journals present unique challenges and opportunities to A&I services which have previously focused on print media alone.[1] The ATLA Religion Index Department is developing criteria for the selection and indexing of electronic journals in the *ATLA Religion Database*. As we implement our new indexing software in 1999 we will design it with sufficient flexibility to incorporate the demands made by this new academic medium. We invite and welcome the input of ATLA members in the formation of these criteria and we would especially welcome information on electronic titles not included in the accompanying list.

In this brief article I would like to point out some of the questions we are considering as we examine electronic journals. I have also appended a brief list of electronic journals and resources that you may investigate on your own. I hope that a more complete listing with URLs can be posted and regularly updated on the ATLA Web site.

Coverage of electronic journals

Of the major A&I services, those in the physical sciences like chemistry and biology are currently the most active in indexing electronic resources. The Chemical Abstracts Service currently indexes twenty-eight electronic journals. The Institute for Scientific Information indexes sixteen e-journals; BIOSIS covers nine, and the National Library of Medicine five. PsycINFO does not yet index electronic journals.[2] Electronic journal titles can be located by consulting listings such as NEWJOUR. Vanderbilt Divinity School and the Union Theological Seminary (New York) both have made electronic title lists available. Publishers may send announcements through professional association listservs or direct mail advertising. ATLA members are, of course, our most valuable resource for gathering electronic titles. As you become aware of new titles, pass them along. We hope to have a place on the ATLA home page to facilitate this process.

Types of electronic journals

Electronic journals can come in three forms: pure, hybrid, and clones. Pure electronic journals are the type of most interest to the Indexes. A **pure** electronic journal is an electronic creation with no print counterpart. The *Journal of Religion and Film* is an example of a pure electronic journal. A **hybrid** electronic journal is a journal that exists in both electronic and print forms. Hybrids may exist where the electronic journal presents only a selection of articles available in the print journal. Hybrids often serve as a means for inviting print subscribers. *Christian Century's* and *Christianity Today's* e-journals are examples of this type of hybrid. Another kind of hybrid journal is actually a **clone**, or exact reproduction of a print journal (often minus the advertising!). Clones are sometimes delivered in a format that duplicates the print product and preserves identical pagination (such as PDF), but sometimes not (as in HTML). The *Union Seminary Quarterly Review* is an example of an electronic clone of a print original, replicated in two different formats.

Criteria for electronic journals

The ATLA Religion Indexes will provide references for those print journals that have electronic clones, but the focus of our resources will be on indexing pure electronic journals that are unavailable in a print format. The criteria for selecting such titles will be similar to that used for print journals, but with some additional considerations. For example, we might want to ask any or all of the following:

1. Are articles posted individually or packaged as part of traditional "issues"?
2. Is authorship clearly identified?
3. What about the stability of articles? Do articles remain fixed once they are posted? Are subsequent revisions clearly indicated?
4. What about the permanence of these journals? Do they have a citable electronic addresses or URLs where they can be accessed?
5. Are titles regularly updated with new articles/postings?
6. Do titles have a registered ISSN, PURL (permanent URLs), or DOI (Direct Object Identifier)?
7. Are these journals of archival quality and are any archival arrangements indicated?
8. Is there a listserv that will notify or deliver newly published articles?

Indexing electronic journals

Once we have located potential electronic journals and have accepted them for indexing we encounter several other problematic areas. ISSNs, PURLs, and DOIs become crucial indicators of a journal's identity and accessibility. Journals may exist in multiple formats each with their own URL. The issue of pagination can become a thorny one depending upon what format is indexed (e.g. PDF, Postscript, HTML). Obviously archival issues are more complicated for electronic journals than for traditional print journals. Who should archive electronic journals—the publisher, the library, some library association such as ATLA? Finally, at the most basic level it is ironic that the indexing of electronic journals will probably require an initial paper printout for reference and proofing!

The indexing of electronic journals and the accompanying access to the full text is no longer a distant goal. ATLA is committed to electronic journal coverage that is comprehensive, timely, and of the highest quality. By January, 2000 the Religion Indexes will have begun full coverage of qualified electronic journals, the *Index to Book Reviews in Religion* will be available to subscribers on-line, and we will have a number of full-text titles available with links to the *ATLA Religion Database*. The dawn of a new day for the ATLA Religion Indexes is coming into full view. 📖

Ric Hudgens
Directors of Indexes

Endnotes

1. A precedent for indexing non-print media has already been set! The *ATLA Religion Database* contains 435 records for *Thesis Theological Cassettes*, 1970–1981.
2. This information is from the NFAIS (National Federation of Abstracting and Information Services) Newsletter, vol. 40, no 9, September 1998, pp. 145–156.

Electronic Journals with ISSNs

Antithesis: A Review of Reformed/Presbyterian Thought and Practice (ISSN 1049-8737) http://www.wavefront.com/~Contra_M/antithesis/

Electronic Journal of Vedic Studies (ISSN 1084-7561) http://www1.shore.net/~india/ejvs/

IOUDAIOS Review (ISSN 1183-9937) http://listserv.lehigh.edu/lists/ioudaios-review/

Journal of Arabic and Islamic Studies (ISSN 0806-198X) http://www.uib.no/jais/jais.htm

The Journal of Hebrew Scriptures (ISSN 1203-1542) http://www.ualberta.ca/ARTS/JHS/jhs.html

Journal of Religion and Film (ISSN 1092-1311) http://www.unomaha.edu/~wwwjrf/

Journal of Southern Religion (ISSN 1094-1234) http://jsr.as.wvu.edu/

The North Star: A Journal of African American Religious History (ISSN 1094-902X) http://cedar.barnard.columbia.edu/~north/

TC: A Journal of Biblical Textual Criticism (ISSN 1089-7747) http://shemesh.scholar.emory.edu/scripts/TC/TC.html

Union Seminary Quarterly Review (ISSN 0362-1545) http://www.uts.columbia.edu/~usqr/

Electronic Journals without ISSNs

Al-Tawhid: A Quarterly Journal of Islamic Thought and Culture, http://www.al-islam.org/al-tawhid/

Christian Apologetics Journal, http://207.176.42.20/journal/

Contra Mundum, http://www.wavefront.com/~Contra_M/cm/

Journal of Biblical Ethics in Medicine, http://capo.org/jbem/intro_pa.htm

Journal of Buddhist Ethics, http://jbe.la.psu.edu/

Journal for Christian Theological Research, http://apu.edu/~CTRF/jctr.html

Other Resources

NewJour: Electronic Journals and Newsletters, http://gort.ucsd.edu/newjour/

Union Seminary Quarterly Links, http://www.uts.columbia.edu/~usqr/links.htm

Vanderbilt Divinity List of Electronic Journals, http://divinity.lib.vanderbilt.edu/homepage/relig.html 📖

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From the Director of Information Services

New Windows Application for RDB

In response to feedback from our *ATLA Religion Database on CD-ROM* customers we have contracted with NexData Solutions to engineer a new and vastly improved Windows version. This new Windows version of the *Religion Database* will incorporate many additional features and modifications including:

- A more intuitive interface
- Native 16- and 32-bit versions
- Complete compatibility with Windows NT, 95 and 3.x as well as Netware 4.x
- Link to holdings

We are currently in the design phase of the project, but hope to have a beta version available by late February of 1999. Because our customers' comments and suggestions are so important to us we are planning to ship the beta version to, and solicit feedback from, every *ATLA RDB on CD-ROM* customer. If you have questions or comments on the new Windows version of RDB please contact Tami Luedtke at (888) 665-ATLA.

IS Department Begins MCP Program

In an effort to combat the increasing variety of skills and abilities required within the information technologies industry, Microsoft has developed the Microsoft Certified Professional program. This program certifies an individual's expertise on a particular Microsoft solution. Starting this fiscal year the members of the Information Services Department of ATLA have begun the process of earning Microsoft certification with respect to the various Microsoft solutions deployed here in Evanston.

Rajesh Nanwani, our new Systems Administrator, has begun the Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) program, and has already passed two of six exams, "Implementing and Supporting Microsoft Windows 95", and "Implementing and Supporting Microsoft Windows NT Server 4.0."

Additionally, Zhongwen Jin, our Programmer Analyst, has passed the "Implementing and Supporting Internet Information Server 4.0."

The other members of the IS department have begun studying for a wide variety of exams offered in the MCP program.

For more information on the MCP program please visit the MCP Home Page at http://www.microsoft.com/mcp.

Internet Upgrades

In beginning the implementation of tasks outlined in the Lilly Grant we have succeeded in upgrading several Internet components. More specifically, we have upgraded our Internet connection from a 56k frame relay to a 256k fractional T1 service (with the intention of upgrading to full T1 service at the beginning of the 1999 calendar year or as necessitated by Internet traffic). Additionally, we have brought two more servers online, a Firewall server for security precautions and our new Web/FTP server (http://www.atla.com).

Over the next several months we plan to continue implementing the items in the Lilly Grant including upgrading our e-mail server as well as beginning implementation of a new Index Database server. 📖

Paul Jensen
Director of Information Services

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Positions Open

Cataloging/Systems Librarian
The United Library of Garrett-Evangelical and Seabury-Western Theological Seminaries, Evanston, Illinois

Responsibilities
Responsibilities include management of the Endeavor/Voyager library system at United Library and liaison relationships with Northwestern University Library for Endeavor/Voyager. In addition, the successful candidate will share the tasks of cataloging with the catalog librarian; will possess strong computer skills; will join other library staff in team approaches to bibliographic instruction and electronic library services.

Qualifications
MLS. Experience with library automated systems, Windows 95/Windows NT Microsoft Office. Organizational and relational skills. Knowledge of AACR2 and LC classification and religious subject headings. Desirable: Experience in an academic library.

Position available September 21, 1998. Applications will be received until the position is filled. To apply, send cover letter, resume, names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of three references to: Alva R. Caldwell, Search Committee for United Library, 2121 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL 60201. Telephone: 847-866-3911; Fax: 847-866-3957; E-mail: alva@nwu.edu. 📖

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College Librarian
Northwest College

Job Function
Direct and administer the planning, functioning, promotion and evaluation of Northwest College Library information resources and related services.

Qualifications
- Earned MLS from an ALA-accredited program.
- At least three years of successful experience, of increasing responsibility, in supervising human resources and managing library processes and services. Recent experience in academic librarianship highly desired.
- A deep, personal commitment to Jesus Christ and to the Spirit-filled life.
- Effective demonstration of the integration of faith and learning. Ability to apply the Christian theistic world view. The general and professional knowledge bases to facilitate the service of campus information resource needs and to develop lifelong learners.
- Commitment to establishing positive relationships with students, faculty, and staff, and the general constituency of the college as a friend and mentor.

Starting Compensation
Dependent on education and experience and based upon the established administrative salary schedule.

Classification
Library faculty; permanent, full-time, twelve-month position. Renewable contingent on performance.

For more information, contact: Marshall E. Flowers, Jr., Ph.D., Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Northwest College, P.O. Box 579, Kirkland, WA 98083-0579. E-mail: marshall.flowers@ncag.edu.

To be considered as a candidate, a complete application must include: (1) a letter of interest; (2) resume, transcripts, and placement file if available; (3) names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three references; (4) statement of your understanding of a desirable relationship between Christian faith and the educational mission of the college; (5) statement of personal faith. Search procedures will be closed when a sufficient number of qualified applicants have been identified. Applicants are urged to provide sufficient infor-

mation so that the application file may be considered complete at the end of the search period.

Northwest College

Northwest College is an evangelical Christian coeducational undergraduate institution, related to the Assemblies of God denomination, offering baccalaureate college education. The sixty-acre campus is located in Kirkland, Washington, just ten miles from downtown Seattle. The campus is an ideal setting for study, recreation, and inspiration, and is centrally located and convenient to industry, business, and commercial activities.

College Mission

The mission of Northwest College is to provide, in a distinctly evangelical Christian environment, quality education to prepare students for service and leadership. The college experience should: develop the whole person through general studies integrated with biblical knowledge; include professional and vocational skills in the student's preparation for service in the world; help fulfill the Great Commission and propagate the historic faith of the sponsoring church.

Educational Goals

In view of its distinctive philosophy, Northwest College seeks to provide education which will introduce the student to the organized fields of learning and will acquaint the student with the Christian theistic view of the world and of people and their culture. Such an education is intended to develop the whole person in a balanced and useful manner. The academic program includes majors and areas of concentration in more than forty fields of study. Forty-two full-time faculty and forty part-time faculty provide instruction for 825 students, of which nearly two-thirds live on campus. Fifty percent of the faculty hold the doctoral degree, thirty-five percent are tenured, and thirty-five percent are women.

Accreditation

The college is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges (NASC) and is a member of the Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities. Northwest College holds membership in the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. Credits and degrees earned at Northwest College are recognized and transferable by public and private colleges and universities around the world. Teacher certification programs are approved by the department of the Washington Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Association of Christian Schools International. 📖

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Director of Learning Resource Center
Philadelphia College of Bible

Philadelphia College of Bible is receiving letters of interest and resumes for the position of director of the learning resource center. PCB is a regionally accredited Bible college servicing approximately 1400 students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The director of the LRC holds an administrative faculty position and is the administrator of all operations and personnel in the LRC. Accountable to the senior vice-president for academics, the director is responsible for the selection, purchase, preparation, and preservation of all library materials; supervision of library personnel; and maintenance of physical conditions and hours of operation that are most conducive to the comprehensive utilization of library resources. Qualifications include a minimum of a master's degree in a library-related field, a minimum of five years' library experience and proven leadership skills. The College is seeking applicants with a desire to provide leadership in the continued development of the LRC. Interested applicants should contact Dr. Donald L. MacCullough PCB, 200 Manor Ave., Langhorne, PA 19047 (215-702-4360 or dmaccullough@pcb.edu). Information on PCB may be obtained on the College's Home Page at http://www.pcb.edu. 📖

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Library Circulation Technician
Northwest College

Skills and Requirements:

- One-year library technical experience or closely-related activity
- Supervisory experience
- High level of efficiency and organization
- Good communication skills
- Proficiency in basic clerical and computer skills
- Ability to lift, move, carry, and shelve library materials
- Ability to work late evening and weekend hours when college is in session

Northwest College is an evangelical Christian coeducational undergraduate institution, related to the Assemblies of God denomination, offering accredited baccalaureate college education. The campus is located in Kirkland, Washington, just ten miles from downtown Seattle.

Position will remain open until filled. For more information or an application contact: Human Resources, Northwest College, P.O. Box 579, Kirkland, WA 98083-0579. Telephone: (425) 889-5337. 📖

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Theological Librarian
Calvin Theological Seminary

The Hekman Library of Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary (Christian Reformed Church in North America) invites inquiries and applications for the position of Theological Librarian. The theological collection is housed in the Hekman Library, which serves both institutions. The Theological Librarian will have faculty appointment at the Seminary and will be an administrative faculty member of the Hekman Library staff.

Responsibilities include overall responsibility for the Theological Division; collection development in theology; reference service, including designated times at the general Information Desk; planning for future development of the Theological Division; liaison with the Seminary

faculty and the Religion and Theology faculty of the college; bibliographic instruction utilizing print and online resources.

Minimum qualifications are an MLS and a Masters degree in theology/religion from accredited programs; experience in an academic or theological library; demonstrated commitment to teaching and to the integration of computer technology in libraries.

Send a cover letter, resume, and the names, addresses, and e-mail addresses of at least three references to Connie Bellows, Director of Human Resources, Calvin College, 3201 Burton SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546. Selection of candidates will begin after November 30, but applications will be accepted after that date. 📖

ATLA Members at AAR/SBL

ATLA is sponsoring an afternoon dessert reception for members at the AAR/SBL in Orlando.
Please stop by and join ATLA colleagues and staff for "Strawberries and **More** Strawberries"

Walt Disney Dolphin
Europe Room
Saturday, November 21, 1998
1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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November 20	ATS/ATLA Joint Committee meeting in Orlando
November 20–23	AAR/SBL Conference in Orlando ATLA Booth #147,246
November 25–26	ATLA offices closed for Thanksgiving
December 24–25	ATLA offices closed for Christmas
December 31–January 1	ATLA offices closed for New Years
January 14, 1999	ATLA Board On Site Inspection Committee at Evanston
January 15–16, 1999	ATLA Board Preservation Advisory Committee Technology Advisory Committee Membership Advisory Committee