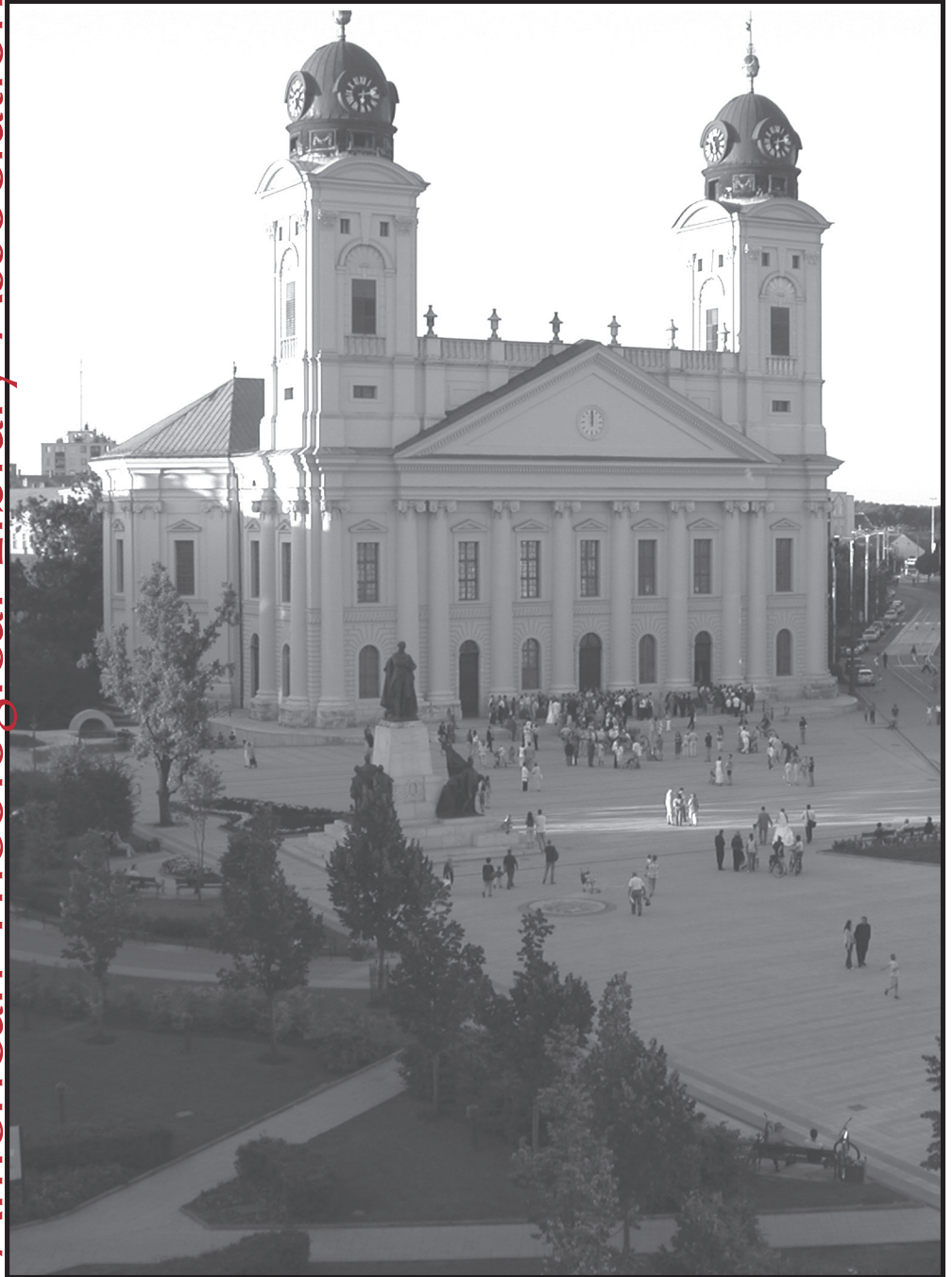


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President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

The last week of August I very conscientiously (some would say, compulsively) wrote the "President's Message" which I knew to be due on Jonathan's desk by the end of September (in three days). I had a zillion other things to do in September, and was Quite Pleased with my little self for having gotten my ATLA task done and out of the way so expeditiously. It did occur to me with increasing frequency throughout September that what I'd written was irrelevant and therefore insensitive in the wake of Katrina and Rita because it made no mention of those awful events (which, after all, occurred *after* I wrote my article). I knew I should chuck it and write something about our fellow citizens' and fellow librarians' trauma and pain. But I hesitated. Why redo work when it was so well done first go-round?

Then the word came from on high (that would be the IT Department) that my PC needed to join the real world. They would collect it after work on Monday and return it to me Tuesday morning with Windows XP running things and not clunky ole Windows 98. Fair enough. So when I logged on Tuesday morning and rummaged around my Word files, I discovered voila! my ATLA documents folder was no more. Gone. Disappeared. Kaput. Completely and utterly vanished. And with it my expeditious President's Message. And of *course*, I hadn't backed the thing up.

D'ya think God is trying to tell me something?

Well, I reckon so. I reckon we are—I am—not to carry on business as usual in the face of such

magnified suffering, destruction, and loss. And so it must be said: Like 9/11, the chaos inflicted by these storms of nature and neglectful preparation and response leaves one more huge psychic wound on our country. Our prayers and thoughts must be with the people of the Gulf Coast who have been and continue to be at the receiving end of so much misery. We can only hope they find healing and home, a sense of being cared for ... by us, by their government and fellow citizens, by God.

And yet, the wounds these storms and their aftermath have caused (and revealed) will not heal for a long, long time. And I fear that, like Jacob, once we do heal, we will forever limp, a reminder of this ordeal. I hope that our library friends, once they have returned home and wrung out the mold and mildew, once they're replaced what they must and can, gotten systems up and running again, and restored as much ordinary order as is possible, I hope they can find remnants of confidence on their shelves as well. My worry is it will have been buried beneath the water-soaked carpet, hardly usable.

So much went wrong in September. Some of it was impossible to prevent, of course. But too much of it was preventable. In an online article in September 23rd's issue of *Slate* (thanks to Tom Haverly for providing this article), Daniel Gross points a finger at our nation's penchant for what is called Just-In-Time business practices

which prescribes keeping inventories low, maintaining the precise amount of capacity needed, and building and exploiting hyperefficient supply chains. This set of management practices, which started in manufacturing, has spread to every sector of the economy. Whether you're a bookstore, an auto-parts maker, an oil refiner

or a grocer, having more inventory or capacity than you absolutely need ties up capital and imposes storage and handling costs. In the Just-in-Time economy, redundancy is the enemy of efficiency.

He goes on to write that:

Katrina ... exposed the downside of the Just-in-Time economy. The crucial networks that are the lifeblood of Wal-Mart and FedEx are more virtual than real—trucking and air routes, logistics systems, and software—and survived the hurricane just fine. But companies whose networks were composed of pipes, fiber, and transformers didn't prove as resilient.

Libraries are amalgamations of virtual and real inventories, but as librarians of the Gulf Coast will probably attest, they are more real than not. Libraries as place (*per* the articles provided us by Chris Brennan and David Stewart through ATLANTIS), books, videos, computers, all those material things were ruined by the hurricanes, leaving these libraries inoperable. Will these libraries ever be able to revive? Will New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary's library, for example, ever be the resource it once was? Did Katrina validate the rush to digitize everything and have us rely on the virtual medium of the web, which does not mildew or break apart? Did Katrina hasten the death of the book?

It might seem so, and it would not be unreasonable for many Gulf Coast libraries to simply replace their waterlogged books and periodicals with electronic ones. Ironically, however, Katrina and Rita may *not* have killed libraries as places and collections of print materials at all. Because listen to Gross again:

Oddly, the market price of crude oil fell after Katrina, even though production of crude in the Gulf of Mexico was interrupted. Why? It turns out there was a party that, acting in an economically inefficient manner, had spent billions of dollars to amass a standby supply of a crucial material that could be used on a rainy day. When the crisis came, it acted with a Wal-Martian efficiency. After Katrina, the federal government began to release crude oil (www.spr.doe.gov/Notice_of_Sale-Katrina.pdf) from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. And it came just in time. The move

helped lower the price of crude, keep refineries humming, and calm panicky consumers.

Yes, there's another party that (traditionally), acting in an economically inefficient manner, has spent millions of dollars to amass a standby supply of crucial material that can be used on a rainy day. They're called libraries. Despite the few that are importing the Just-In-Time economic practice into their administration (such as the seminaries that have given their library collections away, or libraries that are going to non-browsable automated retrieval systems [thanks to Seth Kasten for pointing me to that "Libraries Lost: Storage Bins and Robotic Arms" article by Fred D. White, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Sept. 30, 2005]), libraries are chronic, classic cases of "wasteful redundancy." They buy stuff that people don't use for years, they buy stuff that the library two blocks down the street already owns, they buy three titles on the same topic to get slightly different, if overlapping, interpretations; and they keep stuff around *forever* because you never know when it might be relevant.

Obviously, the waterlogged books of the flooded Gulf Coast libraries are lost. But does that mean that there's no value in inventory and these hapless libraries shouldn't have wasted their money on print materials in the first place? Or does the Strategic Petroleum Reserve demonstrate just the opposite: that there *is* value in inventory? Without it ATLA members could not have exhibited the "Wal-Martian efficiency" they already have, offering to release the black gold of resources to help restore the libraries interrupted by Katrina and Rita. Our ability and willingness to do this is typical of ATLA and may indeed hasten the recovery of damaged libraries. But redundancy has a greater value than charity or collaboration. This example of the federal government (of all places!) suggests more importantly that in normal times, maintaining inventory is an effective administrative practice. Inventory is one of those "ya never know" kinda things, and more than that, it has an intellectual and educational value in academic contexts. This little story of the oil reserves prods us to think carefully about that fine line between efficiency and effectiveness, and prods us to look at the long haul.

In the meantime, we are still in mourning for the lives lost, the trust lost, and the inequities exposed by these storms. With the psalmist we cry:

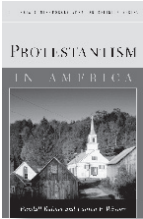
Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my
supplications!
I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
And in God's word I hope.
Psalm 130: 1, 2, 5

*Chris
Christine Wenderoth
President*

P.S. By the way, please don't ask me for any Board documents, or memories about past ATLA actions or events. Those were also in that Word folder I very efficiently (though ineffectively) did not back up.

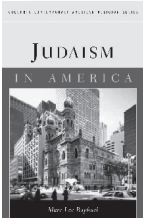


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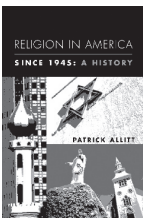
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In January 2004, the ATLA Board of Directors created a new fund: the ATLA Scholarships and Grants Fund. The new fund was established to complement the ATLA Endowment Fund.

The Scholarships and Grants Fund is an annual fund designed to raise money to support three activities that reflect the Association's organizational ends:

1. travel grants that assist student members and low-income members to travel to the ATLA Annual Conference
2. scholarships to assist underrepresented minorities to explore careers in theological librarianship
3. recruitment efforts that will promote theological librarianship as a career choice

All funds contributed to the ATLA Scholarships and Grants Fund directly support these three causes, and all contributions are 100% tax-deductible.

The ATLA Board of Directors determines the priorities to be supported by proceeds from the ATLA Scholarships and Grants Fund.

Contributions are solicited at two special times during the year:

1. when membership renewal forms are distributed to ATLA members
2. during the annual Scholarships and Grants Fund drive in November

The Scholarships and Grants Fund differs from the ATLA Endowment Fund in several ways:

1. All funds given to the ATLA Scholarships and Grants Fund are expended for the purposes identified by the Board; gifts to the ATLA Endowment Fund are invested in an investment portfolio where the principal remains untouched and only a percentage of the interest earned is spent on association projects.
2. The ATLA Scholarships and Grants Fund is designed to receive cash gifts only; the ATLA Endowment Fund is able to receive cash gifts,

but also gifts of land, stock, life insurance policies, and other financial instruments.

3. The ATLA Scholarships and Grants Fund is overseen by the ATLA Board of Directors; the ATLA Endowment Fund is managed by the four-person Endowment Committee that includes lifetime members as well as active members (Roger Loyd, chair; Elmer O'Brien; Mary Bischoff; and Patrick Graham) and reports to the Board.
4. The ATLA Scholarships and Grants Fund has three distinct purposes: travel grants, scholarships, and recruitment; the ATLA

Endowment Fund's purpose is to secure the future of ATLA as a membership association, and the purpose of the Endowment Committee is to encourage giving to the ATLA Endowment Fund.

ATLA members will soon receive a letter from ATLA President Christine Wenderoth asking for their contribution to the Scholarships and Grants Fund. Please carefully consider this request as you plan your end-of-year giving.



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- Carver Bible College, Atlanta, GA

Affiliate Businesses

- Solid Ground Christian Books, Vestavia Hills, AL

Member Notes

ATLA Members Invited to Reception at AAR/SBL

ATLA wishes to invite all members to a member reception in the ATLA suite from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 19, 2005, at the AAR/SBL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. Watch the November 18 News Updates to find out the suite number, or stop by the ATLA booth (#427) at the meeting.

ATLA staff attending the meeting include:

- Dennis Norlin, executive director
- Barbara Kemmis, director of member services
- Timothy Smith, membership associate
- Margot Lyon, director of business development
- Lavonne Jahnke, business development representative

We look forward to seeing you there!



Renewals

It is already fall, and ATLA's 60th anniversary year is off to a busy start. If we have not yet received your membership renewal, please take a moment to renew by December 1 to avoid suspension. We appreciate your membership and commitment to ATLA. If you have any questions about your membership or need another renewal form, please contact Timothy Smith, membership associate, at tsmith@atla.com or 888.665.2852.



Update on Publications Committee Grants

Bibliography Grant Applications Due January 15

The ATLA Publications Committee is accepting applications for the 2006 ATLA Bibliography Grant. The grant is given annually to one or more bibliographers or indexers to aid in the development of a work that provides access to a significant body of literature within the fields of theological and/or religious studies. The scope and subject matter are broadly conceived, with the intent of encouraging bibliographical essays or annotated bibliographies,

especially by persons undertaking their first major project in this area. In addition to any other publication, all projects should result in a bibliographic essay that will be submitted for possible publication in the *ATLA Journal of Theological Bibliography*. Applicants are not required to be members of ATLA.

Applications are due January 15, 2006. See www.atla.com/pub_com/grant.html for an application form.

Publications Grant Funds Being Reallocated

The ATLA Publications Grant was created to assist ATLA members in the development of works that provide information on theological librarianship or supply professional resources for theological librarians. Because the demand for this funding has been very limited over the years, the Publications Committee has decided to reallocate these funds toward the support of current publication projects. The committee continues to explore ways of promoting new projects through professional support and financial assistance, and therefore welcomes suggestions from the ATLA membership about how best to do this.

The Publications Grant was awarded in 2004 to Douglas Gragg for his project, *Cognitive Science of Religion: A Comprehensive Bibliography*, and in 2005 to Melody Layton McMahon and David R. Stewart for their project tentatively titled *The ATLA Reader: Celebrating 60 Years of Theological Librarianship*. We applaud their efforts and express our appreciation to them for their contributions to the literature of theological librarianship.

Lynn Berg

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GTU Library Announces Two New Staff Members

Amy Kumar has joined the **Graduate Theological Union Library** staff as Head of Access Services. For the past three years she has been the Circulation and Interlibrary Loan Supervisor at the Hurwich Library, Alliant International University, San Francisco campus.

Joining the library as Catalog Librarian is **Jennifer Tsai**, who completed her Master of Library and Information Science degree at San Jose State University in May 2005. Jennifer has been a Technical Services Assistant at the University of California's Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco for the past year.



ATLA Continues to Build International Relationships

Dennis Norlin, ATLA executive director, recently returned from the BETH (Bibliothèques Européennes de Théologie) conference at the Reformed District College in Debrecen, Hungary. A highlight of the trip was the signing of a new expanded collaborative agreement between the two organizations. BETH provides publicity and support for sales of certain ATLA products in return for financial considerations from ATLA.

ATLA was also pleased to be a sponsor for the Indian Theological Library Association (www.geocities.com/itla_in/home.html) conference, held October 4–7 in Bangalore. ITLA and ATLA are pursuing discussions on expanded relationships.



International Report

Theological Book Network Update

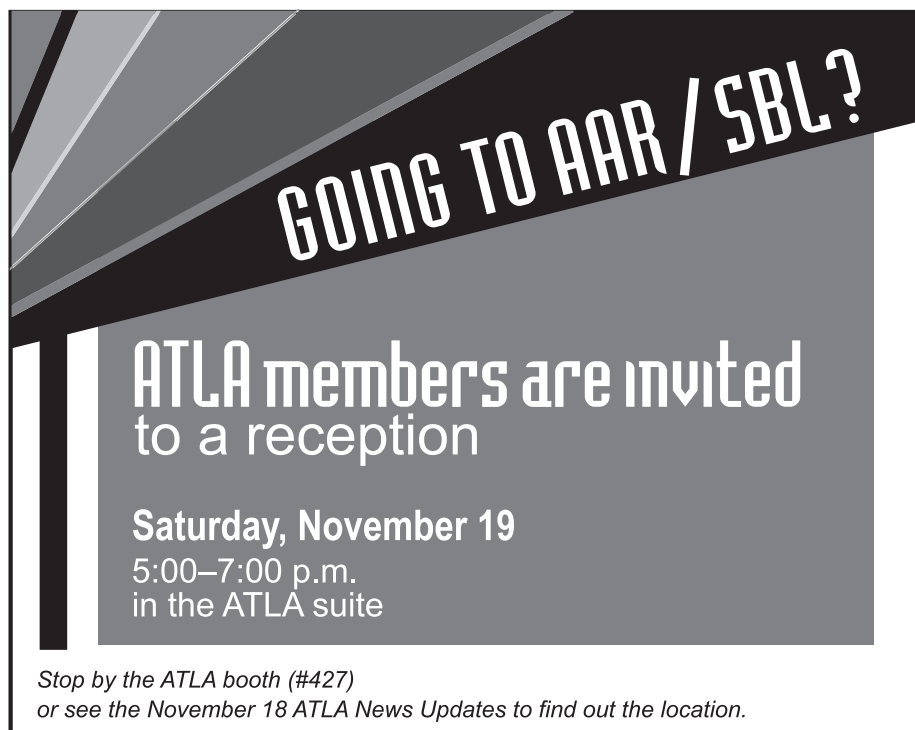
Dear ATLA Friends,

I hope you will find encouragement in the results of our first year of struggle with the Theological Book Network. A few highlights:

We have received more than 175,000 books of all kinds. We have passed on about 35,000 of these that weren't suitable for theological school use to other ministries (a prison library, overseas Christian high schools, homeless shelters, etc.)

We have had almost 60,000 new books donated by publishers this year. Each was kind enough to let us choose the titles we wanted.

We have shipped books to Orthodox, Protestant, and Roman Catholics seminaries in Nigeria, Egypt, Cameroon, Albania, and Turkey. In just the past few days we have had shipments leave our dock for seminaries in Kenya and India. The two latest shipments totaled nearly 25,000 books and represented a combined value of nearly



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\$450,000. These shipments will strengthen the programs of about 20 seminaries in the two countries.

Shipments are being packed now for seminaries in Romania, Nigeria, and Uganda.

Librarians at International School of Theology in Quezon City are beginning to organize schools for a shipment to Manila-Quezon. This will serve at least 20 Protestant and Roman Catholic master's-level programs in that area. We will ship a 20-foot container the first time to see how they handle it. If it goes well with them, we will be able to send containers to Manila probably twice a year—there are more than 70 seminaries and Bible schools in that metro area. We will know better after getting feedback from places we have shipped to, but we are hoping we will be able to ship large containers each year to Nairobi, Bangalore, Manila, Kingston, and Lagos where English-speaking schools are clustered. We have an invitation to assist seminaries in China with small selections of books. We are already getting one to two new requests per week from schools that have stumbled across our website or have been referred by someone who knows about us.

I walked around the warehouse last week and counted 13 pallets of books ready to be shipped. In addition there were 72 pallets of books to be sorted, though almost 40 of these are new books that really don't require much sorting. We have at least 25–30,000 books still on the shelves after filling the shipments for India and Uganda, and we are beginning to pull books for Romania. So we have about 100,000 books on hand now, including about 45,000 brand-new volumes.

In late July we received our first court-appointed “volunteer,” who gave us 43 hours of community service time. A recent very valuable development has been the decision of a local ministry in Michigan to second a young man part-time to the Theological Book Network. Jason Kuiper will work in our warehouse a day or two per week and also be available to make collection runs around the country with trucks belonging to his ministry.

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Member News

You will note I did say “struggle.” We are still needing support for every aspect of the Network. Funds have been running about 2/3 of what we need to really make this ministry hum. Volunteers are always needed at the warehouse. We have no lack of schools and accrediting associations willing to help us distribute books to other schools, but we need funds to keep the books moving. We have been able to provide about a \$4 value in books for every \$1 spent thus far. With more money to operate more efficiently, we believe we will eventually be able to provide about \$7 in value for each dollar expended.

Sincerely yours,

*Jack Graves
Executive Director, TBN
September 14, 2005*



Professional Development Perspectives

The Gulf Coast of the United States has seen unprecedented loss from this year’s hurricane season. I find it hard to imagine what these individuals have lived through and continue to face day after day. I count my blessings: my family is safe, I have a dry home to go to every night, I have work to do and a paycheck coming. And I hope the same is true for you readers. Lately, I have also found myself thinking carefully about emergency planning. Clearly, it is easy to think you have a plan in place but then find that it is woefully inadequate for the situation at hand. There are lessons theological libraries can take away from these tragic events.

For those of us fortunate enough to be far removed from those events, I’d like to encourage you to take a look at your own emergency

preparedness. What is your plan for your collections and library in the case of an emergency? Is it documented? Are you aware of local resources? And beyond collections and physical assets, what about the human side? How will/can you care for the people involved? How will you take care of yourself and your family?

Disasters tend to motivate us to be better prepared. Whether you face hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, bomb threats, or simply building problems like leaking pipes, there are ways to prepare. It takes some time—and we have precious little of it—and it takes some discipline, but it is essential in any institution. It doesn’t mean you have to (or can) be ready for a category 5 storm or will/should anticipate every type of emergency. But what if the roof begins to leak? Some things are inevitable, like taxes, photocopier jams, and water damage.

So while you are considering ways to assist Gulf Coast individuals, libraries, and service organizations in their disaster recovery, why not also consider your own situation, liabilities, and potential resources? Search online, read library literature, consult with ATLA colleagues, and network with other local institutions and the resources in your area. If you want to learn more about emergency preparedness, invite a speaker to your library and apply for a Grant for Continuing Education. The Professional Development Committee has supported several such requests for funding in the past and would be glad to do so again.

I don’t know of a library school that offers emergency planning in the curriculum—or photocopier repair, for that matter—but it is an essential function of our profession and one that is too easy to ignore. Count your blessings, but also make a plan.

*Laura Wood
Chair, Professional Development Committee*



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Issues in Publishing

Filtering, Reputation, Peer Review, and the Semantic Web

John Hardwig argues that “modern knowers cannot be independent and self-reliant, not even in their own fields of specialization.”¹ No single individual is able to gather all data and to have all the tools to evaluate them. Such an enterprise is a collaborative and a cumulative effort. We rely on the expertise of others to supplement our own. Hardwig asserts that trust is often more basic to our ability to know than empirical data or logical arguments, for these are available to us only through trust.

One of the traditional functions of academic publishing is to filter.² This is particularly true of peer-reviewed journals. If work is to be cumulative, authors must be able to trust the accuracy of prior literature. Editors rely on those they respect or whose reputation they trust to judge the quality of work in hand. Administrators rely on peer review to aid in assessing the quality of scholarship produced by a professor applying for promotion or tenure. And of course, librarians teach students to rely on peer review as a means of judging the quality of a journal article.

Carolyn Arms from the Library of Congress would say, “Everything depends upon a chain of reputation, beginning with people we respect.”³ We trust those whom we respect, and naturally that chain of respect extends to those respected by our friends. That respect flows rather naturally to publishers we respect.

Peer review is in essence a chain of reputation. Changes in academic publishing, however, have begun to raise questions about the viability of peer review to perform its filtering function. That failure has been most publicly obvious in the scientific community. *Science* has reported several incidents of falsification of data in the last few years. Whether that falsification is simply the result of what psychologists call the “expectancy effect” (scientists find what they are looking for) or something more sinister is unclear. But peer review has not prevented publication in these cases because peer reviewers don’t review the data or the data collection.

For the humanities, the case is not quite the same, but suffers from another problem. Increasingly, new journals as well as journals that have been published independently by scholarly societies or by academic institutions are being published by commercial publishers. Generally it is financially advantageous to commercial publishers to publish more articles. The selective filtering nature of peer-reviewed publishing in particular and academic publishing in general is dramatically opposed to the business model of commercial publishers.

Changes in scholarly publishing have caused some to project other means of filtering that are more feasible with the advent of electronic publishing. Citation analysis, for example, might provide for the administrator evidence that the scholarship of a junior scholar is of sufficient quality to merit promotion and tenure. Those articles that are highly cited might be considered to be more significant than those with lower citation rates. Another measure of the significance of a journal article might be the number of people reading the article. With log analysis, it is possible to tell which articles are being read and by how many people.

Hal Varian proposes a model for an electronic journal that uses both a pre- and post-publishing rating system⁴ in some ways similar to that used by Slashdot. All articles submitted would be rated by the editorial board before being published. After the author agrees to publication with that rating, the article is published. Readers are also asked to rate the paper on its quality and interest, thus providing a broader base for the filter than the editorial board. A reader might set a filter, indicating that she wishes to be notified of any article published with a rating higher than a certain threshold. While articles are published regardless of their rating, the reader in effect uses the rating system to filter out those articles judged by the editors and other readers to fall below her desired quality threshold.

While these suggestions may sound quite revolutionary, they are already being used in some systems. EBay functions on the basis of a reputation system to build a basis for trust that provides the foundation of the financial transactions that take place on the system. Amazon uses a social recommender system to suggest that other people who bought the book you did also bought another book that you might find interesting. And Yahoo’s “360” system is a “friend of a friend” system that

functions as a social recommender system. Each of these provides a filtering function that establishes some level of trust or chain of reputation.

The Semantic Web, an emerging technology (www.w3.org/2001/sw), is working to enable web sites to provide a similar filtering technology. Using a “Friend of a Friend” syntax, this effort is attempting to enable web pages to identify other web sites that are “trusted.” It is essentially an effort to create a machine-readable chain of reputation.

It’s too soon to predict what mechanisms will continue (or emerge) to provide the kind of filtering we require. I suspect we will discover that no one system will adequately address the filtering needs of authors, administrators, publishers, students, and librarians. Being attentive to the filtering needs of our users may help us better evaluate the appropriate mechanisms to meet those needs.

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Reference Reviews

There are no reference reviews in this issue.

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Please consider contributing a review! Contact Terese Jerose at tjerose@sebts.edu or 919.761.2321.

Diktuon

Parting Thoughts

This is my farewell column as “contributing editor” for *Diktuon*. After more than ten years, it is time for fresh minds to grapple with the impact of technology on theological libraries and librarians, and it is time for me to move on to serve the Association in different ways. Naturally, I want to take a look back, but also a look forward at some issues that will concern us in the coming years. Most of these columns have focused on offering you useful information. Forgive me if I spend more space expressing some opinions in this one. *Diktuon* will get back to business next quarter under new management. I hope that they will draw on the increasingly broad and deep expertise in technology within ATLA to help us all keep in touch with new challenges and opportunities. (And if I behave myself, they might actually invite me back occasionally.)

First I want to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to this column. They were exceedingly generous to share their time, talent, and knowledge, not to mention suffering my relentless nagging. When *Diktuon* was launched in February 1995, my partner in crime was Gilles Poitras, then at the Hewlett Library at Graduate Theological Union. Without Gilles, there would not have been a *Diktuon*, or at least not one coming from my keyboard. When Gilles left GTU to pursue other interests, I continued with the kind assistance of two *Newsletter* editors, first Margaret Tacke and later Jonathan West. You have no idea how patient and persevering these two were in the face of fluid deadlines, recalcitrant URLs, and my utter inability to see what is written instead of what I intended to write. Many others have contributed to the success of *Diktuon*, if only with a kind word of appreciation, a great suggestion, or massive tolerance for my natural befuddlement. Thank you one and all.

Looking Back

As I peruse the *Diktuon* archive (www.atla.com/member_restricted/librarians_tools/diktuon.aspx), I am surprised to find that most of the material is still passably useful. Some are clearly old news (“*Burn Your Own*”: *Electronic Publishing on Compact Disk*,

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November 1998), but still basically accurate. Some need updating (*Web Search Services*, May 1996—What, no Google!?!). Overall, though, the columns are standing up to the passage of time better than I would have expected. I have a list of things that I wish could have been covered, but I won't bore you with it. I will pass it along to the new editors.

I confess that my personal favorite is *A Look Ahead* from February 1998. Actually, as I think about it, it should have been titled *A Look Back*. Anyhow, although I was too optimistic about the development of software for human interaction, I still think most of the changes I predicted in that piece are likely in the next generation or so. Let's continue in that vein a bit.

The Future is Digital and MORE Digital and...???

The future is digital ... But that sentence ends with an ellipsis and not a period. People want their communications, information, and entertainment digitally, and companies like Google and Apple, Yahoo, and Disney are going to see that they get them digitally. I think that the next generation of readers is going to decide what to read more and more by digital means. They are not going to browse the book stacks or even the bookstore. They are going to browse the Web. I already find myself doing it on Amazon.com. I can pull up books on similar subjects and scan the table of contents and index with ease. Often I can even read a chapter or two. I can find out what else people who bought (and thus presumably read) a particular book are reading. I can even browse their recommended reading lists. It has only one drawback. Most of what's available is current. There's not much historical perspective. But if Google Print gets off the ground, that may not be a problem much longer.

The question is, once they have decided what to read, how are they going to want to read it? I used to think I knew the answer; print on paper. Now I'm not so sure. I look around at people who play games on one-inch screens and watch TV on two-inch cellular telephone or iPod screens, and read e-mail on three-inch Blackberry screens, and I'm just not sure.

Don't get me wrong. I love print. It is economical, compact, portable, and easy to use. In the proper hands, it is a work of art. For sustained narrative text, I feel that it is the best medium available, but I do not know how much of that

preference is a product of fifty years of training and familiar use. I am certain that printing and books have a future as works of artistry, craft, and simple warmth. I'm just not sure they will continue to be the ubiquitous, commonplace things they now are. I keep thinking about the fact that dial telephones are a curiosity (if not a mystery) to everyone under thirty. I suspect that we are one ingenious device (think iPod) away from supplanting the book as we know it, and that we need to prepare ourselves for the change. I, for one, am not particularly looking forward to it.

Whether I am right or wrong about the future of printed books, we librarians have plenty of digital media on the horizon to prepare for. Digital audio, music and spoken voice, digital video, instructional software, learning modules, simulations, and instructional games are all hot topics in the educational marketplace. While theological education may not be where they first appear, they will make it into our fields of interest eventually. We will have to figure out how to manage them. More importantly, we need to help shape the terms and conditions under which they are delivered.

Copyright for a Digital Culture

The real barriers in the transition from a print-intensive culture of communication to a digital-intensive culture of communication are not technical, they are economic and legal. There is evidence aplenty. Observe the litigious behavior of the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) in response to file-sharing services and of various publishing groups in reaction to Google Print (www.google.com/print). Follow the seeming endless debate over the various proposals for Open Access and what the true impact, benefit, and cost of them will be on forums such as Electronic Content Licensing Discussion (liblicense-l@lists.yale.edu). Whether the use is commercial, educational, or not-for-profit, there are many vested interests that fear the digital revolution is going to kill their business and bankrupt them. The development of digital culture will inevitably bring about change in the legal application of the concept of copyright. The process is already well under way. Whether the resulting synthesis is predominately positive or negative is very much in question.

Ultimately, I believe that the copyright paradigm needs to be rethought for a digital culture. The basic principle holds: Creators should have the right to control use and realize reasonable compensation for their intellectual property. The framers of the United States Constitution saw the basis of this principle in the need “To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts ...” (Art. 1, Sect. 8), and they specified that the right was to be for a limited time. However, it is unlikely that the framers of the U.S. Constitution could have foreseen the capability for nearly everyone to create and distribute published works worldwide, nor the ability to make perfect copies of works almost instantly, nor the type of vast corporate entities that are integral to our society, nor the enormous economic power of entertainment, nor any number of other issues that now factor into the consideration of copyright. In addition, these issues arise in a world that is functionally without borders. A film released in London or Hollywood can be pirated in Beijing in less than a day.

What is needed is law that is reasonable, understandable, and enforceable. What we don't need are draconian measures that subvert otherwise useful technologies and endanger the viability of digital publications over time. Unfortunately, what we are likely to get is a rather messy, contentious, iterative process where the law catches up with technology and social norms a generation late.

The central problem is to parse the public good, and it seems clear that the public good is not the same for all types of intellectual property nor for all types of uses. Most theological scholars want to have their work accessible to as many people who can benefit from it as possible, and this is true for many scholars in the humanities. For them, cost-effective distribution and proper attribution are key. Scientists need access to the work of others in order to expedite research, but they also need to control the work that has commercial applications sufficient to fund new research. The benefits of government-funded research should be available to taxpayers without significant additional cost. In the entertainment industry, a character or story can be an economic engine that generates not only profit but jobs and other economic benefits. Crafting laws that serve the public good in all these different cases is not a simple or easy task.

Theological librarians and educators must take an active role both in the public discussion that will reshape the concepts of copyright in the digital world and in educating the constituencies that we serve about what is at stake. We are not disinterested parties, but we are parties that have the public good as a central focus of what we do. In a world where giant corporations have billions to spend on protecting their intellectual assets, we have a responsibility to do all we can to make certain that theirs is not the only definition of public good that makes it into the public forum. We must also be willing to work with a variety of stakeholders to identify the seminal issues in this fluid situation and develop reasonable responses to conflicting requirements. If we do not undertake to shape both digital culture and the laws that govern it, those we serve may ultimately pay a heavy price.

Rethink, Redesign, Repurpose, Renew, Reinvent, Retool, Reconceive, Re-envision, Re-Re-Re

We hear constantly that change is inevitable and that change is accelerating. We are told we must reexamine, rethink, reform, and so on. Unfortunately, not all change is positive. Some changes can really cause a mess. All too frequently, there is either no plan for backing off the change, or it is simply not feasible. Instead, the changes must be tweaked until matters reach some acceptable level of functionality. What we really want to know is what to change, when to change it, and how. Regrettably, I don't have any better idea of the answer to these questions than you do.

I do, however, suggest that the strongest asset in evaluating potential change is a clear mission statement. Preferably, it should be reducible to one simple, declarative sentence. Once you have a clearly defined mission, remind yourself of it often. Reportedly, during the 1992 presidential campaign, Bill Clinton's aide James Carville wrote the phrase “It's the economy, stupid!” on a whiteboard where the candidate would see it before going out to speak at each campaign stop. Even if this story is urban legend, it is still a darn good idea. Use your mission statement to judge whether a proposed change is likely to advance your purpose or not. There are many metaphors for this function of a mission statement; focal point, navigational beacon, gauge. It doesn't matter what you call it. What matters is to have a good one and to make good use of it.

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Be carefully discerning in identifying your mission. It may not be as obvious as it first appears. It is all too easy to become focused on the immediate task and miss the deeper purpose, to be distracted from the essence of our work by the necessary, the urgent, the obtrusive, or even by the familiar, the stimulating, the refreshing, and the affirming. A good mission statement helps us decide what to do with our assets and skills when the ground shifts. If the library has become too much about books, it is hard to perceive the broader role of drawing together and organizing appropriate information, resources, and knowledge, and providing assistance and consultation in using it.

Beware of the poorly conceived or simply inaccurate mission statement. A mission statement that cannot be parsed down to a core statement is not well conceived. Active verbs are important. Copulative verbs are likely to indicate wishful thinking. The statement should be about what you *are* doing, not what you *wish* you were doing, or think you *should* be doing. Keep alert for evidence that something else either is or is not competing to be your central purpose. Self-awareness and brutal honesty are called for. If you suspect these kinds of issues in formulating or assessing your mission statement, serious course corrections may be needed.

If you are fortunate, your institution has a strong, clear mission statement that is congruent with its daily life and work. Few libraries stand on their own. Most libraries serve a community or institution. If the library has a separate mission statement (and that may or may not be necessary), then it needs to connect clearly and seamlessly with the parent mission statement. Members of the library staff should understand how their work advances the work of the parent institution and should be able to articulate that relationship. This provides a common understanding and basis for managing change within the library and negotiating changes that affect the library with the parent institution.

In Closing

Diktuon, for those who don't know, is the transliterated Greek word for net. The name was chosen in the early days of the Worldwide Web, and we expected that this column would focus primarily on the Web and issues related to networked tools and practices. In practice, we have also taken up matters related to other technological opportunities

and challenges for theological libraries. However, it has become indisputable that the network that really matters is the network of gifted and dedicated professionals who are members, friends, and staff of ATLA. Your unselfish commitment to cooperation and collaboration ensure the promise of the future.

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Collection Added to CDRI Database

The ATLA/ATS Digital Standards and Projects Committee has announced the addition of a new collection to the Cooperative Digital Resources Initiative (CDRI) database. The new collection, which comes from Phase Three of the project, was submitted by Ohio State University and Bridwell Library, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. The project is titled "Images from John Foxe's Acts and Monuments of the English Martyrs." See the CDRI project web site at www.atla.com/digitalresources for a further description of the new collection and for information on the other CDRI projects contained in the database.



Fifty-First ATLA/Scarecrow Bibliography Published

The fifty-first volume of the ATLA/Scarecrow Bibliography series has been published. The bibliography is the third edition (revised, expanded, and annotated) of *A Bibliography of the Samaritans*, by Alan David Crown and Reinhard Pummer. For more information about this book and a list of books in the ATLA Bibliography series and ATLA Monograph series, visit www.scarecrowpress.com/ series.



ATLASerials (ATLAS) Endeavors—Quarterly Report

In the months since the last quarterly report, *ATLAS* team members have been busy working on a number of key initiatives.

We continue to develop pieces of the PDF production process to prepare for the unveiling of a beta version of *ATLAS* that contains full-text PDFs in the summer of 2006. This endeavor involves loading more than 1 million images onto an 8.3-terabyte SAN (Storage Area Network) device, which will store the *ATLAS* database, archival TIFFs, GIF access images, and PDF files that will be generated from the TIFFs.

An alpha version of the searchable text interface is available for ATLA members to preview. (See related article.)

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

- Judy Knop, digitization coordinator, is continuing to consolidate and move TIFFs to our SAN. Judy and Tami Luedtke, director of electronic products and services, reviewed software that can be used to improve the speed and accuracy of our CD-to-SAN TIFF-loading project. CD recovery and file comparison software packages were tested to determine which ones improve our copying speed while ensuring that every byte of our archival TIFFs is copied faithfully. Programs for restoring corrupted files were also tested for acceptability.
- EPS staff members have also continued to pursue and evaluate data capture software and

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solutions. This quarter, Judy and Tami reviewed the DocWORKS/METAe conversion software. In addition, Tami attended the ARMA Expo exhibits in Chicago to discuss *ATLAS*-specific needs with data capture representatives from companies such as ABBYY. EPS is planning a multistage implementation of data capture software, beginning with the implementation of an Optical Character Recognition (OCR) Software Development Kit (SDK) on our system early in 2006.

- Jack Liu, programmer analyst, and Tami began preparing for a project to extract the end page of a given article or review from our index citations and ultimately to combine this information with the start page numbers we currently extract for linking purposes. The resulting range of pages from the first to last page will be utilized along with language, license restriction, and date information to determine which sets of TIFF images from our SAN will be sent to the OCRing program for full-text conversion during PDF production.

Other noteworthy *ATLAS* updates include:

- Paul Jensen (director of information services), Jack Liu, Syed Zaidi (systems administrator), and Tami Luedtke began preparing a strategy for replacing aging *ATLAS* servers. They reviewed possible hardware and OS options for the new servers and planned for the migration of ATLA's Oracle database to a new OS, Linux. The staff will work on the first server replacement in November and December and will use that server in our new office location during our upcoming move to ensure that subscribers have continued access to *ATLAS*.
- The same set of staff members also reviewed, purchased, and began installation of tape library backup hardware and software so that backups can be made of the *ATLAS* data and stored off-site for disaster recovery purposes.
- OCLC FirstSearch loaded *ATLAS* images locally last June. This effort has increased the speed of accessing images for FirstSearch users and has decreased the need for authentication support. ATLA staff continue to discuss the possibility of locally loaded data with other *ATLAS* aggregators.

- The Index team output a large number of minimal index records that increased currency in *ATLAS* while reducing gaps in missing indexing for earlier *ATLAS* issues.

Ongoing efforts also include:

- Consistently pursuing publishers to add more journals to the collection. In the August update we added *Brethren Life and Thought*, *Calvin Theological Journal*, *Christianity Today*, and *Sociological Analysis*.
- Updating current titles. The current title list is at www.atla.com/products/titles/titles_atlas.html.
- Analyzing overall use of each journal during the year. In the fiscal year September 2004–August 2005, *ATLAS* journal use increased 36.6% from the prior year.
- Revising and renewing existing publisher agreements.
- On the business development and member services fronts, the application for the underwritten *ATLAS* alumni/ae accounts was made available to ATLA Institutional and International Institutional members. Award notifications were announced mid-October.

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



Preview ATLAS Alpha Version with Full-Text Searching Capabilities

We would like to invite you and your colleagues to try out an alpha test version of *ATLAS*, which includes full-text searching capabilities on a small sampling of HTML full-text content. This trial will be available through December 15, 2005.

To access the test site, use the following hyperlink:

http://purl.oclc.org/atlaonline/atlas_test_database

You may access this site with the following details:

Account Name: ATLASALPHA (all capital letters)
Password: alpha (in all small letters)

The test set of HTML full-text content includes 44 issues of *Journal for Preachers* (1977–1985, 1990–2001); 14 issues of *Journal of Ritual Studies* (1988–2001); 37 issues of *Religious Education* (1990–2000); and 40 issues of *The International Journal for the Psychology of Religion* (1991–2001).

In addition to the familiar citation searches available on the current *ATLAS* platform, this alpha version also offers:

- the ability to search anywhere in the full text
- the ability to search within a specific range of words in the full text

If you have any questions, please contact support@atla.com.



Who Is on the ATLAS Team?

Once a week on Wednesday mornings, an intradepartmental team meets to discuss various issues related to *ATLAS*. Regularly discussed topics include scanning and digitizing, indexing, technical issues, business development topics, grants, publisher relations, and subscriber support. Team members include:

Catherine Eilers, EPS Assistant
Tracie Guy, ATLAS Indexer-Analyst
Lavonne Jahnke, Business Development Rep.
Judy Knop, Digitization Coordinator
Jack Liu, Programmer Analyst
Tami Luedtke, Director of Electronic Prod. and Serv.
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Retrospective Indexing Project Quarterly Report

June–August 2005 (with a final summary of the project)

During the final three months of *RIP*'s existence, the *RIP* staff managed to complete retrospective indexing of *Biblica* (1920–1939), *Der Islam* (1910–1939), and, for good measure, finished the brief run of *Mennonite Life* (1946–1948) and *Mennonite Quarterly Review* (1927–1932, 1935–1939); vols. 7–8, 1933–1934 of the latter title could not be obtained on short notice, hence the gap. *RIP* indexing for *Biblica*, *Der Islam*, *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, and *Revue des sciences religieuses* stops with 1939 or 1940 instead of the expected 1948. This pre-WWII cutoff date reflects the design behind efforts to obtain a grant to index retrospectively all of the remaining titles on the original *RIP* list from 1940 through 1948.

RIP indexing for these forty-seven titles is complete:

American Catholic Sociological Rev. (1940–1949)
Biblica (1920–1939)
 Biblical Archaeologist (1938–1948)
 Bibliotheca Sacra (1843–1855)
 Catholic Biblical Quarterly (1939–1948)
 Christian Century (1917 [partial], 1918 [partial], 1919, 1940–1948)
 Christian Oracle (1884 [four issues])
 Church History (1932–1948)
 Commentary (1945–1948)
 Covenant Quarterly (1941–1948)
 Dansk teologisk tidsskrift (1938–1948)
 Eastern Buddhist (1921–1939 [publication suspended until 1949])
 Ecumenical Review (1948–1949)
 Estudios bíblicos (1941–1948)
 Evangelical Quarterly (1929–1948)
 Evangelische Theologie (1934–1949)
 Hebrew Union College Ann. (1919, 1924–1948)
 Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology (1947–1948)
 Islam, Der (1910–1939)
 Journal of Bible and Religion, The (1937–1948)
 Journal of Biblical Literature (1881–1948)
 Journal of Pastoral Care (1947–1948)

Journal of Religious Thought (1943–1948)
 Journal of the National Association of Biblical Instructors (1933–1936)
 Mélanges de science religieuse (1944–1948)
 Mennonite Life (1946–1948)
 Mennonite Quarterly Review (1927–1932, 1935–1939);
 Nederlands theologisch tijdschrift (1946–1948)
 Orate Fratres (1926–1948)
 Orientalia christiana periodica (1935–1948)
 Palestine Exploration Quarterly (1937–1948)
 Reformed Theological Review (1942–1948)
 Revue des études byzantines (1943–1948)
 Revue des sciences religieuses (1921–1940)
 Scottish Journal of Theology (1948)
 Studia Missionalia (1943–1948)
 Studia Theologica: Scandinavian Journal of Theology (1947–1948)
 Theological Studies (1940–1949)
 Theologische Zeitschrift (1945–1948)
 Theology Today (1944–1949)
 Thomist: A Speculative Quarterly Review (1939–1948)
 Traditio: Studies in Ancient and Medieval History, Thought, and Religion (1943–1948)
 Union Seminary Quarterly Rev. (1945–1948)
 Unitarian Universalist Christian (1946–1948 [some issues are missing])
 Vigiliae Christianae: A Review of Early Christian Life and Language (1947–1948)
 Westminster Theological Journal (1938–1948)
 Zeitschrift für Religions- und Geistesgeschichte (1948)

The final tally:

40,353 *RIP* records created, September 2, 2002, through August 29, 2005:

26,604 article records
 5,854 book masters
 2,253 issue records
 5,643 review records

ATLA Retrospective Indexing Project: Summary Report

Origins

For many years ATLA's member institutions and the humanities scholarly community have expressed

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a desire to extend ATLA's indexing coverage "backward" to pick up materials from at least the turn of the century through 1949 for the titles currently indexed. The original list:

Africa: Journal of the International African Institute
AME Zion Quarterly Review
American Anthropologist
American Presbyterians: Journal of Presb. Hist.
American Schools of Oriental Research: Bulletin
Anglican and Episcopal History
Anglican Theological Review
Antonianum
Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte
Baptist Quarterly: Journal of the Baptist Historical Society
Biblica
Biblical Archaeologist
Bibliotheca Sacra
Biblische Zeitschrift
Bijdragen: Tijdschrift voor Filosofie en Theologie
British Journal of Religious Education: The Journal of the Christian Education Movement
Bulletin de la Société de l'histoire du protestantisme français
Catholic Biblical Quarterly
Catholica: Vierteljahresschrift für ökumenische Theologie
Chicago Theological Seminary Register
Christian Century
Church & Society
Church History
Churchman: A Journal of Anglican Theology
Commentary
Commonweal: A Review of Public Affairs, Religion, Literature, and the Arts
Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly
Conservative Judaism
Covenant Quarterly
Dansk teologisk tidsskrift
Discipliana
Downside Review: A Quarterly of Catholic Thought
Drew Gateway
Dutch Review of Church History/Nederlands archief voor kerkegeschiedenis
Eastern Buddhist
Ecumenical Review
Encounter
Ephemerides theologicae lovanienses
Estudios bíblicos

Estudios eclesiásticos: Revista trimestral de investigación e información teológica
Études théologiques et religieuses
Evangelical Quarterly
Evangelische Theologie
Expository Times
Faith and Freedom: A Journal of Progressive Rel.
Foi et vie
Gnomon: Kritische Zeitschrift für die Gesamte klassische Altertumswissenschaft
Gregorianum
Harvard Theological Review
Hebrew Union College Annual
Hervormde Theologische Studies
Hispania sacra
Insights: A Journal of the Faculty of Austin Sem.
Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology
Irénikon: Revue des moines de Chevetogne
Irish Theological Quarterly
Islam, Der: Zeitschrift für Geschichte und Kultur des islamischen Orients
Japan Christian Review
Jewish Quarterly Review
Journal of Biblical Literature
Journal of Jewish Studies
Journal of Near Eastern Studies
Journal of Pastoral Care
Journal of Religion
Journal of Religious Thought
Journal of the American Academy of Religion
Journal of Theological Studies
Laval théologique et philosophique
Luther: Zeitschrift der Luther-Gesellschaft
Lutheran Theological Seminary Bulletin
Mélanges de science religieuse
Mennonite Life
Mennonite Quarterly Review
Modern Believing
Muslim World
Nederlands theologisch tijdschrift
Norsk teologisk tidsskrift
Oriens Christianus
Orientalia
Orientalia christiana periodica
Palestine Exploration Quarterly
Princeton Seminary Bulletin
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Revue des sciences religieuses
Revue d'histoire ecclésiastique
Revue d'histoire et de philosophie religieuses
Scottish Journal of Theology
Sociology of Religion
Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal
Speculum: A Journal of Medieval Studies
Studia Missionalia
Studia Theologica: Scandinavian Journal of Theol.
Svensk missionstidskrift
Svensk teologisk kvartalskrift
Syria: Revue d'art oriental et d'archéologie
Theological Studies
Theologische Literaturzeitung: Monatsschrift
für das gesamte Gebiet der Theologie und
Religionswissenschaft
Theologische Quartalschrift
Theologische Rundschau
Theologische Zeitschrift
Theology
Theology Today
Thomist: A Speculative Quarterly Review
Traditio: Studies in Ancient and Medieval
History, Thought, and Religion
Union Seminary Quarterly Review
Unitarian Universalist Christian
Vigiliae Christianae: A Review of Early
Christian Life and Language
Westminster Theological Journal
Witness
Worship (Orate Fratres)
Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft
Zeitschrift für die Neutestamentliche Wissenschaft
und die Kunde der älteren Kirche
Zeitschrift für Katholische Theologie
Zeitschrift für Kirchengeschichte
Zeitschrift für Missionswissenschaft und
Religionswissenschaft
Zeitschrift für Religions- und Geistesgeschichte
Zeitschrift für Theologie und Kirche

Those years were especially formative for the American religious experience as well as significant for theological discussion of and response to major world events. An appeal was made to ATLA's membership for funding, and 112 institutions provided monies to support this effort. A preliminary list of some 130+ titles was drawn up based on ATLA's current title list for journals published before 1949.

Project Overview

In September of 2002, the *Retrospective Indexing Project (RIP)* began with a staff of two full-time indexer-analysts, and in January of 2003 another full-time indexer was hired; 2.6 full-time indexers have been supported by this grant for three years. In the course of the project, staff has fluctuated from three, the budgetary maximum, to one, and has employed five indexers in all: Todd Ferry, Benjamin Butler, Anthony Elia, Ginny Landgraf, and the undersigned. Of those five, four have gone on to become full-time *ATLA Religion Database* indexers. Support staff has included Heidi Arnold (acquisitions manager), Eric Knapp (acquisitions specialist), Erica Treesh (database manager for authority control), Tim Elston (database manager for products), Cameron Campbell (director of indexes), Pradeep Gamadia (director of financial services), and individuals in Information Services. The physical indexing of the journals took place at the downtown Chicago office and in the cooperating libraries in the Greater Chicago area. Library hard copy for indexing came chiefly from Joseph Regenstein Library of the University of Chicago and Jesuit-Krauss-McCormick Library, but volumes were also indexed from the collections at Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago, the Oriental Institute (Research Archives) of the University of Chicago, Meadville-Lombard Theological School Library (all located in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago), the Norman & Helen Asher Library of Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies (downtown Chicago), the United Library (Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston), Feehan Memorial Library of the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary, and the Mennonite Library and Archives of Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas.

The project leader coordinated the tasks of the indexing staff at both locations and acted as liaison

with the director of indexes, Information Services, and the cooperating libraries. The physical indexing of the journal titles took place at the Chicago ATLA office and in the cooperating libraries in the Greater Chicago area using PC laptops with network connections to the ATLA servers. Since the records created by this project were added to the *ATLA Religion Database* on a quarterly basis, with no print product, the workflow progressed steadily throughout the life of this project.

RIP indexing is essentially indistinguishable from that of the *ATLA Religion Database*. Current Index Department practice entails a two-step operation. One indexer creates a file, usually comprising a full issue of a given periodical title. The individual who created the file generates a hard-copy editrun, proofs his or her own work, and then passes the editrun on to another fully trained indexer, who in turn compares the editrun against the primary source for errors at every level of encoding, from incorrect MARC indicators to missing pagination to misspelled titles, and also assesses the appropriateness of the assigned subject headings. This second stage of proofing constitutes ATLA's fundamental form of quality assurance, an integral part of the indexing process. When the second stage of proofing is complete, the proofing indexer changes the status of the individual records from "Proofed" to "Approved." At that point, the files await final processing by Information Services. The *RIP* indexing of book reviews began with a limit of 200 words or more, current *ATLA Religion Database* practice, but was limited to reviews of 1,000 words or more in May 2003. Given the historical nature of the project, name authority work for *RIP* has been uniformly more stringent by design than that of the *ATLA Religion Database* in years past. Prior to the creation of true authority records in CuadraSTAR, the software used to create the *ATLA Religion Database*, *RIP* maintained an Excel spreadsheet name authority file until January 2005, when the creation of name authority files in STAR became possible. All records created in *RIP* adhere to the MARC 21 specification, the same specification followed in *ATLA Religion Database* indexing.

By May 2003 it became clear that the rosy expectation of fully indexing 130+ titles from 1948 back to the initial publication date was unrealistic. In conjunction with the project coordinator, director of indexes, and executive director, a reduced title

list of some thirty-six journals was set as a feasible goal by third quarter 2005. The "mid-course correction" list:

- American Catholic Sociological Rev. (1940–1949)
- Biblical Archaeologist (1938–1948)
- Catholic Biblical Quarterly (1939–1948)
- Christian Century (1940–1948)
- Church History (1932–1948)
- Commentary (1945–1948)
- Covenant Quarterly (1941–1948)
- Eastern Buddhist (1921–1939 [publication suspended until 1949])
- Ecumenical Review (1948–1949)
- Estudios bíblicos (1941–1948)
- Hebrew Union College Ann. (1919, 1924–1948)
- Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology (1947–1948)
- Journal of Bible and Religion, The (1937–1948)
- Journal of Biblical Literature (1881–1948)
- Journal of Jewish Studies (1948)
- Journal of Pastoral Care (1947–1948)
- Journal of Religious Thought (1943–1948)
- Journal of the National Association of Biblical Instructors (1933–1936)
- Mélanges de science religieuse (1944–1948)
- Nederlands theologisch tijdschrift (1946–1948)
- Orate Fratres (1926–1948)
- Reformed Theological Review (1942–1948)
- Revue des études byzantines (1943–1948)
- Scottish Journal of Theology (1948)
- Studia Missionalia (1943–1948)
- Studia Theologica: Scandinavian Journal of Theology (1947–1948)
- Theological Studies (1940–1949)
- Theologische Zeitschrift (1945–1948)
- Theology Today (1944–1949)
- Traditio: Studies in Ancient and Medieval History, Thought, and Religion (1943–1948)
- Union Seminary Quarterly Rev. (1945–1948)
- Unitarian Universalist Christian (1946–1948 [missing issues])
- Vigiliae Christianae: A Review of Early Christian Life and Language (1947–1948)
- Westminster Theological Journal (1938–1948)
- Zeitschrift für Religions- und Geistesgeschichte (1948)

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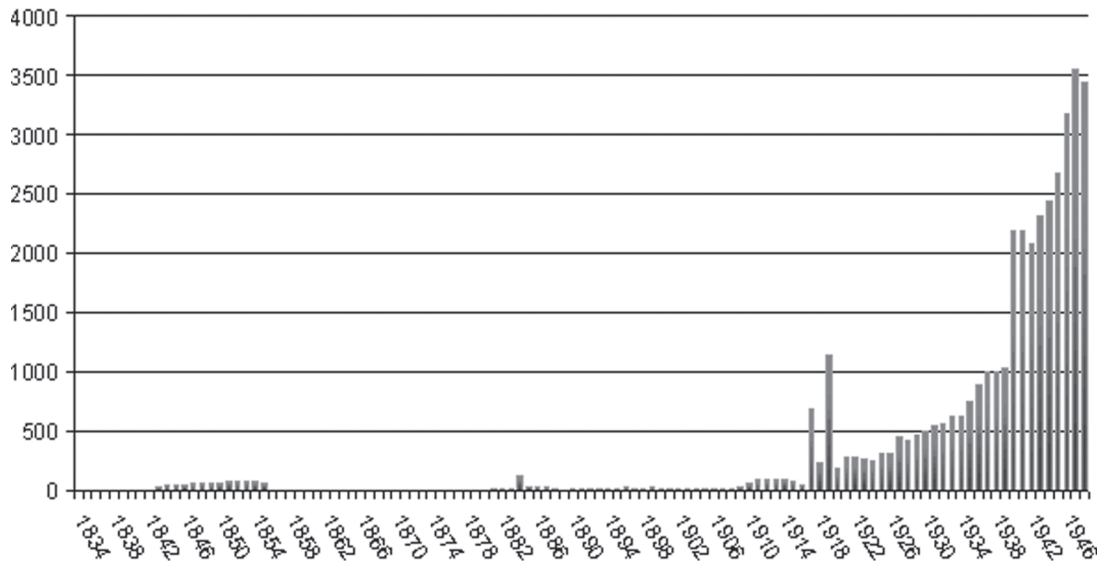
Upon investigation it was discovered that *Journal of Jewish Studies* indexing records existed in the *ATLA Religion Database*, so the reduced title list was effectively thirty-five in number. The second measure adopted in the interest of meeting our goal was to limit book reviews to 1,000 words or more, thus cutting down the creation of book masters, always the most time-consuming part of ATLA indexing. Apart from this title reduction, and the hiring and training of staff replacements, *RIP* encountered no other major changes or disruptions in the course of its three-year lifespan. The fact that some ten titles over and above the thirty-five specified by the May 2003 correction were retrospectively indexed by project end is attributable to the dedication and professionalism of the *RIP* staff.

The Records

In terms of *RIP* records produced per year of publication, peaks in the nineteenth century reflect the dates of the two periodicals that were covered for the period: *Bibliotheca Sacra* (1843–1855) and *Journal of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis*/*Journal of Biblical Literature* (1881–) (Graph 1). Records that precede and follow those years are book masters. The first peak in the twentieth century is due to *Christian Century* indexing (1919), a weekly that averaged twenty to thirty records an issue. From 1920 through 1948 a growing number of periodicals added to the stream that culminated, again, in a torrent of *Christian Century* records (1940–1948).

Graph 1

RIP Records (All Types) 1834–1948

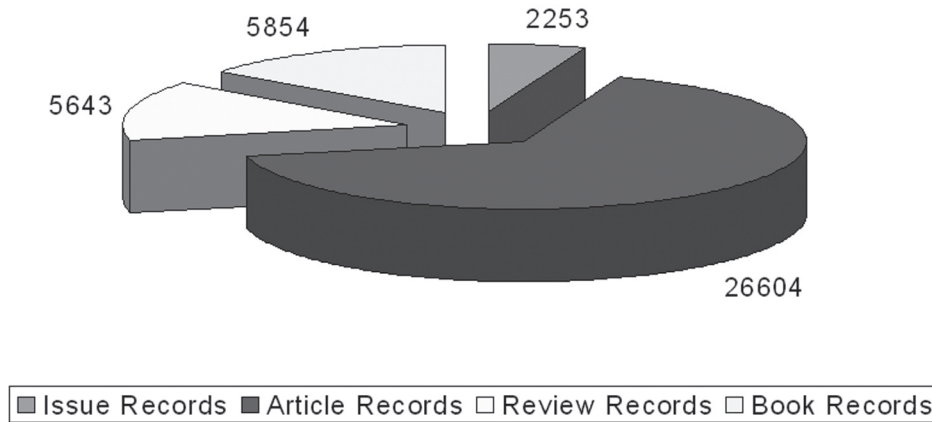


In terms of record types, out of a total of 40,353 *RIP* records, 26,604, or almost 66%, are article records (Graph 2). The fact that book masters are slightly more numerous than reviews (5,854 *versus* 5,643) reflects the fact that several books were

reviewed by more than one journal, and numerous “review essays” necessitated the creation of book masters but do not count as formal *Index to Book Reviews in Religion* reviews.

Graph 2: *RIP* Records by Percentage of Record Type

RIP 9/2/2002 to 8/29/2005

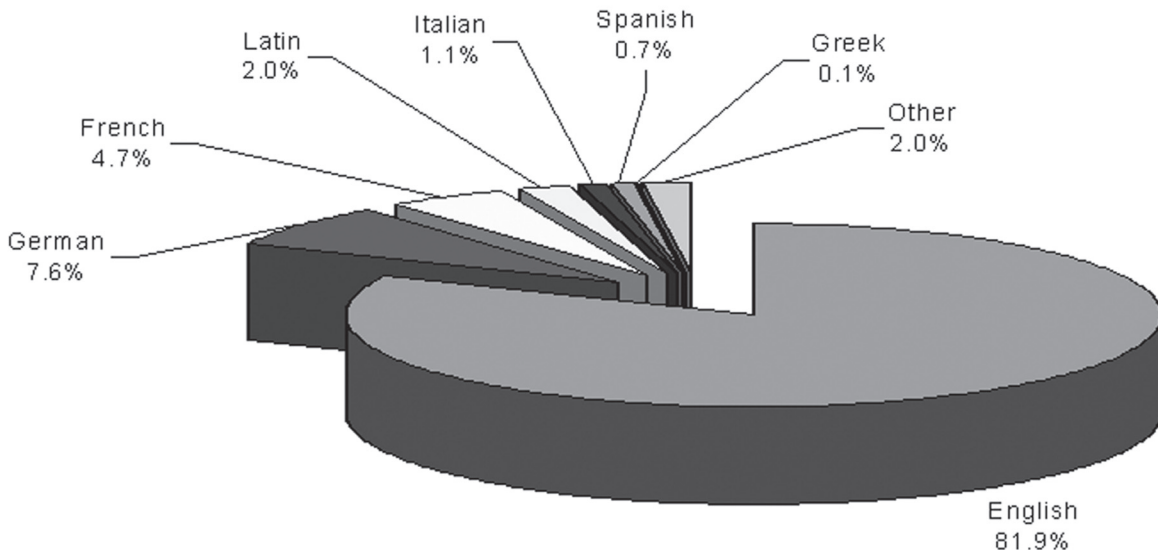


The languages of the records canvassed by the *RIP* corpus overwhelmingly favor English by nearly 82% (Graph 3). Among the 2% of languages lumped under “Other” are Danish, Hebrew, Arabic, and Russian. A comparison with *ATLA Religion Database* language statistics reveals that the *RIP* records are disproportionately English in

composition (82% versus 59%, Graph 4). This skewing undoubtedly reflects the periodicals that yielded the lion’s share of records: *Christian Century*, in excess of 15,000 records, and *Journal of Biblical Literature*, with more than 6,000, both of them almost exclusively English in composition.

Graph 3

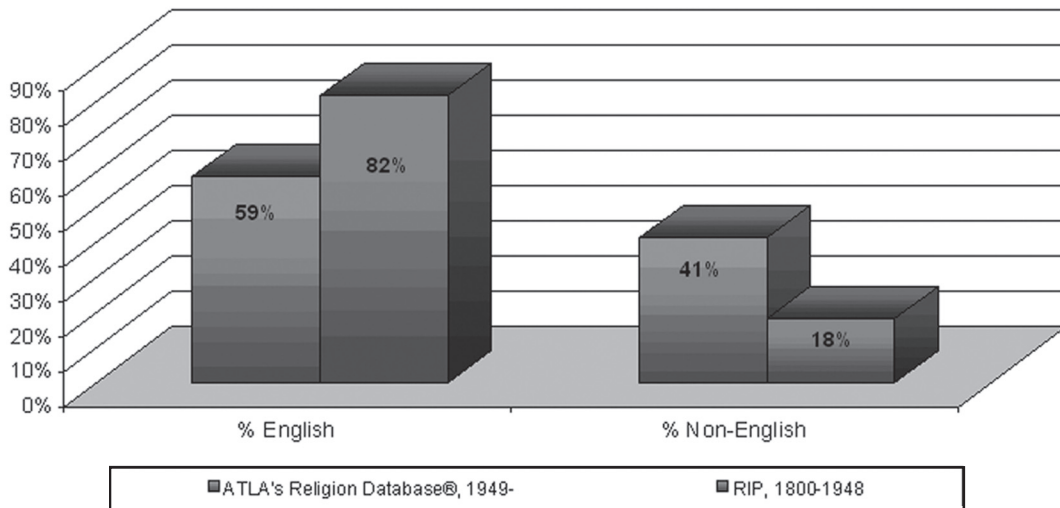
RIP Records by Primary Language



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Graph 4

English versus Non-English in ATLA's Religion Database® and RIP

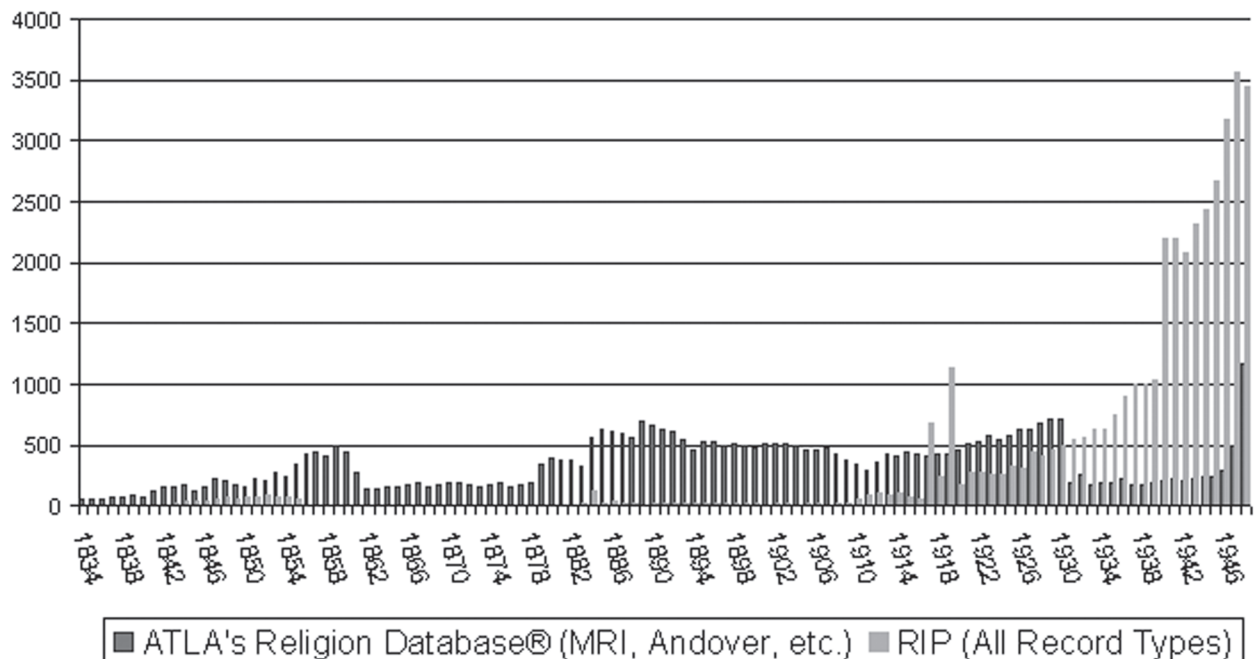


Graph 5 illustrates the concentration of *RIP* versus *ATLA Religion Database* records (*ATLA Religion Database* records for 1818–1947 principally derive from *Methodist Reviews Index* and the Andover corpus). On the basis of the 1919 spike

and the publication dates of the eighty-odd periodicals remaining on the original *RIP* list, complete retrospective indexing of *Religion Index One: Periodicals* titles would yield 1,500–2,500 records a year back to 1900.

Graph 5

RIP versus ATLA's Religion Database® Records 1800–1948



Diversity and Representativeness

Although most titles derive from one or the other Christian tradition, *Commentary*, *Eastern Buddhist*, *Hebrew Union College Annual*, and *Der Islam* prove the exception to the rule. Catholic scholarship is well represented by *American Catholic Sociological Review*, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, *Estudios bíblicos*, *Mélanges de science religieuse*, *Orate Fratres*, *Revue des sciences religieuses*, *Studia Missionalia*, *Theological Studies*, and *Thomist*. The voice of Eastern Christianity is heard through *Orientalia christiana periodica* and *Revue des études byzantines*. Protestant denominations and Protestant orientations, unsurprisingly, dominate: *Biblical Archaeologist*, *Christian Oracle/Christian Century*, *Covenant Quarterly*, *Dansk teologisk tidsskrift*, *Evangelical Quarterly*, *Evangelische Theologie*, *Interpretation*, *Journal of the National Association of Biblical Instructors/Journal of Bible and Religion*, *Journal of Biblical Literature*, *Mennonite Life*, *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, *Nederlands theologisch tijdschrift*, *Reformed Theological Review*, *Scottish Journal of Theology*, *Studia Theologica*, *Theologische Zeitschrift*, *Theology Today*, *Union Seminary Quarterly Review*, *Westminster Theological Journal*, and *Zeitschrift für Religions- und Geistesgeschichte*. Regarding content, several journals are devoted exclusively to the study of the Bible: *Biblica*, *Biblical Archaeologist*, *Bibliotheca Sacra*, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, *Estudios bíblicos*, *Interpretation*, *Journal of the National Association of Biblical Instructors/Journal of Bible and Religion*, *Journal of Biblical Literature*, and *Palestine Exploration Quarterly*. Missions and missiology are represented by *Studia Missionalia*. A run-through of the forty-seven titles indicates that theological studies and church history predominate. The cosmopolitan scope of this pool of mostly western-hemisphere journals is patent; cities of publication include New York, Chicago, Cincinnati, London, Edinburgh, Leiden, Louvain, Lille, Zoetermeer, Rome, Kyoto, Berlin, Geneva, Copenhagen, Madrid, and Carlisle, UK.

Is RIP Relevant? Full-Text Searchability versus Subject Indexing

Within the last decade, digitization initiatives offering full-text accessibility to complete runs of periodicals, coupled with sophisticated Internet-browser interfaces, have enabled academic researchers to canvass periodical literature in

unprecedented historical depth. For but one example, historians of the English language have discovered that usage of many terms began years before their supposed coinage, based on information in the *Oxford English Dictionary*. Queries of nineteenth- and twentieth-century periodicals pull up terms like “racism,” “software,” and the “United Nations” in articles securely dated by publication, a marvelous new use of a research tool unforeseen by the creators of *JSTOR*. As full-text access to hundreds of scholarly periodicals in various academic disciplines becomes more widespread, it is likely that academic culture itself will accommodate this accession of information by pressuring publishing professionals to delve more deeply into the past of whatever it is they research. ATLA acknowledges the trend to provide the full text of academic journals through its *ATLASerials* initiative. At the same time, *ATLASerials* by design offers only full-text images of periodicals for which *ATLA Religion Database* indexing exists, because keyword searches of digitized journals cannot match the reliability of human subject indexing using a controlled thesaurus.

For example, *PCI (Periodicals Contents Index) Full Text*, published by ProQuest Information and Learning Company, would appear to provide full-text access to several of the periodicals indexed by *RIP*. Despite the title *Periodicals Contents Index Full Text*, however, only keyword searches of article titles and authors are possible. The difficulty of retrieving the information needed by academic researchers in this essentially unindexed data structure is easily demonstrated.

Product News

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Journal Subject: Religion/Theology

Title: Principper i Nutidens Ydre Mission
Author: Christensen, Jens
Article ID: q617-1947-010-00-000006
Journal Section(s): AFHANDLINGER
Citation: Dansk Teologisk Tidsskrift 10 (1947) 77-95
Alternative Title(s): Theologisk tidsskrift for den danske folkekirke 1883-1937
Journal Subject: Religion/Theology

Title: Lidt om det synoptiske Problem og Nutidens Typepsykologi
Author: Madsen, Iver K.
Article ID: q617-1947-010-00-000010
Journal Section(s): AFHANDLINGER
Citation: Dansk Teologisk Tidsskrift 10 (1947) 96-107
Alternative Title(s): Theologisk tidsskrift for den danske folkekirke 1883-1937
Journal Subject: Religion/Theology

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Author: Hauge, Reidar
Article ID: q617-1947-010-00-000007
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650	b4 a Senses and sensation.
650	b4 a Abstraction (Psychology)
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Which version of *Dansk teologisk tidsskrift* indexing would you prefer to have in *your* library?

Is RIP Different? Other Retrospective Indexes

Most of the “retrospective indexing” (pre-1949) available online that is known to me consists of earlier projects that have been digitized, with little if any modification of the original sources. For instance, *Humanities Index Retrospective* and *Reader’s Guide Retrospective*, two components of H. W. Wilson’s *International Guide to Periodicals*, appear to be unretouched digitized versions of the venerable *Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature* (1901–). Overlap with *RIP* includes *Christian Century* (1929–), *Church History* (1943–), *Commentary* (1945–), *Ecumenical Review* (1948), and *Journal of Biblical Literature* (1923–). The indexing, done by many different hands over many years, varies greatly in precision and completeness. Older European indexes include *Bibliographie der deutschen Zeitschriftenliteratur* (1896–1964, which merged with *Bibliographie der fremdsprachigen Zeitschriftenliteratur* in 1964 to form *Internationale Bibliographie der Zeitschriftenliteratur aus allen Gebieten des Wissens*, 1965–), overlapping *RIP* with *Biblica* and *Der Islam*. Not very honorable mention goes to Paratext’s *19th Century Masterfile/Poolé’s Plus*, a digitization of *Poolé’s Index to Periodical Literature* (1802–1907), *Stead’s Index to Periodicals* (1890–1902), and other worthy sources; the MARC coding is atrocious. *RIP* overlap consists of *Bibliotheca Sacra* (1844–) and *Journal of Biblical Literature* (1890–1900). A curiosity is Brill’s *Catalogue de l’École biblique et archéologique française de Jérusalem/ Catalogue of the French Biblical and Archaeological School of Jerusalem on CD-ROM*, an index compiled over the decades by the patient Dominican fathers of the Jerusalem École biblique. Eight Bible-titles overlap with *RIP*. The indexing is excellent, but the CD-ROM interface is almost unsearchable.

Among the newer indexes, RLG’s *Anthropology Plus* overlaps with *RIP* indexing with a single periodical, *Palestine Exploration Quarterly*. The rather impressive *Index Islamicus* by CSA Illumina has fully indexed *Moslem World/Muslim World* (1911–1948) and *Die Welt des Islams* (1913–1948), titles on the original wished-for *RIP* list, but not *Der Islam*, which is covered by *RIP*.

In terms of both indexing depth and breadth, I can confidently assert that today *RIP* has no serious competitors among the humanities retrospective indexes.

Is RIP Timely? The Once and Future Relevance of RIP

The *ATLA Religion Database*, which includes *RIP* records, is currently being configured in order to implement the OpenURL Framework Standard (ANSI/NISO Z39.88-2004). Through this technology, libraries with *SFX* and similar software can allow end users to retrieve the full texts of periodical articles by hyperlinks to metadata like the *ATLA Religion Database* or library OPACs. The rationale for such programming is patent: digitized full text looms on the horizon. The Society of Biblical Literature announced this year that the full run of the *Journal of Biblical Literature* will be mounted on the Internet. Google and various library consortia have recently announced prodigious plans for digitizing millions of books and journals. While not all of these grand designs will come to pass, it is evident that improvements in digitization automation, falling costs of overhead, and avid demand by a new generation of students who prefer online access (or death) to library study will eventuate in the appearance of many if not all of the forty-seven *RIP* titles on the Internet. The *RIP* records in the *ATLA Religion Database*, with OpenURL programming in place, will facilitate this bibliographic-record-to-full-text retrieval to an unprecedented degree, thus signally enhancing the value of the *RIP* data through time.

But what value does the fruit of the academic study of religion in the nineteenth and first fifty years of the twentieth century possess for the future? For a professional historian such as myself, the answer is self-evident: the convoluted path of modern religious studies is chronicled in the pages of *Bibliotheca Sacra*, *Journal of Biblical Literature*, *Church History*, *Der Islam*, and even the *Christian Century*, and cannot be competently investigated without recourse to these and similar sources, monographic publications notwithstanding. *Der Islam* 1910–1939 is a primary source for the study of German Orientalism and the cooperative relationship between German Orientalists and German East African colonial history. *Christian Century* 1940–1948 is a primary source for the study

of American liberal Protestantism at mid-century in multivocal dialogue with domestic and international politics. The *Journal of Biblical Literature* and its ancestor (1881–1948) is a primary source for charting the rise of the biblical archaeology movement and American Protestant biblical historicism, or, if you will, American Orientalism. *Commentary* 1945–1948 is a primary source for the study of mainstream Jewish-American reactions to the Holocaust, the creation of the State of Israel, and the unleashing of the atomic bomb. The prospect for academic communities that investigate or teach religion professionally in the coming years, in the absence of efficient scholarly access to these periodicals—or the drive to seek them out—is bleak.

Steven W. Holloway
RIP Project Coordinator



Preservation: Serials Newly Preserved through NEH Grants

African American Religious Serials, 1850–1950

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Young Allenite

African Methodist Episcopal Church paper for youth. “The Young Allenite is an illustrated paper of four pages, published monthly for young people in general, those of the A.M.E. Church in particular.”—from p. 2 of Dec. 1909 issue. Published in Nashville, Tenn. ATLA no.: 2004-S098, 1 reel (contains two issues: Dec. 1909 and May 1910).

Grace magazine

African American church founded by Sweet Daddy Grace. “Noah put in the Ark two of every creature both clean and unclean to keep them alive until the flood was over. After Noah had finished his work, God shut him in the Ark and God sent a flood and took them all away. God has sent the world another Noah, Sweet Daddy Grace and when he has finished his work, God shall send a flood of fire and destroy every living soul who is not in the faith.”—excerpt from Elder J. Coleman’s article “God has turned his back on the world,” as found on p. 7 of Aug. 1948 issue. Published in Washington, DC, by Grace Publishing Association, a corporation of the Church on the Rock of the Apostolic Faith. ATLA no.: 2005-S029, 1 reel (contains three issues: 1940–1948).

Yadkin Colored Baptist Association:

Minutes of the ... annual session of the Yadkin Colored Baptist Association

African American Baptist association in Yadkin, North Carolina. Published in Ansonville, NC. ATLA no.: 2005-S030, 1 reel (contains one issue: 1875). *Note: reel includes 2005-S031.*

North-western Baptist Association (Ga.)

Minutes of the ... annual session of the North-western Baptist Association

African American Baptist association, Georgia. “This Association shall be known as the North western Baptist Association ... It shall be composed of such churches as hold the doctrines of human depravity—salvation by the atonement of Jesus Christ—election to eternal life—regeneration by the Holy Spirit—perseverance of the saints to glory—baptism by immersion of the person in water, and administered by a proper administrator; that the Lord’s supper is intended for those only who have been regularly admitted by experience and baptized into the visible church.”—from Article 1, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Association (p. 13 of 7th report). Published in Augusta, GA. ATLA no.: 2005-S031, 1 reel (contains one issue: 1884). *Note: reel includes 2005-S030.*

Methodist Protestant Church (U.S. : 1830–1939). Georgia Conference:

Minutes of the ... session of the Georgia Annual Conference, Methodist Protestant Church (Colored) (1885–1887)

Product News

Minutes of the ... annual session of the Georgia Colored Methodist Protestant Conference (1913)

Minutes of the ... session of the Georgia Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church Colored, of Georgia (1916)

Minutes of the ... annual session of the Methodist Protestant Annual Conference (Colored) of Georgia (1918)

Minutes of the ... session, Methodist Protestant Church Annual Conference (Colored) of Georgia (1925)

Minutes of the ... session of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church (Colored) of Georgia (1928–1929)

Minutes of the ... session of the Methodist Protestant Church (Col.) of Georgia (1930)

Minutes of the ... session of the Colored Methodist Protestant Annual Conference (1937)

Minutes of the session of the Georgia Conference (Colored), Methodist Protestant Church. Published in Atlanta. ATLA no.: 2005-S046 through 2005-S053, 8 reels (1885–1937).

Colored Young Women's Christian Association (Washington, DC):

Years' report of the Colored Y.W. Christian Association

Established in 1905, the Colored Young Women's Christian Association in Washington, DC, was the city's first YWCA and the nation's first independent African American YWCA. In 1920, it was renamed the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA. Published in Washington, DC. ATLA no.: 2005-S054, 1 reel (contains one issue: 1909–1911). *Note: reel includes 2005-S055.*

First African Baptist informer

First African Baptist Church (Savannah, Ga.). "A monthly magazine, published by the First African Baptist Church of Savannah, Ga., America's oldest Negro church, founded Jan. 20, 1788, at Brampton's Barn ... by the late Rev. Abraham Marshall (white) and Jesse Peter (colored)."—excerpt from p. 5 of June 1943 issue. Published in Savannah, Ga. ATLA no.: 2005-S055, 1 reel (contains one issue: June 1943). *Note: reel includes 2005-S054.*

Richard Allen monthly

African American Sunday schools, A.M.E. Church. "The object of the *Richard Allen Monthly* is to reach the adult portion of our Church ... And

so we have begun the publication of this journal, in order that we may be of direct assistance to those who occupy the places of leadership in our Sunday School work."—excerpt from p. 4 of Jan. 1916 issue. Published in Nashville, Tenn., by the African Methodist Episcopal Sunday School Union. ATLA no.: 2005-S062, 1 reel (1916).

Southern Christian recorder

Newspaper for the Southern States of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. "Southern organ of the A.M.E. Church." Place of publication varies. ATLA no.: 2005-S077, 1 reel (1890–1904).

Institute for Deaf, Dumb and Blind Colored Youths of the State of Texas:

Report of the Trustees and Superintendent of the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Colored Youth of the State of Texas (1887/88–1888/89)

Report of the Trustees and Superintendent of the Asylum for Deaf and Dumb and Blind Colored Youths of the State of Texas (1889/1890)

Report of the Trustees and Superintendent of the Institute for Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Colored Youths of the States of Texas (1892–1894)

Annual report of the Trustees and Superintendent of the Institute for Deaf, Dumb and Blind Colored Youths of the State of Texas (1896–1901)

Annual report of the Board and Superintendent of the Institute for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Colored Youths of the State of Texas (1902–1912)

"In 1887 the State government established an Institution two and one-half miles northwest of the city of Austin ... for the purpose of educating young, deaf, dumb and blind children of color between the ages of 7 and 21 years. The buildings are large, handsome, and well ventilated, warmed by steam, lighted by electricity, and well furnished. The Superintendent has surrounded himself with a corps of faithful teachers. Outside of the school studies the blind are taught vocal and instrumental music and crochet work. In a short time we expect to teach the blind boys broom making, mattress making, and bottoming chairs. The deaf mute girls are taught general house work, sewing and crochet work. The deaf mute boys are taught shoe making."—excerpt from p. 13–14 of 1888/89 issue. Published in Austin, Texas. ATLA no.: 2005-S078 through 2005-S082, 5 reels (1888/89–1912).

Christianity and the Encounter with World Religions, 1850–1950

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Les missions de Chine et du Japon (1916–1933)

Les missions de Chine (1933/1934–1938/1939)

Catholic Church mission to China and Japan; Vincentians. “Procureur de la Mission de Pékin: J.-M. Planchet.” Published in Peking. Text in French with some Chinese. ATLA no.: 2005C-S014 through 2005C-S015, 4 reels (1916–1938/1939).

Buddhist India

Buddhism in India. Official organ of All-India Conference and Buddhist India Society. Published in Calcutta. ATLA no.: 2005C-S019, 1 reel (1927–1935). *Note: reel includes 2005C-S020.*

Buddhist world

Buddhism in India. Official organ of Maha Sangha Raja Sabha of the United Buddhist World and the United Buddha Society. Published in Bangalore City. ATLA no.: 2005C-S020, 1 reel (contains on issue: 1933). *Note: reel includes 2005C-S019.*

Augustana Synod Mission. Conference:

Proceedings of the Annual Conference of the Augustana Synod Mission (1922)

Minutes of the ... Annual Conference of the Augustana Synod Mission (1925–1948)

Minutes of the Augustana Synod Mission Conference in China (Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church). Some issues also contain minutes of the Summer and Emergency Conferences. Published in China. ATLA no.: 2005C-S023 through 2005C-S024, 2 reels (1922–1948).

Het missiewerk

Dutch mission, Catholic Church. Has subtitle: “Tijdschrift voor missiekennis en missieactie.” “Ons missietijdschrift wil alles geven wat dienen kan om die missiesympathie te verhoogen en in breede kringen grondige missiekennis te vestigen. Het vil op missieactieggebied de meest practische propaganda middelen an de hand doen, wetenschappelijke missieartikelen geven, enz.”—excerpt from p. 5 of July 1919 issue. Organ of: Priester-Missiebond; published later by Nederlandse Missieraad. Printed in ‘s-Hertogenbosch. Text in Dutch. ATLA no.: 2005C-S027, 9 reels (1919–1971).

China sheet (1945)

China relief sheet (1946)

China relief notes (1946–1948)

Mennonite relief work in China. “This sheet hopes to report the activities of Mennonite relief workers in China, as well as other matters pertaining to relief in general and conditions and happenings that are of interest to OCH (Old China Hand) FRIENDS and MCC colleagues.”—excerpt from p. 3 of *China sheet*. Published in Akron, Pa., by the Mennonite Central Committee. ATLA no.: 2005C-S029/30 through 2005C-S031, 2 reels (1945–1948).

Philippine relief notes

Mennonite relief work in the Philippines. “The Philippine relief notes are written monthly by the group of workers sent to the Philippines by the Mennonite Central Committee.” Published in Akron, Pa. ATLA no.: 2005C-S032, 1 reel (1946–1950).

Die Brockensammlung

Buddhism. “Zeitschrift für angewandten Buddhismus.” Published in Berlin. Text in German. ATLA no.: 2005C-S033, 1 reel (1924–1938).

Presbyterian Mission Hospital (Miraj, India):

Annual report of the Presbyterian Mission Hospital, Miraj

Medical Mission in Miraj, India. “In connection with the Western India Mission of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.” Includes reports for Presbyterian Mission Hospital, Medical School, Leper Asylum, and, after 1930, Wanless Tuberculosis Sanatorium. Published

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in Mysore. ATLA no.: 2005C-S034, 1 reel (1913/1914–1931).

Far East (Galway, Ireland)

Catholic mission to China. “A magazine devoted to the organization of an Irish national mission to China.” Published by Maynooth Mission to China. Printed at Dublin, Ireland. ATLA no.: 2005C-S035, 3 reels (1918–1943).

Methodist Episcopal Church. Congo Mission: Minutes of the ... meeting (1915)

Methodist Episcopal Church. Congo Mission Conference:

Journal of the ... session of the Congo Mission Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church (1917–1938)

Journal of the ... session of the Congo Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the ... session of the Congo Mission Conference of the Methodist Church (1939)

Minutes of the session of the Congo Mission, Methodist Episcopal Church. Published in the Congo. ATLA no.: 2005C-S036 through 2005C-S038, 3 reels (1915–1939).

Indian notes (Poona, India)

Mission to India. “Especially from the field of the American Presbyterian Mission in Western India.” Printed at Poona and Bombay. ATLA no.: 2005C-S039, 1 reel (1893–1898).

Without the camp

Mission to leprosy patients. “Magazine of the American Mission to Lepers.” Published in New York. ATLA no.: 2005C-S040, 1 reel (1939–1941).

Without the camp : the quarterly magazine of the Mission to Lepers in India and the East

Mission to leprosy patients. Published by Mission to Lepers in India and the East, <1910>–Jan. 1914; Mission to Lepers, Apr. 1914–1938. Published in London. ATLA no.: 2005C-S041, 2 reels (1910–1938).

Our work (St. Louis, Mo.)

“Covering missionary activities at home and abroad of the Evangelical Synod of North America.” Published in St. Louis. ATLA no.: 2005C-S042, 1 reel (1931–1942).

Hebrew messenger (Philadelphia, Pa.)

Mission to Jews, Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. “An illustrated quarterly devoted to missionary work among the Jews.” Published in Philadelphia by the Mission of the Covenant to Israel; edited by J.C. McFeeters. ATLA no.: 2005C-S044, 1 reel (1901–1908).

Reality (New York, N.Y.)

“A Bahai magazine.” Published in New York City. ATLA no.: 2005C-S045, 4 reels (1919–1929).

Danske kvinders missionsfond:

Aarskrift for Danske kvinders missionsfond

Yearbook of the Danish Women’s Mission Society of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Published in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Text in Danish. ATLA no.: 2005C-S046, 1 reel (1919–1936).

Katholieke Missie in Nederlands Oost-Indië:

Jaarboek (1932–1937)

Katholieke Missie in Nederlands Indië:

Jaarboek (1938–1941)

Dutch Catholic mission to Indonesia. “De Katholieke kerk van Nederlandsch Oost-Indië is verdeeld in de volgende zelfstandige kerkelijke gebieden: Op Java [Batavia, Malang, Soerabaia, Poerwokerto, Bandoeng]; in de gewesten buiten Java [Nederlandsch Nieuw-guinee, Nederlandsch Borneo, Kleine Soenda-eilanden, Padang, Celebes, Banka, Billiton en den Riouw-Archipel, Benkoelen]”—from p. 6 of 1932 issue. Published in Batavia by the Centraal Missie Bureau. Text in Dutch. ATLA no.: 2005C-S047 through 2005C-S048, 2 reels (1932–1941).

Overseas (New York, N.Y.)

Baptist foreign missions. “The first part [of *Overseas*] presents an unusual collection of extracts from missionary correspondence arranged under appropriate headings for ready reference and for use in programs and addresses. The second part gives information of a general character regarding the two societies, their history, organization, development and progress, descriptions of the mission stations with missionary personnel at each and other information of general interest ... In general, *Overseas* is an illustrated survey of foreign mission enterprise of Northern Baptists. While it is intended

primarily to be used as a convenient supplementary text-book in mission study, it will also be found available for missionary reference and for general reading.”—from p. 3 of 1929–1930 issue. Published in New York by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and Woman’s American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. **ATLA no.: 2005C-S049**, 1 reel (1929/30–1931/32).

Chinese-American bulletin

“*T’ien hsia i chia [All under heaven one family].*”

This saying of Confucius needs application more in the world today than ever before. Only when all the nations of the earth realize and practice this principle will peace, justice and true liberty abound. This saying has been selected as the title for our bulletin because it emphasizes one of the two fundamental principles of Catholicism. Time and again, Jesus—the founder of the Catholic Church—insisted that love of our fellow man was a cardinal principal of His teaching. Even when He was crucified, he forgave His persecutors and prayed for them. Consequently, Chinese philosophy and the Catholic religion have in common, among other things, this great truth: all men are brothers, and hence should live in love, understanding, tolerance, peace and mutual helpfulness. The purpose of this Bulletin is to assist in bringing this about especially between China and America.”—from p. [2] of 1942 issue. Published in Maryknoll, N.Y., by the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America. **ATLA no.: 2005C-S050**, 1 reel (1942–1946).

Letter links (1924–1936)

India letter links (1937–1959)

Mission of the Free Methodist Church in India. “... we have started this unpretentious little sheet, called ‘Letter Links’ which we hope to print occasionally for the express purpose of bringing us more in touch with the home friends, letting you know how we are progressing in this far away land of our beloved India.”—Ethel E. Ward, from p. 2 of 1924 issue. Published in Lucknow. **ATLA no.: 2005C-S051** through **2005C-S052**, 2 reels (1924–1959).



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Biblical commentary on St. Paul’s Epistles to the Philippians, to Titus, and the First to Timothy / in continuation of the work of Olshausen ; by August Wiesinger ; translated from the German by John Fulton. Published in Edinburgh, 1851. **ATLA no.: B00726**.

Pulpit prayers / by eminent preachers. Published in New York, 1884. **ATLA no.: B00728**.

A memoir of Greville Ewing, Minister of the Gospel, Glasgow / by his daughter, Jessy J. Matheson. Congregationalist in Scotland. Published in London, 1847. **ATLA no.: B00729**.

Memoir of Daniel Chamier, minister of the Reformed Church : with notices of his descendants / by William Courthope. Published in London, 1852. **ATLA no.: B00730**.

Die Liturgien der Orthodox-Katholischen Kirche des Morgenlandes unter Berücksichtigung des bischöflichen Ritus : nebst einer vergleichenden Betrachtung der hauptsächlichsten übrigen Liturgien des Orients und Occidents / by Alexios Maltsev. Liturgy of the Orthodox Eastern Church. Published in Berlin, 1894. Text in German with some Latin and Greek. **ATLA no.: B00731**.

A key to the Pentateuch explanatory of the text and the grammatical forms / by Solomon Deutsch ; Part 1, Genesis. Published in New York, 1871. **ATLA no.: B00732**.

Pulpit in relations to social life, or, Christus consolator / by Alexander MacLeod, D.D. Preaching. Published in New York, 1870. **ATLA no.: B00733**.

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Micah, a new translation : with notes for English readers and Hebrew students / by John Sharpe. Published in Cambridge, 1876. ATLA no.: B00734.

Der Briefwechsel des Mutianus Rufus / gesammelt und bearbeitet von Carl Krause. Correspondence of Conradus Mutianus Rufus. Published in Kassel, 1885. Text in German. ATLA no.: B00735.

Recherches homilétiques, ou, Quelques idées sur la predication : avec de nombreuses citations a l'appui / par Alfred Vincent. Preaching. Published in Paris, 1858. Text in French. ATLA no.: B00736.

Das Verhältniss der dogmatischen Theologie zu den antireligiösen Richtungen der gegenwärtigen Zeit / eine dogmatische Vorlesung von Julius Müller. Theology, Doctrinal. Published in Breslau, 1843. Text in German. ATLA no.: B00737.

Grundlegung der Homiletik : in einigen Vorlesungen über den wahren Charakter einese protestantischen Geistlichen / von Philipp Marheinecke. Preaching. Published in Hamburg, 1811. Text in German. ATLA no.: B00738.

Book of Psalms : exegetically and practically considered / by David Thomas. Published in London. ATLA no.: B00739, 1 reel (v. 1–3, 1882–1884).

Geschichte des Bisthums Bamberg / by Johann Looshorn. Catholic Church, Diocese of Bamberg (Germany). Contains: Bd. 1 Die Gründung und das erste Jahrhundert des Bisthums Bamberg, oder Die Heiligen Kaiser Heinrich und Kunigunda—Bd. 2. Das Bisthum Bamberg von 1102–1303—Bd. 3. 1303–1399—Bd. 4. 1400–1556—Bd. 5. 1556–1622—Bd. 6. 1623–1729—Bd. 7. 1729–1808. Published in Munich. Text in German. ATLA no.: B00740, 4 reels (1886–1910).

Bible. N.T. Gospels. Greek. Codex 2304 (Gregory) 1200.

Tetraeuaggélion

Thirteenth-century paper manuscript of the four Gospels. Gruber MS 50 (Greg. 2304). “Tò

paròn biblíon huparchei Neophutou hieromonáchou ek Ma[l]rous Aitolias, ek póleos Nau[pet?] kai archimandrítou / Neóphutos, pn(eumati)kos kai archimandrítes Nau[pet]” translates to: “This book formerly belonged to Neophutos, temple monk from Malrous Ait•lia, from the city of Naupet, and chief abbot. Neophutos, man of the spirit and chief of the abbot of Naupet.” 235 p. Text in Greek. ATLA no.: B00743.

Codex Sinaiticus (Biblical manuscript):

A full collation of the Codex Sinaiticus with the received text of the New Testament : to which is prefixed a critical introduction / by Frederick H. Scrivener. Published in Cambridge, 1864. ATLA no.: B00744.

Christian hymns, or, A collection of spiritual songs

Christian hymn book. “The Christian Hymn Book is a second time presented to the public, considerably enlarged, and improved.” Published in Nashville, Tenn., 1813(?). ATLA no.: B00745.

Hallelujahs from Portsmouth, or, A report of Portsmouth campmeeting held at Portsmouth, R.I., July 31 to August 17, 1896

Campmeeting. Published in Springfield, Mass., by Portsmouth Campmeeting Association; editor: William D. Woodward. ATLA no.: B00747.



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Catholic standard and times. ATLA no.: S0268. Reel no. 154–155: v. 109–110, no. 1–22/23 (2004).



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Beauty and power of holiness in heart and life

Holiness periodical. Published in New York by Mr. and Mrs. French. ATLA no.: S1064, 1 reel (Jan.–Nov. 1863).

Primitive Christian (Meyersdale, Pa.)

German Baptist Brethren periodical. Published in Meyersdale, Pa. ATLA no.: S1068, 1 reel (1876).

Primitive Christian (Huntingdon, Pa. : 1880)

German Baptist Brethren periodical. Published in Huntingdon, Pa. ATLA no. S1070, 2 reels (1880–1883).



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Ralph D. Hult papers, 1914–1952

Ralph Daniel Hult was born July 9, 1888, in Kearney, Nebraska. He first thought of becoming a missionary as an eighteen-year-old student at Luther College. He was so affected by what he heard about the need for missionaries in the Sudan region that his primary goal in life became to pursue mission work there. On June 14, 1917, the Synod voted to establish a mission in the Sudan and authorized the Board of Missions to call Ralph D. Hult as its missionary. He left on November 13, 1919, arrived at the port of Forcados in the Niger Delta on January 3, 1920, and then began the journey inland to the town of Ibi, but was informed that all areas of the Northern Nigeria region of the Sudan were closed to Christian missions. All hope for an Augustana Synod mission in the Sudan was lost March 26, 1922, when Pastor Hult received a telegram from Dr. Gustaf A. Brandelle, president of the Augustana Synod, telling him to go to Tanganyika to work in an orphaned mission field. Pastor and Mrs. Hult arrived in Moshi, Tanganyika, on December 10, 1922, and worked there until 1926 when they went on furlough. Pastor Hult stated that he would not return to Tanganyika until he received a definite answer from the board on whether or not the Synod wanted to establish a mission station in the Sudan. At the 1929 synodical meeting, it was reported by the Board of Foreign Missions that the decision had been made to focus efforts solely in Tanganyika in the Iramba field, and to discontinue the service of Pastor Hult. He spent the next twelve years working in home mission fields through the Synod's Iowa Conference. When World War II broke out, Augustana once again assumed responsibility for the Leipzig, Bethel, and Berlin missions. Pastor Hult was asked if he would work in Tanganyika. He left March 20, 1941, on board the S.S. Zamzam. On April 17, 1941, the Zamzam was shelled by a German raider and subsequently sunk. By June 30, 1941, Pastor Hult was back in the United States. He was able to leave again for Africa in June 1942 and arrived in August 1942. After arriving in Tanganyika, Pastor Hult worked tirelessly for several months but became seriously ill with malaria, and heart failure complications soon followed. He died on March 18, 1943, and was buried in Dar-es-Salaam the same day. This collection of personal papers of the Rev. Ralph D. Hult consists of correspondence, essays and reports, diary excerpts,

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and photographs from 1914–1952. The bulk of the material is from 1917–1928. The collection comprises primarily personal correspondence of Pastor Hult. The other items in this collection are a variety of essays, reports, and other information related either to Pastor Hult directly, as in his personal medical information and obituary information, or to mission work in the Sudan or Tanganyika territory. There are also 32 photographs in this collection. ATLA no.: XA0107R, 1 reel.

General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America. Women's Missionary Society:

Women's Missionary Society Constitutions and Bylaws

This series consists of three pamphlets pertaining to constitutions of the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council (WMS). Two pamphlets have the constitution and bylaws as adopted by the WMS at its first convention in September 1911. A third pamphlet has a constitution the WMS recommended for use by congregational, conference, and synodical societies. There appears to be no difference in text between the copy titled "Constitution and By-Laws of the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council" and the copy titled "Constitution and By-Laws, The Women's Missionary Society of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America," which was published at the Literature Headquarters, 844 Drexel Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There is no information as to where or when the other pamphlet was published. ATLA no.: XA0108R, 1 reel. *Note: reel includes XA0109R–XA0111R.*

General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America. Women's Missionary Society:

Women's Missionary Society History, 1902–1919

This series consists of publications and manuscripts pertaining to the origins of the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council (WMS). The material is from 1902 to circa 1919, but the bulk of material is from 1902 to 1911. A booklet written by the Rev. George Drach provides an overview of events leading up to the creation of the WMS. There are two copies of leaflets outlining the

plan and principles of the federation movement, the result of a 1909 meeting of synodical societies to discuss the formation of a women's missionary society for the church-at-large. There is a leaflet, reprinted from Luther League Topics, highlighting the work of various General Council women's missionary societies. A leaflet published by the WMS contains the reaction of some General Council synods to the formation of the WMS. There is a February 1911 issue of *The Foreign Missionary*, but it is not apparent if it is a complete issue. It has at least the first eight pages, and the majority of the material is reprinted from the booklet written by Rev. Drach mentioned earlier in this description. The issue of *The Foreign Missionary* is the only record in this series with a definitive publication date. In addition to the published material, there are four brief, typewritten manuscripts. Two appear to be of the same manuscript, titled "Some Backward Glances to the Beginnings of the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council." One of these copies is incomplete. The other manuscripts pertain to home mission activities and the *Lutheran Mission Worker*, the official publication of the WMS. ATLA no.: XA0109R, 1 reel. *Note: reel includes XA0108R and XA0110R–XA0111R.*

General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America. Women's Missionary Society:

Women's Missionary Society Records, 1913–1918

This series consists of records pertaining to the annual meetings and biennial conventions of the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council (WMS). The records cover the time period of 1913 through 1918. They consist of handwritten and typewritten reports and correspondence, in addition to printed booklets from biennial conventions. The majority of the records are annual or biennial reports given at WMS conventions and WMS Executive Committee meetings. There are reports from WMS officers and standing committees along with reports from the women's missionary societies of General Council synods. These records would be valuable used with GC 14/3/1 Convention Minutes and GC 14/3/2 Executive Committee Minutes. In many cases they are the only source for the reports cited in meeting minutes, or they give greater detail than the brief summaries included in official meeting

minutes. Some of the reports appear to have dates penciled in some time after the report was generated. Anyone examining this series should keep that in mind that those dates may not be accurate. There are also typewritten copies of adopted resolutions available for some convention years. The correspondence in the series generally pertains to authorizations for payments, notices of committee meetings, scheduling information for upcoming WMS meetings, and invitations to attend other missions-related meetings. In addition to the reports and correspondence, there is also material pertaining to the programs, schedules of events, and orders for service and hymns from some of the WMS biennial conventions. **ATLA no.: XA0110R**, 1 reel. *Note: reel includes XA0108R–XA0109R and XA0111R.*

General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America. Women's Missionary Society:

Women's Missionary Society Pamphlets, 1894–1918

This series contains pamphlets and other literature pertaining to mission work and women's missionary societies. There are pamphlets that predate the beginning of the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council (WMS). These were published and distributed by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States. Of these, some have writing at the top of the first page denoting a specific conference or a publication date or both. Other pamphlets in this series are published either by the WMS or the Cooperative Literature Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of the Lutheran Church. There are some pamphlets with no indication of where or when they were published. Many of the pamphlets are not dated. The majority of the items in this series pertain to foreign and inner mission work of the General Council. There are pamphlets highlighting work in India, Japan, home missions, and junior work. Some of these are recollections written by missionaries. In addition to the literature about specific mission work, there is information about systematic mission study, deaconess work, rules of order for women's missionary societies, prayer series, missionary program calendars, subscription renewals for Lutheran Mission Worker, and suggestions for monthly society meetings. In addition there are two items that are not literature. There are two styles of

small stickers, one pertaining to the Literature Department of the WMS and the other for the "United Subscription Campaign," 1913. There is also what is described as a celluloid lapel pin with a red cross on a white background. **ATLA no.: XA0111R**, 1 reel. *Note: reel includes XA0108R–XA0110R.*

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa and Other States. Board of Foreign Missions:

Publications, 1891–1936

The records consist of pamphlets, booklets, and newsletters relating to New Guinea that were published prior to the formation of the American Lutheran Church. Some were published during the time that the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa and Other States (Iowa Synod) was actively involved in the direction of the work. Others were published prior to that time by the Neuendettelsau or Rhenish Mission Societies. Although the Iowa Synod did not accept direction of the field until 1921, it maintained an interest and sometimes a financial share in the New Guinea work of the two German societies. Most of the publications are in German. Some of the publications are arranged by author, when known, or by title. The container list is a virtual item listing of the publications and organized into subseries by the names of authors or titles. A large number of writings by Johannes Flierl, the founder of the Finschhafen Mission, are included. A second grouping of publications are a series of booklets arranged by date and number. These include a series, "New Guinea for Christ," published by the Mission Auxiliary at the request of the Board of Foreign Missions. Again, multiple issues or titles are listed for each folder. **ATLA no.: XA0112R**, 2 reels.

Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod of North America. China Mission Society:

China Mission Society Records, 1901–1919

This series contains records of the China Mission Society (CMS). They are handwritten and typewritten minutes, reports, and receipts from 1901–1919. The majority of the records are minutes from the general meetings of the society and meetings of the CMS board. There is a handwritten, bound notebook, with minutes from 1901–1919. These are written in Swedish. It has general society meeting minutes as well as board meeting minutes. The second bound volume is an English translation

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of the handwritten notebook. Other records in the series include handwritten receipts from the Minnesota State Tidings Publishing Company for wrapping and mailing issues of *Luthersk Tidskrift* for Hednamission och Diakoni; these date from 1907 to 1908. Also included in this series are printed copies of the CMS constitution from 1902. There are handwritten treasurer reports and notes of items used in minutes. These are the originals that were used in the handwritten and printed minutes found in both bound volumes. All handwritten reports and minutes are in Swedish. **ATLA no.: XA0113R**, 1 reel. *Note: reel includes XA0114R.*

Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod of North America. Board of Foreign Missions:

Board of Foreign Missions Records, 1908–1923

This series contains records from the China Mission Board (CMB) from 1908–1923. They comprise handwritten and typewritten minutes, correspondence, financial records, corporation documents, and other reports chronicling the work and evolution of the CMB. Meeting minutes comprise the majority of the records in this series. There are three versions of CMB minutes found in this series. One notebook contains handwritten minutes from 1908–1923. A second notebook contains handwritten minutes from the same meetings recorded in the first notebook, but only from 1908–1918. Both sets of these minutes are written in Swedish until 1919. A second version of minutes is an English translation of the minutes contained in the 1908–1923 notebook. They are typewritten on looseleaf paper. A third version consists of handwritten rough drafts of minutes. They do not include every meeting. Other records include a financial notebook with handwritten entries of income and expenses for the CMB from 1908–1912, several pieces of correspondence pertaining to famine relief in China and updates on CMB field work, and two records relating to the corporation status of the CMB and its eventual dissolution and absorption into the Board of Foreign Missions. There is also an undated copy of proposed rules and regulations for missionaries, but it is unclear if this was a CMB document. There is also a publication from the Lutheran Free Church pertaining to a China report from their mission organization. **ATLA no.: XA0114R**, 1 reel. *Note: reel includes XA0113R.*

Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States. Women's Missionary Conference: Historical Records 1927, [1929]

This series contains two items related to the history of the Women's Missionary Conference (WMC) of the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States (JSO). The records are printed material from 1927 and approximately 1929. There is one copy of what is titled "handbook" but is really a pamphlet containing organizational information pertaining to the WMC. It contains basic information about the organization and its work. The other items in the series are two copies of a publication written by WMC president Wilhemina Young Kuhlman. It is titled "A Brief History of the Women's Missionary Conference." This publication outlines the beginning of the conference and details organizational highlights from each WMC general convention. It lists officers elected, committees formed, projects undertaken, and highlights of accomplishments from 1913 to 1929. One copy is marked with editorial notations and revisions. Files are arranged chronologically. **ATLA no.: XA0115R**, 1 reel. *Note: reel includes XA0116R.*

Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States. Women's Missionary Conference:

Minutes and Reports 1913–1931

Conference (WMC) of the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States (JSO) from 1913 to 1931 and reports presented at WMC conventions in 1928 and 1930. The minutes record the first meetings of the conference, when it was meeting annually, biennial conference meetings, and meetings of the Executive Board and Executive Committee. Of particular interest are the minutes from the very first meetings of the WMC. The first meeting occurred in 1913, and the second meeting, in 1914, involved the creation of a formal organization. The minutes record the number of delegates present, election results, matters discussed, reports presented by the various standing committees, treasury reports, resolutions passed, and, in the first several meetings, brief synopses of papers presented and talks given. The minutes were kept in a notebook, but for preservation purposes the notebook covers were removed. Other material in this series includes two reports given at the 1928 and 1930 conventions of the WMC. These convention reports include summary reports for the

biennium from the president, financial secretary, the departments of work, and statistics on conference membership and contributions. These reports are the only ones available in this series. Copies of similar WMC reports are located in JSO 0/1 Convention Proceedings and Minutes, Joint Synod of Ohio and its Districts, 1812–1930. **ATLA no.:** XA0116R, 1 reel. *Note: reel includes XA0115R.*

**Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church.
Board of Foreign Missions:**

**Lutheran Theological Seminary, Annual
Reports and Minutes, 1913–1948**

The Lutheran Theological Seminary (LTS, originally called the Central China Union Lutheran Theological Seminary) was founded in China in 1913. It was a cooperative effort initiated in 1908 by the American Lutheran Mission (United Norwegian Lutheran Church in America), Hauge's Synod (Hauge's Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Synod in America), the Finland Missionary Society, and the Norwegian Missionary Society. The American Lutheran Mission and Hauge's Synod later became the Lutheran United Mission when their parent bodies united as the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America in 1917. Although the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church participated in some of the planning, it did not become an official cooperating body until 1920. The LTS was established in Shekow, although it was forced to evacuate those premises several times over its long history. It was led by presidents O.R. Wold from 1913 to 1928, Sten Bugge from 1929 to 1933, and Gustav Carlberg from 1934 to 1948. In December of 1948 the seminary and staff were evacuated from China, moving to Tao Fong Shan in Shatin, Hong Kong. Hong Kong records for the Lutheran Theological Seminary can be found in the series LCA 16/3/1/5. The series consists of annual printed reports of the seminary. The report for 1913 focuses on the history and dedication of the LTS. The remainder of the reports contain lists of students and faculty, financial statements, a summary of the year written by the president, and member lists and minutes of the Board of Directors. **ATLA no.:** XA0117R, 1 reel.



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Staff News

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From the Executive Director

Last April we learned that our headquarters' building (250 South Wacker Drive) had been sold. At that time we were relieved because the previous owners had gone through foreclosure the year before and the building had been for sale for more than a year.

The new owners said they planned to invest \$14,000,000 in the building and then to "condo-ize" it. They said they will put a new skin over the bricks, all new windows, new elevators, new HVAC systems, etc. They planned to evacuate the Chinese restaurant and to replace it with a retail store, to move the entrance to the north door and to make the building much more secure, to add sprinklers and life safety systems to every floor.

They also wanted to sell tenants' space to them when the work was completed. They said they would honor existing leases, but would not renew them since they wanted the space sold. ATLA's lease, signed in September 2000, is scheduled to expire in August 2012.

At the annual conference I discussed the situation with the ATLA Board of Directors to solicit their advice and counsel. We all agreed that we could not, at this time, make a commitment to purchase our space.

In July, following our annual conference, the new owners informed us that their plans included adding three floors to the top of the building, and they warned us that it could prove impossible for us to conduct our business while that work was going on. That information made it clear to us that we could not stay in place during the upcoming rehabilitation of our building and that it would be in our best interests to move our headquarters. This

was a difficult decision, and certainly not one that we would ever have initiated on our own.

We have loved everything about our current headquarters—location, layout, working atmosphere—except for the uncertainty of ownership. So it was with great reluctance that we began looking at other options. Since we had reached the decision to locate in downtown Chicago during our search in 2000, and since that decision has proven to be very good for the Association, we looked only at sites in Chicago's loop area.

When we began exploring the possibilities in July, we learned that the timing was good—there was a bit of a surplus of office space downtown, and the rates and benefits were very much in our favor.

We assembled our very successful team of realtor and architect from our 2000 move and began to look. Beginning with a list of 75 possibilities, we actually looked at 15, narrowed the list to 3 finalists, and in mid-September chose 300 South Wacker as our new headquarters.

The 300 South Wacker building is directly south of our current building (across Jackson). It is a newer and better-equipped building. (Our current building was built in 1957 and has serious infrastructure issues with HVAC, elevators, and fire and safety systems. The 300 South Wacker building is a well-maintained, highly functional building that will better serve us in the future.)

ATLA will occupy the entire 21st floor of 300 South Wacker, about 15,500 square feet. We will have to do some consolidation since we currently occupy 18,000 square feet on two floors of 250 South Wacker.

Location: 300 South Wacker
Built: 1971
Designed by: A. Epstein and Sons
Type: Skyscraper
Stories: 36
Maximum height: 445 feet/136 meters



We made two decisions that will enable us to better fit the new space:

1. We will not duplicate the large interactive conference room with 30 work stations. We have had very infrequent use of the facility, and it occupies more than 1,000 square feet, costing us approximately \$30,000 per year in rent. Instead we will make our new main conference room a multiuse room that should accommodate 15–20 people with the interactive capabilities we currently have.
2. We will close the Microfilm Center. We make this decision with the advice of the Preservation Advisory Committee for several reasons:
 - The equipment is old and difficult to maintain. We were down for more than two months this year.
 - The On Demand program has never been self-sustaining
 - We have conducted our own microfilming program for just four years; we did fine with outsourcing microfilm operations before, and will again.
 - Kevin Stephens, our Microfilm Coordinator, has left to pursue a freelance photography career. It would be very difficult to replace him.

- The cost of moving the equipment, installing it, and paying rent on the approximately 1,000 square feet it occupies could all be saved by closing down operations at this juncture.
- It is time for us to refocus our preservation activities to include digitization.

We have concluded negotiations with the owners of 300 South Wacker and will plan to be moved by February 28, 2006. The move will not be a financial hardship for the Association since we have negotiated good terms that should, in the end, lower our annual outlay for rent.

We can complete the work in a short time because we will be able to use many of the features and rooms that are already there, including offices, kitchen, and two ranks of compact shelving. We have accepted our architect's space plan for the space subject to modification.

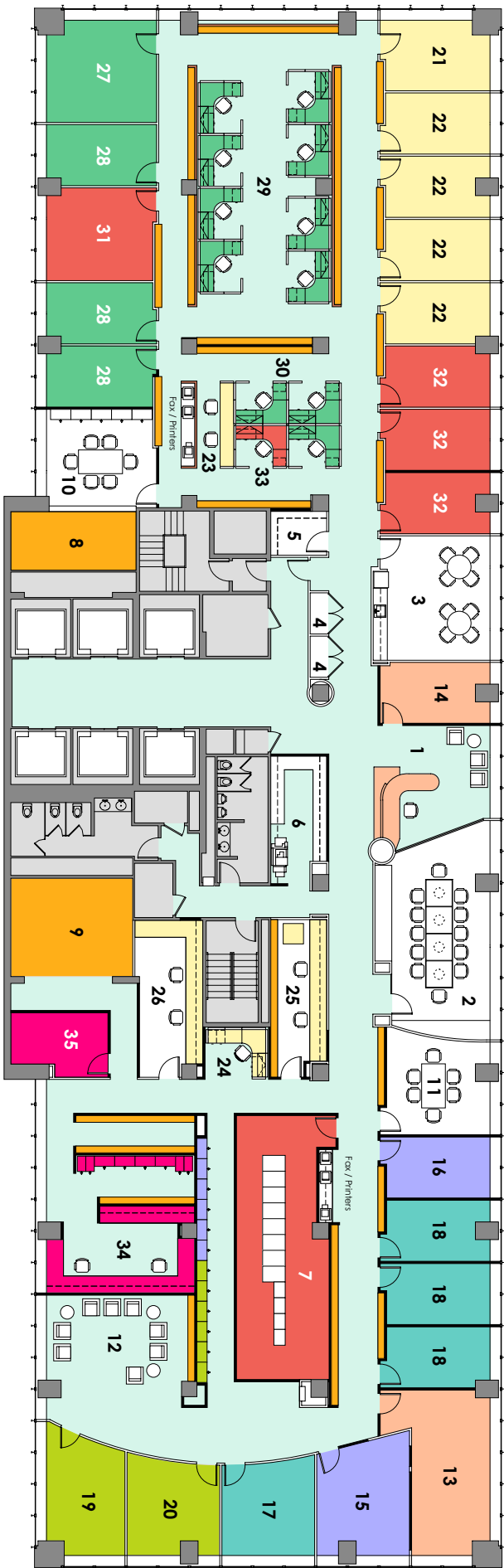
Our new headquarters will provide an outstanding work environment for employees and will still accommodate visitors, committees, and board meetings. Because the building is rectangular with all infrastructure located against the middle of the back wall, there are windows all the way around, and the atmosphere is light and airy. Because our floor is higher in the new building (21st vs. 16th), we have excellent views in all directions.

Moving headquarters is certainly a major task, and it's most assuredly one that we did not willingly pursue. We love our current location and the work environment we have created. Were we not faced with nearly impossible working conditions, we would not move. Having made the decision, however, we are upbeat and optimistic about the new possibility we have found.

One of the reasons we wanted to have the 2006 annual conference in Chicago was to provide an opportunity for members to see our "new" headquarters. Little did we know that it would really be a "NEW" headquarters! We hope you will come visit us at our new headquarters during next summer's annual conference. We are confident you will enjoy our family's new digs.

Dennis A. Norlin
ATLA Executive Director





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| 1 | Reception Room | 1.5' x 1.6' |
| 2 | Conference Room | 2.5' x 1.6' |
| 3 | Lunchroom | 1.8' x 1.6' |
| 4 | Coat Closets | 2' x 6' |
| 5 | Supply / Storage | 6' x 8' |
| 6 | Supply / Mail / Copy | 1.6' x 8' |
| 7 | Server Room | 3.9' x 1.4' |
| 8 | Compact Shelving | 9' x 1.8' |
| 9 | Compact Shelving | 1.5' x 1.8' |
| 10 | Meeting Room | 1.4' x 1.6' |
| 11 | Meeting Room | 1.4' x 1.6' |
| 12 | Reception Area | 1.5' x 2.2' |
| 13 | Director - Administration | 2.4' x 1.2' |
| 14 | Staff Office - Administration | 9' x 1.6' |
| 15 | Staff Office - Business Development | 1.5' x 1.4' |
| 16 | Future Office - Business Development | 9' x 1.6' |
| 17 | Director - Member Services | 1.8' x 1.2' |
| 18 | Staff Office - Member Services | 1.8' x 1.2' |
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| 21 | Director - EPS | 1.1' x 1.6' |
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| 26 | Scanning Area | 2.3' x 1.0' |
| 27 | Director - Index | 1.5' x 1.6' |
| 28 | Staff Office - Index | 9' x 1.6' |
| 29 | Workstations - Index | 8' x 7' |
| 30 | Assistant Workstations - Index | 8' x 7' |
| 31 | Director - IT | 1.4' x 1.6' |
| 32 | Staff Office - IT | 9' x 1.6' |
| 33 | Staff Workstation - IT | 7' x 8' |
| 34 | Preservation | 2.6' x 2.2' |
| 35 | Film Storage Room | 9' x 1.5' |

Staff Notes

New Director of Member Services Hired

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Barbara Kemmis as the new director of member services at ATLA. A graduate of Earlham College (BA) and Dominican University (MLS), Barbara comes to ATLA from the Donors Forum of Chicago, a regional association of grant makers and nonprofit organizations. Associated with the Donors Forum since 1998, Associated with DFC since 1998, Barbara served as vice president of library services of the 1,200-member association.

Barbara's key accomplishments include:

- increasing participation in the Forum Partners program from 700 to more than 1,200 Partners over six years, maintaining an annual retention rate exceeding 80 percent
- developing and implementing a professional development training curriculum for nonprofit professionals on fundraising, board governance, and other management topics
- creating an organization-wide evaluation plan to measure the impact of trainings, effectiveness of partnerships, and member satisfaction

Prior to her position at the Donors Forum of Chicago, Barbara spent four years as annual campaign and planned giving associate at the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Chicago.

Recipient of the North Suburban Library System *Library Advocate of the Year Award* in 2001, Barbara is a board development chair of the Crossroads Fund in Chicago and a member of the Stewardship and Endowment Committee of Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Chicago. Barbara was recently appointed to the Axelson Center for Nonprofit Management Advisory Board of North Park University in Chicago.

ATLA is very pleased to welcome Barbara to her new position. She began work at ATLA on September 12.



Gregg Taylor Becomes Database Manager

The Department of Indexes is happy to announce that Indexer-Analyst Gregg Taylor has filled the vacancy created when Heidi Arnold left ATLA last year. As Database Manager for Acquisitions and Bibliographic Control, Gregg will manage the acquisition and receipts of the serials we index, oversee the journal evaluation process, and train staff in the use of MARC 21 coding and tagging. Before beginning this new position on September 6, Gregg had worked with the Acquisitions Team (Erica Treesh, Tim Elston, and Eric Knapp) this past year to continue a smooth operation in supplying the indexers with material. During this time he learned a great deal about the behind-the-scenes operations and infrastructure necessary to run the department.



Kevin Stephens Resigns as Microfilm Coordinator

Microfilm Coordinator Kevin Stephens' last day at ATLA was September 16. Kevin had been with ATLA since March 2002 and had coordinated the microfilming of hundreds of religious monographs, serials, and archival collections. The Preservation Department is grateful for the fine work Kevin accomplished during his employment at ATLA. Kevin is moving to New Jersey to be closer to family and intends to pursue freelance photography work.



Kristen Terbrack Promoted to Senior Product Support Analyst

The Department of Electronic Products and Services is pleased to announce that Kristen Terbrack was promoted to the position of Senior Product Support Analyst on September 1. Kristi worked for more than four years as ATLA's Product Support Analyst. During that time she tested numerous ATLA products to ensure their quality and fielded many complex technical support queries. As Senior Product Support Analyst, Kristi will coordinate and train the support team, oversee quality assurance testing of ATLA electronic products, and direct the team in researching support issues and responding to technical support queries.



Farewell from the Editor

By the time of this *Newsletter's* publication, I will no longer be an ATLA employee and will be pursuing freelance editing.

It's funny how much that simple, almost weightless piece of paper with my resignation made me feel the weight of what it means to leave this organization that I love. As I have reflected on these six years of being at ATLA, two "collections" of thoughts—to use a library term—have filled the rows of compact shelving in my mind.

My first collection of thoughts is one of sadness and loss. I have made so many friends, and I know that I won't have the same kind of contact with them after I leave. I'll miss the e-mails and phone calls with members who submit articles for the *Newsletter*. I'll miss talking with committee members when they gather in Chicago. I'll miss seeing members at the conference after months of non-face-to-face e-mails. I'll miss answering questions like "So what does it mean when FrontPage says, 'Permanent, fatal error; FrontPage has terminated, and, naturally, every byte of data you hold dear has been irrevocably deleted from your computer?'"

The second collection of thoughts is one of gratitude. I came to ATLA as an indexer straight from seminary (Trinity International University). As a student, I worked at—you guessed it!—the library. But even though I worked there, I had no concept of the issues librarians face (apart from things like books mysteriously disappearing). Even more importantly, I was not there long enough to be exposed to the unique perspective librarians have on the academic world and many other things. But now I've had a lot more exposure to the library world, and it has been like taking a hot bath at the end of a wintry day in Chicago. I have a perspective that I would never have received had I not soaked in theological librarianship for a few years.

No matter where my career takes me, that treasured influence of the library world will stay with me. As for where I am going, when I have thought about this the word "chasing" has come to mind. I will be chasing words as a freelance editor. My wife will be going back to work part-time, so I will be spending more time chasing my two "little" boys. And I hope soon to be chasing after a PhD in linguistics. But then again, who knows where my

chasing will lead me? I certainly never imagined myself in the chair I am sitting in now.

When the word "chasing" came to mind, I couldn't help but also think of Solomon, who compared work to the meaninglessness of "chasing the wind." Unlike many people, perhaps, I have spent a lot of time in my job doing things I *do* find meaningful—working with people, with words, with ideas. And now, even though I am staying in Chicago, I'll be off chasing words along a different road. With my experience at ATLA and the adventures I face ahead, I can say that I have been chasing something that is ethereal like the wind but much more meaningful—my dreams.

I wish all of you the best, and who knows, maybe I'll come pounding on your door when you least expect it.

Warmly,

Jonathan West
Editor of Member Publications



Calendar

October

- 13–14 Professional Development Committee, Chicago
- 20–21 2006 conference planning meeting, Chicago
- 24–25 International Collaboration Committee, Chicago

November

- 19–22 AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, Philadelphia; staff attending: Dennis Norlin, Barbara Kemmis, Tim Smith, Margot Lyon, and Lavonne Jahnke
- 19 Member reception 5:00–7:00 p.m. in ATLA suite at AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, Philadelphia
- 24–25 Thanksgiving Holiday, ATLA office closed

December

- 16 ATLA holiday party, office closed in afternoon
- 23–26 Christmas holiday, ATLA office closed

January

- 2 New Year holiday, ATLA office closed
- 12 Board on-site inspection
- 13–14 Board midwinter meeting
- 15 Bibliography Grant application deadline

February

- 15 Board election ballots mailed to members

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