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President's Message

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Your ATLA Board will bring to you at the June annual conference a proposed revision of the bylaws regarding membership. So that you have an opportunity to consider this proposal prior to the conference, let me outline the proposed changes and the reasoning behind the Board's recommendation for these amendments.

No changes are suggested for individual membership, student membership, or honorary membership. All modifications center around the requirements for institutional membership.

Current Institutional Membership Requirements

The current requirements for institutional membership read as follows:

1.2 Institutional Members. Libraries of institutions which meet one of the following criteria shall be eligible to apply for institutional membership in the association:

- a. Institutions holding membership in the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada;
- b. Accredited institutions engaged in theological education or religious studies primarily beyond the undergraduate level;
- c. Accredited universities with religious studies programs which also have a librarian or subject bibliographer in the area of religion;
- d. Organizations maintaining collections primarily of theological, religious, or ecclesiastical research material.

Institutional members are entitled to attend meetings of the association, to vote in association voting matters, to participate in association programs, and to receive those publications of the association that are distributed to the membership. An institutional member may send one (1) official delegate to meetings of the association to represent its interests in the affairs of the association and to cast its vote in association voting matters, and may send other repre-

sentatives as desired. An institutional member shall designate its official delegate in writing to the association as needed.

Proposed Changes and New Affiliate Membership

The proposed revision to "Article 1. Membership" in the bylaws would add a fifth class of membership called "affiliate membership" to the other four types of membership (institutional, individual, student, and honorary) that currently exist. As a result, section 1.2 for Institutional Membership would also be amended. Below are the suggested revisions to the criteria for institutional membership and the new member status of affiliate. All new wording has been underlined in the text below in order to aid you in identifying amended portions.

1.2 Institutional Members. Libraries of institutions that wish to support the mission and purposes of the Association shall be eligible to apply for institutional membership if they meet one of the following criteria:

- a. Institutions holding accredited membership in the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada;
- b. Institutions accredited regionally* that are engaged in theological education or religious studies primarily beyond the undergraduate level;
- c. Regionally accredited* universities with graduate religious studies programs that also have a librarian or subject bibliographer in the area of religion;
- d. Non-degree granting organizations maintaining collections primarily of theological, religious, or ecclesiastical research material.

Applications for Institutional Membership from institutions which do not fit into one of these four categories may be referred to the Board of Directors, which may approve membership status in cases where these criteria are judged by the Board to not be applicable.

[The paragraph outlining Institutional Member's privileges found at the conclusion of

the original section 1.2 above would follow here.]

* Regional Accreditation agencies referred to in b and c are: Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA); New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (NEASC-CIHE); North Central Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS); Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities (WASC-Sr.)

1.6 Affiliate Members. Organizations that do not qualify for regular institutional association membership, but are supportive of theological librarianship and the purposes and work of the association, shall be eligible to apply for affiliate membership in the association. Affiliate members are eligible for a number of benefits and product discounts available to institutional members, but do not participate in the Library Materials Exchange program, receive the Theology Cataloging Bulletin, or the Annual Proceedings. Affiliate members are not eligible to appoint institutional representatives to the annual conference, and are not entitled to vote. Dues for affiliate membership will be equal to the lowest established amount for full institutional members.

Why Make These Changes to the Bylaws?

In recent years ATLA has attracted applications from four types of institutions or agencies that give rise to this proposed amendment of the bylaws. The first includes institutions whose primary interest is to procure discounts on ATLA's products. The second are publishers and/or vendors whose subject interest leads them to develop a relationship with ATLA. Third are schools who seek, by their membership, to bolster their claims for accreditation, and finally, certain institutions abroad have sought membership.

In each case, the Board felt that full institutional membership was problematic; but an alternative

avenue for affiliating with ATLA was appropriate.

Institutions Seeking Discounts. The value of ATLA's products in theological research is unquestionable. Consequently, one can understand why a shrewd information specialist, whose institution needs access to reference resources in religious studies, would seek ATLA membership for his or her agency in order to cut the costs of acquiring our products. Of course, interest in less expensive products and full commitment to the mission of the association do not necessarily go together.

The proposed affiliate status would accord these institutions discounts without, at the same time, providing them voting rights to alter ATLA's multi-layered mission, only a part of which involves its products. It should also be noted here that, in the future, we may be able to recognize institutional members' allegiance to ATLA's full mission by offering deeper discounts to institutional members than those provided to affiliate members.

Publishers and/or Vendors. As ATLA has grown in members and stature, certain publishers or vendors have desired a closer relationship with us because of the subject interest that we share with them and the access that membership provides them to potential customers. The association welcomes such contact, but again the mission of the association has long focused on the work of librarians and collections in fostering religious studies and theological education.

ATLA is, in a sense, a publisher itself since it sells products in various media. But our publishing efforts are a subsidiary outgrowth of our larger mission to nurture the professional expertise of theological librarians as well as the development and use of religious collections. For this reason, it seems wise to allow for a form of membership for these friends in the field (publishers and vendors), but reserve institutional voting privileges to libraries and major collections.

Schools Seeking Accreditation. The new requirements for institutional membership clearly emphasize full accreditation with either ATS or one of the regional accrediting agencies. This became a concern of the Board when we learned of a case where a school had tried to use its institutional membership

in ATLA as part of its justification for accreditation.

ATLA has never accredited—nor do we want to begin accrediting—candidate libraries by sending teams to determine whether their school is serious about its information needs in the field of religion. In fact, we intend, with this amendment to the bylaws, to develop just the reverse in our relationship to accreditation. By requiring prior accreditation among potential institutional members, we hope to insure that the institutions admitted to this status have already illustrated to one of the accrediting agencies that they have made at least the minimum commitment to their libraries and services demanded in accreditation standards.

Representatives of ATLA have for several years consulted with ATS to develop more refined requirements for theological libraries. We intend to continue such relationships with accrediting agencies, and, by passing the suggested amendment to our institutional membership requirements, we profit from that work by their screening of the schools and organizations that we admit.

Institutions Abroad. The Board discussed at length the question of seminaries abroad because we recognized that you, the membership, are concerned with supporting our colleagues abroad, many of whom are struggling to provide adequate resources and services as well as to develop associations of their own.

In part the emergence of regional associations elsewhere in the world was a reason for the proposed amendment to the bylaws. Our association has no imperialistic aims to be the “world” theological library association. We welcome any librarian to become an individual member of ATLA, wherever he or she might serve across the globe. But we desire to cooperate, not coopt, our sister and brother libraries elsewhere on this earth.

The proposed bylaws change would welcome such institutions to affiliate with us but not to use ATLA as their prime vehicle for interlibrary support and resource sharing for theological education in their part of the world.

We plan to work with these institutions to create strong local or regional associations of mutual support like ATLA. In fact, the Board passed a motion at its mid-winter meeting that will establish a

committee for fostering closer ties and for birthing programs of cooperation with theological libraries and their emerging associations in other parts of the globe.

No one of the reasons listed above required, by itself, the amendments proposed to you here. But all together offered a compelling rationale in the Board’s view for such changes to be made.

*Changes Not Retroactive Nor
Prejudicial to Individuals*

I should emphasize, however, that no institution currently a member of ATLA would lose its membership if the proposed revision is accepted. Moreover, institutional membership is not a prerequisite for individual membership. The qualifications for the latter are quite broad. The bylaws state:

Any person who is engaged in professional library or bibliographic work in theological or religious fields, or who has an interest in the literature of religion, theological librarianship and the purposes and work of the association shall be eligible to apply for individual membership in the association.

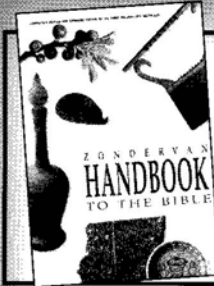
ATLA will continue to welcome, as individual members, all applicants who meet these broad and inclusive criteria. One’s geographical or institutional home will remain irrelevant to personal admission into our community of mutual support and professional development.

I look forward to enjoying that community with you again in Berkeley next June. 📖

Milton J(Joe) Coalter
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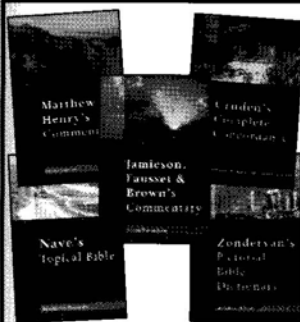
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News of ATLA Members & Member Libraries

Chad P. Abel-Kops has published his first library science article. Chad is a graduate student in library science and a cataloging technician at Catholic University in DC. If you are interested in reading the article, see "Wrestling with a Trojan Horse: Outsourcing Cataloging in Academic and Special Libraries." *Catholic Library World*. 70:3 (March 2000): 175-177. 



Eric Friede joined the staff of **Yale Divinity Library** as monographs cataloger on February 7. Eric earned his B.A. at the University of Pennsylvania in 1993, an M.A.R. from Yale in 1996, and an M.L.I.S. from the University of Texas at Austin in 1997. Eric brings with him extensive experience in technical services operations. While a student at Yale Divinity School, Eric worked as a student assistant at Sterling Memorial Library (serials support) and at the Divinity Library. While at the University of Texas, Eric worked part-time in technical services at the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Since graduating, he worked as the head of technical services at the Turpin Library, Dallas Theological Seminary. 


Paul F. Stuehrenberg
Yale Divinity Library




ETSS Library Named for the Boohers

The trustees of the **Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest** have decided to give the prestigious Trustees' Award for the year 2000 to **Harold** and **Patricia Boohers** for their long years of service in the Library. The Boohers will retire on May 31st. The award, only given from time to time, to persons who have provided extraordinary service to the Seminary, will be presented at Commencement in May. The trustees also decided to name the library after the Boohers. The ETSS library will now be known as the Harold and Patricia Boohers Library.

Patricia Boohers has worked in the seminary library for twenty-eight years, and Harold Boohers has been the Director for thirty-two years. He also serves as Professor of Theological Literature and New Testament and for more than thirty years served as Secretary of the Faculty. In addition to the holdings of the Episcopal Seminary, the library includes what was formerly the library of Christ Seminary Seminex, and that part of the collection is still administered by Lucille Hager, in support of the program of the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest. The Lutheran program, a satellite of Wartburg Theological Seminary and the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, shares facilities and courses with ETSS.

A reception in honor of the Boohers was held on campus on May 4th. Friends may still send greetings and congratulations for the Boohers by e-mail to nbose@etss.edu or by U.S. mail to: Nancy Bose, Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, P.O. Box 2247, Austin, TX 78768. 

John McTaggart, 81, first librarian of the **Methodist Theological School in Ohio**, died on November 1, 1999. Previously he had served **Union Theological Seminary (N.Y.)** as assistant librarian, and as librarian at Berkeley Baptist Divinity School. Throughout his twenty-three years of service at the Methodist Theological School his health was a recurring problem, having endured more than thirty operations. He is survived by his wife of fifty-two years, Bertha. On one sabbatical he wrote the history of the Graduate Theological Union's Library; another he spent as a volunteer at the library of Bacone (Indian) College. An active member of ATLA since 1951, John is also credited with starting the Northern California and Ohio Theological Librarians Associations. 

Paul Schrodt
Methodist Theological School in Ohio


Announcements

The Spectrum Initiative

The ATLA Board of Directors has specified as a goal the recruitment of librarians of color to the profession of theological librarianship. This goal is directly in keeping with the second organizational end of the Association: to advance the profession of theological librarianship.

As part of our effort to recruit librarians of color into the profession, ATLA is working with the diversity officer at the American Library Association to become involved in ALA's Spectrum Initiative. The Spectrum Initiative is a long-term strategy with several components, including one that awards fifty scholarships annually to students of color attending ALA-accredited graduate library programs.


On July 5, 2000, Spectrum is holding a "career fair" in conjunction with ALA's annual conference in Chicago to provide library students of color with an opportunity to meet librarians from various disciplines. ATLA has been invited to participate in this event to talk and answer questions about theological librarianship. There will be opportunity for informal chats as well as more structured presentations. We hope that this exchange will be fruitful in helping to steer librarians of color toward our profession.

Mrs. Carrie Hackney, director of the Howard University School of Divinity Library, an experienced and skilled librarian who has been a member of the American Theological Library Association for a number of years, has agreed to participate. She will be joined by Karen Whittlesey, ATLA Director of Member Services. 



The Survivor's Guide to Library Research

Last year William Badke produced an online credit course in informational research. This year, he's updated the course and posted a greatly revised edition of his book, *The Survivor's Guide to Library Research* (Zondervan, 1990), on-line (just like Stephen King, except for free). The new edition is

titled, *Research Strategies: Finding Your Way through the Information Fog*. The new course address is: <http://www.acts.twu.ca/LBR/research.htm> and the new online textbook is at: <http://www.acts.twu.ca/LBR/textbook.htm>. For those who've used *The Survivor's Guide to Library Research* and become used to it, do not fear—Zondervan Publishing House, in a gesture of great generosity, has allowed it to stay in print for now. Mr. Badke is planning to make available very soon an 8 ½ x 11 student text paper edition of the revised textbook (which majors on technology in research strategies). For information on the paper edition, see the second address above or e-mail Mr. Badke directly at badke@twu.ca. In the meantime, the online edition is available for *free* for everyone (though note that it is copyrighted and can't be used to produce multiple paper copies). 



Issues in Bibliographic Instruction

At St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, Florida, a non-credit course leading to the writing of a research paper has been used to introduce students to library research and writing since the 1980s. St. Vincent is the only bilingual/multicultural theologate in the United States, and offers core courses in both English and Spanish.

THY550 Pro-Seminar on Study Methodology is presently required for all new students and has periodically undergone revision and adaptation according to the changing needs of the Seminary community. As part of this process, a graduate intern in library science assisted in its most recent evaluation as a fieldwork project under the supervision of the Seminary's library director.


The purpose of the Pro-Seminar is to acquaint the student with theological methodology in writing skills and with theological resources. The course accomplishes these objectives by means of lecture, the practice of research, and student presentations. Weekly assignments are given to students who collaborate in small groups to solve problems. Three

professors and the library director share the instructional load. The course culminates with the writing of an outline for a paper based upon a topic given to each group of students. Supplementing the course material is the *Handbook for Theological Research*, compiled by the library director. This handbook contains informational items ranging from navigation of the automated library catalog to instructions for word processing to locating authoritative names for Fathers of the Church and other essential information.

To evaluate the Pro-Seminar student workload, the intern focused on the nineteen pages of class notes and assignments which the students receive for the course, and distributed a survey to students and faculty. The intern completed all assignments, with the exception of writing an outline, in order to appreciate the content and difficulty of the course. He found all assignments relevant, but made suggestions for strengthening each unit. Most critical to the process, he believed, was the students' need to become familiar with the organization of the indexes, the style manual and the research aids. Stress was also placed on the importance of instruction in use of the library's software to encourage effective searching. Although not explicitly the subject of the assignments, reference books were pointed out as important resources for research.

Survey responses were fewer than expected, but the qualitative nature of the questions yielded useful information. Positive comments were made about the variety of instructors, the helpfulness of the assignments and the resources used by students in their research. However, concerns were raised over the course's non-credit status and the relevance of the assignments. Some respondents were critical of small group work and the experience of fatigue in an already busy schedule. Recommendations for improvement included units in the evaluation of Internet resources, more instruction in outlining a paper, and offering the course in Spanish.


St. Vincent de Paul Seminary has been consistent in preparing its students for graduate level theological research and its means of providing education has improved over the years. The library's function of mediating the levels of student research skills and professors' expectations places it in a critical position. Resolving this instructional need will re-

quire continued dialog with professors, library staff, and students. 

Arthur G. Quinn is Library Director at St. Vincent de Paul Seminary. Ethan Allen is completing his graduate studies in library science at the University of South Florida.



III Congress of Latin American Theological Librarians

The Latin American Theological Information Network (LATIN) announces the III Encuentro de Bibliotecarios Teológicos Latinoamericanos (III Congress of Latin American Theological Librarians). This event will take place in Quito, Ecuador, from July 18 to 21, 2000. It will be a time for Latin American theological librarians to get together with other colleagues, to discuss important issues, and to work on strategies for those difficult challenges that lie ahead. We are inviting those who are interested, with proficiency in Spanish language, to be with us in this meaningful event. We are sure that some of you may even want to make a professional contribution as resource persons to Latin American theological librarianship. Further information can be provided in Spanish by our colleague, Noemi Zuliani, at her e-mail address: biblio@logos.com.ar. 

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ATLA Professional Development Committee Formed

The Professional Development Committee is a new ATLA committee appointed by Dennis Norlin in February. Members of the committee are Roberta Schaafsma (chair), Duke University Divinity School;

Valerie Hotchkiss, Perkins School of Theology; Jeff Siemon, Christian Theological Seminary; and David Stewart, Princeton Theological Seminary.

This committee will have primary responsibility for developing and overseeing all facets of professional development opportunities for ATLA's members. The opportunities will include, but not be limited to, continuing education grants to regional groups, and regional, national, or other workshops, seminars, courses, and the like offered in addition to the Annual Conference. The PDC will not have responsibilities currently held by the Annual Conference Committee or the Education Committee but may seek the advice of these committees when determining professional development offerings.

As its first task the committee recently contacted the chairs of all regional groups to advise them of the application process for the 1999/2000 continuing education grants. These grants will be awarded in May.

The Professional Development Committee will be meeting during the Annual Conference in June. Please feel free to contact one of the committee members either before or during the conference to share your ideas and concerns for continuing education opportunities. 📖



“There really ought to be a book on that . . .”

I doubt if I am the only member of ATLA who has wished occasionally that there were more literature available on theological librarianship.

If the conversations I get into at conferences are any indication, many of us have a strong sense of calling, and of our good fortune at being part of a profession which is so fulfilling and stimulating.

But what if someone asked for a book to help outline the nature and uniqueness of our work? What if a student expressed an interest in our profession? What if you were asked by a library school to help put together a course on theological librarianship, and you needed a text? We can be glad for a couple of collections of essays, and for some useful (though dated) surveys of the field, but there truly is a bibliographic void.

I'm working on an idea which I hope might be

of some help. In the Fall I took some time to peruse the back issues of the *Proceedings* from the annual ATLA conferences (1947–). Buried amid statistics, and minutes, and plenty of discussions which are no longer pertinent, are what I consider a treasure of essays, addresses, and conversations: quite likely the best source for the collective wisdom and practice of our profession. To cite one example, the address given by the late Raymond Morris of Yale Divinity Library, “Theological Librarianship as a Ministry,” from the 1950s.

What I propose to do is put together a “retrospective anthology” of the best of ATLA. Fr. Simeon Daly has consented to write a foreword for the volume, I have drafted a provisional outline and sent it off for comments from various ATLA colleagues, and will begin the actual editing in the Fall.

It is my hope that such a collection will be of value to those of us who share the tasks and joys of theological librarianship. I would be pleased to send a copy of the draft outline to those who would like to look it over, and to receive comments regarding structure and content. Thanks. 📖

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ANZTLA Conference in July

The fifteenth annual conference of the Australian & New Zealand Theological Library Association will be held July 6 through 9, 2000, at Newman College, University of Melbourne. For more information, contact one of the following: Philip Harvey at Philip.Harvey@ormond.unimelb.edu.au; Ruth Millard at library@ridley.unimelb.edu.au; or Kerrie Hunter at klhunter@ozemail.com.au. 📖




Fulbright Lecturing/Research Grants for 2001-2002

The Fulbright Scholar Program's annual competition opened March 1 for lecturing and research

grants in some 130 countries. Opportunities are open not only to college and university faculty and administrators, but also to professionals from the business community and government, as well as to artists, journalists, lawyers, independent scholars and many others. Grants are available to faculty and administrators from two-year, four-year, and graduate institutions. Fulbright awards vary from two months to an academic year or longer. While foreign language skills are needed in some countries, most lecturing assignments are in English. Some 80 percent of the awards are for lecturing.

Application deadlines: **August 1, 2000** for Fulbright lecturing and research grants worldwide; **November 1, 2000** for spring/summer seminars in Germany, Korea, and Japan for international education and academic administrators as well as for the summer German studies seminar.

For information, contact the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) at 3007 Tilden Street, NW, Suite 5L, Washington, DC 20008-3009. Telephone: 202-686-7877; E-mail: apprequest@cies.iie.org. Information and an application are also available on the Web at <http://www.cies.org>. 



Russian Translation of Preservation Manual Available On-line


The Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) in Andover, Massachusetts announces that the Russian translation of its publication, *Preservation of Library & Archival Materials: A Manual*, is now available on-line at NEDCC's Web site at <http://www.nedcc.org>. The original bound copy of this translation was created by the Guild of Restorers of St. Petersburg, Russia. A desire to make current conservation information readily available outside of Russia and at no cost prompted NEDCC to post this resource on-line. The purpose of the manual is to provide the basic, practical information needed to enable non-conservator staff of libraries, archives, and museums to plan and implement sound collections care programs. It is intended for those who must make decisions that affect preservation of collections, or who want to upgrade standards of care in order to better preserve materials. If a user prefers

the convenience of a book, copies of *Preservation of Library & Archival Materials: A Manual* in Russian can be obtained through the Guild by contacting: Dr. Natalja Kopaneva, National Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg, Russia; fax: 7 812 183 2517.




Annual Meeting of BETH

ATLA Members are invited to attend the annual meeting of BETH (Bibliothèques Européennes de Théologie) August 30–September 3 in York, England. Held in conjunction with and hosted by the Association of British Theological and Philosophical Libraries (ABTAPL), the BETH meeting is attended by representatives from all of the major European theological library associations.

For further information please contact the ATLA office. 



University of Oxford Summer Programme in Theology

The University of Oxford Summer Program in Theology, July 30–August 12, 2000, is an intensive program conducted at the graduate level. The programs are designed for bishops, priests and ministers who wish to renew their theological skills, teachers of religious education, and lay people with a serious interest in theological study at the university level. It is assumed that applicants will undertake preparatory reading in advance of the program. Session one is July 30–August 5, 2000 and session two is August 6–12, 2000. Applicants who are accepted into the program will be required to pay the full fee by June 20, 2000. For more information, please call +44-1865-280350 in the U.K. or (800) 423-5983 in the U.S. 

Conference News & Information

The 2000 ATLA Annual Conference, “Embrace the Diversity: International Theological Librarianship” will be held on the campuses of the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California, on June 21–24. Your conference hosts are Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, St. Patrick’s Seminary, and the nine schools of the Graduate Theological Union. The Education Committee, the Annual Conference Committee, the Local Host Committee, and the staff of the American Theological Library Association look forward to seeing you in Berkeley this June.

The conference program has been mailed to all ATLA members and it has been posted to the ATLA web site at www.atla.com/conference. The web version will be updated regularly, so please visit the site often. Here are some of the programmatic highlights you can look forward to.

Conference Highlights

Plenary Addresses

“Leadership Issues for Theological Libraries”

Robert Wedgeworth, Former President of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), former University Librarian at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and former Executive Director of the American Library Association

“Texts, Sacred and Profane”

Robert Bellah, Elliott Professor of Sociology Emeritus, University of California at Berkeley

Paper & Presentations

“From Grapevine to Harvest: Building Library Collections for a New School of Divinity”

*Jill Carraway, Wake Forest University;
Sharon Snow, Wake Forest University*

“For the Benefit of the University”: Bishop Michael J. O’Farrell (1832–1894) and The Catholic University of America Library”

Amy Agnew, The Catholic University of America

“Librarians and Archivists as Partners in the Globalization of Theological Education”

*Judith Berling, Graduate Theological Union;
Gerald Turnbull, Vancouver School of Theology;
Martha Lund Smalley, Yale Divinity School*

“Teaching and Technology in the Classroom: The Library’s Role”

*Moderator: Anne Womack, Vanderbilt University;
Panelists: Ann Hotta, Graduate Theological Union;
Andrew Keck, Duke University; Jim Rafferty,
University of St. Thomas; Eileen Saner, Associated
Mennonite Biblical Seminary*

Roundtables

“Access vs. Ownership”

Douglas Gragg, Emory University

“Acquisition of Foreign Language Materials”

Ellen Frost, Southern Methodist University

“Budget Planning”

Jim Pakala, Covenant Theological Seminary

“Campus Computer Services and Library/Information Services: Foes, Rivals, Friends?”

Tom Haverly, Colgate Rochester Divinity School

“Cataloging Foreign Language Materials”

Christine Schwartz, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

“Contemporary Religious Literature”

Marti Alt, Ohio State University

“Creation and Nurture of Friends of the Library Groups”

Drew Kadel, Union Theological Seminary

“Distance Education and Its Effect on Technical Services”

Lyn Brown, Seminary of the East

“Electronic Reserves”

David Stewart, Princeton Theological Seminary

“Employing Work-Study Students in Small Libraries”

Joanna Hause, Biblical Theological Seminary

“Partnering with Classroom Faculty”

Kevin Smith, Methodist Theological School in Ohio

“Theological Librarianship as Ministry”

Herman Peterson, University of St. Mary of the Lake

“Training Staff for New Technologies”

*Mary Martin, University of St. Thomas;
Duane Harbin, Southern Methodist University*

“User Surveys: Sharing and Applying Our Results”

Sandra Fuentes, Vanderbilt University

“Virtual Reference Network”

Ann Hotta, Graduate Theological Union

Preconference Professional Development

“Rare Book Cataloging”

Elizabeth Robinson, Huntington Library

“Effective Communication and Conflict Management”

William Goodrich Jones, University of Illinois at Chicago

“A Nuts and Bolts Approach to Distance Education”

Ellen Eliceiri, Eden-Webster Library


“Demystifying the East: Reference Resources”

Judy Clarence, California State University, Hayward

“Digitizing 101”

Dr. Kevin Koczela, Berkeley, California

“Teaching in a Hands-on Classroom: Pedagogy and Practice for Library Instruction”

Gale Burrow, Honnold/Mudd Library, Claremont, California; Amy Wallace, Honnold/Mudd Library, Claremont, California. 

Karen L. Whittlesey

Director of Member Services

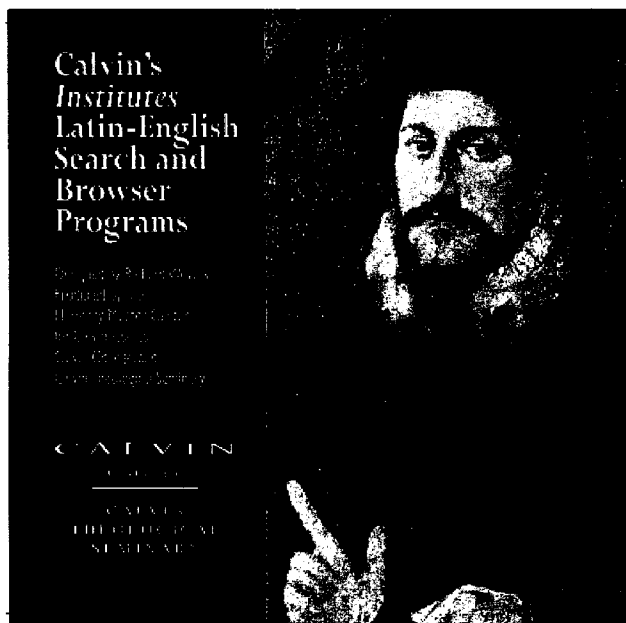
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**Calvin's Institutes:
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Calvin's 1559 Latin/English version of the *Institutes* is now available on one searchable CD-ROM, with browser designed by Richard Wevers and produced by the H. Henry Meeter Center for Calvin Studies. The CD-ROM may be purchased by sending a check in U.S. dollars made out to the Meeter Center at the address below.

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Preservation News

Chinese Christian Microfilm Collection Now Fully Cataloged

The Chinese Christian Microfilm Collection, consisting of 307 monograph records and 54 serial titles, is now fully cataloged and available on the OCLC database. The collection consists entirely of Chinese language materials and has been filmed on 80 microfilm reels.


The 307 monographs have been cataloged following full-level AACR2 description, using the Wade-Giles romanization scheme. Subject headings have been assigned from the Library of Congress Subject Headings list and classification from the Library of Congress Classification Schedules.

The 54 serial titles have been cataloged following full-level AACR2 description, using the Wade-Giles romanization scheme. All conform to CONSER guidelines and have been fully authenticated in the CONSER database. Subject headings have been assigned from the Library of Congress Subject Headings list and classification has been taken from the Library of Congress Classification Schedules.

All cataloging records will also be available on the RLIN database because of the OCLC/RLIN agreement for the trading of master negative microform records. In addition, the cataloging records will be available for set purchase later this year from OCLC's WorldCat Collection Sets program.

Many thanks go to Liping Song for her fine work on this project and to the Andover-Harvard Divinity School for providing a workstation and OCLC terminal for her use.

Orders for the monographs (16 reels) should be directed to Rick Adamek at radamek@atla.com., or toll-free at 1 (888) 665-2852

Orders for the serials collection (64 reels) should be directed to Scholarly Resources at: Scholarly Resources, Inc., 104 Greenhill Avenue Wilmington, DE 19805-1897, USA, Toll-free telephone (US): (800) 772-8937, Outside US: (302) 654-7713, Fax: (302) 654-3871; E-mail: sales@scholarly.com. 

Serials Newly Available on Microfilm

ATLA has received written permission from the publishers to duplicate and sell archival microfilm copies of the following titles for preservation purposes and for the advancement of theological and religious research and studies.


Serials on microfilm are available to ATLA institutional members for \$60 per reel and to others for \$115 per reel. To purchase, please contact Scholarly Resources (Tel: (800) 772-8937; E-mail: sales@scholarly.com).

Clergy bulletin (Mankato, Minn.) and Lutheran Synod quarterly. Published by the Norwegian Synod of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church (1955–1958) and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (1961–current). Order no.: S0806A-B, currently 8 reels (1960–1997).

Evangeliska fosterlands-stiftelsens årsberättelse and Årsbok för Evangeliska fosterlands-stiftelsen. Yearbook and annual reports of the Swedish Evangelical Mission. Swedish language. Order no.: S0604A-B, currently 4 reels (1968–1994).

Svedok: The Witness. Official Slovak organ of the Synod of Evangelical Lutheran churches, 1961–1970; of the SELC District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, 1971–1984. Published in Pittsburgh, Pa.; ceased publication in 1984. Slovak language. Order no.: S0349, currently 5 reels (1961–1984).

United Church of Christ. Vermont Conference. *Minutes and reports of the annual meeting.* Begins with 171st conference; published in Burlington, Vermont. Order no.: S0603, currently 3 reels (1966–1997).

Wort in der Welt. Official organ of the Deutsche Evangelische Missions-Rat (1961–1976), the Evangelische Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Weltmission (1968–1976) and Evangelisches Missionswerk im Bereich der Bundesrepublik Deutschland und Berlin West (1977–1982). Published in Germany, 1958–1982; ceased publication. German language. Order no.: S0818A-B, 4 reels (1958–1982). 



ATLA's Preservation Program

The history of ATLA's preservation department has had its twists and turns; it has seen good times and sometimes organizationally convoluted times through the last forty years. Yet today, despite the dawning of the digital age, microfilm remains the least expensive and most reliable preservation medium around. The "hybrid approach" seems to be the word: digitizing for access, microfilming for preservation. The Preservation Department's spirits have also been buoyed by the recent \$564,000, two-year grant awarded to ATLA by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) for the preservation of journals representative of the theme "Christianity's encounter with World Religions," published 1850 to 1950.

ATLA is getting its preservation house in order and improving its methods. In 1996, ATLA leased a vault at Iron Mountain/NUS (National Underground Storage) in Western Pennsylvania for the long-term storage of its camera masters. At Iron Mountain, the atmospheric conditions are optimal for storage of camera masters: the temperature remains constant at 68° F and humidity levels at 35%. The vault is virtually impervious to artificial and natural disasters.

Since 1996, Preservation Specialist Judy Knop has been reviewing over 1,700 one thousand-foot cans of camera masters by using two reel spools and a single-frame lens. She re-catalogs these pre-1993 titles in OCLC (conforming to CONSER-level cataloging), checking for broken splices and making preservation decisions on a wide array of unusual encounters. She then passes the camera masters on to Russell Kracke (also Preservation Specialist), who enters the film data into the appropriate ATLA databases, and sends the camera masters off to ATLA's filmer to make printing masters and repairs. Finally, after printing masters have been made, Kracke sends the camera masters to their final resting place at Iron Mountain. The entire project—reviewing, re-cataloging, producing printing masters, and sending camera masters to underground storage—should reach completion by late 2000 or early 2001.

Kracke also updates "old" permission letters that have accumulated over the years. These permission letters, addressed to key figures on the former ATLA Board of Microtext (e.g., Raymond Morris, Charles

Willard, and Albert Hurd) give ATLA the permission to make copies available to libraries for scholarly use. Kracke enters the permission data into a "permission letter" database, and relocates the original permission letters to a vault, located off-site from the ATLA headquarters. About 680 records—a little less than half of the serial titles—have now been entered into ATLA's permission database since 1998.

For an overview of the Preservation Program's interesting past, see the "History of ATLA's Preservation Department" below. 📖



A History of ATLA's Preservation Department

1945: ATLA is founded.

1955: ATLA establishes the **Board of Microtext** under the leadership of **Raymond P. Morris**, Director of the Yale Divinity Library, in New Haven, Connecticut.

1957: The On-Demand preservation microfilming of serials begins, a result of an \$80,000 grant from the **Sealantic Fund** of the Rockefeller Foundation. Serials are filmed primarily by **Cosby Brinkley** of the **Photoduplication Department of the University of Chicago**. ATLA volunteers are responsible for editorial work, in-source cataloging, and distribution. Cost recovery was based on a formula of five sales of each title.

1971: The Board begins filming brittle monographs.

1972: Raymond Morris retires and is succeeded by **L. Charles Willard**, Director of the Speer Library of Princeton Theological Seminary, in Princeton, New Jersey.

1978: The **Ad Hoc Committee for the Preservation of Theological Library Materials**, chaired by **Andrew Scrimgeour**, is formed to study the cooperative possibilities for the storage and preservation of theological materials. The Committee concludes that a comprehensive microfilming project is the most pressing need of the Association. **Sang Sul** becomes head of the **Photoduplication Department at the University of Chicago**.

1982: The report of the Ad Hoc Committee leads to the appointment of the **Steering Committee on the Preservation of Theological Materials**.

- The Committee is charged with and develops a plan for addressing the preservation of monographs at greatest risk of deterioration.
- 1983: The **Task force of the Preservation of Religious Monograph Project** is established to determine the interest among member libraries in supporting a major monograph preservation effort. At the conclusion of the survey work, the task force is reconstituted as the **Interim Board for the Preservation of Religious Monographs** to temporarily continue the work of the task force and of the Steering Committee on the Preservation of Theological Materials.
- 1984: At this time, ATLA has two separate preservation programs underway: 1) The Interim Board was preparing to preserve monographs on a large scale and 2) the Board of Microtext, which was working on a more modest scale to preserve serials and some monographs. After the recommendations of the **Task Force on Preservation Board Structure**, the Interim Board and Board of Microtext are reorganized into one functioning Board at Princeton, with a staff and Charles Willard as Executive Secretary. By this time 850 serials and 1,350 monographs have been preserved on microfilm or microfiche.
- 1985: **Robert P. Markham** is hired as a full-time Director. Office space and equipment are acquired and installed in Chicago.
- 1987: The **Preservation Board** holds a joint discussion with another ATLA Board, the **Index Board**, concerning the possibility of merging the two Boards under a single director of programs. The Index Board has been operating from offices in the Christian Education building of the Hyde Park Congregational Church. The Preservation offices are nearby in an apartment at the Lutheran School of Theology. First grants for **monographs** from the **National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)**, **Henry Luce Foundation** and **Lilly Endowment** are received.
- 1988: The **two Boards merge to form a single Program Board** with **Albert E. Hurd** becoming the director responsible for the Preservation Programs and the Religion Indexes. By 1988, it becomes clear that the Preservation Program is not financially self-sustaining. Consequently, the program is restructured so that filming is funded primarily by grants and the administrative and all other costs are covered by subscription and sales income. Second NEH grant for monographs (1988–1990) is received.
- 1989: To increase efficiency and combine some functions, the staffs of both programs are relocated to Evanston, Ill., where they share office space. First monograph preservation grant from **Pew Charitable Trusts** is received.
- 1990: Second grant from Pew Charitable Trusts received.
- 1991: Albert Hurd is appointed as ATLA's first Executive Director with responsibilities for overseeing the Indexing and Preservation Programs as well as Member Services. ATLA becomes an independent member of NACO. Third NEH grant (1991–1994) for monographs received.
- 1992: Third grant from Pew Charitable Trusts received; second grant from Henry Luce Foundation.
- 1993: The **Photoduplication Department of the University of Chicago** closes down its offices and transfers 1,700 thousand-foot cans of film, which had been accumulated and stored there since 1957, into ATLA's possession. ATLA is awarded its first **serials grant** of \$482,986 from the **National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)**, with a matching grant from the **Lilly Foundation**, for the filming of 300 core journals in religion.
- 1994: ATLA becomes an independent member of **CONSER**. **Sang Sul**, former head of the Photoduplication Department of the University of Chicago, founds **Preservation Microfilming Co.**, becoming the primary filmer for ATLA's On-Demand serials program.
- 1996: **Dennis Norlin** becomes Executive Director of ATLA. ATLA acquires an underground vault at **Iron Mountain/NUS** in Western Pennsylvania for the long-term storage of camera masters. **Scholarly Resources** is hired to market and distribute microfilm to libraries for scholarly use. ATLA begins reviewing the 1,700 thousand-foot cans of film, previously stored at the University of Chicago, and begins re-cataloging titles at CONSER level, making printing masters from camera masters, and sending the camera masters to Iron Mountain/NUS.
- 1999: The On-Demand program is expanded to include monographs.

2000: ATLA is awarded its second serials grant, a two-year grant of \$564,977, from the **National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)** to microfilm selected journals that are representative of non-Christian, missionary, and syncretistic religion journals published between 1850 and 1950. As of April 17, ATLA's preservation

program has preserved nearly 1,900 serials and 30,000 core monograph titles in religion. 📖

Main source of data: "The Preservation Programs of the American Theological Library Association: An Overview" by Judy Knop, 1995. Arranged and updated by Russell Kracke.

ATLANTIS Reference Reviews

February Reference Review

Encyclopedia of Religion in American Politics. Schultz, Jeffrey D., John G. West, Jr., and Iain Maclean, Eds. Phoenix, Arizona: Oryx Press, 1999. Hardcover \$99. ISBN 1573561304

If there is ever any doubt of the relevance and presence of religion in American politics, that doubt should be significantly reduced during a presidential election year. In this election year already, we have heard many references to values, to faith, and to national standards of morality. And we can expect more allusions to the historic relationship between religion and U.S. politics in the months to come.

That being said, it is quite fortuitous to have a resource for our consultation that will explain the specific history behind all the rhetoric. Even better, that resource is brand new, covering the earliest years of the nation up until 1998. While there are many sources of information on American politics and many on American religious history, there are relatively few that focus on the intersection of religion and politics with a political emphasis, rather than a religious one.

The Encyclopedia of Religion in American Politics was written with contributions from more than fifty scholars in the field. It contains 700 entries, alphabetically arranged; and, like most good reference books, it includes cross-references, bibliographies, and a thorough index.

All articles are signed and include a brief bibliography. Cross-references are included throughout the articles by the use of bold-face type, as well as "see also" notes at the end of each article. These cross-references are extensive and make navigation easy.

The scope of the articles is broad, covering lead-

ers, historic events, court cases, concepts, specific denominations, and sects. Certain key, ongoing issues (such as abortion, free exercise, and capital punishment) receive longer treatment, which adequately provides historical and current context. The choice of entries provides a nice balance between ideas and events and between political decisions that affect religion and religious ideas that affect politics. Articles on individuals include religious leaders who were active politically, as well as political leaders who were active religiously.

A resource of this nature is bound to have its flaws. This encyclopedia is no exception. The resource is not as strong in its coverage of women. It would be very helpful to have a second resource, such as the *Encyclopedia of Women and American Religious History* to provide better balance.

Secondly, the encyclopedia includes a stated purpose to "give accurate information in manageable doses" (preface, xi). Occasionally, it seems to err towards "manageable" and away from "comprehensive." For example, it can be difficult to obtain information on proposed legislation that was not enacted. And some articles are painfully brief. Of course, the limits of length may have caused certain exclusions. Weighing in at fewer than 400 pages, this volume is easy to handle physically and does not rely on a miniscule typeface for this compact size.

The final feature of the *Encyclopedia of Religion in American Politics*, which adds to its usefulness even for a general reader, is the appendices.


Appendix 1 includes twenty-five speeches and documents pertinent to the subject, dating from the Mayflower Compact in 1620 to the Christian Coalition's "Contract with the American Family" in 1995. This collection of documents may prove very

convenient for a student in a hurry, or a library with fewer general resources on American politics. Unfortunately, it is important to note that several of the documents are slightly abridged.

Appendix 2 is an annotated list of organizations. Each organization includes the contact information (address, phone/fax plus e-mail and Web addresses where applicable) along with the names of current directors and presidents and a brief summary of the organization's work and mission. While the Internet addresses and e-mail contacts will likely be incorrect soon, the data is still a welcome addition. These organizations are also included in the index.

Appendix 3 is a timeline, broken into three parallel columns: Religion, United States, and World. Presumably then, this timeline allows the reader to gain perspective on important religious and political events, both nationally and throughout the world. The timeline begins in 1787 and ends in 1998. There are entries for every year in at least two categories. The categories are a bit superficial, but the thirty-page timeline is a very interesting snapshot of our country's religious and political history.

The index is quite thorough. Main entries are indicated by page numbers in bold. While I found some weaknesses in the system of indexing and cross-references, on the whole, users will be able to find what they need, as well as bibliographic suggestions for further study.

Overall, the volume is a timely and accessible reference source. It is probably most appropriate for undergraduate study, but it is still recommended for libraries supporting graduate programs in religious and theological studies. 

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March Reference Review

The Encyclopedia of Christianity, Vol. 1, A-D. Edited by Erwin Fahlbusch, et al. Grand Rapids, Mich./Cambridge, U.K.: William B. Eerdmans Pub-

lishing Co.; Leiden/Boston/Köln: Brill, 1999. 893 p. \$100.00 USD. ISBN: 0-8028-2413-7 (Eerdmans)/90-04-11316-9 (Brill).

This is the first of five volumes in what is one of the most significant reference works to appear in theology and religion in recent years. Originally published as the *Evangelisches Kirchenlexikon: Internationale theologische Enzyklopädie* (3rd rev. ed. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 1986-97), *The Encyclopedia of Christianity (EC)* is more than simply a translation of that fine German work. As the publishers are quick to point out, it includes new articles, many written by English and American writers, to reflect the interests of English-speaking readers; it updates existing articles and their bibliographies; and it adds entirely new entries on such recently independent countries as the Czech Republic and Croatia. In that sense, it is a new work and not simply the *EKL* for the linguistically challenged.

Its scope is ambitiously broad. The preface tells us that the *EC*'s aim is to describe, in articles that reflect both the highest standards of scholarship and a deeply ecumenical spirit, "the Christian faith and community as it exists today in its myriad forms and also in its relation to the core apostolic tradition throughout the 2,000 years of Christian history." But it also moves beyond Christianity to "[paint] in broad strokes and fine the overall religious and sociocultural picture in which the Christian church now finds itself," which it does by examining other world religions and philosophies. It thus includes biographies of significant Christian figures as well as substantial articles on world religions, philosophy, ethics, politics, psychology, theological and biblical topics of every kind, and all variety of spiritual movements and Christian denominations. Indeed, the commitment to breadth is sometimes taken to unusual extremes. While one expects (and finds) entries for the Apostles' Creed, the Benedictines, the Charismatic Movement, and Dogma, articles on Animals, Bells, Creativity, and the Dove are perhaps above and beyond the call of duty. More helpfully, the *EC* also offers the latest population statistics (including data on religious affiliation) for most countries currently in existence.

In terms of its user-friendliness, the *EC* is an example of an encyclopedia that gets almost everything right. In addition to signed articles (in some cases even signed sub-sections), it provides copious

cross-referencing, uses standardized abbreviations, supplies a list of the articles in each volume, as well as a list of contributors and the titles of the articles they've written. Longer subject entries are prefaced with an outline. All articles (and in longer articles, the individual sub-sections too) include bibliographies of scholarly works internationally regarded as most authoritative. Where warranted (see, e.g., the entry on Church Law), bibliographies are even arranged by tradition. All this comes on neat, crisply formatted, double-columned pages.

The few things it does "wrong" on this front (in my humble opinion) are insignificant by comparison, but I mention them here for the record. The denominational affiliation of contributors is not identified. Despite advances, neither ecumenism nor scholarship (not even German scholarship) has come to the place where it makes no difference, for example, whether the author of the article on Anabaptism is a Lutheran, a Calvinist, a Roman Catholic, an Eastern Orthodox, or a Mennonite scholar. This information would be helpful when evaluating the discussion. The other (minor) grievance I have is the use of the arrow in front of a term to indicate a -> cross-reference. I find this interrupts the -> natural flow of the eye over the words and much prefer the -> convention used by Oxford University Press in its **Dictionary of the Christian Church* of using an *asterisk.

Still, I am excited that this work is being published. The availability in English of an encyclopedia highly acclaimed internationally is to be celebrated. Adding to its prestige is Geoffrey W. Bromiley, whose name is almost synonymous with excellence in the English translation of German theological scholarship and who is the translator and English-language editor for the project. Jaroslav Pelikan puts the weight of his scholarly reputation behind the *EC* by serving as one of its editors and writing the foreword.

Having given my enthusiastic endorsement, let me discuss a few issues that are sure to be raised concerning the *EC*. While the publishers take pains to emphasize that their goal has been to produce an encyclopedia of Christianity that is both global and ecumenical in character, it must be asked whether this objective has actually been achieved. Having German, Dutch, African, Czech, and American scholars jointly editing the project certainly lends

the claim to be global *prima facie* credence. A glance at the list of contributors, moreover, reveals that they make their homes in countries as disparate as the United States, Canada, New Zealand, France, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Finland, Norway, the Netherlands, Poland, the Czech Republic, Italy, Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Cameroon, Singapore, Japan, India, and Israel.

Nevertheless, the preponderance (at least 70%) of the roughly 420 contributors to this first volume resides in Germany, Austria, or Switzerland. The other 30% is distributed outside those predominantly German-speaking countries. Even if we limited our survey to Europe, the paucity of French, Scandinavian, Spanish, and Italian scholars, not to mention those from the former Soviet Bloc countries, is striking. Dutch scholars are somewhat better represented but not much. In this statistical sense, the *EC* is still very much a German encyclopedia.

Offsetting this numerical imbalance is the fact that German scholars tend to be conscious of and conversant with international scholarship in a way that North American scholars sometimes seem not to be. Mailing addresses by themselves are unreliable indicators of internationality; the depth and breadth of the scholarly conversation that informs a discussion are surer guides. On this measure, the *EC* attains a degree of "globalization" unmatched by any other English encyclopedias now available. Not only does it register most topics likely to interest students of Christianity around the world, it also provides information and analysis that is as current, reliable, analytically sharp, and broadly informed as is possible today. Certainly, by North American standards, German and European concerns are over-emphasized, but that's to be expected of a work originally created, developed, and published by European, mostly German-speaking academics. The more important question is, Are global Christian topics adequately represented nevertheless? I believe they are.

On the matter of ecumenism, the same general principle applies. Since the denominational affiliation of contributors is not disclosed, it is impossible to know how evenly the various Christian denominations are represented. My sense is that Catholic, Lutheran, and Reformed contributors are numerous, while those from Anglican, Eastern Orthodox, Coptic, Evangelical, and Third World traditions are

less so. But again, ecumenism is a commitment to respect other traditions and to advance Christian unity through a better understanding of religious and theological differences. No single tradition has a monopoly on it, and the denominational affiliation of a scholar is certainly not the surest sign that it is or is not present. Even a casual perusal of the *EC* will assure readers that its contributing scholars have made a discipline of taking as many significant perspectives into account as they are able. The *EC*'s claim to ecumenicity seems to me to be justified.

The only true reservation I have about the *EC* is that it is not really appropriate for undergrads. The quality of the bibliographies alone assumes that readers will be multi-lingual and have easy access to foreign language scholarship, i.e., live close to a well-funded and well-developed theological library. (Some of us are not so fortunate, and the *EC* is a painful reminder of the fact.) English works, of course, are listed, but normally only the most seminal. The unapologetically academic writing style of contribu-

tors only reinforces the impression that the *EC* is a reference tool for the earnest scholar. The transliteration of ancient language words and terms is the only concession to the novice I can detect.

But it is difficult to take serious issue with an encyclopedia that brings between its covers substantial articles by some of the currently most respected scholars of Christianity, scholars like (to name just some of the English and American ones) James Barr, Robert M. Grant, Colin E. Gunton, Bruce M. Metzger, Eugene TeSelle, and Geoffrey Wainwright. No theological library should be without it. Your faculty and advanced students will thank you for years to come for finding space on your shelves for this excellent resource. 📖

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Licenses, Contracts and Legalities

It seems that we librarians are never finished reinventing ourselves. Traditionally, our lore includes creating catalogs and indexes, classifying materials, and building collections. In the past three decades, we have added detailed knowledge of preservation and skills related to computing and data processing, not to mention the various secrets of effective management techniques to our repertoire. Now, as the age of digital publication dawns, we face the need to become conversant with a significant subset of contract law.

Electronic databases and digital publications are not "sold" as such. They are licensed for temporary use, often under stringent conditions. Since electronic data is easy and cheap to copy, and delivery via the Internet is relatively new, data producers and publishers are very uneasy about the possibility of having their products pirated. Therefore, they tend to want the strongest possible contractual protections. Licensing electronic data is also relatively new, and in many cases, situations arise for which the law is untested, so publishers err on the side of caution.

This sometimes creates licenses that are hopelessly complex, often redundant or even contradictory, and needlessly restrictive. Occasionally tensions over contract negotiations have caused ill will between librarians and publishers.

To make matters easier for everyone, many publishers and librarians have been working together in the last couple of years to produce "model" licenses. These are designed to protect the rights of both publishers and of library clients. The model licenses may include optional clauses to deal with specific issues, such as access from more than one physical location or use of the electronic resource in interlibrary lending. The goal is to create language that is both clear to the layperson and legally binding. For further information on model licenses, see <http://www.licensingmodels.com>.

Unfortunately, not all publishers are prepared to use the model licenses, so in the meantime, we have to be careful about how we commit our institutions legally. At this point I must issue a warning: I am not an attorney, and I am not qualified to give legal advice. I have gathered from reputable sources the material that follows; however, the law does

change over time, and varies from place to place. Always consult your own legal counsel before making any commitments.

Things Lawyers Care About

Make certain you understand how your institution delegates the authority and responsibility to negotiate and execute contracts on behalf of the institution. Who has the legal authority to bind the institution by contract and under what circumstances? Most institutions have guidelines and conventions for dealing with contractual issues. Usually the guidelines are organized according to the cost associated with a particular contract. For example, many of us routinely bind our institutions with simple contracts known as “purchase orders.” Our institutions probably place limits by cost on how much we can contract for on our own authority.

However, another concern when entering a contract should be how much it exposes your institution to litigation or liability. For example, if you license a database and one of your students copies the entire database and puts it on the Internet for anyone else to copy, under the terms of the license your institution may be liable for damages. Your institution’s attorneys will do their best to minimize the exposure to liability and, especially, to litigation. Litigation, win or lose, costs a great deal of money and consumes resources our institutions can ill afford to lose. Publishers, on the other hand, want their licenses to enforce sufficient liability to give you substantial motivation to protect their interests. Of course, they are no more eager to enter into litigation than you are.

Before you sign on the dotted line, be certain you know what your institution expects of you. If you do have the authority to execute a contract for your institution, you should also have access to adequate legal counsel to do it safely and properly. If you do not have the necessary authority, but execute a contract anyway, that does not mean that your institution is not responsible for meeting the terms of the contract. For example, the licensor may claim that you appeared to have the necessary authority, and that a “reasonable person” would have cause to believe you had the necessary authority. If the court agrees, the institution will still be bound by the terms of the contract. The “reasonable person” benchmark is common in contract law.

Smaller institutions without permanent legal counsel on staff may be wary of spending too much on advice from lawyers. Plan ahead to make the best use of your time with the legal advisor. Collect some typical license documents to show to the attorney. Make sure you read the documents in advance. Write out questions and concerns, referring to specific parts of the contract. Write out a summary with examples of the uses you anticipate for the product you are licensing, and ask the attorney to identify any that are problems under the terms of the contract. Listen carefully and take notes. If you can, it makes sense to work out guidelines for negotiating key aspects of contracts with the attorney. That way, you will be able to address some of the more basic issues in future contracts by yourself.

Things Librarians Care About

You want to know what you (and your clients) can do and what you cannot do. Try not to make assumptions, no matter how obvious and harmless the use may seem to you. Try to think of all the ways you routinely use analogous printed material, and make certain you understand how those uses are covered under your license. Can you access the data from multiple workstations, from multiple buildings, or from multiple campuses? Can you download, print, or e-mail the data? Can you quote the material and if so, how extensively? Can you send excerpts of the material to other institutions on ILL? Can you e-mail excerpts from the data to people who call or e-mail reference questions? Can you use the materials for electronic reserves? Can visitors to your library have access to the data? If you are subscribing to an electronic journal, you may want assurance of perpetual access to the issues to which you have subscribed. Make sure you are comfortable with the rights you are given by the contract, because they are most likely the only rights you will have to use the product.

You also want to know what your responsibilities are under the license. For example, some licenses require you to notify the licensor if you become aware of license violations. Some licenses will require you to notify your clients of their responsibilities under the license. (This is one of the murkier regions of the law. While the institution can certainly place itself under contract, the extent to which it can incur obligations on behalf of its individual constituents is not clear. For example, can the institution give up

fair use rights of individual students and faculty members in a contract?) Make certain that you can reasonably sustain the responsibilities assigned to you by the contract before you sign.

Pay close attention to warranties and guarantees stated in the contract. What are the provider's responsibilities if there is a technical problem with the resource? Does the contract specify any performance benchmarks? Does the provider warrant that the content is accurate and free of errors? What remedies does the contract require if the product does not meet your expectations? Consider that if the provider does not warrant the content, and someone is harmed because the content proves erroneous or false, your institution may be held liable for the damage. That is a fairly rare occurrence for materials in the humanities, but is a serious consideration in business, legal, and medical databases.

Certain specific issues often arise in contracts. One is jurisdiction. Many contracts specify the jurisdiction where disputes will be litigated. Usually, the jurisdiction specified is the home jurisdiction of the licensor. It is cheaper and easier for them to conduct their legal business close to home. However, many government funded institutions are prohibited by statute from entering a contract specifying a jurisdiction other than their local one. Therefore, this is a frequently modified clause of many contracts.

Another specific issue to pursue with your legal counsel is that of *indemnification*. To indemnify means to protect against loss, damage, or injury. The contract may call on the licensee to indemnify the licensor against many sorts of risks or liabilities. Often, this will be accompanied by language requiring you (the licensee) "*to hold the licensor harmless*" in cases of loss, damage or injury resulting from the use of the resource. The licensor may try to make the licensee responsible for as much risk and liability as possible. Usually this language represents a reasonable level of protection for both parties, but your legal counsel should give you some guidelines for identifying potential problems. I have seen clauses that can be interpreted as making the licensee responsible for any copyright violations resulting from the licensor's *compilation* of the material.

Negotiating

All contracts are by definition negotiable, so do not believe it if the sales representative says the li-

cence is non-negotiable. They may not want your business badly enough to negotiate, but if they do want the business, they will negotiate. For this reason, sometimes it is easier for a small institution to work through a cooperative entity such as a consortium or a regional network. Occasionally, it is difficult to identify the person within the provider's company who has the authority to negotiate, but persistence usually pays off. The key to negotiation is to know what you want, know what your limits are, and be prepared to walk away if you cannot get an agreement with which you can legitimately live. Be prepared to negotiate in good faith and pay attention to what the provider's needs and concerns are, but *never sign a license if you do not believe you can abide by its provisions!*

Be aware of your legal rights. Librarians in particular should bear in mind the rights set forth in the copyright law. Be wary of contracting away any of those rights. Keep in mind that with few exceptions you *can* contract to give up rights you would otherwise have, and you *will* be bound by the terms of the contract. Make certain you understand what you are giving up. Generally, do not rely on the representative of the licensor to inform you of what rights you may be giving up. When working with your institution's legal counsel, bear in mind that her primary concern is to minimize the institution's exposure to liability and litigation. That is not necessarily the same as ensuring you retain all your rights under the law, especially when those rights are as ambiguous and untested as those assigned by the copyright law.

Some Special Cases

One category of licenses is particularly problematic for librarians. These include "shrink-wrap" and "click-through" licenses. Usually the user is presented with the license terms just before using the software, in the packaging, on screen during the installation process, or on a Web site. There is no possibility of negotiation. The user must either accept the terms, or not use the software. Such "take it or leave it" licenses are generically known as "contracts of adhesion." You may hear it argued that they are unenforceable because there is no opportunity for negotiation or a "meeting of the minds," one of the legal earmarks of an enforceable contract. Regardless of what you have heard, *you must assume that the provisions of such licenses are enforceable*. Various leg-

islative efforts are underway to ensure that such licenses are enforceable, including controversial proposals for revising the Uniform Commercial Code (see <http://www.arl.org/info/frn/copy/ucitapg.html>). Whether the UCC changes or not, the courts have never rejected these licenses wholesale, and have often chosen to enforce them at least partially. If you have serious issues with a shrink-wrap or click-through license, contact the provider before using the product. There may be a special license or rider available for libraries and educational institutions that will address your concerns.


Managing Licenses

It is in your best interest and in the best interest of your institution to keep accurate records of your licensed software and data resources. You should certainly maintain files of any signed licenses as you would for any contractual documents. You will want to pay particular attention to licenses for any resources that you make accessible to the public. If you have a number of licensed resources, keep a database or spreadsheet summarizing the rights and restrictions associated with each one. Depending on your local system, you may want to publish all or part of this information where the public generally

uses the resources. Accurate records go a long way toward demonstrating intent to comply if there is ever any dispute about institutional compliance with a licensing agreement.

For Further Information

For a variety of valuable resources related to licensing electronic data for libraries, see LIBLICENSE (<http://www.library.yale.edu/~license/index.shtml>) cosponsored by Yale University and the Council on Library & Information Resources.

The Association of Research Libraries sponsors a travelling workshop on "Licensing Electronic Information Resources." For the current schedule and further information about the workshop, see <http://www.arl.org/scomm/licensing/lworkshop.html>. This workshop is valuable whether you are a librarian wanting to negotiate licenses more effectively, or a provider wanting to produce better licenses and thus smooth your negotiation process. 

*Duane Harbin
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Wabash Center Consultation on Teaching and Learning for Theological Librarians (Co-sponsored by ATLA)

Date: July 22–26, 2000

Location: Wabash College

Goals: (1) develop models for effective teaching and learning for theological librarians; (2) determine what is needed professionally and systemically to implement effective teaching; and (3) generate a program of professional development for theological librarians that will enhance teaching and learning in their schools.

Participants: fifteen theological librarians, by invitation of the Wabash Center and ATLA

Conveners: Raymond B. Williams and Dennis Norlin

The Ràday Library

I recently received the following letter and am including it for your consideration.—Editor

March 22, 2000

Dear Madam,

Concerns: Assistance to the Library of the Reformed Theological Academy of Budapest (Hungary)

With reference to my phone call of yesterday, I write to you concerning the Library of the Reformed Theological Academy in Budapest, now being part of the *Ràday Gyűjtemény* (comprising the library, the archives, and the museum) which belongs to the Danubian District of the Hungarian Reformed Church.

I studied theology at the Reformed Theological Academy in Budapest between 1949 and 1953 where I obtained an M.A. in Theology, and worked at the Library between 1953 and 1956. After having participated in the 1956 Revolution I left the country. At the Library, I was in charge of cataloguing incunabula and, simultaneously, wrote the history of the Library in the eighteenth century. This was, in fact, the very first systematic study of the history of a library in Hungary. The book was only published after the collapse of Communism in 1992.

Thus, the Library is based on a collection dating back around 300 years; it includes very valuable collections from the first centuries of printing in Europe and in Hungary (*Régy Magyar Könyvtár*). In addition, most of these books—in their original bindings—were saved and remained unharmed during the centuries—especially during the Second World War—and the old collections are still arranged on the eighteenth-century bookshelves.

I enclose for your perusal a report from the director of the Library, Mrs. Agnes Berecz, who describes all aspects of the Library's activities and, in particular, the ongoing work concerning the historical collections, such as (i) the gradual preparation of annotated catalogues on CDs, or (ii) the exhaustive study of the bindings from the sixteenth through eighteenth centuries, etc.

Unfortunately, the Hungarian Reformed

Church does not possess the financial means either to sustain all these activities—including the consultation of libraries carrying out the same type of work—or to obtain skill-training for some members of the staff, or to recruit short-term consultants offering specialized knowledge in certain fields. In addition, very limited funds are available for the acquisition of new publications, for the daily maintenance of the old collections, and for the dissemination of information about the Library's invaluable treasures. Most of the staff carries out daily duties in the service of readers, researchers, and other users of the Library.

I am writing to you in order to request assistance—through the channel of the *ATLA Newsletter* and the e-mail network you mentioned—for the Ràday Library from American Theological Libraries. To summarize the needs already indicated above, such assistance could include :

For the Historical Collections

- Guidance (i) in carrying out the work of cataloguing, annotation, etc.; and (ii) in the technical aspects of such endeavors
- Local recruitment, whenever needed, of outside consultants
- Study tours for Library personnel in a few libraries of Europe or America that are carrying out the same type of work
- Local recruitment of short-term staff to carry out specialized tasks

For the Regular Collections


- Gifts of theological, philosophical, and historical literature (books and periodicals) in English or any other foreign language.
- Financing of various type of equipment needed for the good functioning of the Library.

I should be grateful if you could consider this matter at your earliest convenience. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would need more information about the Ràday Library.

Please accept, Madam, the expressions of my gratitude for giving your time to read this letter and

for your help.

Sincerely yours,

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The Ràday Library and Its Activities

Budapest, 26th October 1999

(1092 Budapest, Ràday u. 28. Hungary)

The Ràday Collection of the Danubian District of the Hungarian Reformed Church contains three departments: Library, Archive, and Museum. All the departments preserve museal documents and works in addition to their current material (modern books, manuscripts, periodicals, temporary exhibitions).

Fields of collection:

- **Ràday Library:** theology and social sciences (*humaniora*), including the classical belles-lettres
- **Ràday Archive:** official papers of the Danubian District of the Hungarian Reformed Church, family deposits
- **Ràday Museum:** works of church art

Short History of the Library

Originally the Ràday Library was a private library of the Ràday family. The family belonged to the Hungarian lesser nobility. The first member of the family who rose to national importance was Pál Ràday (1677-1733). He was the chancellor of Ferenc Rákóczi II, leader of the 1703-1711 Independence War in Hungary against Austria. He established the library, and the collection was later developed by his son, Gedeon (1713-1792), who dedicated himself to literature and scholarship—his poetic achievements received appreciation in Hungarian literary history.

Gedeon Ràday was a collector of the whole of European literature. His library includes—apart from the books written in Hungarian—books in Latin, German, French, and Italian. Books published from Paris to Saint-Petersbourg, from Sweden to Italy, belletristic works, scientific publications (in-

cluding several books on natural sciences and medicine), theology, and philosophy are all represented. The collection is complete of the publications of the French Enlightenment. The library also includes primary works of earlier times—the first editions of the Holy Bible, Luther, and Calvin; illustrated editions of the classical authors, and even maps can be found here. The number of incunabula (books printed before 1500) is forty-seven. The expertness of the increasing distinguishes the library from the other typical private libraries of the 18th century. The highly educated Ràdays sorted through the most important works of the various sciences and also collected bibliographical rarities.

After the death of Gedeon Ràday, negotiations were carried out for the selling of the library. The bargainings, however, always came to failure because of the family's insistence that the library be sold in its entirety rather than in parts.

Finally, in 1855, Bishop Pál Török established the Protestant Theological Academy in Budapest and he decided to buy the library to serve the students and professors. This is how the library, in 1861, became the possession of the Danubian District of the Hungarian Reformed Church.

The library of the Ràday family is contained separate section, dating from the 18th century and numbering about 6,000 works in 12,000 volumes.

The Ràday Library is the largest part of the collection and is opened to the public. We have approximately 150,000 books from the fields of theology (mainly Protestant theology), social sciences, and humaniora (history, art history, philosophy, philology, literary history, Hungarian ethnography, and sociology).

Services: borrowing (except the protected documents); reading hall; copy service; general guide or professional lecture in the museal part of the library; serving the researchers' requests.

Opening Hours: weekdays between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Separated Collections: the museal Ràday Library (private collection from the 18th century), Old Hungarian Books (printed before 1711), Periodicals, Manuscripts.

The main activity of the Ràday Collection fit for its departments' types, namely, preserving and increasing the documents and works, making mod-

ern and expert catalogues, serving the readers and researchers.

Our internal scientific research is financed by competitions and carried out by our qualified employees (sometimes casual colleagues).

Actual Projects

- digitizing the catalogue of the old books of the museal Ràday (bibliographic description, possessors and notes in manuscript, digitizing title-pages)
- examination and description of the historical bindings of the books of Ràday Library (with pictures; identifying masters and tools)
- building special database (analytical description of books of sermons)
- publishing

Digital Catalogue of the Museal Ràday Library

The work of digitizing the rare old books of the museal Ràday Library is continuous (full bibliographic description, possessors and notes in manuscript, digitizing title-pages). 120 rare old books printed before 1500 are completed (with the next additions: description in details, summary of the contents, personal biographies, bibliographic sources, historical descriptions, rich illustrations—for presenting on CD-ROM).

The Method of Processing:

Our work is based on the data-processing software ORBIS. With its help, we can make special bibliographic descriptions with great subtlety. Of course we mark the numbers and codes of the international bibliographies.

We add to the usual bibliographic data some free-text fields which complete the descriptions—especially with a view to the content of the works. For example, a short summary of every book; a short biography about every author and contributor (typographer, engraver, editor etc.). There are extra fields (records) to the mentioned places and persons; possessors; persons to whom the books were dedicated. We gather all the available information about the historical and bibliographical importance of the books (references, citations, why it is important work, how the Ràdays got it, etc.)

We complete the descriptions with pictures of

title-pages, incipit-explicit, colophons, the autograph signatures and armes of possessors and the main illustrations. These are not merely a decorative frame around the bibliographic descriptions. The pictures make the scientific research possible in an up-to-date form, because they are the material of the comparative bibliographical work and other studies.

The material of the planned CD-ROM is completed and the edition itself is in progress. Now we have modified our software for the sake of integrating all the data of all our projects and to accelerate the work.

We will give a full bibliographic description, with the name and the notes of the possessors, names to whom the books were dedicated, keywords, notes about the most important things about the copy (e.g. its provenience), codes of international bibliographies. We'll also give a complete description of binding (see the next project) and the description of each engraving (third project)—but we won't compose summaries of the contents and biographies.

Presently the test-phase of the software is almost completed, we plan the start from the beginning of 2000. (*project manager: Agnes Berecz*)

Examination and Description of the Historical Bindings of the Books of Ràday Library

The examination and description of the historical bindings of the books of Ràday Library is a program from 1998 until 2001. In 1998, 148 descriptions were completed (with full documentation of stamps and pictures).

The method of processing: on the one hand, to examine and identify the bindings (used materials, dating, descriptions of ornaments, separating the stamps, making pullings from the stamps and photos). On the other hand, it is possible to identify some of the masters, as we preserve a lot of original invoices in the Ràday Archive (invoices of Hungarian bookbinders for Gedeon Ràday). This is of great importance as the names of the old masters are generally unknown. (*project manager: Eva Csenki*)

Catalogue of Engravings (Portraits) in the Ràday Library

We plan to make a complete catalogue of all woodcuts and engravings that can be found in the books of the museal Ràday Library, with a special

attention to the portraits.

The project started in 1999 with the examination of a unique copy of Emmanuel Van Meteren (Meteranus novus, das ist wahrhaftige Beschreibung aller denwürdigsten Geschichten so sonderlich in denen Niederlanden und ander Reichen von d. Regierung Philippi Audaci . . . bis auf Jahr . . . 1612 sich zugetragen. Amsterdam, Blaeu, 1633?). The book is equipped with 378 colored engravings, and, as far as we know, it is unique with this illustration. (project manager: Maria Dancs)

A Special Database: "Textuarium"


The building of a special database (analytical description of books of sermons) is continuous. The name of the database is *Textuarium*; presently around 3,500 sermons are catalogued (main fields of search: biblical items (locus), author, title, keywords).

The database helps the work of pastors and the students of the Theological Academy. The project is limited to the modern Hungarian books of sermons (these are the most requested, of course). (project manager: *Borbála L. Kozma*)

Publishing Activity in the Ràday Library

Our publishing activity is continuous and non-profit. Our periodical issue is the Annual of the Ràday Collection. With the financial aid of competitions we occasionally publish treatises, sources, and catalogues of exhibitions (our last publication, accompanied with the Palatinus Publishing House: *Hungary 1921-1941. The memoirs of Tibor Zsitvay, 1999*).

Agnes Berecz

Director of Library 

ATLA Annual Conferences

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

June 20-23, 2001
Durham, NC
Duke Divinity Library

June 19-22, 2002
St. Paul, MN
Minnesota Theological
Library Association

JOB LISTINGS WANTED!

ATLA is soliciting job listings for both professional and paraprofessional positions. Send position open announcements to the newsletter editor, Margret Tacke Collins (e-mail: mcollins@atla.com) and they will be posted on the Web site immediately and in the next newsletter. If you need a librarian, a circulation supervisor, or administrative assistant, we can help you find one!

CHANGES:

If you have moved, changed jobs, have a new e-mail service provider, or anything else that affects your contact information, please notify Carol Jones (cjones@atla.com or 888-665-2852) so that your membership record may be updated.

ATLA Calendar

May 5	Norlin attends meeting for sponsors of the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) in Washington, D.C.
June 19–26	ATLA in Berkeley
July 7–11	ALA in Chicago
July 18–21	Norlin at LATIN meeting in Quito, Ecuador
July 22–26	Norlin and Whittlesey at Consultation for Theological Librarians at the Wabash Center, Crawfordsville, Indiana
July 31–August 7	ATLA offices closed for move to new Headquarters
August 19	Meeting of ATLAS Advisory Panel
August 20–September 16	Norlin at meeting of BETH in York, England

From the Executive Director

New Strategic Plan

ATLA staff are in the process of developing a new strategic plan for the next three years. When I became ATLA's Executive Director in 1996 our president, Linda Corman, asked for a simple one-page strategic plan to get us through the next year. During the course of that year we developed a three-year plan that we are completing this year (our fiscal year ends August 31). Now it is time to develop another plan. This time there are three significant differences in the way we will develop that plan, and I would like to share those differences with you.

1. Surely the most important difference is that this time we will organize the Strategic Plan around the four Organizational Ends of our Association. A little over two years ago we re-organized our Strategic Plan in that way, and it has been most helpful. Our primary Organizational End is to support the professional growth of ATLA members in order to enhance their ability to serve their constituencies as administrators and librarians. During the past three years we have sought to increase the level and quality of that support. In the next three years we will make this commitment more visible with the counsel and advice of the new Professional Development Committee chaired by Roberta Schaafsma. Plans for our new headquarters, our new Coordinator of Professional Development, and our new member Web site all will focus on support for members' professional growth.

2. A second difference in our new Strategic Plan will be the avoidance of a laundry list of projects. Our past plan listed more than forty specific tasks and focused more on the individual tasks than on the overall goals and direction to be pursued. Our new Strategic Plan will help members and staff have a better understanding of our long-range direction rather than focus on discrete projects.
3. A third difference is in the way we establish priorities in our products and services. In the dramatically changing world of information technology today, it is important that the projects and products we pursue are those that are most valuable for ATLA members. We have identified a number of possible projects for the next three years and will be surveying all institutional members to identify those projects of highest priority. We will use that counsel from members as the plan for research and development of ATLA products for the next three years.

During this period prior to our Annual Conference I encourage you to share with me the thoughts and ideas you have for ATLA's next three years. Together we will develop a Strategic Plan that reflects the goals and aspirations of ATLA members.

Sincerely,
Dennis A. Norlin
ATLA Executive Director

News from ATLA Staff

Endowment Activity

ATLA is pleased to announce its affiliation with the North Suburban Library Foundation (NSLF) of Wheeling, Illinois. As an umbrella foundation providing services to more than 600 member libraries of the North Suburban Library System, NSLF is a unique organization. As an NSLF member, ATLA will continue to control its own Endowment Fund but will benefit from all of the organizational facility, staff expertise, and fiscal capabilities of a community foundation devoted exclusively to libraries and library activities. Pradeep Gamadia, ATLA's Director of Financial Services, has been appointed to the NSLF board and will participate in all of its development of policies and programs. Contributions to ATLA's Endowment Fund will continue to build a solid financial foundation for the Association's future while providing a portion of earned interest each year to support activities related to our Organizational Ends. Development Officer Cynthia Derrenbacker is developing a new brochure that will explain these new developments in ATLA's Endowment Fund. 📖



New Headquarters Activity

ATLA staff continue to work with architect Robert Isaac as final design and working drawings for our new headquarters are completed. The new space will accommodate thirty-five ATLA employees in a well-lighted, open environment. The new site—the sixteenth floor at 250 South Wacker Drive—is the top floor of the building and has a spacious deck overlooking the Chicago River. An abundance of windows provides wonderful internal light. The design maintains excellent views from all sides and provides an open and collaborative working environment for ATLA staff.

ATLA will occupy an additional 4,500 square feet on the fifteenth floor of the building in August, 2001. Present plans for that area of expansion include an interactive conference facility and meeting room (for fifty), facilities for the preservation microfilm activities of Mr. and Mrs. Sang Sul, an ATLA Board Room, and several small meeting rooms and

private offices. ATLA has submitted a grant request to the Lilly Endowment, Inc., to support construction of a state-of-the-art interactive conference facility. Through the use of this facility, ATLA would be able to host videoconferences and develop members' collaborative programs and projects. We would also make this facility available to other scholarly associations like the Association of Theological Schools of the United States and Canada, the American Academy of Religion, and the Society of Biblical Literature. 📖



LME Task Force

After meeting virtually on the Web for several months, the Library Materials Exchange (LME) Task Force met in Evanston with ATLA staff. Chair Laura Wood, Ted Winter, Eric Friede, and Kevin Smith met for several hours with ATLA Director of Information Services, Paul Jensen. The Task Force has formulated what they feel would be an ideal database for the members to maintain for the exchange of periodical materials. Currently, lists of exchange materials are mailed to each participating member. A Web-based database would preclude that necessity. The ATLA Information Services staff is now beginning the process of formulating actual specifications and determining the screen format for the Web site with the help of the Task Force. A final report and proposal will be submitted to the ATLA membership at the 2000 Annual Conference in Berkeley, California. 📖

*Carol Jones, ATLA Member Representative
and Staff Liaison to the LME Task Force*



ATLA to Preserve 100 Years of Endangered Journals

ATLA announces its most recent serials preservation initiative: the preservation of more than 200 selected journals that are representative of non-Christian, missionary, and syncretistic religion journals

published between 1850 and 1950 and threatened by progressive deterioration.

With \$564,977 in funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) granted over two years, ATLA will ensure access to more than 200 endangered journals (approximately 6,550 volumes) in religion through preservation microfilming and through the creation and dissemination of bibliographic records of these journal titles. Microfilms will be stored in ATLA's vault at the National Underground Storage Facility. The project will be a coordinated effort, with four key research libraries affiliated with ATLA contributing the bulk of the journals: Andover-Harvard Library of Harvard Divinity School, Pitts Theology Library of Emory University, Speer Library of Princeton Theological Seminary, and Yale Divinity School Library. 📖



Preservation Brochure

ATLA Institutional members will soon receive a new brochure describing the Association's On Demand preservation microfilm program. For many years ATLA has assisted a number of libraries (most notably Harvard) that preserve periodicals on microfilm. The program has benefited not only participating libraries but also the Association. The On Demand program combined with ATLA's NEH grant programs account for more than 1,800 serial titles available for sale through Scholarly Resources.

The new On Demand program will include any texts a member library wants to preserve—serials, monographs, dissertations, or any other material. ATLA On Demand filming offers preservation quality microfilming at a very reasonable price, permanent storage of the master copies preserved in ATLA's vault at the National Underground Storage in Pennsylvania, free replacement for any film that is damaged or lost, and an opportunity for member libraries to help the Association preserve valuable theological materials for future generations.

For more information about the new On Demand program contact Preservation Specialist Russell Kracke at rkracke@atla.com. 📖



Suls Reach Agreement with ATLA

ATLA has reached agreement with Mr. and Mrs. Sang Sul to share space in our new headquarters. Mr. Sul, the former head of photoduplication services at the University of Chicago, has for many years provided the highest level of microfilm services to ATLA and its members through his company Preservation Microfilm. In the new agreement with ATLA, the Suls will occupy space in ATLA's Davis Street site in Evanston beginning June 1, and will move to ATLA's new Chicago headquarters in September 2001. ATLA has agreed to hire an apprentice to work with the Suls for the next few years, learning the art of preservation quality microfilming and assuring ATLA members of continuing access to quality custom microfilm services when the Suls retire. 📖



IBRR Online

IBRR Online, ATLA's first online electronic index is now available on the ATLA Web site by subscription. *IBRR Online* is the electronic successor to ATLA's *Index to Book Reviews in Religion*, published by ATLA from 1960 to 2000. *IBRR Online* offers a sophisticated searching interface that allows users to search by author, editor, or reviewer; review, book, or series title; journal title; subject, and related record number. *IBRR Online* is priced at just \$300 for up to five simultaneous users per institution, with an additional charge for additional simultaneous users. Subscribers to the *ATLA Religion Database* can subscribe to *IBRR Online* for just \$150. 📖



Windows version of ATLA Religion Database on CD-ROM

ATLA staff continue to work with NexData staff to resolve the bugs and problems with the beta version of ATLA's new Windows application for the August release of the *ATLA Religion Database on CD-ROM*. During last fall's eight-week testing period, ATLA subscribers forwarded more than 100 sug-

gested changes for the application. The changes range from very simple to very complex and from changes that involve no additional cost to changes that involve major additional costs. ATLA staff have developed a schedule of priorities for the new application based upon a determination of what is desirable, what is affordable, and what can be completed by the August application. We are confident that the new application will be included in the August update and will be a major improvement over the current Windows application. 📖



New Journals Accepted for Indexing

The *ATLA Religion Database* has recently accepted the following new journals for indexing. These journals will appear in *Religion Index One*, volume 32, 2000:

Asian Journal of Pentecostal Studies (semi-ann). *Asian J Pentecostal Stud.* Baguio City, Philippines: Asia Pacific Theological Seminary, 1998-. ISSN 0118-8534.

Caribbean Journal of Evangelical Theology (ann). *Carib J Ev Theology.* Kingston, Jamaica: Caribbean Evangelical Theological Association, 1997-.

Christian Bioethics: Non-Ecumenical Studies in Medical Morality (3/yr). *Chr Bioethics.* Lisse, Netherlands: Swets & Zeitlinger, 1995. ISSN 1380-3603.

European Journal for Church and State Research/Revue Européenne des Relations Églises - État (q). *Eur J Church State Res.* Leuven, Belgium: Peeters, 1994-. ISSN 1370-5954.

Hill Road: A Journal of Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary (semi-ann). *Hill Road.* Hong Kong, China: Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary, 1998-.

Journal of African Christian Thought (semi-ann). *J Afr Chr Thought.* Akropong-Akuapen, Ghana: Akrofi-Christaller Memorial Centre for Mission Research and Applied Theology, 1998-. ISSN 0855-3262.

Neotestamentica: Journal of the New Testament Society of South Africa (semi-ann). *Neotestamentica.* Pretoria, South Africa: Univ.

of South Africa, 1967-. ISSN 0254-8356.

Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions (semi-ann). *Nova Religio.* Deland, FL: Seven Bridges Press, 1997-. ISSN 1092-6690.

PTCA Bulletin (semi-ann). *PTCA Bull.* Thailand: Programme for Theology and Cultures in Asia, Payap University, 1988-. ISSN 0859-6476.

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Studies in World Christianity (semi-ann). *Stud World Chr.* Edinburgh, Scotland: Edinburgh Univ. Press, 1995-. ISSN 1354-9901.

Stulos: Theological Journal (semi-ann). *Stulos (Bandung).* Bandung, Indonesia: Bandung Theological Seminary, 1993-. ISSN 0854-9176.

Teaching Theology & Religion (3/yr). *Teach Theol Relig (Print).* Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 1998-. ISSN 1368-4868.

Theologika: Revista Biblico-Teologica (semi-ann). *Theologika.* Lima, Peru: Facultad de Teologia Universidad Peruana Union, 1983. ISSN 1022-5390.

Zeitschrift für Antikes Christentum/Journal of Ancient Christianity (semi-ann). *Z Antikes Christentum.* Berlin, Germany: Walter de Gruyter GMBH & Co., 1997-. ISSN 0949-9571. 📖



ATLAS Update

The ATLAS project, an effort to digitize fifty years' worth of fifty journals, is progressing rapidly. We now have signed license agreements with the publishers of the following thirty journals:

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Journal of Ecumenical Studies
The Journal of Pastoral Care
Journal of Pastoral Theology
The Journal of Ritual Studies
Journal of the American Academy of Religion
Journal of the Canadian Church Historical Society
Journal of Theology for Southern Africa
The Living Pulpit
Modern Theology
The Muslim World
Near Eastern Archaeology (formerly known as Biblical Archaeologist)
Novum Testamentum
Numen
Pneuma
Religious Education
St. Vladimir's Theological Quarterly
Semeia: an Experimental Journal for Biblical Criticism
Theological Studies
Vetus Testamentum

We are in various stages of conversation with another twenty or so journals concerning their participation in ATLAS.

We have recently purchased SIM (Structured Information Manager), an XML database server, which we will use, in conjunction with our Oracle database engine, to display the content of the journals. SIM has the ability to handle both XML and Z39.50 queries, so it is ideal for our needs.

For updated information on ATLAS, please see our Web page: <http://purl.org/CERTR/ATLAS> 




Report of the ATLA Representative to CC:DA

CC:DA continues to have an extremely busy year. Following the June 1999 meeting, four task forces were constituted to review documents and prepare an ALA response to documents being considered by the Joint Steering Committee at its October meeting. Those task forces prepared reports on the Harmonization of ISBD (ER) (description

of electronic resources) with AACR2; the revision of AACR2 0.24 (rule concerning content versus carrier); a Review of the Report on the logical structure of AACR2, and Seriality (changing the rules to accommodate the cataloging of electronic resources which do not fit the current definitions). The reports of those task forces can be found on the CC:DA homepage, <http://www.ala.org/alcts/organization/ccs/ccda/ccda.html>, see topic: CC:DA Task Forces Have Busy—and Productive—Summer.

Those task force reports were presented to the Joint Steering Committee (JSC) at its October meeting in Brisbane. The results of the JSC deliberations can be viewed at: <http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/jsc/index.htm>, see topic: Outcomes of Meeting held in Brisbane, Australia, 18–20 October 1999. Some highlights of the Brisbane meeting were the following:

- Harmonization of ISBD (ER) and AACR2: Chapter 9 will be significantly revised.
- A new introduction to AACR2 will be written, introducing the idea that major changes require the creation of a new record and minor changes do not. In addition, a new appendix indicating what constitutes major and minor changes will be added.
- The JSC is testing the feasibility of reorganizing part 1 of the code according to ISBD areas of description.
- Jean Hiron was asked to prepare a revision of Chapter 12 and other relevant chapters to incorporate changes agreed to by JSC.
- The proposed new wording of rule 0.24 to stress bringing out all aspects of the item being described was endorsed.
- Another new appendix will list initial articles.

Reports of these activities were made to CC:DA at its Midwinter meeting. Two task forces were appointed: a task force to review Option C in the 0.24 task force report to decide whether it is the best way to handle format variations; and a task force to draft a proposed new appendix on Major/Minor changes relating to the creation of a new record. Reports of both of these task forces are due before the annual meeting of CC:DA in July 2000. 

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