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From the President

ATLA Board Responsibilities and Duties



In recent weeks, I have been talking with some of my colleagues at Columbia University and about what an ATLA board member does and does not do. In the course of my conversations, I first highlight the differences between strategic and operational thinking. On the one hand, strategic thinking is characterized by a longer time frame (e.g., five to ten years) than operational thinking (e.g., one to two years). In addition, strategic

thinking is driven by the vision of an association, whereas operational thinking is driven by the strategic plan and ongoing operations of an association. In general, leadership, including the board, is accountable for strategic thinking, whereas staff and volunteer groups (e.g., ATLA committees and interest groups) are accountable for operations.

ATLA board members play three key roles within our association: (1) setting organizational direction, (2) ensuring necessary resources, and (3) providing oversight. Setting organizational direction includes the following: engaging in strategic thinking and planning, setting the association’s mission and vision for the future, and establishing organizational values. Ensuring resources includes the following: hiring capable executive leadership, ensuring adequate financial resources, promoting a positive public image, and ensuring the presence of a capable and responsible board. Providing oversight includes the following: overseeing financial management, minimizing exposure to risk, measuring progress on the strategic plan, providing legal and moral oversight, and evaluating the executive director and board.

In addition to these roles, the board has three main duties, which are on the [Nominating Committee's webpage](#): (1) a duty of care, (2) a duty of loyalty, and (3) a duty of obedience. Our duty of care requires that we be reasonably informed about the organization’s activities, participate in decision-making, and act in good faith and with the care of an ordinarily prudent person in comparable circumstances. Our duty of loyalty requires us to exercise our power in the interest of our association and not in our own personal interests or the interest of another entity. Our duty of obedience requires that we comply with applicable federal, state and local laws, adhere to our association’s governing documents, and remain guardians of our association’s mission.

As you can see, board members have a lot of duties and responsibilities. It is hard but rewarding work. We welcome [your feedback](#) on our performance. As Board President, I have taken these duties and responsibilities very seriously and have tried to act in the best interest of you, our members, and our association. Please rest assured; ATLA staff and members also have duties and responsibilities. I will talk more about those in next month’s column and during our annual conference in Denver.

Beth Bidlack
President



REGISTER NOW

Registration is Open

[Register for the 2015 ATLA Annual Conference.](#)

Learn, network, and share with more than 220 colleagues and speakers from around the world focused on religion and theological librarianship in Denver this June!



VIEW SCHEDULE

Browse the Conference Schedule

[The 2015 ATLA Annual Conference is on SCHED.org.](#)

[SCHED.org](#) allows you to browse conference sessions, develop and print your own schedule, and connect with associates and friends.



RESERVE ROOM

Reserve Room

[Book your stay](#) at the conference location, the Marriott Denver Tech Center.

Session Spotlight: Closing Plenary and Luncheon with Jamie LaRue



Conclude the ATLA Annual Conference with techniques and inspiration to help transform your communities.

We do a lot of talking about leadership development for our staff, and that's important. Now let's look at some of the ways that the library can leverage those staff members to do something even more ambitious: make the communities around us better, and in the process, demonstrate our incomparable value.

Join us for the closing plenary and luncheon on Saturday, June 20, with Jamie LaRue, author of the award-winning book, *The New Inquisition: Love, Loss, and Libraries*. He has been a weekly newspaper columnist for over 25 years, and a former public library administrator. Today LaRue writes, speaks, and consults on leadership, organizational development, community engagement, and the future of libraries.

Read more about this session: <http://sched.co/2QT1>

CATLA Spring Meeting



North Park University, Johnson Center for Science and Community Life, Chicago.

On Friday, April 24, I had the distinct honor of attending Chicago Area Theological Library Association's (CATLA) meeting honoring the 50th anniversary of the founding of the organization. The presentations, which primarily focused on the history of specific institutions or the contributions of significant institutions, were a great introduction for a newcomer.

The day started with a fascinating "trip down memory lane" from Lisa Gonzalez (including artifacts from the early days). What followed next were several presentations that beautifully illustrated the rich and diverse perspectives of the CATLA community.

- Kathy Harty's discussion of Sacred Heart's commitment to second-career vocation
- Matt Ostercamp's history of the Swedish Lutheran Pietist education in Chicago
- Karl Stutzeman's overview of the Mennonite's in the region
- Terry Robinson's tales of Andrews University's move from Washington DC to Michigan
- Lugene Schemper's discussion of the Dutch reformed movement
- Anne Knaff's discussion of trends over time at University of Chicago

I was also glad to meet several historical figures via the presentations of Stephen Spencer (who discussed the contributions of Carl F. H. Henry and Kenneth S. Kantzer) and Gregory Morrison (who shared insights into the life of Robert Webber). It was a truly memorable day.

[Learn more about CATLA.](#)

- Maria Stanton, ATLA Director of Production

SCATLA Spring Meeting

On Friday, April 24, the Southern California Theological Library Association warmly welcomed my attendance at their Spring meeting held at Hope International University in Fullerton, California. I greatly appreciated the opportunity to discuss planning for the 2016 Annual Conference to be held in Long Beach, California as well as get to know the members of SCATLA better through listening to their institutional reports. The meeting concluded with a tour of the Hugh and Hazel Darling Library at Hope International University. My thanks to Michelle Spomer of Azusa Pacific University for bringing the meeting to my attention, Ramez Mikhail of Concordia University Irvine and current SCATLA president for graciously adjusting the agenda, and Robin Hartman of Hope International University for being a most hospitable host.

- Gillian Harrison Cain, ATLA Director of Member Programs

Professional Development

[The Professional Development Committee \(PDC\)](#) works to determine and plan for professional development needs of members outside the annual conference. Most often our work involves providing [Grants for Continuing Education programs](#). These can be grants to regional groups associated with ATLA like Florida Theological Library Association or Chicago Area Theological Library Association or to individual Institutional members who want to plan some type of continuing education programming. A number of regional groups ask for some funding from the PDC for their meetings.

Some of the programs in the past: Southeastern Pennsylvania Theological Library Association, "Library Excellence in Online Theological Education," and Minnesota Theological Library Association, "Serials Management in a Changing Environment."

The PDC asks those receiving grants to report on the program and this information is sometimes made available on the ATLA website. This year the committee worked on a new application and reporting form which include goals and learning objectives for the proposed sessions. [Check out the website for details and the application.](#) We encourage regional groups who have not requested funds in the past and institutional members to think about applying for grants to support their programs.

The PDC also works with the [Creating Leaders for Tomorrow program](#). We evaluate the program as well as review the applications and select who participate in the program. This year Creating Leaders for Tomorrow is being offered for the second time. This cohort will finish their work at annual conference in June. PDC will again evaluate the program and make a recommendation as to when to start a new cohort.

PDC continues to look for new ways to provide other opportunities for professional development outside the conference. With this in mind, ATLA staff and the PDC are investigating and testing technologies to make sessions from the conference or other regional meetings available via live stream or video on demand in order to allow more members to be able to access this valuable content.

The PDC would be happy to hear your suggestions as you think about professional development. [You may contact any of the members with questions or suggestions.](#)

ATLA / OCLC Consortium for WorldCat Discovery (formerly OCLC FirstSearch)

[WorldCat Discovery Services](#) will replace the OCLC FirstSearch service in December 2015. All libraries that provide access to the



WorldCat database on FirstSearch can use WorldCat Discovery now as a part of their existing subscriptions. FirstSearch and WorldCat Discovery will operate in parallel through December 2015, to provide time for library staffs to become familiar with the new service before access to FirstSearch ends December 31, 2015.

Below are upcoming WorldCat Discovery instructor-led training classes on searching and configuration:

WorldCat® Discovery Searching Basics

- [2 June 2015 - 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM \(Eastern Daylight Time, North America\)](#)
- [18 June 2015 - 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM \(Eastern Daylight Time, North America\)](#)

WorldCat® Discovery Searching: Advanced Topics

- [20 May 2015 - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM \(Eastern Daylight Time, North America\)](#)
- [26 May 2015 - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM \(Eastern Daylight Time, North America\)](#)
- [9 June 2015 - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM \(Eastern Daylight Time, North America\)](#)
- [11 June 2015 - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM \(Eastern Daylight Time, North America\)](#)
- [17 June 2015 - 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM \(Eastern Daylight Time, North America\)](#)
- [22 June 2015 - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM \(Eastern Daylight Time, North America\)](#)

WorldCat® Discovery Configuration Basics

- [21 May 2015 - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM \(Eastern Daylight Time, North America\)](#)
- [3 June 2015 - 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM \(Eastern Daylight Time, North America\)](#)
- [15 June 2015 - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM \(Eastern Daylight Time, North America\)](#)

WorldCat® Discovery Configuration: Advanced Topics

- [28 May 2015 - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM \(Eastern Daylight Time, North America\)](#)
- [8 June 2015 - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM \(Eastern Daylight Time, North America\)](#)
- [22 June 2015 - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM \(Eastern Daylight Time, North America\)](#)

If your institution is interested in joining the consortium, please contact Kelly Jurecko at kjurecko@atla.com.

New Digital Loeb Classical Library Offer Available to ATLA Members Through SCEL C

Through its relationship with SCEL C, ATLA is



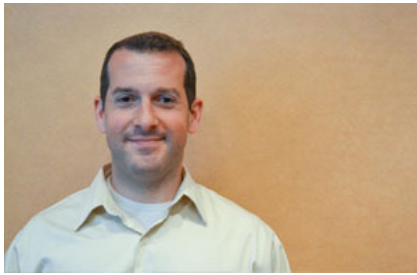
able to offer member libraries an exciting new offer from Harvard University Press and SCEL C for the Digital Loeb Classical Library.

The Loeb Classical Library was designed to bring the written treasures of the ancient Greek and Roman world "within the reach of all who care for the finer things in life." This gold standard of classical study has now been produced online, allowing readers to enjoy its Greek and Latin texts alongside English translations in familiar as well as surprising new ways.

The ATLA/SCEL C Affiliate program provides ATLA Institutional Members in the United States with the opportunity to acquire electronic resources at reduced rates negotiated by SCEL C. There is no charge to become a SCEL C Affiliate Member, simply complete the forms at <http://scl c.org/atla>. To view the full details of the Digital Loeb Classical Library offer, or any other offer through SCEL C, you will need to register on the [SCEL C website](#).

This is an ongoing offer but current pricing is only good through June 30, 2015. The current discount is 20%. ATLA members must complete the SCEL C affiliate application and final pricing will include a 5% SCEL C surcharge and 5% affiliate transaction fee (up to \$50 max).

Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary News

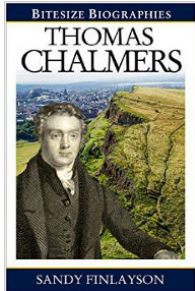


The Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary will assume responsibility for the management of the Philadelphia Archdiocesan Historical Research Center (PAHRC), effective July 1, 2015. This mutually beneficial agreement unites under one institution two treasured

research entities: PARHC with its historical manuscripts and collections, and the Ryan Memorial Library with its collection of theological and philosophical books and journals. Oversight management of both PAHRC and Ryan Library will be the responsibility of Cait Kokolus, Vice President for Information Services and Assessment.

Along with this great news, James Humble will assume the Directorship of Ryan Library. Jim has served on the library staff in several capacities over the last twelve years, and currently holds the position of Assistant Library Director. According to Cait, "Jim has benefited from the [Wabash Center](#) and the [Creating Leaders of Tomorrow Program](#)."

Sandy Finlayson Publishes Work



We are excited to announce that ATLA member Sandy Finlayson, professor of theological bibliography and director of library services at Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, recently wrote a biography on Thomas Chalmers for the Bitesize Biographies Series.

[Read more about about his book and how to purchase a copy.](#)

New Affiliate Members to ATLA

We are pleased to welcome the following new affiliate members to the American Theological Library Association:

- Catholic Distance University
- Fortress
- ICCS
- Instituto de Estudios Wesleyanos - Latino America
- Milligan College
- Theologica-Expository

Retirees Wanted

Did you retire during the past year or are you planning to retire before June 30? Please send your information to newsletter@atla.com so you can be recognized in the newsletter and at the ATLA Annual Conference.

Routine Maintenance Reminder

Routine maintenance will be performed on ATLA systems on Monday, June 1, and Monday, July 6. You may encounter a brief interruption of service between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. (CDT). Services that will be affected include ASE, listservs, the ATLA website, and member community sections. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

Job Openings

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

Positions posted this month:

- ATLA, Chicago, IL, is looking for a [Digitization Specialist](#).
- Congregational Library of the American Congregational Association, Boston, MA, is looking for a [Library Director](#).
- Moody Bible Institute, Spokane, WA, is looking for an [Assistant Branch Librarian](#).
- Moravian Theological Seminary Library, Bethlehem, PA, is looking for an [Instruction Librarian and Seminary Liaison](#).
- Perkins School of Theology/Bridwell Library, Dallas, TX, is looking for a [Librarian 3 \(Curator of Special Collections\)](#).
- Pitts Theology Library, Atlanta, GA, is looking for a [Digital Humanities and Reference Librarian](#).
- Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, is looking for a [Director of Academic Technology and Digital Scholarship Services and Collection Development Librarian](#).
- Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, CA, is looking for a [Head Librarian](#).

ATLA Calendar

May

- 25 - ATLA office closed in observance of Memorial Day
- 27-29 - Society for Scholarly Publishing, Arlington, VA - Margot Lyon and Gregg Taylor attending

June

- 1 - Routine Maintenance performed on ATLA Systems
- 1-2 - CRRA (Catholic Research Resources Alliance), Chicago, IL - Gillian Harrison Cain, Debbie Winarski, and Barnaby Hughes attending
- 4 - MTLA (Minnesota Theological Library Association), St. Paul, MN - Gillian Harrison Cain attending
- 17 - ATLA Board of Directors Meeting, Denver, CO
- 17-20 - ATLA Annual Conference, Denver, CO
- 26-July 1 – ALA Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA – Gillian Harrison Cain attending

July

- 4 - ATLA office closed in observance of Independence Day
- 6 - Routine Maintenance performed on ATLA Systems
- 20-24 - SBL (Society of Biblical Literature) International Meeting - Buenos Aires, Argentina - Margot Lyon and Gregg Taylor attending

Deadline Extended for Diversity Scholarships

The deadline for completed applications for the two scholarships to help promote diversity in Theological Librarianship is being extended to June 1.

Scholarship for a Theological Librarianship Course provides one student from an underrepresented population \$1,200 to attend a Theological Librarianship course at any ALA-accredited master's program in library and information studies. [Apply here.](#)

The ATLA Diversity Scholarship provides one student from an underrepresented population \$2,400 toward tuition at an ALA-accredited master's program in library and information studies. [Apply here.](#)

Scholarship funds are supplied by generous ATLA members who donate to the Scholarships and Grants Annual Fund. For more information and to support this fund, [please visit our website.](#) Special thanks to the [ATLA Diversity Committee](#) for their support of this scholarship program.

From the Executive Director



The 7th ForATL Workshop and Consultation

Earlier this month I had the privilege of attending the 7th Forum of Asian Theological Librarians (ForATL). This year's meeting was held in Bangkok, Thailand, May 1-4, and the theme was "Speed of Change: Asian Theological Librarians in Rapid Transition." Representatives from India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Philippines, and Thailand attended. Mrs. Elizabeth T. Pulanco convened the group.

The ForATL group was originally formed in 1991 following the consultation of Asian theological librarians held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, under the sponsorship of the Programme for Theology and Cultures in Asia (PTCA). Since then ForATL has met every several years in various cities. One of the primary goals of the group is to continually learn from and update each other regarding the new trends and changes going on in libraries and archives in Asia.

Dr. Wati Longchar from PTCA provided the keynote address, and representatives from each country gave an overview and update on their activities. Dr. Robert Batzinger, Director of IT and Communications Services at Payap University in Chiang Mai, Thailand, provided an overview of trends in technology that are impacting higher education.

One of the most exciting developments since the last ForATL meeting is the creation of a new Theological Librarianship Degree program hosted by the Central Philippine University, Iloilo City, Philippines. The first cohort of 12 students is enrolled in this two-year block program and several students were able to participate in the ForATL event.

The group took time out from discussing theological librarianship to tour the Thailand Knowledge Park Library (referred to "TKpark") housed in the CenterWorld Mall. This inviting state of the art library is located on the 8th floor of an enormous mall. Visitors from outside



ForATL Meeting, Bangkok Christian Guest House, Bangkok, Thailand, May 1-4



TKpark Library in Bangkok

Bangkok can obtain a day pass to browse materials, attend events in its theatre, and make use of the music library.

The group talked about various ways to encourage others to attend future meetings and how to raise funds to support participation. After the official adjournment, I met with several of the organizers to talk about potential collaboration between ForATL and ATLA. The next ForATL meeting is tentatively planned for Jakarta, Indonesia, in 2017.

Contact Information

We welcome your submission of news, photos, and other items of interest for the *ATLA Newsletter*. All submissions are due on the first business day of the month preceding publication.

Contact newsletter@atla.com with any questions or concerns or if you are interested in sponsoring an issue of the newsletter.

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