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# Reflections on the Year

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## Submitted by Jennifer Bartholomew, ATLA President

As the year draws to a close, I have been looking back on experiences and opportunities. I've appreciated the chance to travel—Indianapolis in June, a trip to Scotland in August with my mother, several trips to Chicago on Board business, and Toronto in November. This fall, as a volunteer at the Parliament of the World's Religions, I connected with many kindred spirits. I spoke with people from around the globe who are working in many ways to broaden understanding and bring us closer together. I hope that we will continue to build on the theme of this Parliament, "The Promise of Inclusion, the Power of Love: Pursuing Global Understanding, Reconciliation, and Change." This experience was especially meaningful as it underlies my work as a theological librarian. Inclusion, global understanding, love, and reconciliation are all themes in great religious and theological collections. This is the WHY that brings me to work in the morning and gives me focus through the myriad tasks of each day.



I am especially thankful that ATLA has set a vision of becoming a global hub for scholarly communication in religion and theology. Our work in the midst of great social and technological change is ambitious and not easily realized. It is a listening and learning process as we explore what it means to be a hub, to be global, to broaden access to scholarly communication.

This past year the Board has been involved in a process to evaluate ATLA's brand. We've undertaken this work to better understand how ATLA is perceived today, and to start thinking about what our brand should be as we work toward becoming a global hub for scholarly communication in religion and theology. In the coming months, we will begin to share the fruits of this work more broadly with the membership. Our hope is that this will give the Association new energy as we live into our vision.

Thank you to the ATLA community for a very good year. We are a rich association due to the many talents of our members, our ability to adapt through change, and our contributions to our profession. Thank you for your contributions. Best wishes and blessings for the New Year.

# Invest in the Future of Theological and Religious Studies Librarianship

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## Submitted by Brenda Bailey-Hainer, ATLA Executive Director

Many good things happened at ATLA this past year. Members serving on the ATLA Publishing Program editorial boards have been busy accepting book proposals, reimagining the annual conference proceedings, and celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the launch of *Theological Librarianship*. A successful Annual Conference in Indianapolis featured ATLA's first ever THATCamp and more than a dozen attendees from Australia, Europe, Southeast Asia, and Africa added a distinctly global aspect to the event. Webinars proliferated on diverse topics and a SACO funnel was launched!



These quality projects and programs address ATLA's core purpose of promoting worldwide scholarly communication in religion and theology by advancing the work of libraries and related information providers. We continue to make progress each year toward achieving that purpose, but the Association's work is never done. ATLA is committed to providing these services for the long term, but we need your help.

The ATLA Endowment Fund was established to ensure that in the future ATLA will still be here to help the profession of theological and religious studies librarianship thrive. Generous donations from ATLA members like you have helped the Endowment Fund grow to nearly \$700,000. For the last several years, all income from the Fund has been rolled back into it to help increase its value more rapidly. In addition, income from ATLA products has been used to match donations for the last several years.

Your donation to the ATLA Endowment Fund is a strategic investment that will ensure that the benefits of membership you enjoy now will continue to be available to future generations of theological and religious studies libraries and librarians. Please consider making an online donation or mail a check to:

ATLA Endowment Fund  
300 S. Wacker Dr.  
Suite 2100  
Chicago, IL 60606

On behalf of the Association, thank you for helping ATLA support the continued success of the profession.

# 2019 ATLA Board of Directors Election Opens January 3

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 [newsletter.atla.com/2018/2019-boardelection/](https://newsletter.atla.com/2018/2019-boardelection/)

December 10, 2018

The 2019 ATLA Board of Directors Election will open on Thursday, January 3, 2019, and will close on Thursday, January 31, 2019. The election will be performed via electronic ballot by Survey & Ballot Systems.

Ballots including candidates' biographical information and statements will be posted on a customized website hosted by Survey & Ballot Systems. Candidate information can also be found on the [ATLA Newsletter site](#).



Personalized access codes to the voting site will be sent via e-mail to eligible voting members (Institutional Member Representatives, Individual Members, and Retired Members) in good standing as of January 1, 2019. The e-mail will come from the ATLA Election Coordinator and the displayed e-mail address will be [noreply@directvote.net](mailto:noreply@directvote.net). You may wish to add this address to your address book or alert your IT staff to allow it through your institution's firewall.

If you are an Individual member who also serves as an Institutional Member Representative, you will receive two distinct ballots with different access codes in order to fulfill your voting opportunities as articulated in the ATLA Bylaws.

If you have any questions about voting procedures or your membership status, please contact a member representative at [memberrep@atla.com](mailto:memberrep@atla.com) or Gillian Harrison Cain, Director of Member Programs, at [gcain@atla.com](mailto:gcain@atla.com).

# 2019 Board of Directors Candidate Statements

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 [newsletter.atla.com/2018/2019-candidates/](https://newsletter.atla.com/2018/2019-candidates/)

December 10, 2018

The Nominating Committee has named the following candidates for the four director positions to be filled on the Board for the term of 2019-2022.

The election will be conducted via electronic ballot from January 3 through January 31, 2019. For information about voting, [read the 2019 ATLA Board of Directors Election article](#).



The Board candidates have been asked to make brief statements addressing three questions identified by the ATLA Board. ([Read the questions here.](#))

The candidates are (in randomized order by [www.random.org](http://www.random.org)):

- Gerone Lockhart, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, New Brunswick, New Jersey
- Stephen Sweeney, St. John Vianney Theological Seminary, Denver, Colorado (incumbent)
- Susan Ebertz, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa
- Jennifer Ulrich, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia (incumbent)
- Robert Roethemeyer, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- Christina Torbert, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi (incumbent)
- David Kriegh, St. Patrick's Seminary and University, Menlo Park, California
- Jérémie LeBlanc, Saint Paul University/Université Saint-Paul, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

# Gerone Lockhart

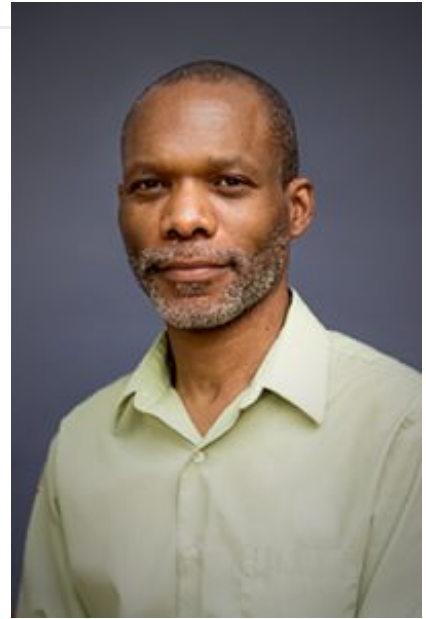
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## Current Position

Collection Services Librarian, Sage Library, New Brunswick Theological Seminary

## Education and Professional Development

- AB, Princeton University (Religion)
- MDiv, Columbia Theological Seminary
- MSLIS, University of Illinois
- Graduate Studies, New York University (Sociology)
- Graduate Studies, Boston University (Practical Theology)
- Certificate IT Network Support Specialist, Cuyahoga Community College
- Program in Business and Computer Programming, Cuyahoga Community College



## Previous Positions

- Theological Librarian and Assistant Dean for Seminary Matters, Calvin College & Calvin Theological Seminary (November 2017 – November 2018)
- Interim Theological Librarian, Calvin College & Calvin Theological Seminary (November 2016 – November 2017)

## Leadership Positions in ATLA

- Member, Annual Conference Committee (June 2018 – Present)
- Member, Presbyterian and Reformed Interest Group (June 2015 – Present)
- Member, Small Libraries Interest Group (June 2018 – Present)

## Leadership Positions other than ATLA

- Chair, Library Governance (Oversight) Committee, Calvin College & Calvin Theological Seminary (August 2018 – November 2018)
- Member, Internal Review Committee for Student Affairs, Calvin College (August 2018 – November 2018)

## Statement

The broad and diverse views of our association derive from the diverse missions of our parent institutions. We have institutions that train students to understand religion as an objective social reality and we have institutions that train future religious to form disciples within particular faith communities. We may share information sources but the aims, goals, and processes might diverge in important respects. Even within a particular religious tradition, understandings of what constitutes a legitimate expression of the faith might diverge so significantly that it is difficult to conceive of sharing a common formation. We have significant

overlap as information professionals concerned with religion and theology. And yet we have significant variation in mission and purpose. These commonalities and differences matter. Our challenge is to present a robust mission for ATLA that supports both the commonalities and the diversity that can contribute to a vibrant and vital association.

The broad and diverse views of our association also derive from differences in the size of budgets, staff, and collections. We are also diverse in our specializations and interests as information professionals. Some of us are mainly engaged in reference, outreach, and instruction while others are more focused on technical services. Increasingly, still, others are interested primarily in data science, software programming, and systems librarianship.

Because of my training in doctoral programs in theology and in sociology, my training as a Christian minister in the Reformed tradition, and as an undergraduate major in religious studies, I have a sensitivity to the needs of all three types of academic communities and the significant diversity within (as well as between) them. However, most importantly, I bring my interests in using information science and information technology in the service of human rights, the common good, and a critical understanding of social context and structures. For me, this is linked to Christian discipleship and the reign of God. For the larger association, this would be associated with exploring ways in which religion & theological librarians (reference, technical services, and IT) can use technology and information science to help students, faculty, and staff better understand our common context. The specific manifestations that are most helpful to our respective contexts will be different but the use of technology to better understand the world around us—including religious pluralism, violence, and contemporary and historical challenges to the common good—is common to us all.

In group deliberations, I have been called thoughtful. I focus on fundamentals, the mission, and outcomes. I try to be a good listener. I have learned that there are often long-term benefits of following the group wisdom of a diverse community centered around a compelling mission after an informed and honest conversation, even when I otherwise would have decided on another course of action.

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Stephen Sweeney



## Current Position

Library Director (2010-present), Cardinal Stafford Library, St John Vianney Theological Seminary

## Education and Professional Development

- BA, Regis University
- BS, Regis University
- MLIS, University of Denver
- Certificate, Denver Catholic Biblical School, St John Vianney Theological Seminary



## Previous Positions

- Adjunct Faculty (2017-present), Morgridge College of Education, University of Denver
- Reference Librarian (2007-2010), Cardinal Stafford Library, St John Vianney Theological Seminary
- Access and Network Services (2001-2003), multiple branches, Denver Public Library
- Access Services Assistant Supervisor (1999-2007), Dayton Memorial Library, Regis University

## Leadership Positions in ATLA

- Chair, World Religions Interest Group (2013-2016)
- Chair, Diversity Committee (2012-2013)
- Member, Education Committee (2011-2015)
- Chair, Roman Catholic Denomination Group (2013-2016)
- Chair, World Christianity Interest Group (2009-2012)

## Leadership Positions other than ATLA

- Board President, Colorado Association of Libraries (a 501(c)(6) organization in Colorado) (2011-2014)
- Participant, Leadership Institute, Colorado Association of Libraries (2008)
- Statewide Conference Chairman, Colorado Association of Libraries (2009-2011)
- President, Colorado Library Education Foundation (a 501(c)(3) organization in Colorado) (2013-2014)
- Member, Finance Review Committee, Mountain Plains Library Association (2010-2017)
- Participant, Leadership Institute, Mountain Plains Library Association (2014)
- State Representative to Colorado, Mountain Plains Library Association (2014-2018)
- Board President, Home of Denver (a 501(c)(2) organization in Denver) (2015-2017)
- Board President, Reddin Inc (a 501(c)(3) organization in Denver) (2016-present)
- Chapter President, Knights of Columbus (a 501(c)(8) organization in Denver) (2017-2018)

## Statement

In Trust Center for Theological Schools defines governance as an act of faith, so much more than simply a legal requirement. The Board of Directors for ATLA are responsible for setting the strategic vision of the Association and ensuring that there are policies and funding in place for that vision to come to reality. In this sense of faithfulness to the vision of ATLA, I have seen the Board work to understand, accept, and welcome broad and diverse views of the members of our association. One recent way this happened was through bylaws changes that allowed for the expansion of the definition of membership. Growing from bylaws and governing documents come ATLA's Strategic Plan, including our Core Values. One of our stated core value sets revolves around hospitality, inclusion, and diversity. The Board is called precisely to be the standard bearer for this core value in engaging the membership, listening actively, and responding appropriately.

The Board of Directors, in 1991, voted to adopt the Policy Governance (aka "Carver Governance") model of governance for the Association. Policy Governance has been a touchstone for deliberating the future of ATLA. Where the Board has the authority to make strategic decisions for the future of the Association, the Board of this organization also takes very seriously its role of accountability to the members. In making connections with the membership, Board members have duties. The duty of care extends to decision making and action on behalf of the organization. The duty of loyalty requires the Board member to set aside their personal interests in favor of the organization. The duty of obedience compels the Board member to be faithful to the mission of the organization. All of these speak directly to my service to ATLA as well as the other organizations where I have belonged and led.

The ATLA Board speaks with one voice; all members of the Board are expected to enter the debate rigorously and respectfully and to honor the final decision that is reached. The ATLA Board continues to learn from decisions made, whether that was in 1946 at our inception, in 1991 when we moved to Policy Governance, or in 2018 with the issues before the Board today.

In addition to my leadership experience in ATLA and theological libraries, I have served in a variety of other capacities. They have spanned the range of library associations and denominational activities as well as community-focused opportunities. In each of those places, where I have been a member or a leader, input from all is so important. Soliciting that so that a healthy discussion and optimal solutions can be found is vital. I believe that others would say that I solicit information, listen actively, pay attention to non-verbal cues, and work to find solutions that are viable for all. I have appreciated the past two and a half years of service to the ATLA Board, and I would earnestly hope for the opportunity to continue this work of thinking about our future in theological libraries.

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### **Current Position**

Associate Professor of Bibliography and Academic Research  
& Director for the Reu Memorial Library, Wartburg  
Theological Seminary



### **Education and Professional Development**

- BA, Carleton College
- MDiv, Fuller Theological Seminary
- MBA, University of Dubuque
- MLIS, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

### **Previous Positions**

- Assistant Director of the Reu Memorial Library & Bookstore manager (1998-2003), Wartburg Theological Seminary
- Interim Readers' Services Librarian (1997-1998), Wartburg Theological Seminary
- Director of Admissions (1994-1997), University of Dubuque Theological Seminary

### **Leadership Positions in ATLA**

- Chair, Small Libraries Interest Group (2017-current)
- Organized Small Libraries sessions at ATLA annual conferences (2009-2017)
- Lecturer, Creating the Leaders of Tomorrow program (2012 & 2015)
- Member, Special Committee on Diversity (2008-2011)
- Nominating Committee (2006-2008)

### **Leadership Positions Outside ATLA**

- Treasurer, Dubuque Area Libraries in Consortium (2001-current)
- Evaluation Committee visit chair, Association of Theological Schools (visits in 2016-2018)
- Evaluation Committee visit member, Association of Theological Schools (1999-current)
- At-large Board Member, Chicago Area Theological Library Association (2017-2018)

### **Statement**

Diversity brings opportunities to explore new ideas and try things that are different than "the way it has always been done." Listening to the other can give us new ideas and challenge us to think in ways that will bring successful strategies. These are not challenges but opportunities for growth as an institution.

Theological education is changing. There are fewer students in denominational seminaries and schools of theology. Online education is growing at many of the member schools of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS). Libraries are changing and beginning to realize that

they need to think like start-ups. Nimble. Agile. Disruptive. Adaptive. These are all buzz words for today. What does that mean for ATLA? How do we live in the both/and? We serve traditional libraries AND those needing to make changes.

I have been a member of evaluation committee visits for the ATS for almost 20 years and have visited a variety of schools in the United States and Canada. I have seen their libraries and talked with their librarians and have heard their voices. One of the reasons I am passionate about small libraries and how to help them is because of those conversations.

In a group, I listen. I speak when I think that a position has not been considered. But when a decision is made, it is a group decision. Even if I disagree, I support it.

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## Jennifer Ulrich

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### **Current Position**

Technical Services Librarian 1989- present  
Served as Interim Director – 2005-2007  
Eastern Mennonite University



### **Education and Professional Development**

- BA – Goshen College – 1987
- MLS – Indiana University – 1988
- MA, Applied Women’s Studies – Claremont Graduate University – 2001
- Theological Librarianship course – 2006
- Colloquy on The Role of the Theological Librarian in Teaching, Learning, and Research -2007

### **Leadership Positions in ATLA**

- Education Committee
- Professional Development Committee
- Board of Directors
- Chair Governance Committee

### **Leadership Positions Outside ATLA**

- Director of Patchwork Pantry (local food pantry)
- Long-term volunteer – Ten Thousand Villages (Fair Trade retailer)

### **Statement**

In my current role as an ATLA Board member, I see the multitude of roles ATLA plays, sometimes as a membership association or a database provider and sometimes a publisher of content. For many of us, all these roles speak to who/what ATLA is for us. It is important for

board members to think about how these roles fit together to provide all the services and products ATLA offers. I feel I have the skills to listen and observe and then work with other board members to debate and discuss issues and opportunities. I have learned to offer my thoughts and opinions but recognize the importance of listening to others and then be supportive of decisions even if it wasn't my desired outcome. As ATLA's membership changes with the changing world of theological education it is important to hold on to those traditions that foster a community of learning and support. But it is also important to seek new ways in doing the work of theological librarianship as well as in board work. I find the mix of theological and religious traditions and the global emphasis to be some of what that draws me to ATLA. In a time when we seem to be told it's better to stay divided this group works together to support theological and religious libraries and scholarship in its many forms.

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## Robert Roethemeyer

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### Current Position

The Wakefield-Kroemer Director of Library and Information Services, Kroemer Library, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana

### Education and Professional Development

- BA, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
- MDiv, Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis
- MA in Library Science, University of Missouri, Columbia

### Previous Positions

Public Services Librarian (1988-1997), Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis



### Leadership Positions in ATLA

- Member, Annual Conference Committee (2016-2019)
- Co-Chair, Local Host Committee (Indianapolis 2018)
- Mentor, "Creating Leaders of Tomorrow" Program (2012, 2014-2015)
- Member, Search Committee for Director of Member Programs (2014)

### Leadership Positions Outside ATLA

- Chair, Board of Directors, Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS) (2012-2014)
- Board of Directors, Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS) (2010-2015)
- Member, Resource Sharing Advisory Council, Indiana State Library (2011-present)
- Chair, Resource Sharing Task Force, Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI) (2006-2008)
- Executive Committee, Chicago Area Theological Library Association (CATLA) (2005-2008)

- Board of Directors, Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI) (2003-2008, 2011-2012)
- Executive Committee, Private Academic Library Network of Indiana (PALNI) (2001-2004)
- Board of Directors, Private Academic Library Network of Indiana (PALNI) (1997-present)

## Statement

Slow down. Listen. Seek to understand. These are watchwords for the challenges presented by the rapidity of change all around us. Once we understand the broad themes, our challenge is to collaborate around them, probing them from diverse viewpoints. We do so understanding also that we have a shared responsibility to prioritize and to work toward common goals. And ATLA members have more in common than not. While there are many associations serving libraries as well as other societies and academies fostering theology and religion, ATLA distinctively brings these two worlds together. At this intersection, theological librarians come together to solve common problems, meet common needs, and accomplish common goals. Last year's conference theme attempted to capture this spirit—"Connecting at the Crossroads: Creative Collaboration in a Changing Landscape."

My service on campus and in other library associations, as well as my global work, has nurtured my strengths in strategic leadership. In addition to my role as Director of Library and Information Services, I currently serve my seminary as Vice President for Strategic Planning and Mission Execution. In that role, I help to guide strategic planning, assessment, accreditation, archives, and institutional research—the long game activities of the institution. My library colleagues have elected me as member-at-large to the inaugural boards of two library collaboratives. First, to the Academic Libraries of Indiana, serving 72 academic libraries in Indiana. Then to the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services, serving over 600 libraries of all types in Michigan and Indiana. Finally, over the last six years, I have had the opportunity to visit nearly 20 partner seminaries around the globe. From those evaluative and consultative visits, we have developed an initiative to reach seminary-to-seminary and library-to-library to help address the strategic themes that emerged and to thereby uplift global theological education

During my tenure on the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services board of directors, I became intimately familiar with the same policy-based governance model that ATLA uses. In that model, the Board has authority as a group, not as individuals. My colleagues on that board would describe me as the one who actively listened to the deliberations, often connecting the diverse perspectives and seeing the patterns and insights. I would often speak last, reflecting back the collective discoveries.

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# Christina Torbert

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## Current Position

Head of Continuing Resources and Acquisitions and the Bibliographer for Philosophy and Religion at the J.D. Williams Library of the University of Mississippi

## Education and Professional Development

- BA, University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA
- MA, Holy Names College, Oakland, CA
- MDiv, McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL
- MLIS, Dominican University, River Forest, IL



## Previous Positions

Serials and Acquisitions Librarian (2000-2004), JKM Library, Chicago, IL

## Leadership Positions in ATLA

- Board of Directors (2016-2018)
- Steering Committee, Technical Services Interest Group (2014-2016, 2008-2010)
- Participant, Creating Leaders of Tomorrow (2014-2015)
- Professional Development Committee (2006-2008)
- Education Committee (2002-2004)

## Leadership Positions Outside ATLA

- Chair, Tapestry Planning Committee for Presbytery of St. Andrew and Presbytery of the Mid-South (2014-2019)
- Session member, First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Oxford, MS (2015-2017)
- Advisory Chair, Epsilon Omega chapter (University of Mississippi), Alpha Phi Omega (2009-present)
- Evaluation Committee, NASIG (2005-2007)

## Statement

ATLA has a history of trying to represent its diversity on committees and in leadership, trying to balance geographic areas, positions in libraries, denominational affiliation, and institutional size. ATLA has worked at increasing ethnic diversity, too. I believe that diversity is a strength, but diversity also brings tension between tradition and change. Hearing and acknowledging the broad opinions of the membership is a real challenge. The members place a great deal of trust in the processes of the board to believe that minority opinions are being heard and considered, even when the board must present a unified position. Acknowledging differences of opinion is a trait I try to cultivate. I hope that members who have served on committees with me will recognize that I carefully consider what others say and that I will ask a quiet person to express themselves to be sure that all opinions have been heard. I will reiterate a minority

opinion, even if I don't agree with it if I feel its point is being overlooked. I seek decisions that are just and best for the whole organization.

My leadership strength is in contextualizing the values of the organization and making a connection between those values and the future of the organization. I prefer continuity and adjustment. Even as the organization looks to the future, I want to focus on the traditional strengths and expertise of our members. We can transform those skills for the next generation of research, communication, and preservation of religious knowledge and understandings.

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## David Kriegh

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### **Current Position**

Library Director, Carl Gellert & Celia Berta Gellert Memorial Library, St. Patrick's Seminary & University, Menlo Park, CA



### **Education and Professional Development**

- BA History/Classical Civilization, Colby College, Waterville, ME
- MLIS, San Jose State University, CA
- MA Theology, Holy Apostles College & Seminary, Cromwell, CT (in progress)

### **Previous Positions**

- Public Services Librarian, Carl Gellert & Celia Berta Gellert Memorial Library, St. Patrick's Seminary & University, Menlo Park, CA (2012-2013)
- Assistant Librarian, Gellert Library, Notre Dame de Namur University, Belmont, CA (2010-2012)
- Library Technical Services Specialist, San Mateo County Office of Education, Redwood City, CA (2010)

### **Leadership Positions in ATLA**

- Convener, Roman Catholic Denomination Group (2016-2018)
- Member, Tellers Committee (2018)
- Participant, Creating the Leaders of Tomorrow (2014-2015)

### **Leadership Positions outside ATLA**

- Vestry Member, St. Francis' Episcopal Church, San Francisco, CA (2014-2016, 2018)
- Vice-President, Board of Directors, Cypress Walk Homeowners' Association, Pacifica, CA (2018)



## Statement

ATLA is a special organization. I recall my first time going to the American Library Association annual conference and being so overwhelmed I ended up going home early with a migraine. So it was with more than a little trepidation that I attended my first ATLA conference in 2013. Until that point, ATLA was a passive entity for me. Our library dutifully subscribed to the databases and renewed memberships each year, but I didn't know the people. That was the difference-maker: meeting the people that are ATLA.

In the great world of libraries, theological libraries in the long view can seem incredibly niche. Even librarians in other fields cannot conceive of the need for an entire organization like ours. To a degree, they are correct. We are a small organization when compared to giants such as ALA, but this is no liability. Instead of bringing home migraines, I bring back ideas from our conferences, coming from a connectedness with all people in the Association. I am not overwhelmed; I am energized. However, crack open our "small" organization and you will see both incredible breadth and depth. We represent a wide swath of faith traditions and we continue to explore and investigate our traditions ever deeper in scholarship through the lens of the library. In this sense, we are a large and powerful group, yet one that doesn't lose sight of the contributions of each member.

Yet ATLA did not just miraculously become the organization that it is. It has been the product of a thoughtful and engaged Board of Directors. The Board brings their own experiences as ATLA members and what they have learned from others to continue to guide the Association. The Board cannot lose sight of the reality that our members are spread around the globe, representing multiple faiths and denominations, and bring expertise in the study of religion and theology as well as library operations. No one person can encapsulate all of these qualities, so a cohesive Board with diverse representation is essential to steer the Association forward. I feel that my voice would add a fresh perspective, well informed by the relationships I have formed with members of all walks in my past five years of involvement in ATLA. I approach this with the hope of energizing our passive membership into active participants.

I am a listener first. This forms a bridge between the wisdom of our long-time members and the energy of a new generation of theological librarians. I am also a relationship-builder. After careful listening and observation, I became a chief exhorter for the Roman Catholic denominational group, resulting in vastly increased involvement in conference activities by its Catholic membership. I understand that a united Board promotes the strength of the Association. We can disagree with each other, but the time for that is during our meetings and interactions among ourselves. Once decisions are reached, no matter what position we carried into the meeting, we carry out the same message to the entire Association.

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# Jérémie LeBlanc

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## Current Position

Chief Librarian, Jean-Léon Allie Library and Archives, Saint Paul University

## Education and Professional Development

- BA, Major in History, Minor in English, Université de Moncton, Moncton, NB
- MA, History, University of New Brunswick, (ABD), Fredericton, NB
- MLIS, Western University, London, ON



## Previous Positions

- Chief Librarian (2011-2015), Canada School of Public Service Library, Government of Canada
- Emerging Technologies Librarian (2009-2011), Natural Resources Canada Library Name of Library, Government of Canada
- Reference & Information Specialist (2007-2009), Natural Resources Canada Library Name of Library, Government of Canada

## Leadership Positions in ATLA:

- Member, Scholarly Communications Committee (2018-present)
- Member, Scholarly Communications Task Force (2016-2018)

## Leadership Positions Outside ATLA

Board of Directors, Public Affairs, Canadian Battlefields Foundation (2010-2016)

## Statement

As a relatively new member in the ATLA family, I see our association as a global leader that fosters a sense of community, that supports theology and religion, and that empowers information professionals with tools and services. ATLA compels me to dedicate energies towards that great cause.

Coming from a particular Canadian context predisposes me to seeing the challenges of understanding the broad and the diverse views of the association. From my earlier professional experiences in Government, I have met the international challenges with Canadian and international laws, customs, shipping, exchange rates, etc. I had to be open to different views and perspectives constantly forcing me to think outside the box. My current position at a Catholic university with a pontifical charter has led me to address a range of challenges, including meeting internal and external biases. Our university is located in our nation's capital, a population of 1 million, and we have been here since 1848. A great part of the

Ottawa community believes that we are not open to other faiths, which is quite the opposite; we stand for a higher moral accepting all beliefs and faiths. I could not work here if I did not trust in that view and I believe that working at Saint Paul University has opened my eyes to how an organization can foster a productive and cohesive working environment.

I have the opportunity to bring a varied background of experiences to the ATLA Board. Coming from a different country, having worked in government organizations, working abroad and dealing with authorities in different countries allows me to bring different perspectives and ideas forward, especially in an expanding vision of the Association. I continuously work on identifying upcoming trends that affect the work of information professionals and their working environments. In addition, I have been an active member in the Scholarly Communications Committee (previously a task force), which strives to find ways to improve scholarly communication by developing a disciplinary framework and by implementing strategic initiatives for the ATLA community.

As for my participation in a deliberating body, others would describe me as a team player, advocating for the greater cause and supporting the unified vision of the association. My philosophy has always been that as a team, we are stronger together than alone and working against each other. It is important that everyone supports and shares the same vision in a unified front in order to have greater impact and success. All of these attributes and experiences make me a strong candidate and help me bring forward an open vision that supports the mandate of the ATLA.

# Summary of October ATLA Board Meeting

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December 7, 2018

## **Submitted by Ellen Frost, 2018-2019 ATLA Board of Directors Secretary**

The ATLA Board of Directors met October 18 and 19 in Rosemont, Illinois, at the Doubletree Hotel following the 2018 ATLA Strategic Alignment meeting on October 17. Paul Meyer from Tecker International facilitated a discussion with the Board regarding the collaborative visioning of the ATLA committee chairs, team leaders, and task force leaders that occurred during the Strategic Alignment meeting.



Andrew Bergen with The Governance Coach® has been retained as a consultant by the ATLA Board of Directors. Mr. Bergen reviewed the ATLA Board Policy Manual following new Board member training and provided guidance in the monitoring process of the Executive Director.

Secretary Frost, representing the Nominating Committee, presented the Board with the slate of candidates for the January 2019 election; the slate was approved.

The Moral Ownership Committee presented their three-year plan for engaging the moral ownership of the Association to ensure all voices are heard. The Committee developed the plan with assistance from Bergen. Bergen suggested that general Board governance education among the moral ownership may help members understand the model under which ATLA is governed. The Committee emphasized that the Board should be visible, reach out to members, and provide information back to the members.

The Board Mentoring Task Force reported ways to assist new Board members to become acclimated to their new responsibilities beyond orientation. The 2018-2019 year will be a pilot year before this is added to the Board Policy Manual.

The ATLA Board of Directors' spring meeting is February 20-22, 2019.

# Don't Miss Out: Renew Your ATLA Individual Membership

ATLA newsletter.atla.com/2018/renew/

November 29, 2018

The ATLA membership renewal season is at its end. Members who have not renewed are no longer be eligible to receive ATLA Individual member benefits.

We encourage you to renew on My ATLA so that you may enjoy the valuable benefits of your membership in ATLA:



- **Discounted conference and webinar registration** – ATLA events, in person and online, provide opportunities to discuss and reflect on the work we do, develop new ideas, and increase your network of colleagues and collaborators. *The cost of registration for non-members is significantly higher.*
- **Grant funding for you** – Apply for grants to help you reach your goals, whether through professional development programs, conference travel grants, or scholarships.
- **Valuable publications** – Stay up-to-date on events, ideas, and opportunities with complimentary subscriptions to the *ATLA Newsletter* and the annual *ATLA Summary of Proceedings*.
- **Professional development programs and networking opportunities** – Take advantage of multiple opportunities for professional collaboration and development, including:
  - Participating in interest groups and denominational groups
  - Participating in the NACO and CONSER Funnel programs
  - Serving in a leadership role on the Board, committees, task forces, or working groups
- **Eligibility to vote** – Vote for this year's upcoming election.

**To renew, visit the new My ATLA web portal ( [my.atla.com](http://my.atla.com) ).**

If this is your first time logging into My ATLA, reset your password by clicking “Forgot Your Password” at the bottom of the page. Once you have set up your password using the link sent via email, visit [My ATLA](http://My ATLA) and click the Personal Snapshot link on the left-hand sidebar. Scroll to the bottom and click the Renew button under Individual Membership Renewal to view and pay your membership renewal invoice for 2018-2019. You will also have an option to select “Pay by Check.”

If you need assistance renewing online through the new My ATLA web portal, contact us at [memberrep@atla.com](mailto:memberrep@atla.com) so we can help. If you need a copy of your invoice, email us so we can provide one.

# ACRL Scholarly Communication Roadshow: General Registration Now Open!

ATLA [newsletter.atla.com/2018/scholarly-communication-roadshow/](https://newsletter.atla.com/2018/scholarly-communication-roadshow/)

December 11, 2018

Registration for the ATLA sponsored ACRL Scholarly Communication Roadshow is now open. The ACRL Scholarly Communication Roadshow will take place on Friday, February 22, 2019, in Chicago at the offices of Quarles and Brady at 300 N. LaSalle. Registration will remain open until available space is filled or January 20, 2019, whichever occurs first.

Space is limited; therefore, no more than two persons per library or institution may register to attend. Only ATLA Individual and Student Members and staff at ATLA Institutional Member libraries may register to attend. The cost of registration is \$35 per person and includes lunch at the event.



## How to Register

To register, log into the [My ATLA web portal](#) and click *Upcoming Events* in the top right corner. Select the ACRL Scholarly Communication Roadshow event and complete your badge information, answer event questions, and submit your payment to register.

ATLA and the ATLA Scholarly Communication Committee have partnered with ACRL to host its popular roadshow event, "Scholarly Communication: From Understanding to Engagement," for ATLA members. This day-long interactive workshop will take participants through scholarly communication fundamentals including publishing, copyright, and library outreach as well as provide deep dives into text and data mining issues for humanities research and open access and open education topics that are most relevant to the institutions served by ATLA member libraries. The workshop will be led by Carla Myers, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Scholarly Communications at Miami University Libraries, and Rachael Samberg, Scholarly Communication Officer at the University of California Berkeley.

If you have any questions about the event or problems completing the registration form, please contact us at [memberrep@atla.com](mailto:memberrep@atla.com).

# ATLA to Host New Institute for International Theological Librarians in 2019

ATLA newsletter.atla.com/2018/institute-for-international-theological-librarians/

December 10, 2018

As a not-for-profit association of theological libraries and librarians, ATLA understands the importance of supporting theological education throughout the world. In support of the Association's goals to be recognized globally as a strategic collaborator and for the membership to be more diverse and inclusive, ATLA has created a new program that will provide a rich learning experience for international theological librarians. This new program, the 2019 ATLA International Theological Librarian Leadership Institute, will take place from June 9- 19, 2019, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.



Participants will experience a classroom setting with a cohort (June 10-11), attend the ATLA Annual Conference (June 12-15), and visit local libraries (June 16-19) during the ten-day Institute.

## Participant Expectations

- Must attend and participate in all events for the entire Institute.
- Must prepare and present a short presentation about their experience/library in their home country at the annual ATLA conference.
- Must prepare and submit a written report in English at the end of the Institute detailing how they were impacted, what they learned, and how they plan to implement new knowledge in their libraries (approx. two pages). This report may be published in the *ATLA Newsletter* or other ATLA publications.
- Must secure all necessary visas.
- Must arrive in Canada in time for the first session, which begins on Monday, June 10, 2019.
- Return to employment with their theological library or another theological library following the Institute.
- All training and conference events will be in English.

## Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must be working full time or part time in a theological library in a developing economies country as defined by Low, Lower Middle, or Upper Middle Income as

defined by the [World Bank](#) as of June 2018.

- Applicants do not need to have formal library qualifications or degrees.
- Applicants who have not received an ATLA travel grant previously will receive preference if all other selection criteria are equal.
- Applicants can request and receive a certificate of continuing education.

### **There will be funding available for the following:**

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- Hotel and food for Sunday, June 9, 2019, through Wednesday, June 19, 2019
- Registration for the ATLA Annual Conference
- Travel insurance
- International airline tickets (up to \$2,000 USD)
- Other expenses if the airline ticket is less than \$2,000 USD

Note: Institute funding may not cover all expenses. Applicants should submit a budget which will include anticipated airfare, visa fees, ground transportation to and from Vancouver International Airport, en route accommodation and expenses with an indication of what their school or themselves are prepared to contribute.

### **How to Apply**

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Complete and submit an application along with the following three items:

1. A short essay in English, no longer than five double-spaced pages, addressing three areas:
  - (a) How the applicant expects the Institute to impact their work as a theological librarian
  - (b) Outlining areas of development or growth an applicant wants to focus on through the institute
  - (c) How the applicant expects to implement new knowledge in their theological library in English
2. Three professional letters of recommendations and/or references; however, one of the recommendations must be from the applicant's home institution or school.
3. A budget including anticipated airfare, visa fees, ground transportation to and from Vancouver International Airport, en route accommodation and expenses, with an indication of what the applicant's school and/or the applicant is prepared to contribute.

Submit your application by January 15. Participants will be notified on February 4.



# Upcoming ATLA Events: December and January

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 [newsletter.atla.com/2018/calendar-december/](https://newsletter.atla.com/2018/calendar-december/)

December 7, 2018

ATLA is around the globe this season. Check out the new [ATLA Calendar](#) for a list of events, deadlines, and meetings.

If you would like your meeting or event added to the calendar, email [memberep@atla.com](mailto:memberep@atla.com).



## Upcoming Events

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### **ACRL Scholarly Communication Roadshow Scholarship Deadline**

December 10

[Submit Application](#)

Chicago, Illinois

### **ATLA Offices Closed**

December 12

Chicago, Illinois

### **ATLA Offices Closed**

December 24-25

Chicago, Illinois

### **Submit to ATLA Newsletter**

January 1

[Submit](#)

### **ATLA Board of Directors Election Opens**

January 3

### **ATLA Systems Routine Maintenance**

January 7

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm CDT

**ATLA Press Meetings**

January 14-16

Vanderbilt Divinity Library

**ATLA Offices Closed**

January 21

Chicago, Illinois

**ALA Midwinter**

January 25-29

Staff attending: Gillian Harrison Cain, Charlotte Nahon

**ATLA Board of Directors Election Closes**

January 31

# Exhibit at the 2019 ATLA Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC, Canada

ATLA newsletter.atla.com/2018/vancouver-exhibits/

November 28, 2018

ATLA is pleased to welcome exhibitors to participate in the [2019 ATLA Annual Conference](#), June 12-15 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Exhibits will be available June 12-14, 2019.

The exhibit hall is an important part of the ATLA Annual Conference, providing opportunities for attendees to learn about the new products and services available to theological libraries.



## Key Information

- Exhibits open on Wednesday, June 12, at 6:00 pm at the Opening Reception
- Exhibits close at noon on Friday, June 14
- Discounted Super Early Bird pricing available through December 31
- In addition to breaks in the Exhibit Hall, continental breakfast will continue to be offered in the Exhibit Hall each morning from 8:00 am – 8:45 am for all attendees
- Opportunities to sponsor All-Conference Luncheon or Hosted Breakfast with Presentation
- Customs Broker Benefit

Check out the [ATLA Exhibitor and Sponsor webpage](#) for more information on our exhibitor or sponsor packages, rates, and key dates. We also have updated our [FAQ page](#) just for Exhibitors and Sponsors.

Lock in the best exhibitor rates by submitting the [Exhibitor and Sponsor Order Form](#) before **December 31**. If you have further questions, please email [exhibits@atla.com](mailto:exhibits@atla.com).

We also invite our members to download and share the [Exhibitor Prospectus](#) with vendors and partners who may be interested in attending the 2019 ATLA Annual Conference.

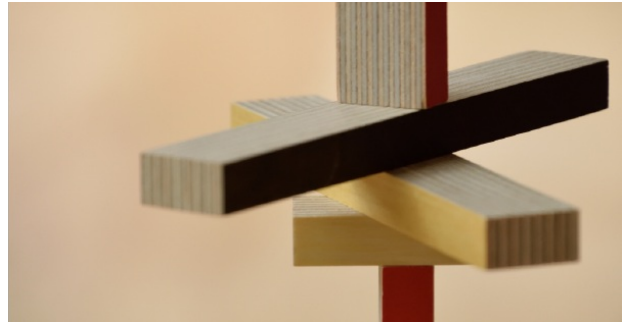
# Build Scholarly Communication Competencies with the ACRL Roadshow

ATLA newsletter.atla.com/2018/scholarly-communications-acrl/

December 7, 2018

## Submitted by Christine Fruin, ATLA Member Programs and Scholarly Communication Manager

Last fall, in one of my first SCOOP columns, I proposed that we are all scholarly communication librarians and offered examples of how librarians filling different functional roles as well as those working at smaller libraries often perform scholarly communication duties. Further, in that column, I shared the NASIG Core Competencies for Scholarly Communication Librarians as a comprehensive list of the types of knowledge and skills those engaged with scholarly communication should have. Within the area of “background knowledge,” the authors of the NASIG resource state that “deep knowledge of the Open Access movement and its impact on the scholarly publishing landscape, digital preservation, relevant metadata schemata and standards, copyright, the development and implementation of organizational and institutional open access policies...[and] an understanding of the legislative environment, especially regarding copyright, Open Educational Resources (OER) and public access requirements” are key foundational areas of understanding for those engaged in scholarly communication librarianship.



How does one with responsibility for scholarly communication issues at their libraries acquire the knowledge and skills in all these areas? In 2014, Professor Maria Bonn, who led a preconference on scholarly publishing at the 2018 ATLA Annual conference, wrote about the ways in which librarians might gain experience in these areas and called upon library schools to expand their curricular offerings. But what about librarians who are currently in the field and not enrolled in a librarianship degree program? Where should they go for training? Bonn and two fellow scholarly communication librarians recently received an IMLS grant to develop OER to teach professionals about scholarly communication. Another training opportunity available to professionals is the intensive one day workshop offered by ACRL “Scholarly Communication: From Understanding to Engagement.”

This workshop, frequently referred to as the ACRL Roadshow, will be coming to Chicago for ATLA members on February 22, 2019. With input from the ATLA Scholarly Communication Committee, our Roadshow presenters have developed a day-long agenda that promises to be informative and interactive. The morning session will consist of conversation about common scholarly communication issues faced by participants, who will have an opportunity to share

these through a pre-workshop survey, and instruction on copyright and author's rights. During the afternoon, participants will take a deep dive into open education issues confronting theological schools today, including how to improve access to curricular materials here and in the majority world, and legal and ethical issues arising in text and data mining in the humanities.

Registration for the Roadshow for ATLA Individual and Student Members as well as staff at ATLA Institutional Member libraries will open the week of December 10 and will remain open until available space is filled or until January 20, 2019, whichever occurs first. Due to space limitations, no more than two persons from a library or institution may register. The cost of registration is \$35, which includes lunch. Watch the [ATLA web site](#), [the Newsletter](#), and ATLA social media sites for information and instructions on how to register.

## Further Reading

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- Learn more about the IMLS funded project to develop scholarly communication OER for librarians by viewing this poster (<https://kuscholarworks.ku.edu/handle/1808/25735>) presented by the project team and reading this blog post (<http://www.aserl.org/2018/06/oer-scholcomm/>) detailing the reasons for and the objectives of the project.
- One of the outcomes of the ARL/ACRL Scholarly Communication Institute was the preparation of a work plan for building scholarly communication knowledge among library staff as the foundation for launching a wider program across the institution. <https://www.arl.org/focus-areas/scholarly-communication/institute-on-scholarly-communication/2579-developing-a-scholarly-communication-program-build-knowledge>



Christine Fruin is the ATLA Member Programs and Scholarly Communication Manager. As an attorney and a librarian, she has worked for over a decade promoting access to and use of diverse collections through utilization of fair use, open access, and responsible licensing.

# As Seen on Twitter (The Year in Review!)

ATLA newsletter.atla.com/2018/twitter-year/

December 6, 2018

The ATLA Twitter feed is filled with news on ATLA events and product updates as well as stories that have relevance to the work of libraries and librarians.

Here are the top tweets in 2018 from the [@YourATLA Twitter feed](#):

## As Seen on Twitter

Want to know more about the status of [#OER](#) legislation in your state? See [@SPARC\\_NA](#) new resource "OER State Policy Playbook" <https://t.co/EgEO4dzuAI>

— ATLA (@YourATLA) [January 19, 2018](#)

We are pleased to announce that our ATLA Publications are Moving to Open Access: <https://t.co/NgGSmYfu3p#OpenAccess#OA>

— ATLA (@YourATLA) [February 13, 2018](#)

Interesting read -- are we practicing what we preach when it comes to open access? Over 1/4 of research about [#OA](#) is published behind a paywall. And many library science authors not publishing their work [#openaccess](#). [#irony](#) [#lisscholarship](#) <https://t.co/1AKeUqjNQU>

— ATLA (@YourATLA) [February 22, 2018](#)

Moving Ahead with Support for Digital Humanities - IT and library professionals need to engage as key partners to achieve coordinated, visible, and sustained support for digital humanities at an institutional level. via [@educause](#) <https://t.co/3HqeC0Utnh> [#dh](#) [#digitalhumanities](#)

— ATLA (@YourATLA) [March 15, 2018](#)

Conducting research that requires reading & deciphering old handwriting (aka [#palaeography](#))? Here is a great compilation of online resources to help you explore and understand this fascinating skill and area of research. <https://t.co/e2ntdzyAj2> [#handwriting](#) [#researchtools](#)

— ATLA (@YourATLA) [April 11, 2018](#)

Artificial Intelligence (AI) opens the Vatican Secret Archives. A new project untangles the handwritten texts in one of the world's largest historical collections. From [@TheAtlantic](#) <https://t.co/OZKUpbs6qB>

— ATLA (@YourATLA) [May 1, 2018](#)

A place to study, a place to pray: Supporting student spiritual needs in academic libraries via [@ALA\\_ACRL](https://t.co/ERAMp5w0vL) <https://t.co/ERAMp5w0vL>

— ATLA (@YourATLA) [July 16, 2018](#)

Books didn't have title pages until the 15th and 16th centuries. Before that time, different methods were used to announce the author(s), title, edition, place of publication, printer, publisher and publication date. via [@Europeanaeu](https://t.co/N8f5OaYo88) <https://t.co/N8f5OaYo88> [#publishing](#)

— ATLA (@YourATLA) [July 27, 2018](#)

The UC Office of Scholarly Communication has put together a great list of open alternatives to subscription content at <https://t.co/issLwM53pV>. Read more on finding open access content on the ATLA SCOOP <https://t.co/Y1D1Ij8gn0> [#OpenAccessWeek](#) [#OA](#)

— ATLA (@YourATLA) [October 25, 2018](#)

Book Spine Poetry Contest Winners Announced! Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's celebration of Theological Libraries Month [#TLM2018](#). Find out who the winners are here: <https://t.co/B69RNkLrCe>

— ATLA (@YourATLA) [November 12, 2018](#)

ATLA Celebrates Significant Growth in Full-Text Religion and Theology Collections: <https://t.co/y8MqRVGMjs>

— ATLA (@YourATLA) [November 14, 2018](#)

# Redevelopment of the ATS Accreditation Standards: Your Input Requested!

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ATLA newsletter.atla.com/2018/ats-accreditation-standards/

December 6, 2018

## Submitted by Debbie Creamer, The Association of Theological Schools

As many ATLA members are likely already aware, the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) is currently engaging in a comprehensive redevelopment of its accrediting Standards and Procedures. The last such major revision was in 1996 (the revisions in 2010-2012 were more modest), a



generation after the previous redevelopment in 1972. It seems timely then that the ATS membership voted at its June 2018 Biennial Meeting “to authorize the ATS Board of Commissioners to undertake a comprehensive redevelopment of the *Standards of Accreditation* and the *Commission Policies and Procedures* expeditiously and with a substantial participation process.” The unanimous vote was based on a five-point rationale and was followed by a membership discussion of key questions and concerns. The ATS Board of Commissioners appointed a 19-member Task Force to lead the redevelopment process.

## Redevelopment of ATS Accreditation: First Year

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The current timeline for the redevelopment envisions a two-year process (June 2018 to June 2020), with regular membership involvement throughout the process. The first year (2018-2019) is called “**a year of listening, researching, and reflecting**” during which time the Task Force will intentionally engage a wide variety of audiences. ATS’s *Colloquy* newsletter and a redevelopment website will be updated periodically with other ways in which members can offer their perspectives in the process, and anyone can email comments or questions at any time to [redvelopment@ats.edu](mailto:redvelopment@ats.edu).

Librarians are a key constituency group for ATS and are well represented on the Redevelopment Task Force, which includes Tom Tanner (previously library director at Lincoln Christian University, now director of accreditation at ATS and staff liaison for the redevelopment process), Debbie Creamer, (previously library director at Iliff School of Theology and now ATS’s senior director of accreditation), and Mitzi Budde (head librarian and professor at Virginia Theological Seminary). In addition, one of the designated working groups is focusing on libraries and technology. Debbie and Mitzi are leading this workgroup and will be seeking input from interested ATLA members in a variety of ways, including focus groups, webinars, presentations at regional ATLA gatherings and the annual conference, and other opportunities for librarians to speak into this process. Watch the *ATLA Newsletter* and



ATLANTIS for further updates, or feel free to email me for more information.

## Key Questions

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Here are some of the questions that we will be asking along the way:

- How have the current Standards (or Procedures) helped your school in better achieving its mission? Or, more generally, what would be helpful in any new Standards/Procedures?
- How have the current Standards (or Procedures) hindered your school in better achieving its mission? Or, more generally on what would be harmful in any new Standards/Procedures?
- What are some things in the current Standards (or Procedures) that you hope will not change?
- What are some things in the current Standards (or Procedures) that you hope will change?
- Is there anything you would like to tell the Redevelopment Task Force, especially in areas related to your work in theological education?

Librarians who are giving input are encouraged to review the current ATS Standards, with particular attention to Standard 4 (Library and Information Resources) but also noting the ways in which libraries and librarians are addressed throughout the entirety of the Standards (for example, libraries and librarians are also discussed under Standard 3 on Curriculum, Standard 5 on Faculty, the Educational Standard, and the Degree Program Standards). At the same time, it is important to remember that this process is described as a *comprehensive redevelopment* and not just an updating of the current Standards – and so, at this point, we are interested in feedback on general themes and commitments, rather than editorial changes to the current Standards, recognizing that the future Standards may take a different organizational structure than the current ones. Among other things, the Task Force envisions less focus on specific practices and more on strong framing principles that “*promote the improvement and enhancement of theological schools to the benefit of communities of faith and the broader public*” (the ATS mission).

## Redevelopment of ATS Accreditation: Second Year

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Looking ahead, the second year (2019-2020) of the two-year redevelopment process is called “**a year of writing, revising, and recommending**,” during which the Task Force anticipates proposing two public drafts for input from the membership. The first draft will be distributed in late fall 2019, and the second draft in early spring 2020. The second draft will be followed by a series of regional meetings and webinars to further inform the membership and to invite additional feedback before the Board of Commissioners makes its final recommendation for a revised set of Standards and Procedures in April 2020. The revised documents will then be distributed to the membership in May 2020 for a vote at the June 2020 Biennial Meeting in Vancouver. After approval, the Board would provide a grandfathering process over the next year or two (with details to be provided before the final vote).

The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada is a membership organization of 279 schools across the United States and Canada that offer graduate professional theological degrees to support professional leadership for communities of the Christian and Jewish faiths; the Commission on Accrediting is the recognized accrediting agency for ATS and includes 255 accredited members and 6 candidate members. For more information about the redevelopment process or about ATS more broadly, please feel free to contact me at [creamer@ats.edu](mailto:creamer@ats.edu).

# The Episcopal Public Library of the Seminary of Barcelona joins Worldcat and the ILL

ATLA newsletter.atla.com/2018/episcopal-public-library/

November 27, 2018

The Episcopal Public Library of Barcelona, the oldest preserved public access library in the city of Barcelona, has announced the addition of more than 124,000 bibliographic records of its catalog collections to WorldCat.

The Library has 361,000 volumes, 95 incunabula, 600 manuscripts, and 2,500 volumes from the 16th century with the oldest document dating back to the 14th century. This is one of the most important heritage libraries in Catalonia, Spain,

especially in the fields of theology, the Bible, ecclesiastical sciences, history, religion, philosophy, arts, and humanities.



With this new project, the library reaffirms its commitment to being a public service accessible to everyone. In addition, with WorldCat, the library also achieves much more visibility and is positioned as one of the bibliographic and research centers worldwide in its field.

Daniel Gil-Solés, Technical Coordinator Librarian at the Library, encourages ATLA members who use WorldCat to loan or reproduce these holdings.

[Read the full press release.](#)

# ATLA Job Board Postings, December 2018

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 [newsletter.atla.com/2018/jobs-december/](https://newsletter.atla.com/2018/jobs-december/)

December 7, 2018

Member and non-member institutions are invited to post and view job openings on the [ATLA Job Board](#). Here is a list of the current job openings:



- Biola University, La Mirada, CA, is looking for an [Instruction and Outreach Librarian](#)
- Jean and Alexander Heard Library, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, is looking for a [Librarian for Religion and Theology, Outreach Librarian](#)
- The Knott Library, St. Mary's Seminary & University, Baltimore, MD, is looking for a [Library Associate](#)
- Life Pacific College, San Dimas, CA, is looking for an [Instruction Librarian – Spanish Language Resource Curator](#)
- Pitts Theology Library, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, is looking for a [Cataloging and Metadata Librarian](#)
- McCormick Theological Seminary, JKM Library, Chicago, IL, is looking for a [Director, JKM Library](#)
- New Brunswick Seminary, New Brunswick, NJ, is looking for a [Public Services Coordinator/Librarian](#)
- New York Theological Seminary, New York, NY, has a [Faculty Opening in Library Services & Theological Research](#)
- Northern Seminary, Lisle, IL, is looking for a [Director of the Library](#)
- Western Seminary, San Jose Campus, San Jose, CA, is looking for a [Regional Librarian](#)
- Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI, is looking for a [Director of Cook Library](#)
- Yale University Library, Yale University, New Haven, CT, is looking for a [Project Archivist](#)

Want to post a job opening? Visit the [Submissions Guidelines page](#) for more information.

# New Version of Research in Ministry (RIM) Coming This Month

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ATLA newsletter.atla.com/2018/rim-new/

December 7, 2018

We are excited to announce a major update to *Research in Ministry (RIM)*. Coming in December 2018, the upgraded *RIM* (available soon at <https://rim.atla.com/>) will provide a new self-submittal system as well as an improved user interface and search experience.



Users will soon be able to create a unique login for *RIM* and complete a simple self-submission form that includes the full bibliographic detail, including the abstract of their project, thesis or dissertation, as well as the ability to assign ATLA Subject Headings that describe the work. With the move to the new version of *RIM*, ATLA will no longer accept paper or e-mail submissions to *RIM* from participating institutions, and users are asked to discontinue submitting records via email or US Mail utilizing the old submission form.

*RIM* indexes the bibliographic data and abstracts for projects and theses from a variety of graduate programs including Doctor of Ministry (DMin), Doctor of Missiology (DMiss), and Doctor of Educational Ministry (DEdMin), and with the new release, other related graduate programs. *RIM* is a searchable database with entries for authors, titles, advisors, schools, and ATLA subject headings. Abstracts can be searched by keyword

Stay tuned to the ATLA *Newsletter* and the ATLA website for further announcements on the new version of *RIM* and training opportunities. If you have any questions, please send an email to [memberrep@atla.com](mailto:memberrep@atla.com).

# New Titles Added to ATLAS, ATLAS PLUS, and ATLA RDB in November

ATLA newsletter.atla.com/2018/atlas-november/

December 7, 2018

We are pleased to announce the addition of titles now available in the *ATLA Religion Database® (ATLA RDB®)*, *ATLASerials® (ATLAS®)*, and *ATLASerials PLUS® (ATLAS PLUS®)*.

## New full-text titles in *ATLAS PLUS*

- *The Journal of Markets & Morality* by Acton Institute for the Study of Religion & Liberty
- *Chinese Theological Review* by Foundation for Theological Education in Southeast Asia



## New full-text titles in *ATLAS*

*The Journal of Bahá'í Studies* by Association for Bahá'í Studies

## New indexing titles in *ATLA RDB*

- *Journal of Sikh & Punjab Studies* by Global Institute for Sikh Studies
- *Slověne: International Journal of Slavic Studies* by Moscow State University of Education (MSPU)
- *Dinî arařtırmalar* by Motif Yayıncılık
- *Journal of İlahiyat Researches* by Atatürk Üniversitesi
- *Journal of Septuagint and Cognate Studies* by Peeters
- *Journal of International Buddhist Studies* by The Buddhist Research Institute of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University
- *Prajñā Vihāra: Journal of Philosophy and Religion* by Graduate School of Philosophy and Religion at Assumption University

View ATLA's title lists: <https://www.atla.com/products/titles/Pages/default.aspx>

[Read the full press release.](#)