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President's Message

President's Message

by Milton J (Joe) Coalter

The following I had hoped to share with you at our annual conference in Chicago, but time did not permit. So I offer to you here for your reflection these "Remarks Not Previously Given on a Discipline Too Little in Evidence."

The membership and staff of ATLA have created an association that not only nurtures the profession that we share but has also initiated and perfected a set of research tools that uniquely benefit both discipleship and scholarly religious research.

In like manner, each of us are part of library staffs who work hard to gather competent collections for our home communities, to develop new avenues of access beyond our holdings, and to teach students, faculty, and patrons how to locate the particular items most appropriate for their research or soul searching.

I continue to be amazed by the industry of this community of librarians both as an association and individually. But there are days, my friends, when I find myself feeling more like an information pusher offering dime bags of data ready-made for injection into the papers of degree hungry students rather than a faithful midwife to an age-old dialogue between the voices of past theological sages and contemporary seekers, disciples, or researchers.

Recently, this disagreeable feeling hit me with renewed vigor during a conversation with a faculty member who teaches early and medieval church history. Our talk centered on that perennial topic within educational institutions—curriculum revision. My colleague noted that she felt that our seminary did a pretty good job at conveying information about the various disciplines of theological studies. But she longed for a curriculum that would facilitate students becoming not just learned in the data but wise in the spirit. Wisdom connoted for her a range of spiritual vision and a depth of religious understanding that the learned may or may not have. But such insight is, nevertheless, highly prized and regularly

expected in spiritual leaders and scholars of religion.

This conversation brought to mind a fascinating study by another medievalist whose research has periodically tormented my sense of vocation in recent years. The medievalist is Mary Carruthers of New York University. In her work, *The Book of Memory*, Carruthers recovers an understanding of the act of reading that captures for me one, if not the primary motive behind our vocation as theological librarians. I say Carruthers recovers this insight because Carruthers unearths it from the writings of a number of medieval theologians who long before the advent of formal seminaries or divinity schools recognized that reading meant more than efficiently skimming a text for the surface cream of information. They knew that the nutrients of truth to be found in any worthwhile religious text could only be harvested by ruminating over its content, much "like a cow chewing its cud, or a bee making honey from the nectar of a flower."

Medieval thinkers imagined reading as a two-step process. It began with *lectio*, or an exegesis of a piece of literature using the tools of grammar, rhetoric, and history. This notion of *lectio* was not unlike the "critical thinking" that modern educators so prize and seek to instill in students.

This carving up the text was but the alpha to an all-important omega in medieval reading practice, however, since *lectio* prepared the reader for the more penetrating work of *meditatio*. *Meditatio* represented the distinctly nourishing act of imbibing and absorbing a text's truths into the memory *and* revisiting that depth meaning repeatedly through the medium of the memory until its nectar was fully absorbed by the reader.

Meditatio was not so much a function of the eyes as of the memory, and the intended imprint upon the memory was much more than rote learning a text's surface appearance so that it could be regurgitated on command in the exact form that the reader found it. No, memorization by this almost devotional practice of *meditatio* stamped the lesson of a text into the very viscera of a reader's body so that the truths that had been

extracted from the text through repeated reflection on it found embodiment in the person of the reader.

Of course, this high ideal for the reading act exceeded the reach of many in the Middle Ages as it does today. Yet ideals such as this had their place then and do today because they press us to raise the bar of our expectations of ourselves beyond the easy or the comfortable.

Meditatio as the omega point of theological reading, it seems to me, does lie at the heart of the reason libraries and librarians remain a part of the formation of religious leaders and scholars. *Meditatio* is, however, an exceedingly lofty goal for the work we do as librarians. It certainly is easily overlooked in the hustle and bustle of selecting, purchasing, cataloging, circulating, and indexing materials for our patrons' use. It is further complicated by the way theological education has developed.

I know of no seminary, divinity school, or university worth its salt whose curriculum has not expanded exponentially in the number of disciplines taught or the opportunities that it offers in practical applications. But with this wealth of perspectives and field work has come a concomitant decline in the time available for *or* attention to teaching students the ancient practice of *meditatio* on the texts that they are reading out of class, discussing in class, and using to write papers for class.

There are no evil spirits here conspiring to obstruct this essential step in the path to spiritual wisdom. We need only look at our own house, ATLA, to see that our attempts to facilitate access to an ever growing mound of literature that increases each day is intended for good and, indeed, does good.

But I wonder as we go about this good work whether we collectively as an association and individually in our home shops should not be raising our voices to remark that precious little place or space remains for *meditatio* in the theological education of which we are an integral part and contributor.

At ATLA's 1998 annual conference in Washington D.C. and during sessions at this past conference in Chicago, members from our number have discussed and debated the relative value of

electronic versus print media. These discussions are helpful and informative. But they miss one point that theological librarians are uniquely poised within their communities of theological study and formation to make. That is that the practice of *meditatio* is a key to moving learned students beyond to that ultimate goal of becoming wise. Yet *meditatio* requires just as much time today as it did in previous ages before the number and availability of literature, first in print and later electronically, expanded beyond the grasp of any one scholar or disciple. *Meditatio* requires just as much time today as it did in previous ages before the number of disciplines claiming time in the curriculum stretched the capacity of a three-year education to the breaking point. And *meditatio* requires just as much time today as it did in previous ages before the presence of second career students with families and all the outside demands that go along with such commitments proliferated.

Advocacy for place and space for *meditatio* in the theological curriculum may seem at first blush an odd goal for us to take on. But the depth encounter of the reader with that being read lies at the core of why we collect, catalog, access, and index in the first place.

Librarians of every sort have long been advocates of literacy and the ready availability of literature to people of every condition. The theological literature for which we serve as stewards, however, should lead us to demand more than literacy or availability. An acquaintance with theological materials after a cursory read of its contents, we all know, is not enough to make religious leaders or scholars either learned or wise. Instead, theological reflection must be digested.

This, of course, takes time and a measure of training. Yet time is what the current theological curriculum is often least able to give and, unfortunately, training in the ancient art of meditating upon the word must vie with the need felt equally urgently by professors to put their students in contact with as much of the ever expanding literature in their disciplines as they can.

What does all this mean for our practice as theological librarians, both in association and individually? I can think of several actions that seem pressing. But at a minimum two would cer-


tainly be called for. First, we should be as vigorous in advocating for time in theological curricula for students to meditate upon their readings as we are already in aggressively soliciting funds and staff to collect, process, and index materials for them to read. ATS in its current standards requires that each degree program of a school have a community of scholars with which they can consider, discuss, and debate the content of their studies. But what good is a community of scholars or a library of rich resources for that matter, if the scholars assembled have only enough time to skim the surface of their studies because of the press of their curricular and extracurricular responsibilities?

Second, we should perhaps expand our notion of library instruction to include training in the discipline of “reading in depth” once a student has learned how to locate appropriate quality texts for study. This would, no doubt, require us theological librarians to flex some intellectual and spiritual “muscles” that neither our training nor our current job descriptions may have pressed us to develop. Yet *meditatio* does lie at the heart of why we do what we do.

Indeed, the vocation and profession that this organization seeks to support and promote originated in the recognition that revelation and the accumulated recorded wisdom about that revelation must be collected and transmitted to present and future generations because it is vital to spiritual well-being. If this is so, then our calling remains only partially fulfilled if we collect, catalog, and index that literature, but we ignore the fact that the intended recipients of these words have neither the time nor the training to listen to the deep calling to their deep in the collections that we steward.

I hope that in the next year as we go about our work, we will survey our home curriculum and library program to see if we see the discipline of *meditatio* too little in evidence. If we do, I trust that we will begin discussions with our colleagues at home and other librarians in this association about how we might restore this discipline to the formation of religious scholars and leaders.

We theological librarians are more than information pushers. We are also more than caretakers of collections. We are, instead, stewards of

a form of literature that demands we speak out whenever the activities of theological education or religious studies threatens to squeeze out reflection on the very source wisdom that we try so hard to make accessible and our institutions seek to transmit. 

Joe Coalter

*Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
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Calling Reference Librarians at AAR/SBL!

All members are encouraged to participate in the ATLA booth at AAR/SBL in Boston, November 20–23. This year we will have a four-part booth. In addition to a demonstration of the *ATLA Religion Database*, we will have a membership area, a preservation area, and a reference desk. That’s where you come in! We are looking for some of our members to help their colleagues who are doing research or scholarly work by providing on-site reference expertise at this conference.

If you’re interested and have an hour or two to spare, please contact Melody de Catur to sign up. She’s at (888) 665-2852 or mdecatur@atla.com. And thank you!

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News of ATLA Members & Member Libraries

Moulton Library of Bangor Theological Seminary has posted a Periodical Duplicate Exchange List to the Libraries' page attached to the Seminary's Web site. The URL is <http://www.BTS.edu>. Go to the "Seminary's Libraries," and you will find the link to the Duplicate Exchange List. Instructions on how to respond are posted at the top of the document. Should you encounter problems with the list or require a hard copy, please contact me by e-mail or telephone. We trust this procedure will work as well for you as it does for us. 📖

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Christian Theological Seminary Library celebrates the arrival of three new staff members. These replace people who have retired, married, or have picked up careers (Marriage and Family Therapy) that were bracketed to serve in the Library. The new staff, in alphabetical order, are:

(1) **Monae Cooper.** Monae worked as a "Work Study" student in the Library for two years. She is a minister in the Progressive Missionary Baptist Church and is scheduled to complete her M.Div. in December 1999. She is now part of the permanent staff. For more than a month, Monae has served as Assistant Circulation Supervisor and will continue in that capacity.

(2) **Don Haymes.** Don comes to CTS from the offices of the American Theological Library Association. He has the M.A. from Harvard University Divinity School and the M.S.L.S. from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. He is a nationally recognized expert in the history, theology, and bibliography of the Stone-Campbell "Restoration" traditions. He will be working to enhance serials management and to develop the archives and special collections program. The focus of the latter is the documentation of the "Res-

toration" traditions, especially the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Don began July 1st as Assistant Librarian for Serials and Archives. By arrangement with Dennis Norlin, Executive Director of ATLA, Don will continue to edit the ATLA Monograph Series.

(3) **Art Vermillion.** Art comes to CTS from the Indiana Regional Office of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He has the M.R.E. from Christian Theological Seminary, M.S.Ed. from Indiana University, and the Ed.D. from the University of New Mexico-Albuquerque. Art began serving July 5th, as Coordinator of the Congregational Resource Center. This is a program maintained by CTS with support from and in cooperation with the local and regional offices of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis, United Methodist churches of Indianapolis, the (Indiana) Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, and the Indiana-Kentucky Region of the United Church of Christ. The center provides educational materials, advice and counsel as well as educational programs for congregations throughout Indiana.

We are excited about the contributions these persons will make to the ongoing development of the Library at Christian Theological Seminary. I feel deeply honored to have these fine and capable people as colleagues. 📖

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Continuing Ed Event

The Missouri Botanical Garden Library and the new facility it shares with the Garden's researchers and botanical collections was the site of an ATLA continuing education event on April 22, 1999. A grant from the **ATLA Education Committee** provided funding. The purpose related to library construction anticipated among member libraries of the **St. Louis Theological**

Consortium. Attending the event were four library directors plus four other professional librarians from a total of five out of the Consortium's six institutions.

Librarian Constance P. Wolf, assisted by Douglas Holland of the Garden's Research Division, presented both conceptual and specific design information about their new building. They offered preliminary remarks, conducted a thorough tour, fielded numerous questions, and presided at a follow-up session. Their new building is renowned for environmental considerations such as a healthy work setting, use of recycled materials in construction, and the preservation of priceless collections. The building exceeds new, stringent earthquake code because its collections as well as human occupants require protection. Lighting, surface finishes, and compact but readily accessible storage were among many considerations receiving close attention.

The Library itself includes everything from well-equipped cataloging and reference departments to a gorgeous rare book room and a special lab designed to handle deacidification, signature mending, leather spine restoration, and dozens of other procedures. Like the reference and cataloging librarians, the lab staff had their own mini-library to assist their work. They explained various processes, welcomed investigation of their tools, and answered many questions.

Consortium librarians gained much to assist not only their planning toward future construction, but also the current operation of their libraries. Among immediate results was interest in a follow-up meeting at a new archives facility and the engagement of some local consulting expertise. 📖

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Paul Roberts is the new director of the Kaiser-Ramaker Library of **North American Baptist Seminary** in Sioux Falls, SD. His previous

position was library director at Prairie Bible College & Graduate School in Three Hills, Alberta, Canada. 📖



Charles Willard, Librarian of the Andover-Harvard Theological Library, and a member of the Faculty of Divinity since 1986, has accepted an appointment as Director, Accreditation and Institutional Evaluation, for the Association of Theological Schools.

Charles devoted many years of professional library activity to the areas of preservation, continuing education, and online reference resources. He led the Andover-Harvard Library through a significant period in the development of its electronic resources. During his time at the Divinity School, the Harvard Online Library Information System (HOLLIS) became publicly accessible, the Library's automated circulation system was introduced, and grants were secured to convert the vast catalog of the Library's holdings acquired before the 1960s to electronic form. Processing of the records of the Unitarian Universalist Association, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, and the papers of former UUA president Dana Greeley was also completed, and these collections became fully accessible to the public. During his tenure, important planning began on the Library's expansion and renovation program, announced last year. Charles also served for the past ten years as Secretary of the Faculty of Divinity. The Library and Divinity School will miss his leadership and dedication.

Charles has participated for thirty years on accreditation teams for A.T.S.

He has been a member of its Commission on Accrediting since 1996, and we wish him well in his new endeavors in this arena. He will be on leave from July through September and will take up his responsibilities at A.T.S. in early October. A search committee for the librarianship will be named shortly. 📖

J. Bryan Hehir
Acting Dean, Harvard Divinity School



Wesley Conference at Bridwell

The Wesleys and the Poor: The Legacy and Development of Methodist Attitudes toward Poverty, 1739–1999 will be held at The Center for Methodist Studies at **Bridwell Library, Perkins School of Theology**, Southern Methodist University, October 14–16, 1999. The fee is \$25 and it is preferred that you preregister by August 15, 1999. For more information, please contact Page A. Thomas, Director of The Center for Methodist Studies at Bridwell Library, P.O. Box 750476, Dallas, TX 75275; Tel: (214) 768-2363; Fax: (214) 768-4295; E-mail: pthomas@mail.smu.edu.



Manuscript Notebooks of Thomas Merton

Emory University's Pitts Theology Library, in collaboration with the Thomas Merton Center of Bellarmine College in Louisville, Ky., and the Merton Legacy Trust, has digitized about fifty of the working notebooks of Thomas Merton. Page images from Merton's handwritten notebooks, along with a limited number of transcriptions, have been scanned into electronic form, giving scholars greater access to Merton's work.

Now the Pitts Library is working with an editorial board to make the notebooks whose texts have not yet been transcribed available to Merton scholars who are willing to produce transcriptions. The resulting texts will be reviewed for accuracy by Merton specialists, then included in the digitized collection. The goal of the project is to produce page images of the notebooks and link each of those pages with a fully searchable transcription.

"The Merton Legacy Trust and Bellarmine College are committed to encouraging wider access to the Merton archives by students and scholars, while at the same time securing these materials for later generations," says Jonathan Montaldo, director of the Thomas Merton Center at

Bellarmino. "Internet access to these important primary resources not only will afford global availability, but also develop a valuable digital archive for use by researchers." Dr. Charles Spornick of Emory's Beck Center already has collaborated with the Pitts Library to provide a digitized, annotated version of Merton's "Red Diary" on the Internet (which is viewable at http://chaucer.library.emory.edu/merton/Red_Diary_Home.html).

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ATLA Annual Conferences

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Announcements

1999 Award for Bibliographical or Indexing Project

The Publication Section of ATLA proudly announces Rev. Matthew Duane Floding as the recipient of the 1999 Award for Bibliographical or Indexing Project. Rev. Floding, along with Dr. Dennis Voskuil, Dr. Thomas Boogaart, Dr. Leanne Van Dyke, and Dr. George Hunsberger are collaborating on a project titled "The Calling of the Christian: An Annotated Bibliography." This annotated bibliography will explore the Church's understanding of "call" and will provide a foundation for a separate book-length project on the topic of "call." Each project member will prepare an annotated bibliography reflecting the perspective and concerns of their respective disciplines of church history, biblical studies, theology, missiology, and church ministry.

The Award for Bibliographical or Indexing Project is an annual award voted upon by the steering committee of the Publications Interest Group of ATLA. The award's purpose is to encourage bibliographical and indexing work at all levels, especially by persons undertaking their first major bibliographical study or indexing project. 📖



2000 Award for Bibliographical or Indexing Project

The Publication Section of the American Theological Library Association invites applications from bibliographers and indexers in the fields of religious studies/theology for the 2000 grant-in-aid award of \$1,200. The scope and subject matter are broadly conceived, with the intent of encouraging bibliographical and indexing work at all levels, especially by persons undertaking their first major bibliographical study or indexing project.

Projects from article to multi-volume length reflecting research in the full range of religious/theological disciplines are appropriate for consid-

eration. ATLA reserves first rights of publication for all projects receiving grants. The application deadline is May 15, 2000. The winners will be selected by the steering committee of the Publications Section at the ATLA Conference in June.


Applications should contain:

1. date, applicant's name, address, e-mail address, telephone number, current position, professional experience and educational background;
2. a description of the project in not more than two typewritten pages including title, purpose, scope, size, format, organization and methodology, an anticipated date of completion, a proposed expense budget (listing other anticipated sources of financial assistance);
3. two letters of reference, one from a person acquainted with the applicant's general bibliographical competence, the other from a person acquainted with the applicant's specific project.

Inquiries, applications, and letters of reference should be referred to: Karen L. Whittlesey, Director of Member Services, ATLA, 820 Church Street, Suite 400, Evanston, IL 60201-5613. Telephone: (847) 869-7788; Fax: (847) 869-8513; E-mail: kwhittle@atla.com. The application deadline is May 15, 2000. 📖



William Badke (Associated Canadian Theological Schools) announces a new Internet-based one-credit course in research strategies at <http://www.nbtc.bc.ca/lib/research.htm>. This course is based on his textbook, *The Survivor's Guide to Library Research* (Zondervan, 1990) and offers incoming seminary students the opportunity to build their research skills during their first semester, or even before they arrive. The course is available to other institutions for licensing on a per student basis for nominal cost, which includes grading of assignments. The site also provides two

new update chapters, "Databases in Research" and "Internet for Research," which may be downloaded without charge. 



Planning Ahead . . .

The Education Committee has already begun planning for the next conference to be held at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California, in June of 2000. We'd like to encourage input from the membership in the planning process. Perhaps something at the recent conference sparked an idea that you would like to share as a possible topic for a roundtable or pre-conference workshop. Please reply before October 1st so that we can take your ideas into account at our planning meeting.


Please feel free to contact any of the members of the Education Committee with your suggestions:

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Dear Dr. Norlin,

This is to acknowledge a donation of several computers that we received from ATLA through the kindness of the Overseas Council for Theological Education of Indianapolis. We received approximately fifteen computers, and they are currently waiting in port here in Nigeria to be cleared and brought down to the seminary. We wish to thank you very kindly for this donation, and assure you that the computers will be useful not only in our library but also in other offices in the seminary.

May god bless you!

**Yours for the African harvest,
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Board of Directors Meets in Chicago

ATLA Board of Directors 1999 Annual Conference Meeting June 8–13, 1999

Pursuant to Bylaw 4.7, the Board of Directors met June 8–13, 1999 in conjunction with the Chicago Annual Conference. This is a digest of the chief issues and discussions. Anyone desiring to see a copy of the complete Board minutes may contact Eileen K. Saner, Board Secretary. (esaner@ambs.edu)

Among the issues discussed by the Board were the following:

Institutional Membership

The Board committee charged to investigate the terms and conditions of institutional membership presented their report, which included minor changes to the Bylaws. The intent of these changes was to specify more clearly the character of the institutions we desire to serve and the types of institutions for whom the Association desires to make products.

The course of Board discussion centered on three main issues: whether membership should be limited to those institutions providing accredited graduate theological education; whether ATLA should view itself as an international theological library association (and thus welcome members from Europe, Latin America, etc.); and whether existing members who fall outside these parameters should be grandfathered in. Believing the last issue was more easily addressed, the Board addressed it first and voted in the affirmative. The other issues developed no Board consensus and so were scheduled for discussion at the Second Business Meeting during the Conference.

At the Board Meeting following the Annual Conference, the following suggestions for modifying the Bylaw governing institutional membership were made: insert “non-degree-granting” in the fourth paragraph of Bylaw 1.2 to clarify the statement; expand the preamble to state clearly that the support of theological libraries is the purpose for membership; and add a footnote to clarify the accepted accreditation bodies or their local equivalent. In the event questions arise as

to the suitability of a given accrediting body, the Board would assume responsibility for answering the question. At the upcoming January meeting, the Board will consider whether board members must be employed by institutions that are institutional members of ATLA. Any resulting Bylaw changes will be voted upon by the membership.

Direct Inspection

As part of the evaluation process of the Executive Director, the Board annually appoints a committee (chaired by the Vice President) to inspect one of three areas of activity: Member Services, Products, and Personnel. The criteria to be examined in each area were discussed and approved. Copies of the specific criteria are available upon request.

Interest Groups

The Board approved the President’s desire to meet with the heads of the various Interest Groups to discuss policy governance and how the Groups fit into that governance model. Also to be discussed was a possible Interest Group manual with acronyms explained, procedures established, etc., as well as methods to encourage new leadership within the Groups as a way of courting new leadership for the whole Association. The luncheon meeting with Interest Group leaders generated a number of suggestions for strengthening conference programming and services to members including: a calendar for conference planning; a scheduled time during the conference for steering committees to meet; a web presence which would detail each group’s charge, its organization (including current leadership) and past programming. A meeting with the Board will be planned at next year’s Conference. It was noted that Interest Groups vary in purpose and organization and therefore should not all be required to meet the same expectations. Bruce Eldevik, Michael Boddy, and Sarah Myers agreed to serve on a committee to draft a document, which clarifies the Association’s expectations of and support for Interest Groups.

Board Officers

New officers for 1999–2000 were elected: President Joe Coalter, Vice-President Bill Hook, and Secretary Eileen Saner.

Endowment Fund

The Board examined issues surrounding the Endowment Fund (including its relationship to members' desire for greater diversity within the Association and how the fund could be appropriately managed). Executive Director Dennis Norlin proposed a clear distinction between the Annual Giving Fund and the Endowment Fund. The Annual Fund could be used to support a limited number of goals desired by the membership (the number limited so as to prevent a large number of projects attracting too few funds to have much impact). To maximize the Association's flexibility in use of the Endowment Fund, the Board desired the Fund be invested in an index or social conscience fund.


Revision of Organizational Ends

During the Board discussions (particularly on the issues of Institutional Membership and Direct Inspection Criteria) it was agreed that a revision of the Organizational Ends should be considered in light of concerns for their adequacy. Steve Crocco and Sharon Taylor will serve on a committee to propose these revisions.

ATLA Religion Database for Windows

The Board heard a report from Dennis about the planned Windows interface for the *ATLA Religion Database*. Dennis stated that in September ATLA members would receive the Beta version for testing and critique. The Beta version should be much easier to use, more intuitive, and have many more searchable fields than had been the case previously. After feedback is received from members, the final version will be released.

Members' Web Site

Dennis also noted that ATLA intended to develop the atla.com site for RDB customers and inquirers outside the organization, but that pages would be established (under www.atla-members.org) solely for members' use for ongoing conversations, links to resources, etc. 

Eileen K. Saner

*Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary
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(Editor's note: for a complete listing of the new ATLA Board of Directors, including contact information, please see the next page.)

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

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Conference News & Information

ATLA's 1999 Annual Conference a Success

A record number of ATLA members, guests, and exhibitors registered for the 1999 ATLA Annual Conference at Loyola University in Chicago, and preliminary results of the evaluation surveys indicate that attendees were enthusiastic in their praise for the conference offerings. Despite warm and sultry conditions, participants enjoyed the views and breezes of Lake Michigan and appreciated the compact campus of Loyola.

Pre-conference workshops were well received with a record number in attendance at the eight workshops offered. Demand for the workshop on Web site development necessitated the addition of a second session.


The thoughtful presentations by plenary speakers at the conference stimulated discussion and proved to be thought provoking for those in attendance. Mary Dempsey, Commissioner of the Chicago Public Library, discussed ways in which theological libraries and public libraries could work together to meet the religious information needs of the public; Susan Thistlethwaite, President of Chicago Theological Seminary, raised important theological concerns about the impact of the electronic era on religious faith; and Richard Danner, Associate Dean for Library and Computing and Research Professor of Law at Duke University, challenged attendees to think creatively about the changing roles of academic librarians in the digital era.

A wide variety of programs were presented at Interest Group meetings, papers and presentations, and roundtables; and denominational groups met to discuss many topics. Worship was an integral part of the conference and attendance and participation was good at the Lutheran, Evangelical, and Roman Catholic worship services. A special feature of the conference was the premiere of Seth Kasten's composition, sung by the ATLA Choir, at the Saturday Roman Catholic worship service.

Attendees enjoyed the opening reception despite threatening weather, complete with a guitar jazz duo and excellent refreshment. The closing banquet at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in

Mundelein was in a setting so beautiful that the wonderful meal and excellent music by the Cathedral Brass were simply delightful additions to the conference's finale.

Business meetings of the Association included another Member Forum where participants were free to discuss any issue of significance to them. The Member Forum has now become a standard feature of ATLA's conferences.

Next year's conference will be held at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, June 21-24, 2000. Make plans now to attend. 



Call for Papers

The Annual Conference Committee of ATLA wishes to extend an open invitation to members and friends of the Association to make **proposals for papers, workshops, or special sessions** for the 2000 conference to be hosted by the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California on June 21-24, 2000. The Committee will consider proposals on the academic disciplines of theology, theological librarianship, and general librarianship. We especially encourage persons to generate proposals on the following topics: library building renovation, accreditation under the new ATS standards, institutional archives as library responsibility, ethnic diversity in theological librarianship, and Jewish-Christian relations. And we particularly invite persons to resubmit proposals that were submitted beyond the deadline for the 1999 conference.


We would also encourage proposals on the theme of the 2000 Conference: "Embrace the Diversity." In the midst of extensive religious, ethnic, and cultural diversity in the San Francisco Bay Area, the Annual Conference Committee seeks to present papers and workshops on aspects of international theological librarianship, as well as on the topics suggested above.

Proposals should include a title, an abstract (not to exceed 200 words), and the name(s) and the institution(s) of the presenter(s).

Proposals should be submitted to:

Dr. Christine Wenderoth, Chair
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 E-mail: cwenderoth@crds.edu
 or swasey@rrlc.rochester.lib.ny.us.

Proposals must be received by October 1, 1999.

Additionally, the Annual Conference Committee wishes ATLA members to know that **Interest Group** leaders, and groups other than Interest Groups (such as regional, consortial or special groups) desiring to meet during the 2000 Annual Conference must submit their program information (topics and session leaders), and space and time requests to the Annual Conference Committee **by October 1, 1999**, in order to get on the conference schedule. To request a slot on the schedule, contact: Karen Whittlesey, Director of Member Services, ATLA, 820 Church Street, Evanston, IL 60201-5613. Fax: (847) 869-8513. E-mail: kwhittle@atla.com. 

JOB LISTINGS WANTED!

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

Preservation News


Relocation of ATLA Fiche

Recently, ATLA and Bell & Howell (formerly UMI) agreed to terminate their Agreement for the storage and duplication of ATLA's microfiche collection a year early. As of July 5, all of the first generation (Masters) and second generation (Intermediaries) microfiche were transferred successfully from Bell & Howell facilities in Ann Arbor, MI and Wooster, OH to National Underground Storage (NUS) in western Pennsylvania. (This is the same facility that stores ATLA serial microfilm Camera Masters.)

On July 27, Rick Adamek, who has overseen all aspects of the fiche program since September 1996, and Pradeep Gamadia, Director of Finance, will travel to NUS. They will validate the condition and completeness of the collection as well as decide on the best arrangement for storage of

Masters, Intermediaries, and, eventually, ATLA's current stock of positive (sale) copies. Rick will also observe the new photo-duplication equipment and procedures firsthand. A test order placed at the beginning of the month will provide a measure of NUS' production and procedural quality compared to established standards for ATLA fiche duplication.

During the first quarter of the new fiscal year, ATLA also will transfer its current stock of fiche to NUS. The plan is to have all fiche orders fulfilled by NUS staff by the calendar year's end. (Orders should still be directed to Rick [radamek@atla.com, 888-665-2852] for processing and relay to NUS). It is likely that for a trial period, filled orders will be sent to ATLA for approval prior to their final delivery to customers. Some disruption of order fulfillment may be expected at the time of transfer of ATLA stock

copies and early in the new fulfillment operation but delays should be minimal. Look for details regarding this new phase of ATLA Preservation service in the next issue of the *ATLA Newsletter*. 



ATLA Films Dissertations

ATLA is now microfilming dissertations as part of its preservation services. The first four dissertations have been microfilmed and are available through ATLA in cooperation with Calvin Theological Seminary (see below). As part of the On Demand program, ATLA will film theological dissertations from both accredited and non-accredited institutions.

ATLA was moved to microfilm dissertations after being approached by ATS for assistance in filming dissertations. UMI (now officially Bell and Howell Information and Learning) limits its filming and indexing of dissertations to regionally accredited institutions. Consequently UMI rejected ATS's request to include dissertations in Dissertation Abstracts. UMI's exclusion applies to several ATLA institutions that grant Ph.D. programs as well. In light of the circumstances ATLA moved to include dissertations as part of its On Demand filming.

ATLA is pleased to discuss the filming of dissertations, monographs, or serials with any ATLA institutional member. Contact Carol Jones (cjones@atla.com) for further information.

New Dissertations Available on Microfilm

Transcendence and History in Karl Barth's Amillennial Eschatology, by Dr. Jean de Dieu Rajaonarivony, submitted to Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids Michigan. *The author writes: "This study seeks to demonstrate that the key to understanding Barth's eschatology is to see him as an amillennial thinker by arguing that his concept of the three-stage parousia along with his doctrine of 'nothingness' reflects the key notions of amillennial eschatology."* **Order no. 1999-B000**, 1 reel (1996).

William Edwin Boardman (1810–1886): Evangelist of the Higher Christian Life, by Dr. Roy Leonard Williams, submitted to Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids Michigan. *The author writes that this dissertation "analyze[s] Boardman's doctrine of sanctification in relation to the mid-nineteenth century American and British theological milieu."* **Order no. 1999-B001**, 1 reel (1998).

L'École de Dieu: Pedagogy and Rhetoric in Calvin's Interpretation of Deuteronomy, by Dr. Raymond Andrew Blacketer, submitted to Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids Michigan. *The author writes, "This study is an examination of John Calvin's exegetical and rhetorical methodology in his sermons and commentary on Deuteronomy."* **Order no. 1999-B002**, 1 reel (1998).

Biblical Hermeneutics and Hebraism in the Early Seventeenth Century as Reflected in the Work of John Weemse (1579–1636), by Dr. Jai-Sung Shim, submitted to Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids Michigan. *The author writes, "This dissertation presents a contextual and historical understanding of hermeneutics and exegesis in the early seventeenth century, in the form of a study of the biblical exegete and Hebraist John Weemse of Latbocker and Prebend of Durham."* **Order no. 1999-B003**, 1 reel (1998).

Dissertations on microfilm are available for \$60 per reel to institutional members and \$115 for others. To purchase, please contact ATLA directly at radamek@atla.com or by calling Sales Associate Rick Adamek at (888) 665-2852.

Serials Newly Available on Microfilm

All of the titles below are ongoing serials; more recent issues on microfilm become available periodically. ATLA has received written permission from the publishers to duplicate and sell archival microfilm copies of the following titles for preservation purposes and for the advancement of theological and religious research and studies.


Evangelický Kalendár. *Published in Prague since 1920 by a small press, Kalich Publishers, today's Evangelický Kalendár and its nominal forebears contain the annual calendar/directory, and writings for members of the eskobratské církeve evangelické (Evangelical Church of the Czech Brethren). Czech language. Order no.: 1998-S029 through 1998-S033, currently 4 reels (1920–1949; 1950–1998 will soon be available).*

Kirke og Folk and Church and Life. *Kirke og Folk began publication in Askov, Minnesota in 1852, as a Danish-language publication serving the Danish members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Today as Danish customs and language in America fade with each passing generation, Church and Life (as it is now known) seeks to keep the spirit of the Evangelical Lutheran Danes alive in its now-bilingual publication. English and Danish language. Order no.: S0743, 4 reels (1979–1995).*

Madras Diocesan Magazine and the South India Churchman. *Called the “magazine of the Church of South India.” The Church of South India was formed in 1947 by the union of six Protestant denominations in Madras, India. The merger of the Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational, Reformed, and Lutheran churches was important in the ecumenical movement because of its acceptance of all existing ordained ministers into a united ministry, regardless of apostolic succession. Current, hardcopy subscriptions of the original can be ordered from the Church of South India, C.S.I. Centre, 5, Whites Road, Chennai-600 014, India for \$20.00 airmail and \$15.00 seamount. Order no.: S0116A-B, 9 reels (1947–1995).*

Mark-up (Washington, D.C.). *Reports and perspectives on political and social issues, both domestic and international, published by the Washington Office of the National Council of Churches. Representing Protestant, Orthodox, and Anglican Church bodies, NCC has thirty-five member communions working towards Christian unity. Order no.: S0852, 1 reel (1977–1994).*

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod: Proceedings and Reports and Memorials. *The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod's (WELS) namesake dates to mid-nineteenth century American Lutheranism when Lutheran churches came to be known by the state in which their members lived; these members were often newly settled immigrants from Germany, Russia, and Scandinavia. Although retaining its name—like the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod—today WELS reaches into fifty states and twenty countries. Order no.: S0823A-F, currently 5 reels (1931–1985; 1987–1997 will soon be available.)*

Serials on microfilm are available for \$60 per reel to institutional members and \$95 for others. To purchase, contact Scholarly Resources at sales@scholarly.com or by calling (800) 772-8937. 



CLIR Publications Available

The Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) publishes monthly reports and papers that, in keeping with their mission, disseminate knowledge of best preservation practices and promote a coordinated approach to preservation. As a sponsor of CLIR, ATLA is offering a limited number of these papers and reports upon request, at no cost. If you would like your own free copy please send an e-mail to Russell Kracke, Preservation Associate, at rkracke@atla.com. Please provide the title of the publication you want, with your name and shipping address. The publications available are:


Avoiding Technological Quicksand: Finding a Viable Technical Foundation for Digital Preservation. By Jeff Rothenberg. A report to CLIR, under the Commission on Preservation and Access, and the Digital Libraries program (January 1999).

Scholarship, Instruction, and Libraries at the Turn of the Century. The results from five task forces appointed by the American Council of Learned Societies and CLIR (January 1999).

Why Digitize? By Abby Smith, under the Commission on Preservation and Access, and the Digital Libraries program (February 1999).

Enabling Access in Digital Libraries: A Report on a Workshop on Access Management. By the Digital Library Federation, edited by Caroline Arms with Judith Klavans and Donald J. Waters (February 1999).

Digitization for Scholarly Use: The Boswell Papers Project at the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library. By Nicole Bouché, under the Commission on Preservation and Access, and the Digital Libraries program (March 1999).

The Future of the Past: Preservation in American Research Libraries. By Abby Smith, under the Commission on Preservation and Access (April 1999). 



ATLA Resubmits Microfilming Proposal to NEH


ATLA has resubmitted a grant proposal to the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) for the preservation microfilming of 230 journals related to the interaction between Christianity and the religions of the world published between 1850 and 1950.

In this resubmitted proposal, ATLA outlines a coordinated project for the preservation microfilming of selected journals, representative of the theme Christianity's Encounter with World Religions, to be conducted over a two-year period. ATLA submitted a similar proposal in 1998 that failed to receive funding. Although reviewers and panelists responded favorably to the original submission, they found particular sections relating

to workflow and methodology in need of clarification. Panel members urged the NEH staff to encourage ATLA to address these concerns, to revise and resubmit the application at the next deadline on July 1, 1999.

The text of the new proposal was substantially reworked to respond to the comments of both NEH reviewers and an external evaluator with preservation microfilming expertise. ATLA hired consultant Marcia Watt, in Atlanta, Georgia, to review the previous proposal. Based on her comments and those of the NEH panelists, the proposal underwent a thorough revision by the diligent work of ATLA's Preservation Team (Judy Knop and Russell Kracke) and the Preservation Advisory Committee (Martha Lund Smalley, David Berger, Janice Mohlhenrich, and Charles Willard). Cindy Derrenbacher coordinated the revision and project director Dennis Norlin supervised the process. The project budget was revised by Pradeep Gamadia, Director of Financial Services.

Sections in the new proposal describe ATLA's adherence to standards for bibliographic control, in particular ATLA's participation in the CONSER and NACO programs. The new proposal includes new easy-to-read workflow charts and calendars, details the journal selection process, and elaborates upon spot-checking and film storage procedures. The proposal requests \$972,857 in total funds. If the grant is awarded, the project will begin May 1, 2000 and will be completed by April 30, 2002.

The materials targeted for preservation in the proposal are representative of non-Christian, missionary, and syncretistic religion journals. The literature provides insight into a time in North American history when non-Christian religions were introduced into the predominantly mainstream Christian society and when there was a flurry of missionary activity abroad. The proposal is intended to broaden the scope of the 300 journals microfilmed during ATLA's previous NEH-sponsored microfilming grant, Preservation of Journal Literature in Religion, 1875–1950, which was completed in July 1998. A final report of the previous grant can be found at www.atla.com/neh.html. 

ATLANTIS Reference Reviews

May Reference Review

Historical Guide to Lutheran Church Bodies in North America, by Robert Wiederaenders. St. Louis: Lutheran Historical Conference, 1998.

Arguably the world's second largest Christian affiliation, Lutheranism is usually overlooked or under-represented in studies of American Christianity. But this is not surprising given the historical complexity of its many strains linguistically, ethnically, and doctrinally. A *Vade Mecum* is required to understand the unity in all this complexity, and Robert Wiederaenders, former archivist of the American Lutheran Church and historian and statistician, has presented a most useful, almost indispensable tool.

Mr. Wiederaenders' earlier effort, *The Synods of American Lutheranism* (1948) was issued as "Publication Number One" by the Lutheran Historical Conference. The conference is a professional organization for professors of American history, librarians, and archivists, and promotes the study of religious history. It has recently been opened to all interested in American Lutheran history. In its publishing program LHC provides small-run historical publications as well as its biennial conference papers and a quarterly newsletter. The original Wiederaenders volume has been a staple on the reference shelves and desks for decades. Since 1948 there has been a sea change of organizational restructuring. Publishing this crucial update under a new and more accurate name, yet labeling it "Second Edition," leads to confusion. While it is a "second edition" of the Lutheran Historical Conference's "Publication Number One," it is in essence a new work bearing a new title. By substituting the more accurate title for this update, the work avoids the all too common assumption that American is another term for United States. Because Lutheranism has no structural history in Mexico, only the United States and Canada are represented.

As the multiple strains of the Lutheran family emigrated from the various countries of Europe to North American shores almost continually since the 17th Century, the process of Americanization has been at work easing groups from

their ethnic and linguistic enclaves to the melting pot. As groups rubbed shoulders with one another and the other Christian traditions—some of which are American-grown—and at the same time expressed itself more and more in American English in both worship and scholarly endeavors, organizational affiliations changed. This impact has resulted in the flowing together of many streams into an increasing unity of the Lutheran family—often into new structured unity, other times in cooperative unity, and in fewer instances spawning antithetical organizations opposing the new unities (frequently on doctrinal grounds).

In this volume—by chronological listings, maps, charts, and diagrams—there is sketched out, visualized, and clarified the flux of the Lutheran experience in North America. Contributions from the research and scholarship of Richard Dishno supplement the text that reflects Mr. Wiederaenders' life-long interest.

The volume's organization is logical. The first hundred pages or so are devoted to the development of the five most populous groups in North American Lutheranism, three in the United States and two in Canada. All of these groups have come into their current organizational form in the past half-century. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is only slightly more than a decade old. The second unit, comprising only ten pages, documents smaller bodies, some in existence more than a century such as the Eilesen Synod, to such newer bodies as the Lutheran Ministerium and Synod-USA organized in 1995. For each of the seventeen units in this section, as applicable, it gives variant and predecessor names; significant dates in its history; periodical publications of the body; and historical statistics on clergy, congregations, and individuals among their adherents.

The third unit documents cooperative bodies of the past and present. Some of these bodies later ended in mergers such as the General Council, General Synod, and the United Synod South which merged into the United Lutheran Church in America in 1917, yet others such as the National Lutheran Council did not.


Another brief but interesting unit of statis-

tics provides comparable numbers for each extant group for its clergy, congregations, and communicants in 1860, 1868, 1875, 1900, 1925, 1950, and 1975.

The round up is completed by a “former Synods” section that traces units which either dissolved or ceased to be Lutheran rather than having been traceable into any subsequent mergers. An example is a number of Swedish Christians in 1885 formed the Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant of America and thereafter no longer had any Lutheran affiliation.

Terminology among Lutherans is simply confusing. “Synod” is used by one group for regional judicatories whereas one national group, the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, uses the term in its national nomenclature and calls its regional units “districts.” An aid to sorting the confusion comprises section six: Lutheran Organizational Terminology. This is followed by an index of names of groups permutated by significant portions of the name, thus allowing rapid access to the pertinent section of the volume.

A bibliography of general and synodical/regional works citing relevant books and articles is useful not only to aid researchers in exploring the various aspects of the history of Lutherans (not doctrine or practice) more thoroughly, but it can also serve as a collection building guide for collections with an interest in this portion of North American religious history where it is under-represented, and for catalogers to properly categorize and relate publications.

The volume is a large format (8½ x 11) paperback, which in keeping with the publisher’s policy, is truly a bargain. It is available from the Lutheran Historical Conference by contacting the Concordia Historical Institute, 801 De Mun Ave., St. Louis, MO 63105, for \$20.00 plus shipping and handling. But you will want to have it bound immediately for the heavy use. 

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 Director of the Krauth Memorial Library
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June Reference Review

The Encyclopedia of American Catholic History. Eds. Michael Glazier and Thomas J. Shelley. Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press, 1997. \$80. 1567 pp. ISBN: 0-8416-5919-5.

Published late in 1997, this one-volume encyclopedia is the first specifically devoted to American Catholic history. It is most welcome—an excellent resource for general readers and recommended for all well-rounded library collections.

Focusing on people, institutions, organizations, and groups as well as including many longer, thematic essays, there are about 1200 entries in total written by more than 400 contributors. In addition to the standard fare, we are offered many informative and readable articles. Among them are extended entries on Native Americans, women, Jesuits, colonial missions, individual European ethnic groups, as well as overviews on all fifty states.

Especially helpful are reviews of movements within the U.S. Church: traditionalism, liturgical reform, ultramontanism, trusteeism, modernism, etc. If not all of uniform quality, these are generally temperate, taking a moderate stance appropriate to a reference book.

A glaring lack is a good historical survey of the abortion/Right to Life issue—almost as if too divisive a subject for inclusion. The controversies of a sometimes-polarized contemporary Church are often given short shrift. This might be excused, though, in an historical encyclopedia from a mainstream Catholic press trying to avoid polemics while staking out a centrist position. (Of course, ideological spectra are relative.)

The admittedly informal style is non-academic, presumably directed at what used to be called the “intelligent layperson.” For perhaps the same audience, a selection of primary texts has been appended to some articles, which, although readily accessible in other sources and no doubt adding to the cost, do contribute to the book’s value for general readers and non-Catholic or smaller libraries.

Most entries include a very brief bibliography. A table of contents would have been nice, since the editors decided to collect some major

essays under phrases like “American Catholic Women” and “Catholic Biblical Scholarship in America.” Thus some topics are made needlessly hard to find. The index itself is of no help in this or most any task. For \$80 should we expect better?

On the whole, though, the quality is high, the inevitable problems mostly minor, the objectives well met and the need for such a work demonstrable— all making for a worthy addition to U.S. Catholic studies.

Those not interested in more detail can stop right here.

This book has received quite positive responses. A review in *America* (Aug. 1, 1998, v. 179 p. 24) begins, “The *Encyclopedia of American Catholic History* is destined to become the standard reference work in U.S. Catholic history.” *Church History* (Dec. 1998, v. 67 p. 809) concludes, “This volume should be available in every library in the country, not just college and university research libraries.” *The Journal of American History* (Mar. 1999, v. 85 p. 1568) remarks, “Like the appearance of the *Catholic Encyclopedia* years ago, this scholarly update again illustrates the research maturity and intellectual progress of American Catholic history.”

Such progress is in evidence. It is interesting to compare the present encyclopedia with its much larger scale American predecessors: the original *Catholic Encyclopedia* (1912) and the *New Catholic Encyclopedia* (1967). The three respective entries on “ultramontanism” are indicative. The old *Catholic Encyclopedia*, itself ultramontanist, begins a bit disingenuously, “Ultramontanism is a term used to denote integral and active Catholicism.” The now venerable *New Catholic Encyclopedia*, on the other hand, is distanced if not neutral in starting, “In the usage of modern church history (17th, 18th, and 19th century), ultramontanism is a strong emphasis on centralization in the Church, or on papal authority . . .” Finally, with no index entry at all for ultramontanism and under the unhelpful heading of “Papal Infallibility and American Catholics,” the *Encyclopedia of American Catholic History* begins with a measured, “Confronted with the need for identity and stability in a rapidly

changing world, the Catholic Church offered the answer of authority, personified in the pope.” What follows appears to be a balanced, sympathetic treatment with good historical context. Contrary to the article’s title, papal infallibility gets scant attention and this is the only article explicitly on infallibility . . . curious.

By rough count, though, well over 75% of entries are about people, institutions, or groups, including schools, orders, associations, periodicals, etc. Major figures and much of the episcopate (a necrology is included) are covered as well as lots of more-or-less obscure people (depending on one’s perspective) of great interest to local historians and researchers. The photographs and portraits are on the gray side and lack impact. A strikingly heterogeneous set of famous people is included to celebrate Catholic integration into American life: Grace Kelly, Enrico Fermi, Fritz Kreisler, Gen. James Longstreet and many others. Some of the biographical entries verge on the elegiac: Paul Horgan’s is especially egregious, Flannery O’Connor’s over the top. Some entries are very fine. The *America* reviewer, for example, noted excellent articles on Dorothy Day, Paul Maurin, John Courtney Murray, and Cardinal Gibbons. 📖

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World Biographical Index of Religion—Internationaler Biographischer Index der Religion. (Theologians, Preachers, Rabbis and Religious Leaders). 5 Volumes. München: K. G. Saur, 1997. ISBN 3-598-11299. DM. 1.299,00.

This index might be considered a precious reference work in two senses: libraries able to afford the considerable price will not be very numerous but will be compensated by the multitude of data included in this ample biographical compilation. The first four volumes offer an alphabetical list of the personal data of about 179,800 religious personalities. That data has been extracted from six major biographical archives: *American Biographical Archive; Archives Biographiques Françaises; Archivio Biografico Italiano; Archivio Biografico de España, Portugal e Iberoamerica; British Biographical Archive; Deutsches Biographisches Archiv.* Those six national archives, which cover a large portion of global theological history, are the result of nearly 300 years of biographical research: about 1,570 biographical reference works—published between 1600 and 1930—have been examined and ana-

lyzed. The fifth volume has been conceived as an index on the Index and can be considered a register. Unfortunately, the listing has followed the division of the consulted national archives; a cumulative form would have been far handier.

This World Index gives the personal dates of the people included: family name, first names, eventual epithet(s), birth and death anniversaries, function(s), status, activities, biographical sources, and finally the reference to the source in the consulted national archives.

The strong point of this *Index* seems to be twofold: on the one hand the global coverage of the field of religion; and on the other hand the rapidity of research, with the possibility of further broadening of more in-depth knowledge about the person in question.

This title seems to remain an essential reference work for all academic theological libraries and very useful for all cataloguers of theological literature. 

*André Geuns,
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Some Pet Peeves . . .

I firmly believe that criticism should be constructive, so I hesitated to write this column. “Pet peeves” as a genre is usually more about the critic being clever than about saying something constructive. I feel that I have personally expended an undue amount of time and effort on all the issues I discuss in this column and I have a fair amount of frustration associated with them. I am not entirely sure that I can stick to light and not degenerate into heat. To make sure things remain constructive I will try to make specific suggestions about coping with each issue or about how software designers could make things better.

1. Products Licensed for Network Use without Network Support

A surprising number of CD-ROM database products are marketed for network use with application software that is designed only for individual use on a single PC. I struggle to imagine how developers think the products will be used. Few institutions have the technical support resources to mount a CD-ROM product on a server and yet install application software individually on each computer with access to the product. Except for very small and highly controlled environments, network administrators prefer to launch applications for network products from a server. Yet, few CD-ROM products come with a

documented method of installing the application software for use from a server. Many applications will work from a server, but only after someone invests considerable work in reverse engineering the software installation process. Most require at least some changes on the local machine before they can run. Usually this can be remote controlled with batch files, but this approach is often slow, awkward, and a security problem.

Products with this problem seem more likely to come from companies that are traditionally print publishers than from those that are primarily software producers. The problem is more forgivable for a product clearly intended and priced for a broad market, such as the *Encyclopedia Judaica*. It is less understandable for an expensive publication such as the *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, which is priced at a level that places it firmly in the institutional market. The paltry level of technical support is even more maddening. Rarely does someone with technical knowledge answer the telephone or e-mail, and it can be impossible to find anyone with network administration experience.

Any company that sells a database product with a network license should:

- Include customer network administrators in their product development process
- Clearly document the network requirements and configurations they support in their sales literature
- Provide application software designed to run in a network environment
- Provide complete technical documentation for the network administrator
- Provide technical support that is knowledgeable about common network environments

I suspect that most publishers are not experienced in providing customer support for using their products. There are few technical support needs for printed books. As more publishers produce electronic products and gain experience, they should learn to design them for appropriate markets and support them better. In the meantime, librarians face tough choices regarding products that have strong content but are technically deficient. Unfortunately, most of these works are

single source. It is not a question of choosing a better product over an inferior one, but of whether to accept technical defects in order to have what is available. When you encounter problems with electronic tools, it is vital that you communicate your concerns to the producer. If you are reviewing digital titles for professional publications, be certain to review technical factors as well as content. When you are buying an expensive title, try to arrange an evaluation period. If the product does not meet your requirements, return it with a report of your assessment.

2. Products That Are Not “Forwardly Compatible”

The concept of “backward compatibility” has been around for a long time. It means that you can use your existing resources (supplies, data files, etc.) with new hardware and/or software. Recently I was dismayed to discover some otherwise excellent digital publications with “forward compatibility” problems. When I purchased *On common ground: world religions in America* by Diana L. Eck (Columbia University Press, c1997) and *The Evolution of the English Bible: From Papyrus to King James* by Kathryn L. Beam and Traianos Gagos (University of Michigan Press, c1997), I noted that they both listed in their requirements 640 x 480 graphic resolution at 256 colors. I naively assumed these were minimum requirements as most such statements are. They are not. I tried to load the software on public workstations that are set at a “middle of the road” 800 x 600 screen resolution with 16-bit color (65,536 colors). The software would not load. I later learned from technical support that the software would accept a higher screen resolution, but that it would not accept a setting of more than 256 colors (8-bit color).

I think that I know some of the reasons for this limitation. These titles were both produced at a time of rapid development in graphic display technology (and rapid decline in the price of graphics processing power). They are designed to be cross-platform compatible between Windows 3.1+ and the Macintosh. They were both developed with software from the same company, Macromedia, Inc. I suspect they were caught in the hitch between Windows 3.1 limitations and

what would work across both platforms. Regrettably, understanding the source of the problem does not make it any less frustrating.

For an individual user, resetting the screen resolution is at best an annoyance. For libraries and media centers, it is a significant support issue. In my library, we have gone to some trouble and expense to *prevent* patrons from altering the system settings. How do we support a product that requires they be reset before it will run? In the end, this limitation shortens the useful life of the product. While I imagine display adapters will support 256 colors at 640 x 480 resolution for some time to come, it is not a very good use of equipment with far superior capabilities. Eventually, the equipment will no longer “dumb down” that far. The only question is whether the operating systems will stop supporting the application software first.

Neither of these products is terribly expensive. *Evolution* is \$59.95 per copy. *Common Ground* is \$195 for single copies, with 5-packs available for educational institutions at \$250. To place things in perspective, a copy of the current *Books in Print* lists at \$550. So there are plenty of print resources that we will pay just as much for and throw away even sooner. Ultimately what troubles me most is that both these works have enduring value in their content and I would like to maintain them in our collections. Instead, I fear that I will be adding them to the pile of worthless plastic disks awaiting a recycling plan all too soon.

3. Operating Systems and Software That Complicate Hardware Upgrades

As hardware capabilities have increased, operating systems and application software have become increasingly complex. On the plus side, software has also become more sophisticated, performing tedious tasks automatically. On the minus side, it becomes harder to know just what is going on inside your computer. One occasion that this becomes a problem is when you need to upgrade your computer hardware. Which files do you copy to your new computer? Can you copy your software from your old hard drive to the new hard drive or must you reinstall it on the new computer? Since chances are the new com-

puter already has a newer version of the operating system installed on it, you do not want to copy over all the system files. Then how do you recover all your preferences and system settings?

While software has become proficient at updating older versions of itself, operating systems and applications software do virtually nothing to ease the transition from one computer to the next. In fact, they do a lot to complicate matters. With computer hardware obsolescing in less than three years, upgrading hardware has become ever more involved and time consuming. What I would really like to see in an operating system package is a utility that will scan a full backup of a predecessor system and reconstruct all the files that have not been superseded on the new system. Short of that, the developers could clean up their act in their existing practices.

3a. Applications That Scatter Pieces of Themselves Far and Wide

Application software now seems to be honor-bound to scatter pieces of itself around the local disk drive in at least a half dozen folders. The main program is in a subfolder of Program Files. The INI file *must* be in the Windows folder. Then there must be a folder somewhere that all the applications from the same company share. All the folders and files have indecipherable names. Consequently, it is almost impossible for the average user to figure out what all the files on the system are, where all the pieces of a given application are, and what files are safe to discard. Aside from creating a lucrative market for disk cleanup and uninstall utilities, is all this fragmentation really useful or necessary?

The operating systems, both Windows and Macintosh, encourage all this subdivision, sometimes with good reason. Both allow complex applications to be broken down into smaller modules. Programs call up the specialized modules only when they are needed. It makes sense that some modules can be used by more than one program, and that those modules should be stored in a shared folder. Other issues are less clear. For example, nearly every Windows application has an INI file that specifies its unique startup parameters. Traditionally, these have gone in the Windows folder. However, it could just as easily

go in the application folder and many developers keep it there. Ultimately, it is the decision of the developer since the application program must know where to look for its INI. Is this flexibility or just confusion?

Conscientious software producers should:

- Minimize the fragmentation of their installed products, keeping components together in one place unless other applications need to share them
- Provide to the user complete documentation of the files and folders their applications install

3b. Where Is the Data Anyway?

Do you know where your data files are? A shocking number of people do not. Application software generally comes with a default data folder defined. Many people save their files in that location although they may not know how to find the files again once they shut down the application. No two applications seem to agree on where data files should go. Some of them keep the data in the application folder or a subfolder of the application folder. Others like to try to create a common data file location but there is no agreement on where it should be. Microsoft places the data for some applications in a subfolder of Windows called Personal. Microsoft Office likes to store data files in folders organized by the application that created them.


Another difficulty is that applications usually bury the option setting for the default file location deep in their menu structure where few users have the courage to venture. Some applications, such as Netscape, seem to regard *your* data, such as bookmarks, as *their* data and actually discourage users from placing files somewhere other than the default. Eventually data files get scattered higgledy-piggledy around the file system with no consistency. When the time comes to transfer them to a new computer, it is hard to be sure you found everything.

It is hard to blame the developers for this one. The hierarchical file system of computers is still mysterious to many users. The software folks are reluctant to label it “complex” for fear of scaring off potential customers. Besides, no two people

organize their files in exactly the same way. I would be the first to yell “Foul!” if Microsoft or Apple prescribed where my data had to go. Still, I do think it would make sense for application programs to *ask* users where data files should go as part of the installation process, and should make it simple and straightforward to change the default storage folder.

In the meantime, if you do not feel secure with manipulating computer files, take some time to learn about how the file system works. Then design a filing system that works for you and set up your applications to support it. I have a single folder designated for all my data files. I set up my applications to default to storing files in that folder. Within that folder, I keep additional folders for specific purposes. These include annual folders for reports that are due every year, project folders for limited-term projects, correspondence folders, and topical folders. That organization works for me. Figure out one that works for you and stick to it. Then when you next have to copy your files to a new computer, you will know where to find them. You will have honor in the eyes of technical support folk and your wisdom will be renowned.

Tell Me Yours...

Now that I have acknowledged some of my pet peeves, please share yours, along with any wisdom you have for dealing with them. If you send them to me, I will pass them along in future issues of the *ATLA Newsletter* (with full attribution, of course). There are probably many who share your concerns and who would benefit from your experience. You can e-mail them to me at the address below. 

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News from ATLA Staff

From the Executive Director: ATLAS Underway

In an extraordinarily productive 24-hour period (July 14–15) the ATLAS Advisory Panel developed its list of recommendations for the first journals to be included in the ATLA Serials project. Organized and chaired by Professor Raymond Williams of the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, the panel met with staff members Jimmy Adair (ATLAS Project Director), Ric Hudgens (Director of Indexes), Yehoshua Ben-Avraham (Executive Assistant), and Dennis Norlin (Executive Director). Armed with information about all 600 journals indexed in Religion Index One (RIO©), evaluative criteria, and physical copies of the journals, the fifteen members of the panel divided into six basic areas:


Bible/ Archaeology/ Antiquities
Human Culture & Society
Church History, Missions, & Ecumenism
Pastoral Ministry
Religions/ Religious Studies
Natural and Applied Sciences
Theology, Philosophy, & Ethics

Panel members identified up to twenty journals by priority for each category for the initial ATLAS collection, using the following criteria:

1. Value for teaching at both undergraduate and graduate levels;
2. Consistent quality and significance of articles;
3. Significance of the journal to the discipline;
4. Clarity of scope, mission statement, goals, readership;
5. Theological perspective or orientation;
6. Reputation of authors;
7. Reputation and history of publisher;
8. Currency and dependability
9. Unique features or value

ATLA staff will now negotiate with publishers of recommended journals to seek their inclusion in the project.

The ATLAS Advisory Panel will continue to advise the ATLAS staff for the next three years, insuring that the ATLAS collection will continue to benefit from the insights and observations of leading scholars in the field. ATLA is grateful to the following scholars for agreeing to participate in the ATLAS Advisory Panel:

- Gary Anderson, Harvard University
- Michael Battle, Duke University
- Steve Bevans, Catholic Theological Union
- Larry D. Bouchard, University of Virginia
- Francis X. Clooney SJ, Boston College
- Barbara DeConcini, American Academy of Religion
- James O. Duke, Texas Christian University
- Gary L. Ebersole, University of Missouri (Kansas City)
- Edward Foley, Catholic Theological Union
- Carl R. Holladay, Emory University
- Bruce R. Nielsen, Jewish Theological Seminary
- William C. Placher, Wabash College
- Nancy J. Ramsay, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- Kent H. Richards, Society of Biblical Literature
- Todd Whitmore, Notre Dame University
- Raymond B. Williams, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion 

Dennis Norlin
ATLA Executive Director



Staff Changes

During the past quarter ATLA lost five staff members and added ten (including three summer indexing assistants). The additions to the indexing staff restore it to its size prior to the drastic downsizing in 1996. ATLA is now in a financial position sufficiently strong to restore the vacant positions.

Departures

Karen Anderson, Conference Coordinator (Interim)—returned to doctoral studies at the University of Chicago

Linda Arunthavanathan, Indexing Assistant—to law school

Don Haymes, Indexer Analyst—to Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis

Joy Lucas, Executive Assistant

Taveras Rander, Administrative Assistant/Maintenance—to United Parcel Service

New Hires

Sara Anderson, Summer Indexing Assistant (Junior at Loyola University)

Yehoshua Ben-Avraham, Executive Assistant (MALS, Dominican University)

Ramakrishna Bhuma, Database Analyst (Computer Science Student at Illinois Institute of Technology)

James Duncan, Administrative Assistant/Maintenance


Susan Only, Coordinator of Professional Development (Th.D. Boston University School of Theology)

Ankur Patel, Summer Indexing Assistant (Senior at Loyola University)

John Rash, Summer Indexing Assistant (Masters of Pastoral Studies, Loyola University)

Phyllis Tuchten, Administrative Assistant/Reception

Jonathan West, Indexer Analyst (M.A. in Religion Student, Trinity University, Deerfield, IL)

Dana Wisbnick, Indexer Analyst (M.S.L.S., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; currently M.A. student at University of Chicago Divinity School.) 

Staff Calendar

July 27–28	Adamek & Gamadia at NUS site visit Pittsburgh/Boyers, PA; plus courtesy call to Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
August 7–8	Norlin attends meeting of CPLI Board in Hartford, CT
August 7–10	Adamek at CBA Conference in South Bend
August 10–13	Whittlesey makes site visit to GTU, Berkeley, California
September 5–12	Norlin attends meeting of BETH in Montpelier, France
October 7–10	Whittlesey attends meeting of Annual Conference Committee and Education Committee at GTU in Berkeley
October 22	Norlin meets with Tennessee Theological Library Association in Nashville
November 4–7	Advisory Committees meet in Evanston: Technology Advisory Committee (TAC), Preservation Advisory Committee (PAC), and Membership Advisory Committee (MAC)
November 18–23	Norlin, Whittlesey, Jones, Derrenbacker, Hudgens, de Catur, Adair at AAR/SBL Annual Meeting in Boston

From the Director of Member Services

As I complete my first year at ATLA I continue to think about the Member Services Department—what and who we are and are becoming. We are first and foremost, I think, a team of professionals dedicated to helping you, our institutional and individual members, become the best

possible theological librarians and scholars that you can be. How can we do this? Perhaps the simplest way to explain is to tell you what each of our department staff members does.

Margret Tacke Collins edits your member publications. The *Newsletter* and the *Summary of Proceedings* of the annual conference are her primary vehicles for reaching you. In the *News-*

letter you will find items and articles of interest including Diktuon (the regular technology column), news of ATLA individual and institutional members, job postings, letters from ATLA staff and Association officers, book reviews, and press releases about conferences and workshops of interest. Margret counts on your willingness to contribute, whether a job posting or an article, so that all members benefit from each other.

As Member Representative, Carol A. Jones fields your questions, addresses your membership concerns, updates your contact information, and seeks benefits to enhance your membership in ATLA. She also oversees an OCLC FirstSearch consortium for database searching and sends you informational packets about your membership. If it has to do with membership and member benefits, Carol knows all about it.

The person responsible for the last two conferences (Leesburg and Chicago) was Karen Anderson, who leaves us on August 31 upon the completion of her two-year contract. It is an understatement to say that we will miss her special abilities to enhance the experience of the ATLA conference for you—and for staff. Karen is finishing her dissertation, put somewhat in abeyance as she produced our conferences. We all wish her very well, indeed, in her endeavors.

By the time this newsletter is in your hands, I expect that we will have a new staff person in the Member Services Department. This person will be the Coordinator of Professional Development, responsible for all aspects of the annual conference and continuing education between conferences. This week and next the search committee is interviewing four candidates from the twenty-six applicants for the position. We hope and expect that one of them will accept our offer.

My task as Director of Member Services is to oversee the department and to keep the vitality and health of ATLA firmly in mind as I work with the other directors, Dennis, and the Board and members (you!). This task was made concrete for me when I attended the annual conference for the first time, seeing with my own eyes who you are, who we are. I saw warmth and fellowship as well as a desire to advance professionally through opportunities at the conference. I

saw diversity in religious and theological backgrounds, membership status, gender, age, and nationality. I saw devotion to theological study and librarianship—and to each other. I heard genuine thanks for a good conference. And I heard wonderful voices singing in worship (I also heard about some singing on a bus back from Mundelein!).

What this all showed me was the areas in which I want to direct my efforts in the coming year:

- How can we enable your warmth and fellowship to encompass the new ATLA member, welcoming him or her into the family fold?
- What topics of professional interest are uppermost in your minds and how can we best bring you workshops and programs that will help you do your jobs even better?
- How can we concretize the concept of “diversity” to include more people of color in our Association?
- How can we reach out better to those members who do not or cannot attend conference?
- In what ways can we celebrate our joy and enthusiasm for the work that we do?

This is a formidable task list! I look forward to working on it with this amazing departmental staff, and with you, the members for whom we exist. 📖

Karen L. Whittlesey
Director of Member Services




Susan Only is New ATLA Coordinator of Professional Development

Susan Only has joined the staff of ATLA as Coordinator of Professional Development. In this newly created position within the Member Services Department, Ms. Only has responsibility for managing all aspects of providing continuing education opportunities for the Association’s members, including the ATLA annual conference. Ms. Only brings experience, education, and

commitment to this position.

Ms. Only comes to ATLA from Boston, where she was most recently the administrator of a four-year cross-cultural comparative religious ideas project under the directorship of Robert Neville, dean of the Boston University School of Theology. She also coordinated the Ninth International Congress in Chinese Philosophy and the Third International Confucian-Christian Dialogue Conference (both held at the BU School of Theology).

An ordained Baptist minister (Rutledge Baptist Church, Rutledge, Tennessee), Ms. Only holds the Doctor of Theology from Boston University School of Theology, the Sacred Theology Masters from Yale University Theology School, and the Master of Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Ms. Only begins her employment at ATLA on September 1. 

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

Date: July 22–26, 2000

Location: Wabash College

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

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

Conveners: Raymond B. Williams and Dennis Norlin

ATLA Welcomes New Members

Individuals

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Positions Open

Associate Director for Resources and Collection Services University Libraries— The University of Notre Dame

We seek a knowledgeable, creative, and dynamic individual to provide vision and direction for new and continuing initiatives in resource development and collection management services, and to explore strategies for effective allocation of university and endowment funds. This position is responsible for a \$5.5m acquisitions and resource delivery budget, the coordination of the collection development activities of about thirty individuals, and the administrative guidance of six departments: collection development, special collections, acquisitions, cataloging, preservation, and serials.

Leadership responsibilities for the University Libraries are shared among three associate direc-

tors and the directors who comprise the senior leadership team. Notre Dame seeks a flexible, innovative, and experienced individual who will strengthen this collaborative mode of guiding the library and work collegially with the associate directors of the User Services Division and the Library Systems Division. We seek someone who will participate as a principal in the team-based leadership for digital library programs. The University Libraries will undertake an ambitious renovation project of the Theodore M. Hesburgh Library building and we seek participation and direction in shaping library resources and services into the next century. Opportunities include developing effective consortial relations and expanding the national leadership role of the University Libraries.

Qualifications: Graduate degree in librarianship from an ALA-accredited institution or its equivalent. Candidates should have a suc-

cessful record of leadership and management in research libraries with a broad knowledge of and expertise in shaping collections, technical services and/or preservation programs; a knowledge of activities in publishing and scholarly communication in the print and digital worlds; excellent interpersonal and communication skills; the ability to define and manage change in a complex organization; to advance innovative programs in response to a fast-moving information and service environment; to deploy information technology effectively; and to work collaboratively in developing external sources of support.

The Environment: The University of Notre Dame is a national Catholic teaching and research university enriched with a diversified faculty, located in northern Indiana ninety miles from Chicago. On a highly residential campus, about 8,500 undergraduates and 1,500 graduate students pursue a broad range of studies. The University Libraries hold over 2.6 million volumes housed in the central Hesburgh Library and seven branch libraries serving the science, engineering, business and architecture programs, with subscriptions to nearly 24,000 current serials. There are 160 staff and 45 librarians. Together with the three other members of the Michiana Academic Libraries Consortium (MALC), the Libraries recently implemented the ALEPH 500 integrated library system. The Libraries are also a member of the Northeast Research Libraries (NERL). For additional information, consult our Web site: <http://www.nd.edu/~ndlibs>.

Salary: Rank and salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Minimum: \$80,000.

Benefits: Librarians are non-tenure track members of the faculty and earn twenty days vacation annually. The University offers an excellent benefits package including tuition remission for dependents, TIAA/CREF.

To apply: Send a letter and resume, including the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three references to: Sherry Veith, Human Resources Representative, 221 Hesburgh Library, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Review of applications began June 15, 1999 and will continue until the position until filled.

The University of Notre Dame is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.



Catalog Librarian
A.R. Wentz Library
Lutheran Theological Seminary
Gettysburg, PA

Qualifications: M.L.S., including course work in cataloging and basic understanding of LC classification and subject headings, AACR2, MARC format, and OCLC. Cataloging experience preferred. Knowledge of and interest in current library technology.

Responsible for original and copy cataloging, and maintenance of OCLC holdings for 170,000 volume theological library. Maintain and create authority records as necessary, supervise and review retrospective cataloging, work with Acquisitions Assistant to establish work routines with library's new automated system (Library.Solution). Oversee development and maintenance of all computer systems in library, including OPAC, server, and OCLC. Represent library in the seminary's technology work group.

Full-time, with generous benefits. Salary negotiable, depending on experience.

Please send letter of application, resume and references to B. L. VanDelinder, Librarian, A.R. Wentz Library, 66 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg, PA 17325. Fax: 717-334-3469; E-mail bvandelinder@ltsg.edu.



Cataloger
Dominican House of Studies
Washington, D.C.

Location: Dominican House of Studies Washington, DC (across the street from Catholic University of America and very near the CUA Metro

stop. Check out our Web site at: http://www.op-dhs.org/dhs_home/dhs_lib.html

Interested in cataloging materials from an outstanding collection of modern Catholic theological and biblical studies, rare books (some dating back to the Middle Ages), including an extensive collection of Dominican materials? Perhaps you would also be intrigued with cataloging works in a library that has a superb collection—one of the best in North America—of Thomistic studies? Maybe you'd like to undertake your professional tasks in a supportive and friendly environment—one open to creativity and imagination—where you can grow professionally? If so, you may be interested in Dominican House of Studies Library.


Dominican House of Studies Library has holdings of approximately 75,000 volumes (including a rare book collection), and a full-time staff of four. Most of the "customers" of the library comprise Master's, Ph.D. students, and faculty from the seminary of the Dominican House of Studies, plus other seminaries, as well as scholars from around the world working in a variety of historical, philosophical, and theological disciplines.

The person who takes this interesting and key position will be responsible for original and copy cataloging, and maintenance of the catalog; will maintain and create authority records as necessary; and will participate in the planning and implementing installation of a new automated integrated library system.

Requirements: M.L.S. (or near completion) from an ALA-accredited program, and experience using OCLC, MARC, AACR2, LCSH, and either LC or (preferably) Dewey; ability to train and supervise support staff.

Very desirable: working knowledge of at least one European language, especially Latin.

Pluses: familiarity with Catholicism and Catholic theology; library automation experience; familiarity with conservation techniques and ILL.

Position open until filled. Please fax (202-636-4460) or mail a cover letter and resume to: Head Librarian, Dominican House of Studies, 487 Michigan Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20017. 




Library Director **Wesley Theological Seminary**

Wesley Theological Seminary announces an opening for Director of the Library to begin no sooner than January 1, 2000 and no later than July 1, 2000.

Wesley Seminary is a graduate theological school of the United Methodist Church located in Washington, DC, with over 600 students in M.Div., M.T.S., M.A. and D.Min. programs.

The Director of the Library serves as an administrative faculty member and is compensated at a faculty rank depending on qualifications and experience. The Director supervises a professional staff of five persons, oversees the development and quality of collections and services, manages the financial and material resources of the library, and coordinates the role of the library with the educational programs and faculty research needs of the seminary.

Wesley Seminary seeks applicants with graduate degrees in library science and theological studies and demonstrated competence as a library director or administrator with broad responsibilities in an academic library, preferably a theological library. The applicant must have broad knowledge and skills in all areas of library work. Familiarity with educational technology as it relates to the role of the library in theological education is desirable. A detailed position description is available upon request.

Applicants should send a resume, references, and a statement of the applicant's understanding of the role of the library in a theological school today. These materials should be sent to Dr. Bruce C. Birch, Dean, Wesley Theological Seminary, 4500 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20016-5690. The search committee will begin to review applications on November 1, 1999, and continue the process until the position is filled. 

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