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From the President Creating a Firm Foundation



Submitted by Kelly Campbell, ATLA President

Currently, a Board committee is working to refocus and update ATLA’s Organizational Ends. This review process is necessary to keep the Organizational Ends in sync with ATLA’s new core purpose and values. When the Board discusses these foundational

documents, each word is examined. In our current Organizational Ends, one statement contains the word advocacy. Here is the wording:

1.2.1 Librarians are effective advocates for their libraries and for the profession.

Advocacy is defined as the “the act or process of advocating or supporting a cause or proposal” according to the Merriam Webster Dictionary. As I looked at the definition and was not satisfied, I went to the student edition of the Merriam Webster Dictionary, which provides five different definitions. These five definitions helped me to relate to the concept within a theological librarian context and perspective.

One definition is “to endure bravely or quietly.” Now I can relate to that definition. Sometimes I am brave when speaking up to support the library and my profession. At other times, my silence is a form of advocacy. The second definition contains three phrases “to promote the interests or cause of,” “to uphold or defend as true or right,” and “to provide evidence for.” During much of my career as theological librarian, I knew that upholding and defending the library is true and right. Yet through the years, I have learned that I am a better advocate when I provide evidence or data to support the library and the profession. The third definition of advocacy, “to pay the costs of” dovetails into the second definition. Sometimes, we pay the costs of advocating for the library and for our profession. At other times, we

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From Staff Leadership What It Means to Be a Hub



Submitted by Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Executive Director

Last year the ATLA Board established a long term vision for the association: “ATLA is the hub of worldwide scholarly communication in theology and religion.” Different people may have different understandings of what a “hub” really is. Because of this ambiguity, one of the strategic

priorities for the next several years is “Hub Capacity,” and more specifically, “to create a shared understanding of what it means to be a hub.”

Cambridge Dictionaries Online defines “hub” in various ways, including the central or main part of something where there is the most activity. Synonyms may include center, heart, focal point, or nerve center. In our technology-centric world, hub may automatically bring to mind the center of a physical communications network.

But in the context of ATLA’s vision, a hub could support many different kinds of activities simultaneously such as:

- Provide resources like the *ATLA Religion Database®* and *ATLASerials®* that students and scholars use to identify relevant resources and get connected to them online.
- Connect people physically to the right resources, such as through member institutions’ collections or through the ATLA Reciprocal Borrowing Program.
- Facilitate collaboration between multiple organizations with similar interests, both in North America and throughout the world.
- Connect members to one another as well as to others in related fields.
- Create a venue for the exchange of ideas through in-person conferences and symposia or virtual community centers.
- Connect people to jobs and help institutions find the right employees by posting open positions.
- Publish original scholarship from theological librarians, scholars, and others.
- Support a digital repository that contains metadata from ATLA member libraries and the archives and collections of other libraries and institutions.

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are successful advocates when we promote the library's interests and provide evidence, and the institution pays the costs of having theological librarians and the library. The fourth definition is "to hold up or in position or serve as a foundation or prop for." I can definitely argue or advocate that theological librarians and libraries serve a foundational place within institutions and need to be supported. In making these statements in both brave and quiet ways, I am advocating for the library and for the profession. The final definition is "to keep something going or sustain." Theological libraries and librarians are masters at this definition of advocacy. Many times we keep going and going without sufficient funding or institutional support.

As you reflect about advocacy, I challenge you to consider how you are an advocate in many ways of which you might not have been aware.

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Personally, I like the idea that ATLA is a "nexus" – not necessarily the only place to go for information and referrals in theology and religion scholarship, but one which is the connecting point or node to everywhere relevant. Do you have your own definition of what it means to be a "hub?" I'd love to hear from you. Feel free to send me a message at bbailey-hainer@atla.com.

Retirees Wanted

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

See recent retirement postings here (<https://newsletter.atla.com/?s=retirement>).

An Introduction to BIBFRAME, Linked Data, RDF, or the Semantic Web

Have you heard of BIBFRAME, Linked Data, RDF, or the Semantic Web? The Linked Data and BIBFRAME Pre-Conference Workshop (<https://atla2016.sched.org/event/6ONz/bibframe-and-linked-data-50-per-person>) at the 2016 ATLA Annual Conference provides an in-depth introduction to the core concepts of the semantic web and library linked data focusing on the Library of Congress BIBFRAME 2.0 vocabulary for replacing MARC in future library systems.

Participants will first learn about the difference between MARC records and RDF graphs that are made up of statements called triples and how rich bibliographic relationships can be modeled between Works, Instances, and Items using the BIBFRAME 2.0 vocabulary. We also look at the changes between BIBFRAME 1.0 and 2.0 vocabularies and how BIBFRAME compares to other Library Linked Data standards like Schema.org's (<http://schema.org/>) bibex schema. Library and Linked Data in general offer libraries great opportunities to expand access and capture knowledge about their collections that is tailored to the scholarly, theological, and general communities served by ATLA libraries.

After acquiring a theoretical base in Library Linked Data, participants will then be offered a chance to convert a sample of their MARC records to BIBFRAME RDF graphs that can then be displayed and manipulated through cloud-based BIBCAT 2.0 instances. BIBCAT is one of the first native BIBFRAME Linked-Data library catalogs and began as the result of a collaboration between Jeremy Nelson and the Library of Congress and continues as an open-source offering from KnowledgeLinks.io (<http://knowledgelinks.io/>). Participants will then be able to create new BIBFRAME Linked-Data entities and see how BIBFRAME could work for them. Participants will be issued an Open Badge (<http://openbadges.org/>) for attending this workshop.

Register for the BIBFRAME and Linked Data Pre-Conference Workshop, Wednesday, June 15, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person. Read the session description on SCHED (<https://atla2016.sched.org/event/6ONz/bibframe-and-linked-data-50-per-person>) and register for the 2016 ATLA Annual Conference in Long Beach, June 15-18 (<https://www.atla.com/Members/conference/Pages/default.aspx>).

Experience the Long Beach Area at the 2016 ATLA Annual Conference

The 2016 Local Host Committee, SCATLA, have prepared five excursions during the 2016 ATLA Annual Conference in Long Beach, California. Explore libraries, gardens, museums, breweries, and the historic Dodgers Stadium during your conference stay.

For a list of excursions, including information on ticket pricing, see the Official Conference Schedule (<https://atla2016.sched.org/overview/type/Excursion>).

To register for the conference, please click here (<https://atla2016.sched.org/info>). If you have already registered and would like to add one of these excursions to your conference registration, please email memberrep@atla.com.

Huntington Library & Garden Tours

Tour the world-renowned Huntington Library & Gardens! Participants will have the opportunity to tour the rare book and art preservation labs and visit the art museums and botanical gardens.

The Library's collection of rare books and manuscripts in the fields of British and American history and literature is nothing short of extraordinary. The Library has on display some of the finest rare books and manuscripts of Anglo-American civilization. Among the treasures for research and exhibition are the Ellesmere manuscript of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, a Gutenberg Bible on vellum, the double-elephant folio edition of Audubon's *Birds of America*, and a world-class collection of the early editions of Shakespeare's works. Altogether, there are about 6 million items.

The Huntington Botanical Gardens includes 12 gardens and 15,000 plant varieties. Experience a Desert Garden and a Japanese Garden in one afternoon!

Tour is all day with time to wander and enjoy lunch on your own.

To learn more, see: www.huntington.org.

Tour sponsored by the Special Collections Interest Group.

The Getty Museum

The Getty Museum is well known for its architecture, gardens, and views overlooking Los Angeles. The museum features pre-20th-century European paintings, drawings, illuminated manuscripts, sculpture, and decorative arts; and 19th- and 20th-century American, Asian, and European photographs.

A must-see exhibit is *Traversing the Globe through Illuminated Manuscripts*:

This exhibition features illuminated manuscripts and painted book arts from the 9th through the 17th century that bring to life in stunning ways the real and imagined

places that one encounters on their pages. These highly prized objects allow us to glimpse, admire, and study a world gone by, as well as its peoples, different belief systems, and an interconnected global history of human thought and ideas about art.

Spend the day at the Getty Museum and enjoy art, architecture, and gardens. Participants will arrive in the morning and should plan on bringing food or eating at one of the cafes for lunch.

To learn more, see: www.getty.edu/museum/.

The Getty Research Institute Library

This excursion includes a 60-90 minute tour of the Getty Research Institute Library. The library collections include over one million books, periodicals, study photographs, and auction catalogs as well as extensive special collections of rare and unique materials.

A must-see exhibit is the *Cave Temples of Dunhuang: Buddhist Art on China's Silk Road*:

The Mogao caves, located near the town of Dunhuang in the Gobi Desert of northwest China, comprise some 500 decorated Buddhist cave temples dating from the 4th to the 14th century. Filled with exquisite wall paintings and sculptures, the caves bear witness to the intense religious, artistic, and cultural exchanges along the Silk Road, the trade routes linking East and West. Cave Temples of Dunhuang: Buddhist Art on China's Silk Road features numerous objects originally from the site — such as paintings and manuscripts that have rarely, if ever, traveled to the United States, as well as three spectacular full-size cave replicas.

After the tour, participants are free to have lunch and explore the rest of the Getty facilities (including the museum) and grounds.

To learn more, see: www.getty.edu/research/index.html.

Dodgers Baseball Game

Cheer for the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball team playing the Milwaukee Brewers! Or, you can cheer for the Milwaukee Brewers who won at last year's conference in Denver, Colorado. We promise we are not intentionally following the Brewers.

The Dodgers have won six World Series titles and 21 National League pennants. They've also produced 16 Rookie of the Year Awards winners. Don't care for baseball? Well, the Dodger Stadium is both an historical and cultural destination in Los Angeles. Located in the neighborhood of Elysian Park in Los Angeles, this stadium is the third-oldest ballpark after Fenway in Boston and Wrigley Field in Chicago. We recommend grabbing a Dodger Dog while enjoying the game.

To learn more, see www.losangeles.dodgers.mlb.com/.

Continued Experience the Long Beach Area

Long Beach Beer Hop

Join this private tour with an expert beer guide to give you all the beer info you need at the following breweries:

Beachwood Brewing is located in Long Beach. They have 22 rotating taps and one cask-conditioned beer. They take pride in serving rare and unique first-rate beers. Enjoy their slow-smoked, dry rubbed, and succulently seasoned BBQ with an ale or stout. Learn more (<http://beachwoodbbq.com/brewery.html>).

Monkish Brewing Co. is located in Torrance. The brewing area houses a 15-barrel (1 barrel = 31 gallons) brewing system with fermentation and conditioning tanks. The tasting room that you will visit includes 13 draft beers, which the list can be found here (<http://www.monkishbrewing.com/tastingroom>). The brewery specializes in Belgians, though they have some new IPAs premiering later this year. Learn more (<http://www.monkishbrewing.com/home>).

Smog City Brewing Co. is located in Torrance. A relatively young brewery, they specialize in pilsners, stouts, and ales. Their Coffee Porter won a Gold Medal at the 2012 Great American Beer Festival. Learn more (<http://www.smogcitybrewing.com/yes.html>).

Tours last around 4-5 hours. A flight of beer is included at each destination. Food can be purchased on your own at one of the designated breweries. Breweries are subject to change.

ATLA 2016 Presents 3 Inspiring Speakers

This year's ATLA Annual Conference includes three inspiring plenary speakers that you do not want to miss.

Register for the 2016 ATLA Annual Conference (<https://www.atla.com/Members/conference/Pages/default.aspx>) and catch these speakers at the Hyatt Regency in Long Beach, California, June 16-18.

Bobby Smiley // Thursday, June 16

Bobby Smiley is the Digital Scholarship and American History Librarian at the Michigan State University Libraries. He received his library science degree and a certificate in digital humanities from the Pratt Institute, his M.A. in Religion from Yale, and an undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin—Madison. At MSUL, Bobby collaborates on grant funded digital projects (such as the Mellon funded Religious Soundmap of the Global Midwest project), works with campus partners to coordinate training and instruction for digital humanities workshops and symposia, helps build the library's collection of humanities Data, liaises with the History department, and teaches in the Religious Studies department. His research interests include tracking historiographical trends in American religious history, methods in digital

humanities, disciplinary information literacy, and exploring how digital humanities and academic librarianship can be usefully conjoined. He also serves as the Book Review Editor for the H-AmRel network for H-Net, and reviews for *Information & Culture*, and *Religious Studies Review*.

Rahuldeep Gill // Friday, June 17

Rahuldeep Gill, Ph.D., is a sought-after speaker whose life goal is to develop effective, collaborative leaders with broad perspectives to drive innovation. Dr. Gill's engaging lectures and workshops deepen appreciation of worldview diversity and inspire compassion. He guides leaders in business and higher education to more inclusive environments for work, collaboration, and cross-cultural understanding. He has spoken before diverse adult and student audiences of all sizes at events sponsored by the State Department's Study of United States Institutes, the Church Center for the United Nations, University of California, California State University, Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries, and the Interfaith Youth Core. The Los Angeles Times, Patheos.com, and the Washington Post's On Faith blog have published his writings and he blogs regularly at The Huffington Post. Oxford University Press is publishing his first book (*Drinking From Love's Cup*), and he is working on a second book called *Pluralists: Great Leaders in History Who Brought People Together*.

Jeffrey Mackie-Mason // Saturday, June 18

Jeffrey MacKie-Mason is UC Berkeley's University Librarian and Chief Digital Scholarship Officer. He was formerly the dean of the School of Information at the University of Michigan, and the Arthur W. Burks Collegiate Professor of Information and Computer Science, and professor in economics and public policy. There he received the University Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award in 2010. MacKie-Mason earned his Ph.D. in economics from MIT. He has been a pioneering scholar in the economics of the Internet, online behavior, and digital information. His more than 85 publications appear in economics, computer science, law, public policy, and library science journals.

Learn more about the 2016 ATLA Annual Conference (<https://www.atla.com/Members/conference/Pages/default.aspx>).

ATLA Calendar

ATLA is around the globe this season. Check out the ATLA Calendar (<https://newsletter.atla.com/events/>) for a list of events, deadlines, and meetings.

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

Jamie LaRue and Dr. Nancy Arnison to Speak at IFLA RELINDIAL SIG Satellite Meeting

Join plenary speakers Jamie LaRue, Director of the Office of Intellectual Freedom at the American Library Association, and Dr. Nancy Arnison, Director of the Theological Book Network, at the IFLA RELINDIAL SIG (Religions: Libraries and Dialogue Special Interest Group) Satellite Meeting, August 12, in Columbus, Ohio.

The IFLA RELINDIAL SIG and the American Theological Library Association (ATLA) welcome you to a timely discussion on *Fostering Global Communication* among Religions and Libraries on the campus of Ohio Dominican University. The satellite meeting is prior to the start of the 82nd IFLA General Conference and Assembly August 13-19, 2016 in Columbus, Ohio. The IFLA RELINDIAL Satellite Meeting is held under the aegis of IFLA but is a separate meeting not requiring IFLA registration.

A majority of the world's population professes to a faith tradition of their ancestors, their country or both. More than ever, we live in times calling for knowledge and respect for traditions of other people. Panelists from four different faith traditions, plenary speakers, and paper presenters will speak on how religions and libraries are changing the nature of interfaith dialogue through their services and activities. Come join us to learn from all of the participants – presenters and audience – and to share your thoughts.

For more information and to register, visit: <https://events.atla.com/rsm/rsm2016>.

Organized under aegis of IFLA and Hosted by ATLA

Philippine Theological Library Association Holds 20th Consultation and Workshop

The Philippine Theological Library Association held its 20th Workshop and Consultation at the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) in Cavite, Philippines, on April 20-23. The theme of the meeting was "Speed of Change – Philippine Theological Librarians in Rapid Transition."

This event was designed to strengthen participation among Philippine theological librarians, develop their technical knowledge, learn about their needs and experiences in the context of the changing economic, social, and technology landscape, and to look for areas of potential collaboration. Representatives from 15 different institutions attended.

ATLA Executive Director Brenda Bailey-Hainer participated in the meeting, providing information about academic and theological library trends in North America and leading a discussion about opportunities for collaboration between

ATLA and PTLA. The first cohort of 12 students from the Central Philippine University's MLIS program with a specialization in Theological Librarianship graduated earlier in April. Two of the graduates, Arnel Faller and Elven Jude Cabalinan, gave presentations on the research they completed as part of the program. Raquel Cruz reported on the first Philippine Librarians Summit and the proposed changes to the national librarian licensure examination and standards. Other presenters provided information on KOHA, RDA, and library security systems.

On the final day, new officers were elected: President, Arnel Faller (Siliman University); Vice-President, Megumi Flores (AIAS); and Secretary, Lourdes Sangil (Don Bosco Center of Studies).

Florida Theological Library Association (FTLA) Annual Meeting

Submitted by Michael Farrell, Library Director

The annual meeting of the Florida Theological Library Association (FTLA) was held on Thursday, March 10, 2016. Attendees were hosted by Wes Custer at Asbury Theological Seminary in Orlando, FL. Six people were in attendance, representing four Florida libraries.

The conference began with a lecture by Dr. Jeffrey Frymire, Associate Professor of Homiletics at Asbury Theological Seminary. Dr. Frymire gave a fascinating presentation on "Halakhah vs. Haggadah How We Interpret Scripture: The Roots of Homiletics."

We then heard from Michael Farrell, the current president of FTLA, on "The Seminary Library and Community Outreach." Michael shared ideas and pictures from events that Reformed Theological Seminary Library is engaged in to develop community.

Philip O'Neill then gave a presentation of the "Blended Learning Program at Barry University." After a break for lunch, Gillian Harrison Cain, Director of Member Programs for ATLA, spoke to us about ATLA's strategic plan, including the core purpose and core values of the association. A discussion of ATLA's goals, and how FTLA might be involved as a test case for future plans, was an encouragement to the group.

The conference concluded with the business meeting, led by Michael Farrell. Wes Custer was announced as the VP nominee, and Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando was suggested as the location of the next annual FTLA meeting. Others in attendance were Carol Hayes, Assistant Librarian at Gordon-Conwell (Jacksonville), and Lisa Oharek, Assistant Librarian at Reformed Theological Seminary (Orlando). The afternoon ended with a tour of the Asbury facilities and library.

Special thanks to Wes Custer, for a wonderful hosting job.

Digital Spotlight: UCLA Library Special Collections Digital Project Toolkit

Submitted by Andy Carter, Digital Projects Manager

“The UCLA Library Special Collections Digital Project Toolkit is designed to support a variety of digital projects that may occur in a special collections library, including collaborative digital humanities projects, boutique and large-scale digitization projects, and projects that include development of a digital platform to provide access to digital content.” If you are planning a digital project, this toolkit is an invaluable resource. You do not need to reinvent the wheel, and the best outcome of collaborative projects is when the lessons learned are shared with peers.

Visit the toolkit (<http://www.library.ucla.edu/special-collections/programs-projects/digital-projects-special-collections>).

Passover Exhibit at Pitts Theology Library

Submitted by M. Patrick Graham, Director of Pitts Theology Library

In 2016 the Pitts Theology Library offered Emory’s first major exhibit of Haggadot: “Reading the Telling: The Passover Haggadah Across Time and Place.” Curated by Adam T. Strater and running March 7 – June 30 (<http://pitts.emory.edu/exhibits/haggadah2016/index.cfm>), it is open to the public at no charge and during regular library hours (<http://pitts.emory.edu/about/hours.cfm>).

Exhibit materials date from 1695 to the present and draw on collections from other libraries, museums, and collectors. Expertise and financial support from the Tam Institute for Jewish Studies (Emory) was essential, and one of the original donors of Haggadot to Pitts advised the library on publicity, resulting in articles published in *The Atlanta Jewish Times* (<http://atlantajewishtimes.com/2016/03/haggadot-come-home-emory/>), *The Jewish Georgian* (page 9) (<http://jewishgeorgian.com/JGAMarApr16.pdf>), and *The Jerusalem Post Magazine* (April 22, 2016).

Rebekah Bedard led the effort at Pitts, involved many other library staff, and arranged for the training of docents. Library staff filmed and edited six brief, instructional videos by the curator and Emory faculty (<http://pitts.emory.edu/exhibits/haggadah2016/video.cfm>) and produced an online version of the exhibit catalogue (<http://pitts.emory.edu/exhibits/haggadah2016/exhibitcatalog.cfm>). More than a thousand toured the exhibit during the first month, about 60 attended the opening lecture and reception, and many have offered Haggadot of their own to the growing Pitts collections.

ATLA Job Board

- ATLA, Chicago, IL, is looking for an Member Programs Librarian (<https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Member-Programs-Librarian.aspx>)
- The Bishop Payne Library, Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA, is looking for a Technical Services Librarian (<https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Technical-Services-Librarian.aspx>).
- Bridwell Library, Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX, is looking for an Access Services Manager (Manager 3) ([https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Access-Services-Manager-\(Manager-3\).aspx](https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Access-Services-Manager-(Manager-3).aspx)).
- David Allan Hubbard Library, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, is looking for a Reference Librarian (<https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Reference-Librarian-and-Spanish-Language-Specialist-.aspx>) and Spanish Language Specialist and Electronic Resources Librarian (<https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Electronic-Resources-Librarian.aspx>).
- First Church, UCC, West Hartford, CT, is looking for a Library Director (<https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Library-Director--First-Church.aspx>).
- Harvard Divinity School, Harvard-Andover Theological Library, Cambridge, MA, is looking for a Head of Special Collections (<https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Head-of-Special-Collections.aspx>).
- International Theological Seminary (ITS), El Monte, CA, is looking for a Part Time Librarian (<https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Part-Time-Librarian.aspx>).
- Jerry Falwell Library, Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA, is looking for an Electronic Resources Librarian (E-Books) ([https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Electronic-Resources-Librarian-\(E-Books\).aspx](https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Electronic-Resources-Librarian-(E-Books).aspx)).
- King’s University College, London, Ontario, is looking for a Director of Libraries (<https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Director-of-Libraries.aspx>).
- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Forth Worth, TX, is looking for a Public Services Librarian (<https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Public-Services-Librarian.aspx>).
- Trinity International University, The Roling Memorial Library, Deerfield, IL, is looking for a Theological Librarian (<https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Theological-Librarian.aspx>).
- Union University, Jackson, TN, is looking for a Director for Library Services (<https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Director-for-Library-Services.aspx>).

Member News / Programs and Projects

New Member: Loras College

Please join us in welcoming new Affiliate Member Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa, to the American Theological Library Association.

Loras College Library, also referred to as the Academic Resource Center, contains a collection of approximately 355,000 items and 11,000 magazine subscriptions. In addition to its broad general collection, the library contains a rich heritage in its special collections of rare books, as well as the photographs and manuscripts in the Center for Dubuque History located in the lower level of the library. The library is also an official document depository for both the United States government and the state of Iowa. The previous library, Wahlert Memorial Library, was remodeled into classroom space.

Loras College is a Catholic, diocesan college explicitly oriented to promote service of both church and world through encouraging all members of the community in development of their diverse professional, social and religious roles.

Learn more (<http://www.loras.edu/academics/library/>).

Jennifer Bartholomew Named Director of Library and Academic Support Services

Submitted by Kathy Harty, Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology

Sacred Heart is pleased to announce the hiring of Ms. Jennifer Bartholomew as Director of Library and Academic Support Services. She will start in her new position on May 16, 2016.

Ms. Bartholomew has eleven years of experience as a librarian in a seminary context and is presently serving as the Digital Resources, Instruction and Outreach Librarian at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the American Theological Library Association (ATLA), which is the leading professional organization for seminary and theological libraries, and is currently the chair of its Governance Committee. She has published a number of articles and has presented numerous conference papers at national professional association meetings. She possesses both a MA in Old Testament from Luther Seminary and a MLIS from Dominican University.

Located in a suburb of Milwaukee, Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology (www.shsst.edu) is a Roman Catholic seminary specializing in priestly formation for men of all ages with a specific emphasis on seminarians over 30 years of age.

Apply for a Diversity Scholarships by June 1

Are you studying for your MLIS? Are you from an underrepresented population, either religious, racial, ethnic, or gender? Are you an ATLA member? We have two scholarship options for you.

The Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI Committee) invites applications for the Diversity Scholarship (<https://www.atla.com/Members/development/awards/Pages/Diversity-Scholarships.aspx>) and Scholarship to Promote Diversity in Theological Librarianship (<https://www.atla.com/Members/development/awards/Pages/Diversity-Scholarships.aspx>).

Completed applications must be submitted no later than June 1, 2016.

The DEI Committee (<https://www.atla.com/Members/divisions/committees/Pages/Committee-Diversity-Equity-Inclusion.aspx>) will provide funds to assist a student from an underrepresented population in their enrollment in an ALA-accredited master's program in library and information studies or to take a course in Theological Librarianship at an ALA-accredited school.

Applications will be reviewed by the DEI Committee. For more information about the committee's composition and work, please visit the Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion webpage (<https://www.atla.com/Members/divisions/committees/Pages/Committee-Diversity-Equity-Inclusion.aspx>).

More information, including eligibility and application process, can be found on the scholarship's webpage (<https://www.atla.com/Members/development/awards/Pages/Diversity-Scholarships.aspx>).

The funds are supplied by generous ATLA members who donate to the Scholarships and Grants Annual Fund. For more information and to support this fund, please visit the ATLA Scholarships and Grants Annual Fund web page (<https://www.atla.com/Members/programs/endowment/Pages/ATLA-Scholarships-and-Grants-Annual-Fund.aspx>).

Please direct questions to memberrep@atla.com.

Programs and Projects

ATLA / OCLC Consortium for WorldCat Discovery / FirstSearch and the ATLA Group Catalog

OCLC has provided ATLA with quotes for renewing members of the ATLA / OCLC Consortium for WorldCat Discovery / FirstSearch and the ATLA Group Catalog for the 2016-2017 subscription year that runs from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Renewal pricing was sent to current consortia members in early May. This program is open to new members who are not already subscribing to these services through another consortium and provides discounted consortium pricing for WorldCat Discovery / FirstSearch and the ATLA Group Catalog.

In March 2016 OCLC announced that OCLC will continue to enhance WorldCat Discovery as well as deliver the full-featured WorldCat searching valued in FirstSearch in a new version of FirstSearch separate from WorldCat Discovery. Access to the current FirstSearch service will not end in 2016, but will continue into 2017.

At this time, libraries do not have to choose between the new version of FirstSearch or WorldCat Discovery, they simply need to renew or subscribe and details will be provided to indicate service preference sometime in future. More information regarding WorldCat Discovery and FirstSearch, including a detailed FAQ, is available on the OCLC website at: <http://www.oclc.org/firstsearch.en.html>

Update on Theological Libraries Ebook Lending Project

Submitted by Donna Campbell, Westminster Theological Seminary

Are you still contemplating about joining the Theological Libraries Ebook Lending Project platform?

New Libraries

We have reached our first discount tier for new libraries!

Ten new libraries will join our e-book platform pending budget approval!

This means new libraries will receive a 10% discount on the platform fee if all budgets are approved. (Two are approved already).

New Publishers

Our most current list of publishers who sell e-books to libraries on this platform is listed below.

How is this publisher list developed?

- Publisher Liaison contacts publishers based on purchasing needs of libraries on the platform.
- Publishers who wish to sell e-books to us are welcomed to initiate contact with the Publisher Liaison.

Participating publishers who agree with the Statement of Common Understanding (SCU):

- Ashgate
- Banner of Truth*
- Crossway*
- De Gruyter*+
- Eerdmans*
- Eisenbrauns*
- EP Books*
- InterVarsity Press*
- Proquest DissertationExpress*
- Smyth & Helwys*
- Wiley-Blackwell*

Key:

*Also agrees to Addendum No. 1: Allows sharing resources with valid patrons of other libraries (one simultaneous user per copy).

+Also agrees to Addendum No. 3: Allows unlimited concurrent users for valid patrons of purchasing library.

What Are The Immediate Deadlines?

April/May 2016:

- Contact me (dcampbell@wts.edu) as soon as possible if you desire to join pending budget approval.
- Libraries who have expressed desire to join pending budget approval inform the Project Leader of budget appropriation decision.
- Final count of new sign-ons & corresponding discount determined.
- Signing of service agreements (Payment due in July 2016).

If you are making plans to join the platform or have additional questions, please contact Donna R. Campbell: dcampbell@wts.edu.

Two Free Webinars on Library Volunteer Programs and Funnel Projects

The Winter/Spring webinar series is coming to a close with two exciting webinars this May. The first webinar is from ATLA Institutional Member Pitts Theology Library on Developing a Mutually-Enriching Library Volunteer Program. The second webinar is from ATLA and ATLA Members on Preparing for a Linked Data Future – The Importance of ATLA's NACO and CONSER Funnel Projects. These webinars are free and available to anyone.

Read below for further detail and register today.

Developing a Mutually-Enriching Library Volunteer Program

Rebekah Bedard, Reference Librarian and Outreach Coordinator, Pitts Theology Library
 Tuesday, May 3, 2:00 p.m. ET

As we seek to improve access to collections and better serve our communities, we often find our time and resources limited. One promising solution is to call upon volunteers. But what resources are there to aid us in doing so? The literature on library volunteers includes a longstanding debate on costs and benefits, and a public-library centric discussion of volunteer programs. There is a need for further research on how academic, and particularly theological, libraries can develop volunteer programs that will benefit both libraries and volunteers.

This webinar will address that gap by exploring the growth of a volunteer and docent program at Pitts Theology Library. To enhance access to special collections, Pitts Theology Library has found an opportunity for further volunteer involvement. Using this example as a case study, Rebekah Bedard, Reference Librarian and Outreach Coordinator at Pitts Theology Library will outline the steps a theological library can take to develop a fruitful volunteer program: (1) planning, (2) recruiting, (3) training, (4) supervising, (5) motivating, and (6) evaluating. We will then analyze the benefits of a volunteer program. Finally, we will explore resources that theological libraries large and small can use to develop their own mutually enriching volunteer programs.

Register here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5736160231047455746>

Preparing for a Linked Data Future – The Importance of ATLA's NACO and CONSER Funnel Projects

Richard Lammert, Technical Services and Systems Librarian, Concordia Theological Seminary, Anna Appleman, Cataloger, Columbia Theological Seminary, and Judy Knop, ATLA NACO/CONSER Funnel Coordinator
 Wed, May 25, 2pm ET

As linked data becomes a reality, authority records will increase in importance since they will be the source for the record identification numbers that will replace the text strings in bibliographic records. Record identification numbers are critical because they provide an unchanging link between the authority record and the bibliographic record. Moving forward, a minimal authority record, consisting of the entry and the bibliographic citation on which it is based, may be created for every entry on a bibliographic record. NACO funnel members will play a critical role in this process since they would be the ones primarily responsible for identifying and enhancing these bare-bones authority records.

Join Judy Knop Member Programs Librarian at ATLA to learn about the NACO (Name Authority Cooperative Program) (<http://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/naco/>) and CONSER (International Cooperative Serials Cataloging Program) (<http://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/conser/>), both component parts of the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC), and how they function. She will share information about the ATLA NACO and CONSER Funnel Project (<https://www.atla.com/Members/development/Pages/NACO-CONSER-Funnel-Projects.aspx>) and the requirements for membership, opportunities for training, and describe the review process for participants in these projects to create and modify name authority records in the Library of Congress Name Authority File (NACO) or master serial records in the OCLC database (CONSER). Joining Judy will be a long-time participant in the ATLA NACO Funnel, Richard Lammert, Technical Services and Systems Librarian, Concordia Theological Seminary, as well as Anna Appleman, Cataloger, Columbia Theological Seminary, a new participant, who will share their unique perspectives on the benefits for technical services professionals, their institutions, and the greater cataloging community of the funnel projects. Metadata librarians and catalogers interested in joining one of the projects as well as administrators looking to learn more about an important professional development opportunity for their technical services staff as well as a benefit to their institution are encouraged to attend.

Register here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4399957835315114244>

Theological Librarianship Publishes New Issue

The new issue of *Theological Librarianship* (TL) is now available (<https://journal.atla.com/ojs/index.php/theolib/index>). TL, an online journal of ATLA, is an open access journal publishing essays, columns, critical reviews, bibliographic essays, and peer-reviewed articles on various aspects of theological librarianship and its contribution to theological education.

TL's Editorial Board includes:

- Managing Editor: David R. Stewart, Bethel University
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- Bibliographic Essays Editor: Suzanne Estelle-Holmer, Yale Divinity Library
- Columns Editor: Gary F. Daught, Milligan College
- Critical Reviews Editor: Miranda H. Bennett, University of Houston Libraries

The articles are available in both PDF and EPUB.

Vol 9, No 1 can be found here (<https://journal.atla.com/ojs/index.php/theolib/index>).

Announcing Additions to ATLA Products – April 2016

The American Theological Library Association (ATLA) is pleased to announce the addition of titles now available in *ATLASerials* (ATLAS®) and *ATLA Religion Database*® (ATLA RDB®).

New full-text titles in ATLAS

- *European Journal for Church and State Research* by Peeters
- *Studies in Interreligious Dialogue* by Peeters/Orbis Books

New indexing titles in ATLA RDB

- *Numen (Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora)* by Editora UFJF; Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora, Núcleo de Estudos e Pesquisa da Religião
- 創価大学国際仏教学高等研究所年報 = *Annual Report of the International Research Institute for Advanced Buddhism* at Soka University by 創価大学国際仏教学高等研究所
- 国際 仏教学 大学院 大学 研究 紀要 [*Journal of the International College for Advanced Buddhist Studies*] by 国際仏教学大学院大学 [Kokusai Bukkyōgaku Daigakuin Daigaku]
- *Anabaptist Witness* by Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Mennonite Church Canada, and Mennonite Mission Network
- *Vetera Christianorum* by Edipuglia

Read the full press release (<https://www.atla.com/about/pressroom/Pages/Announcing-Additions-to-ATLA-Products---April-2016.aspx>).

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- *Lutheran Historical Conference: Essays and Reports [ceased]* by Concordia Historical Institute

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- *Kirchliche Zeitgeschichte* by Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht
- *Religião e Incidência Pública* by GEMRIP
- *Western Buddhist Review* by Triratna Buddhist Order
- *Studia Islamica* by Brill
- *Journal of Islamic Philosophy* by Journal of Islamic Philosophy
- 선교신학 [*Theology of Mission*] by 올리브나무 [Ollibū Namu]

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