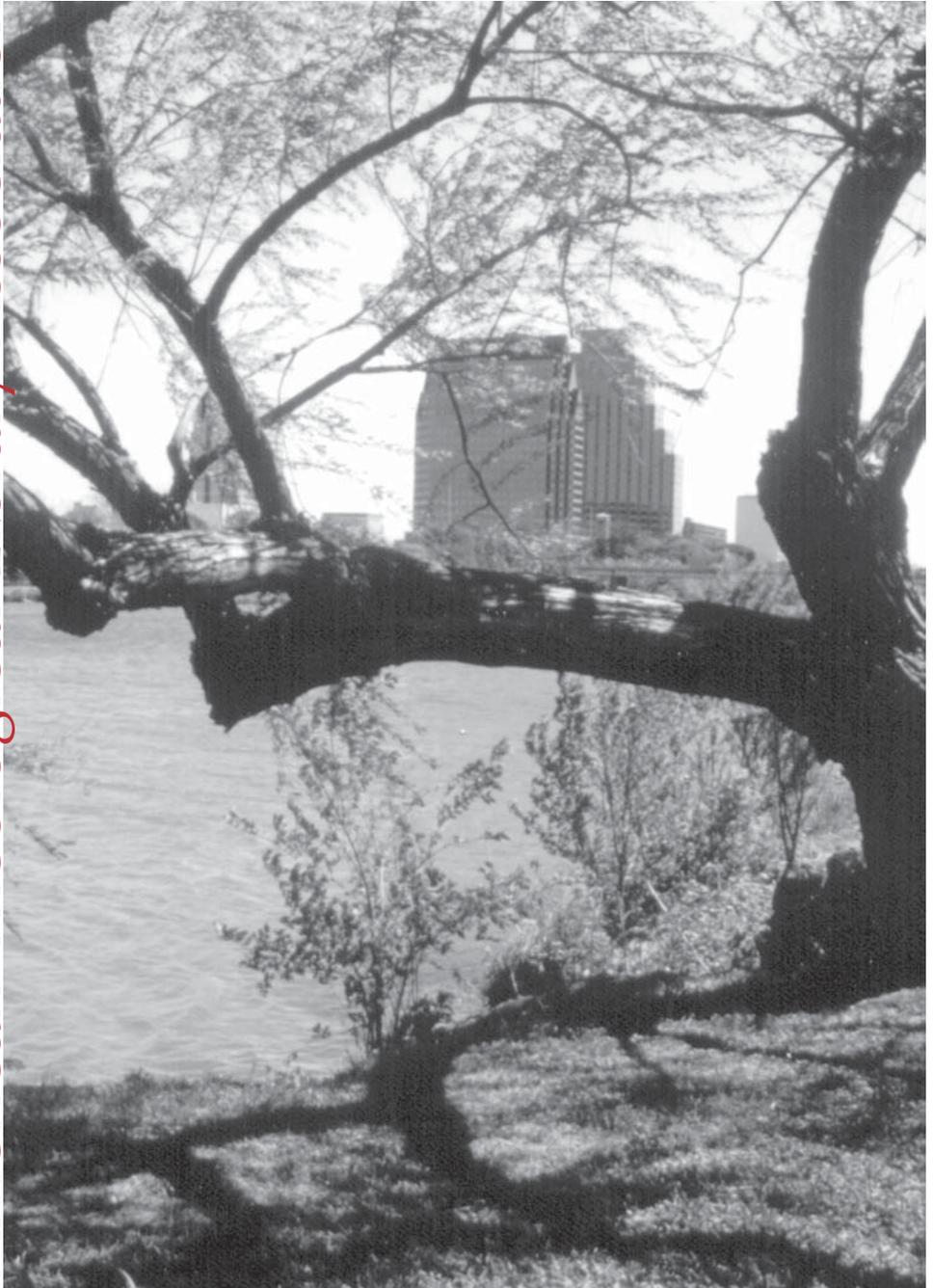


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President's Message



Dear Colleagues:

In December 2004 I had the privilege of representing Yale University Library at the meeting of the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau Management Committee. The Pacific Manuscripts Bureau is a consortium of eight libraries that sponsors preservation microfilming of archival and manuscript materials throughout the Pacific Islands, including a substantial amount of material documenting Christianity in the Pacific (for more information on PMB, see their website: <http://rspas.anu.edu.au/pambu/>). In December 2004 the Management Committee meeting was held in conjunction with the biennial meeting of the Pacific History Association in Nouméa, New Caledonia. Since I was going to be in that part of the world anyway, I decided to visit the Fiji Islands along the way.

Fiji is home to many of the regional organizations serving the South Pacific, including the University of the South Pacific, the Pacific Theological College (Protestant), the Pacific Regional Seminary (Roman Catholic), the Pacific Conference of Churches, the Bible Society of the South Pacific, and the like. By visiting these organizations I hoped to learn more about Christianity in the Pacific Islands and about what published material might be available.

One of the people I met during my stay in Fiji was the Rev. Tevita Nawadra Banivanua, the General Secretary of the South Pacific Association of

Theological Schools (SPATS). Mr. Banivanua is clearly a supporter of theological libraries. He indicated that the top two priorities for SPATS are library and faculty development. Indeed, during a recent trip to the United States, he received commitments of support from the Luce Foundation and the United Methodist Church. The Luce Foundation will support a program to encourage libraries in the Pacific to increase their documentation of Christianity in the Pacific. The United Methodist Church will develop a partnership with SPATS for staff development.

Mr. Banivanua also indicated that he had been in contact with Dennis Norlin about a program to enable theological librarians from the Pacific to attend the ATLA Annual Conference, and then to spend some time visiting North American theological libraries. This, it seems to me, is a wonderful idea. Librarians in the Pacific generally work in isolation. Most of their libraries are small and have few professional staff. Mr. Banivanua's proposal would have them see that they are not alone, but have colleagues around the world doing similar work. Attending ATLA and visiting American theological libraries would help to expand their understanding of what it means to be theological librarians.

The other side of the equation is that having them come to ATLA and visit our libraries would give us a better appreciation for how theological education is done in other parts of the world. It would increase opportunities for collaboration with libraries outside North America—something that would help us fulfill our mandate to document the globalization of theological education.

I'm not sure of the status of Mr. Banivanua's proposal. I don't know whether we will have

theological librarians from the Pacific attending ATLA conferences anytime soon. But I do know that we have an increasing number of international attendees. The Special Committee for International Collaboration makes a concerted effort to welcome them and to integrate them into the life of the Association. But I hope that all ATLA members will take it upon themselves to get to know international attendees and make them feel welcome, for I believe that we have the most to gain in doing so. Who knows—it might even get you an invitation to visit the South Pacific!

Cordially,

*Paul F. Stuehnenberg
President, ATLA Board of Directors*



Member Notes

Board Members Elected for 2005–2008

The following candidates have been elected to serve a three-year term (2005–2008) on the Board of Directors, subject to confirmation by the membership of the Board Secretary's report at the 2005 Annual Conference:

Eileen Crawford
Patrick Graham
Martha Lund Smalley
David Stewart

The Nominating Committee and the Board of Directors express their thanks to all candidates for the Board and for their many efforts on behalf of the Association.

*Anne Richardson Womack
Secretary, ATLA Board of Directors*



Institutional Consortial Opportunity Still Open

Ad Fontes has made an exclusive offer to ATLA Institutional Members for a discount on subscriptions and purchases of their digital libraries (see the ATLA News Updates, March 11, 2005, at www.atla.com/news_past.html). Thanks to the number of institutions that have already signed up, Ad Fontes can now guarantee a discount of at least 5% (up to \$160 for subscribers and \$4,500 for purchasers).

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ATLA Publications Committee Awards 2005 Grants

The ATLA Publications Committee has awarded the 2005 ATLA Bibliography Grant to Tatiana Nikolova-Houston, doctoral student at the University of Texas at Austin School of Information, for her project titled "Bibliographical Guide to Slavic Religious Manuscripts." This project will help provide scholars access to the secondary literature treating Byzantine and Slavic manuscripts.

The committee has awarded the 2005 Publications Grant to Melody Layton McMahon, catalog librarian and liaison to religious studies at the Grasselli Library at John Carroll University, and David R. Stewart, director of library services at Luther Seminary, for their project tentatively titled "The ATLA Reader: Celebrating 60 Years of Theological Librarianship." With the objective of bringing together some of the best thinking on past and present theological librarianship, this project will combine an anthology of selected notable papers from volumes of ATLA's *Annual Conference Proceedings* (1947–) with reflections from current ATLA members.

For information on these grants, visit the Publications Committee web site at www.atla.com/pub_com/grant.html.



Member News

MAC Meets at ATLA Headquarters

The ATLA Membership Advisory Committee met April 14 with ATLA's Department of Member Services to advise the department on issues related to membership, member benefits, and member publications.



Photo (left to right): Bill Faupel, Alice Runis (chair), and Al Caldwell. Joanna Hause participated by phone.



Collection Evaluation and Development Interest Group Creates Web Site

The Collection Evaluation and Development Interest Group has created a web site to aid ATLA members. Whether you are trying to write a collection development policy, find a vendor for foreign or domestic books, or weed materials, you will find assistance here. The Interest Group hopes that you will use this site and welcomes feedback and suggestions on how it might serve you better. Visit the site at www.atla.com/cead/cead_home.htm. A link to the site may also be found on the ATLA Interest Groups page.



Publications Committee Meets at ATLA

The ATLA Publications Committee met February 4 at ATLA headquarters in Chicago to discuss the 2005 Bibliography and Publications grants and the direction of ATLA's publication endeavors.



Photo (left to right): Andy Keck (chair), Craig Churchill, Jack Ammerman, and Lynn Berg.



PAC Meets in Chicago

The Preservation Advisory Committee met in Chicago February 17 to offer advice and counsel on several topics of interest to the Department of Preservation Products and Services.



Photo (left to right): Russell Kracke, Stephen Pentek (chair), Don Vorp, and David Berger.



Cindy Lu Speaks at TTLA Conference in Taiwan

On February 16 **Cindy S. Lu** (director of the **Singapore Bible College library**) was invited to speak at the Taiwan Theological Library Association (TTLA) conference, which was cosponsored by TTLA and Chung Yuan Christian University Library. The fifty-three participants included theological librarians, scholars, church historians, and the vice president of Chung Yuan Christian University.



Speaking on “The Stones of Other Mountains—An Introduction to International Theological Resources,” Cindy introduced ATLA’s various services and products to the participants. ATLA Lifetime Member **David Chen** (director of the YuShan Theological College & Seminary library, Taiwan) led the discussion panel on the collaboration of TTLA and international theological library associations. The conference concluded with a number of concrete objectives, including joining ATLA as an International Institutional Member and sending representatives to the ATLA Annual Conference.



Covenant Theological Seminary Hires Reference & Systems Librarian

Covenant Theological Seminary’s **Buswell Library** has a new reference & systems librarian, **Stephen Jamieson**. His undergraduate degree is from Franklin and Marshall College. He has an MDiv from Covenant and is pursuing his library degree at the University of Missouri. Steve began working part-time at the library in August and became full-time in November. **Per Almquist**, associate librarian for public services & research, resigned effective February 15. Per will be launching a church in Portland, Maine, under the auspices of the Northern New England Presbytery (PCA). His long-term plans may include returning to theological librarianship. He plans to remain a member of ATLA.



We Salute

Donn Michael Farris
1921–2005

Founder of the Newsletter in 1953
Editor for 40 years

Welcome to ATLA!

ATLA welcomes the following new members to the Association:

Individuals

Rev. Dr. Elaine S. Caldbeck, Evanston, IL
Mr. Thomas J. Cashore, Notre Dame, IN
Ms. Suzanne M. Estelle-Holmer, Hamden, CT
Ms. Xaris Alexandra Martinez, Sunland, CA
Mr. Robert W. Schriek, Zarephath, NJ
Mr. Dale Swensen, Provo, UT
Mrs. Betty Jean Waits, Irving, TX

Students

Ms. Gillian R. Barr, Del Mar, CA
Mr. Jakov Bibulovic, Maple, ON, Canada
Mr. John T. Burton-Crutchfield, Durham, NC
Mr. Joe L. Coker, Birmingham, AL
Ms. Meredith Hammons, Nashville, TN
Mr. Seong Heon Lee, Princeton, NJ
Mr. Jeffrey M. Mortimore, Greensboro, NC
Mr. John Andrew Newgren, Princeton, NJ
Mr. Jeffrey H. Waller, Bloomington, IN
Mr. Duane E. Wilson, Bloomington, IN
Miss Allison R. Yanos, Bloomington, IN

Institutions

Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA
University of Dubuque, Charles C. Myers
Library, Dubuque, IA

Affiliate Libraries

Colorado Christian University, Clifton Fowler
Library, Lakewood, CO
School of Urban Missions, New Orleans, LA
Southeastern Bible College, Gannett-Estes
Library, Birmingham, AL

Affiliate Businesses

Scarecrow Press, Lanham, MD

Conference Updates

Choir Participation Invited

The ATLA Singers is a small volunteer choir that sings at one of the conference worship services, this year at the Episcopal worship service on Saturday. They are looking for new members to swell their ranks, particularly individuals with some choir experience, blending voices (ability to control vibrato, if any), and some ability to read music. The music is sent out to singers so that they have the opportunity to learn it ahead of the limited rehearsal time at the conference. If you would like to join them, please contact the choir director, Seth Kasten, at skasten@uts.columbia.edu. (No need for those who participated last conference to contact him; they will automatically receive the music by e-mail.)

ATLA to Acknowledge New Retirees

Are you an Individual Member who has retired since our last conference in June 2004? Do you know of an Individual Member at your institution who has retired? We would like to recognize this milestone at our Annual Conference. Please send any information you have to Tim Smith, membership associate, at tsmith@atla.com.

Job Placement Service Featured

At the conference registration desk there will be a book of job openings submitted by employers. Job seekers will be welcome to look through the book and make mutually convenient arrangements to meet with the hiring employee. If you will be hiring at that time and want your position to appear in the book, please send your information to Tim Smith, membership associate, at tsmith@atla.com.

Names of Members Who Have Died Requested

Every year we take time at the conference to remember ATLA members who have died. This year has been an extraordinarily sad one for the ATLA family, with the deaths of seven members since last June and three whose deaths we were unaware of last year. If you know of other ATLA members who have died since June 2004, please let Tim Smith know at tsmith@atla.com.

Here are the names of those to whom we will pay memorial tribute in Austin. May they rest in peace.

Those who have died since June 2004:

John Alhadeff (memorial offered by Bonnie Hardwick)
 Roland E. Kircher (Allen Mueller)
 Donn Michael Farris (Roger Loyd)
 Vital Goma (Dennis Norlin)
 William J. Hand (Melody Mazuk)
 Joann Mirly (David Berger)
 Lucille Hager (Mikail McIntosh-Doty)

Those who died earlier and are being memorialized this year:

Steve Brandt (Anne Guenther)
 Sr. Claudia Carlin (Fr. Simeon Daly)
 Sally Gunter (Ron Crown)



Why Have Exhibits at the Conference?

What would a conference of librarians be without exhibitors? The presence of library vendors adds a valuable component to any library conference, especially one as focused as ATLA's Annual Conference of theological librarians.

You can both gain and offer much information by visiting the vendors.

The conference enables you to meet the library vendors in person, whether you are an existing client or a potential client. This in-person interaction provides an opportunity for you to inspect new products, browse new titles of books or journals, and ask questions. Because the exhibitors are present two days, you are able to follow up with additional questions after your initial preview. With more than 30 different vendors, chances are that there is a particular vendor you would want to visit.

Vendors choose to exhibit at the ATLA conference because they recognize the value and the impact your libraries have on the market. The combined purchasing budgets of ATLA libraries

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(excluding salaries) totals more than \$65 million. It's no wonder the exhibitors are eager to show you new products and services, from books and databases to library furniture movers! With this much purchasing power, any feedback you give the vendors is important and can have a real impact.

Again at this year's conference, in addition to visiting the exhibit hall, you are invited to attend the Showcases of Products. The showcases allow you to learn even more about products or services offered by the vendors exhibiting. The showcases were started last year and received positive feedback from both members and attendees. This year, they will be offered Thursday and Friday during the first half of the lunch break. Not only will you have even more opportunity to talk with exhibitors, but by attending the showcases you will miss the initial rush at the hotel's restaurant!

The revenue generated from the exhibits helps keep your registration costs down. Some generous vendors also sponsor conference events or services. This year we have five generous donors (at print time):

- Ad Fontes is providing an invitational luncheon for attendees on Saturday;
- EBSCO is sponsoring the exhibits opening reception on Thursday and dessert with exhibitors on Friday;
- OCLC is supporting the Friday morning break;
- Pilgrim Press is providing support for registration services; and
- The Theological Book Network is sponsoring the new member continental breakfast.

Finally, exhibitors add excitement to the conference by generously contributing many prizes to the Exhibits Passport program, as they did last year. By visiting the exhibits this year, you may win some great prizes.

As you can see, exhibitors contribute to your Annual Conference. Without them the conference would not be the same.

Tim Smith
Membership Associate/Exhibits Coordinator



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as of 4/26/05

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Windows Booksellers/Wipf and Stock Publishers
YBP Library Services

International Report

The Hungarian Ecclesiastical Library Association (Egyházi Könyvtárak Egyesülése: EKE) and the Forthcoming Annual Conference of BETH

The Hungarian Ecclesiastical Library Association was established in 1994 with 23 member institutions. The Association has expanded rapidly in recent years: in 2003 it had 62 members, in 2004, 6 more libraries joined. Thus, at present virtually every significant ecclesiastical institution in Hungary is among our members. Member libraries have more than 4 million volumes all over the country combined. EKE's ecumenical membership represents many religious traditions and denominations: membership is open to Catholic, Reformed, Evangelical, Unitarian, Baptist, Orthodox and Israelite¹ libraries with collections of theological, religious or ecclesiastical materials.

Member libraries are maintained by ecclesiastical institutions; however, they serve various functions. Among the members one can find monastic, diocesan and church district research institutions, as well as university, college, grammar school or regional reference libraries. A great number of these libraries operate in historic buildings; their ancient and rare holdings form a remarkable part of the national cultural heritage. However, there are also recently founded research libraries that function in modern buildings. Most of the member libraries are public, but some of the institutions do not admit the public. There are member libraries where more than ten librarians work in a modern computerized environment, but there are some institutions where only one librarian has to take care of the huge holdings.

One of the most challenging tasks of EKE's first years was to recover the confiscated books that had been kept in state repositories. These books then had to be returned to their rightful owners. Hence, the Association also promotes the interests of similar institutions. At the request of the Ministry of Cultural Heritage, it has also been providing preliminary reports on library laws. EKE strives to take a common point of view, i.e., independent of denomination, with respect to professional, ecclesiastical and social matters. To achieve that we have created professional workshops, providing opportunities for sharing different views and exchanging information on professional matters.

Assemblies and related conferences are organised annually. These always take place the last week of June. The most remarkable presentations are published in our yearbook, which also includes an official directory every year.

The official web page of the Association is available in English at www.eke.hu.

Our discussion list provides a good opportunity to exchange information: eke@listserv.osb.hu.

EKE established contact with the International Council of Associations of Theological Libraries in 1995. The latter organization held its annual conference in Hungary in 1996; recently its official name has been changed to European Theological Libraries (Bibliothèques Européennes de Théologie: BETH). For a few years EKE took part in the work of BETH only as an observer; however, it has been an active member since 2002. This year the 2005 assembly of BETH is again organized in Hungary, more specifically, in the eastern part of the country, in Debrecen.

Debrecen, the second most populous town in Hungary, is renowned for its university and reformed college. The city is also known as "the Hungarian Geneva." The Reformed Theological University of Debrecen and the Reformed Grammar School operate in the Reformed College of Debrecen. The host institution of the assembly is the Library of the Transtibiscan Reformed Church District and the Reformed College of Debrecen. The library's holdings comprise almost 600,000 units at present.

Participants of the assembly can get acquainted with the present and the past of our library. Besides professional discussions, various social programs will be offered, including sightseeing in the city, an excursion to the nearby Hortobágy National Park, and a trip to Eger. Eger is an archsee in the northern part of the country. Participants will have an opportunity not only to visit the Archiepiscopal Library of Eger but also to have a look at the Baroque sights and the castle. The final destination of the conference trip is Budapest, the capital city, where participants can visit the National Library, located in the Buda Castle.

Botond G. Szabó
College Library of the Transtibiscan
Reformed Church District



¹Editor's note: The author uses "Israelite" here rather than "Jewish" because of the nature of Jewish history in Hungary.

Theological Librarianship Course to Be Offered at UIUC This Fall

Months in the planning, ATLA has arranged with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) to offer a graduate-level course in theological librarianship. This course, to be offered online August 24–December 9 through the LEEP program of the university's Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS), will provide an overview of theological librarianship, covering briefly its various components, in order to develop in the student a basic understanding of the contexts, materials, services, and issues that characterize theological librarianship.

Students will sign up with UIUC through the LEEP program according to its usual class structure. ATLA members will be able to register at in-state tuition rates. LEEP requirements include both synchronous and asynchronous assignments, as well as one weekend at the UIUC campus (note however, that the weekend requirement has been waived for ATLA members).

Course activities will include readings and exams as well as online discussions and assignments. Students will have the opportunity to interact with a number of librarians currently working in the field.

Discussion of the *contexts* of theological librarianship will include history, professional organizations, theological discourse and texts, the variety of theological library career paths and academic cultures, and negotiating the teaching role of the librarian in collaboration with other theological educators.

Consideration of the *materials* of theological librarianship will emphasize bibliography of theological resources, acquisition of theological literature, publishers and series, denominational collections, and archival collections.

Services studied will be organizing theological materials, providing reference services in the context of the reader's writing processes, searching databases (with special attention to scripture searching), and evaluating web resources.

Among the *issues and trends* facing theological libraries today, the class will consider globalization, dealing with religious sensitivities and controversies,

the role of the librarian in facilitating technology in teaching and learning, and the digital future.

The instructor for the course will be Dr. Carisse Berryhill, special services librarian at Abilene Christian University. She is developing the course in consultation with the ATLA Professional Development Committee and with UIUC's technology support staff. She welcomes ideas and useful anecdotes from ATLA members. E-mail her at carisse.berryhill@acu.edu. Please contact GSLIS Associate Dean Linda Smith at lsmith@uiuc.edu to arrange to enroll in the course.

All ATLA member libraries are urged to encourage potential students to enroll.

Look for updates in the professional development section of the ATLA web site at www.atla.com/member.



Professional Development Perspectives

Off-Line, Off-Key, Off Balance: Professional Development Unplugged

In the space of one recent week, I “experienced” (okay, I *endured*) two stretches of time without a functional laptop. Because I carry mine with me almost constantly, and connect it to the campus network with a port replicator when I am in my office, the effects of this disruption were immediate and, well, drastic. The truth is that I felt enfeebled, ineffective, cut off from things and slightly adrift, embarrassingly so. It was as though my capacity to connect with and to make my presence felt in my circle of influence was disrupted and threatened: big-time.

As a librarian, I was of course curious about this, but as a *theological* librarian, it went deeper than that: ontological misgivings, a slight tremor beneath the ground of existence, all the dreaded, unwelcome trappings of the postmodern condition (might as well throw in alienation and irony) reared their collective heads.

Who am I, and what am I to do, when the network is down? When the battery on my PDA croaks? When I forget the password to my blogging account? When a rogue wave of somebody's morning coffee (namely mine) sloshes across my keyboard, causing the senseless and premature death of an innocent motherboard—the ultimate in existential dread? “Woe is me, for I am disconnected...”

This is the part where I'd like to say I am exaggerating, whimsically overplaying this minor disruption for the sake of a few cheap laughs. I wish. Not to get all *poignant* about it, but it was genuinely unsettling to realize how much my capacity to move through the day's appointed tasks and priorities depended on something so fragile, over which I had so little control.

Still reeling from this brush with disconnectedness, I was eager to embark on a fresh new week, free of such annoying (but surely groundless?) anxieties. And then—I'm not making this up—one of the first things to pass across my desktop on an otherwise promising Monday morning read as follows (and here I quote from the chair of the “Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Homeland Security”):

An electromagnetic pulse (EMP) attack over American soil, one of the expert witnesses at the hearing said, is one of only a few ways that America could be essentially defeated by our enemies, terrorist or otherwise. A single nuclear weapon, detonated at the right altitude, would produce an electromagnetic pulse that—depending on its location and size—would knock out power grids and other electrical systems across much of the country, for months if not years ... the long-term loss of electricity would essentially bring our society to a halt.

Whoa. *Whoa*. A number of possible incentives then, some prosaic and some apocalyptic, for paying attention to (or maybe getting reacquainted with) the unplugged versions of our selves.

An even better, or at least more purposeful, nudge in this direction might be more subtle: librarianship is, in an elemental way, *personal* work, bringing the persons we are ourselves into constant interplay with other persons around us: our ideas, hopes, ambitions, strengths, and weaknesses, as well as theirs. (Is this part of what lends our work its

combination of enjoy-ability and exasperation? Worth asking.)

All of this is one more way of underscoring a point made in a variety of ways elsewhere: it's a good thing to be reminded (even to our own embarrassment) that often the best we can get from seminars and training and “augmenting our skill sets” is simply new ways of “building out” from the persons we are to begin with.

I've enjoyed having the chance to beat the drum in this column the past few years for professional development (and my successor as PDC chair will be taking over soon). “The more professional development, and the more varied, the better,” I seem to be saying all the time. To indulge in a little jargon, these selves of ours may be “extensible” through professional development, through our personal and electronic networks, and thank God for all the potential wrapped up in such things. *But our best developmental investment is usually in our selves and the other selves around us with whom our vocation brings us in contact.*

Herewith my axioms (okay, *shopworn platitudes*) for a happier life, with or without a reliable network connection:

1. Back up your files, frequently and thoroughly.
2. Unplug (untether?) yourself now and then, voluntarily and purposefully.
3. Keep yourself in a position to laugh and happily adapt in the face of technological disruptions (see #1, above).
4. Shake hands with the unplugged version of yourself: your value and effectiveness belong to you, not to the network.
5. Read. Off-line. Voraciously and variously.
6. It has been a pleasure to serve on this committee for the past five years. As always, thanks for your ideas and constant encouragement to all of us on PDC.

Courage,

David Stewart

Chair, Professional Development Committee



Issues in Publishing

Milestones and New Directions

Charles Edwin Jones' *A Guide to the Study of the Holiness Movement* launched the ATLA Bibliography Series in 1974 as the first volume in the series. Jones' work contained 918 pages, with over 7,300 items in the bibliography, 120 pages of index, and thumbnail historical sketches that provide historical context for understanding the literature. Charles W. Dayton welcomed the *Guide* by saying:

His guide is, in the words of Timothy Smith's introduction, an "immense achievement" and a "work of patient scholarship." The rest of us should be grateful that someone else was willing to do the work. The volume augurs well for the American Theological Library Association's new bibliographic series, which it inaugurates.¹

I'm pleased to announce that thirty-one years later, the second edition of *A Guide to the Study of the Holiness Movement* is in production at Scarecrow Press. The volume should be available later this year or early next. We are delighted that Dr. Jones' latest work will bear the number fifty in that series as well as number one.

Even as we prepare to celebrate volume fifty in the series, we are preparing to launch the *ATLA Journal of Theological Bibliography*. The idea for a journal has surfaced in conversations over the past few years in several ATLA venues. The Publications Committee picked it up again a couple years ago as it began exploring new venues for providing guidance to students and scholars as well as bibliographic definition to the field of religion and theology.

The committee concluded that relying on large book-length bibliographies as the sole publication model limited our ability to provide the bibliographic guidance that we desired. Charles W. Dayton's statement that we should be "grateful that someone else was willing to do the work" points to the enormous amount of work that such a bibliographic project entails. Many of us simply don't have the time to commit to such a massive project; yet, we projected, many librarians and young

scholars could be persuaded to write a bibliographic essay for publication in a journal.

At its February 2004 meeting, the Publications Committee encouraged me to develop a proposal for a new journal that would try to address some of our concerns. Pat Graham and David Stewart generously agreed to assist in developing the proposal. Their invaluable assistance has shaped the journal and helped to move the project ahead.

We felt that there was a place for a publication that would focus more on readers new to a discipline or topic than the scholar already well versed in the discipline. Such readers need to quickly identify core literature and to understand the historical and theoretical context in which scholarly conversation takes place. A junior scholar being asked to teach a course in a discipline beyond her primary area of expertise needs to quickly identify the significant literature that her students should read and the literature that needs to be in the library to support the course. A first-year graduate student's need for a quick way into the literature differs from what she will need at the dissertation stage.

The *ATLA Journal of Theological Bibliography* is designed to do just that. It will be an online, open-access, peer-reviewed journal that will be published quarterly. While much remains to be done before publication of the first issue, which is expected to happen in late 2005 or early 2006, planning is well underway.

Clearly defining the target audience enabled articulation of the nature of the bibliographic essays that we hope to publish. Though some are dated now, we concluded that there have already been numerous studies on the history of research on traditional topics like biblical studies, theology, history, etc. The length of the articles and the demands of the target audience call for much more focused essays on contemporary areas of research. The journal will attempt to bring together groups of essays devoted to a single topic or to areas of contemporary or sustained research. For example, a theme issue might explore "New Voices in Theology from South Africa." Another issue might explore multidisciplinary approaches to the problem of evil.

The best essays will bridge the gap between traditional literature reviews found in dissertations and guides to the literature. We anticipate that some

¹ Dayton, Donald W. Review of *A Guide to the Study of the Holiness Movement* by Charles Edwin Jones. *Church History* 43, no. 4 (1974): 552-53.

of our colleagues in theology libraries will want to be authors, as will young scholars who have recently written their dissertations.

I'm delighted that David Stewart and Pat Graham will continue to work as part of an editorial team that will be expanded to distribute workload and provide greater diversity of background and expertise. We welcome your contributions as well as your suggestions of topics and authors.

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Reference Reviews

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Encyclopedia of Religion, 2nd ed. Edited by Lindsay Jones. Detroit: Macmillan Reference, 2005. cxlvi + 11,000 pp. in 15 volumes. \$1,295.00, ISBN 0-0286-573-30 (set).

The Second Edition of the *Encyclopedia of Religion* (Editor in Chief: Lindsay Jones) comes with a white binding that evokes for the Catholics among us nothing so much as a fifteen-volume First Communion Bible—on the face of it, an odd choice for a work whose articles aim to convey pluralism of practice more than unity of orthodoxy. It may be more enlightening to think in terms of other religions' color symbolism (Hindu: purity, but also knowledge and spiritual rebirth; Buddhism: rest and thinking; Sufism: the manifestation of divine power that allows the colors to flow forth), especially given the significant expansion of this edition's coverage of non-Western religions, among other welcome additions.

The preface to the Second Edition boasts of 600 completely new topics, nearly 1,000 completely new articles, and 1.5 million new words. While updates have been made throughout the work, areas of coverage enjoying the most expansion include religions practiced in regions outside of the U.S. and Europe (as well as theoretical contributions from these places); Native American religions; New Religious Movements; and some topical "religion in/and" entries, such as Healing and Medicine, Ecology and Religion, Law and Religion,

Politics and Religion, Fiction and Religion, and Humor and Religion. The editors have judged well on which New Religious Movements to include, choosing groups or types of groups with membership in the ten thousands or more, creating new entries for Wicca, UFO Religions, Jim Jones, Falun Gong, and Christian Identity, for instance, but not for Ramtha's School of Enlightenment, the U.S. Gnostic group whose members number only in the thousands.

The articles from the First Edition chosen for inclusion without revisions are helpfully marked "1987" after the author's name at the end of the entry. Those receiving updates to the content by either the original author or another author are marked with both dates. If the bibliography is the only updated part, this is noted. Some 1,800 articles fit this "unrevised or only lightly revised" category. In some fifty cases among the longer articles, the original article was retained as a seminal work on the topic, with a "Further Considerations" section added to document important changes in perspective since 1987 and show the current state of scholarship. As in the First Edition, shorter thematic articles include discussion of various religious traditions, while larger articles on religions as well as certain important topics are broken out into "composite entries" consisting of an "Overview" section plus "Further Considerations" where applicable, followed by a cluster of narrower entries along the lines of "(Theme) in South Asia" or "(Theme) in Judaism." The number of world regions and religions covered in these later sections has been dramatically extended. Some short entries from the First Edition have been sensibly incorporated into broader sections; for instance, the formerly separate entries on "healing," "medicine," and "diseases and cures" are now folded into a much-expanded, very informative "Healing and Medicine" entry.

The largest composite entry in the set is the completely new "Gender and Religion." Its theoretical overview covers much ground, and there are 19 treatments of women in particular belief systems. The degree to which these entries treat popular beliefs and practices or confine discussion to the realm of academic debates varies by article. The entry on Gender and Buddhism notes, tellingly, "There is a certain ambiguity in the study of gender in general, not just in Buddhist studies. Do scholars genuinely mean gender, or do they, in effect, say gender but mean women?" (p. 3330). The choice to locate information about women in a huge "gender" entry thus places the

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Encyclopedia of Religion firmly within the confusion of the scholarly world that produced it. However, it would still be helpful, since the substance of the composite entry is about women and their places in the theory and practice of the world's religions, if there were at least a "see" cross reference to "Gender and Religion" under the unfilled "Woman" header, which, amazingly, there is not. As in the 1987 edition, the only article to which the reader is referred from "Woman" is the fairly short one on "Feminine Sacrality." The index volume (to be published later this year but unavailable to the reviewer in February 2005) ought to make the main article easier to find.

All such theoretical and logistical issues aside, the "Gender and Religion" composite entry is quite substantial, with extensive and for the most part well-annotated bibliographies in every section. Spoiled by this strong entry, and believing that any "Religion and..." topic important enough to merit a college course of its own will also merit this depth of treatment in the *Encyclopedia of Religion*, a reader interested in the topic of "religion and war" will be disappointed. The "War and Warriors" entry contains only an overview with no updates, even to the bibliography, since the First Edition (and with that edition's illustrations removed), and a slightly revised "Indo-European Beliefs and Practices" article following it. Also, although the "Jihad" article notes that "throughout Islamic history the doctrine of jihad has been invoked to justify wars between Muslim and non-Muslim states and even to legitimate wars between Muslims themselves" (p. 4919), that article is not included among the See Also entries under "War and Warriors." Nor is the Christian Just War doctrine, one might add—but then, there is unfortunately no article on it anyhow. Happily, there is an *Encyclopedia of Religion and War* to help fill the gap, but especially in a post-2001 world in which there is much concern and much scholarship on religion and war, it really is a significant gap that, it is to be hoped, will be dealt with in a later edition. The fact that the "Jihad" article itself has received no update since 1987, even to its bibliography, is, to put it kindly, surprising.

One welcome change to the format of the work is continuous page numbering across all volumes. Those of us confused by the separately numbered two-volumes-in-one approach in the 1993 reprint can breathe a sigh of relief. There are also changes in the realm of illustration. Many of the black-and-white article illustrations in the main body of the work have

disappeared even from articles otherwise unchanged since 1987, but each volume now contains a "visual essay" (roughly half words, half color photos) on topics such as "Sacred Space." In the front matter of Vol. 1 is a listing of the fourteen visual essays, but since they lack page numbers, one wonders how their subject matter will be indexed, whether the essays will be included in the synoptic outline to be included as part of the forthcoming Vol. 15, and whether the individual photographs are to be indexed by religion and other elements, so that, for instance, someone looking for a photograph of Jewish people regardless of theme might more easily locate appropriate photos in the fourteen essays.

This work, whose worst flaw is the near-inevitable unevenness of a work of this size, and whose improvements over past editions are many, is strongly recommended for all libraries supporting undergraduate or graduate study of theology, religious studies, international studies, modern social movements, or intellectual history.

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The Wild, Wild Web

If I had known back in 1993 when I was first introduced to the World Wide Web, how much energy, time, and resources would be required to protect people and systems from the misuse of the Web, I might have been less enthused than I was. In those halcyon days, the Internet was the playground of academic techies and a pretty safe “place.” We certainly did not have to worry about our Web browsing being constantly interrupted by popup windows filled with annoying advertising.

Twelve years have made a lot of difference. I am not the first to compare the development of Web culture to the settlement of the American West. In the beginning, with only a few pioneers in cyberspace, it seemed safe, pristine, and full of promise. Later, with the rush of commercial exploitation underway, it was challenging, exciting, and more than a little lawless. Now I believe that we are moving toward a settled Web society, but we have a way to go. Outlaw behavior on the Web is no longer tolerable. It is too costly and dangerous. But the means of establishing and enforcing legal boundaries in cyberspace is still developing, and there are many who still seek new ways to exploit the technology for their own ends at the expense of the rest of the community. We cannot yet rely on outside agencies to protect us as we use the Internet and the Web. We have to be prepared to look out for ourselves.

The foundation of personal online security is the same as personal security generally: awareness of what is going on around us. Since there are recent developments exploiting the Web for no good purpose (particularly for identity theft), this is an opportune time to review some of the known threats on the Web and how best to counter them.

Pharming

What It Is: Hijacking the Internet name of a Web site and redirecting users to a forged site that is used to collect personal information for the purposes of identity theft. Prime targets are financial institutions and major shopping sites such as Amazon and eBay. The underlying technique of pharming, DNS cache poisoning, has been around for some time. Specifically exploiting the technique

for identity theft is more recent, and the attempts are reportedly becoming more sophisticated.

Response: Unfortunately, there is very little an individual user can do to detect sophisticated pharming attacks. In less carefully implemented cases, the URL listed in the address line of the browser will appear suspicious, and you should never enter personal access information at a Web site without checking the address line first. The forged Web site will be incomplete and will not behave appropriately at some point, although probably not until after it has received personal access information. If you experience odd behavior at a financial or commercial Web site where you have entered personal data, you should contact the site provider.

Web hosts may use security certificate services such as VeriSign.com to provide an additional layer of identity confirmation for their sites. Ultimately, however, there will need to be changes in the Domain Name Services standards to prevent such hijacking.

Phishing

What It Is: Forging an e-mail or instant message that purports to be from a financial institution, service provider, commercial vendor, or other source for the purposes of identity theft. Less sophisticated attempts will ask for personal information to be e-mailed by reply. More sophisticated attempts will include Web links to sites where the information is harvested.

Response:

- Never send personal information such as credit card numbers, Social Security numbers, or bank and investment account numbers in e-mail or instant messages.
- Never use the “reply” function to respond to messages purporting to be from financial institutions or click on Web links in such messages. Look up or type the address independently in your Internet browser.
- Use the Anti-Phishing Working Group site (www.antiphishing.org) to identify and report phishing attempts.

Spam

What It Is: Sending unsolicited messages, usually in bulk, via electronic media, including e-mail, instant messaging, and cell phone text messaging. Although

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most spam is commercial, the term also covers the use of electronic messaging for harassment, proselytizing, and propagating software viruses.

Mirapoint, an e-mail security solutions provider, reported in a recent survey they sponsored,¹ that 10% of respondents had actually purchased items advertised in e-mail spam. Nearly a third of respondents had followed links in spam e-mails. If these results are representative, spam is proving an effective tool for its users and is likely to expand despite efforts to control it through legislation.

Response:

- Never buy a product advertised in spam. If you see a product you use advertised in spam, complain directly to the manufacturer.
- Never respond to spam or follow links in spam.
- Most Internet Service Providers (ISPs) offer their clients some level of spam filtering. Take advantage of it.
- Use e-mail client filter capabilities to manage spam that makes it through ISP filters.

Malware

What It Is: MALicious softWARE, that is, any software developed for the purpose of harming a computer system. The type and degree of harm may vary from merely consuming system resources to capturing and stealing information to destroying data.

Virus

What It Is: Self-replicating software that relies on a host, such as a disk boot sector, an executable program file, or a macro script, to spread itself in a manner analogous to a biological virus. Some viruses are relatively innocent, existing primarily to replicate themselves and perhaps perform digital “pranks” such as popup messages. Others destroy data and attempt to disable systems and networks. All of them consume system resources unnecessarily. Currently, e-mail is the most likely medium for virus proliferation, though virus transmission through instant messaging is growing.

Response:

- Install and maintain antivirus software on all computer systems.
- Run antivirus scans regularly.
- Avoid opening e-mail attachments or downloaded files, or scan for viruses before opening them.

Worm

What It Is: Stand-alone, self-replicating software that does not require a host but exploits some vulnerability in the target system to spread. Some, but not necessarily all, worms can be detected by antivirus software.

Response:

- Run firewall software on your system. Make sure it is configured to deny access to network ports you are not using. If your operating system does not include a firewall, there are commercial products available from Network Associates, Symantec, and others. Some suppliers, such as Zone Labs, offer versions free of charge.
- Install all current security patches for and critical updates to your operating system and other major software packages.

Trojan

What It Is: A.k.a. Trojan horse. Malware that masquerades as or is embedded in legitimate software. Unlike viruses and worms, trojans are not self-replicating and rely on their disguise to proliferate. Some, but not all, trojans can be detected by antivirus software.

Response:

- Exercise a “hermeneutic of suspicion” regarding free software.
- Download shareware only from well-maintained sites, such as download.com and tu cows.com.
- Try using your favorite Internet search engine to check for trouble reports before installing software from unfamiliar or suspect sources.

¹ www.mirapoint.com/company/news_events/press/20050323.shtml. Editor’s note: See <http://tinyurl.com/ab65w>.

Drive-by Download

What It Is: Software installation initiated by viewing a Web page or reading an HTML-formatted e-mail. If the user's browser security settings are lax enough, such an installation can take place without the user's knowledge or consent. Unfortunately, even if the user does receive warning, the information can be so unclear and confusing that the user may purposefully or inadvertently permit the installation anyway. Drive-by downloads are the primary sources of adware or spyware contamination.

Response:

- Keep your Internet browser up to date.
- Review your browser security settings and adjust them as necessary to help prevent stealth installations.

Backdoor

What It Is: Software that allows access to a computer system while bypassing the normal process of authentication, usually concealed from casual observation. Backdoors are often installed by worms or trojans. Once in place, crackers can use the backdoor to access data on the system or install software that allows them to use the system, typically as a service point for sending spam or attacking other systems.

Response: Follow procedures for avoiding worms and trojans. A backdoor can be tricky to detect. Symptoms, such as unauthorized processes or port use on your system, are usually easier to spot than the backdoor itself, but identifying those symptoms requires either a fairly thorough technical knowledge or very specific instructions. Your ISP may notify you that your system is transmitting an unusually large amount of data and offer suggestions for what to look for.

Once you determine that a backdoor is active on your system, your best option is to disconnect from the network, back up your data, and rebuild your system software from scratch. There is no other way to be certain you've removed any and all software that might have been installed through the backdoor. If you are not comfortable doing this yourself, you may want to seek technical assistance.

Adware

What It Is: Software that displays advertising while it is running. Adware need not be malware, provided the user is fully informed of its purpose and function

before it installs and has the opportunity to cancel the installation. Unfortunately, there are many adware programs that either conceal their true function or install themselves without user consent (see Drive-by Download).

Response:

- Exercise caution browsing the Web and opening e-mails from unknown sources.
- Install detection software such as Lavasoft Ad-Aware to scan for and remove adware.

Spyware

What It Is: Software that captures and reports information from a computer system without the user's knowledge or consent. Some adware is also spyware, though there may be differences in degree. For example, an adware program may try to selectively display advertising based on the Web sites that the user visits, or the adware may report on the user's browsing habits as a form of "market research." Other spyware is more malicious, seeking out specific information such as credit card numbers. Data collection programs may not be spyware if the user is fully informed of their purpose before they install. However, the information may be couched in technical or legal terms that are not immediately transparent, or buried in a long "Terms of Use" document that is designed to discourage careful reading.

Response:

- Install detection software such as Microsoft AntiSpyware (Beta) to scan for and remove spyware.

Browser Hijacking

What It Is: Unauthorized resetting of primary browser settings, possibly including homepage, search page, toolbars, and favorites. Hijacking may include installation of adware/spyware and significantly impede browser function. Because Microsoft Internet Explorer is the most widely used browser, many hijackers will only work on it. You may want to consider having an alternative browser such as Firefox or Opera available to you.

Response:

- Most browser hijackings are the result of drive-by downloads, so observing those precautions will help prevent hijacking.

Safe Browsing

It is difficult to know where to end this taxonomy of malfeasance. Some of these categories overlap, making it difficult both to define a pure example and to distinguish the parts from the whole. Threats tend to migrate from one compatible electronic environment to another. (Witness the emergence of cellular telephone viruses.) Peer-to-peer (P2P) file sharing has proven a fertile medium for transmitting malware.

By now you may be wondering whether browsing the Web is worth the risks. Of course it is, but it requires the exercise of vigilance and common sense. Malware and identity theft schemes rely on users being careless, hasty, or naïve. Users who are informed, attentive, and aware are far less vulnerable. Take reasonable precautions:

- Regularly install current updates and patches to your operating system, Web browser, antivirus, and other primary software applications.
- If you have a broadband Internet connection, make sure you have a firewall active.
- Review the security settings for your firewall and your Web browser. If you do not understand them, look for documentation or expert advice that will help you.
- Exercise caution when browsing the Web or downloading material. Try to use trusted sites or verify the trustworthiness of material before you install it on your computer.
- When in doubt about a prompt from a Web site, refuse or cancel the action. You can always go back and redo if necessary.
- Supervise children and teenagers browsing the Web, using e-mail, or instant messaging. Some malware specifically targets children, and children tend to trust technology. Even if a teenager knows a thousand times as much as an adult does about the workings of the computer and network, the adult still has more experience identifying potentially hazardous situations and better-developed judgment. Seek proof that something is reasonably safe before agreeing to it.

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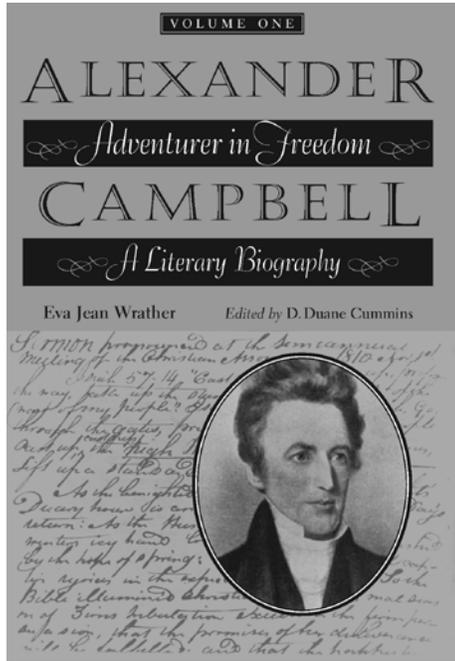
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Product Notes

ATLA Receives Major Preservation Grant from NEH

ATLA has received an award of \$402,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) for a three-year microfilm preservation project entitled "Religious Periodical Literature of the Hispanic and Indigenous Peoples of the Americas, 1850–1985." The material targeted for preservation is periodicals devoted to Hispanic and indigenous religion in North and Latin America published between 1850 and 1985. This literature is significant for understanding the long history of religious traditions among indigenous peoples in the Americas and for understanding the more recent growth and development of new movements in Hispanic religious traditions. The grant will preserve at least 272 journals (2,720 volumes) between May 2005 and April 2008. The grant is coordinated between numerous participating libraries. The project director is Russell Kracke, director of preservation products & services; Diane Pugh, preservation specialist, is responsible for coordinating shipping of materials, seeking replacements, and quality assurance of film.



Old Testament Abstracts Online Now Available from EBSCO

Old Testament Abstracts, previously available only in print and CD-ROM, is now available via EBSCOhost® as *Old Testament Abstracts Online*. *Old Testament Abstracts* is a product of a partnership

between ATLA and the Catholic Biblical Association.

The database features indexing and abstracts for journal articles, monographs, multi-author works, and software related to Old Testament studies. Content from more than 450 journals is covered. Topics include antiquities, archaeology, biblical theology, and philology. Coverage in the database dates back to 1978.

In addition, EBSCO Publishing plans to release *New Testament Abstracts Online* via EBSCOhost in the coming months. This database is produced by ATLA in partnership with the Weston Jesuit School of Theology.

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ATLAS to Add Titles

Contracts have been finalized with eight journal publishers to add these titles to the *ATLAS* online collection of major religion and theology journals:

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Endowment, Inc. Please visit the ATLA Press Room at www.atla.com/news/press.html for the complete press release.



CDRI Database Updated

The ATLA/ATS Digital Standards and Projects Committee announces that the Cooperative Digital Resources Initiative database was updated April 15 with new materials from Phase 2 and 3 projects. The new materials include a collection of postcards illustrating Congregational and Baptist churches in New England from the collections at Andover Newton Theological School; digitized versions of sermons by faculty members of Princeton Theological Seminary; and a collection of ancient coins, artifacts, and scarab seals from the Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's collections. Please visit the database at www.atla.com/digitalresources for a full listing of new materials in the repository.



News from the Index

Ann Hotta's article in the last *Newsletter*¹ described the first official meeting of the Index Advisory Committee and outlined the discussions we had. I would like to follow this up with a brief description of some changes you will notice with this summer's release of ATLA's *Religion Database (ATLA RDB)* data to the vendors that are a consequence of that meeting. We hope these changes will improve searching in the database and bring us closer to maintaining currency in the indexing data.

Peer-Reviewed Journals and Open Access Journals

One searching improvement will be the addition of two new genre terms for material published in open access or peer-reviewed journals. A search on the term "Open access" will retrieve all the material issued in freely available online journals that ATLA indexes. A search on the term "Peer reviewed" likewise will retrieve all materials appearing in the peer-reviewed journals that ATLA indexes. The material coded as peer-reviewed

is based on data derived from *Ulrichsweb.com: Ulrich's International Periodical Directory* on November 5, 2004. At present some 42% (254 titles) of the 608 journals that we actively index—fully or selectively—for *ATLA RDB* are peer-reviewed. These numbers do not include journals for which we index only the book reviews. This change should go a long way towards assisting researchers in discovering and sifting materials of this nature.

In Process Indexing Records

In order to help address the currency issue we are introducing a new *temporary* record level called "Minimal." Records coded as such will have a note identifying them as "In process" records. While these await full indexing they will appear in the online database and provide author, title, and citation information for searching. We will also use this type of record to fill in historical gaps in our coverage. These records will all be upgraded to full indexing as our indexing priorities dictate. Three part-time students key the minimal-level records. This innovation in *ATLA RDB* is not unlike NLM's "In Process Citations" found in *PubMed*.² They are interim records that provide minimal access as early as possible with full access points added later. Below is a sample record:

Year:	2005
Type:	Article
Language:	English
Author/Editor:	Sleeper, Ralph W.
Title:	John Dewey's empiricism and the Christian experience
Journal Citation:	Cross Currents 9 no 4 Fall 1959. p 367-378
Notes:	In process record.

The online display of these records will depend on each vendor's implementation of the data we supply to them.

ISBN Enhancement

Another initiative is outsourcing our book records for ISBN enhancement when possible. Phase one of this process is currently underway and will affect the essay collections (RIT material) that lacked ISBNs. Backstage Library Works (www.marclink.com/main.html) will run our book file against their in-house database and OCLC to harvest the ISBNs, which we will then add to our book records. It is hoped that this will make products such as

¹ Vol. 52, no. 2 Feb. 2005, pp. 16–17.

² See www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query/static/overview.html#InProcess.

Product News

SFX better tools for our member libraries and their clients. We hope to do the same for the many book-masters (IBRR) that lack ISBNs as well.

Since we have begun to see book reviews that cite the new 13-digit ISBN³ we have implemented OCLC's solution for accommodating them. Some book records will now display the MARC 024 field that contains the 13-digit ISBN in subfield a. For more about OCLC's interim solution please see the Amigos Library Services web site.⁴

For more information on the history of ISBNs attend Richard Lammert's presentation at this year's Annual Conference: "ISBN—Past, Present, and Future," Thursday, June 16, 3:45–5:15 p.m.

Title Lists

If you consider that of the 50 titles on our current waitlist 28 began publication between 1993 and 2003—approximately 3 a year—it is clear that the growth in new publications continues unabated. Of the 29 additional titles waiting to be evaluated, 13 began publication between 2000 and 2004. With this continuing growth pattern in the field of religion and ATLA's finite resources—both facts realized by the Index Advisory Committee at its meeting in Chicago last October—it is clear that ATLA cannot cover the field in its entirety. In response to this increasing demand the Department of Indexes has begun reevaluating its title lists in such a way that we can prune some journals so as to add newer ones that reflect the field as it stands today. Toward this end we have ceased all scan indexing.

This means that instead of indexers spending time skimming journals that might or might not contain the occasional article that is in scope for the database, they can concentrate on the journals that we index fully or selectively. We hope that this will both save time and cause less confusion for end-users who were often baffled by seeing just a few articles from publications such as *Agriculture and Human Values*, *Efemerides Mexicana*, or *Massachusetts Review*. We have also made every attempt with publishers to receive complimentary subscriptions in-house so that we would no longer need to send indexers out to Chicago-area libraries to do indexing. In those cases where the publisher has refused such an arrangement, we are dropping the title from our actively indexed journal list in favor of adding new titles that publishers are willing to supply us. This reliance on local libraries had become increasingly problematic as libraries cancelled titles to meet their budgetary constraints. The comprehensive title list indicating whether a title is indexed fully, selectively, or scanned is available in the products section of our web site.⁵

As a by-product of this ongoing scrutiny, in July of last year we developed a report on all of the titles we index fully to see how many member libraries actually held them. This report is based on member libraries that report holdings to OCLC. When the full report is posted on ATLA's web site as an Excel file we will announce it in the weekly News Updates. As a point of interest the top dozen titles held by members as of that date were:

	ISSN	Journal Title	Members*	%**
1	0009-6407	Church History: Studies in Christianity & Culture	146	68%
2	0021-9231	Journal of Biblical Literature	145	67%
3	0008-7912	Catholic Biblical Quarterly	144	67%
4	0020-9643	Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology	143	67%
5	0028-6885	New Testament Studies	143	67%
6	0040-5736	Theology Today	143	67%
7	0002-7189	Journal of the American Academy of Religion	142	66%
8	0022-4189	Journal of Religion	141	66%
9	0034-4087	Religious Education	141	66%
10	0017-8160	Harvard Theological Review	140	65%
11	0098-9444	Biblical Archaeology Review	139	65%
12	0591-2385	Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science	138	64%

* Number of ATLA members with holdings in OCLC for each title as of 07/04.
 ** Percent of the 215 ATLA members that report holdings to OCLC.

³ For details see www.isbn.org/standards/home/isbn/transition.asp.

⁴ www.amigos.org/aaoc/2004/may04/isbn130504.html.

⁵ www.atla.com/products/titles/titles_rdb/titles_rdb_a.html.

As we consider adding new titles we will take into account how many member libraries hold each title and whether indexing for it is available elsewhere (e.g., *Catholic Periodical and Literature Index*, *Christian Periodical Index*, *Old Testament Abstracts*, etc.) as well as the usual criteria we have always employed. The full evaluation process is described in the product news section of our web site.⁶

Ongoing Database Cleanup

In addition to the developments mentioned above, corrections to collapse variant subject headings and author names are run on a daily basis. The focus of the final quarter before this summer's data release to the vendors will be on recent author names. Changes to the print thesaurus are posted quarterly,⁷ and our complete genre term list is also available.⁸ All of this should result in a cleaner, more useful resource.

Conclusion

In her article Ann noted the need to balance the quality of ATLA's indexing with the realities of our operational budget. We believe that with the kind of input that this advisory committee can give us this balance is a very achievable goal. The department appreciates the committee's time and efforts.

The basic challenge for the foreseeable future will be chiefly a matter of building on the changes mentioned above. But as Ranganathan so succinctly said, the "library is a growing organism."⁹ Those of us who provide tools for these evolving libraries must keep pace with them as they grow and, to whatever degree possible, anticipate the changes. Envisioning the future in this fashion calls for both imagination and prudence. A balanced program of continued improvement of the existing data combined with more efficient current production and some imaginative innovations should allow ATLA to continue advancing its third primary mission of providing quality bibliographic tools for theological librarians.

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⁶ www.atla.com/products/product_news/journal_evaluation.html.

⁷ www.atla.com/products/product_news/thesaurus_revisions.html.

⁸ www.atla.com/products/product_news/rdb_genre_terms.html.

⁹ Ranganathan, S. R. *The Five Laws of Library Science*. Bombay: Asia Publishing House, 1931. Reprinted 1963. p. 9.

Retrospective Indexing Project Quarterly Report

December 2004–February 2005

As of March 1, the *RIP* staff has begun indexing two more titles: *Evangelische Theologie* (1934–38, 1946–49) and *Dansk Teologisk Tidsskrift* (1938–1948). *Evangelische Theologie* was the spirited voice of the Confessing Church (Bekennende Kirche), which was established in opposition to the secularizing Deutsche Evangelische Kirche and the notorious Deutsche Christen. In the earliest issues, authors speak out pungently against Christian culture under the shadow of National Socialism and der Führer. As the risks of open opposition to the Nazis became patent, essays were couched in polemics against the Antichrist. In these fascinating pages are to be found numerous sermons and essays by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Karl Barth, Karl Heinz Becker, Helmut Gollwitzer, and the editor, Ernst Wolf.

All titles from the 2003 summer triage list have been fully indexed. The final half volume of *Christian Century* (1944) is under way.

To date we have finished *RIP* indexing for these 37 titles:

American Catholic Sociological Review (1940–1948)
Biblical Archaeologist (1938–1948)
Catholic Biblical Quarterly (1939–1948)
Church History (1932–1948)
Commentary (1945–1948)
Covenant Quarterly (1941–1948)
Eastern Buddhist (1921–1939 [publication suspended until 1949])
Ecumenical Review (1948–1949)
Estudios bíblicos (1941–1948)
Evangelical Quarterly (1929–48)
Hebrew Union College Annual (1919, 1924–1948)
Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology (1947–1948)
Journal of Bible and Religion, The (1937–1948)
Journal of Biblical Literature (1881–1948)
Journal of Pastoral Care (1947–1948)
Journal of Religious Thought (1943–1948)
Journal of the National Association of Biblical Instructors (1933–1936)
Mélanges de science religieuse (1944–1948)
Nederlands theologisch tijdschrift (1946–1948)
Orate Fratres (1926–1948)
Orientalia christiana periodica (1935–1948)

Palestine Exploration Quarterly (1937–1948)
Reformed Theological Review (1942–1948)
Revue des études byzantines (1943–1948)
Scottish Journal of Theology (1948)
Studia Missionalia (1943–1948)
Studia Theologica: Scandinavian Journal of Theology
(1947–1948)
Theological Studies (1940–1948)
Theologische Zeitschrift (1945–1948)
Theology Today (1944–1949)
Thomist: A Speculative Quarterly Review (1939–1948)
Traditio: Studies in Ancient and Medieval History,
Thought, and Religion (1943–1948)
Union Seminary Quarterly Review (1945–1948)
Unitarian Universalist Christian (1946–1948)
Vigiliae Christianae: A Review of Early Christian Life
and Language (1947–1948)
Westminster Theological Journal (1938–1948)
Zeitschrift für Religions- und Geistesgeschichte (1948)

Indexing has begun on these volumes:

Christian Century (1944)
Dansk Teologisk Tidsskrift (1944–1948)
Evangelische Theologie (1938, 1946–49)

Indexing has been suspended on:

Bibliotheca Sacra (1856–1948)
Christian Century (1900–1939)
Christian Oracle (1884–1899)

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Preservation: Serials Newly Preserved through NEH Grants

African American Religious Serials, 1850–1950

The following serial titles were microfilmed as part of the preservation grant “African American Religious Serials, 1850–1950.” The preservation of these serials has been funded by the office of preservation of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

Serials on microfilm are available to ATLA Institutional Members for \$100 per reel. To purchase, please contact Scholarly Resources 800.444.0799; gale.sales@thomson.com).

Society for the Relief of Worthy Aged Indigent Colored Persons:

Annual report of the Society for the Relief of Worthy Aged Indigent Colored Persons (1840–1843)

Society for the Support of the Colored Home (New York, N.Y.):

Annual report of the Society for the Support of the Colored Home (1844–1850/51)

Colored Home and Hospital (New York, N.Y.):
Annual report of the Colored Home and Hospital (1885/85–1896/97)

Lincoln Home and Hospital:
Annual report of the Lincoln Home and Hospital (1915–1922)

Institutional care of African Americans in New York. “This institution, although not incorporated by an Act of the Legislature until 1845, has been well known among New York charities, since the year 1839. In autumn of that year the work, under great disadvantages, was organized, as a home for the destitute and sick colored poor of the city. From that time to the present our statistics show that about, 25,000 persons have received aid and comfort from the charity.”—from p. 5 of 1885/86 issue. Published in New York. **ATLA no.: 2004-S015** through **2004-S018**, 4 reels (1840–1922).

St. Augustine’s messenger (1923–1956)
St. Augustine’s Catholic messenger (1956–1961)
Divine word messenger (1961–1978)
Bulletin of St. Augustine’s Seminary in Bay St. Louis, Miss., an institute of education of African

American men for the priesthood. "At last! The dream of many has been realized; the prayers of the good priests working in the colored field has been heard; a great need has been supplied; a golden page, in the history of the Negro people in this country has been turned; a seminary for the purpose of training Colored boys for the dignity of the holy priesthood has been established."—from p. [1] of Christmas 1923 issue. "The magazine's primary message is about the Catholic Church's progress among the American Negroes, to win sympathy and support for this much neglected apostolate."—from March 1959 issue. Published by the Divine Word Missionaries at St. Augustine's Seminary in Bay St. Louis, Miss. **ATLA no.:** 2004-S024 through 2004-S026, 5 reels (1923–1978).

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. North Carolina Conference:

Directory of the...session of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

Directory of the session of the North Carolina Conference of the A.M.E.Z. Church. **ATLA no.:** 2004-S048, 1 reel (contains one issue: 1923). *Note: reel includes 2004-S049 and 2004-S050.*

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference:

Minutes of the ... session of the Philadelphia and Baltimore annual conference of the African, Methodist, Episcopal, Zion Church

Report of the session of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Annual Conference, A.M.E.Z. Church. **ATLA no.:** 2004-S049, 1 reel (contains one issue: 1882). *Note: reel includes 2004-S048 and 2004-S050.*

Little River Primitive Baptist Association (Colored):

Minutes of the ... annual session of the Little River Primitive Baptist Association Colored

Report of the session of the Little River Primitive Baptist Association (Colored). Published in Goldsboro, N.C. **ATLA no.:** 2004-S050, 1 reel (1910–1953). *Note: reel includes 2004-S048 and 2004-S049.*

African Methodist Episcopal Church. Board of Education:

Report of the Board of Education of the African M. E. Church (1884/1885)

Annual report of the Board of Education of the African M. E. Church (1889/1890)

Reports of the Board of Education of the A.M.E. Church. "Education is the great demand of the age. All of our disadvantages as a people may be traced to a want of education. For us, therefore, its acquisition is no ordinary work; but one demanding our constant attention and sacrificing liberality. The African M.E. Church has long since acknowledged the necessity of an organized effort in this direction."—from p. 1 of 1884/85 issue. Published in Athens, Ga. **ATLA no.:** 2004-S058/2004-S059, 1 reel (1884/85–1889/90).

Colored Disciples of Christ. Washington and Norfolk District:

Minutes of the Washington and Norfolk District of the Colored Disciples of Christ in eastern North Carolina and Virginia (1919)

Minutes of the ... Annual Assembly of the Colored Disciples of Christ of the Washington and Norfolk District, eastern North Carolina and Virginia (1929)

Published in North Carolina. **ATLA no.:** 2004-S086 through 2004-S087, 2 reels (each reel contains one issue: 1919 and 1929).

African Methodist Episcopal Church. Ohio Conference:

Minutes of the Ohio Annual Conference of the African M.E. Church (1850–1853)

Minutes of the ... session of the Ohio Annual Conference of the African M.E. Church (1862–1902)

Journal of the proceedings of the ... annual session of the Ohio Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (1911–1918)

Journal of the ... annual session of the Ohio Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (1920)

Report of the Ohio Conference of the A.M.E. Church. **ATLA no.:** 2004-S088 through 2004-S091, 4 reels (1850–1920).

Methodist Protestant Church (U.S. : 1830–1939). Colorado Texas District, Colored:

Minutes of the ... annual session of the Colorado, Texas, Colored District of the Methodist Protestant Church (1899)

Minutes of the ... Annual Conference of the Colorado, Texas District (Colored) of the Methodist Protestant Church (1913)

Minutes of the ... annual session of Colorado, Texas District (Colored) of the Methodist Protestant Church (1918)

Minutes of the ... Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, Colorado-Texas District (1923–1926)

Methodist Protestant Church (U.S. : 1830–1939). Colorado (Colored) Conference:

Annual minutes of the ... session of the Colorado Texas (Colored) Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church (1935)

Proceedings of the ... annual session of the Colorado Texas (Colored) Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church (1936–1937)

Report of the Colored Colorado Texas District Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. **ATLA no.: 2004-S092 through 2004-S097**, 6 reels (1899–1937).

African Methodist Episcopal Church. South Ohio Conference. Women's Mite Missionary Society:

Official report of the ... annual session (1923)

Proceedings of the ... annual convention of the South Ohio Conference Branch of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (1924–1929)

Report of the Women's Mite Missionary Society of the South Ohio Conference Branch, A.M.E. Church. **ATLA no.: 2004-S105/2004-S106**, 1 reel (1923–1929).

African Methodist Episcopal Church. Ohio Conference. Woman's Mite Missionary Society:

Proceedings of the ... annual convention of the Ohio Conference Branch, Women's Mite Missionary Society

Report of the Woman's Mite Missionary Society, Ohio Conference, of the A.M.E. Church. Published in Philadelphia. **ATLA no.: 2004-S107**, 1 reel (1916–1921).

African Methodist Episcopal Church. North Ohio Conference. Woman's Mite Missionary Society:

Proceedings of the ... annual session of the North Ohio Conference Branch Woman's Mite Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

Report of the Woman's Mite Missionary Society, North Ohio Conference, of the A.M.E. Church. Published in Wellsville, Ohio. **ATLA no.: 2004-S108**, 1 reel (1922).

The gold dollar

African American newspaper, Texas, published by Jacob Fontaine. "The gold dollar is the name of this little Paper' Its name taken from a gold dollar which was presented to me by my sister nelly miller on a viset to Mississippi in 1877 and we had been seperated by the evel of slavery for twenty years [...] this gold dollar I have traded with sence that time and made sixty dollars of it with which I have bought this little Office and started this little Paper [,] Rev, Jacob Fontaine."—from p. 1 of Aug. 1876 issue [original spelling retained]. Published in Austin, Texas. **ATLA no.: 2004-S109**, 1 reel (contains one issue: 1876). *Note: reel includes 2004-S110.*

African Methodist Episcopal Church. Iowa Conference:

Minutes of the ... annual session of the Iowa Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

Report of the session of the Iowa Conference, A.M.E. Church. Published in Xenia, Ohio. **ATLA no.: 2004-S110**, 1 reel (contains one issue: 1897). *Note: reel includes 2004-S109.*

Shining light survey

Church of God (Anderson, Ind.) periodical; African American religion. Published in Brooklyn, N.Y. **ATLA no.: 2004-S111**, 1 reel (1946–1950).

Southern Christian age

"For the benefit of the A.M.E. Church and humanity." This newspaper contains eclectic stories such as "Alarming mortality: noticeable among the weak and ailing: Spring the time death reaps its largest harvest," "Natives were butchered: recent shocking crimes of the dusky Filipinos: Captain Richard P. Leary Dead," "Some new features in the ant's life," and "Vaccine virus—its preparation and use." Also regular columns such as "Race gleanings" and "The great destroyer: some startling facts about the vice of intemperance." Published in Selma, Alabama. **ATLA no.: 2004-S112**, 1 reel (1900–1902).

African Methodist Episcopal Church:

Journal of the proceedings of the ... Annual Conference of the African M. E. Church for the District of Missouri (1857)

Session of the Missouri Annual Conference of the African M.E. Church (1862)

Report of the Missouri Conference, A.M.E. Church. Published in Louisville, Ky. **ATLA no.: 2004-S113/2004-S114**, 1 reel (1857, 1862). *Note: reel includes 2004-S115.*

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. Philadelphia Conference:

Minutes of the Philad'a District Annual Conference of the African M. E. Zion Church in America

Report of the Philadelphia Conference, A.M.E.Z. Church. **ATLA no.: 2004-S115**, 1 reel (contains one issue: 1859). *Note: reel includes 2004-S113/2004-S114.*

Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia:

Minutes of the Missionary Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia (1876–1878)

Minutes of the ... Annual Meeting of the Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia and of the Missionary Baptist Sunday School Convention of Georgia (1882)

Minutes of the ... Annual Session of the Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia (1883–1889)

Report of the Baptist Convention of Georgia. “Whereas, there is a great spiritual destitution among our people throughout most of this State, much of which is caused by their lack of having the Gospel preached to them; and, whereas, many of our brethren who feel that they are called to preach, but who, on account of their having little or no education, find themselves unable to lead the people into a knowledge of the distinctive doctrines of our church; therefore, it shall be the object of this Convention—1. To employ missionaries to travel through the waste places of our State, and gather the people and preach the Gospel to them, and aid them in every way possible, and especially in organizing both Churches and Sunday-schools. 2. To establish a Theological Institute, for the purpose of educating young men, and those who are preaching the Gospel and have the ministry in view, or any of our brother’s sons that sustain a good moral character...”—from preamble of Constitution of Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, from 1876 report, p. 5. **ATLA no.: 2004-S118** through **2004-S120**, 3 reels (1876–1889).

Message magazine

Magazine for African American Seventh-Day Adventists. “Featuring religion, health, home.” Published in Nashville. **ATLA no.: 2005-S001**, 2 reels (1935–1950).

Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. General Conference:

Journal of the ... General Conference and the ... quadrennial session of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church

Report of the General Conference and quadrennial session of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. Published in Jackson, Tenn. **ATLA no.: 2005-S002**, 1 reel (1946–1950).

African Methodist Episcopal Church. Colorado Conference:

Minutes of the...session of the Colorado Annual Conference of the African M.E. Church (1900–1906)

Minutes of the...annual session of the Colorado Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (1937)

Minutes of the session of the Colorado Conference, A.M.E. Church. Published in Denver, Colo. **ATLA no.: 2005-S003** through **2005-S004**, 2 reels (contains three issues: 1900, 1906, and 1937).

African Methodist Episcopal Church. Women’s Parent Mite Missionary Society:

Minutes and report of the ... quadrennial convention of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

Minutes of the Women’s Parent Mite Missionary Society of the A.M.E. Church. Published in Cleveland, Ohio. **ATLA no.: 2005-S005**, 1 reel (contains one issue: 1927).

Hope : organ of Fireside School

The Fireside Schools secured study of God’s word by reading lessons to parents and children and teaching respective familial duties, of which temperance, industry, helpfulness were a part. For African Americans, *Hope* included daily Bible lessons, prayers, poems, short stories and articles. Issued under the auspices of the Woman’s American Baptist Home Mission Society. Published in Nashville, Tenn. **ATLA no.: 2005-S006**, 1 reel (1916–1947).

Durham Colored Primitive Baptist Association:

Minutes of the ... annual session of the Durham Primitive Baptist Association (Colored) (1917–1987)

Minutes of the Durham Colored Primitive Baptist Association (1991)

Minutes of the Durham Colored Primitive Baptist Association. Published in North Carolina. **ATLA no.:** 2005-S007 through 2005-S008, 3 reels (1917–1991).

School for the Instruction of the Colored Deaf, Dumb, and Blind (New York (State)):

Semi-annual report of the School for the Instruction of the Colored Deaf, Dumb, and Blind

“This school was commenced on the first of January, 1858, for the purpose of ameliorating the condition of one of the most unfortunate class of children the world contains...The school was at first established for the children of fugitives; but, since its commencement, it has been thought best to open its doors to all such mute and blind colored children as are not provided for otherwise...the command given is, ‘Go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.’—This command seems to reach the lowest of all God’s creation. The credentials which are necessary for admission into this school, then, are 1st. A dark face. 2d. Deaf ears and a mute tongue, or blind eyes. 3d. That the State or country in which they live has not provided for their education. Then it is intended to take none but those who are in heathenish darkness, and who, without this school, are without knowledge of a God—no Christ! no heaven! no eternal joys for them! children of the despised race! We find them scattered here and there, fit subjects of mercy.”—from p. 7 of 1858 issue. Published in Buffalo, N.Y. **ATLA no.:** 2005-S009, 1 reel (contains one issue: 1858). *Note: reel includes 2005-S010.*

African Methodist Episcopal Church. Central Alabama Conference:

Minutes of the ... annual session of the Central Alabama Conference of the African M. E. Church

Minutes of the Central Alabama Conference of the A.M.E. Church. Published in Nashville, Tenn. **ATLA no.:** 2005-S010, 1 reel (contains one issue: 1906). *Note: reel includes 2005-S009.*

Baptist Educational, Missionary and Sunday School Convention of South Carolina:

Minutes of the Baptist Educational, Missionary and Sunday School Convention of South Carolina (1877)

The ... anniversary of the Baptist Educational, Missionary and Sunday-School Convention of South Carolina (1878–1889)

Baptist Educational & Missionary Convention of South Carolina:

Minutes of the ... annual session of the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina (1916–1937)

African American Baptists. “The object of this convention shall be to promote the cause of Christ, especially in South Carolina, by establishing a Theological and Literary Institute for the training of young men for the ministry, and also for the education of our sons and daughters; by affording aid to such ministerial students as could not otherwise pursue a course of study preparatory to entering the ministry; by appointing missionaries to labor in the destitute places of our State, assisting feeble Churches and Sunday Schools, and planting new ones where there is necessity for them; and by such exercises at the annual meetings will promote the efficiency of the Pastors and Sunday School workers.”—from Constitution, p. 11 of 1877 issue. Published in South Carolina. **ATLA no.:** 2005-S011 through 2005-S013, 3 reels (1877–1937).

Episcopal Church. Diocese of Tennessee. Convocation of the Colored Churchmen:

Proceedings of the ... Convocation of the Colored Churchmen in the Diocese of Tennessee (1910–1911)

Proceedings of the ... annual Convocation of the Colored Churchmen, Diocese of Tennessee (1914)

African American Episcopalians. “(1.) There shall be formed a Convocation of Colored People in the Diocese of Tennessee. (2.) It shall be lawful to organize mission churches and parishes composed of exclusively of colored persons within limits of any already existing parish or parishes, subject to the same conditions and regulations as prescribed in the canons of new parishes and of organized missions, except that the consent of the parish or parishes need not be obtained.”—from the Constitution, p. 15 of 1910 issue. Published in Tennessee. **ATLA no.:** 2005-S014 through 2005-S015, 1 reel (1910–1914). *Note: reel includes 2005-S016.*

Colored Presbyterian

African American Presbyterians. "In the interest of Presbyterian and general welfare of the Colored Race in America." Published in Nashville, Tenn. **ATLA no.: 2005-S016**, 1 reel (contains one issue: Feb. 24, 1904). *Note: reel includes 2005-S014 and 2005-S015.*

Association for the Care of Coloured Orphans (Cheyney, Pa.):

Report of the Association for the Care of Coloured Orphans (1836)

Annual report of the Association for the Care of Coloured Orphans (1837–1891)

Annual report of the Shelter for Colored Orphans (1892–1934)

Annual report of the Shelter for Colored Children (1935–1945)

Annual report of the Shelter for Colored Girls (1946–1950)

Society of Friends' institutional care for orphans. The Association was originally founded in Philadelphia in 1822; it relocated to Cheyney, Pa., in 1915. "The Association was formed for the purpose of relieving the necessities of the poorest of the poor; for where do we find, even in populous cities, a class of the human family more abject, or more deserving of the fostering hand of benevolence, than the parentless children of the African race in this country.—However meritorious the motive to such an enterprise, the Association in

their early or preparatory movements were scarcely cheered with the hope of success; at the commencement and even long after, incredible as the fact may appear, so strong was the aversion of some of their white neighbours to the scheme, that it was difficult in the first attempt to locate the shelter within city bounds; and their executive committees had to encounter the opposing opinions of those one on hand, while on the other, the coloured people in many instances rejected the offered kindness..."—from p. iii–iv of Preface, 1836 issue. **ATLA no.: 2005-S017** through **2005-S021**, 5 reels (1836–1950).

The Savior's call

Periodical of the Salvatorians. "The *Savior's call*, as the title aptly suggests, shall aim in general to bring men to the feet of the Divine Savior, to make Him everywhere better known and better loved. The means of attaining this end are manifold. To interest the Catholic people of today in the great work of the foreign missions; to present to their minds questions affecting their lives at home; to instruct directly and indirectly by religious articles, essays, stories; even to offer educational, entertaining, useful matter of an indifferent character enhanced by a Catholic setting: all this is bringing men nearer to Jesus, true Man and Son of the living God."—from Introduction, Mar. 1923. Coverage of mission work to blacks begins with v. 20. Published in St. Nazianz, Wis. **ATLA no.: 2005-S022**, 6 reels (1923–1954).

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**African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.
Church Extension Dept.:**

Annual report of ..., corresponding secretary-treasurer

Published in Birmingham, Ala. **ATLA no.: 2005-S023**, 1 reel (1940/41–1944/45).

Informant (Huntsville, Ala.) (1942–1943)

North American informant (1946–1951)

African American Seventh-Day Adventists. “Representing the colored work of the Seventh-Day Adventist denomination.” Published by the North American Negro Dept., the North American Colored Dept. and the General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists. **ATLA no.: 2005-S024** through **2005-S025**, 2 reels (1942–1951).

**Christianity and the Encounter with World Religions,
1850–1950**

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New Californian

Theosophy. Has subtitles: “A theosophic journal devoted to practical realization of universal brotherhood” and “Philosophy, ethics and psychology.” Includes articles such as “Dealing with the dead,” “The Nirvana of Mahayana and Hinayana Buddhism,” “Astral light as a vehicle for the transmission of thoughtwaves” and “Symbolism and allegory in sacred scripture.” Published in San Francisco. **ATLA no.: 2004C-S001**, 1 reel (1891–1894).

*Messenger & missionary record of the
Presbyterian Church in England* (1868–1876)

*Messenger and missionary record of the
Presbyterian Church of England* (1876–1877)

*Monthly messenger of the Presbyterian
Church of England* (1904–1905)

Mission periodical of the Presbyterian Church in England and the Presbyterian Church of England. “We purpose presenting our readers with a monthly

record of Church work at home and abroad; and it shall not be for lack of effort if we fail to give that record the requisite fullness, variety, and interest. Nor shall we overlook altogether other and not less important wants of the Christian family. Every month we shall insert short and pithy papers on practical subjects, written by experienced hands, and specially designed for family reading. In this way we prayerfully hope to be the means both of exciting among our readers an increased interest in the work of the Lord in all lands, and of promoting their personal piety, Dilligence and liberality spring from and grow with spiritual life, and we must give our attention, therefore to both the ‘roots and the fruits of the Christian life.’”—from p. 1–2 of Jan. 1868 issue. Published in London. **ATLA no.: 2004C-S002** through **2004C-S004**, 3 reels (1868–1905).

African advance

Periodical of the Rhodesia Mission Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church. The mission was founded in 1897 by Bishop Hartzell. The periodical contains articles such as “The primitive mind and the natural world,” “Mahommedism—Commercialism: menace or problem?” “Have faith in God, or, Witch-doctor versus wonderful counselor” and “Pastor-prophet to the pagan people.” Published in Rhodesia. **ATLA no.: 2004C-S005**, 1 reel (1916–1919).

Der Pfad

Buddhist periodical. “Eine buddhistische Zeitschrift.” Organ of Bund für Buddhistisches Leben. Published in München-Neubiberg. Text in German. **ATLA no.: 2005C-S001**, 1 reel (1921–1926).

Mystic Light Library bulletin

Theosophy. “The Mystic Light Library is the name given to a collection of books, which was, but a short time ago, a mere handful brought together by a few friends associated in the study of the supernatural, or so-called mystery of Nature’s finer forces. The interest displayed in this study, as well as the collection of books, has increased so rapidly and to such an extent that it has become necessary to issue a catalog of books, and to publish a bulletin in which reviews will be given on new works being added from day to day...The bulletin will contain a directory of, and co-operate with, all centers of progressive thought for mutual advancement. It will also furnish continued series of essays, lectures and

lessons by the best teachers in the lecture and literary field, suggesting a system of study or research as a guide to greater results.”—from Introduction of Sept. 1910 issue. Published in New York. **ATLA no.: 2005C-S002**, 1 reel (1910–1912).

India (Madras, India : 1928)

Catholic Church mission in India. “Our tour to American and Europe made us realize vividly as nothing else could have done, that the work of the Catholic Mission in this country was not adequately known to foreigners, and being little known, was little appreciated and still less supported. In order to supply this need and to give those outside India a true idea and correct knowledge of this vast continent, of its conditions and environment, we have brought together in the limited space we could afford at present, a few features bearing on the religious, social, and scientific aspects of life in this great country.”—from p. 1 of Aug. 1928 issue. Includes articles such as, “The Hindu ideal of marriage,” “The glory of the Indian clergy: the life of venerable Fr. Joseph Vaz,” “The Buddhist rosaries,” “Religious life in the west as seen by a Hindu,” “Ear boring ceremony” and “The Cocoonut-beggar.” Published in Madras, India. **ATLA no.: 2005C-S003**, 1 reel (1928–1932).

Star (Los Angeles, Calif.)

Theosophy; teachings of Jiddu Krishnamurti. The purpose of *The Star* was “to proclaim the message of Krishnamurti the World Teacher, and to create order out of the centuries of chaos and bring about the true and harmonious understanding of life. The essence of this message is Happiness through Liberation.”—from p. 1 of Jan. 1929 issue. Published in Los Angeles. **ATLA no.: 2005C-S004**, 1 reel (1928–1929).

Hebrew Christian Mission:

Annual report of the Hebrew Christian Mission (1888)

Chicago Hebrew Mission:

Annual report of the Chicago Hebrew Mission (1889–1891)

Missions to Jews. “Work among the Jews in Chicago.” “Are not many Christians laboring to little profit, because they are neglecting, nay despising those of whom, as pertaining to the flesh, Christ came? The millennium will never appear until all Israel are saved.”—from p. 3 of 1888 issue. Published in Chicago. **ATLA no.: 2005C-S005** through **2005C-S006**, 2 reels (1888–1891).

The Bengalese

Mission of the Catholic Church in Bangladesh and India. “Devoted to the foreign missions of the Congregation of Holy Cross, East Bengal, India.” Published in Notre Dame, Ind. **ATLA no.: 2005C-S007**, 5 reels (1919–1956).

Missionsbriefe

Lutheran Church mission to China. Published by the Komite der Evangelisch-lutherische Missionsgesellschaft für China. Published in St. Paul, Minn. Text in German. **ATLA no.: 2005C-S008**, 1 reel (1911–1916).

South Travancore Medical Mission:

Annual report

Annual report of the London Missionary Society’s South Travancore Medical Mission in India. Includes summary of work: hospitals, dispensaries, beds, trained assistants, new patients for the year, surgical operations, patients in leper asylums and children in orphanage. **ATLA no.: 2005C-S009**, 1 reel (1922–1923).

Indo-American magazine (1909)

Life and action, the great work in America (1909–1915)

Theosophy. “Our first number went out under the name ‘Indo-American magazine.’ At the time we had in mind making it more particularly a medium through which to acquaint its readers with the literature published by the Indo-American Book Co., issuing it only when we had something new in the line of books to announce to our readers. The results of the first issue, however, have so far transcended all our anticipations to suggest the advisability of enlarging the purposes of the magazine in a number of important particulars. The spontaneous and hearty manner in which letters of commendation and subscriptions have poured in upon us has convinced us that the time is ripe for the publication of a magazine which shall stand for the School Natural Science and represent the spirit and purpose of its work in this country.”—from p. 1–2 of Sept. 1909 issue. Published in Chicago. **ATLA no.: 2005C-S010** through **2005C-S011**, 2 reels (1909–1915).

Herald of light (New York, N.Y.)

Periodical of the New Jerusalem Church. “Periodicals are like children. Some are still-born;

others barely gasp, and die; a few attain to manhood. Some are born of the lawful marriage of good and true affections; others the furtive product of unnatural lusts. Some are fretful from their birth; and others smile, as if, from the serene repose of infancy, they saw through the open gates of Paradise, and beheld the blessed faces of their Guardian Angels there...Hearts that have passed, hearts that are passing, through this purifying and regenerating river [of baptism], will make this Journal the medium for the expression of the truth and love, the knowledge and the experience of an interior and eternal life. So it goes out upon its work, as a young child, walking hand in hand with angels.”—from p. 1–2 of May 1857 issue. Published in New York. **ATLA no.:** 2005C-S012, 2 reels (1857–1861).



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Annual report of the Board of Managers of the Shelter for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons of Baltimore City

Published in Baltimore, Md. **ATLA no.:** 2004-S103, 1 reel (1883–1936).

Cape Town Diocesan magazine

Official organ of the Diocese of Cape Town, South Africa. Anglican Communion. Published in Cape Town. **ATLA no.:** S0689, 3 reels (1939–1949).

Christian Holiness almanac and year book (1884–1888)

Illustrated Holiness year book for ... (1889–1890)

Holiness year book for ... (1891–1893)

International Holiness directory and year book for (1894)

“In addition to the usual Calendar, and astronomical notes, [the year book] has a passage of Scripture for each day—statistics and interesting facts regarding the work of Holiness in this and other lands—together with choice selections in prose and poetry—a desirable pocket companion for the friends of Jesus.”—from p. 1 of 1884 issue. Edited by Rev. George Hughes. Published in New York. **ATLA no.:** S1055A through S1057, 4 reels (1884–1894).



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Kerk en vrede (Amersfoort, Netherlands). ATLA no.: S0376B. Reel no. 9: v. 51-53 (1996-1998).

Koers (Potchefstroom, South Africa). ATLA no.: S0787. Reel no. 16: v. 65-66 (2000-2001).

Lutheran (Adelaide, S. Aust.). ATLA no.: S0372. Reel no. 14: v. 34-36 (2000-2002).



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General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States. Woman’s Home and Foreign Missionary Society:

Board of Trustees minutes, 1884-1916

The series consists of handwritten minutes of the Board of Trustees’ annual and monthly meetings for 1884 through 1916. They were in a bound notebook, but at the time of accessioning the covers were removed. The minutes are brief synopses of actions taken at meetings. There are occasional references made to additional reports. Unfortunately those are not found in this or any other series in the collection. **ATLA no.: XA0094R**, 1 reel.

General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States. Woman’s Home and Foreign Missionary Society:

Minutes, 1879-1919

This series consists of handwritten minutes from monthly meetings of the Executive Committee held from 1879 to 1919. Minutes include a record of particular reports given, but the reports themselves are not included in the minutes. In regards to the treasurer’s reports, some minutes contain a notation referring to a file number (i.e., see file 2). These records do not contain those files or the treasurer’s reports. The minutes also included motions made in regard to particular orders of business. Motions involved, among other things, changes to the WHFMS constitutions, authorizations for payments, requests for correspondence, and recommendations of particular women to be sent as missionaries. These minutes were at one time in bound notebooks, but the covers were removed. Each folder contains approximately one to three years’ worth of minutes. Files are arranged chronologically. **ATLA no.: XA0095R**, 1 reel.

**General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States. Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society:
Minutes, 1887–1916**

This series consists of minutes from regular and special meetings of the General Literature Committee of the WHFMS. Minutes are for meetings held from 1887 to 1916. There are no minutes available for 1879–1886 in this series. Minutes include requests for the printing of particular leaflets and pamphlets, quarterly treasurer reports, monthly schedules for Mission Studies topics, reports on appropriation of funds from the Executive Committee, and a record of any correspondence received. They also contain a record of actions taken with regard to the creation and printing of various mission publications. The minutes are handwritten and were in bound notebooks. In addition to the minutes, there is a copy, given to the General Literature Committee, of a typewritten report of a Committee on Exhibit meeting from 1906. This report pertains to decisions made for an exhibit at the 1907 WHFMS convention. Files are arranged chronologically. **ATLA no.: XA0096R**, 1 reel.

General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America. Board of Foreign Missions:

India files, 1880–1911

Lutheran Church mission to India. The records consist of printed pamphlets and booklets, books, and handwritten sermons. **ATLA no.: XA0097R**, 1 reel.

Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church. Augustana Lutheran Church Women:

Minutes, 1895–1962

The records comprise minutes from WMS/ALCW administrative bodies' meetings occurring from 1895 to 1962. They include primarily Executive Board and Executive Committee minutes, but in some instances additional minutes from other WMS committees are included. Minutes from 1895 to 1904 are written in Swedish. Minutes after 1904 are written primarily in English. Until 1922 all minutes are handwritten in bound notebooks. From 1922 to 1962 minutes are typewritten on loose-leaf pages originally kept in binders. Up until 1957 minutes are arranged in chronological order and Executive Board and Executive Committee minutes are filed together. Starting with 1957 minutes are

separated into the different administrative bodies and then are arranged chronologically. In box 8 is a duplicate set of minutes from October 1958 to December 1962. These appear to be the original copies and are arranged only in chronological order. Indexes are included for minutes from 1923, 1939–1945, and 1951–1954. Examples of subjects contained in the minutes are fundraising for construction of a hospital for women and children in Rajahmundry, India; discussions pertaining to the creation of the WMS missionary publication *Mission Tidings*; and steps taken in the process of recruiting and supporting women to be missionaries. Minutes from the final years of the organization also include meetings regarding the reorganization of women's groups within the church and the creation of the new auxiliary, the Augustana Lutheran Church Women. The records are arranged chronologically. **ATLA no.: XA0098R**, 5 reels.

Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church. Augustana Lutheran Church Women:

Constitution and by-laws, 1926–1956

This series contains constitutions and bylaws of the Women's Missionary Society/Augustana Lutheran Church Women (WMS/ALCW). The records comprise printed booklets containing either ratified or proposed constitution and bylaws, and typewritten copies of constitutions. These records are from approximately 1926–1958. They include constitutions for synodical, conference, district, and local-level societies in addition to constitutions for the Young Woman's Missionary Society and the Junior Missionary Society. Dated constitutions exist for 1926, 1941, 1944, 1949, 1951, 1952, and 1956. The other constitutions in this series are undated. Gaps in these records may or may not exist depending on when the undated constitutions were adopted. In addition to the adopted constitutions, there are several proposed constitutions and constitutions marked with revisions. In particular there are proposed constitutions for women's organizations under the "Unified Plan." This refers to the movement in the 1950s within the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church to unify all women's organizations at the congregational level into one organization. These proposed constitutions address that new type of organization. Duplicates were removed. **ATLA no.: XA0099R**, 1 reel. *Note: reel includes XA0100R.*

**Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church.
Augustana Lutheran Church Women:
Corporation documents, 1899, 1944, 1949,
1958**

This series consists of corporation documents for the Women's Missionary Society/Augustana Lutheran Church Women. They are from 1899–1958, with the bulk of the material from 1944, 1949, and 1958. This series includes articles of incorporation, certificates of amendment, and printed copies of the text of the articles of incorporation and bylaws. The records contain the original certificate of incorporation from 1899. They also include certificates of amendments reflecting changes to the articles of incorporation. These changes occurred in 1944 when the society added 3939 Pine Grove, Chicago, Illinois, as its principal address, in 1949 when it changed its name from Woman's Missionary Society to Women's Missionary Society, and in 1958 when it changed its name to Augustana Lutheran Church Women and made revisions to the purpose statement found in the articles of incorporation. **ATLA no.: XA0100R**, 1 reel. *Note: reel includes XA0099R.*

**Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church.
Augustana Lutheran Church Women:
Minutes, 1892–1893, 1918–1946**

The proceedings from annual conventions of the Women's Missionary Society/Augustana Lutheran Church Women (WMS/ALCW) comprise the records in this series. They are primarily printed material in the form of published minutes and are from the initial organizing meeting in 1892, the first convention in 1893, and conventions from 1909 and 1918–1946. These convention proceedings were generated to present summary and progress reports for the previous year's work and to record what matters were discussed and what decisions were made at the convention. There are significant gaps in the records. Proceedings from 1894–1905 are not available in this collection. Box 1 contains two bound copies of the first issue of the publication Calendar, which has the proceedings from 1892 and 1893. The other bound copy and the three bound volumes contain minutes from 1909 and 1918–1946. These records were originally supplements found at the back of each year's convention minutes for the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church, and at some point the minutes from 1918–1946 were

separated and bound into volumes. These minutes typically include a president's report, officer's reports, committee reports, executive committee reports, resolutions considered and adopted, and a listing of delegates and officers present. They are written in Swedish and English. Earlier minutes are written almost entirely in Swedish, but more English is incorporated into individual reports over time. Starting with 1923 minutes, the entire record of proceedings is printed in English. In later years, these minutes become more abbreviated, with the entire text of most reports omitted or reduced to a summary. Box 2 contains typewritten and handwritten convention minutes from 1932–1936. They are not a complete record of the proceedings and may have been used in creating the complete record that appears elsewhere. Records are arranged chronologically. **ATLA no.: XA0101R**, 1 reel.

**Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church.
Augustana Lutheran Church Women:
Convention material, 1895, 1906–1960**

The records in this series comprise convention materials from Women's Missionary Society/Augustana Lutheran Church Women (WMS/ALCW) general conventions from 1895 and 1906–1960. The WMS/ALCW met at these conventions to elect officers, receive progress reports of the society's work, plan projects and programs for the coming year, revise and amend the constitution if needed, and take care of any other business matters needing the attention of the full society. The WMS/ALCW had annual conventions until 1956, when it switched to meeting biennially. The majority of the records are convention programs. These printed booklets list sessions, services, and other events occurring during the convention. Some of the early years' programs are written in Swedish. Over the years programs expanded to include the names of officers, executive committee members, standing committees' members, and convention delegates. The kinds of lists vary from year to year. Also included for certain years are convention pamphlets with resolutions for consideration, individual officer reports, new programs of work, In Memoriam tributes, and additional events taking place during the convention. Records for later convention years also include material supplied to delegates as part of their convention packets and material, including some correspondence, pertaining to WMS/ALCW

convention planning and preparation. Not every convention is represented in this series. The following years have no convention information available in this series: 1893, 1894, 1896–1905, 1909–1910, and 1944. There is a bound volume in box 2 that contains convention programs for 1906–1907, 1914–1920, 1926–1934, 1936–1938, and 1943. The convention program for 1927 contains a misprint. It should read the “36th Annual Convention.” In 1945 the War Committee denied the WMS a permit to hold its annual convention. As an alternative it held an inspirational meeting on June 6–8, in Rock Island and Moline, Illinois. In 1950 the name of the society changed to Women’s Missionary Society. The 1960 convention program makes reference to being the second biennial convention, but in actuality it was the third. Records are arranged chronologically. **ATLA no.: XA0102R**, 1 reel.

General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States. Woman’s Home and Foreign Missionary Society:

Minutes, 1879–1919

This series consists of the minutes from the biennial conventions of the General Synod’s Woman’s Home and Foreign Missionary Society (WHFMS) from 1879 to 1919. The minutes generally include a listing of WHFMS officers, Executive Committee members, listings of standing committee members, the roll of delegates and visitors, the text of officer and committee reports, and resolutions considered and adopted. Minutes also contain a copy of the general WHFMS constitution and constitutions of the other General Synod missionary societies. There are three sets of minutes, handwritten, printed bound, and printed unbound. Handwritten minutes are in boxes 1 and 2 and are in fairly good condition. The minutes in box 2 have covers that are fragile, so care should be taken with their handling. There are no handwritten minutes for 1887–1897. Minutes in boxes 3, 4, and 5 are bound and unbound printed copies. The printed, unbound minutes include only 1879–1909. In box 4 there is a bound copy of Lutheran Woman’s Work copies of convention proceedings for 1911–1917. A complete set of minutes for 1879–1919 is available among the three sets. **ATLA no.: XA0103R**, 3 reels.

General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States. Woman’s Home and Foreign Missionary Society:

Convention programs, 1893–1919; 1899–1919

This series contains records related to the biennial conventions of the General Synod’s Woman’s Home and Foreign Missionary Society (WHFMS). There are convention programs for WHFMS biennial general conventions from 1899 to 1919, and one program for the 1893 Maryland Synod WHFMS society’s annual convention. Convention programs generally contained the schedule of events for each day of the convention, a listing of officers, standing committee members, and general statistics related to the WHFMS. There are no programs for the 1901 or 1909 conventions. Files are arranged chronologically. **ATLA no.: XA0104R**, 1 reel. *Note: reel includes XA0105R-XA0106R.*

General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States. Woman’s Home and Foreign Missionary Society:

Correspondence, 1899; 1909; 1915; 1918

The Women’s Home and Foreign Missionary Society have very little extant correspondence. This small collection consists of three letters to active members of the society. The letters are dated 1899, 1909, 1915, and 1918. *Historical note:* In 1877, the Iowa Synod asked for a hearing by the General Synod at its annual meeting in Carthage, Illinois. The goal of this meeting was to discuss a united women’s missionary society of the General Synod. A committee was created by the General Synod to organize a women’s society for the General Synod. This committee called a general convention to be held in Canton, Ohio, in June of 1879. One hundred and thirty women and a number of ministers were present. The Women’s Home and Foreign Missionary Society was formed, and a constitution was created and adopted. A Literature Committee was appointed so that people, both at home and abroad, could remain updated on missionary work. An Executive Committee, consisting of ten members, was also appointed to handle the affairs of the society. The society’s goal was to have an auxiliary “in every congregation connected with the General Synod.” **ATLA no.: XA0105R**, 1 reel. *Note: reel includes XA0104R and XA0106R.*

General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States. Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society:

Board of Trustees correspondence, 1918

This series consists of one piece of correspondence to the Board of Trustees of the General Synod's Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society (WHFMS). The envelope is addressed to Mrs. S.F. Breckenridge, Treasurer, Trustees, WHFMS. Mrs. Breckenridge was the president of the WHFMS Executive Committee. The Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees comprised the same people. The correspondence was included with a \$75 check for the semiannual interest on a loan. The letter does not state which organization the writer is representing. **ATLA no.:** XA0106R, 1 reel. *Note: reel includes XA0104R-XA0105R.*



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Antidote to Rev. H.J. Van Dyke's pro-slavery discourse / by William H. Boole; "American slavery has no foundation in the Scriptures"; delivered in the M.E. church, Mount Vernon, New York, on Sunday, January 13, 1861. Sermon on Isaiah V, 20; response to Henry J. Van Dyke's Character and influence of abolitionism. Published in New York, 1861. **ATLA no.:** B00727.



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From the Executive Director

Executive Director Dennis Norlin was on a research sabbatical February–April. See last issue’s column for more information about his project. Dennis’ column will resume next issue.



Staff Notes

ATLA Staff Attend NFAIS Annual Conference

ATLA Executive Director Dennis Norlin, Director of Electronic Products and Services Tami Luedtke, and Director of Business Development Margot Lyon attended the NFAIS annual conference in Philadelphia February 27–March 1. NFAIS is a membership organization of approximately 50 of the world’s leading producers of databases, information services, and information technology in the sciences, engineering, social sciences, business, and the arts and humanities.

The theme of this informative conference was “Whose Mind Is It Anyway? Identifying and Meeting Diverse User Needs in the Ongoing Battle for Mindshare.” Highlights of the sessions included presentations by Google regarding their overall mission to “to organize the world’s information and make it universally accessible and useful.”

In addition to networking with various peer organizations, Tami and Margot met with ATLA’s aggregator partners, including Cambridge Scientific Abstracts and Ovid.



Director of Member Services Bids Farewell

Robert Browning’s poem *My Last Duchess* has always intrigued me. One needs to become involved in the monologue to determine whether the “last” of the title means “most recent” or “no more to come.”

A few months ago I would have said the 2004 conference in Kansas City was my last conference, meaning, of course, “most recent.” This summer, however, when I refer to the conference in Austin as my last one, I will mean “no more to come.”

For family reasons I am moving to Emporia, Kansas, this summer, leaving Chicago after eleven years, seven of them with ATLA. It has been my delight, pleasure, and challenge to serve as director of member services of this amazing association since 1998.

My relationship with the association—you the members, the staff of my department, Dennis and all the directors and staff throughout headquarters—has been nurtured within a circle of respect, affection, and shared values. I have discovered things I didn’t know would be so much fun. I have seen some ideas grow from a sentence thrown out in conversation into a full-blown project, and others that were best left to wither.

Best of all, I have met people—you—who have touched my heart and mind in ways that I now carry within me. Thank you so much for your support and friendship. It’s been wonderful and I will miss you.

Austin is my last conference.

Karen Whittlesey
Director of Member Services



Calendar

April

- 1 Deadline for postmarking Board election ballots being sent to ATLA headquarters
- 1–9 Russell Kracke acting executive director
- 4–5 Professional Development Committee, Chicago
- 6–10 Lavonne Jahnke, Margot Lyon, and Tim Smith exhibiting at ACRL national conference, Minneapolis
- 7 Tellers Committee, Chicago
- 10–18 Tami Luedtke acting executive director
- 14 Membership Advisory Committee, Chicago
- 19–21 Tami Luedtke at Acrobat and PDF conference, Orlando
- 21–22 Cameron Campbell and Erica Treesh at NFAIS Automated Indexing & Abstracting conference, New York
- 19–30 Margot Lyon acting executive director
- 25–29 Russell Kracke at IS&T Archiving Conference, Washington, DC
- 28 Digital Standards and Projects Committee, Chicago
- 28–29 International Collaboration Committee and Professional Development Committee, Chicago

May

- 4–6 Russell Kracke at CONSER Operations meeting, Washington, DC
- 6 IFLA/OCLC Early Career Fellows at ATLA headquarters
- 9–10 Margot Lyon and Dennis Norlin at Wabash Center
- 15–16 Karen Whittlesey at OCLC Members' Council
- 26 Tracie Guy, Tami Luedtke, Margot Lyon, and Dennis Norlin at Congregations and Clergy Focus Group, Indianapolis
- 30 Memorial Day, ATLA office closed

June

- 13–15 Lavonne Jahnke exhibiting at ACL conference, Columbia, SC
- 15–18 ATLA Annual Conference; staff attending: Cameron Campbell, Sabine Dupervil, Todd Ferry, Pradeep Gamadia, Lavonne Jahnke, Margot Lyon, Elaine Mei, Dennis Norlin, Stacey Schilling, Tim Smith, Jonathan West, and Karen Whittlesey
- 24–28 ATLA staff exhibiting at ALA conference, Chicago

July

- 4 Independence Day, ATLA office closed

August

- 31 ATLA fiscal and membership years end

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