



Pastor Pennington shows three Methodists from India "Christ Before Pilate," painted by the Italian Antonio Cisneri. From ATLA's CDRI collection "Images of mainline Protestant children and families in the U.S." Title: Viewing Ciseri. 1957. (http://www.atla.com/products/catalogs/catalogs_cdri.html)

ATLA Executive Director Search Search Enters Second Phase

The national search firm of Tuft & Associates reports that, as of the end of August, 2010, it had received 49 applications or referrals for the ATLA Executive Director position. Almost half of the applicants have come from the Chicago area. The balance, Tuft says, have hailed from California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, and the Washington, DC area. Tuft has begun preliminary telephone interviews with the most qualified of these candidates.

In the second phase of the search (later this month), Tuft will meet personally with those who pass this first phase. Candidate profiles will be forwarded to ATLA's Executive Director Search Committee in late September for further review. The Search Committee will then choose those it wishes to interview personally. Interviews with the Search Committee will take place in Chicago in October, at which time finalists will be chosen and forwarded to the full Board for final consideration.

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What's your escape plan?



It was a fast summer, but eventually I got to my favorite time of year: my annual Technology Detox. I have the delightful privilege of escaping to a cabin in the Moosehead Lake

region of Maine. It used to be that any trip there was a mandatory break from technology. There was no electricity, let alone an internet connection. It was a disconnected place. Things slow down when visiting the neighbors requires a life jacket and a kayak.

After a few days at the cabin, I find that I think differently. I spend my time differently. I read novels, listen to the loons, and spend time on the water. By the end of a week, I have very different answers to the question "what is important?"

The cabin isn't as remote as it used to be. I could stay somewhat connected, but why would I?

Your escape needs may be very different than mine. Did you give yourself a break this summer? What do you need to recharge? And when will you let yourself do it? No one is going to hand that break to you. You have to make it happen. If you haven't escaped recently, I hope you will start planning one soon.

- Laura C. Wood- Laura C. Wood

Member News

Reminder: Renew Your Membership

Individual and Student members are invited to log in to www.atla.com today to instantly renew their memberships online. Simply click on the "Renewal Online" choice under the Membership tab and pay with a VISA or MasterCard. You can also select "Bill Me" to receive an invoice by email. (Please remit payment to ATLA upon receipt of the email.) While visiting the online community, be sure to take a moment to update your profile and explore the publications and groups available to you here.

Institutional, International Institutional, and Affiliate Member representatives may retrieve renewal invoices online this year. Go to www.atla.com and click on Institutional renewal (<https://my.atla.com/MemberDR/MembershipRenewal.aspx?CompanyRenewal=TRUE>) using your email address as your Username and your password. You can pay your invoice online with a VISA or MasterCard or select "Bill Me" to print an invoice and remit payment to ATLA with a check. You may also manage your individual membership through the links at www.atla.com.

Please note that the software works best using Internet Explorer as your browser. If you elect to use other browsers you may lose some functionality.

We are also sending renewal acknowledgements in a different format this year. You will receive an email and a letter listing ten ways to make the most of your ATLA membership. Thank you again to all who have already renewed!

Collection Evaluation and Development Interest Group Call for Panelists

The Collection Evaluation and Development (CEAD) Steering Committee invites volunteers and nominees to be for the CEAD session in Chicago in 2011. The topic will be collection assessment. The format will be a panel presentation followed by discussion. The Steering Committee is looking for panelists from a variety of institutions who have had professional experience with collection assessment. If you are interested in sharing your experiences and insights, please send brief description of what you would like to discuss to me at dkolb@saintmeinrad.edu. If you would like to nominate someone who you think would make a good panelist for this session, please send me his/her name with a brief explanation of why you think he/she could make a valuable contribution. Thank you!

Anthony Elia Joins Burke Theological Library



Anthony J. Elia has been appointed Public Services Librarian at The Burke Theological Library, Columbia University, beginning September 7, 2010.

Anthony comes to The Burke from the JKM Library in Chicago, where he was the Associate Librarian for Reference and Instruction and Interim Systems Librarian. He received his A.B. from St. Lawrence University in Religious Studies, an M.A. in Religious Studies (Bible, Hebrew, & Jewish Studies emphases) from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, an A.M. in History of Christianity/Theology from the University of Chicago, and an M.S. in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

In his role as Public Services Librarian, Anthony will coordinate The Burke Library's instructional programs, as well as contribute to reference services, and supervise access services, including Circulation, Reserves, Interlibrary Loan, and Reader Services for Special Collections.

Job Postings Online

Are you in the market for a new position? Be sure to check the ATLA web listings to see who is hiring now: http://www.atla.com/member/job_openings.

Routine Maintenance Reminder

Routine maintenance will be performed on ATLA systems on Monday, October 4, 2010. You may encounter a brief interruption of service between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. (CDT). Services that will be affected include ASE, ListServe and the ATLA Websites. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

Section Editor Sought

Theological Librarianship: A Journal of the American Theological Library Association seeks a new Section Editor for Bibliographic Essays. Theological Librarianship is an online, open-access journal published twice a year by the American Theological Library Association. Content includes essays, columns, critical reviews, bibliographic essays, and peer-reviewed articles on various aspects of theological librarianship and its contribution to theological education. To read more about the position and the application process, visit http://www.atla.com/member/job_openings.html#TheoLib.

A Theological Block Party



ATLA in Chicago, June 2011

The Local Host Committee for the 2011 ATLA conference invites you to a theological block party in Chicago, June 8 - 11.

Some of you may have barely recovered from last June's conference 2.0 in Louisville "where new things happen." Our hats are off to the fine local hosts of that conference -- we had a wonderful time at a great site! It could be intimidating to follow in the shadow of such greatness, except we're convinced that Chicago has some wonderful things to offer, too.

It's a little-known fact that Chicago extends from Dubuque, Iowa to Elkhart, Indiana, including portions of Michigan and Wisconsin in the mix. This factlet (try using that term at the reference desk tomorrow) reflects the member rolls of CATLA, the Chicago Area Theological Library Association. CATLA has partnered with the nine libraries of ACTS (the Association of Chicago Theological Schools) to host the 2011 conference.

We want conference attendees to sample the breadth and depth of theological tradition clustered around Chicago's diverse neighborhoods and to see first-hand some of the great theological libraries of the greater Chicago area.

So keep watching this space for updates. Fall may be upon us with all the demands of a new academic year, but there is a sunny week coming in June when we can all gather by Lake Michigan. Bring your lawn chairs and the volleyball net -- we're going to have a theological block party!

On behalf of the 2011 ATLA Local Host Committee,
- Blake Walter, Northern Seminary

Staff News

Laura Wrzesinski Departs



Laura Wrzesinski, ATLA Product Marketing Specialist, left ATLA at the end of August to pursue an advanced degree full-time at Northwestern University. Laura has been at ATLA

for more than three years and she has made a valuable contribution to ATLA's product marketing efforts. During her time at ATLA, she has also managed the ATLAS for ALUM program, growing it from 40 sites to more than 140 member participants. We will miss her, we thank her for her service to ATLA, and we wish her all the best in her new endeavors.

Diane Pugh Co-Authors Article



The article, "How Chicago Archivists Leverage Special Interests" has been published in the current July/August 2010 issue of *Archival Outlook*, the newsletter of the Society of

American Archivists. Diane Pugh, ATLA's Manager of Preservation Projects, collaborated with fellow Chicago archivists Malachy McCarthy, Claretian Missionaries Archives USA; David Malone, Wheaton College; and Susan Rishworth, American College of Surgeons, to compose the article that focuses on the member benefits of local professional interest groups for archivists. The article is based on presentations the four gave at a session for the Midwest Archives Conference (MAC) annual meeting, held in Chicago in April. Diane is currently serving as the Vice Chair of the Steering Committee for the Chicago Area Religious Archivists (CARA). Malachy McCarthy is their current Chair.

Jay Jordan IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellows Announced



On August 12, OCLC, along with ATLA and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) announced this year's six librarians chosen to participate in the Jay Jordan IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellowship Program for 2011.

Geanrose Lagumbay Each year, ATLA sponsors one of the six fellows. Miss Geanrose Lagumbay (above left), Librarian at Sunrise Christian College Foundation of the Philippines, Inc. in Butuan City, Philippines has been selected as this year's ATLA-sponsored librarian.

The other fellows are: Mrs. Khumo Dibeela, Assistant Librarian, Botswana College of Agriculture, Gaborone, Botswana; Mr. Bishwa Raj Gautam, Coordinator, Library and Information Society Nepal, Kathmandu, Nepal; Mr. Fiskani Ngwira, Library Assistant, Mzuzu University, Mzuzu, Malawi; Miss Tian Xiaodi, Acquisition Librarian, Library of Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China; and Mr. Milan Vasiljević, Librarian Instructor, Belgrade City Library, Belgrade, Serbia.

The program, which has welcomed 56 librarians from 31 countries over the years, supports library and information science professionals from countries with developing economies by providing advanced continuing education and exposure to a broad range of issues in information technologies, library operations, and global cooperative librarianship.

From April 1 through May 6, 2011, the Fellows will participate in discussions with library and information science leaders, library visits and professional development activities. Four weeks will be spent in Dublin, Ohio at OCLC headquarters; one week will be based at OCLC in Leiden, Netherlands.

Members of the selection committee for the 2011 Fellowship program included Barbara Kemmis, American Theological Library Association; Hella Klauser, German Library Association; Sjoerd Koopman, IFLA; Janet Lees, OCLC; Nancy Lensenmayer, OCLC; George Needham, OCLC; Gwenda Thomas, Rhodes University, South Africa; and Ingeborg Verheul, IFLA.

Application information for the 2012 Fellowship Program is available on the OCLC Web site at <http://www.oclc.org/community/careerdevelopment/fellows/>.

TLM--October 2010



Theological Libraries Month (TLM) is just around the corner and we strongly encourage you to participate in the celebration (http://www.atla.com/tlm_home.html).

TLM in a Box

Launch your Theological Libraries

Month activities with TLM in a Box. We've got logos, bookmarks, posters and a news release template.

Mini-Grants for TLM Advocacy Activities

Mini-grants of up to \$500 are available again this year. While the money can be used toward any worthy TLM project you propose, we encourage you to tell us how you will use the money to specifically reach out to faculty and administrators and promote the value of your library.

Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Conduct a reception at your library just for faculty. During the event you can distribute a handout you create using the Statement of Value messages and some statistics and testimonials, or design a PowerPoint presentation that shows how your library supports every department and is a key link to alumni.
- Invite faculty to recommend books for the library and be available for questions.
- Invite a well-known theologian or author to speak during your TLM celebration and schedule a VIP meeting with the speaker for faculty and administrators.

If you'd like to apply for a grant, visit ftp://ftp.atla.com/public/tlm/2010/grant_app_form.pdf for a link to the application form.

TLM Cartoon Contest

The Cartoon Caption Contest is returning again this year. Soon we will unveil two cartoons and invite you to submit your own caption ideas as well as those of your students and faculty. The deadline to submit captions will be Monday, November 1, 2010. Members will vote on the finalists at the end of November, and we'll announce the winners in December. The two winning caption writers will each receive \$100.

Special Committee of the Association for Diversity



Good news! The diversity committee awarded the 2010 scholarship for the Theological Librarianship course to Daniel Flores, who has already begun his classes. To date the diversity committee has awarded seven scholarships. We are now open to receiving applications for the

scholarship for the 2011 semester. If you know of anyone who might be interested in taking the Theological Librarianship course and receiving the scholarship, please contact me at dbrice@jkmlibrary.org if you have any questions regarding the scholarship. The committee is committed to enabling as many applicants as possible to attend this course.

Movie Night at the conference was an unqualified success. More than 25 attendees attended the showing of *Pieces of April* on Thursday night and participated in a lively discussion of the many diversities represented in the movie including race, ethnicity, age, gender, lifestyle, language barriers, country of origin, and other ways in which we are a diverse world. Next year the diversity committee would like to sponsor another Movie Night. If you know of a movie that would be good for discussion of diversity issues with a run time of under 90 minutes, please send your suggestions to me at dbrice@jkmlibrary.org.

During *The New Face of Theological Education*, panelists Mayra Picos-Lee, Lorna Shoemaker, and Eileen Saner shared stories of how their respective schools took on the issue of promoting diversity and the positive outcomes that resulted. If you missed it, it's worth reading in the *Proceedings* to find out what your school could do to promote diversity.

- Diana L. Brice, Chair



Have You Heard?

MLIS Scholarships for American Indians and Alaska Natives

Application information is now available for Circle of Learning scholarships, designed for American Indians and Alaska Natives who are interested in earning a Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) degree. The program is a partnership between the San Jose School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) and the American Indian Library Association (AILA), and is made possible by a generous grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

Information and application materials are available on the project website at <http://slisweb.sjsu.edu/circleoflearning/>. Read more about the American Indian Library Association and its initiatives at <http://www.ailanet.org/>.

Preaching with Sacred Fire

Martha Simmons and Frank A. Thomas, the editors of *Preaching with Sacred Fire: African American Sermons 1750 to the Present*, will be coming to Chicago this month to discuss the history and social impact of African American preaching. On September 17 at 7 p.m. (CT), Simmons and Thomas, who also publish the journal *The African American Pulpit*, will speak at the Trinity United Church Of Christ, 400 West 95th Street, Chicago, IL 60628. For more information, please call Melody Morgan at 773-962-5650.

God in America

On September 28, WGBH, The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, and the Religious Freedom Education Project at the Newseum are presenting the "God in America National Symposium on Religious Literacy." Held at the Newseum in Washington, D.C., and presented in coordination with the upcoming documentary series *God in America*, a co-production of American Experience and Frontline, the event will include three panel discussions moderated by Ray Suarez, senior correspondent for PBS NewsHour. Visit <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e2zx3mhv17442edc> for more information.

We welcome your submission of news, photos, and other items of interest for the *ATLA Newsletter*. All submissions are due on the first business day of the month preceding publication. Contact Sara Corkery (scorkery@atla.com) with any questions or concerns or if you are interested in sponsoring an issue of the newsletter.

2011 Conference Proposal Submissions Due **Deadline on Friday, October 1**

The Annual Conference Committee and the Education Committee eagerly await your proposed pre-conference workshops, in-conference workshops, papers, panel presentations, interest group presentations, roundtables, and posters or other special sessions. For more detailed information on each type of session and to access the proposal form, visit the Call for Session Proposals page on the ATLA website.



ATLA 2010 Annual Conference Videos **Barbara Tillett and Susan Garrett**

Head over to ATLA's YouTube channel, ATLAOne, to catch video of the two plenary addresses (featuring Barbara Tillett and Susan Garrett), the ATLA Business Meeting, and the Town Meeting.

ATLA Calendar

September

- 6 ATLA Office closed for Labor Day holiday
- 6-9 Margot Lyon attends BETH meeting in Nice, France
- 23-24 Special Committee of the Association for Diversity meets at ATLA Office
- 30 Professional Development Committee meets at ATLA Office

October

- 1 Professional Development Committee meets at ATLA Office
- 1 Submissions for inclusion in November ATLA Newsletter due on first business day of this month
- 25-27 Publications Committee and Theological Librarianship Editorial Board meet in Chicago

November

- 1 Submissions for inclusion in December ATLA Newsletter due on first business day of this month
- 4-6 Annual Conference and Education Committees meet in Chicago
- 11-12 International Collaboration Committee meets at ATLA Office
- 25-26 ATLA Office closed in observance of Thanksgiving holiday