



*Are you attending the ALA Conference? Brenda Bailey-Hainer, ATLA Executive Director, will be available to meet and greet ATLA members and friends on Sunday, June 24, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Mix Lounge, Atrium Lobby, Anaheim Hilton, 777 Convention Way. No need to RSVP. Come as you are to enjoy conversation and connect.*

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**From the President**

**Volunteerism**



ATLA is a “professional” association, but all of us have also experienced it as a “voluntary” association: librarians and archivists volunteer some amount of time and/or resources to foster the study of religion and theology by enhancing the development of libraries and librarianship.

Two metaphors have helped me to imagine and understand ATLA as a volunteer organization. First, ATLA is a wishing well. We can go voluntarily to ATLA in order to make a small token investment of our time and money, throwing in the coins of membership and conference dues, in hopes of magically receiving what we wish for, whether it is insight, camaraderie, status, etc. ATLA is often an organization in which we can invest very little in order to receive great benefit.

Second, ATLA is a gymnasium. Like going to the gym, ATLA is a voluntary commitment that we can make because we want improved strength and ability. But it is a voluntary action that we undertake with understanding that the greatest benefit will come through consistent and concentrated effort. Unlike our action at the wishing well, we change our regular habits of life and exert ourselves in order to gain what we want. Since 1946, members have experienced ATLA as a voluntary association that provides joy and satisfaction to those who exercise their gifts in its service.

As many of us gather this month in Scottsdale for the annual conference, I hope you’ll share and value with me both of these volunteer experiences of ATLA, enjoying the benefits that come from volunteering simply to be there, and also from being there to volunteer in a variety of ways accessible to us all.

--John B. Weaver

**2011 ATLA Annual Conference Proceedings**

The printed Conference Proceedings from the 2011 ATLA Annual Conference weighed in at a hefty 463 pages. Now, thanks to some assistance from Matthew Collins as the result of a special project at Emory University, the entire 2011 Proceedings are available in both epub and Kindle format. You may download them from the Community section of the website under [ATLA Member Publications](#). While this year's version was an experiment, we anticipate making future Proceedings available in both electronic and print form.

# International Conference on Information & Religion

Carisse Mickey Berryhill Presents Keynote Address

The second annual conference of the [Center for the Study of Information and Religion](#) (CSIR) was held at Kent State University, May 18-19, 2012. Attendees enjoyed over twenty scholarly presentations, research roundtable sessions and opportunities for informal discussion and networking. Sponsored by ATLA, the keynote address, entitled "Here is Water: Providing Global Access to Local Religion Through a Digital Archive," was presented by Carisse Mickey Berryhill, Ph.D., who engaged her audience with insightful discussion of the Abilene Christian University digitization project concerning 20th-century



baptistery murals in Churches of Christ. ATLA was represented by Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Executive Director, who introduced Carisse as keynote speaker and a member of the ATLA Board of Directors. Rick Rybak, ATLA Senior Business Development Representative, also attended the conference and staffed an exhibit table promoting ATLA products, services and membership. Congratulations to CSIR on its second successful conference.

## Member News



### **Douglas L. Gragg Named Librarian at Harvard Divinity School**

Congratulations to Douglas L. Gragg on his new appointment as the new librarian of Andover-Harvard Theological Library. Since 2005, he has been director of library and information

technology services and Professor of Bibliography and Research at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Douglas will begin this new position on July 2, 2012. Click here for a link to the full article on the [Harvard Divinity School website](#).

### **Dr. Beth Sheppard Appointed as Director of the Divinity Library at Duke University**

Congratulations to Dr. Beth Sheppard on her new appointment as Director of the Divinity Library and Associate Professor of the Practice of Theological Bibliography at Duke University. She will succeed Roger Loyd, who will be retiring this summer. Dr. Sheppard currently directs the library at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. Her experience of working at Garrett-Evangelical, and with Northwestern University, has prepared her well for the task of serving the research needs of the Divinity School, the Department of Religion, and the wider university. She will begin her position as of July 1, 2012.

### **Nicholas Weiss Named Director of Library and Archives at Naropa University**

Congratulations to Nicholas Weiss on his appointment this past year to Director of the Library and Archives of Naropa University in Boulder, CO. As the Collections Librarian, Nicholas took on the role of Interim Director before he was named to the position full-time.

## Job Openings

Are you in the market for a new position? Be sure to check the [ATLA web listings](#) to see who is hiring now.

Several positions have been posted this month:

**Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary**, Austin, TX, has an opportunity for a talented [Learning Technologies Librarian](#) to apply her or his expertise in technical services and blended and distance education.

**Columbia Theological Seminary**, Decatur, GA, is seeking an [Associate Dean and Director](#) of the John Bulow Campbell Library.

**The Moody Bible Institute Crowell Library**, Chicago, IL, is seeking qualified applicants to fill an immediate opening as [Cataloging Librarian](#).

**Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary**, South Hamilton, MA, is seeking an [Assistant Librarian](#) for Acquisitions and Technical Support.

## Member News

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### 6th Forum for Asian Theological Librarians

Why the trip?

*Dumaguete City, Philippines-April 10-14, 2012*

*by Mariel Deluca Voth*

The Special Committee of the Association for International Collaboration has been charged with the following responsibilities:

- Coordinate the Association's activities regarding international theological librarianship
- Support the efforts of individual libraries and librarians to participate in international theological librarianship activities
- Serve in a liaison capacity with international theological library associations.
- Plan ATLA conference activities related to international theological librarianship



My trip fulfilled the first three of those four goals! ForATL (Forum for Asian Theological Librarians) had invited me (as chair of the ICC) to be the keynote speaker and to act as a resource person during the consultation. The 6th Workshop and Consultation was held in Silliman University in the city of Dumaguete from April 10-14, 2012. The theme chosen could not have been more appropriate and in accordance with ICC goals: "Asian theological librarians moving forward towards global partnership and collaboration." I was honored by the invitation, but the sense of responsibility was just as intense. What type of information, input or motivation would be the most appropriate and needed in that particular setting? So with those concerns in mind I went to my favorite quote by R. M. Rilke: "Have patience with everything unresolved in your heart and to try to love the questions themselves as if they were locked rooms or books written in a very foreign language. Don't search for the answers, which could not be given to you now, because you would not be able to live them. And the point is to live everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps then, someday far in the future, you will gradually, without even noticing it, live your way into the answer."

More questions and some answers came when observing the 50 attendees who had come from the Philippines, Taiwan, Malaysia, India, Nepal, Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand, France and Switzerland; to observe this gathering from the platform was in itself energizing. ForATL strongly believes in mentoring a younger generation of librarians, and this aspect was clearly evident! They extended me a warm welcome not just with words and great food but particularly with a very generous action: the Executive Committee invited me to be a part of their planning meeting after the consultation!

The purpose of my presentation was to motivate them, to help them discover what was already working well in their association. This Appreciative Inquiry-like approach, I believed, would assist them later on when dreaming, designing and maintaining any type of future project because it assumes health and vitality, not just problems. During the three day meeting I made three other contributions: presented the work and history of ATLA; responded to an Information Literacy paper; and offered final remarks. As I reflect on the trip and the lessons learned I hope that we, ATLA and ICC in particular, can extend grace in the same manner that it was offered to me.

### Bylaws Revisions Up for Vote at ATLA Conference

As you may have heard, the ATLA Board of Directors has unanimously approved a new version of the Bylaws. The Bylaws Committee is recommending that the ATLA membership vote in June to adopt this revised version. A copy of the revised Bylaws is available on the ATLA community site: [www.atla.com/community/bylaws/Shared%20Documents/ATLABylaws\\_2012Revision.pdf](http://www.atla.com/community/bylaws/Shared%20Documents/ATLABylaws_2012Revision.pdf). You will need your user name and password to sign in to the community center on the ATLA website. If you need assistance, contact the ATLA office at 888.665.2852 or email [MemberRep@atla.com](mailto:MemberRep@atla.com).

# 2012 Annual Conference - Scottsdale, AZ

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## Preparing for Arizona's Heat

Summer is here and soon we shall gather at the 2012 ATLA conference. We, the Theological Library Cooperative of Arizona, look forward to your visit while we share and learn at the Gainey Ranch in Scottsdale, Arizona. Scottsdale is one of 20+ towns and cities that make up the Phoenix metropolitan area. Phoenix is currently the sixth largest city in the United States. The metropolitan area is known as the "Valley of the Sun" because we experience 300-plus days of sunshine a year. As you can imagine that much sunshine beating on the desert floor can make for a hot and dry environment. Perhaps you have read or heard of the following comments on Arizona's desert weather:



It's so hot in Arizona that...

- You can say 113 degrees without fainting.
- The 4 seasons are: tolerable, hot, really hot, and ARE YOU KIDDING ME??!!
- You notice the best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance.
- It's noon in July, kids are on summer vacation, and not one person is out on the streets.

Of course not all of Arizona suffers through a brutal summer. In fact, Arizona's diverse landscape allows for one to escape the summer heat and enjoy the cool pines of [Flagstaff](#) to the north; [Pinetop-Lakeside](#) to the east; or [Mount Lemmon](#) near Tucson to the south.

How hot does it get in Scottsdale in late June? On average the high during the day will be between 99°F and 105°F; the low at night between 75°F and 81°F.

So what can you do to protect yourself in our summer heat?

- The most important thing is to drink plenty of water. The [Mayo Clinic](#) suggests for a healthy male in a temperate climate drink 100 ounces per day and a woman 75 ounces. You will want to increase that amount since our climate will be hot. Supplement your water intake with "Electro Mix Emergency C" or other sport drinks.
- Engage in outdoor activities early in the day.
- Seek shade as often as possible.
- Avoid drinks with caffeine that deplete your body of fluids.
- Carry a spray bottle of water to mist yourself while outside.
- Wear loose fitting clothing that breathes.
- Wear a hat to shade your face.
- Take and apply sunscreen because the danger of sunburn is real.
- Wear sunglasses.
- If you begin to feel nausea, fatigue, headache, dizziness then stop what you are doing immediately and seek a cool indoor refuge and drink water.

For more information please read: [Protecting yourself from the summer heat](#).



## **ATLA Committee Transitions**

Much of the work accomplished toward meeting ATLA's Organizational Ends is done by Individual and Lifetime members who serve on committees. Our thanks go to those who are ending their terms and a warm welcome is extended to those who are beginning their service.

Thank you for your service:

- Mitzi Budde - Annual Conference Committee
- Jennifer Ulrich - Education Committee
- Jennifer Bartholomew - Education Committee
- Roger Loyd - Endowment Committee
- Mariel Deluca Voth - International Collaboration Committee
- Ellen Frost - Nominating Committee and Professional Development Committee
- Christina A. Torbert - Professional Development Committee
- Amy Limpitlaw - Publications Committee

The membership of each of ATLA's Committees for 2012-2013, as of July 1, 2012, is listed below.

Annual Conference Committee: Leslie Engelson, Chair (11-13); Steve Perisho, Vice-Chair (12-15); Bob Mayer (10-13), 2013 Local Host Committee representative; Eric Benoy/Jeff Griffin (11-14), 2014 Local Host Committee representative; Miguel Figueroa, Ex officio, Denise McFarlin, staff liaison

Diversity Committee: Stephen Sweeney, Chair (12-14); Lynn Berg (12-14); Dan Flores (12-14); Stella Wilkins (12-14); Miguel Figueroa, staff liaison

Education Committee: Richard Lammert, Chair (10-13); Stephen Sweeney, Secretary (11-14); Michelle Spomer (12-15); Tracy Powell Iwaskow (12-15); David Mayo, 2013 Local Host Committee representative; Miguel Figueroa, Ex officio; Denise McFarlin, staff liaison

Endowment Committee: Dan LaValla, Chair (12-19); Marti Alt (10-17); two additional representatives - TBD; Brenda Bailey-Hainer, staff liaison; Marie Jacobsen, staff liaison

International Collaboration Committee: Terry Robertson, Chair (Europe) (09-13); Christopher Anderson, Vice-Chair (Africa) (10-14); Cindy Lu, Secretary (Asia) (11-15); Latin America - TBD (12-16); Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Ex officio

Nominating Committee: H.D. Sandy Ayre (10-12), Chair; Joanna Hause (11-13); Armin Siedlecki (12-14)

Professional Development Committee: Eric Stancliff, Chair (10-13); Lugene Schemper (11-14); Nicholas

Weiss (12-15); Jennifer Ulrich (12-15); Miguel Figueroa, staff liaison

Publications Committee: Dan Kolb, Chair (10-13); Lisa Gonzalez (11-14); Miranda Bennett (12-15); Miguel Figueroa, staff liaison

## **ATLA Calendar**

### **June**

- 22-26: American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference, Anaheim, CA - Margot Lyon and Brenda Bailey-Hainer attending
- 27: ATLA Board of Directors meeting, Scottsdale, AZ
- 27-30: ATLA 2012 Annual Conference, Scottsdale, AZ

### **July**

- 1: ATLA Board of Directors meeting, Scottsdale, AZ
- 4: ATLA office closed in observance of July Fourth

### **August**

- 8-12: Bibliothèques Européennes de Théologie (BETH) 41st General Assembly, Belfast, Northern Ireland - Brenda Bailey-Hainer attending

### **September**

- 12-15: IFLA 78th General Conference and Assembly, Helsinki, Finland - Brenda Bailey-Hainer attending

## **Routine Maintenance Reminder**

Routine maintenance will be performed on ATLA systems on Monday, July 2, 2012. You may encounter a brief interruption of service between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. (CDT). Services that will be affected include ASE, listservs, the ATLA website and member community sections. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

## Staff News

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### Welcome to our Director of Member Programs

As many of you are aware, our new Director of Member Programs, Miguel Figueroa, started on June 11. While many of you will have the opportunity to meet him at the ATLA annual conference next week, we will also be scheduling interactive meet and greet webinars in



the summer and fall. Miguel is looking forward to meeting everyone and plans to begin visiting libraries and regional group meetings as his schedule permits. View the [full press release](#) on the ATLA website.

### Tami Luedtke Moves On

Tami Luedtke, longtime employee and Director of the Electronic Products and Services (EPS)



Department, will be leaving ATLA to pursue new opportunities. Her last day at ATLA will be June 29.

Tami has been with ATLA for over 14 years, and has made many contributions to ATLA during that time. She was instrumental in the development of ATLAS and has served a key role in

technology planning and production at ATLA, and in co-managing the most recent Lilly Endowment Inc. grant. Tami's knowledge and expertise will be sorely missed. We wish her well in her future endeavors and thank her for her valuable contributions to ATLA.

Many ATLA members have worked with Tami on technology questions related to ATLA products. Any new or ongoing support questions about any ATLA products should continue to be sent to [support@atla.com](mailto:support@atla.com) and a representative from our product support team will respond.

### A Farewell Message from Tami:

I would never have imagined when I left graduate school with joint Master's degrees in Library and Information Science as well as in Religion and Religious Education that coming to work for ATLA would afford me with a diverse set of opportunities to expand my knowledge and expertise over the next 14+ years. These opportunities included, but were not limited to, such things as learning how to set up, manage and move a data center (multiple times!); how to negotiate complex legal agreements; how to work with a wide range of partners, data, metadata, and technology to create and offer online digital collections and databases; and how to seek and

administer grants. I have truly enjoyed the many chances to learn about a wide range of things and the opportunity to work with such a diverse and talented set of staff members over the years.

I have also had the good fortune and genuine pleasure of getting to know and work with so many of you over the years. Whether it was working with you to resolve a technical or product support issue, hearing about the improvements or content you'd like to see in one of ATLA's product when you stopped by the ATLA exhibit booth, resolving digitization questions for Cooperative Digital Resources Initiative (CDRI) participants, or working with *ATLAS® for ALUM* grantees, I have appreciated your patience, humor, intelligence, and genuine interest in creating products and solutions that provide for a greater good.

As I look forward to a new set of challenges and adventures in my future, I wish to thank you for welcoming and including me as a part of your association over these many years. Thanks and my best wishes to all of you.

### ATLA Departure

Audra Adomenas, an ATLA Product Support Analyst, had her last day at

ATLA on June 15. Audra will be the Project Director of the Lithuanian Archive Project (LAP). Audra started the LAP in August of 2009 and the project was recently incorporated as a 501(c)3 organization. Please join us in thanking Audra for her service to ATLA, and in wishing her all the best in her future endeavors with LAP.



### Catherine Eilers Named New ATLA Acquisitions Manager

ATLA would like to welcome Catherine Eilers as our new Acquisitions Manager. She comes to us from



Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, MO, where she served for four years as the Technical Services Librarian. Catherine has also previously worked with ATLA as a part-time Electronic Products and Services Assistant while attending library school. She holds an M.L.I.S. from Dominican

University and a B.A. in English from Eastern Illinois University. Please welcome us in joining Catherine to ATLA.

## From the Executive Director

### E-Reading on the Rise



Each of us has our own ways of monitoring various trends in the general population beyond our immediate constituents. My personal method of watching the spread of e-reading takes place on flights during my frequent commutes between Chicago and Denver. I observe what other travelers are doing before and after takeoff. For instance, this past weekend, out of the 12 people in my immediate vicinity, 8 of us were using some kind of tablet or e-reading device.

The economics of flying being what they are, my airline sample is not truly representative of the general population. But other studies confirm that the use of e-readers has been growing steadily. [The Rise of E-Reading](#), a new report from the Pew Internet and American Life Project, indicates that about one fifth or 21% of U.S. adults have read at least one e-book in the past year. This e-reading occurs across an array of devices, such as computers, smartphones, and tablets.

Among the constituencies that ATLA members serve, e-reading also has reached a tipping point. Timothy Lincoln (Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary) and Christine Wenderoth (JKM Library) recently conducted a survey on "Academic Reading and E-Reading". This survey was distributed by librarians primarily at ATLA Institution and Affiliate member libraries to students and faculty at their institutions. Only 29.2% of respondents said they did not own an e-reader capable device of some sort. Of those who did own an e-reader device, 35.8% have a smart phone, 34.7% have a computer with e-reader software, 30.3% own a Kindle, and 20.4% have an iPad. The ages of respondents ranged from 20 or younger to over 71, with 66.4% in a master's level program. A [summary of the survey](#) data is available on the ATLA Member Community site (you'll need your login and password to view it).

There are ample opportunities at the upcoming ATLA Conference to learn more about e-books and e-reading and to discuss the implications for both libraries and ATLA. In particular, Justin Travis (ATLA Book Series Editor) and I will be facilitating a conversation group at the conference on "The Future of Theological Library Publishing". The topic is broad by design in order to encompass the wide range of interests that we suspect ATLA members have. Among the various topics we'd like to hear from you about are ATLA's current book series and what you feel ATLA's role in publishing in general should be given trends in theological education and the demands on libraries to serve new generations of learners within the reality of continued budget constraints.

If you are coming to Scottsdale, please join us at the session or chat with us during the course of the conference. Or join the conversation by sending us an email and sharing your thoughts with us.

--Brenda Baily-Hainer

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