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From the President The Ongoing Relevance of Carol Kuhlthau's Information Search Process to Theological Education

Students in my research class at Union Theological Seminary recently read and discussed an excerpt from Carol Kuhlthau's

Seeing Meaning: A Process Approach to Library and Information Services, 2nd edition. Kuhlthau first formulated her information search process model in 1985, and continued to develop it throughout the course of her career. In it she described six stages of the information search process: (1) task initiation, (2) topic selection, (3) pre-focus exploration, (4) focus formulation, (5) information collection, (6) search closure and presentation. She also described an additional phase of reflection and assessment after the search process is completed and noted that not all students engage in this additional phase. The six-stage model is holistic in that it identifies three realms of human experience that appear in each stage of the process: the cognitive (thoughts), affective (feelings), and physical (actions). Kuhlthau notes that uncertainty in both thoughts and feelings increases and decreases throughout the process. In these moments of uncertainty, a "zone of intervention" appears for intermediaries such as librarians and educators. It is within these zones of intervention that we as librarians can be most effective and influential.

Thirty years later (Kuhlthau first published her model in 1985), seminary students still find her model helpful. Students in my class were impressed by how holistic she was, acknowledging thoughts, feelings, and actions. For them there is value in seeing the interconnectedness of the cognitive, affective, and physical realms throughout the research process. All of the students reported feeling encouraged and relieved to know that there are periods of uncertainty within the information seeking process. Their own experiences of uncertainty were affirmed. They were heartened to know that information seeking is a *lengthier process* with emotional ups and downs rather than a *single event of instant revelation*. One student even likened the model to a lengthier vocational discernment process. Another student noted that the process is similar to childbirth in that you had to go through one stage to get to another (e.g., pre-focus exploration to focus formulation). As in childbirth, you cannot skip stages of the process. The students asked

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about the librarian's role(s) in their information seeking process. Previously, they thought that the librarian's primary role was to help them find where materials were located. They left the class with a much fuller understanding of how librarians can provide insight and support throughout their research processes, the larger scholarly communication process, and within the greater endeavor of theological education. Kuhlthau's model and explanation raised their level of respect for our multifaceted work.

If you have not looked at Kuhlthau's model, I encourage you to do so. There is a short summary here: https://comminfo.rutgers.edu/~kuhlthau/information_search_process.htm. I also encourage you to discuss this model with students, faculty, and researchers. As an administrator and manager, I find the model relevant for project management. Over the course of a project, optimism can give way to doubt or frustration, which can then lead to satisfaction or dissatisfaction. Knowing this beforehand leads to more successful projects. As ATLA President, I find the model relevant as the Board continues its strategic thinking process, moving from vague ideas about ATLA's future to more focused ones. Together the Board has selected topics on which to focus, has explored those topics, has collected information and input (especially from you as members), and has evaluated that information and input in order to formulate future directions for our association. In my upcoming columns, I look forward to sharing more details about our process with you, moving toward Kuhlthau's sixth stage, presentation.

Beth Bidlack
President



Bill Badke to Speak at ACRL 2015

Bill Badke, Associate Librarian at Trinity Western University for Associated Canadian Theological Schools and Information Literacy, will speak at an Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) breakfast session sponsored by ATLA and EBSCO. Bill, an ATLA member and well-known author, will speak on Thursday, March

26, 8:00-10:00 a.m. Watch your inbox for a personal invitation. This event will also be publicized in next month's newsletter and on the ATLA website homepage.

The title of Bill's presentation is *Racing through the Information Age without Falling Off*.

The information age is rapidly advancing its tendency to foster anarchy over control. Whether it is data without metadata, a blurring of the distinctions between the scholarly and the popular, or increased challenges by information users to determine their goals, there are new opportunities for librarians to do information literacy in new ways. If we fall off the ride we will fail to hold off the coming darkness.

ATLA Member Libraries Using OCLC WorldShare Management Services



OCLC recently published a press release announcing that twenty-three* member libraries of the American Theological Library Association are now using OCLC WorldShare Management Services as their library management system.

"The ATLA membership covers a wide variety of types and sizes of libraries—from very large research libraries to much smaller institutions and seminaries," said Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Executive Director, ATLA. "WMS is a cost-effective solution for a lot of our libraries. With WMS, libraries don't have to dedicate IT staff to manage a system, and they don't have to invest in servers. WMS is hosted for them in the cloud, and they can take advantage of economies of scale."

To read the full list of member libraries, [please click here](#).

*The original press release indicated twenty-two libraries. Please add *Bibliothek Theologische Universiteit* to the list of member libraries.

ATLA Booth and Reception at ACRL in Portland, Oregon



MARCH 25-28
Portland, Oregon

Are you attending the 2015 ACRL Conference in Portland, March 25-27? Stop by the ATLA exhibit booth #757. Also, we invite you to join us for fellowship and refreshments, a short walk from the [Oregon Convention Center](#). Mark your calendar for the ATLA evening reception at the stylish [Jupiter Hotel](#), DreamBOX room, 800 E. Burnside St., Portland, OR 97214, Thursday, March 26, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. to products@atla.com.

More information is [available here](#).



ATLA Annual Conference News

ATLA Member Product Loyalty Program

ATLA is proud to sponsor the [Member Product Loyalty](#) Program, a member benefit designed to recognize and reward our current Institutional, International Institutional, and Affiliate Members who demonstrate their loyalty to ATLA through subscription to both the *ATLA Religion Database® (ATLA RDB®)* and *ATLASerials® (ATLAS®)*.

ATLA reserves a portion of funds garnered from product sales for distribution to eligible member sites. This year a maximum of \$200 per eligible site is available to be re-invested into ATLA Member Programs. Redeemable loyalty benefits include:

- A total of \$200 toward ATLA conference registration (may be divided across a maximum of two registration fees)
- A \$200 gift to the Scholarships and Grants Annual Fund

Institutional Member Representatives will receive a reminder message mid-February. We encourage members to redeem their Member Product Loyalty funds by Monday, March 2, 2015.

[The online Member Product Loyalty Form is available now at the ATLA web site.](#) Members will need their member log-in to complete the form.

For those who participate in this program, as a reminder please wait to receive your loyalty confirmation code via e-mail before registering for the ATLA Annual Conference.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact memberrep@atla.com.

ATLA Travel Grants Available

ATLA is pleased to offer grants of up to \$600 each to support attendance at the 2015 ATLA Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado, June 17-20. Any ATLA Student or Individual Member who receives no financial assistance from their institution to attend the conference is eligible to apply. You may apply for a travel grant until Friday, May 1, 2015.

[Fill out the Annual Conference Travel Grant Request form](#) to apply. Grants will be awarded on a first come, first served basis and approved recipients will be notified on or before Friday, May 8, 2015. There are a limited number of grants offered. Recipients must register for the conference before Friday, May 15, 2015, and will be required to stay at the conference hotel.

Virtual Meet & Greet with the Director of Member Programs



Meet the new ATLA Director of Member Programs, Gillian Harrison Cain.

Join us for a 45-minute virtual meet and greet with Gillian. She will give a short introduction about herself, including work history, and then time will be open for questions and answers.

Please register for either dates, [Wednesday, February 25](#) or [Thursday, March 12](#). Both webinars will begin at noon CST/CDT.

We ask that you please submit your questions in advance to MemberRep@atla.com.

ATLA Partnering with SCELCLC on *New York Times* "Academic Pass" Offer

Through its relationship with SCELCLC, ATLA is able to participate in an inter-consortial offer that allows ATLA member libraries to provide an "academic pass" to the *New York Times* web edition. The "academic pass" access to the *New York Times* is identical to that provided by an individual subscription.

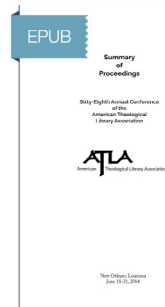
Previously, this offer was available for a limited time frame. But it has been updated and currently signed order forms received by the 10th of each month will activate their subscriptions on the first Monday of the following month. Order forms received by SCELCLC after this date will result in a subscription start date one month later.

Through this offer, most ATLA member libraries are able to subscribe for about \$1.66 per FTE student enrollment plus faculty headcount. A SCELCLC transaction fee of 5% up to \$50 will also apply. For example, if an institution has 1,000 FTE, then its annual subscription cost would be $\$1.66 \times 1,000$, or \$1,660 + \$50 (since 5% would be \$83) for a total of \$1,710.

To view the complete details of the offer, you will need to have registered on the [SCELCLC website](#). If you decide to take advantage of this offer, your institution must be an ATLA member and also must become a SCELCLC Affiliate Member. There is no charge to become a SCELCLC Affiliate Member - [simply fill out the form](#).

More details on this offer are available on the [SCELCLC website](#) or contact Jason Price at SCELCLC: jason@scelc.org.

ATLA Summary of Proceedings Available



The *Summary of Proceedings* of the Eighth Annual ATLA Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, was shipped the first week of February.

All 2013-2014 Individual, Student, and Lifetime Members and Institutional, International Institutional, and Affiliate Member Representatives will receive a printed copy of the *Proceedings*.

This year's *Proceedings* is also available in Kindle (.mobi) and e-Book (ePub) versions and can be [found here](#).

Coming Soon: A 2015 Salary and Benefits Survey

In 2009, ATLA surveyed its North American Institutional and Affiliate member libraries to benchmark the range of salary levels and benefits offered that year. The survey resulted in a publication, [ATLA 2009 Salary and Benefits Survey](#), which many libraries have found useful for comparison purposes since other academic library surveys do not segment out theological libraries.

The information gathered for that publication is now five years old and it's time to refresh the data. In late February, ATLA will be sending out a new salary and benefits survey to directors at Institutional and Affiliate member libraries. The survey has been revised to make the questions more Canadian-friendly, to ask for additional details, and to reflect new positions in libraries that have evolved.

Please watch for the survey and take the time to complete it. The information gathered will be used to create a new document which will include an analysis of the 2015 data as well as a comparison with the 2009 data. The resulting publication will be valuable as an advocacy and budgeting tool for theological libraries throughout North America.

ATLA Awards Diversity in Theological Librarianship Scholarship



The [ATLA Diversity Committee](#) is pleased to announce the recipient of the [Scholarship for a Theological Librarianship Course](#).

Warren is a Student Member of ATLA and will use his scholarship to support his enrollment in a Theological Librarianship course at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Warren Watson has a unique perspective when it comes to diversity in theological librarianship. As an African-American male, he believes his voice will undoubtedly add diversity to the theological library course, as African-American males comprise 0.5 % of credentialed librarians according to recent studies.

"To me diversity is a recognition of the inherent worth, dignity, and potential of every human being, regardless of their race, ethnicity, class, system of beliefs, occupation, or station in life." He continued, "People's experiences are unique, as are the lessons and perspectives gained from those experiences. Diversity recognizes this and does not belittle or marginalize a person's perspective or the experiences that mold them."

Warren plans to become a participating member of ATLA. "I plan on attending annual conferences, publishing in Theological Librarianship, and becoming a member of the Diversity Committee. I also hope to participate in interest groups such as World Religions, and member projects such as the ATLA Selected Religion Web Sites Project."

A special thank you to the members of the ATLA Diversity Committee for their work to promote this opportunity and to evaluate applicants. Learn more about this committee by [visiting their web page](#).

ATLA Member of the Week

Each week ATLA is spotlighting our members through [Member Profile of the Week](#). We want to give a face and personality to what makes ATLA unique -- you!

Meet January's Members of the Week!

[Meet Armin Siedlecki](#)

[Meet Melody Layton McMahan](#)

[Meet Michelle Spomer](#)

Learn more about the people that make up your community, and share your own story by [filling out this form](#) and sending your photo to newsletter@atla.com. Your profile will be [featured on our website](#) and linked on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

ALA Midwinter Gathering



Executive Director Brenda Bailey-Hainer and Director of Member Programs Gillian Harrison Cain enjoying treats and conversation with members and colleagues at the ALA Social Gathering.

Thank you to the members and friends who came and weathered the Chicago blizzard at the ALA Midwinter Social Gathering.

ATLA partnered with the [Association of Jewish Libraries](#) (AJL) and the [Catholic Library Association](#) (CLA) to present a Social Gathering for members and friends during ALA Midwinter 2015 Conference on Sunday, February 1, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel Chicago.

Archaeological Fellowship for Biblical Scholars Available

The Society of Biblical Literature supports and promotes the work of peer organizations that also serve many of our members. This is particularly true of the American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR). We are bringing to your attention an inaugural award that is an opportunity for a non-tenured biblical scholar.

The William G. Dever Fellowship for Biblical Scholars is a two-month travel-study award (\$6,000) that will be made available in the summer of 2015 to a qualified American untenured faculty member in the field of biblical studies who wants to acquire elementary, first-hand experience in field archaeology and research in Israel. The intent of the award, administered by ASOR, is to help foster a dialogue between archaeology and biblical studies in colleges, universities, and seminaries, as well as in the larger discipline.

The William G. Dever Archaeological Fellowship for Biblical Scholars will provide \$6,000 to be used towards transportation; one month on a specified dig; and one month travel to other digs, combined with a one-month residency (room and half-board) at the W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem, which will allow the Dever Fellow to conduct research in the Albright library. During residency, the Albright Institute will facilitate visits to excavations active in the field.

Details can be found at the following URL: <http://www.asor.org/fellowships/wdever-scholarship.html>.

Submitted by John F. Kutsko, SBL

Member News

Bridwell Library Announces Project Completion, Albert Cook Outler

Bridwell Library, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University (SMU) announces the completion of a four-year project to process the papers of Albert Cook Outler (1908-1989). Dr. Outler was a leading United Methodist historical theologian and ecumenist who taught at Duke University, Yale University, and SMU. The 300 box (147 linear feet) collection documenting Outler's family life, education, ministry, scholarly work, and professional activities was processed by Colleen Bradley-Sanders beginning in December 2010. A finding aid for the collection is available in print and [online](#). An exhibition of ninety items from the Albert Cook Outler papers will be open to the public February 2 to May 1, 2015, in the Bridwell Library Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Galleries. The exhibition can be viewed online at www.smu.edu/bridwell/exhibitions.

MarcEdit Virtual Conference

Attention Cataloging Colleagues! Terry Reese, who is the creator of MarcEdit, has agreed to consider hosting a virtual MarcEdit conference. It would be online only and sessions would be conducted by MarcEdit users. He is trying to gauge interest in this and has created a Google survey form here: <http://goo.gl/forms/mqUY5RDS0j>. If this sounds interesting to you, please click on the link and let him know your interest level.

Submitted by Leslie Engelson

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Announced New President



Photo from McCormick Theological Seminary

Institutional Member Pittsburgh Theological Seminary announced the appointment of Rev. Dr. David Esterline of McCormick Theological Seminary as their new President beginning in June.

As stated from the McCormick Theological Seminary press release: "He is one of the premier researchers in the world on the globalization of theological education. *The Handbook on Theological Education in World Christianity*, which David co-edited, is the definitive and most comprehensive study of global theological education available today. Currently, David is organizing with others a new global forum of theological educators, which includes an international fellowship of leaders in theological education from every Christian tradition."

Congratulations to both Rev. David Esterline and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

[Read more.](#)

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.

Positions posted this month:

- Barry University, Miami Shores, FL, is looking for a [Director](#).
- Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, CA, is looking for a [Reference and Instruction Librarian](#).
- Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, CA, is looking for a [Collection Development and Services Librarian](#).
- Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA, is looking for a [Reference and Instruction Librarian for Theology](#).
- The Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia, PA, is looking for an [Executive Director](#).
- Regent University Library, Virginia Beach, VA, is looking for a [Head of Special Collections, Archives, and Digital Initiatives](#).
- Trinity International University, Deerfield, IL, is looking for an [Electronic Resources Librarian](#).
- Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Ontario, is looking for a [Chief Librarian](#).
- Yale University Library, New Haven, CT, is looking for a [Director](#).

Staff News

New Digitization Specialist



ATLA is pleased to announce our new Digitization Specialist Milo Burdine.

Milo received his MLIS from Wayne State University and has had a variety of experiences working archives and libraries, including processing and digitizing archival material at Arizona State Museum Library & Archives. Milo has also developed his own service for producing back-of-the-book indexes for publishers, and has a strong interest in religious studies.

Please welcome Milo to the ATLA family.

ATLA Calendar

February

- 18-21 - ATLA Board of Directors Meeting, Chicago, IL
- 22-25 - NFAIS 2015 Annual Conference, Arlington, VA - Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Margot Lyon, Maria Stanton attending
- 25 - Virtual Meet and Greet with Gillian Harrison Cain. [Register here.](#)

March

- 1 - The ATLA Board of Directors Election closes. Don't forget to vote!
- 2 - Routine Maintenance performed on ATLA Systems
- 12 - Virtual Meet and Greet with Gillian Harrison Cain. [Register here.](#)
- 16 - 2015 ATLA Annual Conference Registration Opens
- 25-28 - ACRL 2015 Conference, Portland, OR - ATLA staff attending
- 26-29 - Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, IL - Roger Morales attending
- 30 - April 2 - UKSG 38th Annual Conference, Glasgow, Scotland, Maria Stanton attending

April

- 6 - Routine Maintenance performed on ATLA Systems



From the Executive Director ALA Midwinter 2015: A Brief Report

A snowstorm failed to dampen the spirits of those of us attending the 2015 ALA Midwinter Conference in Chicago at the end of January. From the exhibit floor to the sessions, technology was one major area of focus.

On the exhibit floor, there seemed to be a larger than usual contingent of scanning and digital imaging companies, with products targeted to either high end conversion of materials or rapid on the fly scanning for use by patrons. Video products were more prominent, with offerings by Alexander Street Press, Kanopy, Music Box Films, and the WPA Film Library among others. Sage announced a new video product that will launch in April, initially with materials in three different subject categories.

The Top Tech Trends panel organized by LITA included pundits Marshall Breeding and Todd Carpenter. Breeding noted that while the application of technology in libraries is growing, it is still distributed unevenly among libraries and creating groups of haves and have-nots. Carpenter voiced concerns that the library systems managing information are not really geared up to handle open access if it really takes off. The open access movement means that libraries need to think about managing metadata on an article level instead of the journal level - a huge shift from current practice.

ATLA is a voting member of NISO, and I attended their annual business meeting and update session. NISO is continuing their important work on improving standards related to statistical reports such as COUNTER

and SUSHI. One particularly encouraging NISO project is an initiative that was funded by a grant from Sloan to look at altmetrics and how new forms of scholarly output can be used to assess impact.

ATLA is also an ALA Affiliate Member, and the Midwinter Conference provides the opportunity to gather with other Affiliates and learn about their initiatives and upcoming conferences. This year was especially interesting in that a number of them talked about specifically targeting diversity as a priority for the coming year.

Many of the ATLA staff were able to take advantage of the close proximity of the conference and visited the exhibits and attended sessions. We are always on the lookout for potential exhibitors and speakers for our own conference. Expect to see some of the larger trends from ALA Midwinter reflected in the 2015 ATLA Annual Conference in Denver in June. Registration opens in March!

Brenda Bailey-Hainer
Executive Director

Contact Information

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Contact newsletter@atla.com with any questions or concerns or if you are interested in sponsoring an issue of the newsletter.

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