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Q&A with Library School Students

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Submitted by Matthew Ostercamp, ATLA President

In January I had the privilege of being interviewed by the current class of Theological Librarianship students. Professor Carisse Berryhill did a fantastic job facilitating an interesting conversation with her bright and energetic group of students. Three themes emerged in the students' questions:

- What value does ATLA offer me as a librarian?
- What challenges does ATLA face?
- What difference does ATLA make?



Simple, but perceptive questions for students to be asking, they offer all of us a chance to think about why do we invest our time and treasure in this association? I will share some of my responses, but I and my fellow board members look forward to hearing your thoughts on these foundational questions as well.

ATLA's value to me has fallen into two categories. First, I've learned a lot about librarianship from sitting in conference sessions, attending the Wabash colloquy, and learning about theological librarianship the old fashioned way – lurking on the Atlantis listserv. A terminal degree doesn't mean we don't still have a lot to learn. Second, and more importantly, ATLA for me has been a great professional network of supportive colleagues and friends. Although there are now alternate ways of connecting and following professional peers, I have found that opportunities to participate as a member with a shared stake in the health of the association create a richer connection and opportunities to participate in shared tasks leads to meaningful connections with other members.

What are the challenges facing ATLA? A couple of the challenges I shared is the changing world of scholarly communication. How does ATLA best position itself as the needs and resources of religious education, academic libraries, and scholarly authors and publishers evolve? A second challenge is to maintain and build upon our history of ecumenism. I believe that the coalition that comprises ATLA represents a significant achievement but we must continue to work to ensure that the spirit of welcome and support persists, so that the ecumenism that is our history is also our present and future. But as significant as our accomplishments are, I don't think we can simply maintain what we have built. We need to continue to reflect on how we can welcome religious and theological librarians who are not yet a part of ATLA.

Finally, students asked where ATLA contributes the most value to the profession. What

difference does ATLA make? I believe that ATLA's greatest contribution is being a force multiplier. That our association allows theological libraries to provide faculty and students with information access and service that greatly exceeds what would be the case if we were each working in isolation. I know that is the case at my institution.

Those were my answers. If you were being interviewed about ATLA what would you identify as the value you've received? The challenges you think we are collectively facing? How would you explain ATLA's contribution to the profession of theological librarianship? I would love to hear what you say.

Repositioning Libraries in Response to Higher Education Trends

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Submitted by Brenda Bailey-Hainer, ATLA Executive Director

Last November I attended [ITHAKA's The Next Wave Conference](#). An annual invitational event, The Next Wave explores current trends in higher education with a nod to technology and a look to the future. The goal is to provide a collegial space for discussion and identifying collaboration opportunities.

The focus of this year's conference was "Innovating and Adapting to Address Today's Higher Education Challenges." The opening keynote speaker was Clay Shirky, Vice Provost for Educational Technologies at New York University, who focused on the major factors impacting higher education. While technology is providing new advantages in higher education, it is also changing the story about how higher education works.

The presenters who followed Shirky talked about how their libraries are gradually starting to experiment with new models in an effort to reposition the library's role within the institution and to demonstrate value. Arnold Hirshon, Associate Provost & University Librarian at Case Western Reserve University, is focusing on how the library can aid in managing the reputation of both the institution and its faculty. Dr. Alan Bearman, Dean of University Libraries & the Center for Student Success and Retention at Washburn University, described how he changed the administration's view of the library as a cost center that was basically a warehouse for materials. It is now seen as a profit center because the library plays a key part in student retention. At Boise State University the newly formed College of Innovation and Design is based within the library, a place seen as neutral and multidisciplinary.

The Greater Western Libraries Association (GWLA), a consortium of 37 research libraries, is leading an effort that might be of particular interest to ATLA members. A GWLA task force is leading a multi-institutional longitudinal [study on the impact of library instruction](#) on student

success. They expect to identify best practices that libraries can use to support student learning outcomes. They hope to create a data set that eventually can be made widely available.

Other areas of innovation covered at The Next Wave involved publishing. Stanford University Press received a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to create a publishing program for born-digital interactive scholarly works, [supDigital](#). This is intended to provide a formal, peer-reviewed, publication process for interactive digital scholarship.

These innovations were implemented at libraries or academic presses at much larger universities than those most ATLA members serve, but these ideas are still applicable in our environment. How can writing centers and other student services offices be welcomed into our libraries and used to raise the status of the library on campus? What can theological and religious studies librarians do to educate faculty about the importance of contributing to institutional repositories so their publications receive more exposure, thereby advancing the reputation of the institution? What can libraries do to support the creation of born-digital scholarship and influence the promotion and tenure process to give these kinds of publications equal weight to those disseminated in print? Can ATLA member libraries participate in the GWLA study to contribute our own data on the impact of library instruction on academic success?

Discussions on these topics are welcomed on [ATLA listservs](#), during committee and task force meetings, and at the upcoming annual conference in [Indianapolis](#) in June.

Wanted: Working Volunteers

 newsletter.atla.com/2018/volunteers/

ATLA, like other professional membership associations, is really a group of people who voluntarily come together to solve common problems, meet common needs, and accomplish common goals. Members play an important role in contributing their time and expertise for the betterment of the association and the profession.



What does volunteering with ATLA offer you in return?

- Working on issues that matter to you.
- Making a positive difference to the association and the profession.
- Honing your collaboration and leadership skills.
- Meeting and working closely with other members.

ATLA is actively recruiting right now for volunteers to serve on committees, task forces, and working groups, with terms to begin July 1, 2018. As a member of one of ATLA's working volunteer committees you can expect to attend one in-person meeting in the fall (travel expenses covered) and conduct work throughout the entire year via e-mail and regularly scheduled conference calls. Task forces and working groups may conduct all their work via e-mail and conference call. Working volunteers on any of these groups will help ATLA achieve its mission and organizational ends as well as help fulfill ATLA's vision and strategic plan.

Currently, there are four active committees:

- Conference Committee
- Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Endowment Committee
- Professional Development Committee

Other task forces and working groups may be established during the coming year. One of the work areas anticipated in FY19 is library statistics.

ATLA's Publishing Program has a robust set of advisory and editorial boards. These appointments follow a more formal application process. All publishing positions are currently filled, but whenever an opening occurs the position is advertised in the *ATLA Newsletter* and

on the website.

ATLA committee appointments will be made in April; task force and working group appointments will be made as needed throughout the year. Individual Members in good standing are eligible to be appointed, and must maintain their Individual Membership throughout their term of service. There may not be slots for everyone immediately, but you will be retained as a potential committee member for the following year and as a potential volunteer for any new committees or task forces that are formed during the year. Please fill out the volunteer form available on the ATLA website by March 16.

Whether it's through creating an association educational plan, raising money for the Endowment Fund, focusing on increasing member diversity, or planning the annual conference, your contributions make a difference. Volunteer today!

Brenda Bailey-Hainer
ATLA Executive Director

Erica Treesh Retires as ATLA's Manager of Bibliographic Control

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Submitted by Maria Stanton, Director of Production

It is with mixed emotions that I share the news that Erica Treesh, ATLA's Manager of Bibliographic Control, retired at the end of December. We, of course, wish her well in this next phase of her life, but we will miss her editorial leadership and encyclopedic knowledge of ATLA's history. Erica has been with ATLA for over 25 years; she was the first full time paid indexer for the database.

Ultimately, Erica dedicated her career to ATLA, and we are all the better for it. She supported the organization and the database through several transitions (for example, print to CD-ROM, CD-ROM to online). Most recently, in her leadership role as the manager of the team that completes the topical analysis of the journals in our database, Erica supported the team through the transition from a legacy editorial platform to the new platform that has enabled us to expand the editorial scope of the database considerably since 2015. Also, Erica drew upon her combined deep knowledge of the study of religions with her knowledge of taxonomies to ensure we effectively harmonized the *ATLA Religion Database® (ATLA RDB®)* and *ATLA Catholic Periodical and Literature Index® (ATLA CPLI®)* controlled vocabularies into one coherent whole.

With deep gratitude, we thank Erica for her contribution to the support of the academic study of religion and theology. We will equally miss her professionalism and support as a colleague.

A couple of quotes from staff who have worked with Erica longer than I have.

"Erica is one of the most competent and compassionate people I have ever worked for. She has an unsurpassed knowledge of the work, and she has challenged us both to meet the highest standards while supporting us as employees and people."

- *Joel Schorn, Indexer Analyst*

“Erica Treesh has been the model of professionalism during her long tenure at the American Theological Library Association. She has enriched the organization with her constant striving for and attainment of the highest standards in all the many spheres of her work. She has inspired her staff with clear guidance, sound advice, unfailing patience, understanding, and kindness.”

- *Nina Shultz, Indexer Analyst*

Please join us in congratulating Erica on her well-deserved retirement.

Stephen Hull Joins ATLA as Product Software Developer

 newsletter.atla.com/2018/hull/



We are pleased to introduce Stephen Hull, the new Product Software Developer within the Production department.

He is a self-taught software developer hired to work on our metadata production system called NOVA. His background is in content management system frameworks and his past work experiences include high school special education and law. He graduated with a BA in English Literature from Trinity International University.

Please join us in welcoming Stephen to ATLA.

You Have Questions, We Have Answers

 newsletter.atla.com/2018/atla-questions/

Have questions for ATLA staff about products, membership, or other areas? Reach out as we'd welcome the opportunity to talk to you. Here is a [contact sheet outlining the most common inquiries](#) we receive. Even though the e-mail addresses are general, please know that there are live staff members ready and waiting for your inquiries.



Questions on Products

Did you know that ATLA posts [FAQs and answers](#) to many product-related items? Feel free to peruse the questions, which have been updated to include new information including the handling of permalinks with the upgrade to *ATLASerials PLUS™* (*ATLAS PLUS™*).

You are also always welcome to email support@atla.com for personal service.

ATLA Sponsors and Exhibits at the 2018 National Festival of Preachers, AoP

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From January 2-5, 2018, ATLA sponsored and exhibited at the 2018 National Festival of Preachers, a program of The Academy of Preachers (AoP). AoP is a fresh initiative launched in 2009 that seeks to Identify, Network, Inspire, and Support young people in their call to gospel preaching. The Academy is endorsed and supported by fifty Founding Partners, the chief among these being the Lilly Endowment, Inc.



ATLA sponsored a workshop led by ATLA member Dr. Sarah Bogue, Reference and Instruction Librarian at the Pitts Theology Library, Candler School of Theology, Emory University. More than thirty young preachers attended this session. Dr. Bogue gave an enlightening presentation entitled *The Research Side of Sermon Prep*, where she introduced attendees to tools and resources including commentaries, lectionary aids, and sermon inspiration to support preaching.

In addition, ATLA staff members Tawny Burgess (Marketing Coordinator) and Christine Fruin (Scholarly Communication/Open Access Publishing Manager) spoke with a number of attendees at the exhibits table about topics that included awareness of ATLA, ATLA for ALUM product offerings, and utilizing resources at their local library.

Upcoming ATLA Events: February and March 2018

 newsletter.atla.com/2018/events/

ATLA is around the globe this season. Check out the new [ATLA Calendar](#) for a list of events, deadlines, and meetings.

If you would like your meeting or event added to the calendar, email memberep@atla.com.

Upcoming Events

SCATLA Regional Meeting

February 16

Regional Group Meeting

Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California

ATLA Board of Directors Meeting

February 22-24

Chicago, Illinois

NFAIS Annual Conference

February 22- March 2

Alexandria, Virginia

Project MUSE E-Book Evidence-Based Acquisition Program Through SCEL

Webinar

February 27

[Register](#)

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March 1

[Submit](#)

ATLA Systems Routine Maintenance

March 5

5pm – 6pm

SCELCapalooza

March 7-8

Los Angeles, California

Fair Use for Libraries

Webinar

March 7

[Register](#)

NFAIS Humanities Roundtable

March 11

Washington, DC

Member Product Loyalty Form Due

March 12

[Submit form](#)

Meet Thursday's Plenary Speaker at ATLA 2018, Timothy Beal

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We are pleased to introduce Thursday's plenary speaker, Timothy Beal, for the 2018 ATLA Annual Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, June 13-16.

Timothy Beal is the Florence Harkness Professor of Religion and chair of the Department of Religious Studies at Case Western Reserve University. He has published thirteen books, most recently *The Book of Revelation: A Biography* (Princeton University Press, forthcoming 2018), for which he won a Public Scholar Award from the National Endowment for the Humanities. He is also the editor-in-chief of *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and the Arts*, which was named the Best Print Reference in the Humanities by *Library Journal* in 2015. He has written essays on religion, media, and culture for *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *The New York Times*, and CNN.com, among others.

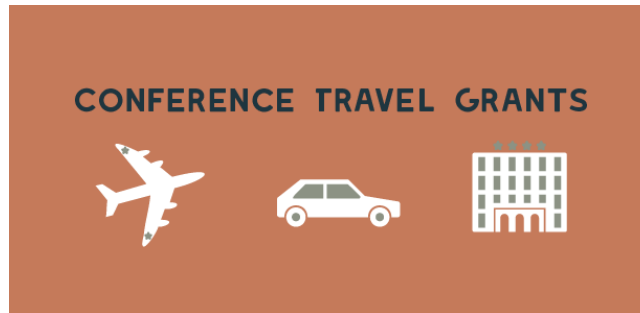
Over the past few years, he has begun working in the programming language of Python in order to carry out research in natural language processing, machine learning, and neural machine translation as they relate to religious studies and the humanities more broadly.

Save the date for Thursday, June 14, for his talk, "Face of the Deep: Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, and the Future of the Humanities — Or, Why Librarians Need to Learn to Code."

Registration for the 2018 ATLA Annual Conference will open this spring. Go to the [Annual Conference website](#) for registration updates.

ATLA Annual Conference Travel Grants Available for ATLA 2018

 newsletter.atla.com/2018/travelgrants/



ATLA is pleased to offer an expanded travel grants program to support attendance at the 2018 ATLA Annual Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 13-16. In order to be eligible to apply for an [ATLA Travel Grant](#), you must be an Individual or Student member in good standing as of January 1, 2018.

The grant award amounts available are as follows:

Attendees from US and Canada

- \$750 USD will be awarded to any ATLA Student or Individual Member who receives NO financial assistance from their institution to attend the conference
- \$500 USD will be awarded to any ATLA Student or Individual Member who receives up to \$250 USD assistance from their institution to attend the conference
- \$250 USD will be awarded to any ATLA Student or Individual Member who receives up to \$500 USD assistance from their institution to attend the conference

Attendees from Other Countries

- \$1,000 USD will be awarded to any ATLA Student or Individual Member, regardless of if they receive financial assistance from their institution to attend the conference

Fill out the [Annual Conference Travel Grant Request](#) form to apply. You may apply for a travel grant until Monday, April 30, 2018. Grants will be awarded on a first come, first served basis and there are limited funds available. Approved recipients will be notified on or before Friday, May 4, 2018.

Travel grant recipients must register for the conference before Friday, May 11, 2018, are required to stay at the conference hotel, and must complete all required paperwork.

Grants Available for Members in Developing Countries

 newsletter.atla.com/2018/grants-developingcountries/



As a not-for-profit association of theological libraries and librarians, ATLA understands the importance of supporting theological education throughout the world. ATLA desires to be recognized globally as a strategic collaborator and for the ATLA membership to be more diverse and inclusive. In support of these goals, ATLA has provided a program to make attending the ATLA Annual Conference affordable for members in eligible developing countries.

- **Registration:** There is no charge (\$0.00) for conference registrants (excludes business representatives) from countries other than the US and Canada.
- **Conference Travel Grants:** ATLA Student or Individual Members from countries other than the US and Canada may apply to receive an ATLA Travel Grant of \$1,000, regardless of if they receive financial assistance from their institution to attend the conference.
- **Developing Countries Conference Grants:** Any ATLA Student or Individual member in good standing as of January 1, 2018, in a country designated as “developing” by the World Bank, is eligible to apply for a grant of \$1,000 to be used to attend the ATLA Annual Conference.

Eligible members may take advantage of one or both of the grant programs. Recipients must register for the conference before Friday, May 11, 2018, and are required to stay at the conference hotel.

Please complete the Developing Countries Conference Grant Request form to apply. You may apply for a travel grant until Monday, April 30, 2018. There are a limited amount of funds available for grants and they will be awarded on a first come, first served basis to eligible applicants. Approved recipients will be notified on or before Friday, May 4, 2018.

ATLA Member Product Loyalty Program Launched

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ATLA is proud to sponsor the Member Product Loyalty Program, a member benefit designed to recognize and reward our current Institutional Members who demonstrate their loyalty to ATLA by subscribing to *ATLA Religion Database® (ATLA RDB®)*, *ATLASerials® (ATLAS®)*, and *ATLASerials PLUS™ (ATLAS PLUS™)*.

ATLA reserves a portion of funds garnered from product sales for distribution to eligible member sites. The Member Loyalty benefit allows members to re-invest in ATLA Member Programs.

2018 Member Loyalty Benefits

- \$400 to apply toward ATLA Annual Conference registration (in \$100 increments)
- May be applied to a maximum of four conference registrations
- Funds are non-transferrable
- Limited funds available on a first come, first serve basis

Eligibility Requirements

- Current Institutional Member
- Current subscriber to both *ATLA RDB* and *ATLAS* or *ATLA RDB and ATLAS PLUS*

By Monday, March 12, 2018, Member Representatives for eligible members are encouraged to redeem their Member Product Loyalty funds by completing the Member Product Loyalty Form. In order to complete the form, you will need to use your member log-in and be prepared to provide the name and email of up to four conference registrants from your institution who will receive Member Loyalty funds. Approved recipients will be notified on or before Thursday, March 15, 2018.

Any registrants redeeming Member Loyalty funds must receive their Member Loyalty confirmation email before registering for the ATLA Annual Conference.

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

You're Invited to the Joint Reception at ALA Midwinter in Denver

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Join the American Theological Librarian Association (ATLA) and the Catholic Library Association (CLA) at our joint reception during ALA Midwinter in Denver, Colorado, on Sunday, February 11. We will be celebrating our profession and promoting collegiality with light Kosher fare and conversation.

The reception location is a short walk from the convention center and many of the conference hotels at the Commons on Champa at the Denver Performing Arts Complex.

We kindly request a RSVP in advance and we encourage attendees to bring a colleague or two.

Reception Information

Sunday, February 11
5:30pm – 7:30pm

The Commons on Champa (3rd floor)
at the Denver Performing Arts Complex

Corner of 13th and Champa
1245 Champa Street
Denver, CO 80204

[See map \(walking directions\)](#)



The SCOOP: Fair Use Week

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Submitted by Christine Fruin, ATLA Scholarly Communication/Open Access Publishing Manager

*The SCOOP, **S**cholarly **C**ommunication and **O**pen **P**ublishing, is a monthly column published to inform ATLA members of recent developments, new resources, or interesting stories from the realm of scholarly communication and open access publishing.*

History of Fair Use Week

This year marks the fifth anniversary of Fair Use Week. Fair Use Week began in February 2014 at the suggestion of the Association of Research Libraries' (ARL) "Fair Use Allies" group. Each year, libraries across the United States and Canada plan activities to educate and celebrate the importance of the copyright limitations of fair use and fair dealing. Fair Use Week 2018 occurs February 26 to March 2. During this time, libraries are encouraged to engage members of their communities through any of the following activities:

- Writing a blog post on fair use/fair dealing
- Hosting a live panel of researchers, teachers, artists or others who regularly utilize fair use in their work
- Presenting a webinar on fair use and how to understand and apply the four factors
- Create a video about fair use/fair dealing
- Publicizing fair use on social media using the hashtag [#fairuseweek](https://twitter.com/fairuseweek)
- Creating resources or sharing existing resources, such as the Fair Use Week Infographic (See <http://fairuseweek.org/resources/>)

What is Fair Use

Fair use is a broad statutory exception to the exclusive grant of rights to copyright holders that allows for reproduction, display, performance and other uses of copyrighted works without permission of the copyright holder. To invoke fair use, a user of copyrighted works must consider four factors, and the balance of this consideration must tip in favor of the proposed use. The four factors of fair use are: why is the work being used, what is the nature of the work

being used, how much of the work is being used, and what effect does the use of the work have on the market for that work. Consideration of all the fair use factors is required; however, all four factors do not have to weigh equally in favor of the proposed use.

Fair use is a fact-driven inquiry, and it is intended to be applied on a case-by-case basis, although common practices among communities of users have been documented as generally considered to be fair use provided certain boundaries are observed and specified conditions are employed. These documents, known as Codes of Best Practice, have been created for journalists, documentary filmmakers, visual artists, as well as academic libraries.

Fair Use for Libraries

Libraries are commonly viewed as the go-to resource on college and university campuses for questions related to copyright. They frequently advise faculty on incorporating copyrighted resources into their classes or on their own rights as authors as well as educate students on their rights as creators. However, copyright also has important application to the work that libraries do, whether through utilization of the grant of rights in Section 108, which we addressed in the SCOOP last month, or by reliance upon fair use, for example, to provide course materials online or to digitize special collections.

Fair use for libraries has gained importance in recent years thanks, in part, to the number of lawsuits filed against libraries and library organizations. The outcomes of those cases, however, have largely been in favor of the work that libraries do and exemplify the importance of the right of fair use for all persons and organizations.

To help our member libraries to understand this important right and its application to the work they do, ATLA will offer a webinar entitled “Fair Use for Libraries” on March 7. During this webinar, I will update participants on the current legal interpretation of the fair use statute and how to apply it to the work that they do. For more information and to register, please visit <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3341422821410818563>. I encourage you to bring your questions about fair use to the presentation and share with others how you have successfully employed fair use at your library.

Recommended Further Reading:

An excellent read on fair use from two of the primary facilitators of the various Codes of Best Practices: *Reclaiming Fair Use* by Patricia Aufderheide and Peter Jaszi.

<http://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/chicago/R/bo11671240.html>

A guide to copyright for libraries, archives, and museums, with an informative section on fair use: *Copyright and Cultural Institutions* by Peter Hirtle, Emily Hudson and Andrew Kenyon.

https://ecommons.cornell.edu/bitstream/handle/1813/14142/Hirtle-Copyright_final_RGB_lowres-cover1.pdf?sequence=2&isAllowed=y

A fun comic that details how the concept of fair use became part of U.S. law: *The Origin of Fair Use* by Kyle Courtney, Jackie Roche and Sarah Searle.



Christine Fruin is the ATLA Scholarly Communication/Open Access Publishing Manager. As an attorney and a librarian, she has worked for over a decade promoting access to and use of diverse collections through utilization of fair use, open access, and responsible licensing.

As Seen on Twitter: January 2018

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As Seen on Twitter

The ATLA Twitter feed is filled with news on ATLA events and product updates as well as stories that have relevance to the work of libraries and librarians.

Here are some highlights from last month's [@YourATLA](#) Twitter feed:

Am I, or am I not, a librarian? [@youratla](#) <https://t.co/CdYVv2QkEG> Great article on [#librarianship](#) [#librarians](#) [#career](#) [#identity](#)

— Kristy Teague ([@KristyTeague](#)) [January 18, 2018](#)

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Follow [@YourATLA](#) for more news and updates.

The Last Ten Years of the Tenth Panchen Lama: Restructuring Buddhism in Tibet

newsletter.atla.com/2018/buddhism/



Submitted by Antonio Terrone, PhD, ATLA East Asia Metadata Analyst

When one morning in October 1977 the Tenth Panchen Lama of Tibet (1938-1989) Chokyi Gyeltsen was released from the Qincheng Prison in Beijing, he had a mixed reputation among his fellow Tibetans. Some revered him as a spiritual leader at the top of Tibetan religious and political hierarchy, second only to the Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso (the leader of Tibet until 1959 and already in India for nearly two decades at the time). Chokyi Gyeltsen was also the head of the influential Tashi Lhunpo monastery and the tenth in the prestigious Panchen Lama reincarnation lineage.

Others saw him as a collaborator of the Chinese government and a convert to the Communist Party of China due to his open sympathies for Socialism, his admiration for Mao Zedong, and his acceptance of the position of deputy chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference in 1954. Whatever his political inclinations and convictions, there is little doubt that in the last decade of his life from 1980 to 1989, Chokyi Gyeltsen was committed to taking advantage of his political capacity to bring back dignity and success to Tibetans, especially by improving their lives through enhancing their access to religious freedom, modern education, and reformed Buddhism. Chokyi Gyeltsen spent eighteen years of his life in a maximum-security prison and under house arrest for having denounced the negative results brought about by the Democratic reforms in Tibet in what became known as the '70,000 character report'. Nevertheless, under Deng Xiaoping's government he was politically rehabilitated as Vice Chairman of the National People's Congress of China, a position he held until his death in 1989.



The Tenth Panchen Lama of Tibet, Chokyi Gyeltsen (1938-1989) (source: Hong Kong China Tourism Press at hkctp.com.hk).

Post-Cultural Revolution Revivals

Chokyi Gyeltsen's release coincided with a new era in China led by Deng Xiaoping and Hu Yaobang that saw the beginning of transformations in economy, society, and culture through socio-economic reforms and openings to the Euro-American markets. In order to liberalize the economy and stimulate growth, Chinese leaders relaxed their tight control on society and allowed relative freedom in terms of access to culture, travel, publishing, and religion. By the end of the Cultural Revolution in the late 1970s, however, traditional Tibetan life, language, and religion were diminished.

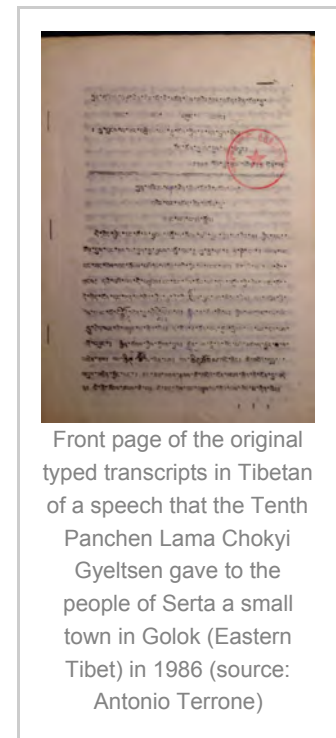
A structural decline had been caused by years of aggressive ideology, destruction, and harm that had a negative impact on the Buddhist teachings, monasteries, and monastics. Despite the harshness of the past decades and the difficulties ahead, Chokyi Gyeltsen did not leave for a life in exile like thousands and thousands of compatriots. He decided instead to stay in China and work to improve Tibetans' living conditions. Knowing that Tibetans' cultural and religious identities mattered a great deal to them, he assisted his fellow compatriots in recovering their culture, language, and traditions, including Buddhism. As Buddhism resurged in mainland China, so did it in Tibet, where temples, monasteries, and nunneries were reopened.



Chokyi Gyeltsen was born as a reincarnate being (*tülku*), trained as a monk in the Geluk school of Tibetan Buddhism, and became the head of the influential Tashi Lhunpo monastery in Central Tibet. He was not only familiar with the philosophical and doctrinal tenets of the tradition in which he was trained, but he was also a charismatic religious leader and part of the political hierarchy in Tibet. By 1986, he had traveled extensively across several areas of Tibet, visiting schools and Buddhist institutions, meeting thousands of fellow Tibetans, encouraging the reopening of monasteries, and talking to local administration and religious leaders. He gave dozens of public speeches in monasteries, schools, and outdoor venues to thousands of Tibetans who would gather from far away to have a chance to see him in person. These fact-finding missions helped Chokyi Gyeltsen elaborate a plan to best support a resurgence of local culture, a revitalization of Buddhism, and an innovative approach to literacy among his fellow Tibetan compatriots that conformed to the modern Socialist vision of the political philosophy of China. His speeches, most of which are collected in a three-volume set while others are preserved in various offices across Tibetan areas and China, are a precious source of information about his ideas and vision for the future.

Restructuring Buddhism in Tibet

Chogyi Gyeltsen knew very well that for religion to be accepted again in a modernizing China, it needed to minimize old customs, blind faith, and uncritical beliefs while adjusting its doctrines and organization to the secular and rational ways of the industrialized world. Religious leaders and congregations also needed to show respect to new regulations and adapt their religious life to the Socialist views of the Communist Party. As a policymaker and Buddhist hierarch, he became a member of the Buddhist Association of China (BAC), a supervisory organ of Buddhism in China linked to the State Administration for Religious Affairs (SARA). Familiar with the continually developing ideas and policies about religion in China already before and especially in the early 1980s, Chogyi Gyeltsen considered how to make these work among Tibetans as well. The reforms to Buddhism actualized by the Chinese Chan Buddhist monk and thinker Taixu (1890-1947), the father of modern Buddhism in China and inventor of the Buddhist institutions known as Buddhist Academies (*foxueyuan*) were still very fresh and relevant in the 1980s. His influence on modern Buddhist education was profound for Chinese as well as Tibetan Buddhist institutions. Taixu's legacy has continued to reverberate in the formation of Buddhist institutions in China until today and several high ranking Tibetan Buddhist teachers have assimilated his ideas. Only within this background can we appreciate the intellectual and political forces behind Chogyi Gyeltsen's views on how to relaunch Buddhism and Buddhist education in Tibet in the 1980s.



Front page of the original typed transcripts in Tibetan of a speech that the Tenth Panchen Lama Chogyi Gyeltsen gave to the people of Serta a small town in Golok (Eastern Tibet) in 1986 (source: Antonio Terrone)

The New Tibetan Academies for Buddhist Studies

Renovation of Buddhist monasticism and to some extent the broader Tibetan social order were fundamental to Chogyi Gyeltsen's view of a new Tibet. Harmony for him could only be restored through the empowerment of the individual, personal experience, supportive communities, and the promotion of purification, literacy, and morality. These were central features of the modern imagination of the period and also the best way to achieve some form of peaceful relationship with the socialist ideology at the base of the Chinese government. In his talks, Chogyi Gyeltsen advances a nuanced argument about the nature of equality and justice in human affairs. He does this by calling for some innovation within the practice of Tibetan Buddhism in two main spheres: a religious one emphasizing purification and moral conduct, and a political one promoting education, rationalization, and social engagement as influenced in part by the Socialist view and policies of his time.

He was very critical of the condition of monasticism in Tibet at the end of the Cultural Revolution. In a public speech delivered in the Tibetan town of Sertar in Eastern Tibet, he commented that “Monks should uphold purity in monasteries. Being pure monks who know the *dharma* [Buddhist doctrine] is a perfect virtue appropriate for every monk. But, how many monks are virtuous nowadays?” In addition, “We Tibetans,” he is quoted saying, “thanks to the responsibility of the Party, have achieved equality in terms of political rights. But as for wealth and culture, since we drag behind, equality will be absolutely impossible. This is really not right, but it’s a mistake of lacking culture. You should all study hard!”

Chogyi Gyeltsen emphasized modernization and social change as the primary role of Buddhist moral ethics, religiosity, and education in Tibet. With this vision in mind, in 1986 he founded the Advanced Academy for Tibetan Buddhist Studies of China in Beijing to train talented Tibetan monastics in Buddhist doctrine and philosophy as well as more secular subjects including history, Chinese language, and politics. In 1987 he applied the same vision in Tibet and oversaw the establishment of the first Buddhist Academy in Eastern Tibet, the Larung Five Sciences Buddhist Academy, founded by the influential Buddhist master Khenpo Jikmé Puntsok (1933-2004). He encouraged Tibetan Buddhist teachers’ to reach out to Chinese devotees, promoted the popularization of some Buddhist sacred places as pilgrimage destination for Tibetan devotees, especially Mount Wutai in Shanxi province, and suggested that not only should Tibetans improve their knowledge of their own language, but they should learn Mandarin Chinese and other foreign languages.

A reading of the Tenth Panchen Lama’s public speeches thus allows for new insights into the role Chogyi Gyeltsen had not only in the Buddhist resurgence in Tibet and the renewal of monastic education in the 1980s but also in the restructuring of expressions of Buddhist religiosity in the face of the contemporary socio-political challenges. It also shows that the Tenth Panchen Lama as a transnational actor attempted at bridging two cultures and political philosophies experimenting on modern concepts of education and religiosity, as well as advocating for interethnic harmony as learned and appropriated through his Chinese political experience. This is an abridged version of a paper that Antonio Terrone presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature (AAR/SBL) held in Boston, MA, November 17-21, 2017, as a contribution to the panel “Voices from Larung Gar.” The paper is a preview of a book that Antonio Terrone is writing about the role of the Tenth Panchen Lama in the revival of Buddhism in Tibet in the 1980s.



The main entrance to the Chinese High Tibetan Language Academy for Buddhist Studies (中国藏语系高级佛) in Beijing, established by the Tenth Panchen Lama in 1986 (source: <http://foxue.163.com>)



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John Crerar: Industrialist, Bachelor Philanthropist, Library Founder

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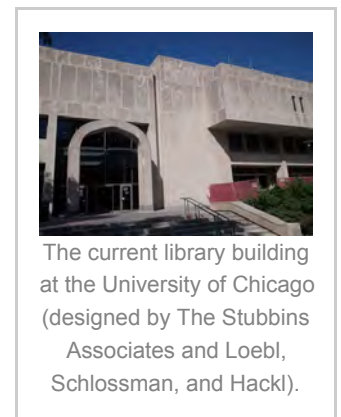
Submitted by Joel Schorn, ATLA Metadata Analyst

Like many of Chicago's early prominent businesspeople, John Crerar came to that city from the Eastern United States. A partner in a railroad supply company, he arrived as a young man from his native New York in 1862. The following year he and J. McGregor Adams formed Crerar, Adams Co., which manufactured and sold railroad supplies and contractors' materials. He was an incorporator of the Pullman Palace Car company, serving on its board until his death in 1889, and became a director of banks, railroads, and an insurance company. Active in the influential Commercial Club of Chicago, he served as a director or president of the Chicago Literary Club, the Chicago Historical Society, the YMCA, the American Sunday School Union, the Chicago Orphan Asylum, and the Presbyterian Hospital. He had a lifelong interest in books and learning and was a member and former president of the New York Mercantile Library.



Known for his quiet personal life, Crerar never married and lived in a hotel. His 1886 will bequeathed his estate — valued in today's dollars at nearly \$100 million — to friends, maternal cousins, and philanthropies. Crerar was a devout Presbyterian, and he left Chicago's affluent Second Presbyterian Church, of which he was an elder and trustee, \$100,000, another \$100,000 to support the church's mission schools, and a direct gift of \$20,000 to the church's pastor. Further major bequests went to other Chicago educational, historical, religious, literary, social service organizations, and hospitals as well as for the creation of a "colossal statue" of Abraham Lincoln by the noted sculptor Augustus St. Gaudens.

Crerar earmarked the remainder of his legacy — his largest donation, or \$2,000,000 today — to establish a free public library. Although he did not specify the library's scope, he stipulated that it "must not contain nastiness and immorality" such as "dirty French novels and all skeptical trash and works of questionable moral tone." To honor his wish, the estate's trustees decided that the



The current library building at the University of Chicago (designed by The Stubbins Associates and Loeb, Schlossman, and Hackl).



building (completed 1921) at Randolph Street and Michigan Avenue in downtown Chicago.

library would be a “free public reference library of scientific and technical literature.” The John Crerar Library opened in the Marshall Field Building in 1897 and moved to its own building in downtown Chicago in 1921. The library later relocated to 33rd Street on Chicago’s South Side.

In 1984 the library was merged into the University of Chicago and moved into a new building on the university campus. The John Crerar Library now encompasses 160,836 square feet of floor space and 1.3 million volumes and is home to collections in the biological, medical, and physical sciences plus general science and the philosophy and history of science, medicine, and technology.

Sources: Friends of Historic Second Presbyterian Church, Britannica.com, and lib.uchicago.edu/crerar/about-crerar-library/history/.



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Welcome New Members: Allen University, Gevorgian Theological Seminary, and Rabagirana Bible College

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Please join us in welcoming our new members who joined this winter. We would like to take this opportunity to help you get to know these institutions better.

Institutional Member, Allen University, Columbia, SC

Founded in 1870, Allen University grew out of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church's desire to educate newly freed slaves and to ensure a well-trained clergy. The University is the only institution of higher learning named for the Right Reverend Richard Allen, the first consecrated Bishop and acknowledged founder of the AME Church.

The J.S. Flipper Library is the campus hub for scholarly resources and provides access to thousands of journals, databases and books, workshops, and research services. In 2014, Allen University became one of the first Historically Black College and University (HBCU) institutions to join the South Carolina Digital Library, adding its digital collections documenting the history of the University.

Institutional Member, Gevorgian Theological Seminary, Vagharshapat, Armenia

Established in 1874, Gevorkian Theological Seminary is considered the oldest university in modern Armenia. It is located within the complex of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, the spiritual and administrative center of the Armenian Church.



The Gevorkian Seminary course load includes the study of scripture, philosophy, theology, patristics, church history, doctrine, and languages in order to prepare for the ordained priesthood and serving Armenian communities worldwide. The Seminary provides a private library for students as well as shared access to the 80,000 volumes housed at the Vatche and Tamar Manoukian Library.

Affiliate Member, Rabagirana Bible College, Kigali, Rwanda

Rabagirana Bible College (RBC) is a part of Rabagirana Ministries, whose mission is to facilitate reconciliation programs, community development initiatives, and servant leadership in Rwanda. The RBC supports this mission by training individuals to be ministers who are prepared to respond to community challenges.



RBC offers a certificate in Christian Ministry and Bachelor of Arts degrees in Applied Theology, Leadership and Organization, and Early Childhood Education. Students access scholarly resources online through partnerships with international schools and ministries. The first class of RBC students graduated in 2016.

ATLA Job Board Postings

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Member and non-member institutions are invited to post job openings on the [ATLA Job Board](#). Here is a list of the current job openings:

- [Archives and Special Collections Assistant](#)
David Allan Hubbard Library, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, posted 2/12/18
- [Senior Research Librarian/Bibliographer](#)
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, posted 2/2/18
- [Coordinator of Digital Humanities in Newman Studies](#)
National Institute for Newman Studies, Pittsburgh, PA, posted 1/31/18
- [Senior Research Librarian/Bibliographer](#)
Boston College, Boston, MA, posted 1/18/18
- [Director of Instructional Services](#)
Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY, posted 1/9/2018
- [Special Collections Librarian](#)
Concordia Seminary Library, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, posted 1/5/2018
- [Research and Instruction Librarian](#)
Clifton L. Fowler Library, Colorado Christian University, Lakewood, CO, posted 1/3/2018
- [Director of Bridwell Library](#)
Bridwell Library, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, posted 12/18/2017
- [Director of Library Services](#)
The Master's Seminary, Santa Clarita, CA, posted 12/18/2017

Want to post a job opening? Visit the [Submissions Guidelines](#) page for more information.

Welcome New Reciprocal Borrowing Participants

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Please join us in welcoming our most recent participants to the [Reciprocal Borrowing Program](#). If you are interested in adding your library to this program, please read and complete the [participation agreement](#).

If you are already a member of this program, don't forget to fill out the [profile form](#) online so we can provide program users with information about your library's collections and lending policies.

Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri

[Covenant Theological Seminary](#) was founded in 1956 and trains students to be pastors and ministry leaders. The Seminary is the largest supplier of pastors for the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).



Named for the former dean and systematic theologian Dr. J. Oliver Buswell, Jr., Covenant Theological Seminary's [Buswell Library](#) houses over 95,000 volumes and provides access to millions of electronic items. The library features the Tait Rare Book Collection, the [PCA Historical Center](#), and the Scribe writing center.

Lincoln Christian University, Lincoln, Illinois

Originally named the Lincoln Bible Institute when it was founded in 1944, [Lincoln Christian University](#) is affiliated with independent Christian churches and churches of Christ. In addition to offering undergraduate degrees, the school has a graduate school and a seminary.



The [Jessie C. Eury Library](#) facilitates the teaching, research, and learning of LCU's students and faculty by providing essential resources, services, and instruction. It is the largest theological library between Chicago and St. Louis, with more than 185,000 resources, including over 90,000 print books, and 8,000 media resources. The library also supports the [Dowling Hymnal Collection](#), a unique online collection of over 9,000 digitized hymns from rare 19th-century hymnals of the Stone-Campbell Movement.

Saint Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Maryland

Founded in 1791, [St. Mary's Seminary & University](#) in Baltimore is the first Catholic seminary established in the United States. For over two hundred years, St. Mary's has been owned and operated by the Sulpician Fathers, a community of diocesan priests dedicated to the formation of priests.

The [Knott Library](#) houses more than 140,000 books, 403 journal titles, and 22,000 bound journal volumes. The collections primarily focus on theology, with additional materials in the areas of philosophy, psychology, pastoral counseling, and church history. Special collections include the Raymond E. Brown Johannine Collection, John Paul II and Catholic-Jewish Relations Collection, and rare books.



Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio

[Trinity Lutheran Seminary](#) at Capital University is a school of theology of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and has its roots in Ohio Lutheranism. More than 3,000 Trinity graduates are involved in Christian service in the United States and 25 other countries.

The [Hamma Library](#) serves the students, staff, and faculty of Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University as well as the theological community of Columbus, Ohio. Collections include biblical language, worship, and music resources.



The ATLA Reciprocal Borrowing Program

Not familiar with the [ATLA Reciprocal Borrowing Program](#)? By joining the program, more than 90 ATLA members across the United States and Canada have agreed to grant check-out privileges to patrons from other libraries participating in the program. Visit the [map](#) to see what libraries are currently part of the program.

Join ATLA and OCLC for an Overview of OCLC's QuestionPoint

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Join ATLA and OCLC for an overview and demonstration of OCLC's QuestionPoint on March 20, 2018, from 1:00-2:00 pm CT. During this session, you also will learn about a new ATLA incentive program just for ATLA members, the fourth in the partnership between ATLA and OCLC. Come learn how your library can benefit by joining six ATLA members that currently subscribe to the services. In addition to seeing a live demonstration, you will find out how to request incentive pricing and place an order.



As you know, your users' information needs don't end at the library door or during hours that the library is unavailable. QuestionPoint provides a complete virtual reference management system, integrating chat, e-mail, a reference knowledge base, reports and analytic tools to give you a complete view of reference activity. Expand your hours of service to offer live help anytime through membership in the 24/7 Reference[®] Cooperative. QuestionPoint allows you to support students and faculty around the clock! Join us to learn more about QuestionPoint's complete online reference management system and discuss QuestionPoint's:

- 24/7 availability
- Reference Cooperative
- Broad tracking and reporting
- Single point of access
- Customization capabilities

Please [go here to RSVP](#) and to see a detailed description of the event. Even if you can't attend, please register to receive the event recordings.

If you want to participate in the special offer, please contact Karri Sites, Library Services Consultant for QuestionPoint at sitesk@oclc.org.

JSTOR Archive Journal Collections Through SCELCL, Webinar Recording Available

ATLA newsletter.atla.com/2018/jstor-recording/

JSTOR and SCELCL have partnered to offer a 10-year, predictable pricing option for the Archive Journal Collections as an alternative to the standard ACF/AAF model to accommodate institutions with limited budgets, as well as special savings for institutions who add the JSTOR Religion & Theology Collection. This session will begin with a 30-minute presentation by JSTOR reps about the content of the collections and how to use their eResources, and will conclude with SCELCL and ATLA discussing how we're working together to reach the best possible agreement with JSTOR for members moving forward.



A webinar was hosted on Thursday, January 18. If you were not able to sit in on the webinar, we have the recording here: <https://vimeo.com/251850557/3eb68fcd5d>.

To learn more about the JSTOR Archive Journal Collections offer through SCELCL full details are available at <https://scelc.org/offers/jstor-journals> and <https://scelc.org/offers/religion-and-theology-collection>.

Project MUSE E-Book Evidence-Based Acquisition Program Through SCELCL – Webinar 2/27/2018

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SCELC and Johns Hopkins University Press are offering an Evidence-Based Acquisition program for Books on Project MUSE to member and affiliate libraries. Project MUSE book collections contain thousands of peer-reviewed digital books from major university press and scholarly publishers and are developed with guidance from their Advisory Board and the input from scholars and academic librarians.

All ATLA libraries that are SCELCL affiliates are eligible for this offer, full details at scelc.org/offers/project-muse-eba.

Webinar Details

Date: Tuesday, February 27

Time: 11am – 12pm Central Time

If you are interested in attending, please email memberrep@atla.com and you will be sent a calendar invite with login information. Even if you aren't able to attend, please RSVP and you will receive email notification when the recording becomes available. You are encouraged to share this invite with your library colleagues and institution's faculty — all are welcome to attend!

To learn more about the Project Muse Collections offer through SCELCL full details are available at: <https://scelc.org/offers/project-muse-eba>.

2016 ATS Statistics Available

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The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) and the American Theological Library Association (ATLA) collaborate to collect and provide library statistics from ATS member institutions.



ATS collects information from institutions in the fall of each year, reflecting the most recently completed fiscal year (usually the prior year). ATLA reorganizes the data from ATS member institutions to provide comprehensive statistics focused on the library portion of the ATS survey.

ATLA is pleased to provide the most recent three years of data in downloadable Excel documents. Data from prior years is available in the ATLA Community section of this website under ATLA Member Publications – ATS Statistics.

The ATS statistics from 2016 are [now available](#) on our site.

ATLA Publications Moving to Open Access

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The American Theological Library Association (ATLA) is moving the *Theology Cataloging Bulletin (TCB)* and the *ATLA Summary of Proceedings*, two valued and frequently consulted resources of the ATLA membership and others, to open access.

For more than 25 years, *TCB* has provided readers with information about new and changed Library of Congress subject headings and classification numbers as well as announcements of upcoming training opportunities, a bibliography of recently published articles, and other stories of interest to religion/theology catalogers. The *Proceedings* is the historical record of ATLA's annual conference. It includes summaries of pre-conference professional development workshops; reports of business meetings, interest group meetings, denominational sessions, and conversation groups; and the full text or abstracts of plenary sessions, papers, posters, and workshops presented during the conference. Readers of the *Proceedings* learn about the rich and varied interests of ATLA members and of the work being done in the field of theological librarianship.

Over the past year, organizationally *TCB* and the *Proceedings* were brought together with other member-driven ATLA publications, including the *Theological Librarianship* journal and the open access monographs press under the ATLA Publishing Program. This program was launched to bring together ATLA's various publishing efforts under one structure to take advantage of technological infrastructure, collaborate marketing efforts, and to grow the publishing program and better represent ATLA members' scholarly output for the benefit of our members and others.

TCB and Proceedings Move to Open Access

Since launching this program, we evaluated the publishing platform and policies of *TCB* and the *Proceedings*. After careful consideration, including consultation with the ATLA Press Coordinating Council and with the full support and guidance of the current editors in chief of *TCB* and the *Proceedings*, we have decided to make these publications open access.

ATLA Executive Director Brenda Bailey-Hainer believes that “making these publications open access demonstrates the Association’s core value of ‘widest possible access to relevant information and ideas.’ It allows our members to freely share their knowledge and expertise with fellow theological and religious studies librarians around the world as we strive to achieve the Board’s vision of ATLA as a facilitator of open access publishing in the field.”

TCB and the *Proceedings* will be published on the Open Journal Systems (OJS) platform on which ATLA’s open access journal *Theological Librarianship* is also published.

Miranda Bennett, editor in chief of the *Proceedings*, believes “open access will make the wonderful work of our conference presenters freely available around the world, enabling them to share and promote it through social media and engage without barriers in scholarly and professional conversations. As a longtime ATLA member, I couldn’t be happier to be part of an organization actively supporting OA publication, and I’m proud that my membership dues help make ATLA’s important work open to everyone.

Leslie Engelson, editor in chief of *TCB* is “excited about moving the *Theology Cataloging Bulletin* to open access as this will make it easier for members and others to access this information that is so important for the work they do. It will also open up the *Testimony* column to a wider audience and attract authors who want to publish content that is of interest to technical services practitioners.”

Changes to Member Benefits

Historically, access to *TCB* and the *Proceedings* has been a member benefit, meaning to read the content, you had to be a member of ATLA. With the move to open access, these publications enjoy increased readership and the priorities and professional work of our membership will be more discoverable. Members will continue to have exclusive opportunity to serve in editorial positions with *TCB* and the *Proceedings* and are encouraged to participate as authors.

“By nurturing an environment of openly sharing scholarship in the theological librarianship community, we are helping our members develop and thrive in their professional lives and providing them opportunities to contribute to the larger world of librarianship and scholarly communications in religion and theology,” Director of Member Programs Gillian Harrison Cain explained.

With the shift to open access and to OJS, the publication schedule of TCB will adjust to more closely align with the Library of Congress notifications. We will also be changing the options available for members to receive a print copy of the Proceedings. Details on these changes will be forthcoming and described in detail in the *ATLA Newsletter*, on the ATLA website, and included with your membership renewal information.

[Read the full press release.](#)

Theological Librarianship Plans 10-Year Anniversary and Needs Your Help

✉ newsletter.atla.com/2018/tl-10/



Submitted by Jennifer Woodruff Tait, Editor-in-Chief, *Theological Librarianship*

The fall issue of *Theological Librarianship* is going to honor 10 years since the beginning of *TL*; its first issue was published in 2008.

TL is interested in gathering memories as part of that celebration. Were you involved in getting the journal off the ground? Did you write for an early issue? What was your reaction when it launched? What are some of your favorite articles?

If you want to contribute to this special forum, either by writing a short post about your memories or by being interviewed, contact us at editors-tl@atla.com.

The deadline for memories is August 1.

February Issue of Theology Cataloging Bulletin Available

 newsletter.atla.com/2018/tcb-february/



The February 2018 issue of *Theology Cataloging Bulletin (TCB)*, a benefit of membership, is now available. [Please click here](#) to access this issue in the members-only section of the ATLA website.

Section one of each issue lists new and changed subject headings and genre/form terms and section two lists new and changed classifications. Both are selected and compiled by Ann Heinrichs (Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, Illinois). Section three includes general information, including professional development opportunities, and is edited by Leslie Engelson (Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky).

This issue's Testimony is on "The San Miguel Library: A Bicultural Library in a Bicultural Town" by Ann Heinrichs, Metadata/Cataloging Librarian, The Paul Bechtold Library, Catholic Theological Union.

Thank you to the [Technical Services Interest Group \(TSIG\)](#) for their work on this publication.

[Click here to access the Member's Only publication.](#)

ATLA Products Blog: ATLA Welcomes Five Korean Language Titles in ATLAS PLUS™

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The ATLA Products Blog is sharing the stories behind our newest product offering, *ATLASerials PLUS™* (*ATLAS PLUS™*), which was announced in November along with plans to integrate the *ATLA Catholic Periodical and Literature Index®* (*ATLA CPLI®*) into the *ATLA Religion Database* (*ATLA RDB*)®.



Here's an excerpt from the [ATLA Products Blog](#).

ATLA Welcomes Five Korean Language Titles in ATLAS PLUS™

The scope of ATLA's full text coverage expanded significantly in 2017 with the launch of *ATLAS PLUS™* and the addition of several titles to *ATLASerials®*. These updates included many exciting firsts for the ATLA products, including our inaugural Korean language titles in full text. Five exceptional titles were licensed, adding significant new scholarship to ATLA's scope. All five journals were licensed with the help and expertise of our in-house metadata analyst and Korean language specialist Su Hyeon Kang.

A subject specialist with a library background, Su Hyeon began her research by consulting the Korean Citation Index and looking for the most cited theological scholarship listed. From there, she narrowed the content pool to unique, high quality journals in four subject areas: Theological Studies of Korea, New/Old Testament Studies, and Mission Studies.

[Read the whole story on the ATLA Products Blog.](#)

ATLA offers a prestigious product line of electronic resources to support the scholarly study of religion and theology and we want to share with you the stories behind the journals that have been carefully curated for our users. So, we have created the [ATLA Products Blog](#) to give an insider's perspective and spotlight just some of the journals found in our databases.