

## **NEWSLETTER**

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### ***PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS ON THE MIRACULOUS***

There we all were, eleven librarians from all over the country, meeting at ATLA headquarters in Evanston with Al Hurd and others, on January 28-29, to do the business of the Board on your behalf. The first miracle was that only one Board member was unable to attend, despite a severe winter storm and what at least around Duke gets called the 'creeping crud' (or more elegantly, the 'Durham flu,').

The second miracle, and the longer you've been an ATLA member, the more you'll appreciate this one, was that the Board actually spent most of its time discussing substantive issues, with an emphasis on strategic planning and a thorough review of possible enhancements to the ATLA products and services now available. I say the word 'miracle' in a low voice, but can say it at all because of the hard work of many, both present and past Board members, and indeed all members of the ATLA, in framing and adopting a set of bylaws and new working structure which has made this possible.

The third miracle is a person. In addition to our already-talented senior staff leadership, we were privileged to have Madeline D. Gray at the Board meeting in her new capacity as Director of Member Services. It bodes well for ATLA that such a talented and capable person as Madeline has joined the staff; I look forward to many of you having the chance to meet her in the upcoming conference in Pittsburgh.

Let me introduce you a bit further; Madeline holds the B.A. (majoring in Latin and history) and the Master of Science in Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She graduated from the Divinity School of Duke University with a Master of Divinity degree in 1993. She has impressive experience as a librarian, including stints at the University of Pennsylvania (1967-72), at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business (1983-86), and as head librarian at the Middle School of Durham Academy (1986-90). In addition, she has served as a campus minister, a pastoral assistant, and a museum docent. Madeline is a member of ATLA, ALA, and the Special Libraries Association. Please join me not only in welcoming Madeline Gray, but in cooperating with her for the advancement of causes that matter in theological librarianship and its wider context.

As Alan Richardson puts it in writing about miracles (in a book I don't have time to find and cite correctly), 'Believing is seeing.' I invite you to believe in the future of the ATLA, and begin to see more than meets the eye. Unless I miss my educated guess, I would say that the forthcoming ATLA conference may produce more news of products and services from ATLA than any in recent memory. And, in light of where we've come in the past few years, that will in itself be no small miracle.

*Roger L. Loyd  
President*

#### **ATLA RECEIVES NEW MEMBERS**

The American Theological Library Association welcomes the following new members:

##### Individual members

Mrs. Amalia Bell  
Bibliotecaria, Centro Intereclesial de  
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Del Rest. China Palace 1c.al sur, 1/2c. arriba  
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Bloomington, IN 47401-3595

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS IN EVANSTON

The Board of Directors of the American Theological Library Association held its winter meeting at the Association's headquarters in Evanston, IL, January 28-29, 1994. The following were in attendance; Roger L. Loyd, President; Linda Corman, Vice-President; David J. Wartluft, Secretary; David D. Bundy, Myron B. Chace, Diane Chouquette, Mitzi M. Jarrett, Mary Williams, Marti S. Alt, Christopher Brennan, M. Patrick Graham, Albert E. Hurd, Executive Director/CEO; Patricia (Patti) Adamek, Director of Finance; John Bollier, Director of Development; Madeline D. Gray, Director of Member Services, Recording: Annelies G. Moeser. Valerie Hotchkiss was absent due to illness.

In sessions on Friday morning and afternoon and on Saturday morning and afternoon, the Board:

- accepted the report that programming, continuing education and housing arrangements for the Annual Conference in Pittsburgh are well in hand
- affirmed the decision to subsidize first time attendees at the Annual Conference
- in fulfillment of Board Policy, the Board committed itself to meeting with chairs of Interest Groups at the Conference and asked that the Director of Member Services also do so; in addition, the Board will attend Interest Group meetings in order to "hear the moral ownership" of the Association
- agreed to meet on the Tuesday of the next Annual Conference in order to be able to attend continuing education workshops on Wednesday
- agreed to schedule a discussion of the *Financial Policies Compilation* and of policy for financial investments at the June meeting of the Board
- also agreed to add to the June meeting agenda a discussion of the membership qualifications of the Board of Directors
- voted to amend the *Board Policy Manual* (p. 11) to state that the Board will review the Executive Director's performance on an annual basis
- committed itself to raising awareness of new information technology and to disseminating information about different technologies through various means, including roundtable discussions, workshops, conference speeches, etc.
- approved a set of guidelines for the Nominating Committee
- received and approved a memo of 27 January 1994 by John Bollier on a plan to match gifts to the ATLA Endowment Fund with funds from the ATLA Fund Balance
- agreed that the President will appoint a committee to draft a document on due process and other employment issues for librarians.

The meeting of the ATLA Board of Directors adjourned on Saturday, January 29, 1994. The Board will meet again in Pittsburgh, PA, on Tuesday, June 14, 1994.

Annelies G. Moeser  
Recorder

### *NEWS ITEMS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*

ATLA headquarters staff concerns itself with providing many services for its member libraries. What is in the works by headquarter's staff was recently reported to the ATLA Board of Directors. Our *Newsletter* provides me with an opportunity to share with the membership where the product lines are and what we are planning for the future.

#### **Current Products—Indexes**

The annual cumulations of *Religion Index One: Periodicals* and the *Index to Book Reviews in Religion* have entered the final stages of editing and proofing; they will be shipped to subscribers in May and June, 1994. *Religion Index Two: Multi-Author Works* 1993 is well underway and will be completed by next January, 1995.

The 1994 version of *ATLA Religion Database on CD-ROM* will be shipped around 24 February. The 1994 disk includes the remaining retrospective data from the *Religion Index One: Periodicals* 1960–1974 and *Index to Book Reviews in Religion* 1949–1974. The 1994 disk will also include a majority of the indexing from RIO, 1993, IBRR, 1993, and all of the indexing from RIT, 1992. (For changes and enhancements to the *ATLA Religion Database on CD-ROM* for 1994 see the article in this issue: "Changes in the ATLA Database on CD-ROM"). The *RIO/RIT/IBRR 1975*—on CD-ROM will be issued on schedule in April, 1993.

In March and April ATLA will release two new CD-ROMs for the individual scholar market. The *ATLA Biblical Studies on CD-ROM* will be available in late March and *Women and Religion on CD-ROM* will appear late April. We plan to provide annual updates to the *ATLA Biblical Studies on CD-ROM*. Marketing and pricing on both CD-ROMs will be sent to subscribers and scholars in early March. Both products represent a major subject subset of bibliographic data from the *ATLA Religion Database* 1949—.

#### **Current Products—Preservation**

ATLA has received notice from its long-standing microfilm service bureau, The University of Chicago Photoduplication Department, that it will cease operations at the end of February 1994. This ends an alliance that goes back to the beginning of the ATLA Preservation Program in 1955. We will miss the convenience of dealing with a local vendor as well as the high-quality work that has been provided to ATLA for nearly 40 years. We are currently examining new service bureaus who can meet our filming needs for serials and monographs and handle storage and distribution of positive copies.

Preservation staff, under the direction of Judy Knop, have completed the cataloging for the current NEH monograph preservation grant that expires in June, 1994. During this three-year NEH funded project, the Monograph Preservation Program has filmed more than 10,200 titles; this has produced more than 15,000 microfiche masters. We plan to

have all the proofing and distribution copies for this phase shipped by the end of June, 1994.

The three-year NEH funded serials preservation project, for journals published between 1875 and 1950, has completed its first year. Titles from this project for which filming is complete will appear in the forthcoming issue of *Program Notes*. All titles that are filmed are prepared and filmed in accordance with preservation guidelines and cataloged according to AACR2 and CONSER standards.

#### **Future Plans**

The development of an ATLA Internet node is taking longer than we anticipated as new options and alternative opportunities present themselves to the staff. We are now six months behind our original plan of where we wanted to be. Despite the delays, ATLA still plans to be on the Net in the near future beginning with e-mail and listserv service, and then mounting current files of the ATLA Religion Database as well as other special database files in the field of religion. Part of the overall delay is related to the document delivery service we plan to initiate prior to being on the Net and will become part of the array of services we will be offering. We will provide more information about these services in the April issue of *Program Notes* and the May issue of the *ATLA Newsletter*.

In response to a recommendation from the Publications Section concerning the publication of a festschrift in honor of ATLA's first fifty, I have appointed M. Patrick Graham, Pitts Theology Library, to chair an editorial committee of three to manage and produce the festschrift with support from ATLA headquarters. They will develop the content of the festschrift, choose a style sheet, and will, sometime in the early spring, make an official call for papers. Our overall plan is to have the festschrift published and ready for distribution at the time of 1996 Annual Conference.

*Albert E. Hurd*  
*Executive Director*

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MEMBER SERVICES**

As the new Director of Member Services I can report that I truly "hit the ground running" when I joined the ATLA staff in mid-November. I immediately became involved in membership matters and arrangements for the Annual Conference. In my start-up time at ATLA I have greatly appreciated Al Hurd's and the staff's patience, help, and good humor as I have begun to learn my way through the association and to develop this new position in the organizational structure of ATLA. I am especially appreciative of Sang Hui Oh and Gerry Byrne in the Evanston office who in addition to their regular jobs handled the membership matters during the interim period before my arrival.

I must say that I felt a "twinge of heart" as I sent out my first mass mailing to many of you and it concerned library statistics! Although collecting statistics is a service to members it does not represent my perception of the overall need and expectations of this new position in the ATLA.

I see the Director of Member Services as a position which supports you, the members, not only professionally but also in your personal appreciation of your value to the larger

community. My underlying belief is that the manner and effectiveness with which we put ourselves across in our positions in the theological community and in the larger world is based not only on what we know but also on who we are. As Director of Member Services, I hope to listen for opportunities to encourage you to perceive of yourselves as having a value beyond just your daily tasks and support you in promoting yourselves as significant parts of the larger educational community.

I also hope that this position will facilitate communications among ATLA members. The on-going daily tasks in theological libraries can become all-consuming and leave little time or energy for keeping in touch with colleagues outside the immediate work site. The support and communications channel that this office can be for you as individuals and institutions can provide access and energy for your movement within the larger community of this, your professional association.

In January I attended the Annual Conference Committee meeting in Pittsburgh. The enjoyable personal attributes of the committee members made up for the terrible, bleak, freezing, wintry weather that weekend of Jan. 14-15! The committee of Christine Wenderoth, Steve Crocco, Cassandra Brush, Sara Myers, Julie Backer, John Thompson, and Bill Hook worked diligently and admirably in planning the program for the 1994 Conference which will be held June 15-18, with pre-conference activities June 13th and 14th.

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The conference will be hosted by Dr. Stephen Crocco and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's Clifford E. Barbour Library. Preliminary information about the conference will be sent out in February and the conference registration packet in March. Meanwhile the local committee, the interest groups, and Education Committee continue to plan for interesting and relevant workshops and programs. I would also point out that in addition to Pittsburgh's being an interesting place to visit, PTS is also celebrating its 200th anniversary! We look forward to an especially festive event!

I have appreciated the gradual expansion of my personal contacts with the membership of ATLA. I look forward to becoming individually conversant with more of you as the year moves on ( and I thaw out from Chicago's "winter of '94"). Do "keep those cards and letters coming, friends" so that we know how you are faring in your part of the world!

*Best wishes,  
Madeline Gray*

**1994 OPPORTUNITY GIVING WILL FOCUS  
ON ENDOWMENT FUND**

The third annual ATLA Opportunity Giving Program will begin later this month with a letter from the Executive Director to all ATLA members. All gifts this year, unless otherwise designated, will go to the ATLA Endowment Fund. ATLA considers this cause so important that it will provide up to \$10,000 from its current operating funds to match, two to one, all contributions to the Endowment Fund. For example, a \$100 gift, matched by \$200 from ATLA, will result in a \$300 addition to the Endowment Fund.

The Endowment Fund currently stands at \$18,754. With projected 1994 Opportunity Giving of \$5,000 and the ATLA match of \$10,000, the Endowment Fund would increase this year to \$33,754. ATLA will also return all Endowment Fund interest and

capital gains this year to the principal in order to continue increasing the fund. As a matter of policy, ATLA will not draw on Endowment Fund principal. Thus, any contributions to the Fund this year, or in the future, will continue to support the mission of ATLA in perpetuity.

ATLA is also seeking larger contributions to the Endowment Fund through bequests in wills, gifts of stock, bonds or cash, transfer of real estate or charitable gift annuities. Any who may be considering such gifts are encouraged to discuss these options with their attorney or financial advisor and also with the ATLA Executive Director or Director of Development.

The waiving of the Annual Conference registration fee for ATLA members who are attending for the first time, which was supported by the 1993 Opportunity Giving, will be continued this year with ATLA operating funds.

*John A Bollier*  
*Director of Development*

#### **CHANGES IN THE ATLA RELIGION DATABASE ON CD-ROM**

This is ATLA's second year of producing CD-ROMs that include the major print publications RIO, RIT, and IBRR. We are happy to announce that there are several improvements over the 1993 issue of the *ATLA Religion Database on CD-ROM* as follows:

1. The number of search format screens has been reduced from five to three. In the 1994 issue of the *ATLA Religion Database on CD-ROM* the searching functions previously known as the **QuickSearch** and **Known Item Search** will be supported directly from the **Standard Search** format screen.
2. In the Standard Search format screen several search fields have been renamed for the sake of clarity:  
**Personal Subject** is now **Person as Subject**  
**Topical Heading** is now **Subject Heading**  
**Master Number** is now **Book/Essay Link Number**
3. When downloading search results to a file on a diskette or hard drive, users no longer are shown the entire directory and file listing on the computer. Instead, the search program simply asks for a file name to be entered.
4. The "Go to DOS" menu option is now disabled.
5. The Standard List and Extended List formats may now be printed and exported, in addition to the Full Record format.
6. The 1994 issue of *ATLA Religion Database on CD-ROM* will include a *User's Manual* in a three-ring binder and a *Quick Reference Guide* that unfolds to display quick search options for users.

We hope that all of these changes make the CD-ROM easier to use. If you have any comments on the 1994 CD-ROM, please give ATLA a call or write a letter with your comments. We plan to send out a survey in the future, but you might want to send in some

comments now so that we can begin making improvements right away for the 1995 issue.

The 1994 *ATLA Religion Database on CD-ROM* will be shipped a few weeks later than planned, about 24 February. For domestic subscribers it will be shipped via UPS; for foreign subscribers it will be shipped air mail via TNT Mailfast.

*Janice L. Anderson*  
*Director of Marketing*

**UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (VA) PUBLISHES  
CATALOGUE OF REFORMATION AND POST-REFORMATION WORKS  
FROM RARE BOOK COLLECTION**

Union Theological Seminary in Virginia announces the publication in January, 1994, of *John Calvin and Reformed Protestantism: A Catalogue of Sixteenth and Early Seventeenth Century Imprints in the Library of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia*. Compiled by Associate Librarian Robert Benedetto and Martha Moore-Keish, a third-level student, the catalogue introduces works in the seminary's rare book collection by leading figures of the Reformation and post-Reformation periods. The 103 items cover the period 1499-1640, and include 42 works by John Calvin. The catalogue is available in the UTS bookstore for \$5.00. Copies may be ordered by mail by calling the UTS Office of Communications, (804) 278-4265, Toll free: (800) 292-2990.

**A MAJOR EXHIBITION ON THE LIFE AND WORKS  
OF GIROLAMO SAVONAROLA  
March 20 - July 30, 1994**

Bridwell Library, Perkins School of Theology  
Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX

The Bridwell Library announces a major exhibition on the life and works of the great fifteenth-century Florentine reformer, Girolamo Savonarola (1452-1498). The Bridwell Library is one of the largest repositories of works by and about this controversial and fascinating figure of church history. The exhibition features items from two important Bridwell collections: the library of the great Italian Savonarola scholar, Mario Ferrara, acquired in 1980, and the Seicman Savonarola Collection established in 1968. The holdings in these collections include 39 incunable (works printed before 1501) editions by Savonarola, as well as numerous other early imprints of works by and about the reformer. The guest curator for the exhibition is Dr. Donald Weinstein, Professor of History at the University of Arizona. Dr. Weinstein is author of the 1970 book, *Savonarola and Florence: Prophecy and Patriotism in the Renaissance*, one of the most important studies of Savonarola to date. Other lectures and events in conjunction with the exhibition are also planned. For information contact Roberta Cox (214) 768-4293. For gallery hours call (214) 768-3441.

***ATLA Member, Alvaro Perez begins new publication:  
Boletin Del Bibliotecario Teologico Latinoamericano***

Recently ATLA member Alvaro Perez of San Jose, Costa Rica, sent ATLA a copy of the



first issue of the newsletter, *Boletín Del Bibliotecario Teológico Latinoamericano*. With the help of Amalia Bell (an ATLA member in Nicaragua) and Ricardo Martínez (Mexico) Mr. Pérez published this first issue in November, 1993. In corresponding further with Mr. Pérez we have learned more about his service to theological librarianship in Latin America. We share this information with you and also a letter from Mr. Pérez in which he reports on the situation of theological libraries in Latin America.

Mr. Pérez is Director of the Latin American Biblical Seminary Library where he has worked since 1982. He has pursued his masters in Library Science at the Universidad de Costa Rica and is working on his dissertation, a proposal to create the Latin American Theological Information Network. He is a member of the Colegio de Bibliotecarios de Costa Rica. Mr. Pérez has taught workshops and courses in theological librarianship and has helped organize many workshops for librarians in Central America. He is surveying theological schools and libraries in Latin America from which he will produce the first directory of theological libraries! He plans to start an association of theological librarians in that part of the world.

Mr. Pérez writes the following:

The *Boletín* intends to establish a communication link between Latin American theological librarians. It will not only inform us about what is occurring in theological libraries in the different Latin American regions but also will serve as a window through which we can see our commonalities and learn how we can mutually benefit from our work. I believe this will positively affect in a significant way the institutions that we work for. A larger goal of the *Boletín* is to get the library into the spotlight and to show how important for the theological institution as a whole the library can be if managed properly.

I seriously believe that theological libraries can play an important part within the theological institutions, particularly in the developing countries. Financial resources are constantly decreasing; demands on theological information are constantly increasing; and so is the cost of maintaining a library. There are even small institutions in Latin America that don't have access at all to theological collections of any size. Due to increasing costs, even popular books are becoming luxury items in Latin America. Specialized books, such as scholarly theological works, are obviously out of reach. Therefore, professors, students, and researchers must depend even more on the libraries. It also means that the Latin American theological institutions must make the best possible use of the little resources they have. From the library perspective, it means improved library services and, therefore, better trained library staff.

Most of the theological libraries work in isolation. I have a feeling that this is also true for theological libraries in the developed world. Librarians need to be encouraged towards a more cooperative attitude and to change attitudes about the library's role within the theological institutions. My hope for Latin American librarianship is optimistic, but it will take perseverance, support and communications. I hope this article has given other ATLA members an insight into our situation. I welcome the support from my colleagues in the international world of theological librarianship and will be happy to communicate further with any of you.

*Alvaro Pérez  
Director de la Biblioteca del  
Seminario Bíblico Latinoamericano,  
Apdo. 901-1000  
San José, Costa Rica*

### **SEPTLA REGIONAL AUDIO-VISUAL WORKSHOP**

On Friday, September 10, 1993, the Southeastern Pennsylvania Theological Library Association (SEPTLA) sponsored its first all-day workshop, the topic of which was cataloging non-book materials. The workshop was held at New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Brunswick, NJ. Thirteen catalogers from the Pennsylvania/New Jersey area attended the workshop. The program speaker was Richard L. Harwood, Music/Nonbook Cataloger at Pennsylvania State University and Chair of the Cataloging Policy Committee of the On-line Audiovisual Catalogers (OLAC). The intermediate-level workshop covered the cataloging of sound recordings, motion pictures/video recordings, graphic materials, kits, and microforms. Instruction and handouts were provided in bibliographic description, MARC tagging, and subject heading assignment. There was also discussion of other related concerns such as standards and policies pertaining to classification, storage, security, and circulation. The workshop was funded in part by a grant from the Education Committee of ATLA.

*Chris Schone, Technical Services Librarian  
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary*

### **NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

Southeastern Pennsylvania Theological Library Association (SEPTLA)  
Winter Meeting: Thursday, February 17, 1994, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary  
For information contact Dick Berg (717) 393-0654

Southwest Area Theological Library Association (SWATLA)  
Winter Meeting: Friday, February 18, 1994, Phillips Graduate Seminary, Enid, OK  
For information contact Roberta Hamburger, (405) 237-4433.

International Religious Communication Conference  
September 14 -24, 1994 in Prague, Czechoslovakia  
Contact: Sister Angela Ann Zukowski  
Center for Religious Communication, Univ. of Dayton  
300 College Park, Dayton, OH 45469-0312  
(513)229-3126 FAX (513) 229-3130

### **ATLA TO PAY REGISTRATION FEES FOR FIRST TIME CONFERENCE ATTENDEES AND RETIREES!**

ATLA will offer again this year to pay the Annual Conference registration fee for members who have never previously attended an ATLA Annual Conference. The Association began this practice last year in order to encourage member participation in ATLA and was gratified to have over 25 members receive this benefit. The Association is also again offering to pay the Pre-Conference Continuing Education registration fees for any ATLA member who has never attended these seminars. Those eligible members who wish to receive this one-time scholarship to the Annual Conference and/or the Pre-Conference Continuing Education seminars, should so indicate on their Annual Conference registration form. These incentives for both new and older members are made possible by contributions to the Annual Giving Fund.

ATLA is pleased to announce that this year we also will waive the registration fee of retired members. We invite our retired members of ATLA to attend the June Conference and take advantage of this first-time offering. We hope all will come to Pittsburgh!

*Madeline D. Gray*  
*Director of Member Services*

**WANTED: A LIST OF YOUR PUBLICATIONS**

Please respond to the call of the Publication Section! To date we have had only seven responses to our previous request for your help in constructing a comprehensive bibliography of all the publications written by ATLA members. The Publication Section plans to distribute this bibliography at the Annual Conference in Pittsburgh in June, 1994. We need your help! In order to produce the comprehensive bibliography by June, we need to receive your individual list by March 1, 1994. Please send a complete list of your published items to:

Page Thomas  
Methodist Studies Librarian  
Bridwell Library  
Southern Methodist University  
Dallas, Texas 75275-0476

Please include bibliographical data in the format recommended by Turabian (or *Chicago Manual of Style*). Thank you.

*Rev. Dr. George C. Papademetriou, Chair*  
*Dave Himrod, Secretary*

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM ATLANTIS**

This is a summary of the postings from the ATLA listserver for members who do not have access to the Internet. Please send comments and suggestions to Eileen K. Saner, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 3003 Benham Ave., Elkhart IN 46517; Phone: (219) 296-6233; E-mail: 73766.1355@compuserve.com. Individuals named may be contacted directly for specific information.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church has released a draft document, "The Church and Human Sexuality: A Lutheran Perspective," which treats a variety of issues including the goodness of sexuality, the church's witness to human rights, and sexual orientation. For a copy, phone 1 (800) 328-4648. Cost is \$.50 plus postage and handling.

Anne Womack, Vanderbilt Divinity School Library, described the improvements to LBase 5.2 and the way that the Windows interface works in searching *Thesaurus Linguae Graecae*.

How can theological librarians collect material to respond to a perceived lack of attention to American Methodism? This question provoked comments on the need to collect popular, devotional literature (has been done at Asbury Theological Seminary) and to put early manuscripts, journals and letters on the Internet. Roger Loyd at Duke posted a bibliography used in the orientation of scholars in the "United Methodism and American Culture" project.

An inquiry into collection development practices in large ATLA libraries resulted in numerous responses. It appears from the response that this topic would make an interesting panel discussion at an ATLA conference. Of parallel interest is how collecting is done in smaller libraries supporting master's level programs, with responsibility for comprehensive coverage only in very limited subject areas.

*Eileen Saner*

#### **UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE USA DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE**

Due to Park College's earlier affiliation with the Presbyterian Church, The McAfee Memorial Library of Park College has in its possession the following volumes which it is willing to donate to any organization:

United Presbyterian Church of the USA General Assembly. *Minutes*, 1789-1970.

United Presbyterian Church of the USA General Assembly. *Reports to the Boards*, 1888 - 1907, 1921

Please contact Dr. Thomas W. Peterman, Director, McAfee Memorial Library, Park College, 8700 River Park Dr., Parkville, MO 64152-3795; (816) 741-2000.

#### **ATLA SEEKS SPONSORS FOR LIBRARIANS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

ATLA has become more active in developing relationships with theological libraries in other countries in an effort to enrich our Association with the experiences and perspectives of theological librarians world-wide. However, we have become aware that librarians in developing countries do not have the funds for extras such as membership in ATLA. Recently we have received word from several of our international colleagues that they would like to join ATLA but cannot afford the membership dues. Therefore, in an effort to pursue our desire to become a more diversified association, we are soliciting your help in sponsoring librarians who want to join ATLA. We already have a few librarians who have received such a gift membership. We are currently in need of new sponsors and anticipate that as we communicate further with seminary and theological librarians in Eastern Europe, Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific region that we will have new opportunities to sponsor other librarians in these regions.

As Director of Member Services I invite you as individuals, institutions, or regional associations to sponsor a colleague in the developing world by paying the membership dues. Please contact me, and I will arrange this for you.

*Madeline D. Gray*  
*Director of Member Services*

#### **NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS AND MEMBER LIBRARIES**

##### ***Moravian Theological Seminary, Reeves Library***

Reeves Library of the Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, announces the appointment of Melanie Fiske to the position of Serials Librarian on December 1, 1993. Mrs. Fiske is a graduate of Hobart and William Smith Colleges and

Rutgers University. She is the first professional librarian to be appointed to this position in the Reeves Library. She will supervise the collection of 300 theological and 1,000 general academic periodical titles. Mrs. Fiske follows Florence Lehotsky who retired after almost a decade of outstanding service.

### ***Retirement Celebration for Dorothy Parks***

The Vanderbilt University Library, The Divinity School, and the Divinity Library held a reception on January 18th to honor Dorothy Parks upon her retirement. Over 125 of Dot's friends and colleagues attended the afternoon reception. Dot has worked in the Divinity Library since 1967. She served as Director of the Divinity Library from 1979-1987; since 1987 she has been the Collections Librarian. While it is hoped she will be able to continue with a light part-time schedule, Dot will be sorely missed by the library staff and faculty. For many people the Vanderbilt Divinity Library is what it is because of Dorothy Parks!

### ***Logos Evangelical Seminary Library***

In September, 1993, Shieu-yu Hwang announced her resignation as Reference Librarian at Fuller Theological Seminary in order to assume the position of Librarian of the Logos Evangelical Seminary Library on November 1, 1993. Miss Hwang's new office address is Logos Evangelical Seminary, 1539 E. Howard St., Pasadena, CA 91104; phone (818) 398-3311; FAX (818) 398-3313. Miss Hwang reports that the Logos Evangelical Seminary was founded in 1989 by the Evangelical Formosan Church to train Taiwanese/Mandarin speaking pastors and missionaries. The Seminary Library welcomes donations of publications in any language on Taiwanese church history.

### ***Father Colman J. Farrell, O.S.B., Dies at 93***

Father Simeon Daly has notified ATLA that Father Colman J. Farrell, 93, died on September 28, 1993 at St. Benedict's Abbey in Atchison, Kansas. Father Farrell was a nationally prominent librarian who served as the Librarian of St. Benedict's College for 64 years and was a former member of ATLA. He became a monk of St. Benedict's Abbey in 1919, studied theology at the abbey, 1921-25, and was ordained a priest in 1925. He received a master of arts degree in library science from the University of Michigan in 1928. He was active in the ALA's committees for Code of Cataloging and Catalog Code Revision. He helped to found the Catholic Library Association and served it in several offices, including the presidency, 1937-39. Father Farrell served at intervals over the decades as pastor of St. John Church, Doniphan, Kansas. He was interred on October 31, 1993, in St. Benedict's Abbey cemetery.

### ***Laurie Edward Gage***

Mr. Laurie Edward Gage, longtime ATLA member and English bookseller, died of a long illness on January 3, 1994. Memorial services were held at the Leigh Wesley Methodist Church, Leigh on Sea, England, on February 6. Mr. Gage, proprietor of Gage Postal Books of Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, England, often visited and exhibited at conferences of the Association. He was known to many as not only a great bookseller who specialized in Methodist materials, but also as a deeply religious and caring person of great intellect and insight. Mr. Gage had recently retired from bookselling after taking on a partner, Simon Routh, who will continue the business.

### ***SAINT MEINRAD SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, ARCHABBEY LIBRARY***

Father Simeon Daly reports that after almost two decades of research, planning, patience, and energy, the Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library is now automated. In the summer of 1993 the library put into effect an on-line circulation system and recently completed the installation of a computerized system that allows library users to access by CD Rom all current information on both new and old books. This final phase of automation culminates the seventeen years which began in 1976 with the cataloging of materials onto OCLC and included the conversion of the backlog of records into Marc records from 1986 to 1990. The automation process ended with the bar-coding of the more than 145,000 books in the collection, from July, 1992 to September of 1993.

In an interview with Father Simeon Daly, the Saint Meinrad *Alumni Newsletter* reported that Fr. Simeon said, "Seldom does one live long enough to see his dreams come true." Fr. Simeon has seen two dreams become a reality - a new, fully staffed library in operation and an automated library. Fr. Simeon concluded, "Both goals have been reached beyond my fondest dreams. I'm almost ready for my patron's prayer, *nunc dimittis*, 'Now dismiss your servant, O Lord, in peace.'"

Father Simeon is beginning his 45th year in the library and is celebrating the 50th anniversary of his vows. He became a student in 1936 and entered the community in 1943. He started working in the library in 1949 and became the Head Librarian in 1951. His association with ATLA began in 1969. Father Simeon has served on the ATLA Board of Directors and also as President of ATLA, 1978-1980. He was the Executive Secretary of ATLA from 1985-1990. Father Simeon's work as a theological librarian is a notable example of the vision, courage, and perseverance required for developing a theological library and bringing it into the electronic age.

### ***BUSWELL LIBRARY RETROCONVERSION COMPLETED***

Covenant Theological Seminary's Buswell Library completed its retroconversion in December, 1993. Winnebago's automated circulation system and Checkpoint's new electromagnetic security system are anticipated during 1994. In 1992, the Library began using OCLC and The Library Corporation's Intelligent Catalog. Two foundation grants totaling approximately \$75,000 have underwritten most of the cost as well as some facility renovations. In charge of retroconversion and systems implementation is Denise M. Pakala, Reference and Technical Services Librarian.

### ***FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LIBRARY***

With \$125,000 in grants awarded by the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations, and the Henry Luce Foundation, the McAlister Library at Fuller Seminary has completed the retrospective conversion of its older cataloging records. Conversion services were performed by OCLC, and included the conversion of 50,000 records, reclassification of books in the Union system, and contracted cataloging of Thai, Chinese, Japanese, and Korean language materials.

## INDEXING GRANT AWARDED TO DALLAS SEMINARY

Turpin Library, at Dallas Theological Seminary, has received a grant of \$50,000 from the Hillcrest Foundation, founded by Mrs. W. W. Caruth, Sr., for a periodical indexing project. The funds will help purchase the *Religion Indexes* tapes for loading on the library's Unicorn library system and Sirsi's Retrieval Interface Manager. This software module will allow patrons to search the *Religion Indexes* using the same search screens and commands that they use for the library catalog. The indexing will improve access on campus and provide a new service for extension students. This project will be managed by associate director Marvin Hunn. Additional funds are earmarked for library computer upgrades, printerests, and digital microfilm reader/printers.

## POSITIONS OPEN

### *Head of Cataloging*

The Flora Lamson Hewlett Library at the Graduate Theological Union seeks a Head of Cataloging. This position offers an exciting opportunity in a religious and culturally diverse environment to participate in the continuing development of the largest theological library on the West Coast.

**Responsibilities:** Administer operations of the Cataloging Section. Provide leadership for setting and implementing cataloging policy. Set priorities and establish workflows. Supervise, train and evaluate 1 professional cataloger and 2 copy catalogers. Do original cataloging and classification in all formats. Participate in interdepartmental planning and committees.

**Qualifications:** ALA accredited MLS. Five years experience in an academic library. Substantial supervisory experience including training and staff development. Knowledge of at least one foreign MARC format, AACR2, and LC classification and subject headings. Experience with library online systems, preferably INNOPAC. Demonstrated verbal and written communication skills. Relevant subject masters; knowledge of German or Romance languages, and a collegial management style preferred. Salary: Associate Librarian/Librarian rank with excellent benefits.

Applications received before Feb. 15, 1994 will be given priority. Send letters of application, resume with names, addresses and telephone numbers of three references to Library Director, Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley, CA 94709. EOE. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

### *Baylor University Theology & Philosophy Librarian*

**New Position:** Baylor University seeks a Theology and Philosophy Librarian. Tenure-track, 12 month contract. Faculty rank and status (Assistant or Associate Professor). The successful candidate will lead the planning and guide the development of a new departmental library; be responsible for the administration of the department, including internal policies, procedures, and public service activities; participate in budget management; provide reference and bibliographic services; coordinate collection development; and serve on committees as appointed.

**Qualifications:** ALA-accredited MLS; minimum 3 years' post-MLS professional library

experience; 5 years preferred; Master's or Ph.D. in religious studies, theology or philosophy; demonstrated knowledge of and experience with electronic resources in theology or philosophy (CD ROMs, online databases, Internet resources) and traditional print resources; demonstrated commitment to scholarly activity; ability to communicate and work effectively in an academic setting; experience in supervision, training, and user education. Salary commensurate with education and experience, \$33,000 minimum; attractive benefits package; 20 days annual leave. Preference will be given to Baptists.

**Application:** Send letter of application; resume of education and relevant experience; names, addresses and telephone numbers of five current references to Ruthann McTyre, Chair, Theology and Philosophy Librarian Search Committee, Baylor University Libraries, P.O. Box 97148, Waco, Texas 76798-7148. Application deadline: 29 April 1994.

Baylor is a Baptist university affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas. As an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity employer, Baylor encourages minorities, women, and persons with disabilities to apply.

### ***Reference/Serials Librarian***

The Alumni Memorial Library at SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, St. Mary's College in the Detroit suburb of Orchard Lake, Michigan, is seeking a MSLS Librarian, preferably with a second degree in theology and also with computer experience. The forty hour a week position will involve reference work as well as serials management. The position is one of 3 professional library staff positions and includes an evening and Saturday rotation. It is available immediately. Send resumes to Nancy Ward, Library Director, Alumni Memorial Library, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, MI 48324; (810) 683-0524.

### ***FUTURE ANNUAL CONFERENCE HOSTS***

- 1994, 15-18 June: Stephen D. Crocco, Clifford E. Barbour Library, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 616 N. Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206. (412) 362-5610, FAX (412) 363-2329
- 1995, 14-17 June: William Hook, Divinity Library, Vanderbilt University, 419 21st Avenue, S, Nashville, TN 37240-0007. (615) 322-2865. E-mail: hookwj00@vuctrvax
- 1996, Sara Myers, Iliff School of Theology, 2201 South University Blvd., Denver, CO 80210. (303) 744-1287, FAX (303) 777-3387. E-mail: smyers@ducair

### ***PUBLICATION SCHEDULE FOR NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCED***

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