



**In Memoriam:
Fr. Simeon
Daly, O.S.B.**

(ATLA) remembers the life of Fr. Simeon Daly, O.S.B., retired Director of Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library (1951 to 2000), past President of ATLA (1978-1981), and valued friend and colleague. Fr.

Daly passed away on Saturday, November 10, 2012.

Fr. Daly was a respected colleague who held many positions of trust and responsibility in the world of theological librarianship. Among his contributions to the leadership of ATLA were efforts to improve the administration and communications of the Association and to improve program elements of the annual conference.

Funeral mass and burial will be at Saint Meinrad Archabbey on Wednesday, November 14, at 10:00 a.m. CST. Additional information is available from the web site of [Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology](#).

For those who may be interested in recognizing Fr. Simeon’s life through a memorial gift, the Saint Meinrad Development Office has suggested donations to the Daly Library Endowment, which supports the Archabbey Library. Gifts may be sent to:

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**The (Organizational) End
is Near**



The ATLA Board of Directors has been working on restating the ATLA Organizational Ends and other aspects of our governance policies. The organizational ends are central to defining the purpose and limitations of the work of ATLA. For instance, we could offer tanning bed service at ATLA headquarters but well-tanned members of staff are not one of the organizational ends (the health benefits/costs of tanning notwithstanding).

ATLA has had organizational ends for a number of years and the Board is now working to restate them as outcomes that can be more easily measured and evaluated. With these ends, we want to clearly identify the benefit, the beneficiary, and eventually, “at what cost.” This will help the Board to better define the purpose of ATLA and monitor the health of the Association.

Also, longtime ATLA members might be surprised to see reports from a board meeting in October. The ATLA Board of Directors has added another meeting to our schedule so that we are now meeting in October, February, and at the June ATLA Annual Conference. Why add another meeting? Monitoring the performance of an organization as complex as ATLA is challenging with just two meetings a year. Also, the Board is tasked with looking to the future - a task that simply takes a lot of input, education, and conversation. We held our first October meeting just a few weeks ago and several commented on the sense of “breathing space” to carefully deliberate, plan, and focus on the work of the Association.

Finally, we want to hear from you. What are the trends in theological education that ATLA should be monitoring? What are the issues that you struggle with day-to-day? What are the information problems for which ATLA might work together to create a solution? These are exciting and challenging days for libraries and librarians. We invite you to find a board member and tell us your story.

--Andrew Keck

Tammy Johnson to Fill Vacant Position on the ATLA Board of Directors



Tammy L. Johnson
Board of Directors

Tammy L. Johnson, Technical Services Librarian at Columbia Theological Seminary (Decatur, GA), will fill an open position on the ATLA Board of Directors following the passing of Andre Paris. Ms. Johnson's appointment took effect October 26, 2012 and her term will conclude June 30, 2014.

"The Board of Directors is thrilled that Tammy Johnson accepted our invitation," said Andy Keck, President of the ATLA Board of Directors. "Her service on the Executive Director search committee,

ongoing work in editing the Theology Cataloging Bulletin, and regular engagement at the ATLA Annual Conference make her an ideal addition to the Board."

Tammy is an active member of ATLA, serving on the Technical Services Interest Group Steering Committee, as editor of the Theology Cataloging Bulletin, and as a speaker on several panel presentations at the past three ATLA Annual Conferences. Tammy also served on the Executive Director search committee.

As stated in the Bylaws of the Association, in the instance of a vacancy on the Board, the Board of Directors shall appoint a qualified individual member of the Association to fill the unexpired term of a director. Ms. Johnson's selection was made at the recent Board of Directors' meeting, October 18-20, 2012, in Chicago, IL.

Summary of ATLA Board Meeting

The ATLA Board of Directors met in the offices of Quarles & Brady, LLP, on North LaSalle Street in Chicago, October 18-20, 2012, for the first of three meetings scheduled this fiscal year. Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Executive Director, and Miguel Figueroa, Director of Member Programs, shared research findings on historic and current ATLA membership as a basis for considering how the Association can serve more libraries and librarians. The Board approved new wording for the Organizational Ends rephrasing them as outcome statements. Several subcommittees brought revisions for portions of the Policy Manual that will enable the Board to operate more effectively. The annual evaluation of the Executive Director was completed three months early this year due to the change in the Board's meeting schedule (October, February, and June). The Board unanimously approved a motion affirming Brenda Bailey-Hainer's work, noting her accomplishments and future challenges facing the Association.

ATLA Proudly Announces Significant Product Developments and Accomplishments

[ATLA Religion Database® \(ATLA RDB®\)](#) now includes 1.8 million+ records, including indexing of more than 550 journals currently in publication, retrospective indexing for some journal issues back to the nineteenth century and increased coverage of electronic only and open access journals.

[ATLASerials® \(ATLAS®\)](#) now includes more than 220 titles with 380,000+ records, a 120% increase in titles since 2007. Thirty-five new titles were added in the past year, with increased international coverage, including the first three German language titles and broader coverage of world religions. ATLA now has agreements to include the influential journal *Church and Society* and significant content from the highly acclaimed *Christianity and Crisis*. ATLA also reached agreement with Oxford University Press to continue to include *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* and *Sociology of Religion*, and finalized agreements with SAGE Publications, Ltd., to continue to include *Interpretation* and *Theology Today*.

[ATLA Catholic Periodical and Literature Index® \(ATLA CPLI®\)](#), acquired by ATLA in 2011 from the Catholic Library Association, has exceeded 500,000 records. ATLA has concentrated efforts to further develop the scholarly content of the index, with increased coverage of international titles, including *Revista Praxis & Pistis: Pastoral Theology and Cauriensia: Revista Annual de Ciencias Eclesiásticas*, enhanced coverage of multi-author essay collections, extensive harmonization and enrichment of records across the entire database, and additional electronic-only journals, such as *Digital Journal of Lasallian Research* and *Spiritan Horizons*.

[See the full press release here.](#)

ATLA Professional Development Committee Meeting

The ATLA Professional Development Committee met October 22-23, 2012, in Chicago, IL. The meeting was chaired by Eric Stancliff and attended by committee members Lugene Schemper, Nicholas Weiss, and Jennifer Ulrich.

Among the topics discussed were the ATLA [Grants for Continuing Education Programs](#), which provide funding to regional groups and institutional member libraries to support continuing education expenses, including speaker expenses, equipment rental, and room fees. A recently approved grant supported a speaker for the Southwest Area Theological Library Association's Fall Meeting.

The Professional Development Committee received a report from Judy Knop, ATLA Digitization Coordinator and coordinator of ATLA's [NACO and CONSER Funnel Projects](#). The NACO/CONSER Funnel Projects provide opportunities for ATLA members to develop their skills in creating name authority records and master serial records as part of the Library of Congress Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC). Over the past year, there has been an emphasis on preparing for RDA (Resource Description & Access) cataloging. The Funnel projects continue to generate new headings and update existing records.

The Professional Development Committee also received a report from Carisse Berryhill, Special Collections Librarian at Abilene Christian University and instructor for the [Theological Librarianship course](#) offered through the University of Illinois. Offered for the past eight years, the course continues to receive interest—25 students in the most recent offering—from a broad array of individuals including ATLA members, librarians new to the theological field, MLIS students who are exploring this area of librarianship, and individuals not in library school or libraries but involved in theology or religion. The course will next be offered in the Spring 2013 semester.

Finally, the Professional Development Committee devoted a significant amount of time and energy to the [Creating Leaders of Tomorrow Program](#). The inaugural class of participants will complete the program in December of 2012. The Professional Development Committee looked ahead to preparing a final assessment of the program and making recommendations for its future.

The Committee will continue discussions and work via e-mail and reconvene for meetings in the spring.

ATLA Receptions at AAR & SBL Annual Meetings

All ATLA members who will attend the [Annual Meetings of the American Academy of Religion \(AAR\)](#) and [Society of Biblical Literature \(SBL\)](#) in Chicago this November 17-20 are invited to join ATLA for refreshments and fellowship.

We will host two receptions in different locations. Feel free to bring a colleague or two. Admission will be based on the guest lists. Please RSVP to rrybak@atla.com by November 15 with your name, the name of your guest(s), and the reception(s) you will attend.

- **Saturday, November 17, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.**
Quarles & Brady, in the Loop
300 North LaSalle Street
Chicago, IL 60654
Check in at downstairs reception. Proceed to the 40th floor.
- **Monday, November 19, 7:00 – 9:00 a.m.**
Burnham Pointe, in Printers Row
730 South Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60605
Check in at downstairs reception. Proceed to The Club Room on the 7th floor.

On the day of each reception, the following number will be available for more information: 312.217.5431.

Please be sure to stop by our exhibit booth, number 346.

Exhibit Hall Hours:

- November 17 – 19 (Saturday-Monday), 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- November 20 (Tuesday), 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

Thanks. We'll see you there.

Job Openings

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

Positions posted this month:

- Divinity School Library, Durham, NC, is seeking a [Digitization and Technology Librarian](#).
- Concordia University, Irvine, CA, is seeking a [Distance Education and Technology Librarian](#).
- American Theological Library Association, Chicago, IL, is seeking a [Systems Analyst](#).
- Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX, is seeking a [Reference and Digital Services Librarian](#).

TLM 2012 Recap

Theological Libraries Month was in full swing this October with institutions across North America celebrating theological libraries and their services.

Twelve institutions received TLM Mini-Grants to help fund their TLM activities. Among the success stories from funded projects include Methodist Theological School in Ohio, the third annual A.P. Mahoney Library Lecture at St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario, and The Pontifical College Josephinum in Ohio.



Broadcast Manager for Classical Music 101, WOSU-FM, Christopher Purdy presents Mozart's life and his music at Methodist Theological School in Ohio.

Methodist Theological School in Ohio Celebrates Mozart

On Thursday, October 4, 2012 Christopher Purdy, broadcast manager for Classical Music 101, WOSU-FM, played three excerpts from Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Requiem Mass. The program was publicized through the [school's website](#) and other media outlets.

Dr. Purdy played portions of three performances and discussed the vocal and orchestral differences between the recordings while weaving in the biographical details of Mozart's life.

The program was open to the public and publicized throughout central Ohio. Before Dr. Purdy was introduced, Paul Burnam and Ray Olson, directors of the libraries at MTSO and Trinity Lutheran Seminary, held up and described books and audio recordings about Mozart's life and his music held in both libraries.

Discoursing Spiritual Healing at St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario

The third annual A.P. Mahoney Library Lecture which took place on October 10, 2012 in the auditorium at St. Peter's Seminary was attended by over 100 people. Father Stevan Wlusek, the Rector, presented his talk titled ["From Darkness into Transforming Light: Spirituality for the Healing Journey of Sexual Abuse Survivors."](#) His talk was based on his Ph.D. thesis titled "The unique contribution of the Carmelite tradition of spirituality toward the care of sexual abuse survivors," awarded by the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, in 2010 and published in book format in 2012.

At the close of his lecture, Fr. Wlusek presented his honorarium to Tom Wilken, Director of the Silence to Hope Centre. A launch of Fr. Wlusek's book and a wine and cheese reception in the library followed.



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Experiencing Culture at Pontifical College Josephinum in Ohio

The Josephinum celebrated Theological Libraries Month with contests, lectures, and delicious treats. Beginning with a "Faculty Favorite Place in Rome" matching contest, twelve faculty descriptions of religious, cultural, and culinary sites in Rome were given throughout the month of October. This contest proved to be quite a challenge, but three students were awarded prizes nevertheless. In conjunction with this contest, the library resources highlighted Rome and faculty favorite places were on display.

Concluding the month of October on a high note, Fr. John Rozembajgier shared his expertise on the Tomb of St. Peter and highlighted his experience as a tour guide for the Vatican Necropolis. Following the presentation, students enjoyed Italian themed refreshments of gelato and biscotti. According to the Josephinum, this was perhaps the largest crowd seen for a library presentation.

To help inspire next year's TLM please submit your ideas, photos, stories, and other items to newsletter@atla.com, so we can feature them on the TLM website.

"Like" Us on Facebook

In preparation for the 2013 ATLA Annual Conference and to share information about ATLA, a new Facebook page has been created to help us promote news, events, and community.



We invite you to "[Like us on Facebook](#)" and while there, please visit the [2013 Annual Conference event page](#) (you can go ahead and say you are "Going" or "Maybe"

to make sure you receive new information as we post it). We hope this new Facebook page and our integrated events will help members stay connected with the great things happening across the association.



For those on Twitter, we're already tweeting the 2013 Annual Conference. We invite you to follow the [2013 Annual Conference Twitter account](#) and share your

tweets about the ATLA Annual Conference with our hashtag #atla2013.

Many thanks to our 2013 ATLA Annual Conference Local Host Committee and member Matt Wasielewski, Assistant Librarian for Information Manager at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, for their support of these social media efforts.

Have questions about social media or information/suggestions for ATLA's use of social media? E-mail us at memberrep@atla.com.

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ATLA Product Support Team At Your Service

Technical questions about ATLA products? The ATLA Product Support team is ready and eager to assist you. If you are uncertain how to use an ATLA product or partner product, are experiencing technical difficulties with a database and need assistance, or have issues with product functionality, please contact us at support@atla.com / 312-775-9437.

Someone should respond within 24 business hours.

Also, for other detailed product information, please view the [frequently asked questions \(FAQs\)](#) and [video tutorials](#) located on the ATLA website.



Jennifer Butler
Database Specialist

ATLA Calendar

November

- 14: ATLA Endowment Committee, Chicago, IL
- 14-15: ATLA Publications Committee, Chicago, IL
- 17-20: Annual Meetings of AAR and SBL, Chicago, IL
- 17: [ATLA reception at Quarles & Brady](#), 300 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL - 4:00-7:00 p.m. ATLA members, partners and friends attending
- 19-20: *Theological Librarianship* Editorial Board, Chicago, IL
- 19: [ATLA reception at Burnham Pointe](#), 730 South Clark Street, Chicago, IL - 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. ATLA members, partners and friends attending
- 22-23: ATLA Office Closed in observance of Thanksgiving
- 30: NFAIS Workshop, Indexing and Indices: An Essential Component of Information Discovery, in Philadelphia - Brenda Bailey-Hainer and Steven Holloway presenting

December

- 24-25: ATLA Office Closed in observance of Christmas
- 31: ATLA Office Closed in observance of New Year

Member News

New Emerging Technology Interest Group Formed

ATLA members have formed a new Emerging Technology Interest Group (ETIG) to provide a forum for discussion and research related to the issues surrounding emerging technologies in theological libraries, including appropriate and innovative applications of emerging technology, technological competencies for theological librarians and library staff, and the technological behaviors and needs of theological library patrons.

The ETIG is just one example of the many good ideas to come out of the ATLA Unconference held during the 2012 ATLA Annual Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona. The ETIG will host its first meeting, program, and elections at the 2013 ATLA Annual Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The ETIG's founding steering committee includes:

- Karl Stutzman (chair)
- Clifford Anderson
- Matt Ostercamp
- Lisa Gonzalez
- Jennifer Ulrich

Membership in the ETIG and all other ATLA Interest Groups is open to all individual, lifetime and student members of the Association. To learn more about the group and other ATLA Interest Groups, please visit the [ATLA Interest Groups page](#).



The Dana Dawson Library at Saint Paul School of Theology

ATLAS for ALUM Grant Recipients and Renewal

As previously announced, the Lilly Endowment Inc. grant funding for *ATLAS® for ALUM* has run its course and all funds have been dispersed to EBSCOhost to pay the cost of subscription for grant recipients, regardless of your start date, through April 2013.

In addition, ATLA is pleased to announce an extension of payment for your subscription through June 2013, effectively providing a two-month grace period as you prepare to absorb the cost of continuing your subscription. Rick Rybak, Senior Business Development Representative, will be in personal contact shortly with all grant recipients to provide personal assistance with EBSCO and the transition.

As a reminder, subscriptions to both *ATLA Religion Database®* and *ATLASerials®* through EBSCOhost are prerequisite to a subscription to *ATLAS for ALUM*. The cost to provide access to *ATLAS for ALUM* to alumni/ae is based on the number of living alumni/ae of the subscribing school. For more information and details, contact Rick Rybak - atlasalum@atla.com; (888) 665-2852 ext. 4435.

Staff News

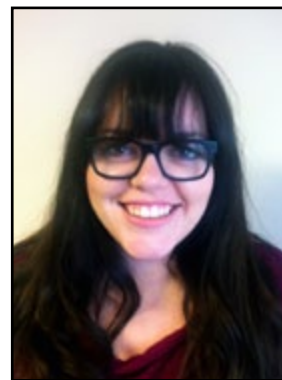
Charleston Post and Courier Quotes Margot Lyon

While attending the O'Reilly/BiblioLabs Mini Tools of Change Seminar ahead of the 2012 Annual Charleston Conference, Margot Lyon, ATLA Director of Business Development, was interviewed by the *Charleston Post and Courier*. [Read the article here.](#)

Tawny Burgess Named New ATLA Communications Specialist

ATLA would like to welcome Tawny Burgess as our new Communications Specialist.

She served as an adjunct professor at California Baptist University, teaching courses in news editing and design, copy editing, magazine writing, and InDesign, Illustrator, and Photoshop. She was also a volunteer blog and magazine editor for Sandals Church in Riverside, CA. She graduated with a B.A. in English from California Baptist University in 2008.



ATLA Launches Preservation and Digitization Survey

The American Theological Library Association is currently fielding a survey to identify Institutional and Affiliate members' preservation and digitization activities, plans, and future needs. The survey results will be used to inform and plan ATLA's preservation program.

Preservation figures prominently in ATLA's organizational ends, which state "Primary source material and scholarly resources for the study of religion and theology are organized, preserved, and made accessible at a reasonable expenditure of funds, time, and resources."

This extensive survey will help ATLA better understand libraries' staffing for preservation; the materials currently held by libraries, including items identified as the most significant; the extent of libraries' written preservation and emergency/

disaster plans; funding for preservation; availability of rare books and manuscript collections; formats for born-digital and digitized collections; preservation and digitization and training needs; and preferences for future ATLA-organized initiatives in preservation and digitization.

The survey was launched on October 19th with messages sent to Institutional and Affiliate Member Representatives. The survey will close on December 7, 2012. If you believe you should have received an invitation to the survey, but have not received it, please contact memberrep@atla.com.

To protect the confidentiality of responses, all questionnaires will be tabulated by an independent research firm, and findings will only be reported in the aggregate. A [PDF](#) of the survey is available for those interested.

ATLA thanks those who have completed or are in the process of completing the survey.

From the Executive Director

Higher Education and Libraries: Joined by Technology



Clay Shirky was one of the keynote speakers at the EDUCAUSE 2012 Annual Conference in Denver last week. You may be familiar with him through his two books, *Here Comes Everybody: The Power of Organizing Without Organizations* and *Cognitive Surplus: Creativity and Generosity in a Connected Age*. His primary interest is in looking at the social and economic impact of the Internet.

Shirky, as have others, pointed out that new technology is changing people from being consumers to producers. But there is incremental change and then there's revolution. A revolution is when a change in information technology doesn't just accelerate things; it also changes the very concept of the task being performed. Many industries such as music, newspapers, and TV have already been transformed; new formats or technical capabilities completely changed the way they do business.

The time for revolution in higher education has arrived. In the music industry, the catalysts were the MP3 and Napster. In higher education, the disruption is coming through a new "format" – massive open online courses (MOOCs) – and technology startups like Udacity.

One of the other signs of a revolution is that old systems break faster than new systems can be put into place. Online learning, and particularly offering MOOCs at no cost to participants, is the equivalent of "unbundling" education. Courses can be taken in isolation, without enrollment at a traditional institution, or in a regular degree program. Instead of a "degree" students may collect "badges."

While it's unlikely that graduate religion and theology classes will attract the same huge numbers as undergraduate introductory courses, it is still intriguing to consider how this model might be applied in the ATLA environment.

In his article "The Future Has Arrived: Changing Theological Education in a Changed World,"¹ Daniel Aleshire refers to "a big tent of educational practices" that serves a broader range of ministry settings, congregational leaders, and settings outside of traditional churches. Diverse forms of theological education are needed to support this expanded range. Aleshire specifically mentions baccalaureate theological education and lay education, two areas that MOOCs could easily support. Perhaps it's time for some theological education revolution.

--**Brenda Bailey-Hainer**

1 Daniel Aleshire, "The Future Has Arrived: Changing Theological Education in a Changed World," *Theological Education*, volume 46, Number 2 (2011): 69-80.