

Newsletter



Bingo Winners at the President's Welcome Reception for New Members and First-Time Attendees at the 2015 ATLA Annual Conference. [See more Conference Photos.](#)

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From the President New Beginnings



Happy New Year! Although the greeting may sound strange, the New Year follows the academic calendar for many of us. August is here and September is just around the corner. A new year brings a renewed hope, a sense of promise, and the opportunity to begin afresh. The New Year starts out all bright and shining like newly sharpened pencils and brand new backpacks.

As we enter this new season, I want to share with you some thoughts about the framing of my column for this year. As President, I am responsible for eleven columns. I thought about a theme and these words kept coming back to me as I reflected: mentoring, leadership, advocacy, legacy, transition, change, and hospitality.

To me, many of these words relate directly to ATLA's new core purpose and values. The core purpose is to promote worldwide scholarly communication in religion and theology by advancing the work of libraries and related information providers. As ATLA continues to exist and to prosper, I see each of us (the Association's membership) helping to mentor, lead, advocate, transition, change, welcome, and leave a legacy in both our institutions and our libraries. It only takes the power of one to change the world!

Kelly Campbell
ATLA President

ATLA Newsletter Fresh, New Look

Beginning in September, the ATLA *Newsletter* will have a fresh, new look. Articles will be published on the ATLA *Newsletter* site throughout the month, along with monthly feature articles from professionals in the field of scholarly communication and theological librarianship. Members will still receive a monthly digest the second Tuesday of every month, but you may also choose to subscribe to the newsletter site and have updates directly emailed to you. This new platform will allow us to share up-to-date information and disseminate our news across multiple outlets, including Facebook and Twitter.

More information on how to access the ATLA Newsletter site will be sent out later this month.

Minutes of the Business Meeting and Association Update Friday, 19 June 2015 1:30-3:00pm Evergreen D-F, Denver Marriott Tech Center

Petition: Shanee Murrain, of Payne Theological Seminary, and Jessica Bellemer, of Hood Theological Seminary, rose to

"petition the Board to convene to discuss an appropriate ongoing response for ATLA as an organization which builds upon the lunchtime discussion organized and attended by ATLA members about the religious and racial terrorism act, a dialogue that was inspired by the recent act which victimized the congregation at Mother Emmanuel AME Church" in Charleston, SC, the victims of which "include alumni of ATLA member institutions and a professional librarian."

President Bidlack responded by asking the Board to reconvene after the business meeting.

Secretary's report: Steve Perisho read the following:

- Members of the 2015 Teller's Committee were Alan Krieger, chair (University of Notre Dame); James Darlack (Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary); and Leslie Engelson (Murray State University).
- The Teller's Committee received the election results via e-mail from Survey & Ballot Systems and verified that 261 (or 40.22%) of the 649 individual and institutional members eligible cast valid ballots. The membership elected-as given here in alphabetical order-Ellen Frost, Tracy Powell Iwaskow, Timothy Lincoln, and David Stewart to the board class of 2015-2018.
- In addition, a majority (85% of those who voted on this issue) passed the proposal to increase individual and student member dues.
- Nominating Committee members for the current year are Carrie Hackney (board representative and Chair), Eileen Crawford, and Tammy Johnson. The slate for next year's election will be announced in mid-October and the election will be in January of 2016.
- Members are welcome to make nominations by petition to add to the slate presented by the Nominating Committee in October. Petition nominations should be signed by at least ten current individual members and submitted to the ATLA secretary no later than December 1, 2015.

Bidlack solicited a motion and a second, after which the report was approved unanimously. Bidlack then welcomed Frost, Powell, and Iwaskow to the Board.

Acknowledgements of service: Bidlack spoke appreciatively of the contributions of outgoing Board members Sandy Ayer, Carrie Hackney, and Melody Layton McMahon, and thanked them for their service. She also acknowledged the work of officers Kelly Campbell (vice president) and Steve Perisho (secretary), and introduced the leadership team for 2015-2016: Kelly Campbell (president), Timothy Lincoln (vice president), and Steve Perisho (secretary). She then passed the gavel to Kelly Campbell, who voiced the Board's appreciation for her outstanding leadership over not one but two very full and demanding terms of service as president.

Transitions, including Deaths and Retirements:

President Bidlack read the names of those who died in 2014-2015: Carol P. Cummins, Rosalyn Lewis, and Grace E. Mullen. These three women were remembered during a memorial service earlier in the annual conference. Bidlack then read the names of those who retired: Tony Amodeo, Chris Brennan, Joe Coalter, Drew Kadel, Bob Krauss, and Jim Skyeck. Those retirees who are eligible will receive lifetime memberships.

2016 Annual Conference in Long Beach:

Representatives of the 2016 local host committee showed a video promoting the Los Angeles, California area as the location for the 2016 Annual Conference.

Update on the Association: Brenda Bailey-Hainer provided an update on the state of the Association. For the full text of her report, see the Proceedings.

Presidential Address: President Bidlack closed the meeting with a presidential address entitled, "Tradition and Innovation, Or, Elijah at Horeb." The full text of this, too, will appear in the Proceedings.

The Meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

-Submitted by Steve Perisho

An Overview of the Process for the Nomination of Candidates for Election to the ATLA Board

To help members understand the process by which candidates are nominated for election to the ATLA Board of Directors, the ATLA Nominating Committee has provided the following overview.

In the April ATLA Newsletter, the Nominating Committee provided information on how members may submit names for consideration to the committee and gave a June 1 deadline for receiving nominations.

Beginning in April, the committee identified potential nominees, including current Board members eligible for re-election. The committee has been contacting individuals to confirm their interest in running and to answer any questions they might have.

In addition to nominations put forth by the Nominating Committee, individuals may petition for inclusion on the ballot. Nominations other than those submitted by the Nominating Committee may be made by petition signed by no fewer than ten (10) Individual members of the Association and shall be filed with the Secretary of the Association no later than December 1. These nominations may be submitted by fax, email, or surface mail and shall be included on the ballot with the nominees presented by the Nominating Committee.

By October 1, the committee will have submitted to the Board Secretary and the Director of Member Programs, a slate of at least six candidates for the four places to be filled on the Board. The Director of Member Programs will ask each nominee to submit biographical information along with a statement concerning his or her view of the Association's needs and/or mission. These materials will be included with the ballot.

By October 15, the Director of Member Programs will send email or letters to all eligible ATLA voting members announcing the candidates presented by the Nominating Committee and including information about making petition nominations to the Secretary.

December 1 will be the deadline for submissions, by petition, of additional nominations by the membership.

Between December 1 and January 15, the Director of Member Programs will confirm the eligibility of all candidates and the Secretary will inform petition candidates of Board duties and verify their willingness to serve. All candidates will be asked to finalize and submit their biographical information and statements concerning their view of the Association's needs and/or mission.

By January 15, the Director of Member Programs will have prepared the ballots and distributed them to all eligible ATLA voting members.

Full information about the nominating process can be found in the Board Policy Manual, available in the [Community Section of the ATLA web site](#).

ATLA Committee Transitions

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

Thank you for your service:

- Conference Committee: Lisa Grover, Tracy Powell Iwaskow, Stephen Sweeney
- Diversity Committee: Lynn Berg
- Professional Development Committee: Nicholas Weiss
- *Theological Librarianship* Editorial Board: Daniel Kolb

The membership of each ATLA's committees for 2015-2016, as of July 1, 2015, include:

- Conference Committee: Pat Graham (chair), Miranda Bennett, Suzanne Estelle-Holmer, Robert Burgess, Rebecca Butler, Matthew Thiesen, Paul Tippey, Liz Leahy, Michelle Spomer
- Diversity Committee: Jaeyeon Lucy Chung (chair), Bonggun Baek, Shanee' Yvette Murrain, Gabriel Ortiz, Nicholas Weiss
- Endowment Committee: Dennis Swanson (chair), Marti Alt, Sharon Taylor
- Professional Development Committee: Jennifer Ulrich (chair), Martha Adkins, Michael Bradford, Wesley Custer, James Estes, Megan Welsh
- *Theological Librarianship* Editorial Board: David R. Stewart (Managing Editor), Miranda H. Bennett, Ronald W. Crown, Gary F. Daught, Suzanne Estelle-Holmer

[A complete list can be found on the ATLA website.](#)

Maria Stanton Appointed to NISO WG

Maria Stanton, ATLA Director of Production, was appointed to NISO Altmetrics Data Quality Working Group. The National Information Standards Organization (NISO) identifies, develops, maintains, and publishes technical standards to manage information in our changing and ever-more digital environment. NISO standards apply both traditional and new technologies to the full range of information-related needs, including retrieval, re-purposing, storage, metadata, and preservation. The Working Group (WG) Maria has been appointed to will specifically work on Altmetrics Data Quality.



**Kathryn Flynn,
Student Member**

ATLA Awards Diversity Scholarship to Kathryn Flynn

The [ATLA Diversity Committee](#) is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2015 ATLA Diversity Scholarship, Kathryn Flynn.

Kathryn is working toward her Masters of Library Science at UNC School of Information and Library Science in Chapel Hill, NC.

She plans to increase diversity in her immediate context by bringing a queer perspective into the classroom. According to Kathryn, “Queer is by definition whatever is at odds with the normal, the legitimate, the dominant” (David Halperin, 1995, 62). Because by definition queerness is in opposition to what is, queerness always inhabits a space that is not. When I invoke my queerness in the classroom regarding libraries (in general and theological in particular), I complement the voices of tradition. As libraries increasingly live in the world where space is defined by the absence of physicality, queer voices like mine can help make sense out of this new reality and help create a new meaning for libraries.”

She continued, “When other people see me, I remind them that the patrons of the libraries they serve also include people all along the gender spectrum. This in turn makes it easier for ATLA members to keep those patrons in mind while developing collections, writing policies, or publishing literature.”

Flynn is a Student Member and will use her scholarship to support her enrollment at UNC School of Information and Library Science.

A special thank you to the generous ATLA Members who donated to the [ATLA Scholarships and Grants Annual Fund](#) and made this scholarship possible.

Su Hyeon Kang Joins ATLA



We are excited to have Su Hyeon Kang join the Production Department as a Metadata Analyst.

She recently received her Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Her previous study includes a Bachelor of Arts in Korean

Language and Literature from Kyonggi University, Seoul, South Korea, as well as a Master of Divinity from Kukje Theological University & Seminary, also in Seoul. She has recently worked as both volunteer and intern at the Chicago Public Library and the Oriental Institute Research Archives of the University of Chicago.

Please join us in welcoming Su Hyeon to ATLA!

ATLA Member Renewals 2015-2016

ATLA membership renewal season is upon us! A message from ATLA Board President Kelly Campbell was e-mailed to all current members on Monday, August 3. All Individual and Student members and member representatives/main contacts of Institutional, International Institutional, and Affiliate members should have received this first e-mail notice regarding membership renewals. If you did not receive a renewal notice, please contact memberrep@atla.com.

The ATLA membership year runs from September 1 through August 31. [Renew today](#) — don't miss out on benefits and programs available to your membership type.

Thank you to those members who have already renewed their memberships online. Members will receive a second reminder in September. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your membership, feel free to contact memberrep@atla.com.

Announcing Additions to ATLA Products

The American Theological Library Association (ATLA) is pleased to announce the addition of titles to be available in upcoming updates of *ATLASerials*® (*ATLAS*®), *ATLA Religion Database*® (*ATLA RDB*®), and *ATLA Catholic Periodical and Literature Index* (*ATLA CPLI*®).

ATLAS - Additional Full-Text Titles

- *Apuntes*, by Perkins School of Theology Programa Mexicano-Americano
- *Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses*, Université catholique de Louvain

ATLA RDB - Additional Indexed Titles

- *Asian Christian Review*, by Kiyoshi Seko
- *Crucible*, by Hymns Ancient & Modern
- *Cultura y Religión*, by Instituto de Estudios Internacionales
- *Eleutheria*, by Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary
- *International Journal for the Study of New Religions*, by Equinox
- *Journal for Baptist Theology & Ministry*, by Baptist Center for Theology and Ministry
- *Journal of Islamic Archaeology*, by Equinox
- *Jurnal teologic*, by Baptist Theological Institute of Bucharest and School of Baptist Theology, University of Bucharest
- *Perichoresis*, by De Gruyter Open
- *Practical Matters*, by Emory University's Candler School of Theology and Graduate Division of Religion
- *Studies in Christian Ethics*, by Sage

ATLA CPLI - Additional Indexed Titles

- *Australian eJournal of Theology*, by Australian Catholic University
- *The Bible Today*, by Liturgical Press
- *British Catholic History*, by Cambridge University Press; published on behalf of the Catholic Record Society
- *Bulletin of Medieval Canon Law*, by Catholic University of America Press for the Stephan Kuttner Institute of Medieval Canon Law
- *Centro Pro Unione Semi-Annual Bulletin*, by Centro Pro Unione
- *Dilatato Corde*, by Monastic Interreligious Dialogue
- *Grace & Truth*, by St. Joseph's Theological Institute
- *Hispania Sacra*, by Instituto de Historia (CSIC)
- *IHS, antiguos jesuitas in Iberoamérica*, by Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios sobre la Cultura y Sociedad
- *Lusitania Sacra*, by Centro de Estudos de História Religiosa, Universidade Católica Portuguesa

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

Kelly Jurecko and Judy Knop Join ATLA Member Programs

The new ATLA strategic plan approved by the Board of Directors earlier this year outlines goals for the next 3-5 years that have significant implications for Member Programs. In order to work towards these goals in addition to supporting existing membership programs, we've made several changes to focus efforts.

Kelly Jurecko is now our Member Programs Assistant. Kelly will be handling inquiries via phone and email; coordinating member consortia purchasing programs; supporting membership renewals; supporting the work of committees, working groups, task forces and other member groups; and assisting with our annual conference.

Judy Knop has transitioned to be our Member Programs Librarian focusing on membership engagement, retention, and recruitment. She will respond to inquiries regarding membership and focus on clear communication of membership benefits; facilitate relationships with regional groups; support development of new membership programs and benefits; develop and conduct professional development opportunities for members in the areas of cataloging, RDA, and metadata; and continue to coordinate the NACO and CONSER funnels.

Also, we have posted a job opening for a new position, [Digital Projects Manager](#), which will focus on continuing to develop our digital projects program.

Tawny Burgess (Communications Coordinator), Zhongwen Jin (Programmer Analyst), and Denise McFarlin (Meetings Specialist) will continue creating clear communications, supporting current internal systems and future digital projects, and making our annual conference a success.

Please join us in welcoming Kelly and Judy to the ATLA Member Programs team.

2015 Annual Conference Wrap Up



The 2015 ATLA Annual Conference, Mining the Information Landscape, was held in Denver, Colorado, June 17-20. Attracting over 300 members, exhibitors, and international guests, the conference was a tremendous success. With the help of the local host committee, Theological Librarians and Libraries of Denver/Rocky Mountain Region, the conference provided attendees and guests with programming, speakers, and excursions that exceeded expectations. Our Local Hosts did a wonderful job implementing ideas and events for conference attendees.

Held at the Marriott Denver Tech Center, the location allowed for extensive conference programming which provided our members with new, interesting, and some late breaking sessions. The close proximity to the light rail helped our members to explore and thoroughly enjoy all of the immediate surroundings and the downtown metropolitan area too. The opening reception was held in the atrium of the Marriott followed by our Business Development Department's "Dessert and Discussion" for those members that wanted an update on our products. In the ATLA tradition baseball was the Friday evening event. ATLA members toured the University of Denver and Illiff School of Theology Library and participated in a full day's workshop at the Denver Bookbinding Company. There was a tour of two Buddhist Temples and of course the traditional hosted dinner excursions. [Click here to see pictures from some of the activities at the conference.](#)

Another highlight of the conference was the *Rethink. Reinvent. Rejuvenate: Library Makeovers* that was taught by International Library Consultant, Kevin Hennah. His sessions were very well attended and there were plenty of great compliments on the ideas that he presented and generated by our members and the attendees from the Colorado Libraries. The second cohort of Creating the Leaders of Tomorrow Program concluded with nine ATLA members participating. Our opening keynote speaker was Kathryn Reklis, Assistant Professor, Department of Theology at Fordham University, *Tweet If You Want Tenure? New Media and the 'New Academy'*. On Friday we hosted a distinguished panel on Interfaith in Denver: Personal Experiences and Professional Relationships. Jamie LaRue, renowned library consultant and CEO at LaRue and Associates was our closing luncheon plenary presenter. The pre-conference workshops attracted over one-third of our attendees and provided a great start to the professional development of all that attended. With over one hundred additional papers, conversation groups, workshops, interest groups, panels, listen and learns, poster sessions, exhibitor showcases, denominational meetings, diverse worship services, late breaking sessions and the last minute addition of the Diversity Committee's conversation group luncheon,

it is safe to say that the 2015 ATLA Annual Conference, once again, provided something for everyone.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone that contributed to the overall success of our conference: the Conference Committee members, the Board of Directors, our speakers, presidors, regional, denominational, and interest group members, ATLA staff, and all the ATLA members who make me feel extremely proud to be a part of this great association. I feel extremely fortunate, privileged, and grateful.



Plenary Speaker
Jamie LaRue

And as always, we are already planning our next ATLA conference. Join us in Long Beach, California, for "Transformation and Innovation in ATLA Libraries," hosted by the Southern California Theological Library Association at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach, June 15-18, 2016. The Conference Committee has already launched the [proposal form](#) with the deadline of September 30, 2015, for submissions. Please stay tuned for our 2016 conference website and other future communications.

-Submitted by Denise McFarlin, ATLA Meetings Specialist

Submit for 2015 Proceedings

You are invited to submit your presentation and/or committee and group reports for the *2015 Summary of Proceedings*. The *Proceedings* is a historical record of the ATLA Annual Conference.

Send submissions, forms, presentation slides, and questions to the editor at proceedings@atla.com. Please refer to the [formatting instructions](#) before submitting your materials.

Submissions for the *Proceedings* are due by September 11, 2015.

Those encouraged to make submissions to the *Proceedings* include:

- Conversation group facilitators
- Denominational Group secretaries
- Interest Group speakers and secretaries
- Listen and Learn speakers
- Panel discussion presenters
- Paper/presentation speakers
- Plenary speakers
- Pre-conference workshop presenters
- Regional Group secretaries
- Worship Leaders

Call for the 2016 ATLA Annual Conference Proposals

The ATLA Conference Committee cordially invites members and friends to submit proposals for the 2016 ATLA Annual Conference, June 15-18, 2016, in Long Beach, California, hosted by the Southern California Theological Library Association.



The deadline for submitting proposals is Wednesday, September 30, 2015.

While we welcome proposals pertaining to all areas of librarianship, we are particularly interested in topics that relate to creative uses of technology, open access in relation to scholarly communications, intermediate or advanced level programs, and programs that apply to religious studies bibliographers working in university settings.

Please [click here for more information](#) on proposal guidelines and to [submit your proposal](#).



Left to right: Gregg Taylor (ATLA), Soledad Lago, Director of Libraries (UCA), Tomas Morteo (EBSCO), Claudia Fernandez (UCA library staff)

ATLA Staff Visit Argentina for SBL IM

Margot Lyon, Director of Business Development, and Gregg Taylor, Licensing Manager, recently visited Buenos Aires, Argentina and exhibited at the International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. There were 450 scholars in attendance from 39 countries. ATLA

hosted a table in the exhibits area and traffic was steady. Contacts were made with key scholars from around the world, including Africa, Asia and the Middle East. In addition, Margot and Gregg met with Mariel Voth, an ATLA member, and also attended various meetings with Tomas Morteo, EBSCO's Regional Sales Manager.

SAVE THE DATE: NFAIS Humanities Roundtable

ATLA is a member of National Federation of Advanced Information Services (NFAIS™), a global, non-profit, volunteer-powered membership organization that serves the information community, that is, all those who create, aggregate, organize, and otherwise provide ease of access to and effective navigation and use of authoritative, credible information. ATLA is pleased to sponsor and host the NFAIS 2015 Humanities Roundtable, to be held Friday, October 2 in Chicago.

This year's theme, "Digital Humanities and Digital Publishing: Global Opportunities and Challenges," will cover the range of disciplines in the Humanities. Registration opens soon and the NFAIS member rate applies to ATLA members as well. [Click here for more details, including hotel information.](#)

October is Theological Libraries Month

Theological Libraries Month (TLM) is around the corner and we have several ways to help you celebrate!

The Contest

Join us for the third annual Book Spine Poetry contest. This is a great way to celebrate TLM with your students at your library.



Encourage students and/or patrons to create poetry using the titles of books from the library and snap a photo. Post the photo to [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#) using #TLM2015. Be sure to tag @yourATLA on Twitter or our tag us on Facebook so you can be entered into the contest.

We will be reposting our favorite photos throughout the month of October. Three winners will be chosen and showcased in the ATLA Newsletter and receive a \$25 gift card.

All photos must be posted by midnight on October 31. Winners will be announced in November. [Check out our website for more details.](#)

The Goodies

TLM posters, social media logos and icons, and bookmarks are [available for download](#). Please use them liberally and let's celebrate TLM together!

For information please visit the [TLM website](#).

Catholic Biblical Association Annual Meeting

Rick Rybak, Senior Business Development Representative, and Barnaby Hughes, ATLA CPLI® Metadata Analyst, attended the Catholic Biblical Association (CBA) Annual Meeting at Xavier University in New Orleans. ATLA partners with CBA to produce the electronic version of *Old Testament Abstracts (OTA)*. Several contacts were developed as Rick coordinated the ATLA exhibit table and Barnaby attended conference sessions. Both were treated to a thorough tour of the Xavier library and campus by Paula Singleton, Assistant Director of Access, Research and Instruction. We are grateful to CBA and to Xavier University for their generous hospitality.



Rick Rybak, Senior Business Development Representative at CBA

Maria Stanton Attends ANZTLA

In July, I had the distinct pleasure of attending the ANZTLA 2015 Conference in Auckland NZ. The program opened with a Powhiri, which is a traditional Maori welcome, followed by a reception celebrating the 30th year of the conference and keynote address from Bill McNaught, the New Zealand National Librarian. Mr. McNaught gave a moving speech about the role of the library in preserving and documenting the heritage of a region or place.



Attendees of ANZTLA 2015

The overall program was a perfect balance of technical discussions (e.g., using Bibframe, linked data, and other tools) with more cultural or social presentations (e.g., setting up a library in seven days or using jigsaw puzzles in common areas to create community).

Following up on Brenda's visit last year, we also had meaningful discussions about how the two organizations could collaborate on behalf of our shared focus. I am excited about what will develop and what we can learn from each other as we move forward.

-Submitted by Maria Stanton, ATLA Director of Production

ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco, CA

I attended the ALA Annual Conference from June 25-30 in San Francisco, CA and went to sessions covering a wide range of topics including digital humanities, the future of academic libraries, collective cultural competency, and digital projects. I also participated in the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) e-book consortial interest group and collaborative digitization meetings.

My time in the exhibit hall was spent thanking representatives and organizations for their participation in the ATLA Annual Conference the week before in Denver, Colorado, and speaking with other providers of products and services of interest to ATLA members. I discussed opportunities for these organizations to work with ATLA to increase awareness by the membership of their products and services through programs such as the consortia licensing program and by exhibiting at the ATLA Annual Conference.

I heard many interesting things, had several invigorating conversations, and was inspired by Chris Bourg, Director of Libraries at MIT, during her remarks from the [Look into the Crystal Ball: Future Directions for Higher Education and Academic Libraries](#) panel at ALA when she said, "I am less interested in how libraries can respond to changes in higher education and much more interested in how libraries and those of us who work in them can create the change we believe in." [Read Chris' remarks on her blog.](#)

-Submitted by Gillian Harrison Cain, ATLA Director of Member Programs



Lunch at P.J. Clarke's after the NYATLA meeting July 8, 2015. (Left side from close to far) John Williams, Suzanne Estelle-Holmer, Elyse Hayes, Patrice Kane, Sarah Davis, Connor Flatz, (Right side from close to far: Timothy Ryan Mendenhall, Mary Alice Cicerale, Jesse Mann, Gillian Harrison Cain, Beth Jarret, Jeremy Wallace

NYATLA Meeting Minutes

A summer meeting of the New York Area ATLA (NYATLA) was held on July 9, 2015, at the Lincoln Center Campus of Fordham University. Among those in attendance were librarians from the Yale Divinity School, Fordham University libraries, Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, the Jewish Theological Seminary, The Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Drew University, and Princeton Theological Seminary. Gillian Harrison Cain, ATLA's Director of Member Programs was a special guest with the intention of meeting members and getting a better idea of the needs and challenges members face.

At the business meeting a number of on-going problems were discussed: a need to tighten up business practices and incorporate as a non-profit organization, a change in demographic due to long-time members leaving the association and new members coming on-board, and record keeping in the digital age. Perhaps the most challenging project, but also the most exciting, is the prospect of charting a new direction and purpose for NYATLA. In the past NYATLA had been devoted to resource sharing, but now with new consortia and computer networks, this has become less important. At this meeting NYATLA members began laying the groundwork for a new mission for NYATLA.

A meeting in the fall will be devoted to "brainstorming" the future of NYATLA. This meeting will be preceded by a survey to get a clearer idea of what types of programming would best serve the needs of member libraries. Gillian reassured the membership that many other regional groups are in a similar process of re-evaluation and reassessment.

Following the business meeting the group toured the Quinn Library at the Lincoln Center and enjoyed lunch and conversation at a nearby restaurant.

-Submitted by Suzanne Estelle-Holmer, President of NYATLA

Catholic Library Association Call for Proposals

Catholic Library Association invites the submission of quality proposals for presentation at the 2016 Annual Conference in San Diego, CA, March 29 - 31, 2016. CLA meets in conjunction with National Catholic Educational Association during Easter Week each year.

Those attending CLA are librarians serving patrons of all ages primarily in K-12, academic, theological, parish and public libraries.

In addition to general topics for these groups, additional sessions focus on archives, information literacy, technical services and preservation of American Catholic materials. Teachers and administrators registered with NCEA may also attend any CLA session.

Include a description of the topic or title of the program, name of presenter(s) with complete contact information, brief description of the proposed program, audience level and references for prior presentations, if available. [Proposals should be submitted before August 28.](#)

Backstage Library Works

ATLA and Backstage Library Works (www.bslw.com) have combined forces to provide ATLA member libraries a 5% discount on Backstage services.

Backstage's dedication to providing exceptional customer service along with customized, high-quality services is a good match for ATLA. The new agreement will help member libraries to continue to make their collections more accessible to patrons, and in some cases move forward with projects that have been languishing due to budgetary constraints.

Services provided by Backstage to ATLA member libraries may include:

- Authority Control (Excludes ongoing services)
- Custom Programming
- Database Conversion
- Database Upgrade
- Digitization
- ILS Database Migration
- Marcadia
- Metadata Creation (Includes cataloging, OCR, text markup & transcription services)
- Microfilm Duplication
- Microfilm Storage
- Microfilming
- On-Site Services (Includes digitization, physical reclassification, & RFID tagging)
- Physical Processing
- Reclassification
- Retrospective Conversion

Pricing for services is determined on a case-by-case basis. Once pricing for a project has been determined, Backstage agrees to offer a 5% discount on the set pricing to the ATLA member.

ATLA member libraries may contact Backstage directly and mention their ATLA affiliation to receive the discount. Members can visit www.bslw.com/partners/atla, call 1.800.288.1265, or email info@bslw.com to connect with a Backstage representative in their area.

[Please read the full press release.](#)

WorldCat Discovery Training

OCLC offers WorldCat® Discovery Services training in multiple formats. Instructor-led and self-paced training options, video tutorials and documentation provide the information you need to begin using WorldCat Discovery. Courses are available at no charge to OCLC member libraries. Dates and times for upcoming searching and configuration classes are provided below.

[WorldCat Discovery Services](#) will replace the OCLC FirstSearch service in December 2015. All libraries that provide access to the WorldCat database on FirstSearch can use WorldCat Discovery now as a part of their existing subscriptions. FirstSearch and WorldCat Discovery will operate in parallel through December 2015, to provide time for library staffs to become familiar with the new service before access to FirstSearch ends December 31, 2015.

Below are upcoming WorldCat Discovery instructor-led training classes on searching and configuration:

WorldCat® Discovery Searching Basics

- [18 August 2015 - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM \(Eastern Daylight Time, North America\)](#)
- [15 September 2015 - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM \(Eastern Daylight Time, North America\)](#)

WorldCat® Discovery Searching: Advanced Topics

- [25 August 2015- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM \(Eastern Daylight Time, North America\)](#)
- [09 September 2015 - 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM \(Eastern Daylight Time, North America\)](#)
- [22 September 2015- - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM \(Eastern Daylight Time, North America\)](#)

WorldCat® Discovery Configuration Basics

- [19 August 2015 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM \(Eastern Daylight Time, North America\)](#)
- [16 September 2015 - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM \(Eastern Daylight Time, North America\)](#)

WorldCat® Discovery Configuration: Advanced Topics

- [12 August 2015 - 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM \(Eastern Daylight Time, North America\)](#)
- [26 August 2015 - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM \(Eastern Daylight Time, North America\)](#)
- [10 September 2015 - 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM \(Eastern Daylight Time, North America\)](#)
- [23 September 2015 - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM \(Eastern Daylight Time, North America\)](#)

Shanée Yvette Murrain named ARL + DLF Forum Fellow

Shanée Yvette Murrain, Payne Theological Seminary, was named an ARL+DLF Forum Fellow for the 2015 Forum in Vancouver, British Columbia. The Digital Library Federation (DLF) created this forum to increase participant diversity. Fellows are interested in actively contributing to the DLF Forum and are part of a traditionally underrepresented group including, but not limited to, people of Hispanic or Latino, Black or African-American, Asian, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, or American Indian or Alaskan Native descent.



Learn more: <http://www.diglib.org/forums/2015forum/fellowships/arldlf/>

Tom Clark New Director of Congregational Library and Archives

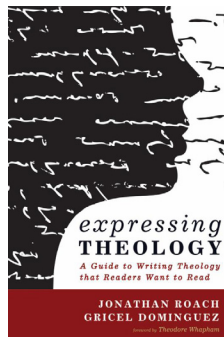
Tom joins the Congregational Library and Archives after years of leadership in corporate libraries and library-related professional organizations. Starting as a newspaper librarian at The Boston Herald, he established himself in the Greater Boston community with his library work at Johnson & Johnson, Sun Microsystems and The MITRE Corporation and as a public library director. He has been recognized for his service by Simmons College, as well as the New England Special Libraries Association, where he continues to serve in key leadership roles.



Tom holds Masters of Library Sciences from Simmons College Graduate School of Library & Information Science and a BA from Tufts University.

Routine Maintenance Reminder

Routine maintenance will be performed on ATLA systems on Monday, September 14, and Monday, October 5. You may encounter a brief interruption of service between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. (CDT). Services that will be affected include ASE, listservs, the ATLA website, and member community sections. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.



Jonathan C. Roach Publishes First Book

We are pleased to announce that long-time member Rev. Jonathan C. Roach, University Library Administrator of St. Thomas University, Miami Gardens, FL, has published his first book, *Expressing Theology: A Guide to Writing Theology that Readers Want to Read*.

Published under Cascade Books, a division of WIPF and STOCK Publishers, "*Expressing Theology* challenges writers of theology to craft engaging, compelling, and beautiful prose that grabs readers' attention and makes reading a pleasure."

If you would like more information please visit <http://wipfandstock.com/expressing-theology.html>.

Job Openings

Are you in the market for a new position? Be sure to check the ATLA web listings to see who is hiring.

Positions posted this month:

- Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury, NC, is looking for a [Writing Center Coordinator and Learning Commons Librarian](#)
- Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, SC, is looking for an [Instruction and Reference Librarian \(Part-Time\)](#)
- New Brunswick Theological Seminary, New Brunswick, NJ, is looking for a [Director of the Gardner A. Sage Library](#).
- North Park University, Chicago, IL, is looking for a [Circulation and Outreach Coordinator \(Part Time\)](#)
- Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA, is looking for a [Library Director](#)
- Princeton Theological Seminary Library, Princeton, NJ, is looking for an [Academic Technology Librarian](#)
- Roling Memorial Library, Deerfield, IL, is looking for a [Collection Management Librarian](#)
- University of Dayton, The Marian Library, Dayton, OH, is looking for a [Director of the Marian Library](#)
- Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, is looking for a [Special Collections Librarian](#)

NBTS Announcement - Faculty Search - Director of the Gardner A. Sage Library

The New Brunswick Theological Seminary invites applications for a full-time position as Director of the Gardner A. Sage Library. The primary focus of this position is to direct the activities of the library for New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

The responsibilities of the Director of the Gardner A. Sage Library include planning, coordinating and supervising the programs, services and staff of the Library; preparing and administering the library budget; serving as liaison to national and local organizations; advocating for the needs of the library to individuals, churches and granting agencies; and other duties as assigned. Upon request we will furnish interested parties with a full job description.

The Director of the Gardner A. Sage Library must possess a Master of Library Science degree (or its equivalent) from an ALA-Accredited school and a Master of Divinity degree or a Masters of Arts in Theology degree (or an equivalent degree) from an ATS-accredited seminary. At least three years of academic library experience is required, including significant administrative experience.

New Brunswick Theological Seminary was founded more than 230 years ago - the first Protestant seminary established in North America. Our dedication to providing rigorous and accessible training for a diverse community of students has made us the institution of choice for those who demand an exceptional seminary education, a flexible academic schedule and the sustenance of a spiritually rich community.

Although New Brunswick Theological Seminary is a teaching institution of the Reformed Church in America, the Seminary considers it a privilege and a responsibility to train persons from many other denominations for ministry. As a result, NBTS' faculty and student body reflect the rich diversity of God's whole people.

We are an ecumenical and urban institution that offers distinguished academic training for our present and future American mosaic. Students come from a wide variety of careers and backgrounds, bringing with them rich experiences in faith and life. Our innovative curriculum provides the context in which all this diversity of ethnicity, culture, denominations and experience can be expressed in a single conversation: an educative process which values each person's calling and gifts.

Our Professors take a personal interest in their students, understanding that preparation for ministry involves more than classroom instruction. A blending of high standards in traditional academics and in community analysis and public theology rests upon a foundation of an action-reflection model of theological engagement. Committed to excellence in ministry, the Faculty teaches with passion and creativity, encourages active critical thinking, and practices ongoing self-reflection in its work together and with students. The result is an unparalleled educational opportunity for the women and men who will lead the church in an increasingly complex and pluralistic context.

Especially welcome are applications from those who bring diverse ethnic, racial, and international perspectives to their teaching, scholarship, and Christian faith.

Interested parties should email a cover letter and vitae by August 28, 2015 to Dr. Willard W. C. Ashley, Sr., deansoffice@nbts.edu. Dr. Ashley serves as the Dean of the Seminary and Associate Professor of Practical Theology, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, 35 Seminary Place, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901.

ATLA Calendar

August

- 12-14 - PKP Scholarly Publishing Conference 2015, Vancouver, BC, Tawny Burgess and Gillian Harrison Cain attending
- 26-30 - Connect Marketplace, Pittsburgh, PA - Denise McFarlin attending
- 28 - ATLA office closed for staff outing

September

- 7 - ATLA offices closed in observance of Labor Day
- 11 - Deadline for 2015 Summary of Proceedings
- 14 - Routine Maintenance on ATLA Systems
- 19-23 - 44th General Assembly of BETH Bibliothèques Européennes de Théologie, Bologna, Italy, Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Gregg Taylor attending
- 30 - Deadline for the 2016 Annual Conference Session Proposals

ATLA Birding Passion Group 20th Anniversary Outing Denver 2015

"I've got one of your target birds in the scope."

Thus began the 2015 "meeting" of the ATLA Birding Passion Group. It was a milestone of sorts. Twenty years ago, almost to the day-in fact, it was the last time that Denver hosted the ATLA conference-a local birder had taken Lynn Berg and me on a tour of Red Rocks Park. Lynn saw her first Black-billed Magpie, and I saw my first Virginia's Warbler.

The bird in the scope turned out to be a Western Scrub-Jay, and it was a "lifer" for most of us. The "us" being Lynn Berg, Karla Grafton, Ann Heinrichs, Myka Kennedy Stephens, Ondrea Murphy, Bethany O'Shea, and I. We were birding Castlewood Canyon State Park, which lies 28 miles south of Denver. Our hosts were Karen Metz a retired academic librarian and the owner of the telescope; Amy Cervene, a public librarian and the point person of the hosting group; and Norm Lewis, a retired real estate agent who leads birding tours throughout the state. I'd previously "met"-all of them through the "Cobirds" discussion list.

Next to show itself was a male Mountain Bluebird, resplendent in pale blue, that posed for us on a fence post. "Hear that? Wild Turkeys!" said Amy. Just then, a bird began to sing over the gobbling. It sounded like a robin on speed-Black-headed Grosbeak, and there it was, perched in the open on a bare branch. "Raptor! No, Great Blue Heron!" someone called, as the huge bird lumbered low over the parking lot. A Mourning Dove perched on a distant branch, Violet-green Swallows circled overhead, and then a buzzzz announced the passage of a male Broad-tailed Hummingbird.

We were tempted just to stay in the parking lot, but the scrub oak and ponderosa pine habitat below us promised new species. And quickly delivered a Spotted Towhee perched in a treetop and singing its jingling song at full volume. A Common Raven and an American Crow flew past. "LEGO," said Karen, and then quickly explained that that was the four-letter banding code-a sort of bird-bander shorthand-for the tiny bright yellow black-backed bird perched low in a bush about 10 meters away: Lesser Goldfinch. Our hosts tossed around a few more banding codes: AMRO (American Robin), MODO

(Mourning Dove). "We also have the green-backed subspecies of Lesser Goldfinch here," said Norm. Prophetically, as it turned out, for we found one minutes later. Then another goldfinch displayed for us, this one had black wings and crown on an otherwise bright yellow body-the closely-related American Goldfinch.

"What's that bird?" Ann wondered aloud.

"I was trying to make it into something more exotic, but it's a female American Robin," said Norm. "Listen to the male sing," called Karen, "when I was in Jasper Park we heard one that had added Baltimore Oriole notes to its song-and it ended up beating out its rivals and breeding with the female!"

Soon we were being serenaded by at least two House Wrens. This was soon interrupted by a squeaky whistle from the tree-tops that disclosed a pair of Brown-headed Cowbirds. "White-throated Swifts!" It was Karen again, rejoicing that there were any swifts left after the late frost that had killed off many of them in May. "Some say they have a 'twinkling' flight," said Norm-and they certainly made the swallows they were flying with look lethargic.

"Pee-ur!" The bird had been calling mournfully for a while, and now it was perched on a dead branch right in front of us, right where we'd seen a Hairy Woodpecker minutes before. "See how it sallies after flies and then returns to its perch; that's typical behavior for the Western Wood-Pewee," said Norm. "And for most flycatchers," added Karen. Then came the two-note call of a Mountain Chickadee, the "yank" of a Pygmy Nuthatch, and the burry song of the Plumbeous Vireo; but no one got good looks at them.

What we did see, though, was a couple of dozen Turkey Vultures sunning themselves on the rocks below the escarpment about 150 meters away. "How pretty!" said Ann. "I think they'd be touched to hear you say that," Norm responded. The birds slowly began to lift off to take advantage of the updrafts along the cliff face. On



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a nearby snag sat a Steller's Jay, looking black against the sun and with its crest clearly visible.

A Warbling Vireo began to sing, or rather to lecture, given the insistence of its tone, but there was no point in trying to find it: like most vireos it'll sing all day from a hidden perch. No matter, a delicate bird with a blue back and a rusty breast flew into a pine and then perched briefly on the ground-Western Bluebird, a species high on our list of target birds.

"Canyon Wren, but it's singing very softly," said Amy. Softly indeed. She had to point it out three times before I heard it. Too bad that its slow, descending, haunting song wasn't echoing loudly among the boulders below the cliff face, as it often does. "Cliff Swallows," called Karen, and we looked up and saw about 50 of them circling overhead. Also circling overhead were the vultures. "There's something else with them-Cooper's Hawk-no, look at the black primaries; it's a

Karen pointed out a Rock Squirrel (a "life mammal" for me) sitting in front of its burrow. A Cordilleran Flycatcher vocalized briefly; it's a member of a family of flycatchers whose individual species can be reliably distinguished only by voice, so seeing it wasn't a big concern.

On our way back to the parking lot we heard another vireo singing-"Here I am, where are you?" Again, like most vireos, it was so well hidden that it was impossible to tell where "here" was. But the song gave it away: Red-eyed Vireo. A few more steps and we stopped in our tracks: there was a female Pine Siskin, a heavily-streaked drab little finch, gathering thistle down for its nest, wisp by wisp, until it had a puffy bill-full.

We decided that we had time for a brief walk down one last trail, for a final shot at Lazuli Bunting, one of

Birds We Saw or Heard

- European Starling
- American Magpie
- Western Scrub-Jay
- Mountain Bluebird
- Great Blue Heron
- Black-headed Grosbeak
- Western Wood-Pewee
- Spotted Towhee
- Mourning Dove
- Violet-Green Swallow
- Lesser Goldfinch
- American Crow
- Common Raven
- Broad-tailed Hummingbird
- American Robin
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- White-throated Swift
- House Wren
- American Goldfinch
- Wild Turkey
- Plumbeous Vireo
- Hairy Woodpecker
- Yellow Warbler
- Pygmy Nuthatch
- Turkey Vulture
- Warbling Vireo
- Western Tanager
- Chipping Sparrow
- Cliff Swallow
- Western Bluebird
- Steller's Jay
- Mountain Chickadee
- Gray Catbird

- Song Sparrow
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Swainson's Hawk
- Canyon Wren
- Cordilleran Flycatcher
- Red-eyed Vireo
- Pine Siskin
- Black-capped Chickadee
- Belted Kingfisher
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- Lazuli Bunting

Mammals

- Mule Deer (with twin fawns that must've been just weeks old)
- Rock Squirrel

second-year Swainson's Hawk, looking very pale." Also among the soaring mix was a couple of Red-tailed Hawks hanging motionless against the wind-kiting, it's called-the better to survey the ground below them for prey.

Soon after, Karen, who regularly birds the park, found us a pair of Western Tanagers. We'd heard a number of them sing their robin-with-a-sore-throat song high in the pines, but this was the first glimpse we'd had of them. And glimpse it was, just two yellow and black streaks descending from a branch. No sign of the red crown, unfortunately.

I heard a sweet three-note call and called out "Black-capped Chickadee." "Oh, you mean that 'cheeseburger' song?" said Norm. This is one of the many mnemonics we birders have come up with to identify bird songs. I couldn't resist mentioning my favorite, the one for White-crowned Sparrow: "I gotta go wee-wee now."

We decided to head to Cherry Creek Falls, which we could hear in the ravine below. A Gray Catbird sang from cover as we made our way down the trail. This master mimic sings rapid, chattering "cover versions" of songs it's learned from its neighbors. In the sandy sides of the ravine we could see the nest holes of the Cliff Swallows. And then

our main targets. Amy quickly found, not the bunting, but a very uncooperative and skittish pair of Blue-Gray Gnatcatchers. Then a Belted Kingfisher (BEKI to a bird bander) flew over and gave its rattling call. By then it was almost 9:00, time to take some group photos so that we could return to the hotel by 10:00. "Lazuli Bunting!" cried Karen, and there it was, perched on a dead branch, singing its squeaky song and displaying its blue head, orange breast, and white belly for the world to see.

A fitting conclusion to a successful outing during which we'd covered 3.7 km., walked nearly 4,000 steps, and seen or heard 44 species. As we pulled into the hotel parking lot, Ann declared that she'd have just enough time to have a shower and put on her librarian clothes. "Don't tell anyone," said Myka, "but I'll probably be compiling my list during the first session."

- Submitted by Sandy Ayer, Ambrose Seminary

Going Global



One of the major goals in ATLA's new strategic plan relates to global collaboration: *ATLA is recognized globally as a strategic collaborator.*

In many ways, ATLA already operates on an international basis. A number of ATLA's members have long had an interest in working with libraries outside North America. We have welcomed international attendees with free registration at the ATLA annual conference. In recent years, this has resulted

in the opportunity to learn from colleagues from around the world, including Australia, Belgium, Finland, France, Kenya, Myanmar, Trinidad and Tobago, and the United Kingdom.

Although ATLA does not actively recruit members from outside North America, some international organizations approach us about membership. Currently, 4.4% of the organizations that belong to ATLA are based outside the U.S. and 8.4% of personal members are from outside the U.S.

Our products have international reach and representation. A significant portion of libraries that subscribe to them are located outside the U.S. - 34% of them, to be exact, which are located in 59 countries. Of these, only 7% are based in Canada. As ATLA actively expands the subject matter and languages included in *ATLASerials*®, naturally more and more of the publishers represented come from outside the U.S. In fact, 27.8% of publishers included are based outside the U.S. and 42% of licensed titles are published outside the U.S.

ATLA takes global collaboration seriously and recently has increased its interaction with organizations outside North America. In recent years, staff have attended many meetings and conferences of organizations with a similar purpose, including ABTAPL (Association of British Theological and Philosophical Libraries), ANZTLA (Australia and New Zealand Theological Library Association), BETH

(Bibliothèques Européennes de Théologie), ForATL (Forum of Asian Theological Librarians), and VThB (Vereniging voor het Theologisch Bibliothecariaat) in the Netherlands. Last month, for the first time we sent representatives to the Society for Biblical Literature International Meeting - this year held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and for several years we have been attending the Frankfurt Bookfair, an increasingly important place for us to meet with publishers. Our partnerships with other like-minded organizations that operate internationally, such as TBN (Theological Book Network), are important to us as well.

We learn more all the time about the environment for libraries internationally through participation in the IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) annual meeting. Next year, ATLA will provide funding to help sponsor a librarian from the majority world to attend the 2016 IFLA Conference, which will be held in Columbus, Ohio.

But the "global collaboration" goal calls for more than just attending meetings or giving grants. It means actively seeking ways that we can work together as equals with these other organizations on projects that help solve broad overarching problems or create new products and services that benefit all participants and their constituents.

Achieving this goal will take time and calls for involvement from everyone represented in ATLA - the board, the staff, and member volunteers. During the coming year there will be many opportunities for all to help further ATLA's global collaboration efforts.

Brenda Bailey-Hainer
Executive Director

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