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From the Executive Director

The Merry Month of May

May is many things to many people. It's the end of the academic year for most students and faculty, eager to free themselves from the demands and routine of school. It's a time for digging and planting and mowing and getting outside air for those who have been huddling inside for six months. May is the month of Norwegian independence day, of course, and also the time when Chicago fans realize that this won't be the year the Cubs make it to the World Series.

The most important thing about May for ATLA staff, however, is that it is final preparation time for the ATLA Annual Conference and the Management Issues Seminar. Karen Whittlesey and the Member Services staff have been working closely with Roger Loyd and the local host committee, Mitzi Budde and the Annual Conference Committee, Herman Peterson and the Education Committee, and Roberta Schaafsma and the Professional Development Committee, preparing for our upcoming conference.

This year's conference will provide for us a wonderful setting, some excellent programs and speakers, a new pre-conference seminar and a number of professional development workshops, plenty of time to visit and explore, and the kind of surprises that we have come to expect when Roger Loyd is the host!

The conference also will provide some significant opportunities for collaboration by individuals and institutions, and I'd like to alert you to some of them. Each of these projects will be discussed at the Annual Conference:

1. **Digital Grants**—On pages 18 and 19 you will read about the grant from the Luce Foundation that provides \$150,000 over the next three years to support digital projects by ATLA/ATS libraries. The ATS/ATLA Digital Standards Committee will make a presentation about this project at the Annual Conference (Friday, June 22, 3:30 p.m.)
2. **International Relations**—At last year's conference the ATLA Board of Directors authorized the creation of a special committee: the Committee of the Association for International Col-

laboration. This committee will be hosting a roundtable on Saturday, June 23, 3:15 p.m. to facilitate discussion about ways that ATLA members can work with international libraries and librarians. To read a first-hand account of a memorable experience in international collaboration, I invite you to read the first part of Al Caldwell's account of his trip to Cambodia on pages 15 and 16.

3. **Retrospective Indexing**—With the introduction of CuadraSTAR, ATLA's new online-ready inputting system, we have an opportunity to work collaboratively to index the 106 *RIO* journal titles that existed before ATLA began indexing in 1947. Robert Balay, editor of *Guide to Reference Books*, has identified the lack of indexing for religious periodicals before 1947 as a major gap in scholarly literature. Elmer and Betty O'Brien have provided indexing for three early Methodist periodicals and Ellis O'Neal has provided indexing for the *Andover Review*. Now all ATLA members will have the opportunity to contribute to this important project. Cameron Campbell, ATLA's Director of Indexes, will host a forum on retrospective indexing on Saturday, June 23, 8:30 a.m. for all interested members.
4. **Publications**—At its midwinter meeting in January, the ATLA Board accepted the recommendation of the Publications Interest Group to disband and to be replaced by a committee with responsibilities for encouraging and promoting publications by and about ATLA members. I invite you to visit with the new Publications Committee members about your interest in publishing: Andy Keck (chair), Lynn Berg, and Anne Womack.
5. **On Demand Preservation Services**—This fall ATLA will be acquiring its own microfilming capability. Mr. and Mrs. Sul of Preservation Microfilm will be joining us at the new headquarters to install the original University of Chicago equipment and to train their successor(s). Having our own microfilming team ensures the continuation of ATLA's ability to provide preservation microfilming for member projects. Join the Preservation Advisory Committee for discussion about this program Saturday, June 23, 8:30 a.m.

6. **Web site**—We are very pleased to introduce the new ATLA web site to you at this conference. This completely redesigned site is the result of your suggestions and requests and our determination to make the ATLA web site a vital and dynamic part of your lives. We strongly encourage interest groups, denominational groups, regional groups, roundtables, and committees to use the ATLA site to share resources and communications. We have developed a template and guidelines that can be used by each group to create its own site. At the conclusion of the conference, the new site will go “live.” An introduction to the new web site is included on pages 30 and 31.

I hope that you will enjoy the conference and find time to refresh and renew yourself. I also hope that you will get involved in at least one of these projects. All are worthwhile, and all will help ATLA to better fulfill its mission: to foster the study of theology and religion by enhancing the development of theological and religious libraries and librarianship.

See you in North Carolina! 📖

Dennis A. Norlin

ATLA Executive Director

News of ATLA Members & Member Libraries

The General Commission on Archives and History has just published on their web site **John Baker-Batsel's** revision and updating of the *Union List of United Methodist Serials, 1773–1973*. The new title is *List of United Methodist Serials*. This is a list of serials (including magazines, newspapers, Sunday School literature, and conference journals) that have been published by the churches that have become part of the United Methodist Church. This *Union List* includes the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church–South, the Methodist Protestant Church, the Methodist Church, the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, the Evangelical Association, the United Evangelical Church, the Evangelical Church, the Evangelical United Brethren Church as well as the United Methodist Church.

Titles are listed by church. Cross-references are linked. Log on to <http://www.gcch.org> and select FULL-TEXT PUBLICATIONS, and then LIST OF METHODIST SERIALS. The file may be downloaded at no charge, or it may be read on-line. The latter option will be slower, unless you have a very fast Internet connection.

To go directly to the LIST, go to <http://www.gcch.org/MethList.pdf>. This is an Adobe PDF file and you will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to view it. You can either view it on-line or download the

file and view it off-line. The reader may be obtained from <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep.html>. Mr. Baker-Batsel would be pleased to have your comments on this publication. 📖



The History of Philosophy: A Concise Guide for Students, by **George C. Papademetriou**, Ph.D., has been published by Wyndham Hall Press. ISBN 1-55605-301-0. Fr. Papademetriou is former librarian of Archbishop Iakovos Library and Learning Center at **Hellenic College/Holy Cross**. 📖




Patricia Lyons Basu has been appointed Director of Libraries at **St. John's Seminary**, Camarillo, CA. Formerly Library Director at Hiram College (OH) and Sacred Heart Major Seminary (MI), she is now in charge of the undergraduate and graduate libraries at the Roman Catholic seminary. 📖



The renovated and expanded **J. Oliver Buswell, Jr. Library** at **Covenant Theological Seminary** was dedicated on April 27, 2001. Buswell's granddaughter was among the participants in a "multi-constituency" litany written by the Library Director, **James C. Pakala**. Church history Professor David B. Calhoun, author of several books, including a widely reviewed two-volume history of Princeton Seminary, gave the dedicatory address. A groundbreaking ceremony was held in September 1999 and the new facility opened its doors on October 16, 2000. Tripling in size to over 37,000 square feet, the building includes enlarged and diversified study space, added shelf capacity, computer labs, A/V rooms, and a new reference area. New library offices, work rooms, lounges, and storage rooms also are provided, as well as academic offices and a large classroom, either or both of which are to be converted into dedicated library space as additional construction occurs on campus. Now forming part of an emerging quadrangle, the 1975 library building was completely transformed to reflect the traditional character of the campus's more recent construction as well as its original architecture (an estate home).


In planning the renovation and expansion, the Library staff sought to provide both individual and group study rooms, quiet space and bustling areas, comfortable lounges and labs, and multiple types of resources both on-site and accessible electronically. The building's conceptualization dovetailed with the self-study related to the Association of Theological Schools and North Central accreditation renewal. The self-study confirmed an understanding that material formats as well as types of library use are not "either/or," but rather "both/and" (print and electronic, individual and group study, etc.). Already significant cooperation with other libraries is increasing dramatically with MOBIUS, the Missouri Bibliographic Information User System. The new facility anticipated this cooperation by improving visibility, access, meeting space, and robust capacity for new systems, collection development, technical services, and interlibrary circulation.

Covenant Theological Seminary is grateful for the many generous contributors who have helped make the Library's renovation and expansion possible, including the Kresge and J.L. Mabee Foundations that provided a combined \$1 million in challenge grant funding. Founded in 1956, Covenant


Theological Seminary has a current enrollment of over 900 students, including extension and Doctor of Ministry students. The Seminary's programs center on training individuals primarily to serve as church pastors, licensed counselors, and in specialized ministry positions such as those impacting today's youth. 



In late October, the library of the **Graduate Theological Union** in Berkeley, California welcomed **Clay-Edward Dixon** as its new Head of Collection Development.

Clay-Edward holds an MA in Historical and Systematic Theology from Loyola University, New Orleans (1988) and an MLIS from the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Texas at Austin (1991). His former position was Reference and Collection Development Librarian at Ryan Memorial Library, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, Pennsylvania. The Graduate Theological Union is pleased to have someone with Clay-Edward's diverse and considerable expertise for this key position. 



Ashland Theological Seminary is pleased to announce the appointment of **Ms. Sylvia Locher** as head librarian at Ashland Theological Seminary. Ms. Locher holds a BA from European Nazarene Bible College (Schaffhausen, Switzerland)/Mid-America Nazarene College in Religion and Religious Education, as well as an MLS from Kent State University. She is currently completing an MA in Church History from Ashland Theological Seminary. Ms. Locher has worked for the last ten years at Mount Vernon Nazarene College and has experience in reference, cataloging, and administration. 



The **Krauth Memorial Library of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia** has had a facelift in its entrance area. The rotunda has been

redesigned and features new lighting and a new paint job. In addition to traffic flow for the building, the area provides seating for study. Three refinished tables—part of the furniture of the original library building dating from 1907—and matching Windsor chairs will be augmented by upholstered chairs by the fireplace.

A Checkpoint security system has been installed at the rear arch of the rotunda, through which all access to collections will be funneled. The circulation desk has been recessed in the hallway behind the arch.

With more than 150,000 items accessible, the electronic catalog has become the primary location tool. The card catalog has been reduced to five cabinets and progress continues toward the elimination of the entire card catalog as the 40,000+ bibliographic records are converted to the electronic catalog.

In January Ms. Nancy Taggart joined the staff as an assistant in Technical Services. Nancy comes from a background in geography and teaching. She succeeds Stanley Alston, who is currently a reference librarian at the Trenton Public Library.

The Seminary has engaged the services of George Yu Architects of Philadelphia to provide a comprehensive campus plan, which anticipates the construction of a Learning Center and major renovations to the seminary's chapel and library over the next decade. One aspect of the plan is providing for the storage of library materials and a reworking of the open stack collection to mirror basic resources for the MAR and M. Div. programs. 📖



In December the Luce Foundation awarded a grant of \$340,000 to the East Coast Cluster of Lutheran Seminaries to develop "One Library Under Three Roofs." The three-year grant will be used to develop a coordinated catalog and acquisitions system searchable via the Internet.

The libraries involved are the **Wentz Library of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg**, the **Krauth Memorial Library of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia**, and the **Lineberger Library of the Lutheran Theological**

Southern Seminary located in Columbia, South Carolina.

Additional endeavors will be the utilization of electronic resources, especially online journals and bibliographic aids, to serve the widespread programs of the seminaries, the coordination of acquisitions, the pooling of print runs of journals, and the elimination of unneeded duplication of other resources.

The grant request was funded by a planning grant from Luce, utilizing Dr. Stephen Peterson as consultant. Dr. Peterson serves as Librarian of Trinity College, Hartford, and was formerly the Librarian of the **Yale Divinity School** collection. In his current position he participates in a three-college library consortium, which has implemented a common catalog and acquisitions program.

The three librarians will spend this year planning and choosing the integrated automation system that will serve the program, and obtain training for themselves and their staffs in developing areas. 📖



Christopher Brennan resigned his position of Associate Librarian for Technical Services of the **Ambrose Swasey Library**. On May 14, 2001, Christopher assumed the position of Associate Director of the Drake Memorial Library of SUNY Brockport.

Chris was with the Swasey Library for sixteen years. During his tenure there, he oversaw the conversion of the catalog from card to electronic form and supervised library automation, wrote numerous successful grants for the library, organized the merger of the SBI collection with the merged Bexley/CRCDS collection, coordinated the workflow of the technical services operations, and three times served as interim director. Chris knows the collection better than anyone else, and has served the seminary community with energy and diligence. He will be sorely missed.

Christopher has been a long-time, active member of ATLA. He served on the Technical Services Committee and the OCLC Theological Users Group (twice serving as Chair of the latter), and was one of the founders of ATUG (the American Theological Users Group, the OCLC-generated union list of institutional members' holdings). He served on the Board of Directors from 1993 to 1999. In that ca-

capacity, he served on the Board's Nominating Committee and the Endowment Committee, and as Secretary of the Association from 1995 to 1999. He also was a founding member of the Judaica Interest Group. Although he cannot attend the Durham Conference, Chris shall retain his membership in ATLA and participate in the Association as the new position permits.



Greetings from **Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio**. We would like to share news of Louis Voigt, who was the Librarian at Hamma Divinity School before the merger that created Trinity Lutheran Seminary. He is now retired.

On January 31 Louis had a stroke while driving his car. The resulting accident left him unable to move his arms or legs. His wife Reva says he is conscious and his mind is working a mile a minute. He has been very active and is finding his inability to do what he needs to do frustrating.

Louis and Reva are active in the Ohio Theological Library Association. Louis runs a book exchange that makes used theological books available to pastors locally and libraries overseas free of charge. He also helps supply a food pantry in Springfield, Ohio, does some preaching, and helps with other relief and service projects.

What the future holds for Louis is not clear. Please keep both Louis and Reva in your prayers. He is in the Ridgewood Nursing Center, 1600 St. Paris Pike, Springfield, OH 45504-1226.



H. D. Sandy Ayer is celebrating the publication of his first book: *The Christian and Missionary Alliance: An Annotated Bibliography of Textual Sources*. Lanham, Md.: Scarecrow Press, 2001. ATLA Bibliography Series, no. 45. 433 p. ISBN 0-8108-3995-4. This work is an attempt to acquaint researchers with the rich resources of the Alliance oeuvre in such areas of scholarly interest as evangelicalism, missions, the divine healing and Holiness movements, Pentecostalism, and evangelical spirituality. The bibliography covers books, articles, essays, theses, peri-

odicals, pamphlets, and tracts published by or about the Alliance from 1884 to 1999. It includes about 2500 entries, almost 400 of which pertain to works by C&MA founder A. B. Simpson, and about 100 works by the movement's best-known author, A. W. Tozer. Mr. Ayer's personal hope is that it will facilitate the writing of critical biographies of Simpson, Tozer, and other Alliance luminaries such as evangelist Paul Rader and missionary R. A. Jaffray. Mr. Ayer would like to express his heartfelt thanks to ATLA colleagues who provided encouragement and guidance during the course of this ten-year project: Bill Faupel, Bill Kostlevy, Tim Erdel, series editor Ken Rowe, and, above all, his mentor in things bibliographical, Charles Edwin Jones.

ATLA Individual members can receive a 20% discount on titles from the ATLA/Scarecrow Press Bibliography series.



Charles K. Bellinger, Theological Librarian and Assistant Professor of Theology and Ethics at **Brite Divinity School**, recently published a book titled *The Genealogy of Violence: Reflections on Creation, Freedom, and Evil* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001). The Oxford University Press web site summarizes it as follows: "Various historians, philosophers, and social scientists have attempted to provide convincing explanations of the roots of violence, with mixed and confusing results. This book brings Kierkegaard's voice into this conversation in a powerful way, arguing that the Christian intellectual tradition offers the key philosophical tools needed for comprehending human pathology."

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Announcements

Ballots for Board Election Counted

On Thursday, April 5, the Tellers Committee (Joan Blocher, Christina Browne, and Keith Wells) met at ATLA headquarters to count the ballots for the election of new members to the ATLA Board of Directors. Appointed by the Board Secretary (Eileen Saner), the Committee reports the results to the Secretary and the Board President (Bill Hook). Newly elected members assume their office at the close of the Annual Conference. Our sincere thanks to the members of the Tellers Committee for their assumption of this important responsibility. 📖



Conference Hotel Correction

Please note this important change to the phone number listed for reservations at the Hilton Durham, one of our two guest room hotels for the ATLA Annual Conference. The number is (919) 383-8033 or (800) HILTONS. The reservation number is incorrect in the “Hotel Reservations and Rates” paragraph in your program book, though it is correct in the address listing. The web listing has been corrected. We apologize sincerely for any inconvenience this error has caused you. 📖



Names of Recently Deceased ATLA Members Sought

Every year at the Annual Conference, ATLA remembers those members who have died in the year since the previous conference. The remembrance is in the form of memorials, to be read this year at the Town Meeting on Friday afternoon. We have been advised of the deaths of J. Stillson Judah, Elaine Bryant, Velma King, and Sister Catherine Stirewalt. If you know of anyone else, please send a message to Karen Whittlesey, Director of Member Services (kwhittle@atla.com). 📖



ATLA Choir Seeks Members

Seth Kasten, director of the ATLA choir, invites all interested in singing at the Friday morning worship service at the Annual Conference to contact him at sek26@columbia.edu. Choir rehearsal is on Thursday, June 21, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; the worship service is Friday, June 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Duke Chapel, William Willimon preaching. Please note the time of rehearsal, as it is changed from previous years. 📖




WCIG Survey

The World Christianity Interest Group’s session at the June ATLA conference will be on “World Christianity Documentation and the Theological Curriculum.” We have developed a very brief online survey that we are hoping will be submitted by faculty members at ATLA institutions (<http://www.library.yale.edu/div/atla/survey.html>). We believe that faculty members will be much more likely to take the time to fill out the survey (5-10 minutes) if they are asked to do so by a colleague at their institution (i.e., asked by you, the librarians at these institutions). The survey is aimed at faculty who teach in the fields of Biblical studies, theology, church history, ministry, etc.—*not* at people who teach courses on missions or world Christianity. We want to find out whether faculty members are introducing “global” perspectives into their courses, or if they can imagine doing so.

Here’s our request to you. Would you please send the URL of the survey to relevant faculty members at your institution and ask them to help us by filling out and submitting the survey? Here is a brief message that you could send to the faculty members:

The Association of Theological Schools has devised various standards for theological education. One of these standards is that “M.Div. education shall address the global character of the church as

well as the multi-cultural and cross-cultural nature of ministry in North American society . . .”

The World Christianity Interest Group of the American Theological Library Association is seeking to gather information about whether “the global character of the church” is addressed in courses other than those relating to missions or the history of world Christianity. If you teach courses in Bible, theology, church history, ministry, ethics, or related fields, would you please help us out by completing and submitting the very brief online survey (<http://www.library.yale.edu/div/atla/survey.html>)? 

Thank you!

Martha Lund Smalley

Chair of the ATLA World Christianity

Interest Group



Nominations for Frye Leadership Institute to Open in July

Nominations for the 2002 Frye Leadership Institute open in July, 2001. The institute is an intensive, two-week program held at Emory University. Participants, selected from nominations and applications, “study and analyze the leadership challenges stemming from the changing context and complex-

ity of higher education.” Following the program, participants will take part in a year-long practicum at their own institutions and attend a follow-up seminar the next year. Please visit the institute web site for more information (<http://www.fryeinstitute.org>).




ABCF to Hold Annual Conference in September

The Association des Bibliothèques Chrétiennes de France will hold its 17th annual conference on September 17–21, 2001, in Paris. The theme of the conference is “La spiritualité et les livres.” For more information, please contact Frère Antoine Desfarges.



Library Display Ideas for *Newsletter* Welcome

Share your ideas for library displays with others! If your library has mounted an interesting display, we would love to hear about it. Send a brief description of the display to Margret Collins (newsletter@atla.com) for consideration as an item in the *ATLA Newsletter*. 

How to Subscribe to ATLANTIS

Many readers of the *ATLA Newsletter* are subscribers to ATLANTIS, a discussion list for theological librarians, but many are not. ATLANTIS primarily serves librarians and friends who are members of the American Theological Library Association. It is not, however, an official agency of ATLA, and the principal relationship among the subscribers is a commitment to an open discussion of issues relevant to theological librarians generally.

The list is unmoderated, but subscription is by request only to the list administrator. If you believe that you would like to become a participant in ATLANTIS discussions, send an e-mail message to Karen L. Whittlesey, list administrator, at kwhittle@atla.com, indicating your interest and noting your expectations as both a contributor to and a reader of this list.

Conference News & Information

This year's ATLA Annual Conference, "2001: A Research Odyssey," will be held in Durham, North Carolina, June 20–23, 2001, at the Durham Marriott at the Civic Center and at the Divinity School of Duke University. The Divinity School Library is your conference host. The Local Host Committee is composed of Roberta Schaafsma, Andy Keck, and Roger Loyd, chair. They enthusiastically welcome you to their city and their beautiful campus.

All events are scheduled at the Durham Marriott at the Civic Center, with the exception of three preconference professional development workshops on Wednesday and all programs on Friday. These will be held on the Duke University campus.



Local Hosts of the Divinity School at Duke University:
Roberta Schaafsma, Roger Loyd, Andy Keck

Conference Program

The conference program has been mailed to all ATLA members and it has been posted to the ATLA web site (<http://www.atla.com/conference/>). The conference web site contains additional and updated conference information, links to area attractions and hotels, a Frequently Asked Questions feature (if you have a question that isn't answered there, please ask, because others may have the same question), information about your conference hosts, and more. The site is updated regularly, so please visit it often.

Here are some of the programmatic highlights you can look forward to as you meet with your colleagues greet old friends, and make new ones:

Plenary Addresses

"The Christian Library, 2001"

*Richard P. Heitzenrater, Professor of Church History and Wesley Studies,
Duke Divinity School*

"Words Are All We Have: A Very Brief Disquisition on Librarians, Technology,
Access, Feminism, and The Truths of Things"

*GraceAnne A. DeCandido, Editorial and Web Consultant,
formerly editor and director of the H.W. Wilson Company world wide web site,
and last editor-in-chief of Wilson Library Bulletin*

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Papers & Presentations

“Augustine in Recent Research”

Paul Schrodt, Methodist Theological School in Ohio

“Cooperation across the Disciplines of Theology and Medicine:
The Librarian as Researcher and Liaison”

Margaret Tarpley, Vanderbilt University

“Redesigning Library Orientation”

Douglas Gragg, Laura Wood, & Richard Wright, all of Emory University

“The ATLA Religion Database (MARC) on a Local Server”

Jack Ammerman, Hartford Seminary Library
Duane Harbin, Southern Methodist University
David Stewart, Princeton Theological Seminary

“Medieval Cathedrals of Burgundy and the Ile de France: A Theological Understanding”

Anne Womack, Vanderbilt University

“Bibliography Today: User Training in Three Theological Libraries”

Timothy Lincoln, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

“Theological Librarianship as Ministry”

Herman Peterson, University of St. Mary of the Lake

“Using Unicode; or, What to Do When You Run Out of Typewriter Keys”

Richard Lammert, Concordia Theological Seminary

Roundtables

ATS Statistical Reporting	I'm Their Leader, Which Way Did They Go?: Managing a Technical Services Department
Contemporary Religious Literature	Opportunities in Theological Librarianship
Issues in Library Instruction	The Printed Sermon
Managing a Small Library	

Reference Shop Talk
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 Distance Education Support Group
 International Theological Librarianship
 Keeping Statistics in Technical Services:
 Accuracy Without Undo Labour
 Library Managers Communicating with
 Seminary Administrators

Moving Targets: Managing
 Electronic Journals
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 Rearranging Dewey
 Am I My Patrons' Mentor?:
 Theological Librarians and the Spiritual
 Discipline of Religious Reading
 Teaching Students to Evaluate Web Sites
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Pre-Conference Continuing Education

“Cataloging Electronic Resources and
 CORC”

*Eric Childress, Consulting Product Support
 Specialist, OCLC Metadata Services Division*

“Adding Writing Instruction to a
 Theological Research Course”

*Deborah Core, Professor of English at
 Eastern Kentucky University*

“Constructing and Conducting Surveys”

*Jackson Carroll, Ruth W. and
 A. Morris Williams, Jr., Professor of
 Religion and Society, and Director of the
 J.M. Ormond Center for Research Planning
 and Development at Duke Divinity School*

“Copyright Issues and Electronic
 Resources”

*Laura N. Gasaway, Director of the Law
 Library and Professor of Law at the
 University of North Carolina Law Library*

“Digitizing 101”

*Lynn Pritcher, Archivist/Manuscript
 Cataloger, Duke University*

“Digitizing Special Collections:
 Documenting the American South, a
 University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
 electronic publishing initiative”

*Natalia Smith, Digitization Librarian,
 Celine Noel, Cataloger, and Jill Sexton,
 all of the University of
 North Carolina-Chapel Hill*

“Introduction to FrontPage 2000”

*Paul Jensen, Director of Information Services,
 American Theological Library Association*

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Conference Registration

This year as an added convenience, we are including fees and a registration form in the back of this Newsletter (see p. 45) Feel free to use this form or the one in your Program Book. You may also register online, and pay by credit card on ATLA's secure web site (or complete the form online, print it, and fax or mail it to us with your payment.)

Accommodations and Meals

ATLA has secured room blocks in two hotels. The information about these hotels as described below is valid as of February 1, 2001. The ATLA Conference site (www.atla.com/conference/hotels.html) has information about them both, and you may also check the hotel web sites or call the hotels if you have any questions about the facilities or their amenities. Please note the deadline for requesting a room at the special ATLA conference rate. For other lodging options, visit the web site of the Durham Convention & Visitors Bureau at <http://DCVB.Durham.NC.US> or call (800) 446-8604.

Durham Marriott at the Civic Center
Phone: (919) 768-6000
Fax: (919) 768-6037
Web site: www.marriotthotels.com/RDUCV/

Primary conference housing and meetings are at the Durham Marriott at the Civic Center, 201 Foster Street, Durham, in the heart of downtown Durham and only two miles from Duke University and ten miles from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The hotel has received three stars from the Mobil Travel Guide and three diamonds from AAA. There are fountains in the lobby, providing a pleasant ambience. Please call in your hotel registration no later than May 22, 2001, mentioning the American Theological Library Association conference to receive the conference rate of \$89.00 single or double.

Hilton Durham
3800 Hillsborough Road
Reservations: (919) 383-8033 or (800) HILTONS
Fax: (919) 383-1979
Website: www.hilton.com/hotels/RDUDHHF/

ATLA has also reserved a room block at the Hilton Durham, less than five miles from the Durham Marriott at the Civic Center. The Hilton Durham is located in a quiet suburban setting, convenient to two shopping malls, as well as downtown Durham. It is two miles from Duke University and Medical Center and fifteen miles from RDU International Airport and Research Triangle Park. Please call in your hotel registration no later than May 28, 2001, mentioning the American Theological Library Association conference to receive the conference rate of \$79.00 single or double.

Meals

You will be on your own for all meals except lunch on Saturday and the closing banquet (if you choose to attend). In addition to restaurants and coffee shops in the hotels, there are good places to eat in Durham. Your registration confirmation packet includes a list of these.

Shuttle Buses

ATLA will provide shuttle bus service between the two hotels daily and between the hotels and Duke University on Wednesday and Friday. Bus service will not be provided to those who stay in facilities other than the Durham Marriott at the Civic Center or the Hilton Durham. ☒

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Cambodia Report

From January 5 to 16, 2001, Dr. Alva Caldwell of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary participated in a Mission Evangelism consultation sponsored by the General Board of Global Ministries from United Methodist Church theological schools. Cambodia was identified as the fastest growing field of mission for Methodism today. I asked Al if we could share excerpts from his report with ATLA members, and he graciously consented. There are four parts to his report: I. *Greeting from the Cambodian Methodists*; II. *Cambodia: The Place of the Methodist Church Today*; III. *Seeing Cambodia through the Metaphor of Walls*; and IV. *Seeing Cambodia through the Metaphor of Family*. Parts II–IV will be published in future issues of the *ATLA Newsletter*. You may read the entire report on the ATLA web site at www.atla.com/cambodia.html.

Here is the first excerpt from his report (*Dennis A. Norlin, ATLA Executive Director*):

Reflections on the General Board of Global Ministries' Trip to Cambodia, January 5–12, 2001, PART I

by Alva R. Caldwell, Librarian and Associate Professor of Ministries, United Library, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Greeting from the Cambodian Methodists

Our first official contact with the Cambodian Methodists came at the hotel where a reception was held for us. Cambodian clergy, laity, and the UM Missionaries were there to welcome us. As I sat at the table, I was overwhelmed by the power of this gathering. Here we were, a dozen visitors from the United States, coming into this wonderfully strange and new situation. I looked around and wondered how these colleagues of mine were chosen to be on this trip. I was there as a “pinch hitter”—my colleague, Lacey Warner, couldn't make the trip. Others were also chosen late in November to represent their seminaries. How lucky I was to be there. Then I was completely blown away by the words of one of the Cambodian Methodists. He said, “We give thanks to God, that God has sent you people to us.” Again and again as the Cambodian Methodists greeted us that afternoon they said, “God has sent

you to us.” These people seemed not to care at all about what processes we went through to be selected; they knew just one thing: “God is active in their midst, and God has brought visitors to them; they must receive us as gifts of God.” I have to say, in all honesty, that following that afternoon tea, everything changed for me. I was there not so much as an individual person, I was there representing a seminary, a church, and God. These wonderful words of welcome invited me to be bolder in claiming God's activity in my own life.

Family Unity in a Time of Travel and Transition

While I was in Siem Reap, I got an e-mail from Bonnie telling me that her father had died unexpectedly. I made a phone call home and found Bonnie at her sister's home in Iowa. I cried on the phone knowing that I was away and unable to be there for the funeral. A half-hour later our van left to visit one of the Methodist Churches in Siem Reap. When we arrived, the pastor, a few adult members, several youth, and a whole schoolroom full of young children were at the church to greet us. They sang some hymns in Khmer and two or three hymns translated from English into Khmer. One of the hymns was, “How Great Thou Art.” After worship, our host invited the participants to speak by asking us, “What word of hope do you have for these new Christians?” I took my place at the front of the church and, speaking through the interpreter, said, “I learned today that my father-in-law has died, and the funeral will be today. I cannot be there. In my family, when my mother died, when my brother died, and when my father died, we sang, ‘How Great Thou Art.’ Today, I am thousands of miles away from my family, but you folks have sung my song so that I can be present with my family on this day. But you have also sung your song because the song belongs to all of us. In Christ, our hope is resurrection from the dead and eternal life with Christ. Thank you for your gift to me today.”

Cambodia: The Land and the People

Name

Cambodia's full name is Preahreachanachakr

Kampuchea, Kingdom of Cambodia. In the first century, it was known as Funan. In 600 CE, the Khmer Empire was a vast Hindu empire stretching over much of Southeast Asia. It was this Angkor Kingdom that created the beautiful Angkor Wat Temples (Wat is the Thai word for temple) and was known as Kambuja. In the twelfth century, Buddhism came during the rule of Jayavaram VII. One can see in the Angkor Wat temples the influence of both Buddhism and Hinduism. In the 1860s France colonized Cambodia, Vietnam, and Laos and transformed them into a single entity called French Indochina. Cambodia was given independence in 1953. In 1975, the Khmer Rouge (Red Khmers), led by Pol Pot, claimed power. Pol Pot declared that it was Year Zero; he renamed the country, "Democratic Kampuchea." He closed down all services and printed new money. All the cities were evacuated and all residents were driven into the countryside where they were subjected to forced agrarian labor. Nearly 1.7 million persons were displaced or killed by execution and starvation. In 1978, Vietnam forces drove the Khmer Rouge into the countryside and thirteen years of fighting followed. During this period the country was known as People's Republic of Kampuchea. In 1989, the country became the State of Cambodia. In 1993, the office of Prime Minister was shared by two different parties, but in 1997, Hun Sen made a coup and is currently the sole Prime Minister of what is now known as the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Land

Cambodia is approximately 70,000 square miles (about the size of the state of Missouri) and bordered on the east by Laos and Vietnam, and on the west by Thailand and the Gulf of Thailand. The population is about 12,000,000. The capital is Phnom Penh.

The life expectancy is 48 to 53 years. Literacy is about 35% overall: 48% males, 22% females (other sources say the literacy rate is much higher). Only 36% of the population have access to fresh water.

The government is a Constitutional Monarchy. The Prime Minister (currently it is Hun Sen, elected in 1997) is democratically elected. The National Assembly is made up of 120 representatives elected by the people. The reigning monarch is King Norodom Sihanouk. The country is divided into twenty provinces, each governed by a Governor.

Health Issues

AIDS is racing through Cambodia and cervical cancer is prevalent. There is approximately one doctor for each 8,000 persons.

- Ethnic groups: Khmer 90%, Vietnamese 5%, Chinese 1%, Other 4%
- Religion: Theravada Buddhist 95%, Other 5%
- Languages: Khmer 95%, English, French, Vietnamese, Chinese
- Monetary unit: Riel; US\$1 = 3,800 Riels. GNP per capita = \$270 US Dollars 📖

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Keyword Search . . . Online Standard Periodical Directory

Oxbridge Communications, long known for their *Standard Periodical Directory*, has developed a search version of their online service. 'Keyword Search' allows a library user to look up a title or category and find subscription and editorial information in seconds. This new reference tool costs just \$49.99 a month or \$495 a year.

Go to www.mediafinder.com to access the database of 80,000 Publications comprised of 22,000 Magazines, 13,000 Journals 9,000 Catalogs, 15,000 Newsletters, 6,000 Directories, and 11,000 Newspapers.

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Library Displays

This is the inaugural article of what I hope will become a regular feature of the *ATLA Newsletter*. I suggested a column on sharing ideas for library displays and the ATLA staff thought that it was a good idea, so I am calling on anyone with topical or creative ideas on displays to write a short article for submission. I see this as a way to get the creative juices flowing when one cannot think of a new topic for yet another display. I also see this as a forum for exchanging ideas on making visual improvements to the topics that we already have. In addition to information on the topic itself, one might include mention of the types of objects used, ways to install materials in a visually exciting way, thoughts on how you came up with your topic, and interesting ideas for researching topics (for example, web pages such as <http://www.scopesys.com/today/> that might be used for topical inspiration). Be sure to include the type of display (e.g., is it on the wall? in a wall recessed display case? or in a freestanding display case?) and the approximate size. Send your articles on this subject to Margret Collins (newsletter@atla.com).

Display on the Women Doctors of the Church

I had the idea for doing a display on the Women Doctors of the Church a couple of years ago when I was reading an article on St. Therese of Lisieux being named the third woman doctor in 1997. We planned it for Women's History Month last year, but it got bumped and we decided to wait until Women's History Month this year because it seemed like an appropriate time for it. At our library, we have a recessed wall display case that is about three feet by nine feet and we change the display each month. Any library staff member can contribute a display and it does not necessarily have to be library oriented. For example, one staff member is into min-



ature Civil War model soldiers and did an interesting display with those. I, however, am interested in promoting theological and spiritual issues, so I tend to try to think of ideas in that area.

I started my research on the topic by gathering some general information on Doctors of the Church. I followed up by obtaining brief biographical information on each woman: St. Teresa of Avila, St. Catherine of Siena, and St. Therese of Lisieux. From our library catalog, I printed out the titles and call numbers of all the books that we owned that were by and about these three women and I wandered over to look at them for ideas.

I decided that I wanted to post placards on the wall that would include general information—one placard for each woman. Each placard would have biographical information, including works authored and a short quotation from one of those works. To each of these placards, I attached a holy card with the representation of each woman. I knew that most of the display would be books, so I chose a selection of works by and about each woman and I found at least one book for each with some kind of illustration. These included the books, *St. Catherine in Tuscan Painting*, and *The Photo Album of St. Therese of Lisieux*, as well as a book that included photos of Bernini's sculpture of St. Teresa of Avila in an ecstatic pose.

Before I installed the display, I sent an e-mail to all my library colleagues asking if any had statues that I could borrow. Sadly, in a Catholic setting, no one did. However, my children's school had a large statue of St. Therese, and the Carmelite Monastery had St. Catherine, and each was happy to lend them to me. I had the entire display installed before I received these statues and it was absolutely amazing to me what a difference their addition made. I thought about adding some objects that would represent the symbols that are used iconographically for each (e.g., the symbols of St. Teresa are a heart, an arrow, and a book), but decided against it. In previous displays, I have used objects such as small woodcarvings, toys, and stamps for visual interest.

Melody Layton McMahan
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Cooperative Digital Resources Initiative

Introduction

With the support of the Luce Foundation, the ATLA Cooperative Digital Resources Initiative will establish a freely available, web-searchable, central repository of digital resources contributed by participating libraries and will provide links to related free-standing projects. When ATLA institutional members were given an opportunity to rank the importance of various proposed program initiatives in a recent survey, the initiative that received highest ranking was that of “developing a virtual repository of member-created digital projects,” so we are happy to announce that successful pursuit of grant funds and planning efforts of the ATLA Digital Standards and Projects Committee now make it possible for ATLA to launch the Cooperative Digital Resources Initiative (CDRI). CDRI will enable member libraries both to create digital resources and to benefit from the digital projects of other libraries.

Eligibility and Parameters

A total of \$150,000 will be distributed to accredited ATS/ATLA member schools over the next three years (\$50,000 per year). Grants to individual institutions or consortia will be in the range of \$1,500 to \$10,000, with possible renewal in subsequent years. The distributed funds can be used to defray the cost of equipment, additional staff, or outsourced work, but should not be used to cover institutional overhead or salary replacement (though these costs may be included in the grant proposal to indicate an institution’s contribution to the project). Cooperative and consortial proposals are encouraged. Participants must be willing to contribute archival and use copies of the created digital objects to the ATLA central repository, but are also free to use the digital objects locally in any way that they may wish.

The ATLA Center for Electronic Resources in Theology and Religion (CERTR) will be developing a system to deliver digital resources on the web, based on its work with the ATLAS project. In order to allow for phased development of this delivery system and for the development of standards for the central repository of digital resources, the following parameters will be in place:

- proposals to be funded in December 2001 should include only visual images
- proposals to be funded in December 2002 can include visual images and/or texts
- proposals to be funded in December 2003 can include any sort of digital resource

It is our expectation that the end product of CDRI will be an expandable model of resource sharing, along the lines of the Library of Congress American Memory project (<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/>).

Criteria for Evaluation of Projects

Preliminary proposals will be evaluated by the ATLA Digital Standards and Projects Committee according to the following criteria:


- Will the content provided by the project benefit teaching and research in the wider academic community?
- Is the material suitable for digitization? Is it physically sturdy enough to be processed without damage?
- Does current technology support digital capture at a suitable level for the use of the material?
- Does the copyright status of the material allow it to be displayed in a publicly available forum?
- Does digitization permit significant advantages for the material in terms of accessibility, usefulness, preservation, or other criteria?

The content delivered by projects will include both the digital objects and related metadata. All projects must meet the minimum technical standards outlined on the ATLA web site. Metadata will be submitted via a web-based template provided by ATLA. The Digital Standards and Projects Committee is committed to assisting participants in understanding and implementing the required standards.

Schedule

To have your proposal considered, please submit the web form available at <http://www.atla.com/CDRI/CDRI.html> by September 1, 2001. As these

brief proposals are evaluated by the Digital Standards and Projects Committee, members of the committee may be in touch with applicants to seek clarification and more detailed information. Decisions regarding the number and amount of grants for the first round will be made by October 5, 2001. Successful applicants will then have until November 15 to submit a detailed plan of work, proposed budget, and plan for evaluation of the success of their project.

Please contact any member of the ATLA Digital Standards and Projects Committee if you have questions: Cameron Campbell (ccampbell@atla.com), Duane Harbin (dharbin@mail.smu.edu), Mary E. Martin (memartin@stthomas.edu), Martha Smalley (martha.smalley@yale.edu), and Charles Willard (willard@ats.edu). 

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Commercial Digital Library Models

Most of the discussion of digital libraries in academia have focused on digitizing our own collections, either through local efforts or through cooperative arrangements, or on licensing access to electronic editions of journal literature. Recently, however, some Internet startups have appeared that offer digital library features on a commercial basis. This quarter we will look at three of them—netLibrary, Questia, and ebrary. As you will see, they are conceptually distinct and have different marketing strategies and target audiences. What can we learn about providing digital services for our own constituencies from examining these commercial players?

netLibrary

NetLibrary (<http://www.netlibrary.com>) is marketed to libraries as a service for library patrons. NetLibrary is based directly on the model of the brick and mortar library and many of the practices of the physical library are replicated in the product. This heritage serves to provide a ready comfort level for librarians, library users, and even publishers. NetLibrary maintains a public collection of more than 3,000 public domain works that are freely available over the Internet, so it is easy to get a sense of the netLibrary experience even if your local library does not offer the service.

NetLibrary licenses its collections directly from publishers. Currently, it has online just over 30,000 titles in copyright from an impressive list of publishers. Most are titles published since the early

1990s. The publisher list includes academic publishers with heavy commitments to theology and religious studies, including many university presses (http://www.netlibrary.com/pub_part.asp). The December issue of netLibrary's online newsletter *eBook.news* (http://www.netlibrary.com/eBook_News) featured a collection of 1,380 titles in religion.

Host libraries license a select group of online titles for the use of their patrons from netLibrary. NetLibrary can provide MARC records for each title in the host library's digital collection for loading in the host library's online catalog, complete with links to the individual title online. Patrons may also search the netLibrary Web site by author, title, subject, bibliographic keyword, and full-text keyword. Patrons may choose to see results from any combination of:

- The host library's licensed collection
- The full netLibrary collection
- NetLibrary's public domain collection

Once a patron has identified a book that is of interest, she may browse the text of the book for a limited time. If the book is available in the hosting library's collection, the patron may check the book out for a period of time specified by the host library. Once the book is checked out, the title is not available to other patrons of the host library until the checkout period expires or the patron returns it. Patrons must create an online account in order to check out books. However, the required data is minimal and netLibrary has a strong privacy policy. Pa-

trons may also copy and print up to 5,000 characters from the online books.

A recent addition to netLibrary's services is a downloadable offline reader for Windows95+ PCs. Once the reader is installed, patrons can simultaneously check out and download titles. The patron's PC must be connected to the Internet when the downloaded book is first opened to verify that the book is properly checked out and to authenticate the checkout period. After that, no connection to the Internet is necessary for using the book for the duration of the checkout period. The offline reader includes the capability of bookmarking, annotating, and highlighting text in the e-book. The reader software will also automatically format a citation for a copied passage that can be cut and pasted into footnotes and endnotes. (NetLibrary e-books are marked up in a proprietary format that organizes the data in pages to match print editions, thus providing an verifiable citation.) Once the loan expires, the patron must check the book out again online in order to continue using the e-book.

NetLibrary is enjoying a fair amount of success. They have planned their services to integrate well with existing library practices, particularly in allowing libraries to select titles for their virtual collections. However, they seem to have extended the physical library paradigm a bit too far in one aspect. It is extremely annoying to library patrons to be told the digital copy is checked out and therefore unavailable to them. In the digital paradigm, this does not make sense to patrons. NetLibrary should extend their design one step further to incorporate the notion of rented books. When a library has more than one patron who wants a particular work or a patron who wants a work not in the host library's collection, netLibrary should automatically "rent" the library an additional copy. Coupled with appropriate financial controls and management reports, this service would add significant value to the service.

Questia

Billed as "The Online Library," Questia (<http://www.questia.com>) is marketed to undergraduate students as a way to "write better papers, easier and faster." Questia does not provide a publicly accessible listing of their digital holdings, but the num-

ber of online titles they claim (35,000) and their list of publisher partners (http://www.questia.com/partnerpage_publishers.jsp) is noticeably similar to netLibrary's. Unlike netLibrary, Questia's holdings will soon include journals. As of this writing, Questia offers three subscription programs: a 48-hour subscription for \$14.95, an ongoing subscription for \$19.95 per month, and \$149.95 per year charter membership. Currently, a free seven-day trial subscription is available that does not require a credit card number to register.

Questia is unblushingly built as an aid to writing typical undergraduate papers. Some assumptions are inherent in the design that may give educators pause. Notably, Questia is not designed around *reading*. Rather, it is intended for *retrieval* and *excerpting*. Questia provides search tools to retrieve information from the full text of its database. Once the user identifies sources she wants to use, there are tools available to build a bibliography and to provide automatic citations in several standard formats for material copied from the work. Users can also bookmark, annotate, and highlight material in the texts they use. All this is kept available online so that it can be accessed from any Internet workstation. Note that there are no restrictions on the amount of time a work may be used as long as the Questia subscription is current. Questia tools are compatible with Microsoft Word and Corel WordPerfect. Macintosh support is planned but not currently available.

Does Questia encourage sloppy research habits by enabling the use of material out of context and fuzzy thinking by fostering the notion that it is unnecessary to understand a complete work before basing a conclusion on it? Probably, but it can be argued with equal validity that Questia discourages plagiarism and fosters proper attribution of material. With proper instruction, misuse of the service could be circumvented. The greatest concern at present is that Questia presents itself as a total solution for undergraduate liberal arts students, and with a collection of only 35,000 books, that is a questionable claim. Despite its stated selection criteria (<http://www.questia.com/collection.jsp>), other factors, such as availability in digital form, probably disproportionately affect what is available.

Questia's strengths are a clear identification of its target consumers—the 12 million undergradu-

ate students in the United States—and a clear program to provide a service that responds to their needs with added value. Questia has analyzed the way most undergraduates approach academic papers and has developed a service that supports that process and *makes it easier and more accessible*. No one who has struggled with developing, maintaining, and recording bibliographies for research papers will fail to see the advantages that Questia offers. In providing these added services, Questia significantly raises the bar for useful digital collections. Ubiquitous access and enhanced retrieval are no longer enough to compete. Thus it is not surprising that netLibrary introduced its offline reader with similar capabilities shortly after Questia debuted.

ebrary

Although ebrary (<http://www.ebrary.com>) is not yet open for business, its conceptual model is clear. Despite the name, ebrary is more like an online bookstore. Users may search ebrary's collection and may browse as much content as they wish online. There are no limits to the number of users who can access a given title at one time nor on how long a user may read online. Users are perfectly free to read entire works if they wish. However, they will have to pay to copy or print any portion of any work. In the ebrary model, reading is free but there is no such thing as fair use.

It is difficult to evaluate ebrary's collection without online access or a publisher list, but the names announced as partners in their press releases will be familiar to anyone who has seen the netLibrary and Questia lists. Ebrary intends to present documents in Adobe's Portable Document Format (PDF) so they can be read with the free Acrobat Reader. The PDF documents will closely reproduce printed versions. Although the site promises a powerful retrieval engine, there is no indication that they intend to provide the kind of citation and bibliography tools available at Questia and in netLibrary's offline reader.

Ebrary does not see itself in competition with libraries. Instead, it solicits libraries as partners in a "co-branding" program. Libraries provide links to ebrary from their Web sites and online catalogs and ebrary in turn pays them a small commission on each transaction that originates from their site. How much sense this arrangement makes depends on what

is considered an analogous service. One could regard it as being like photocopy services, for which most libraries charge patrons. However, ebrary is also selling complete works. Libraries often refer clients who want to purchase books for their own collections to booksellers, but this seems to approach a conflict of interest between a library's mission to provide materials for clients and the profit incentive of encouraging them to buy their own copies. It would seem necessary also to offer patrons alternative venues for purchase. An essential is how the library's Web pages and ebrary's site interact so that the distinction and relationship are clear to patrons.

So what is to be learned?

There are several things to be gleaned from these commercial examples of digital library services:

1. The key to success is to know your constituents and understand how they will use your online collections.
2. Choosing and evaluating electronic content delivery models must be based on the library's mission, otherwise conflicts may develop.
3. Access and retrieval may be reason enough to justify creating digital collections. Once they exist, users will demand added functionality made possible by the digital environment.
4. Take care about extending existing models into the digital world. The model must be logical in the new environment.
5. The twin problems of protecting intellectual property and preserving fair use are difficult, but they will be resolved.

Time will tell whether these services maintain their unique identities or if their individual models will converge into a broader paradigm. For the present, there is no definitive paradigm for delivering digital collections in the commercial world, just as there is none yet in the library world. 📖

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ATLANTIS Reference Reviews

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Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture: New Testament / general editor, Thomas C. Oden. Chicago, London: Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers, 1998-. \$39.99 per volume (from InterVarsity Press). Vol. 2. *Mark* / edited by Thomas C. Oden and Christopher A. Hall. ISBN 157958036X. Vol. 6. *Romans* / edited by Gerald Bray. ISBN 1579580378. Vol. 7. *1-2 Corinthians* / edited by Gerald Bray. ISBN 1579580718. Vol. 8. *Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians* / edited by Mark J. Edwards. ISBN 157958070X. Vol. 9. *Colossians, 1-2 Thessalonians, 1-2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon* / edited by Peter Gorday. ISBN 157958134X. Vol. 11. *James, 1-2 Peter, 1-3 John, Jude* / edited by Gerald Bray. ISBN 1579582923. Projected for Old Testament series, March 2001: Vol. 1. *Genesis 1-11* / edited by Andrew Louth. ISBN 083081471X.

In twenty-seven projected volumes, the *Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture (ACCS)* sets out to provide relevant quotations from the early fathers and mothers (from the end of the New Testament era to C.E. 750) on the full text of the Bible including the Apocrypha. In the six volumes so far published, the series succeeds admirably.

The method for bringing these scattered pieces of wisdom, wit, and, only rarely, silliness into one place did not exist until quite recently. First, we had to invent major databases containing the original sources—like *Thesaurus Linguae Graecae* and that of *Cetedoc* (the *Centre de Textes et Documents*). Then we had to develop search engines capable of pulling out of those files quotations that might be relevant to each particular Biblical pericope. For the creation of *ACCS*, scholars had to be found who could select from those chosen texts the few golden, relevant pieces. Those editors have now carefully culled the selections, eliminating some ninety percent of what the computers produced. Humans also examined many texts not yet available in electronic form. Then, translators went to work, updating older English and turning into English many of the passages that were never before translated.

The opulence of the ideas quoted here testifies both to the wealth of thought produced by the source authors and to the taste and judgment of the edi-

tors. The original authors range from, for example, Clement to John of Damascus with substantial dashes of Chrysostom, Augustine, Jerome, and others brightening the result. Many of you will recognize the names of the distinguished editors listed above.

When I first heard about the concept, I loved it, and when I saw the first volume I realized it was a reference librarian's dream—an easy answer to a difficult question. My only regret is that through this pony we may lose the pedagogical value of finding quotations in the original sources for ourselves. In my seminary, students have perennially been required to find what the early fathers had to say on one scripture or another. Seminarians will not feel much regret over the loss of this academic exercise, but it need not be abandoned. If another publisher collected such quotations on Biblical texts, the selection would include significant lumps of material not included here; a great deal of the early fathers remains to be extracted and organized. I can imagine some fiendish professor writing, "Find what several early fathers said about your pericope, excluding the quotations on it from *ACCS*."

Intent and Content

Although *ACCS* "has been intentionally prepared for a general lay audience . . .," I cannot imagine a seminary library that would not consider this an essential resource. The stated purpose of the series is to "make available to our present-day audiences the multicultural, multilingual, transgenerational resources of the early ecumenical Christian tradition." The General Editor (discussed below) is ambitious. He hopes that *ACCS* will contribute to "the revitalization of Christian teaching based on classical Christian exegesis, the intensified study of Scripture by lay persons . . . , and the stimulation of . . . scholars toward further inquiry" In point of fact, it wasn't long before one of my pastors was sending me quotes from this set relevant to upcoming lectionary readings.

Each Bible text is presented in the Revised Standard Version rather than the NRSV, a choice I find curious but not so out-of-date that it would render the English anachronistic. Commendably, the editors make it easy to identify the original sources of

the quotations, which are usually among the best sources available.

Each Bible text is accompanied by an oddly pointless attempt to smooth over the variety of ideas brought together from the fathers. Let me offer a fairly typical example of these “Overviews” (from Gal. 5:13–15): “Love constrains the abuse of freedom (Chrysostom). Paul equates freedom and true virtue (Theodoret). The goodness of the law is shown in its commendation of love (Epiphanius), which renders circumcision irrelevant (Chrysostom) but also excludes all wrongdoing (Marius Victorinus). The Galatians have been set at odds by this dispute (Theodoret), which legalistic attitudes have exacerbated (Jerome).”

The quotations were written at disparate times and with no relationship to each other, and trying to make of them a coherent package simply distracts us from the splendor of all those chaotic thoughts. At best, the summaries simply restate in less refined language what the quotations say, but at worst (as in the first case of Theodoret above), the summary utterly misrepresents the quotation. Paul does not equate freedom and virtue, and Theodoret does not here say that he does. The point is picayune, but intended to illustrate the oddness of padding these pages with such an accessory. In other volumes, the overview does not tie each summarizing thought to one particular author, and in some cases (especially *Romans*), the summary is more frankly an essay paralleling the scripture, informed but not dictated by the quotations.

Another device adds little. The volume editors have been required to add to each quotation from the fathers a summarizing, bold-faced heading that again introduces an opportunity to point the text in a direction it doesn't want to go. On the same Biblical text (Gal. 5:13b), the heading, “Using Freedom as an Opportunity for the Sin Nature,” relates closely to the NIV version of the scripture (instead of the RSV), but the wonderful quotation that follows (from Clement of Alexandria) goes far afield from this, specifically addressing how we should interpret scripture with spirit “beyond the mere letter,” and giving a precise example of how we might sin in that process, something that could not have been on Paul's mind as he wrote to the Galatians.

Yet these are details. I recommend that you ignore the overviews and the bold-faced headings. Go

straight to your chapter and verse, and the quotations by themselves will make you wealthy in thought.

Editors

Thomas C. Oden, General Editor of *ACCS*, is a long-time Professor of Theology at Drew University. A profoundly insightful evangelical Christian (cf. www.rts.edu/quarterly/fall98/qa.html and www.ucmpage.org/articles/toden1.html) of the United Methodist Church, he has written numerous other distinguished and scholarly works. Oden admits up front that he has an attitude. He sees preaching today as “largely bereft of previously influential patristic inspiration”—probably true, but he blames this on “post-Enlightenment historical and literary methods.” Optimistically, he senses “an emerging awareness . . . that vital biblical preaching and spiritual formation need deeper grounding than the scope of the historical-critical orientations that have governed biblical studies in our day.” (p. xi in all six volumes)

With Christopher A. Hall, Oden personally edited the first volume published in the series, Volume 2, which covers Mark. To his own volume, Oden appends an essay on his “Method of Investigation into the Early Exegesis of Mark,” including an explication of “The Genesis” of the whole series. Oden also describes attempts to achieve ecumenical balance among the editors, seeking representatives of all communions, “East and West—Eastern Orthodox, mainline and evangelical Protestant, and Roman Catholic.” Volume editors are chosen based on demonstrated capacity to “work significantly in the whole history of exegesis in both Eastern and Western traditions.”

Gerald Bray, editor of two of the published volumes, is a Church of England priest and Anglican Professor of Divinity at Samford University in Alabama. Take a look at his InterVarsity Press interview on-line, www.gospelcom.net/cgi-ivpress/author.pl/author_id=294. Like Oden, Bray has an interest in biblical interpretation that finds roots that “go back before the rise of historical criticism in the eighteenth century.” At the same time, Bray recognizes that the early fathers could go “off on flights of fantasy,” but he notes that “these are aberrations in a method which in itself is not without merit.”

Reference Tools Included

Commendably, each volume includes three indexes: “Author/Writings,” “Subject,” and “Scripture.” The appendices in each volume add other useful information, though their nature varies a little from volume to volume. Each volume, except Oden’s own, contains a list of “Early Christian Writers and the Documents Cited,” and all six so far include a “Chronological List of Persons and Writings.” Three of the volumes (7, 9, and 11) include “Biographical Sketches and Short Descriptions of Select Anonymous Works,” a list that is present in volume 8 too, but renamed “Glossary” to allow the addition of other terms. The biographical feature would be useful in every volume, since there will inevitably be authors and sources unique to each.

Interestingly, Mark J. Edwards, who edits the most recent volume (8), adds a bibliography that would also be useful in all volumes but is missing from the others.

Summary

The editors of these volumes have invested such substantial attention to this project that they deserve our fervent gratitude. They must have plodded through a lot of painstaking drudgery for each of those moments that spark our enthusiasm as we read. Oden sees this collection as a “Christian Talmud” and it may well serve in that capacity. My students will always use it, and yours probably will too.

As Oden hoped, these works led me to savor once more the mingling of ideas in the original texts of the fathers. I value once again the experience of finding my own thoughts in the context of historical tides and ancient undercurrents, and sometimes it helps to be splashed in the face with a point of view you don’t expect. The quotations here are painfully brief, but they soar, and they will lift any reader above the mundane and toward the holy. *ACCS* must be acknowledged as a truly great work. It’s an aspect of our time that we must thank both Thomas Oden and Bill Gates for the gift. 📖

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March Review

The Book of Concord: The Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Eds., Robert Kolb and Timothy J. Wengert. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2000. xii, 774 pp. Hard bound, acid free paper. ISBN 0-8006-2740-7. List price \$45.00 U.S., \$67.50 Canada.

For Lutherans, *The Book of Concord (BC)* holds a pride of place as a theological resource second only to the Bible itself, inasmuch as Lutherans point to *BC* as the classic articulation of historic Lutheran confessional positions. Among other documents, *BC* contains the Augsburg Confession (the lynch pin of confessional Lutheranism) and both of Martin Luther’s catechisms. Thus, *BC* is of interest even for theological libraries whose readers are not concerned with the intricacies of early Lutheran internal disagreements, whose resolution was set forth in the Formula of Concord in 1577.

The purpose of this fresh translation of *BC* is to take into account the evolution of English expression and the progress of research in the Lutheran confessions over the past forty years (viii). Thus, Kolb and Wengert intend their edition to be a worthy successor to the work of Theodore E. Tappert, whose 1959 edition of *BC* (Philadelphia: Fortress) has served as the standard English language edition of the Lutheran confessions.

Lest I keep subject bibliographers in suspense any longer, I urge them to buy this book for their libraries.

Kolb and Wengert have succeeded on several important counts in producing a useful text. They rely on the current critical edition of the confessions. In accord with current scholarship, they base the translation of the *Apology of the Augsburg Confession* on the September 1531 Latin version, since this version was in common use at the time that *BC* was first published.

The book is usefully laid out. Translations of the two forms of the Augsburg Confession (Latin and German), for instance, are printed on parallel facing pages, a clear improvement from Tappert’s pages with German on the top half of the page and Latin on the bottom half. To the delight of public services librarians, there is an extensive index of biblical references (pp. 661–675), and a new biographical index (677–693), as well as a subject index (695–

774).

Middle aged readers might have benefited from a slightly larger typeface; avid annotators might have wished for slightly broader margins. The result, I suppose, would have been a text of 1,000 pages.

The new edition sounds like contemporary English. For instance, in the Small Catechism section on the Sacrament of the Altar, the new text says: "Fasting and bodily preparation are in fact a fine external discipline, but a person who has faith in the words, 'given for you'... is really worthy and well prepared." (363) The Tappert translation, betraying no proleptic concern for inclusive language, put it: "but he is truly worthy and well prepared who believes these words . . ."

In the current North American theological context, one does not assume that readers can read German or Latin; the editors have helpfully provided references in footnotes to English translations of the church fathers as well Migne; and to Luther's Works, American edition, as well as the Weimar edition. Biblical passages are quoted from the New Revised Standard Version, and departures from the text in the original documents are noted in footnotes.

The book is the fruit of scholarly collaboration across denominational lines. Seven different scholars, representing both the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, contributed to the final product.

I am disappointed with the book only in one respect. When this translation project was announced to pastors of both churches in early 1995, it was envisioned that the *BC* would be set in historical context, based on current scholarship. In the end, introductory comments to each document are rather modest (two or three pages apiece), although the number and depth of explanatory footnotes exceed those in the Tappert edition.

Those seeking to situate *BC* in its historical context should take heart. Robert Kolb (Concordia Seminary, St. Louis) and James Nestingen (Luther Seminary, St. Paul) are supervising the creation of two related volumes for Fortress. The first, a translation of fourteen other pertinent sixteenth-century primary sources (Catholic, Reformed, and Lutheran), was published in 2001 as *Sources and Contexts of the Book of Concord* (Fortress, 280 pp., paperback, ISBN: 0800632907, list price \$25.00 US, \$37.50 Canada). The second will indeed be a

set of historical essays, due for publication in 2002.

Look for a CD-ROM version of *The Book of Concord* in the fall of 2001. 📖

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April Reference Review

Carey, Patrick W. and Joseph T. Lienhard, eds. *Biographical Dictionary of Christian Theologians*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2000. ISBN: 0313296499 \$125.

The preface states that the purpose of this volume is to "provide readers with a concise introduction to the lives and thought of more than 450 Christian theologians." The format followed resembles that of Henry Warner Bowden's *Dictionary of American Religious Biography* (Greenwood Press, 1977; 2nd ed. 1993). Entries are restricted to Christian theologians who died before 1994. Although the term "Christian" is never defined specifically, the editors define "theologian" as "one whose work was primarily systematic and spiritual theology, or historians of the Christian Church whose work was primarily theological in orientation." The editors chose to restrict this work choosing the most important "representative theologians" from within the Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant traditions. Obviously, in order to write such a book, limits have to be set as to whom to include and whom to leave out. It is noteworthy that the second edition of Bowden's book and this one cover the same time period, even though this book is new.


When I first looked at *Biographical Dictionary of Christian Theologians*, I wondered if it would expand on John Bowden's *Who's Who in Theology: from the first century to the present* (Crossroad Publishing Company, 1990). Both books contain many of the same people, but both contain different people, too. It was theologians that were left out of *Biographical Dictionary of Christian Theologians* that bothered me—theologians from North America like Cotton Mather, Dwight L. Moody, Billy Sunday, Augustus A. Hodge, Thomas Altizer, and Harold Ockenga; theologians from Europe like William Barclay, Richard Baxter, Gerrit Berkouwer, Martin Buber, John Bunyan, John Darby, to mention a few, are also not mentioned. So it became apparent to me that one

needed both books (as well as *Dictionary of American Religious Biography* and others) in order to capture the main theologians of the Christian church.

As a librarian, I find that the most helpful feature of this biographical dictionary is the bibliography after each entry. The person writing the entry adds a bibliography that is divided into two parts. Part A lists the most important editions of primary works. Part B lists secondary works that focus on modern studies that interpret the theologian's thought and influence. Having this extra information is most helpful in continuing further research.

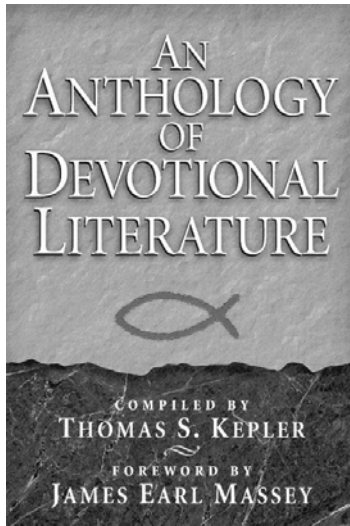
Each entry succinctly renders enough informa-

tion to give the reader an orientation to each theologian. Thus, those who need a brief synopsis of a theologian will get their appetite whetted.

So, is this volume important to add to your collection? Absolutely! It is a necessary work that adds to the corpus of religious biography. Every seminary collection should add this volume to their biography section. 

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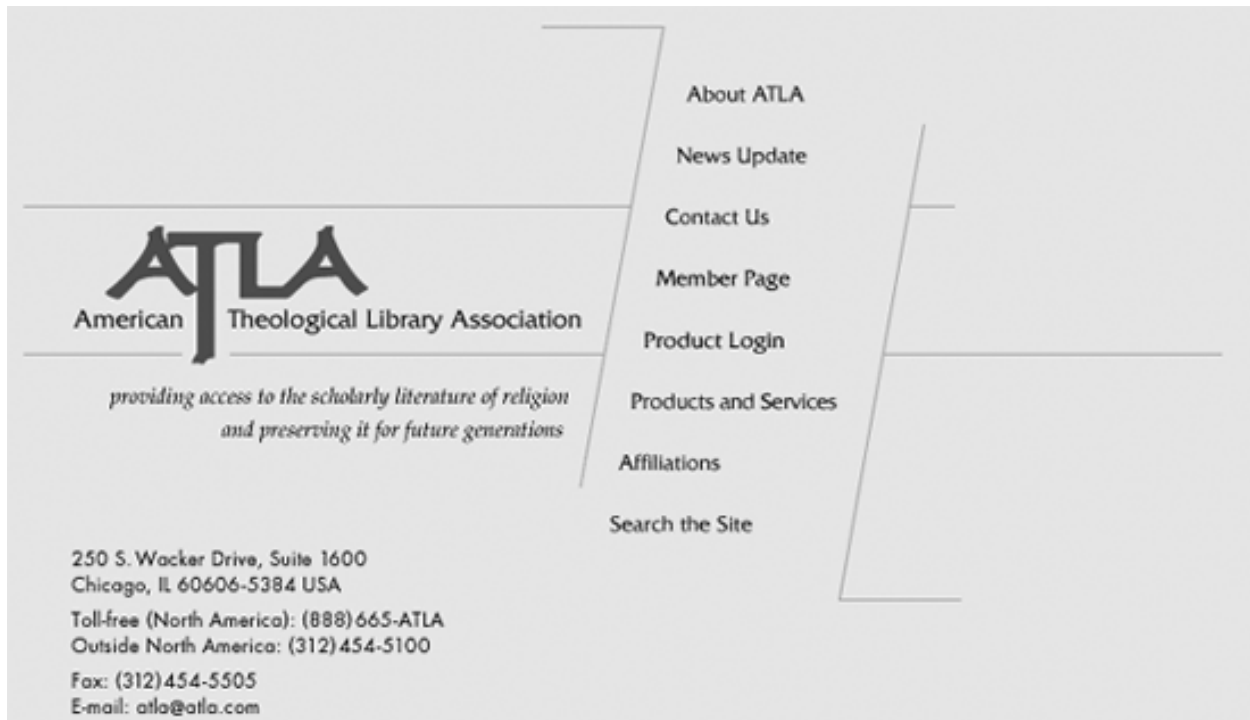
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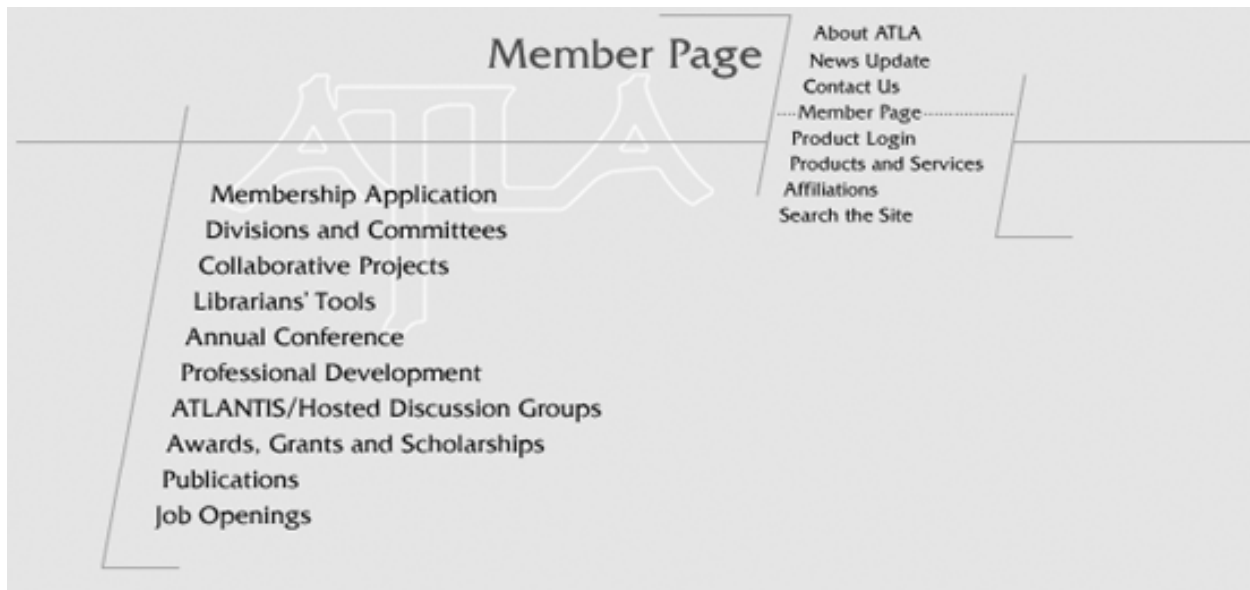
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The following journals have been greatly improved:

- *Biblical Archaeologist*
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- *Cross Currents*
- *Homiletic*
- *International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*
- *Journal for Preachers*
- *Journal of Biblical Literature*
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The ATLA Business Plan

The ATLA Business Plan, Part III: Principles and Decisions Made During my Tenure

(Third in a five-part series)

by Dennis A. Norlin, Executive Director

In the first two parts of this series (November 2000 and February 2001 *Newsletters*) I outlined the values and skills I needed to acquire in order to manage ATLA's business affairs (revenue projection, sales and marketing, production schedule and focus, competitive environment, staff concerns, pricing, and research and development) and summarized a history of ATLA's business practices prior to 1996. In this article, I discuss the steps that were taken in 1996 and the business decisions made during the past five years.

In mid-February 1996, Patti Adamek (then Director of Financial Services) and I were appointed Interim Co-Executive Directors to manage the Association's affairs until the June Annual Conference when a permanent Executive Director would be appointed. As a result of our experience during that three-month interim period (during which we downsized staff by 33% and reduced our physical space by 60%), when I was appointed Executive Director in June 1996, we adopted several financial principles:

- **Ensure that every project will be self-sustaining.** We found that, in the past, some projects and programs were run at a deficit. I determined that we would do only those projects that were capable of being or becoming self-sustaining.
- **Remember that we are an Association, not a Foundation.** We ended the practice of offering varied discounts for different categories of customers and established a modest institutional discount (5%) for the *ATLA Religion Database* for all ATLA members. We developed a fair pricing strategy and pledged to work with needy institutions to find support for their purchase of our materials. We also represented the Association in seeking discounts from other publishers and vendors for our members.
- **Stick to core competencies.** In its 1996 directive to cease publication of the *Ethics Index*, the Board identified religion as our core competency and directed the staff to work within that aca-

demical sphere only. We have honored that definition of core competency. We have also sought to identify other core competencies in production and development and not to offer to do things for which we are not equipped or prepared.

- **Repair the infrastructure.** For the first two years of my tenure, we repaired the infrastructure of our Association—the data, the personnel policies and procedures, the business office policies and practices, and the relationships with other associations and foundations. All of these areas needed attention before we could move ahead.
- **Don't make promises you can't keep.** When we had to downsize our staff in 1996, we also had to revise our estimate of what we could accomplish with a reduced staff. We assured the Board, the staff, the members, and the customers that from that point on we would not make promises we could not keep. We have honored this commitment since 1996 with two exceptions: the 1997 *ATLA Proceedings* and the current Windows update of our CD-ROM product.

Those are the principles that have consistently guided the business decisions we have made for ATLA. Those decisions include:


1. **Converting our data to US MARC format.** Setting data conversion as our highest priority, we began converting the 1,000,000+ records in our database to US MARC in March 1996. When we finished the conversion (December 17, 1997) we were able to negotiate immediately with online vendors. Less than three years later the online vendor versions of the *ATLA Religion Database* are our greatest source of revenue.
2. **Outsourcing the sales of our preservation products.** We developed a relationship with Scholarly Resources in 1997 to sell our serials on microfilm, negotiating a significant price reduction for ATLA members. That arrangement has proven to be very successful for ATLA and enables our preservation program to edge ever closer to being self-sustaining.
3. **Developing collaborative arrangements with similar organizations.** Since 1996 we have strengthened our affiliate relationships with

NISO and ATS and developed formal relationships with twelve additional organizations:

- **American Library Association (ALA)** [Benefits to ATLA: advertisements, press releases, exhibits, recruitment programs]
 - **Association of Christian Librarians (ACL)** [Benefits to ATLA: cooperation on membership, annual conferences, and indexes]
 - **Bibliothèques Européennes de Théologie (BETH)** [Benefits to ATLA: marketing and promotion of *ATLA Religion Database*, potential for cooperative projects]
 - **Chicagoland Forum** [Benefits to ATLA: professional development, trend and developments among Chicago not-for-profit associations]
 - **Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR)** [Benefits to ATLA: publications on preservation and digitization, sponsor contact with ARL libraries, Digital Library Federation]
 - **Emory University** [Benefits to ATLA: payroll and benefits for ATLA CERTR employees, access to library and technology staff and programs]
 - **National Federation of Abstracting and Information Services (NFAIS)** [Benefits to ATLA: marketing consultation, up-to-date news of database manufacturers]
 - **National Underground Storage (NUS)** [Benefits to ATLA: permanent storage of first generation microfilm and first and second generation microfiche; duplication of ATLA fiche]
 - **North Suburban Library Foundation (NSLF)** [Benefits to ATLA: professional management of endowment funds, varied legal instruments for endowment gifts]
 - **Overseas Council** [Benefits to ATLA: support for ATLA subscriptions, distribution of print indexes and computer equipment]
 - **Scarecrow Press** [Benefits to ATLA: royalty payments, discounts to ATLA members]
 - **Tübingen University** [Benefits to ATLA: cooperation with *ZID* database, sales, access to *Festschriften*]
4. **Negotiating with online vendors for the production and distribution of the *ATLA Religion Database*.** Since January 1998 we have com-

pleted formal agreements with the following online vendors and, in less than three years, have realized revenues of more than \$2,000,000 from those agreements:

- OCLC FirstSearch
 - SilverPlatter
 - EBSCO
 - OVID
 - Cambridge Scientific Abstracts
5. **Establishing credibility with funding agencies.** In 1996 ATLA had received its second consecutive denial of an NEH grant for preservation microfilming, and had not received a major grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc. for several years. Grants continue to be important for ATLA not only as an outside source of funding for special projects, but because they reflect the Association's reputation and stature among other associations. Since 1996 we have received more than \$5,500,000 in grants:
- National Endowment for the Humanities: \$161,000 (1998). Extension for 1993 grant
 - National Endowment for the Humanities: \$564,977 (2000). Grant to film 177 endangered titles from late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries)
 - Asbury Theological Seminary: \$90,000 (1998) to develop web-based version of *ATLA Religion Database*
 - Luce Foundation: \$10,000 (1998) to re-film damaged microfilm printmasters
 - Luce Foundation: \$330,000 (2000) to support the work of the ATS/ATLA Digital Standards and Projects Committee
 - Lilly Endowment, Inc.: \$50,000 (1997) to purchase Association software
 - Lilly Endowment, Inc.: \$216,000 (1998) to support full web site development and to purchase new inputting software
 - Lilly Endowment, Inc.: \$3,940,000 (1999) to produce the *ATLAS* electronic collection of full-text journals in theology and religion
 - Lilly Endowment, Inc.: \$150,000 (2000) to support the establishment of an electronic classroom in the new ATLA headquarters

These grants indicate that ATLA has re-established its reputation as a trusted, reliable, and valued partner in the area of theological and religious studies. 

News from ATLA Staff


From the Director of Member Services

Dear ATLA Members and Friends,

Everyone who goes to the ATLA Annual Conference has something special to contribute.

Many of you will present, moderate, speak, or lead groups. Others will teach professional development workshops. Some will direct or sing in the ATLA choir. Some will meet in committees or as a Board to advance the work of the Association. It's easy to spot you and recognize the important work that you do on behalf of the Association and your colleagues.

What about the rest of you? Why is your presence also important at this conference? Because you, along with your more visible colleagues, are the heart of the Association. It is you who welcome the new member and talk to the student; you who contribute experiences to the roundtable discussions; you who share your libraries' progress and difficulties with your denominational group; you who raise really important questions at the Town Meeting or offer suggestions at the Business Meeting. It is you who support your colleagues and your profession by your presence.

You've received your conference program book, you've read about the conference highlights on pages 11 through 14 of this *Newsletter*, and you've visited the conference web site. The conference is only a few weeks away. Have you registered? Are you coming? 

Karen L. Whittlesey
Director of Member Services



Tim Finney Arrives in Atlanta

On April 9, Tim Finney began work in Atlanta as Text Encoding Specialist for the ATLA Center for Electronic Resources in Theology and Religion (CERTR). He had been working with ATLA since December on a consulting basis from his home in Western Australia.

He comes to America with his wife, Eliane, a

Brazilian native, and their one-year old daughter, Isabella. He has a B.S. in Physics from the University of Western Australia and Hons.-B.D. and Ph.D. degrees from Murdoch University.


He has published articles on textual criticism and manuscript transcriptions in various journals, and he has been involved in several conferences around the world involving humanities computing. Tim has already developed a reputation as a text encoding expert in the field of religious studies, having been associated with both *TC: A Journal of Biblical Textual Criticism* and the Electronic New Testament Manuscript Project for several years.

He has been invited to attend the Bible Technologies Conference, sponsored by the Society of Biblical Literature and the American Bible Society, in Chantilly, Virginia, April 30–May 2, 2001.

We welcome Tim to ATLA! 



Lowell Handy Presents Paper

On April 28, Lowell Handy presented a paper at the Spring meeting of the Chicago Society of Biblical Research (meeting at Loyola University). The paper, "Digging Up Josiah" covers the interpretation of the figure of King Josiah from the "tree of Jesse" to contemporary archaeological reconstructions. 



New Web Editor Comes to ATLA

The American Theological Library Association announces the appointment of Jonathan West to the position of Web Editor. He is responsible for all aspects of the content of ATLA's web site.

Mr. West holds an MA in Religion from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, IL. His BA is in Classical Languages from Trinity University in San Antonio, TX.

Mr. West came to this position from ATLA's Department of Indexes, where he had served as an Indexer-Analyst since 1999. Before moving to the

Chicago area to earn his MAR, he taught English as a Second Language and Citizenship classes to adults in Houston, TX. 📖



From the *Newsletter* Editor

It's that time of year again! As we anticipate the Annual Conference, many of you are preparing to present papers, lead roundtable discussions, and/or attend interest group or denominational meetings. As you prepare, I'd like to remind you—all of you—to keep in mind that the *Proceedings*, published after the conference, is our only real historical record of this event. Because it is so important, we want the *Proceedings* be as complete, and timely, as possible—and I need your help with that. If you are presenting anything (yes, *anything*) at the conference, or leading any kind (and I mean *any kind*) of group, please submit the text or summary of your paper or meeting to me at the conference (registration desk) or shortly thereafter. Presenters should have received submission instructions by mail. Group leaders or anyone else may refer to previous years' *Proceedings* for guidelines or may feel free to contact me (mcollins@atla.com).

One more thing: if you are the secretary or chairperson of a regional group, interest group, committee, or denominational group, please be sure to fill out an orange update form at the conference. We use the information from this form to update our web site and our membership database. Your help is greatly appreciated! 📖

Margret Tacke Collins
Editor of Member Publications

Idea? Article? Suggestion?

Why not submit it to the *ATLA Newsletter* for consideration?

E-mail: newsletter@atla.com

Submit Your
Position Opening
 to the *ATLA Newsletter*

Deadlines

Vol. 48, No. 3—May issue
April 1, 2001

Vol. 48, No. 4—August issue
July 1, 2001

Vol. 49, No. 1—November issue
October 1, 2001

Vol. 49, No. 2—February issue
January 1, 2002

Send submission to

Margret Tacke Collins
 Editor of Member Publications
newsletter@atla.com

Please note: position openings are free to ATLA Member institutions. Non-member institutions will be charged \$50 per ad (Web posting is additional).

ATLA Annual Conferences

June 20–23, 2001

Durham, NC

Divinity School at Duke University

June 19–22, 2002

St. Paul, MN

Minnesota Theological
 Library Association

June 18–21, 2003

Portland, OR

George Fox Evangelical Seminary
 Mount Angel Abbey
 Multnomah Biblical Seminary
 Western Seminary

ATLA Welcomes New Members

Individuals

Ms. Wendi Adams
St. Louis, MO

Mr. Jesus Arellano
Loyola Marymont University
Von Der Ahe Library
Los Angeles, CA

Mr. H.D. (Sandy) Ayer
Canadian Theological Seminary
Regina, SK, Canada

The Rev. Becca F. Barnett
San Francisco, CA

Mr. Eric Benoy
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
New Orleans, LA

Mr. Thomas W. Biggs
University of Tulsa
Tulsa, OK

Mr. Stephen Brown
Marion, IN

Miss Heather Clark
Denver Seminary
Denver, CO

Ms. Carlotta Gary
Houston, TX

Rev. Roxanne R. Grant
Central Baptist Theological Seminary
Kansas City, KS

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Chicago, IL

Mrs. Libby Jones
Phoenix, AZ

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Dallas Theological Seminary
Turpin Library
Dallas, TX

Ms. Joan Pries
Regent College
Vancouver, BC, Canada

Ms. Donna R. Schleifer
Princeton Theological Seminary
Speer Library
Princeton, NJ

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Rev. Markku Tuuli
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State University of Finland
Vantaa, Finland

Dr. Marilyn Waller
Jews for Jesus
San Francisco, CA

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Students

Mr. Frank C. Bridges, III
Durham, NH

Mr. Jacob Kim
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Ms. Debbie Creamer
Denver, CO

Mr. Eric Nygren
Oak Park, IL

Mrs. Mary D'Angelo
Orlando, FL

Mr. Stephen Zenas Perisho
Princeton, NJ

Mr. Jan Ekstedt
Kent, WA

Miss Stephanie Elizabeth Sutton
Philadelphia, PA

Rev. Jennifer Lynn Woodroff
Durham, NC

Institutions

Houston Graduate School of Theology
Library
Houston, TX

Wake Forest University
Z. Smith Reynolds Library
Winston-Salem, NC

Affiliate Members—Libraries

American Religion Data Archive
University Park, PA

University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, MN

Trinity Bible College
Ellendale, ND

William and Catherine Booth College
Winnipeg, Canada

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Books for Libraries, Inc.
Santa Clarita, CA

Spanish Speaking Bookstore Distributions
Chicago, IL

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Boston, MA

Walter deGruyter, Inc.
Hawthorne, NY

OCLC Information Center
Dublin, OH

Westminster John Knox Press
Louisville, KY

Positions Open

Catalog Librarian

Pitts Theology Library, Emory University


Responsibilities: The Catalog Librarian is one of two professional catalog librarians and performs original and complex copy cataloging of all formats, including special collections from the sixteenth century and following, using OCLC and the Sirsi Unicorn system. The Catalog Librarian shares responsibility for database maintenance and authority control, sets and maintains high standards of quality and productivity, and participates in the development of departmental policy and procedure in a collaborative environment. This position may include supervision and training of some student workers. The successful applicant will be one who shows initiative, self-motivation, and an ability to work independently in a collegial setting. The Catalog Librarian reports to the Head of Technical Services.

Required Qualifications: ALA-accredited master's degree in library or information science or doctoral training in theology or history; reading knowledge of 16th-century German and Latin. *Preferred Qualifications:* Advanced study in theology/religion; understanding of the principles of cataloging and ability to apply those principles according to national standards, including AACR2, MARC, LCSH, and LC classification; two or more years of cataloging experience, preferably in an academic setting; familiarity with rare book cataloging and DCRB; knowledge of French.

Environment: Pitts Theology Library, one of Emory University's six instructional libraries, is a distinguished collection of theological materials. With over 500,000 volumes, the library provides unusually rich resources for the Candler School of Theology and Emory University and has attracted international attention for some of its collections. Roughly twenty percent of the library's holdings are in special collections with particular strengths in English religious history, the history of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, and English and American hymnody. Additional information about the library is available at <http://www.pitts.emory.edu>.

Founded in 1836, Emory University has 11,300 students and 2,500 faculty members. Emory has nine major academic divisions, numerous centers for ad-

vanced study, and a host of prestigious affiliated institutions. Located fifteen minutes from downtown Atlanta, Emory enjoys the benefits of access to a major metropolitan area while nestled in the tree-lined suburban neighborhood of Druid Hills.

The salary is competitive and Emory University offers a generous benefits package. Review of applications begins May 1, 2001, and will continue until the position is filled. Emory University is an EEO/AA employer. Send resume, including three references, to: Marianna Anderson, Pitts Theology Library, Emory University, 505 Kilgo Circle, Atlanta GA 30322-2810; Fax: (404) 727-1219; E-mail: mande07@emory.edu. 



Director of Library Services


Regent College

Regent College, an international graduate school of Christian studies, invites applications and nominations for a full time Director of Library Services. The position, to begin as soon as possible, will remain open until an appropriate candidate is found.

The applicant should possess an MLS degree plus a Master's degree (minimum) in a theological discipline, and have at least five to ten years' experience in a theological library with a working knowledge of computerized library systems. The successful candidate will have full faculty status and will be granted rank and salary depending on experience and qualifications. The Director of Library Services will be responsible for the administration of the library, the supervision of staff, the development of the collection, and related duties.

The successful candidate must be able to agree wholeheartedly with the College's statement of faith, its mission, and its values. In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, priority will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada. Regent College encourages applications from all qualified women and men. Review of applications will begin September 15 and continue until the position is filled.

Applications, with curriculum vitae and three

letters of reference, should be sent to: Gordon T. Smith, Academic Vice President/Dean, Regent College, 5800 University Blvd, Vancouver, BC V6T 2E4. Detailed position descriptions can be obtained by e-mail from deansoffice@regent-college.edu. Web site: www.regent-college.edu 



Head of Public Services

Trinity International University


Introduction: Trinity International University invites applications for the Head of Public Services in the Roling Memorial Library. This position coordinates all public service activities in Roling Library. Responsibilities include service at the library's reference desk and working with faculty to provide new reference and instructional services to the Trinity community.

Position Summary: Coordinates public services operations including the duties of five full-time staff (two reference librarians); exercises responsibility over all reference activities; maintains the library's reference collection; recruits and trains part-time reference assistants; promotes library services across campus; represents Roling Library at consortia and professional meetings.

Required Qualifications: ALA-accredited MLS degree; at least five years' experience as an academic reference librarian; two or more years' supervisory experience over some facet of public services operations; excellent interpersonal and communication skills; broad knowledge of computer applications and an integrated library system; and a personal commitment to Christian higher education. *Preferred Qualifications:* Graduate degree in some field of Christian studies; experience with the Voyager integrated library system; experience in training and supervising part-time staff to perform reference assistance; and experience in bibliographic instruction.

Salary & Benefits: Commensurate with qualifications, and experience (\$40,000 minimum). This is a twelve-month, exempt, contract position with twenty vacation days and eleven paid holidays. Medical, dental, and retirement benefits are provided.

Application Information: Position available July 1, 2001. Women and minorities are urged to apply.

TIU is an AA/EOE and affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of America. The successful candidate for this position must agree with the university's mission, values, and statement of faith. Send letter of application, resume, and three references to: Dr. Rob Krapohl, University Librarian, Roling Memorial Library, Trinity International University, 2065 Half Day Road, Deerfield, IL 60015. 



Head of Technical Services

Virginia Theological Seminary

Virginia Theological Seminary invites applications for the position of Head of Technical Services at the Bishop Payne Library.


Description: The Head of Technical Services performs original cataloging and authority work and supervises and performs copy cataloging for all library materials received. S/he supervises a cataloger/systems librarian, a periodicals librarian, and 1-1/2 assistants, and assists the systems librarian with backups and reports as needed. S/he oversees database maintenance, binding, book repair, and technical processing, and develops appropriate in-service training for technical services personnel.

Required Qualifications: ALA-accredited MLS; two years' professional experience; knowledge of OCLC, MARC format, AACR2R, LC subject headings, and LC classification; familiarity with library automation systems; interest in theological librarianship; effective interpersonal skills. *Preferred Qualifications:* Educational background in theology or related field; supervisory experience; bibliographic knowledge of at least one language relevant to theology in addition to English.

Salary & Benefits: Salary commensurate with education and experience. Benefits include medical, dental, life insurance, and TIAA-CREF.

Environment: Virginia Theological Seminary prepares students for ordained and lay ministries in the Episcopal Church and offers three Master-level degrees and a Doctor of Ministry. The collection numbers 170,000 and grows by approximately 4,000 items per year. Virginia Seminary is a member of the Washington Theological Consortium.

To Apply: Send letter, resume, and the names

and addresses of three references to: Mitzi J. Budde, Librarian, Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Rd., Alexandria, VA 22304; Fax: (703) 370-0935; E-mail: mjbudde@vts.edu. 




Electronic Services Librarian
The Barbour Library of Pittsburgh
Theological Seminary

The Barbour Library invites applications for the position of Electronic Services Librarian for web development and systems support.

Position Summary: The librarian is primarily responsible for automated library systems support, development and maintenance of the library's web site, technical support for the library's network and automation needs in cooperation with the Computer Services Department of the Seminary, and selection and maintenance of the library's databases and electronic resources. The library is currently using the DRA Classic automated library system and is planning to upgrade or migrate to a new system; the librarian will be expected to participate in its selection and direct the implementation. The librarian reports to the director and participates in the overall management of the library.

Qualifications: ALA-accredited MLS/MLIS, demonstrated ability in systems and network administration, web authoring experience, knowledge of NT and UNIX (desirable), good oral and written communication skills, familiarity with resources important to theological research, and the ability to work independently and as a team member.

Salary & Benefits: Competitive compensation, based upon qualifications and experience, with exceptional benefits package.

Application Information: Submit letter of application, resume, and three professional references to: Steven Perry, Library Director, Clifford E. Barbour Library, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 616 N. Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206. Applications will be reviewed upon receipt and the search will continue until the position is filled. Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity Employer. 



Indexer-Analysts
American Theological Library Association

The Indexing Department of the American Theological Library Association seeks applicants for several indexer-analyst positions.


Principal Responsibilities: Indexer-analysts use data entry software to create indexing information for journal articles, essays in multi-authored books, and book reviews according to ATLA's indexing conventions (the material indexed may be print or electronic); report regularly to editors regarding work assignments; do bibliographic authority work using electronic and printed resources; proofread data; and participate in a journal evaluation process.

Required Qualifications: Master's degree or at least two years of graduate study in a religious studies or related field; experience with computers and databases; ability to read and work in at least one Western European language (German, French, Spanish or Italian)—knowledge of other languages a plus; reading, comprehension and analytical skills; extended concentration and attention to detail; capacity to work with different types of material, different supervisors, data entry applications and indexing conventions; effective interpersonal skills to work in a collegial team environment with other staff members; and ability to produce accurate and timely work in a publishing atmosphere with set deadlines.

Preferred Qualifications: Advanced study in theology/religion, especially in the areas of African theology, historical theology, Islam, South Asian religions, missiology, and/or world religions; reading knowledge of Arabic, Chinese, or modern Hebrew; and familiarity with MARC 21 coding and tagging.

Environment: The Indexing Department of the Association produces the *ATLA Religion Database*. It is the premier index to journal articles, book reviews, and collections of essays in all fields of religion. For more information about the Association and its products please visit our web site at <http://www.atla.com>.

Compensation: Positions are full-time (37.5 hours a week); the salary range is \$28,000 to \$32,000 depending on qualifications and experience; and the Association offers an excellent benefits package.

Review of applications begins May 1st, 2001, and will continue until all positions are filled. Please send or e-mail a cover letter, resume, and a list of three references to: Cameron J. Campbell, Director of Indexing, American Theological Library Association, 250 S. Wacker Dr., Suite 1600, Chicago, Illinois 60606; E-mail: ccampbell@atla.com. 



Reference Librarian

Trinity International University


Introduction: Trinity International University invites applications for a Reference Librarian in the Roling Memorial Library. With two other full-time librarians, the person in this position is responsible for providing reference services for the patrons of Roling Library.

Position Summary: Performs all reference activities including: service at library's reference desk; research consultations with patrons; and bibliographic instruction. Assists in teaching the theological research methods class; formulation of reference policies; maintenance of the library's reference collection; and training of reference assistants. Serves as a subject specialist in Christian studies, but will be expected to perform general reference. May be asked to work some evenings and/or weekends.

Required Qualifications: Educational background in the social sciences or humanities; ALA-accredited MLS degree; experience as an academic reference librarian; familiarity with theological reference resources; excellent interpersonal and communication skills; knowledge of instructional and presentation computer applications; experience with database searching; and personal commitment to Christian higher education. *Preferred Qualifications:* M.Div., or its equivalent, in Christian theology or religious studies; knowledge of biblical languages; experience in training part-time staff to perform general reference assistance; and experience in bibliographic instruction, or the teaching of research methodology.

Salary & Benefits: Commensurate with qualifications, and experience. twelve-month, exempt, contract position with twenty vacation days and eleven paid holidays. Medical, dental, and retirement ben-

efits are provided.

Application Information: Position available July 1, 2001. Women and minorities are urged to apply. TIU is an AA/EOE and affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of America. The successful candidate for this position must agree with the university's mission, values, and statement of faith. Send letter of application, resume, and three references to: Dr. Rob Krapohl, University Librarian, Roling Memorial Library, Trinity International University, 2065 Half Day Road, Deerfield, IL 60015. 



Theological Librarian

Beeson Divinity School of Samford University

Beeson Divinity School invites applications or recommendations for the position of Theological Librarian. The divinity school is one of eight schools comprising Samford University, a Christian liberal arts school of 4,600 students located in Birmingham, Alabama. The theological librarian of Beeson School of Divinity will be a member of the divinity faculty (the nature of that membership determined by academic qualifications), while assigned to work in cooperation with the administrative structure of the University Library.

Preferably, the theological librarian will possess a terminal degree in a discipline compatible with the educational mission and curricular needs of the divinity school, as well a master's degree in library science. Minimally, the theological librarian should have masters' degrees in both divinity and library science. The person should have professional experience in library work and should be an active member of a local church.

Beeson Divinity School was founded in 1988 as an interdenominational, evangelical theological school on the campus of a Christian university that has historic ties to the Alabama Baptist State Convention. The divinity school offers three degrees—Master of Divinity, Master of Theological Studies, and Doctor of Ministry—to a student population of about 225. Samford University is an equal opportunity institution and welcomes applications for employment and educational programs from all individuals regardless of race, color, sex, disability, age,

or national or ethnic origin. Additional information about Samford University and Beeson Divinity School may be found on the web at www.samford.edu.

Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. Applications should include a letter, vita, and references; be received by August 31, 2001; and be addressed to Dr. Jerry W. Batson, Beeson Divinity School, Samford University, Box 2252, Birmingham, Alabama 35229-2252. 📖

JOB LISTINGS WANTED!

ATLA is soliciting job listings for both professional and paraprofessional positions. Send position open announcements to the *Newsletter* editor, Margret Tacke Collins (e-mail: newsletter@atla.com) and they will be posted on the Web site promptly and in the next *Newsletter*. If you need a librarian, a circulation supervisor, or administrative assistant, we can help you find one!

Job listings are free for ATLA member institutions

Non-member institutions will be charged as follows:

\$50 per ad for *Newsletter*

\$50 per ad for Web site

\$75 per ad for *Newsletter* and Web site

Reminder Regarding Your Library's Copy of the *ATLA Newsletter*

ATLA member institutions receive their copies of the *ATLA Newsletter* via their Institutional Member Representative. If you are a Rep, please remember to pass on the *Newsletter* to your library's serials department. If you are also an individual member, you will receive two copies of the *Newsletter*, one of which is yours to keep.

Changes:

If you have moved, changed jobs, have a new e-mail service provider, or anything else that affects your contact information, please notify Carol Jones (cjones@atla.com or 888-665-2852) so that your membership record may be updated.

Management Issues Seminar: The Library Budget

Presented by the Professional Development Committee of ATLA

Tuesday, June 19, 2001

Durham Marriott at the Civic Center
Durham, North Carolina

New manager facing budget preparation?

Been around a few years but you've never had to
confront budgeting for major changes like a building
renovation or new automation system?

And how in the world do you present your budget to your
administration for approval anyway?

**This seminar will tell you what you need to
know and how to get what you want.**

Wherever you are in your career—whether a library director for several years or a manager looking toward that first directorship—you will benefit from attending. Here's how:

In the morning there will be two sessions: one for novice managers or those wanting a skills brush-up, and the other for managers with three years' experience or more. In the afternoon, both groups will come together to find out how to improve the graphic, written, and interpersonal skills you need to enhance budget presentations to administrators.

For More Information

Visit the seminar web page at
www.atla.com/management_seminar.htm
or contact ATLA Member Services at (888) 665-2852.

Registration

Fees are \$130 for ATLA members; \$200 for non-members.
You may register for the Seminar with a credit card by phone
to Sabine Dupervil at (888) 665-2852.

2001 ATLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"2001: A Research Odyssey"

♦ June 20-23, 2001 ♦

Welcome to ATLA's 55th Annual Conference! You may register and pay on-line at ATLA's Web site, or mail or fax this completed form to:

ATLA Conference
250 South Wacker Drive, Suite 1600, Chicago, IL 60606-5834
Phone (toll free) 1-888-665-ATLA, or 312-454-5100
Fax 312-454-5505; E-mail atla@atla.com
http://www.atla.com/conference

1. Conference Registration & Fees

Check here to attend the full conference	Until 4/30/01	After 4/30/01
<input type="checkbox"/> ATLA Individual Member	\$100	\$175
<input type="checkbox"/> ATLA Institutional Member Representative	\$100	\$175
<input type="checkbox"/> ATLA Student	\$ 35	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> ATLA Honorary or Retired Member	No CHARGE	No CHARGE
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member from ATLA Member Institution	\$125	\$200
<input type="checkbox"/> ATLA Affiliate Member	\$190	\$237.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member	\$200	\$250

OR, check here to attend for one day only	Until 4/30/01	After 4/30/01
<input type="checkbox"/> ATLA Individual Member	\$ 50	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> ATLA Institutional Member Representative	\$ 50	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> ATLA Student	\$ 25	\$ 50
<input type="checkbox"/> ATLA Honorary or Retired Member	No CHARGE	No CHARGE
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member from ATLA Member Institution	\$ 50	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> ATLA Affiliate Member	\$ 95	\$142.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member	\$100	\$150

If attending for one day only, please identify which day:

- Wednesday, June 20, 2001 Thursday, June 21, 2001
 Friday, June 22, 2001 Saturday, June 23, 2001

TOTAL REGISTRATION COSTS: \$ _____

Spouses/Partners of Registered ATLA Members

Non-ATLA member spouses/partners of registered ATLA members are welcome to attend regular conference events at no cost. *Additional fees apply to attend the banquet; please register individually to attend professional development events.*

Name badge information for your spouse/partner:

First Name Last Name City, State, Country

2. ATLA Professional Development Workshops

When registering for Professional Development Workshops, please also register for either the full conference or for the one conference day of June 20, 2001. If registering for a limited enrollment workshop, please indicate numerically your 1st and 2nd choices within that half-day session.

June 20, 2001 8:30 AM-12:00 PM

- Cataloging Electronic Resources
- Designing Surveys (limit 25)
- Digitizing 101
- Web Editing Using Front Page 2000 (limit 18)

Registration Fees

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June 20, 2001: 1:30 PM-5:00 PM

- Copyright Issues and Electronic Resources
- Digitizing Special Collections (limit 40)
- Teaching Writing
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- New Members' Welcome (no fee)

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- 1. Registration \$ _____
- 2. Professional Development \$ _____
- 3. Banquet (\$45 each) \$ _____
- 4. Durham Bulls (\$6 each) \$ _____

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3. Banquet

June 23, 2001 6:00 PM

- Conference Banquet \$45 each

How many vegetarian meals? _____

4. Durham Bulls

- Durham Bulls Tickets \$6 each

5. Interest Groups

There are no fees for Interest Groups; however, in order to facilitate room assignments, we would appreciate your marking the session you want to attend.

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