



The Grand Reading Room at the new Mansueto Library, University of Chicago (<http://mansueto.lib.uchicago.edu/>).

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2011 Board Election Reminder

The 2011 Board of Directors election will be performed via electronic ballot. ATLA has contracted with Survey & Ballot Systems to administer the web election process. Ballots and the candidates' biographical statements will be posted on a customized website hosted by Survey & Ballot Systems. Personalized access codes to the voting site will be sent via email on Friday, January 13, to voting members in good standing. The email will come from ATLA Election Coordinator at ATLAvote@directvote.net. Please add this address to your address book or alert your IT staff to allow it through your institution's firewall.

From the President

Renewing ATLA



The ATLA Board of Directors gathers in Chicago this week for its annual January meeting to represent the ATLA membership in identifying and responding to new or needed developments within ATLA's products and membership. As the Board's Policy Manual states, this is partly a matter of the Board "keeping abreast of developments in theological education and librarianship in general and member institutions specifically (IV.A.5)." Even after reading hundreds of pages of supporting materials for the upcoming meeting, and preparing to converse with a half-dozen experts in areas as diverse as financial management, scholarly communications, and librarian demographics, the primary resources for the Board members' strategic leadership are their own professional experiences, including the conference presentations and personal conversations shared with other ATLA members. I encourage you to reach out to a Board member, and to share your perspective on professional issues of importance to you (<http://www.atla.com/Members/divisions/bod/Pages/default.aspx>).

The Board will both evaluate past efforts, and also research and develop new policies about ATLA's ends, governance, board, and staff. These will be policies that, in the Board's collective judgment, best address the opportunities and risks of the present day and foreseeable future.

Among the considerations will be the possibility of recommending a revision of the ATLA Bylaws (which can be viewed in the "community" section of the ATLA website). Any changes to this document would require communication with the membership in preparation for a vote by members attending the 2012 Annual Conference in Scottsdale. I'm personally enthusiastic about this possibility, because it represents in a very visible way the vital interrelationship between the Board and the other members of ATLA in reviewing and renewing our professional association and our collective efforts in this new year.

-- John B. Weaver



From the Executive Director

Creating Leaders

What is "leadership"? The definition has evolved over the years--shifting from a focus on managing resources effectively to charisma to transforming organizations.

Increasingly we've come to expect vision from leaders and expect them to define a future for an organization, and to instill a sense of urgency about why people should strive to create it. This vision sets the general direction for the organization and motivates people to take action in the right direction, even when taking action is initially painful.

Sometimes leadership means having to make necessary but difficult decisions. William J. Hook, Sara J. Myers, and Sharon A. Taylor joined together to write three essays on this topic in a 2009 issue of Theological Librarianship (<https://journal.atla.com/ojs/index.php/theolib/article/view/92/237>). Their focus was on effective leadership and making decisions in tough economic times.

A 2010 survey of ATLA's membership showed that based on the responses received, 46% of ATLA's members are 55 or older. Only 12.7% were under age 35. Many of the directors among ATLA members are in the 55 or older category and will be retiring in the next 5-10 years (or less). It is critical that we prepare for this collective loss of knowledge and experience that theological librarianship will suffer when they do.

This month a new ATLA program begins: Creating the Leaders of Tomorrow. Designed for mid-career librarians who aspire to be directors or hold other leadership positions, this program will help ensure that ATLA and theological libraries continue to have strong leaders into the future. We will all be watching this first cohort and cheering for their success.

--Brenda Bailey-Hainer

OCLC Symposium

Virtual Participation Available for ATLA Members

Sarah Lacy, Senior Editor at TechCrunch and author of Brilliant, Crazy, Cocky, will be the keynote presenter at the upcoming OCLC Americas Member Meeting and Symposium to be held during the ALA Midwinter Conference in Dallas. ATLA is an OCLC member, and by virtue of your membership in ATLA, you can attend virtually. You'll be able to watch Lacy's presentation "Mining the Fault Lines: Big Collaboration on a Richter Web Scale," participate through interactive discussions and questions, and watch discussion from the Americas' Regional Council representatives and OCLC leadership on future strategies of the cooperative. This is a chance for your voices to be heard!

How to Register

The OCLC Symposium and Americas Member Meeting will be held January 20, 2012, from 1 pm - 4:15 pm Central. The introduction and keynote address begins at 1:00 pm. A session which includes an update on OCLC's strategy and interaction with their leadership runs from 2:30 - 4:15 pm. Register to participate ONLINE at http://registration.oclc.org/reg/?pc=ALAMidwinter2012_ARC_VIRTUAL.

You can watch here: http://www.oclc.org/livefeed/?utm_source=WhatCountsEmail&utm_medium=OCLC%20Cooperative%20eNews&utm_campaign=OCLC%20Cooperative%20eNews



Potential New Regional Group

Several area theological librarians met in mid-November at Seattle University to consider organizing a Pacific Northwest regional group (left). Executive Director Brenda Bailey-Hainer attended the meeting and facilitated the discussion.

2012 Annual Conference

Happy New Year from Your Hosts in Scottsdale!

We are excited to welcome you to our state, especially since we are celebrating Arizona's centennial. Arizona is varied in geography with a rich heritage and many celebrities have called it home. Frank Lloyd Wright built his winter home in the Scottsdale area (Taliesin West), while his last public commission was the Gammage Auditorium at Arizona State University. Paolo Soleri spent eighteen months in a fellowship with Wright and went on to build Arcosanti, his experimental project utilizing arcology (architecture and ecology), located about 25 miles north of Phoenix. There are plans to visit both Taliesin West and Arcosanti during Wednesday's excursions.

One of the Phoenix area's better known residents recently died (November 9, 2011) at the age of 89—Bil Keane, the creator of "The Family Circus." His son, Jeff, plans to continue the comic since he has been helping out on it since 1981. One of our host institutions, Diocese of Phoenix, has posted many of the cartoons that Bil did for their Charity and Development Appeal.

There is a full schedule of programming for Thursday through Saturday (June 28-30), so we encourage you to come early or stay late to experience what our state has to offer. From Indian ruins to Spanish missions to military installations to modern day mega-malls and world class golf courses, you should be able to find something to enjoy. Stay tuned for more information throughout the months leading up to the conference.

--Theological Library Cooperative of Arizona (TLCA), Local Host Committee

Poster Session Proposal Deadline Extended

The deadline for submitting poster session proposals has been extended to Tuesday, January 31, 2012. You can submit your proposal at <http://www.atla.com/Members/conference/Pages/CallforSessionProposals.aspx>.

With the aim of adding another avenue for hearing about some of the interesting, creative projects ATLA members are doing--or considering--the American Theological Library Association is continuing to invite proposals for poster sessions at the 2012 Annual Conference, June 27-30 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Scheduled in a 30-minute time slot, poster sessions are informal. The presenter(s) develops a poster and handouts which deliver useful information to the theological library community, describes the poster, and answers questions.



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Posters may address a potentially wide range of topics of interest to theological librarians, such as:

- outreach initiatives
- building digital collections
- assessment
- information literacy
- new library services
- creative marketing
- new collaborative models
- cooperative collection development
- redesigned library space
- professional development
- the library in society
- or . . .

This is an opportunity to try out new ideas and receive instant feedback from your ATLA colleagues. We sincerely hope you will consider submitting a poster proposal by the Tuesday, January 31, 2012 due date.

Festival of Young Preachers

Margot Lyon, Director of Business Development, and Jennifer Butler, Product Support Analyst, recently attended and exhibited at the Festival of Young Preachers in Louisville, Kentucky, January 2-5. The festival is part of the Academy of Preachers (<http://www.academyofpreachers.net/>), an ecumenical initiative launched in 2009 through a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment and energized by the conviction that preaching is a vocation of public and social significance. With more than 30 young preachers from 30 states and 30 denominations, it was a lively event. ATLA staff promoted the ATLAS® for ALUM program and conducted some focus groups with young preachers to learn more about research tools for ministry and related topics.

Member News

Annual Proceedings Published

The Summary of Proceedings of the Sixty-Fifth Annual ATLA Conference in Chicago, Illinois, was mailed out at the end of December. Members in the United States and Canada who haven't received a copy by the end of January should contact memberrep@atla.com for assistance.

Coning Soon: *Theological Librarianship*

The newest issue of *Theological Librarianship: An Online Journal of the American Theological Library Association* will be published in mid-January. It includes nine critical reviews, three bibliographic essays, two peer-reviewed articles, three columns, and a "special forum" on library building projects, with reports and reflections from six contributing institutions.

With this issue the journal also introduces a new series of "profiles," sketches on the lives and accomplishments of some of our theological library colleagues from years past. The subject of the first of these is Father Oliver Kapsner, OSB (1902-1991), whose pioneering efforts helped lay the foundation for what is now known as the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library (<http://www.hmml.org/>). Happy Reading!

Membership Renewal Season Drawing to a Close

Thank you to all of the ATLA members who have already renewed their membership for the September 2011 through August 2012 year. If you have not renewed yet, it is not too late! Please do so at <http://www.atla.com> or request an invoice via 312.454.5100 or memberrep@atla.com.

Publication Grants Deadline Approaching

The Publications Committee will award up to \$4,000 in grants to support the development of works with a bibliographic focus or scholarly works that advance some aspect of theological librarianship. The deadline for submissions is February 1, 2012. Visit <http://www.atla.com/Members/programs/awards/Pages/Publication-Grant.aspx> for more information. ATLA reserves the first right of refusal of publication for all projects receiving grants.

Director of Member Programs

ATLA is seeking candidates for the position of Director of Member Programs. The position is located at the ATLA office in the Chicago loop area. You can read the complete job description here: <http://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/DirectorofMemberPrograms.aspx>.

Job Postings Online

Are you in the market for a new position? Be sure to check <http://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/default.aspx> to see who is hiring now.

Routine Maintenance Reminder

Routine maintenance will be performed on ATLA systems on Monday, February 6, 2012. You may encounter a brief interruption of service between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. (CST) We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

Have You Heard?

BiblioBouts Project

Researchers at the School of Information at the University of Michigan have partnered with the Center for History and New Media at George Mason University to conduct the BiblioBouts Project (<http://bibliobouts.si.umich.edu/>). Funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Studies, the three-year project centers around an online social game that covertly teaches students how to do library research while they go about the business of completing a research-and-writing assignment. Please email info@bibliobouts.org for more information.

Blogging Project on Open Access

Gary Daught, Director of Library Services at Milligan College's P.H. Welshimer Memorial Library, reports that his new blog on open access publication in religion and theology, Omega Alpha|Open Access (<http://oaopenaccess.wordpress.com/>), is starting to build some momentum. He invites you to join the Omega Alpha circle (<https://plus.google.com/116874715952662537198/posts>) on Google. "I just completed a post engaging with Kevin Smith's 2009 essay on open access in *Theological Librarianship*," Gary reports. "I have also begun a feature profiling OA journals in religion and theology, and I posted recently on the launch of a new journal out of The Netherlands called *Religion and Gender*. I welcome your feedback and story ideas/leads. I hope to pick up the pace a bit in the new year."

Call for Papers—IFLA Africa Section

The IFLA annual congress will take place in Helsinki, Finland, from August 11-17, 2012. The Congress offers an opportunity to present library research outcomes and innovations in a multi-disciplinary, international forum. In line with the theme of the 78th IFLA WLIC, Africa Section chose the theme "Africa Libraries now on open access agenda." IFLA Africa Section invites Librarians, Information Scientists, and other stakeholders to submit proposals for papers. For more information, go to <http://conference.ifla.org/ifla78/calls-for-papers/africa-libraries-now-on-open-access-agenda>.

G. Fay Dickerson - 1920-2011

In her work as editor of Religion Indexes, called then Religion Index One and Religion Index Two, Fay was a progressive. She was one of the first to see the potential of microcomputers, the first Apples, and to adapt them towards the production of indexes, in place of the old and cumbersome key punch cards. She broadened the coverage of those indexes, beyond Christianity, to include the world religions. She thought tirelessly about ways to streamline the indexing work and to expand the market for the indexes, by contracting with such database vendors as were around then as BRS. She found meaning in small things and in careful attention to detail, but also in art, music, nature, and religion. She loved literature, Nebraska, and the literature of Nebraska, and writers like Willa Cather, Loren Eiseley and others who had an eye for the spiritual in natural things. I remember her admiring the wildflowers that grew along the El-tracks of the South Side subway lines. And she loved the South Side of Chicago where she lived when I knew her, the South Shore, and had a spacious apartment overlooking Lake Michigan. In her own way she lived out the identity the poet Keats taught between beauty and truth, but incorporated as well goodness into the mix. May her memory be for blessing.

--Ernest Rubinstein, Theological Librarian, Drew University Library, Madison, NJ

Fay Dickerson edited fourteen of what was at the time of her retirement twenty-one volumes of Religion Index One and its predecessor Index to Religious Periodical Literature. She also created and then edited the first few volumes of Religion Index Two. She oversaw the Indexes' move from their early offices at Princeton Theological Seminary to Chicago, first to McCormick Theological Seminary and later to a building on the University of Chicago campus. Her early adoption of microcomputers was instrumental in opening the Indexes to database vendors and online access. She worked to expand the scope of the Indexes and to increase efficiency, standardization, and consistency, managing the transition from part-time out-of-house indexing staff to full-time in-house professional staff. Fay could look at any data set and estimate the final photocomposed page count to within two or three pages. She told stories of her time as a trained weather observer (see her "personal view" of women in the Weather Bureau during World War II) and of watching political unrest from the roof of the American School of Girls in Mansur, Bagdad, Iraq, where she was teacher and principal. Fay was proud of the fact that she could both "talk chickens" with her Nebraska neighbors and theology with her ATLA colleagues.

--Erica Treesh, on behalf of the ATLA staff

Elvire Hilgert - 1925-2011



Elvire Roth Hilgert died on Tuesday, August 16, 2011, at the age of 86. A graduate in classical and modern languages from Pacific Union College in California, she earned a master's degree in library science from the Catholic University of America. Elvire was an associate librarian at Andrews University in Michigan before working in the library at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. She retired in 1990.

Elvire is survived by her husband, the Reverend William Earle Hilgert, a Presbyterian minister and emeritus professor of New Testament at McCormick Seminary. Her obituary from the Daily Progress is available [here](#).



Westminster Theological Seminary

Home to Winning Captioners

Westminster students have swept the ATLA cartoon contest for the second straight year! During Theological Libraries Month in October, the American Theological Library Association (ATLA) held a cartoon caption contest. Last year, alumnus Rev. Craig Combs won for both cartoon captions. This year, Rev. Carlton Wynne (above, right, PhD candidate) and Dean Chia (above, left, MAR student) entered the winning captions. Congratulations to Carlton and Dean!

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Welcome New Members

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Jan Kelley
Gretchen Lewis
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Hannah Rozear
Rebecca Russo
Benjamin T. Shurance
Toni Urquhart
Stella Wilkins
Steve Lynn Wright

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Jeremy Clark
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Institutional Member

Fordham University Libraries

International Institutional Member

Seminario Teologico Wesleyano

Affiliate Members

Biblical Archaeology Society
Trinity Lutheran College

Creating the Leaders of Tomorrow

Participants Announced

Congratulations to the participants in our inaugural Creating the Leaders of Tomorrow Program. Jennifer Bartholomew (Luther Seminary), Miranda Bennett (University of Houston Libraries), Leland Deeds (Union Presbyterian Seminary), Suzanne Estelle-Holmer (Yale Divinity School Library), Eric Friede (Yale Divinity School Library), Jeff Siemon (Fuller Theological Seminary), Michelle Spomer (Azusa Pacific University), Eric Stancliff (Concordia Seminary), and Kristine J. Veldheer (Graduate Theological Union) will attend 10-12 monthly webinars, talk with a mentor by phone monthly, participate in team projects, and create a personal professional development plan that includes at least one written piece for the ATLA Newsletter and a presentation at an ATLA Annual Conference in the next three years, in addition to several other requirements.

Current ATLA leaders who have graciously signed on to mentor these future leaders are Deborah Creamer (Ilf School of Theology), Susan Ebertz (Wartburg Theological Seminary), Pat Graham (Pitts Theology Library, Emory), Bill Hook (Vanderbilt University), Robert Roethemeyer (Concordia Theological Seminary), David Stewart (Bethel Seminary), Paul Stuehrenberg (Yale Divinity School Library), Stephen Sweeney (St. John Vianney Theological Seminary), and Chris Wenderoth (JKM Library).

We look forward to keeping you posted on the exciting launch of this new program and wish the best to all involved.



ATLA Calendar

January

- 1 Submissions for February ATLA Newsletter due on first business day of this month
- 2 ATLA Office closed for New Year Holiday
- 2-5 Academy of Preachers, Louisville, KY; Margot Lyon and Jennifer Butler attending.
- 12-14 ATLA Board of Directors Meeting at ATLA Office in Chicago
- 16 ATLA Office closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday
- 20-23 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Dallas; Brenda Bailey-Hainer attending.
- 26-28 Calvin Symposium for Worship, Grand Rapids, MI; Gregg Taylor and Justin Travis attending.

February

- 1 Submissions for March ATLA Newsletter due on first business day of this month
- 25-28 NFAIS Annual Conference, Philadelphia; Margot Lyon Jim Butler, and Gregg Taylor attending.

March

- 1 Submissions for April ATLA Newsletter due on first business day of this month

ATLA Website Update

Product Center Significantly Enhanced

ATLA has enhanced the Product Center of the ATLA website (<http://www.atla.com/products/Pages/default.aspx>) of the ATLA website. New additions include:

- Videos introducing ATLA's products -- What is ATLAS®? (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yG4fMSYAVA4&feature=youtu.be>)
- Tutorials on Searching Scripture Citations Using the Scriptures Tool, Searching Scripture Citations Using the Scripture Citation Index, and Searching Subject Headings for Sacred Texts of World Religions. -- Tutorials on ATLA Databases (<http://www.atla.com/products/support/Pages/ProductTutorials.aspx>)
- Improved set of Frequently Asked Questions -- FAQs (<http://www.atla.com/products/support/Product-Support-FAQs/Pages/default.aspx>)
- Listing of Events and Appearances for ATLA Staff -- Events and Appearances (<http://www.atla.com/products/Pages/UpcomingEvents.aspx>)
- Video Testimonials From AAR & SBL Annual Meetings Attendees -- Testimonials (<http://www.atla.com/products/Pages/ATLAGathersVideoTestimonialsFromAARSBLAttendees.aspx>)

"In our ongoing efforts to provide excellent service and support to our valued customers worldwide, we are delighted with the new enhancements," commented Rick Rybak, Senior Business Development Representative.

Staff Update

ATLA Communications Specialist Departs



For the past six years, you've seen her behind the camera taking photos at conferences and have experienced her editorial and/or graphic design touches in the newsletter, the annual conference proceedings, promotional materials for the conference, and Theological Librarianship. Please join us in wishing Sara Corkery good luck as she departs ATLA to seek adventure and new challenges in a position with another Illinois-based association. Her last day at ATLA will be January 27.

We welcome your submission of news, photos, and other items of interest for the *ATLA Newsletter*. All submissions are due on the first business day of the month preceding publication. Contact Sara Corkery (scorkery@atla.com) with any questions or concerns or if you are interested in sponsoring an issue of the newsletter.