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President's Message

A Trip to Remember

The message of Christianity and, for that matter, of all Western religion, is rooted not only in the consciousness of our history, but also in the very landscape of the Near East itself. It is this fact that has exerted a certain holy impulse upon many generations of pilgrims to visit the places which have become a part of our spiritual and psychological roadmap.

Can one mention Ephesus without recalling Paul's great letter to his converts there where he had labored for three years? Or does not the memory of Pergamun recall the reputed first use there of skins for the making of books, and the heritage of thousands of manuscripts penned on vellum, that enduring book medium through the Middle Ages? And does not the town of Smyrna, now the very modern Azmir, bring back memories of the second-century bishop Polycarp, who in his youth listened at the feet of John the Evangelist relating his memories of Jesus?

As a landmark the great church Hagia Sophia, Holy Wisdom, of the Emperor Justinian, is impressed on the Christian imagination as the greatest church in Christendom for a millennium of Byzantine Christianity. No matter that after the Arab conquest of 1453 it became a mosque and is now a museum. The fact is that it is still there and still stands on a hill above the straits of the Bosporus. It broods today over Istanbul, as it did for a thousand years over Constantinople, then the capital of the Roman empire, and over so much history, so many saints, heresiarchs, patriarchs, and Byzantine intrigue.

It was all of these things which prompted me and Donna, my wife, to undertake in March our own pilgrimage along some of the paths of St. Paul and St. John in modern Turkey. People often do not realize that many biblical sites are not in Israel. Turkey, the center of Asia Minor and the crossroads of the world between Asia and Europe, has literally dozens of sites where the Church of the New Testament took root.

Our particular itinerary was organized on the plan of visiting the seven churches of the Book of Revelation, but it also touched a number of places where Paul and his missionary associates labored, addressed in the letters of the New Testament, and were persecuted.

When one visits the reputed house of Mary at Ephesus, or the nearby tomb of John the Evangelist, what seems most important is not the authentication of an historical chain of testimony validating the tradition. It is rather the history of veneration paid by centuries of pilgrims to events of New Testament times which give meaning and context of time and place to some of these traditions. And it seems to me that theological librarianship has a lot to do with tradition.

One result of this trip was the strong realization that as Americans and Westerners we must not allow the media to so direct our attention to current events that we over-generalize about Islamic nations and peoples. Turkey is a progressive nation with a strong Muslim culture and a secular government. While Islam is favored, the adherents of other religions are allowed to exist in peace. The land, its people, its cuisine, its archaeology will always be a wonderful memory for us, not to mention the two handmade carpets we bought. I still haven't been able to get mine to fly!

So if ATLA can sponsor a post-conference cruise to Alaska one year, would there be any interest in a future post-conference biblical/archaeological visit to the seven churches of Revelation, with special attention to the libraries of Pergamun, of Ephesus, and perhaps of Patmos?

Paul Schrodt
ATLA President

Welcome to ATLA!

ATLA welcomes the following new members to the Association:

Individuals

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Mr. Jonathan B. Bengtson, Toronto, Ontario
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International Institutions

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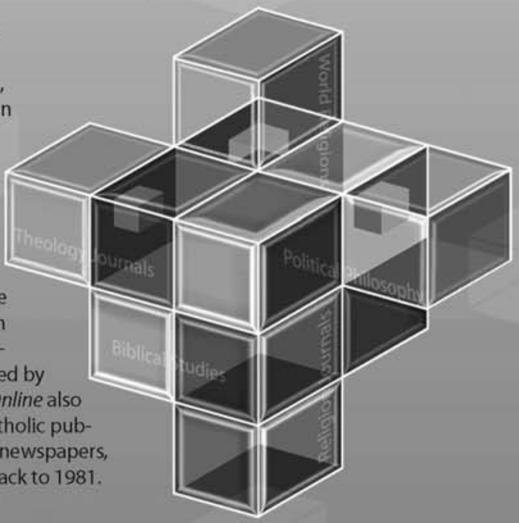

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Duane Harbin
James Pakala
Roberta Schaafsma
Christine Wenderoth

The Nominating Committee and the Board of Directors express their thanks to all candidates for the Board and for their many efforts on behalf of the Association.

Anne Richardson Womack
Secretary, Board of Directors

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SFTLA Holds Workshop

The South Florida Theological Library Association (SFTLA) conducted its second workshop, "Professional Issues in Theological Librarianship," on Thursday, November 6, 2003, at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, Florida. Librarians from religious institutions throughout South Florida attended this informative daylong program.

Mrs. Joyce Martinez, Language Director, **St.Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary,** gave a talk "New Outlooks, Real Changes: a Perspective of the 'Who Moved My Cheese' Parable." Here, she provided insights on how professionals cope with change within organizations.

Dr. L. Bryan Cooper, Director of Library Services, St. Thomas University, Miami, FL, presented "For the Broader Public Good: Collaborative Uses of Academic Technology Using LSTA Funds." Dr. Cooper shared his experiences in writing grant proposals for projects at his library funded by the Federal Library Services and Technology Act.

Finally, Mr. Arthur G. Quinn, Director of Library Services at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary and Vice-President/President-Elect of SFTLA, spoke on "Religious and Theological Research Strategies with Electronic Databases." In this talk, he demonstrated well-known and rarely-mentioned electronic indexes for theological research.

Philip M. O'Neill
Barry University

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Harvard Divinity School Appoints Director

Laura C. Wood has been appointed Librarian at Harvard Divinity School. She will assume leadership of **Andover-Harvard Theological Library** on June 15, 2004. Laura comes to HDS from Emory University, where she has worked at the **Pitts Theological Library** of Candler School of Theology since September 2000, as both periodicals librarian and technical services librarian. Before arriving at Emory, she was head librarian for Stockwell Cross Library at the University of Michigan, where she received a master's degree in information science. She also has a master's degree in religion from Yale Divinity School and a BA from Mount Holyoke College. In addition, she expects to receive an MBA from Emory in May.

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Bill Badke Revises Book

William Badke, Associate Librarian, Associated Canadian Theological Schools and Information Literacy, Trinity Western University, has released a second edition of his book *Research Strategies: Finding Your Way through the Information Fog* (Lincoln, NE: iUniverse.com, 2004), ISBN: 0-595-31371-X. It has also been released as an Adobe e-book (ISBN: 0-595-76186-0). For more information go to www.acts.twu.ca/lbr/papered.htm.

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Italian Monastery Library Continues to Expand

Two staff members of **St. Vincent de Paul Seminary** library have made a third trip to Monastero San Benedetto in Norcia, Italy, to continue organizing the library collection. Ethan Allen went in January 2004 and Marguerite Wolf in April. Their efforts resulted in 1,200 additional volumes being processed and shelved.

Half of the volumes added were donated from the library of Corpus Christi Abbey of Sandia, Texas, which closed in 2002. Subsequent visits are planned to continue with this project.

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John Tietjen Dies

I am saddened to share the news of the death of Dr. John Tietjen, former president of **Christ Seminary-Seminex,** on Sunday, Feb. 15, after fighting cancer for several years. He died in Fort Worth, Texas, where he had served as a parish pastor before his retirement. As a colleague noted, "His death marks the end of an era in Lutheranism in North America. Church historians in the future will describe him as one of the pivotal figures in the history of Lutheranism in the 20th century."

Mary Bischoff

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Luther Seminary to Have New Director

David Stewart, currently Associate Librarian at **Princeton Theological Seminary**, will become Director of Library Services at **Luther Seminary** in July 2004. Prior to moving to Princeton, David was Associate Librarian at **Regent College** (Vancouver) from 1994 to 1998.

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Cindy Lu Moves to Singapore Bible College

On April 1 **Cindy S. Lu** assumed the position of Director of Library Services at Singapore Bible College. Most recently, she was Director of Library and Information Services at the Arthur K. White Library of Somerset Christian College in Zarephath, New Jersey.

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MAC Meets with Member Services

On March 12 the Membership Advisory Committee (MAC) held its annual meeting with the ATLA Member Services Department to offer counsel on a variety of issues. The discussion focused on points in the 2004–2006 strategic plan (printed in the February *Newsletter,* pp. 43–46), including membership recruitment, a leadership development program, career development tools, and member collaborative projects.

Photo: Al Caldwell, Alice Runis (chair), Jim Pakala. (Missing is Joanna Hause, who took part in the meeting by phone).

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Publications Committee Meets

On Friday, February 13, the ATLA Publications Committee met at ATLA headquarters. The committee discussed the Scarecrow monograph and bibliography series, the bibliography and publications grant applications, and future projects.

Photo (left to right): Craig Churchill, Don Haymes, Andy Keck (chair), Lynn Berg, Jonathan West, Jack Ammerman.

The committee awarded the 2004 Bibliography Grant to James Elisha, associate professor at Bethel Bible College in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, India, for his project "A Bibliography for History of Christianity in Andhra." Douglas L. Gragg, head of public services at Pitts Theology Library at Emory University, was awarded the 2004 Publications Grant for his project "Cognitive Science of Religion: A Comprehensive Bibliography." See the Publications Committee web site at www.atla.com/pub_com/pub_com.html for more information on these grants.

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ATLA to Create Member Wall

Institutional and International Institutional Members were recently sent an e-mail about a new Institutional Member Wall. The Member Wall will be featured at the entrance to the Interactive Conference Facility (ICF) at ATLA headquarters. The Member Wall will be comprised of the seal associated with each Institutional and International Institutional Member displayed in a 5" x 7" frame. We hope to have the wall completed by September 1, 2004.

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Professional Development Committee Meets

The Professional Development Committee (PDC) met April 1–2 in Chicago with a full agenda of items related to the continuing education of theological librarians. Topics included PDC's program of speakers for regional groups, ideas and priorities for 2004–2005, and a meeting with Paul Myhre from the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion regarding the Center's support for an orientation workshop on theological librarianship.

Photo (left to right): Jan Malcheski, Laura Wood, David Stewart (chair), Mikail McIntosh-Doty.

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ATLA Hosts New Discussion List

ATLA now hosts an electronic discussion list for students. All Student Members, whether studying library science or religion, are welcome to join. ATLA hosts many discussion lists, including ATLANTIS, a general discussion list on theological librarianship, and others that cover more specific topics. More information is available on the ATLANTIS/Hosted Discussion Groups page in the member section of the ATLA web site.

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Norlin Attends ARDA Meeting

ATLA Executive Director Dennis Norlin attended a meeting of the board of the American Religion Data Archive (ARDA) March 26–27 in State College, Pennsylvania (Pennsylvania State

University). ARDA Director Roger Finke led the meeting of twenty participants, who offered counsel and advice about future directions for the ARDA project. ARDA is an ATLA Affiliate Member, and Roger Finke will be making a presentation about the ARDA project at the ATLA Annual Conference in June. To learn more about ARDA, visit its web site, www.arda.tm.

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International Collaboration Committee Meets at ATLA

The Special Committee of the Association for International Collaboration met April 15–16, 2004, at ATLA headquarters. Committee members Barbara Terry, Eileen Crawford, Margaret Tarpley, and Sara Myers met with Dennis Norlin and Paul Jensen on Thursday afternoon to discuss the progress of the database for international collaboration. The database will be presented during the committee report to the Association at the June Conference. Dennis also shared with the committee possible opportunities for international collaboration that are in discussion with other organizations. Other agenda items included: reviewing the International Collaboration Committee's web page (see the Committees page on the ATLA web site); discussing the draft of the ATLA-ICC Bibliography for International Seminary/Bible School Libraries; receiving a report from Karen Whittlesey about the IFLA/OCLC grant for beginning international librarians; discussing the feasibility of establishing regional (Asian, African, Latin America, etc.) repositories for periodicals; contemplating possible training materials; and finalizing plans for the 2004 conference program and activities for international attendees in Kansas City.

Photo: Top row (left to right): Sara Myers, Eileen Crawford, Margaret Tarpley. Bottom: Barbara Terry (chair). Missing is Maria Weber.

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ATS STATISTICS

We realize that the Total Library Expenditures and Total Institutional Expenditures were inadvertently omitted from the Financial Data section of the statistics in the 2003 Proceedings.

As soon as the member-only mechanism is in place, these tables will be posted on the site. In the meantime, if you are a member or a subscriber to the Proceedings and need this information, please contact Editor of Member Publications Jonathan West, and he will send you the missing statistics.

International Report

Forum of Asian Theological Librarians (ForATL): A Brief Historical Narrative

The Beginning

Founded in Chiang Mai, Thailand, in 1991, ForATL has always concerned itself with the development of Asian library collections and the support of librarians. Under the auspices of the Programme for Theology & Cultures in Asia (PTCA), theological librarians from Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, and Thailand met May 21–26, 1991, at McGilvary Faculty of Theology, Chiang Mai, Thailand. The meeting, called the Consultation of Asian Theological Librarians, was initiated and organized by the PTCA librarian, Rita M. England. Fourteen founding members from nine countries participated in the Consultation. The Consultation was recognized and approved by Asian senior theologians. Being part of the PTCA, which emphasizes the use of Asian theological resources, the group agreed that theological librarians in Asia should work closely with seminary professors to make Asian materials for doing contextual theology easily available.

The Consultation elected a core group of four to work with the PTCA librarian. The core included two Faculty members, Dr. Huang Po Ho (Tainan Theological College and Seminary, Taiwan) and Dr. Joseph Patmury (United Theological College, Bangalore, India), and two librarians, to wit, Ms. Lau Jen Sin (Trinity Theological College, Singapore) and Mr. Karmito (Duta Wacana Christian University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia). The core group was formed to implement the decisions made. They held their first meeting in Singapore in October 1991 to highlight and work out some of the ForATL initiatives, such as:

- A Master's Degree Course in Theological Librarianship under the SEAGST programme (located in Manila)
- A Network of the theological librarians in Asia
- A Directory of Asian Theological Libraries
- Guidelines for Asian Theological Librarians

The second meeting of the ForATL Core Group members was held in the Philippines in July 1992. It was decided that ForATL would become an independent organization working out its programme and activities independently of PTCA. The group also called for national workshops for theological librarians emphasizing the development of Asian resources to be held in India (October 1992), Philippines (November 1992), and Australia/New Zealand (July 1993).

The second ForATL Consultation and Workshop, hosted by the Library of Duta Wacana Christian University, was held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, October 17–23, 1997. The Consultation was funded by Asia-regional sources. The Consultation and Workshop focused on the theme, "*Creativity and Partnership: Resourcing Asian Theological Libraries,*" and was attended by twenty participants, including representatives from Australia, India, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand-Aotearoa, Republic of the Philippines, Taiwan, and the host country. An executive committee was elected for 1997–2003.

In March 1998 the ForATL Executive Committee met in Taipei, at Taiwan Theological College and Seminary. As a result, the continuing agenda of ForATL was confirmed, and plans were made to implement this.

Work has continued on the revision/extension of the Directory, and ForATL has assisted with the establishment of the Asia-wide Training Course for theological librarians (Hong Kong 1998 and 2000, coordinated by Mr. Tang Sui Tung at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Shatin, Hong Kong), and the publication of the Manual for theological librarians in Asia (*Ministering Asian Faith and Wisdom: A Manual for Theological Librarians in Asia,* edited by Rita and John England).

Few other activities have been possible in the last two years due to the removal of two executive members from the region, illness, and national disturbances. The ForATL Committee was reconstituted and enlarged, retaining the original Convener and those members able to continue.

With the help of Ecumenical Theological Education (ETE) Asia-Pacific Consultant of the WCC and the Executive Director of the Association for Theological Education in South East Asia (ATESEA), a third Consultation was held in Bangkok (at Student Christian Center), Thailand, February 18–23, 2003, to consolidate the organization of ForATL and to identify and work on achieving its objectives.

It needs to be said that before, during, and even after the Bangkok meeting, much work was carried out, particularly to prepare for the coming agendas of Group Librarians Training in Archives to be held in Bangalore, in June 1–30, 2004.

It was assumed that training on mission and church archives is not only important for individual churches, but also essential for preserving Asian church history. In the context of Asian theological seminaries, most theological librarians are also archivists in practice, and thus have taken on a lot of responsibilities.

Membership

The majority of our members are librarians working in theological libraries; however, the membership is not confined to professional librarians. Any practicing librarian or anyone who has an interest in theology or any person committed to the development of Asian resources or Asian theological studies may join the Forum. Institutional members are represented by their librarian or appointee. Members are requested to share information about publications on theology and cultures in their areas. Members receive copies of occasional ForATL newsletters and are kept in touch with matters concerning Asian Resources and theological library development.

Aims and Activities

The aims of ForATL are:

1. To facilitate the development and exchange of resources for theology in the Asian context.
2. To encourage and support the formation of:
   a) National Theological Library Associations,
   b) National Depositories of Christian Literature,
   c) Union Listings, Directory of Asian Theological Libraries, Guidelines, Indexes, Bibliographies, etc., for publication.
3. To promote cooperation among, and training of, theological librarians.
4. To arrange short-term courses and workshops.
5. To develop an Asia-wide network of theological libraries.

Publications

1. Directory of Asian Theological Libraries, 1992–1993. [Yogyakarta]: ForATL, 1993.
2. Directory of Asian Theological Libraries and Who's Who in ForATL 2002.
   Edited by: Cahyana E. Purnama and Karmito. Yogyakarta: Nafiri Offset & ForATL, 2002.
3. ForATL Newsletter, published twice a year, editor in charge Ms. Christabel Wong (Email: christabel@seminary-stm.com.my), now available online at www.geocities.com/foratl.

Discussion List

ForATL also has a free online discussion list for all its members who have access to email. Details and information can be found by accessing Electronic mailing list at: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/foratl.

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Concluding Remark

ForATL is one channel where 'Asian resources and Theological Library Development' is seen to be taking place. Precisely because of this, ForATL deserves all the support and prayer it needs.

Karmito

Karmito is Head Librarian of Duta Wacana United Theological College and Christian University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Since 1980 he has specialized in Theological Librarianship, and in 1991 was a core member in the establishment of ForATL, the Forum of Asian Theological Librarians, founded in Chiang Mai, Thailand. He has been appointed as the Convenor of ForATL from 1997.

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Producing a Conference Part 3: April to July

In this series of four articles, Director of Member Services Karen L. Whittlesey gives an overview of what goes into producing a conference, from selecting a site to tying up loose ends after it's all over. The series follows the process approximately quarterly and explains the steps that are taken and the work that is done during those months. The first article (in the November *Newsletter*) looked at selecting the location for a future conference and planning the current conference, both happening at the same time. In February we looked particularly at preparing the budget and setting fees, producing the program book and conference web content, and opening the conference for registration.

In this article we will follow the bustle of an imminent conference, the conference itself, and the follow-up when it's over. In the last article we will look at the physical (and digital) culmination of the conference: publication of the *Proceedings*.

The Conference is Tomorrow!

April and May are the time when all the details, requests, changes, confirmations, and re-confirmations take place, when double-checking is at its peak. By now most or all contracts have been signed—opening reception and banquet spaces and food, entertainment, non-hotel meeting space and buses if any, guest rooms and meeting space at the hotel, dorm space if we have it, and anything else that comes along.

Member Services Assistant Director Carol Jones and Director Karen Whittlesey will be calling and emailing someone in the host city nearly every day. Executive Director Dennis Norlin will be finalizing board and business/town meetings with the president of the Association.

Conference web pages are up, the print book has been mailed, and registrations are coming into the office at a good clip. Most of the conference-goers have sent in their registrations by the early bird deadline (April 30 this year), but forms will continue to arrive all month and even up to the week of the conference. Membership Associate Tim Smith and Bookkeeper I Sabine Dupervil will be

The Conference is Around the Corner

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receiving and processing new registrations until the day they leave for the conference.

Exhibit Coordinator Melody de Catur has assured that exhibitors have their packets of information and instructions for mailing their packages and crates. The list of exhibitors will continue to grow throughout May, and maybe into June. Jonathan West and Stacey Schilling, the publications staff, are making flyers, agendas, banquet programs, tickets, signs—whatever printed conference materials are needed. Syed Zaidi is looking over audiovisual and technology requests and organizing those needs and how he will coordinate them at the conference.

The Local Host Committee is also working in overdrive at this time, assuring that the events for which they have taken responsibility are lined up and ready to go—the opening reception, entertainment, worship leaders, local host table contents and coverage, stuffing of the conference bags, excursion leaders and dinner hosts, and seminary facilities. The Annual Conference and Education Committees stand ready to help should there be any problems with programming or speakers.

Everything is ready. The conference is tomorrow!

The Conference is Here!

May has moved quickly into June, and here we are at the conference. Once again the camaraderie, friendliness, and excitement of 300 members, exhibitors, speakers, and staff in one place points to the importance of this event to our theological librarians. Once again we see a sharing of friendships, intellectual stimulation, rest and refreshment, and the integration into the Association of members who are new to both ATLA and the conference. This is what so many people have worked toward since the last conference.

We expect the unexpected and do our best with it. Some unexpected occurrences are wonderful—like the sudden availability of a hotel van to run errands (and there are always errands); others are not so wonderful—like the downpour on a boat ride. But the goal of everyone involved in producing the conference—local hosts, staff, speakers, and every facility and service we use—is to make each conference enjoyable, stimulating, and memorable.

After the meetings Sunday morning, the conference is officially over.

Bills to Pay

During July and into August we receive and pay bills for the conference before the end of our fiscal year. This involves more than signing checks. This is time-consuming and careful work.

Each event at the hotel has its own order slip, called a Banquet Event Order (BEO), whether that event was a roundtable, a meeting, or a lunch. BEO's are included with the invoice, and each one needs to be reviewed now if the hotel did not present them for sign-off at the conference. This means keeping careful notes at the conference of each event, so we can be sure that the charge is accurate—that the LCD projector we ordered was there when needed, for example. Each invoice is scrutinized for accuracy, and sometimes there is further discussion with the facility or service provider.

Once all bills have been paid, all revenue has been tallied, and bookkeeping has been completed, we separate the expenses into the appropriate budget lines, so, for example, expenses accruing to a committee meeting held at the conference are matched to that committee's budget line and not to the conference.

Then we match expenditures and revenue to the amounts budgeted. From a conference that for years has been underwritten by the sale of ATLA's products, we are trying to move to a situation in which the conference pays for itself so that revenue from the sale of products can go back into research and development of those products. (Setting budgets was discussed in the conference article in the February *Newsletter.*)

And so we have gone through the conference cycle, from the first glimmer in a member's eye three years earlier to the payment of final bills. There is one remaining task—the *Proceedings,* which we will look at in the next issue.

Karen L. Whittlesey
Director of Member Services

Conference Updates

Conference to Feature Job Placement Service

At the conference registration desk there will be a book of job openings submitted by employers. Job seekers will be welcome to look through the book and make mutually convenient arrangements to meet with the hiring employer. If you will be hiring at that time and want your position to appear in the book, please send your information to ATLA Membership Associate Tim Smith at tsmith@atla.com.

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Choir Participation Invited

The ATLA Singers is a small volunteer choir that sings at one of the conference worship services each year. They are looking for new members to swell their ranks, particularly individuals with some choir experience, blending voices (ability to control vibrato, if any), and some ability to read music. The music is sent out to singers so that they have the opportunity to learn it ahead of the limited rehearsal time at the conference. If you would like to join them, please contact this year's choir director, Ellen Frost, at efrost@mail.smu.edu. (No need for those who participated last conference to contact her; they will automatically receive the music by e-mail.)

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Retirees to Be Acknowledged

Have you retired since our last conference in June? Do you know of a member at your institution who has retired? We would like to recognize this milestone at our Annual Conference. Please send any information you have to Tim Smith, membership associate, at tsmith@atla.com.

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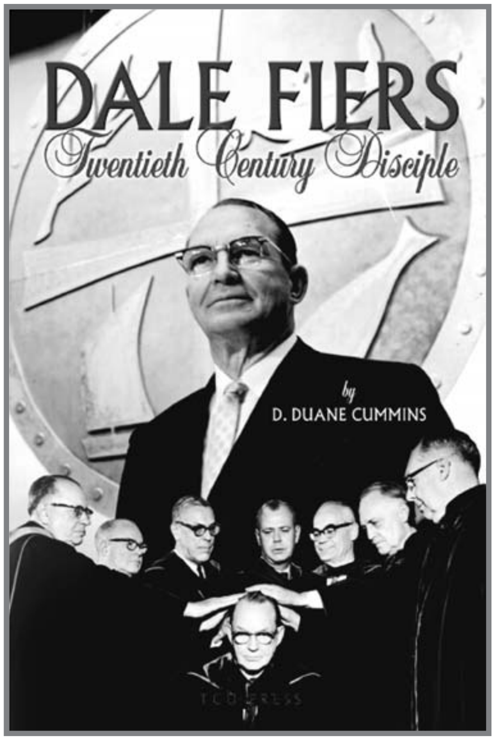
Names of Deceased Members Sought

Every year at the conference we take time to honor ATLA members who have died. If you know of an ATLA member who has died since the last conference, please contact Tim Smith at tsmith@atla.com.



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Professional Development Perspectives

It may not happen as often as we'd prefer, but every now and then it is a pleasure to be involved in a committee meeting where ideas and implementation strategies come together so well.

Our recent Professional Development Committee meeting (at the ATLA offices on April 1 and 2) was a terrific example of this, and I'm happy to bring you up to date on a couple of intriguing developments, which we are confident will bring good things to our members.

PDC Grant Series

Periods of financial restraint present us with challenges and opportunities to develop new resources, yet few of us have been prepared for such circumstances. Recognizing this, the PDC has initiated a series of events designed to work alongside our regional groups in helping members develop awareness and skill in grant seeking and grant writing. In this endeavor we have been assisted greatly by the work and services of the Foundation Center, a premier source of information and awareness concerning philanthropy for almost 50 years (www.fdncenter.org; click on "ABOUT THE CENTER" for more information on the vision, mission, and values of the Center).

To date, events have been scheduled in New York City (April 1), Minneapolis-St. Paul (May 11), Columbus, Ohio (October 7), and the Bay Area (Fall 2004, date TBA). At its April 2004 meeting in Chicago, the Professional Development Committee made a tentative list of other ATLA regional groups for prospective collaboration in this program.

Of course we would be delighted to receive expressions of interest from any regional group.

ATLA/Wabash Center Symposium for New Theological Librarians

The PDC has had a keen and sustained interest in the educational dimension of professional development, working closely with the two successive task forces commissioned by Dennis Norlin to investigate developing a workshop or course in theological librarianship.

Now, with the generous assistance and collaboration of the Wabash Center (www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu), we are happy to announce that some of these efforts are coming to fruition. In late October 2004, Wabash will host a workshop for new theological librarians. This event will be led by thoughtfully selected ATLA colleagues, and will aim to identify strategic vocational distinctives, issues, and challenges for ATLA members who are in the early or developmental stages of their careers as theological librarians.

We expect that important details will become clearer very quickly, and given that there will be space for only fifteen attendees, we invite those of you who are eligible (ATLA full member since the 2000 membership year) to begin thinking now about applying for what could be a remarkable event.

Current members of the PDC are:

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Career Development Resources

ATLA's 2004–2006 Strategic Plan, which Executive Director Dennis Norlin shared with all members in the February *Newsletter,* calls for the Association to "provide resources for ATLA members who have been downsized or who have lost their jobs." Given this charge, the Member Services Department has undertaken a basic benchmark study (also known as a comparative study) of library associations that are engaged in career development activities in service of their members. Tim Smith, membership associate, conducted the study and analysis.

The Purpose of the Study

The purpose of this study was to see what other library associations are doing to help promote the careers of their members and to see whether ATLA could or should adopt any of them to serve its members.

Inclusion in Benchmarking

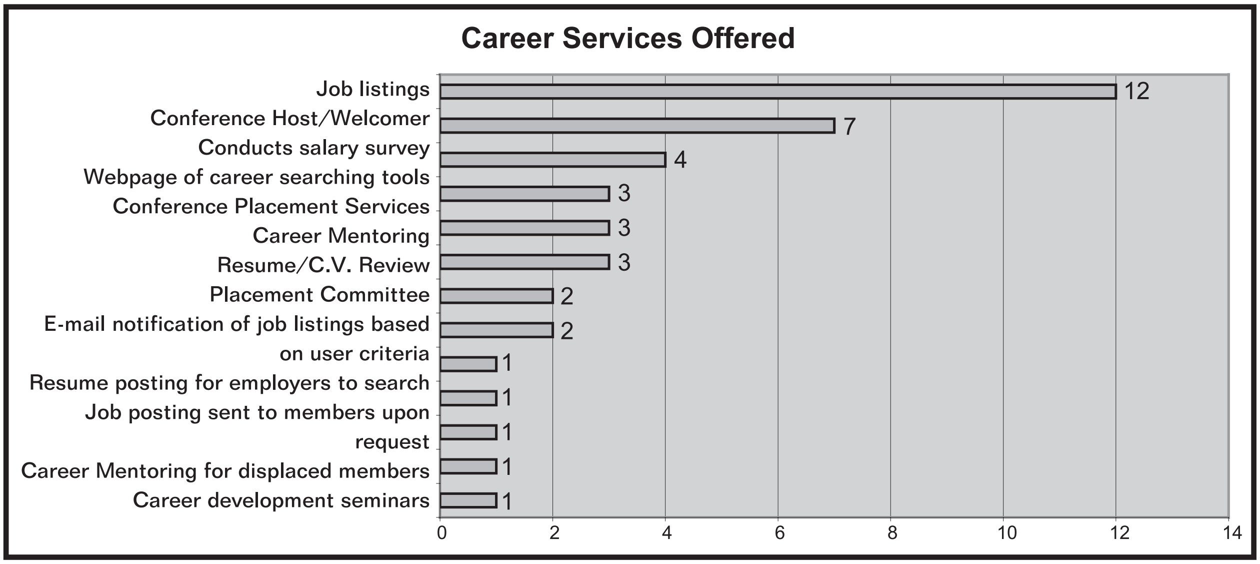
The associations that were included fall into three categories: national library associations, denominational or faith-based library associations, and associations for a particular type of library (e.g., law libraries, art libraries, etc.). The associations included in this study are: American Association of Law Libraries, American Library Association, Art Libraries Society of North America, Association of Christian Librarians, Association of Jewish Libraries, Canadian Library Association, Catholic Library Association, Medical Library Association, Music Library Association, North American Serials Interest Group, Southern Baptist Library Association, and the Special Libraries Association. The information was gathered through responses to e-mail to the various associations and from their web sites.

Limits in Benchmarking

There is a great diversity of associations included. Each library association is different and has its own unique culture, structure, and resources. The associations run the gamut on organizational staffing from a volunteer staff to a large paid professional staff. The size of membership ranges from more than 500 to more than 64,000 members. Membership fee structures vary from flat fees to sliding scales based on the librarian's income. These fees range from $10 to $163.

Findings

The twelve library associations surveyed provide thirteen different job-hunting/career services. The breakdown is as follows:



The number of members and the amount of revenue from membership dues appear to have an effect on the number of services provided by an association. The library associations that have membership dues of $75 or less have an average of 1.5 services for their members, while those associations that have membership dues of more than $75 have an average of 5.33 career services. Those associations with membership between 500 and 2,499 members have an average of 1.6 services, while those with membership between 2,500 and 5,000 have an average of 4 services.

Those associations with more membership revenue are able to offer more career development/placement services, though it is not directly proportional. However, out of the thirteen services provided, close to half of them are provided by members to other members. The larger the association, the more services are provided by members to other members.

ATLA Career Services

So what does ATLA offer? ATLA offers four career placement services.

1. Like all the other library associations, we provide job postings; member institutions can place a posting at no charge on our web site and in the *Newsletter*.
2. We provide networking opportunities through our conference host/welcomer program for new members.
3. We offer a placement service at the Annual Conference to connect hiring institutions with those seeking professional positions.
4. Finally, ATLA has a page on its web site about interviewing for a job in a theological library (www.atla.com/member/librarians_tools.html).

What other career services could the Member Services Department either offer or coordinate for members? What services would you like to see? Please feel free to contact Membership Associate Tim Smith at tsmith@atla.com with your ideas.

Tim Smith
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Reference Reviews

January

The Westminster Theological Wordbook of the Bible. Edited by Donald E. Gowan. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2003. xii + 551 pages. ISBN: 0-664-22394-X.

Most ATLA libraries have already bought this volume, I imagine, and perhaps with very little consideration beyond the obvious: respected publisher, veteran editor, familiar series being updated, reasonable cost. When the book arrived, the list of contributors confirmed our expectation that the volume was indeed the product of competent, moderate, experienced scholars and teachers writing for the usual range of readers served by the series: students, nonspecialist teachers, pastors, and the general reader. (I sometimes wonder whether these audiences are not perhaps intrinsically incompatible, but there it is.) Off to the reference shelf it goes, without another thought from us—until a patron asks, "What's a good Bible dictionary for me to use?"

Faced with such a question, I suspect that most of us would start with *The Anchor Bible Dictionary (ABD)* as the most comprehensive such tool available, mention *The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible (IDB)* as in some ways the predecessor to *ABD* (and still useful), and then trot out the one-volume dictionaries as handy for quick reference and more affordable than the multi-volume works. Of course, this last group would *not* include the volume under review here, for it is not a Bible dictionary in the usual sense at all. It is not a revision of H. S. Gehman's *New Westminster Dictionary of the Bible* (1970), for example. Rather, it is what its title claims, a *theological wordbook,* and so more like Alan Richardson's *A Theological Word Book of the Bible* (1950).

Gowan does not cite Richardson as in any sense an inspiration or predecessor of his own *Wordbook.* He does mention both *ABD* and *IDB* as places where one might look for longer articles on some of the words he includes, but they are of course full-scale Bible dictionaries, treating most of the Bible's nouns—certainly all of the proper nouns and most of the distinctive common nouns as well. Gowan is explicitly not aiming to provide such a work, even in short compass. Instead, his book is more like the multi-volume dictionaries of Botterweck and Ringgren (*Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament*), Jenni and Westermann (*Theological Lexicon of the Old Testament*), Spicq (*Theological Lexicon of the New Testament*), and Kittel and Friedrich (*Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*). In fact, Gowan indicates in his preface that these works are to be presupposed, in that they will not be referred to in the bibliographies appended to the articles in his own volume unless the author of an article explicitly cites the treatment in one of these standard tools.

What Gowan has done is to ask thirty scholars to join him in writing short (several paragraphs at least, several pages at most) essays on theologically significant biblical words—and by "words" he often means themes, clusters of ideas, including perhaps several related terms at each entry, sometimes indicated in the heading to the article (e.g., "Desire, Covet, Envy, Lust") and sometimes not (e.g., "Lord," which neither includes nor discusses such words as "sovereign" or "master," despite there being no article on either). For an article on food, one must choose either "Bread" or "Eat"; a cross-reference at "Food" would have been helpful. This is a serious defect for two reasons: Gowan uses English words, and there is no index. The former is necessary, but the latter is inexcusable. While there are some cross-references, there are by no means enough, and an index would have provided a handier means of access with less paper used than the cross-reference system adopted. Further, the user would be helped immeasurably by a list of Hebrew and Greek words and the English terms under which each was treated, particularly since some Hebrew and Greek words in common use (e.g., "Torah") have no cross-reference.

"Theological" is not defined in the editor's preface. The user is presumably assumed to know what "theological" means. We are told that there is an article on "Adam" but not one on "Paul" because the former is used as a theological topic but the latter is not. There is an article on "Noah," but the entry at "Abraham" is a cross-reference to "Covenant; Promise," where one might have expected similar treatment of the two. There is an article on "Man and Woman" rather than a separate treatment of either. There are no articles on scholarly terms (e.g., apocalyptic, eschatology, canon) unless they occur in the biblical text (e.g., "Gospel"); why then should there be no article on "Parable" or "Proverb" (and no cross-reference either)? Little attention is paid to the Apocrypha (e.g., one paragraph in the article on "Wisdom," one paragraph on Sirach, and none on Wisdom of Solomon under "Law"). There is no article on "Egypt," which is certainly a theological topic in both testaments, nor is there any for "Stone; Rock," "Mountain," "Jew" (though there is one for "Gentiles"), "Pharisee," or "Study" (there is one on "Preach," to which one is referred under "Teach"). Length of article sometimes seems to reflect prominence of theme (or frequency of its occurrence), but not systematically, so far as I can see.

There is a list of contributors but no indication of which articles each author has composed; one has to look at the end of each article to find that information. All but three of the thirty-one contributors are North American or identified with North American institutions; nearly all are Protestant. (There is no indication of denominational affiliation; I identified three Roman Catholics, no Orthodox, and no Jews.) Theological orientation ranges from evangelical to liberal, and most seem fairly near the center (depending, I suppose, on where one thinks "the center" is).

Some articles have bibliographies, and some do not; the editor does not tell us why this is the case. Of the bibliographies provided, some list only one or two items, some list mostly older materials, and some refer only to other works by the author of the article in each case.

All that having been said, there are some gems in here. Anyone looking for a quick way into biblical treatments of atonement, for example, will want to read William Countryman on "Atonement" *and* the same author on "Blood" *and* John Reumann on "Save" *and* Samuel Balentine on "Sacrifice." Indeed, the teacher's (and librarian's) task will often be to help the user understand how to combine terms to get a fuller picture of a concept or issue—and not just in this book, but in many others. The perils of "word study" are often not realized by students (and sometimes not by their teachers); books such as Gowan's do not help in this regard. Had the editor chosen to write a fuller methodological essay at the beginning, the user might have been coached to adopt a more profitable approach to the book than is all too likely to be the case, particularly for the beginner with an English word in mind rather than a well-rounded theme. Nevertheless, the persistent, informed user of this book can get a good start on many topics from Gowan and his colleagues here. The book is well produced physically, in two columns with a readable type face.

Finally, every user of this book—and every similar tool as well—must be cautioned above all else *not to stop here.* There is *no* one Bible dictionary that is simply "the best," so that one *always* looks at more than one treatment of such matters. With that caveat in mind, Gowan's work certainly has its role as *one* of the sources to consider in making a rapid foray into "theological" words in the Bible.

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February
Christian Faith and the Emotions: A Bibliographic Essay

Emotion and Religion: A Critical Assessment and Annotated Bibliography (Westport: Greenwood Press, 2000) ISBN: 0313306001. Notes on the authors: John Corrigan is Professor of Religious Studies and American Studies at Arizona State University. Eric Crump is Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, Pennsylvannia. John Kloos is Professor of Religious Studies at Benedictine College.

To begin, I want to reach back to the year 2000 for *Emotion and Religion,* a reference book that somehow escaped my notice several years ago. I am happy to recommend this annotated bibliography now for all seminary and divinity school libraries. Hurry, while it is still in print!

How often have librarians been tempted to close the door on this kind of bibliography, since indexing and abstracting services are more nimble and less susceptible to becoming outdated than print bibliographies? But this is one that is likely to prove its usefulness as a starting point for years to come.

A helpful introductory essay identifies key concepts and movements in the study of emotion and faith. The compilers take an interdisciplinary approach, gathering 1,200 entries that cover traditions from philosophy (Aristotle, David Hume), psychology (Freud and William James), sociology (Durkheim and Robert Bellah), and theology (Augustine, Aquinas, Edwards). Two helpful indexes offer a subject approach and an opportunity to track the contributions of specific modern authors. Given the complexity of its subject, it is impossible for such a book to be exhaustive, but it is a wonderful place for graduate students and advanced undergraduates to begin their research, and it may offer reference librarians a collection development tool for territory they might otherwise find unfamiliar.

Interested in a little more reconnaissance in this field?

Two sources worth consulting in the early stages of library research include *Encyclopedia of Human Emotions* (1999), which has signed entries for such topics as "Anger," "Loneliness," "Love," "Attachment,"—all with decent bibliographies. Secondly, a very valuable collection of readings is *What Is an Emotion? Classic Readings in Philosophical Psychology,* edited by Robert Solomon and Cheshire Calhoun. The annotation in *Emotion and Religion* says this collection offers a "sketch of five models: sensation, physiological, behavioral, evaluative, and cognitive theories ... includes a good bibliography at the end."

The Annual Review of Psychology has devoted a half-dozen special essays to emotion in recent years, though none focuses exclusively on "emotion and religion." (In our library system, Wilson Select and InfoTrac are handy sources for many *Annual Reviews*). The special vocabulary of the social sciences is sometimes a dense thicket for me, so I am guessing many theological students will also need encouragement to persevere with these sources. Perhaps the most accessible essay in this group will be "Psychology of Religion" from the 2003 volume. Emmons and Paloutzian, the authors of this installment, give special emphasis to feelings associated with gratitude, humility, and interpersonal forgiveness. From the list of roughly 150 books and articles compiled by Emmons and Paloutzian covering the last twenty-five years, I will single out just one essay which seems to have generated considerable subsequent debate: Fraser Watts' "Psychological and Religious Perspectives on Emotion."

Snapshots from Scripture and the Church Fathers

Anger in the Old Testament, by Bruce Baloian, traces divine wrath and human anger through many stories in the Hebrew scriptures. Among Baloian's conclusions: (1) God's desire for communion with His creatures is primary, and His anger is secondary to this desire. (2) Human anger is too often rooted in pride, but prophetic anger in response to injustice is legitimate. Gary Anderson's *A Time to Mourn, A Time to Dance* focuses on ritual expression of emotion in the Old Testament, as suggested by the title he has drawn from Ecclesiastes. Jacob's grief after the loss of Joseph, the excitement of romantic love in The Song of Solomon, the silence of despair in the Exile, the tears of joy upon their return—all receive decent discussion here.

From a vast secondary literature in *Patristics,* here are several snapshots that might suggest paths for further exploration. Schimmel's *The Seven Deadly Sins: Jewish, Christian, and Classical Reflections on Human Psychology* (1997) provides an historical perspective on religious efforts to control destructive emotions such as envy, anger, and pride. Carolinne White's book, *Christian Friendship in the Fourth Century,* has excellent chapters on Basil, Gregory of Nazianzus, Ambrose, Jerome, and early monasticism, as well as Augustine. This would be a fine way to help begin a discussion of early Christian views of friendship as a context for the expression of emotion. Carole Straw's study, *Gregory the Great, Perfection in Imperfection,* has a good chapter on the journey from fear to love from the perspective of pastoral care on pages 213–235.

John Burnaby's 1938 study of St. Augustine, *Amor Dei,* is still the best and most comprehensive look at Augustine's view of love. Yet fresh approaches to Augustine's views on the emotions continue to be written. A fine article by Kim Paffenroth begins with Book XIV of *The City of God.* Here Augustine is critical of the Stoic philosophers who claim it is better not to feel negative emotions: pain, sorrow, or grief. Yet in *The Confessions* (3.4.2 and 4.5.9) he is equally critical of the "pursuit" of grief that motivated him to attend Roman shows. When he analyzes the propriety of these emotions, he is

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interested in three factors: (1) the source of the feeling; (2) the immediate experience of the emotion; and (3) the goal of these strong feelings. Augustine considered mercy and friendship to be the most appropriate goals of grief. The self-indulgent grief of his youth was not appropriate, he decided, because it did not motivate him to come to the aid of others (*Confessions* 3.2.2).

The tradition of Thomism is rich indeed when it comes to the relationship between virtue and emotion. In his *Summa Theologica* the First Part of the Second Part, this is the focus of questions 22–48. Modern discussion continues to be lively and diverse. Stephen Pope's "The Order of Love and Recent Catholic Ethics: A Constructive Proposal" will help many students find their way, as will Jean Porter's "Desire for God: Ground of the Moral Life in Aquinas." Robert C. Roberts offers a somewhat critical view of St. Thomas in his essay "Aquinas on the Morality of Emotions."

For an Eastern Orthodox perspective, see the essay by Dean Langis, "Joy: A Scriptural and Patristic Understanding." Langis highlights Old Testament passages such as Psalm 16, which says that with The LORD there is "fullness of joy." In the New Testament, it is Luke's gospel that has a special emphasis on joy—at Jesus birth, at the feast for the return of the Prodigal Son, and in the resurrection appearances of Luke 24. Important for the Pauline tradition is the "fruits of the Spirit" passage in Galatians 5. This is followed by John of Chrysostom, who finds in the story of Abraham a special example of fulfillment and joy. For Langis, however, it is Nicholas Kabasilas (d. 1371) who sees most deeply into the connection between loving God and experiencing joy.

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American Traditions: Jonathan Edwards and John Wesley

Jonathan Edwards is justly famous for the twelve identifying marks he gives in *Treatise on the Religious Affections* to help determine whether an affection might be considered properly Christian. Among them are: religious affections are grounded in the intrinsic excellence of Divine things without relation to our self interest; they are primarily founded on the moral excellency of Divine things; they should reflect the temper of Jesus and the softening of the heart by the Spirit; and they ought to bear beautiful fruit from an ethical point of view. Roland DeLattre's book *Beauty and Sensibility in the Thought of Jonathan Edwards* likewise emphasizes the beauty of God and the way it inspires awe, desire, and love in human beings. William Spohn's "Sovereign Beauty: Jonathan Edwards and the Nature of True Virtue" is another fine essay in this tradition. Roger Ward's excellent article "The Philosophical Structure of Jonathan Edwards's Religious Affections" shows how Edwards' work on affections and feelings is shaped by his keen interest in experiences of Christian conversion.

Just as important for understanding the role of feelings and religion in the context of American experience is the heritage of John Wesley. Kenneth Collins calls attention to Wesley's view of sanctification and what Wesley believed would make for a transformed, sanctified heart. When Wesley discusses "dispositions," he seems to have in view a specifically Christian form of trust and confidence in God. Wesley describes basic orientations such as fear or hope as "tempers." "Affections" are more likely to be fleeting states, in Wesley's view.

Theodore Runyon takes a somewhat more subtle approach to Wesley's view of religious experience, claiming that for Wesley "experience" is not one single feeling, but more like an overall response to an empirical mode of knowing. Three terms clarify this uniquely Wesleyan approach: orthodoxy (right teaching), orthopraxy (faithful practices), and orthopathy (a view of the emotions that allows them to be shaped by scripture).

Gregory S. Clapper's reading of Wesley leads him to emphasize that Christian affections are not "generic" emotions. The Christian faith gives rise to distinctive emotions that are shaped by our experience of a Trinitarian God at work in the world. Christian affections are not deposited into empty human receptacles in a one-size-fits-all fashion. Instead, we grow into them in our own unique ways, with the help of the Holy Spirit. Clapper's book-length study is *John Wesley on Religious Affections.*

No one will be satisfied with this whirlwind tour of "emotion and religion." I know I'm not. Yet, as Augustine said about the Trinity, I felt compelled to say something, so as not remain utterly silent. The important literature on "Religious Emotions in the Sixteenth Century," for example, would quickly have sunk my little boat, which is already nearly swamped. So instead of foolishly venturing further out to sea, let me close by saying I would be very interested in knowing what kind of research your students and professors are doing in this area, and how you are building your collections to meet their needs.

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Historical Atlas of the Holy Lands. Farrington, Karen. New York, Checkmark Books/Facts on File, 2003. 192p. illus. maps. index. $35.00. ISBN 0-8160-5219-0.

This volume presents an overview of several Middle Eastern regions primarily related to the Jewish and Christian religions, with Islam only tangentially addressed. Stories from sacred and secular ancient texts and from religious and regional traditions are provided with the stated goal of "sifting fact from fiction." The fifteen chapters either center on themes such as "Epic Bible Journeys," "Key Biblical Cities," "Egypt and the Hebrews," and "The Holy Land Today" or identify themselves as Gazetteers of regions, including Israel, Lebanon, the West Bank, Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Turkey, Greece, and Italy. Chapters usually begin with a 2-page map, often obscured by inset illustrations. The diminutive maps inset within each chapter generally portray roughly the same geographical area with slightly different markings. Virtually every page provides full-color photographs or illustrations. The end matter includes a glossary of 58 terms and a 2-page topical index.

On the positive side, the book is beautifully illustrated, abounding with full-color photographs of the region and artifacts. There is much that weighs on the negative side. The author, Karen Farrington, is a former journalist and contributor to publications on military history and apparently lacks credentials in religious studies. Nevertheless, from introduction through conclusion, Farrington sets herself up as an arbiter of truth, apparently feeling competent to provide guidance to the reader regarding scientific evidence concerning the Judeo-Christian scriptures. Maps are too few, too small, and too general for a subject atlas. More objectionable to this reviewer is the text which actively seeks to debunk aspects of the Bible through selective representation and interpretation of the archaeological data (Jericho, p. 15, 64–67). In the process, the author misreports Biblical accounts (Samson, p. 102, extent of the Great Flood, p. 144, Jesus' reaction to animal sacrifice, p. 48) and attributes traditions belonging to one segment of Christianity to the whole (St. George of Abyssinia, p. 56–57). Interestingly, Farrington lends credence to legend (Solomon's liaison with the Queen of Sheba, location of the house of Peter) even while discounting the Biblical record. Besides the attempt to provide criticism rather than the geographical information expected of an atlas, the work suffers in other, more basic ways. For example, there is no map index, perhaps because of the lack of detailed maps in the atlas. Worse, editorial inconsistencies and typographic errors abound.

The binding is inadequate both in stitching (not in keeping with ANSI/NISO/LBI Z39.78-2000) and in covering—the blue vinyl has already worn off at both head and tail joint area from the handling required for this review.

Not recommended for any type of library.

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Low-Cost Digitization for Access—Part 2

In the last article, I talked about the project; in this article I will describe the process. First, I'll delineate the hardware and software used for the project. Then I'll walk through the process step by step.

Technical Requirements

Hardware

One of the requirements for this particular project was a zero equipment budget. In other words, I had to use equipment to which I already had access.

Camera—My personal digital camera is an Olympus C2100UZ. It's a 2-megapixel, 10x optical zoom camera that is great for my vacation pictures but is a bit too much for this project. A 1-megapixel camera would be adequate because the size of the display images should be no larger than 640 x 480. A 1-megapixel image allows plenty of room for cropping and then reducing the image to the appropriate dimensions. Having at least some optical zoom is good so the camera does not have to be physically moved up and down; even just 3x optical zoom is sufficient.[1] Macro capability could be helpful for smaller items where the camera will be only a few inches away from it. You also need a method to get the image from whatever storage medium the camera uses into the computer. This could be a direct cable from the camera, a floppy disk adapter for the card, or the camera may store images on a floppy disk or writeable CD. I have a floppy disk adapter for my SmartMedia card that allows me to read the images as though they were files on a 3 ½" floppy disk. The transfer rate is a bit slow, but the method is convenient.

Lighting—We did not have any studio-type lights available for the project, so I used only UV-filtered fluorescent room lighting. I used the automatic setting on the camera, allowing it to make any adjustments. On a few pages this yielded results inconsistent with the rest of the images, but the quality was not so bad that the page was unreadable. Going through the process again, I now determine the best camera setting before I begin and manually set the camera.

Copy/camera stand—To paraphrase, "I have met the copy stand and it is I!" I, or one of my assistants, held the camera at a comfortable height above the item and used the zoom to adjust the image to an appropriate size to reduce the amount of cropping required. We had to be careful to remain steady during shooting to avoid blurry images. (Since then we have purchased a small copy stand. With the lighting assembly, this cost us about $265.00.)

Software

Adobe Photoshop—the industry standard. I have an older version (5.5), but it is still adequate for my needs. Another possibility is the scaled-down version called Photoshop Elements ($99 MSRP; educational price about $50). You need these functions: cropping (including straightening), resizing, and adjusting levels (lighting, color, contrast, etc.—automatic adjustment worked well for me).

IrfanView—a FREE program that has many capabilities. I use the batch conversion and rename function the most. Also, images can be quickly browsed and viewed at either their actual size or a size that fits on the desktop.

My e-book creator program—this is the PHP application I mentioned earlier. It stores information about the book (author, title, subject, description, and publication information) in a MySQL database. When requested, individual Web pages (including metadata) for the pages of the book are created on the fly. For each page of the book you may also add a caption, which is displayed on the index page with the thumbnail, on the individual pages in the header and as metadata.

Adobe Acrobat—full version. I used this program to make PDF versions of the large-size images (see below). This allows the patron to view the large image at whatever size they desire. They can zoom in and out of the image and move around in it easier than scrolling on a large-size image. Printing capabilities are also enhanced.

Other

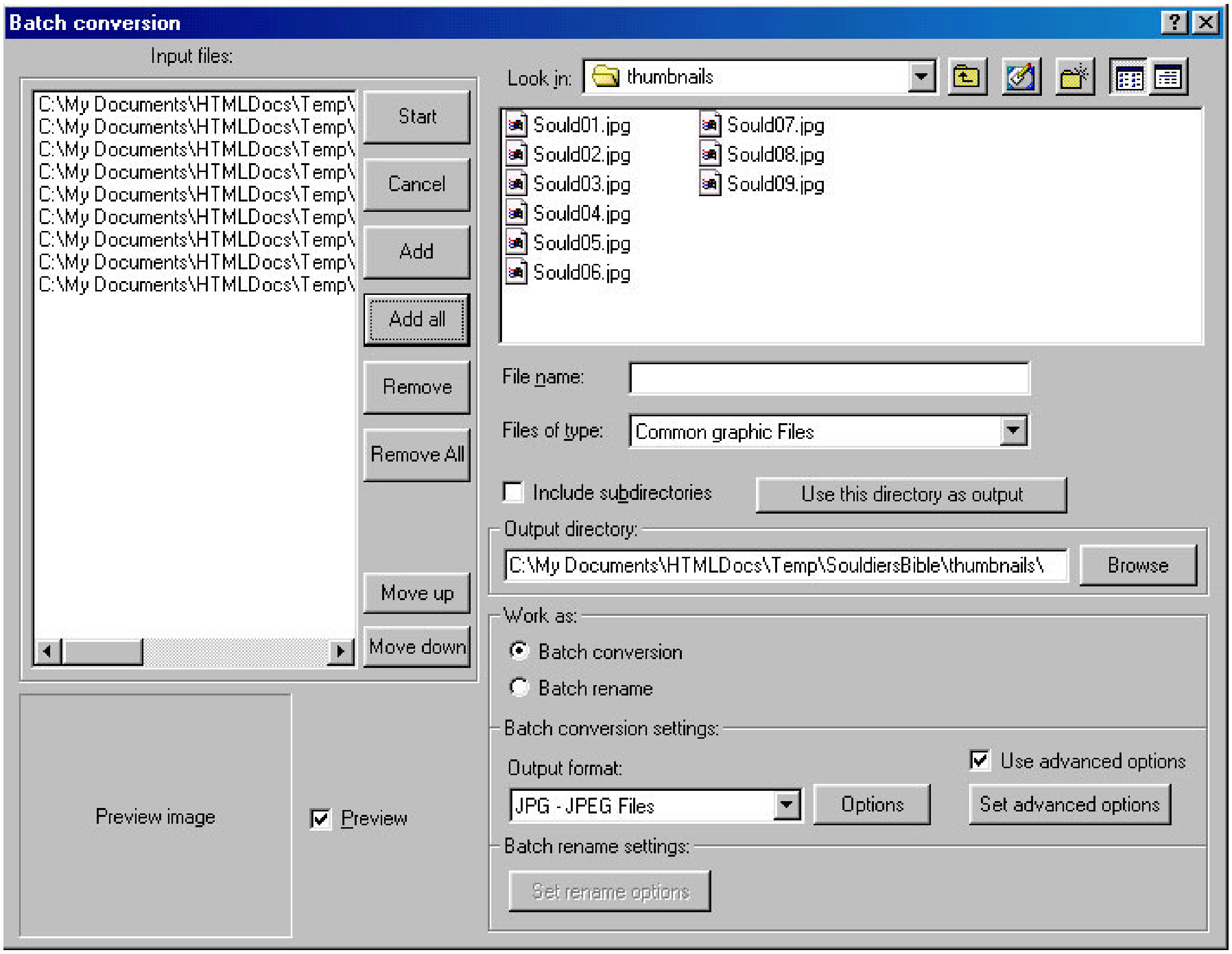
A Web server is required for the e-book creator program to run. PHP and MySQL need to be installed and operational. Storage space on the server and appropriate links will have to be created.

Process

Here is the detailed process that I used for my project. I hope it is easy to follow, but if there are any questions, please contact me and I will gladly clarify anything. As you perform projects, you will discover shortcuts that can be taken. I avoid these in this description because they disrupt the logical order.

1. Select the item to be digitized. In my case, I first chose an item that I had already "digitized." Using patron requests as a method of selection is valid. It can save time later if the item is already available digitally. Other selection criteria are: public relations value of the item, rare or special items, items that should no longer be handled, etc.
2. Take the digital images. Try to reduce the amount of border around the item—only include what is needed—this will reduce the amount of cropping that is required and make the text larger and more readable. Keep the item flat and shoot directly at the item. Lighting may not be a big issue. UV-filtered room lighting may be sufficient. Take some sample photographs at different settings to determine which is best, then set the camera manually. Remember that Photoshop can adjust lighting levels.
3. Transfer to computer and check the images. Load the images onto a computer in a temporary location. Browse through the images using IrfanView for duplicates or missed pages and to see that no information was cut off and that the image is not blurry. Reshoot any images necessary. (NOTE: The file names created for the images usually fall into order according to the order in which they are shot. If you have to reshoot images, be sure these new images are copied over the image they are replacing. Otherwise the pages of the book will not be in their correct order.)
4. Rename image files. The digital cameras with which I am familiar name their image files according to a certain pattern. Mine uses the letter "P" followed by a combination of letters and numbers that translate into the date the image was taken (if the date is set properly in the camera) followed by the order in which it was taken. I prefer to have the names match the name of the document in some way. For example, one of the sources I digitized was "The Souldier's Bible." There were nine images for the source. I named them SOULD01 through SOULD09. Such a naming convention is not necessary, but it may be helpful. IrfanView can batch rename files according to a pattern: alphanumeric constant to which is appended sequential numbers (you specify the number of digits).
5. Crop and adjust levels. Use Photoshop to crop the images appropriately. I try to keep all the images near the same size even if that means including some blank space, for example, around a single page where all the other pages are double. This makes for a more consistent viewing of the Web pages. It may be necessary at this point to reshoot some images if there are problems with readability.
6. Save the current image as an "archive" image. This image will not be copied to the server for the creation of the e-book—it will only be used as a backup. If any of the display images need to re-created, this is the original to which you will go so you do not have to reshoot the image.
7. Create the display images. Two or three sets will need to be created depending on what you want to provide. First create a directory for the book, and then create subdirectories for thumbnails, and, if you desire, large-size images. I named these subdirectories: thumbnails, and full. IrfanView[2] can batch convert images to the appropriate size and store the new images into a separate subdirectory. (See illustration 1.) Choose File -> Batch conversion/rename. In the top right-hand side box, navigate to the location of the archive images. Click "Add all." Coming down from the top right-hand side box, look for the box labeled "Include subdirectories." Be sure that is not checked. Coming further down, choose the correct output directory according to the type of image you are creating. Be sure the "Batch conversion" radio button is clicked. For "Batch Conversion Settings," check the "Use advanced options" box and click on the "Set advanced options" button. A new screen will be displayed. (See illustration 2.) "Crop" should not be checked. "Resize" should be

checked for thumbnails and regular images; unchecked for large images (unless you really want to reduce their size). Click in “Set new size” and “pixels.” Enter only one of the dimensions (see sizes for each type below). Be sure “Preserve aspect ratio” and “Use resample function” are both checked. If you need to change the resolution, you may enter what you desire in the box (72 to 100 dpi is fine). For the large-size images, check “Convert to grayscale” (it saves a lot of hard drive space). “Overwrite existing files” is the only other box that should be checked and only if you are re-creating these images. Be sure not to overwrite files that should not be overwritten. Click on “OK” to close that window. Click on “Start” to begin processing. Watch for errors and/or warnings and take action as necessary.



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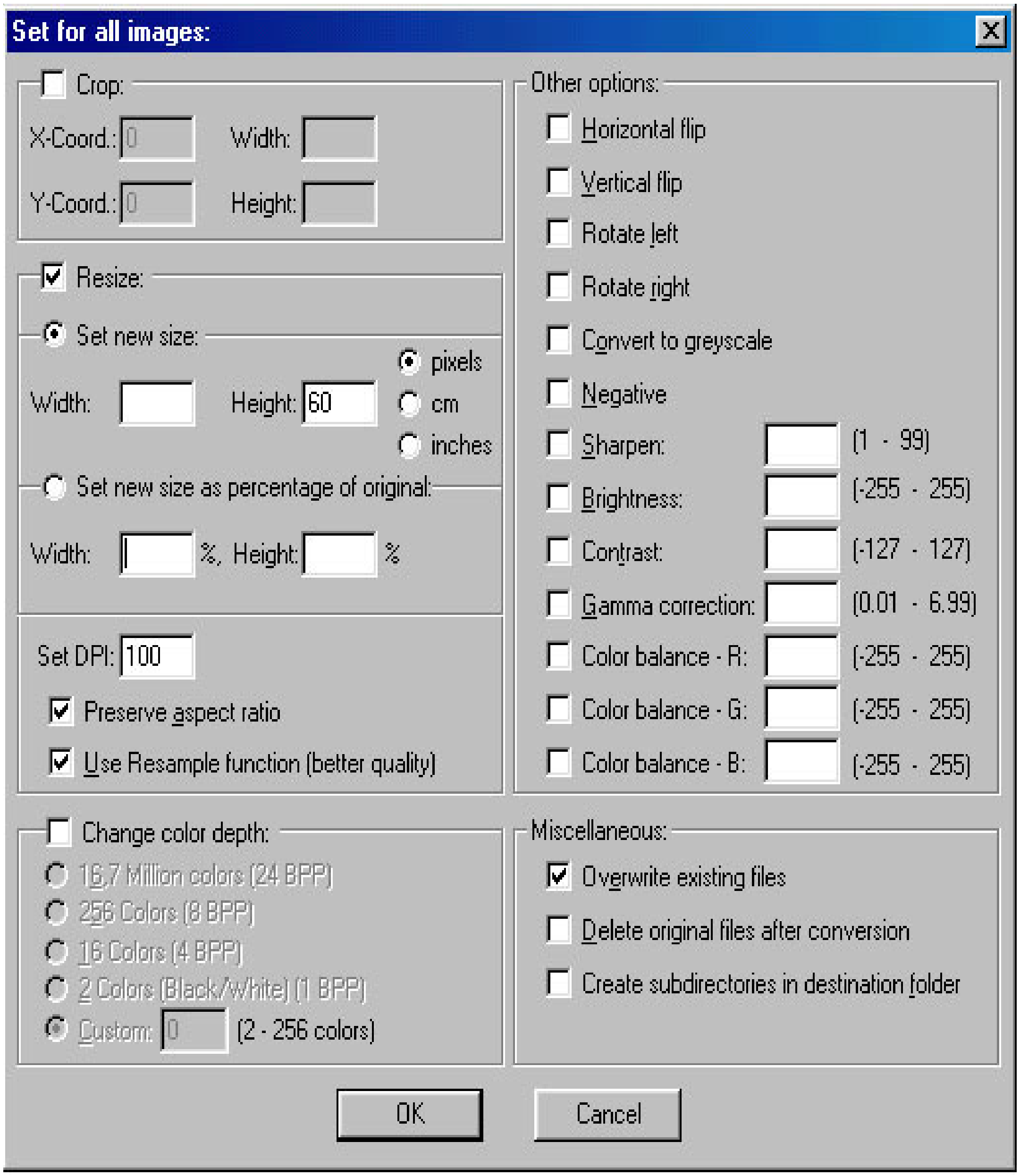
Output format: JPG - JPEG Files
☑ Use advanced options
Batch rename settings:
☑ Preview

Illustration 1 – Batch conversion/rename screen in IrfanView 3.70

a) For the thumbnail images: these need to be about 80 x 60 pixels. Your images may not resize to exactly these dimensions. Choose a size so that one of the dimensions is correct and the other is less than the ideal size. If the dimensions are extremely divergent from the ideal, then you may want to reconsider how the item was shot—shoot two pages together instead of one or shoot half a page at a time instead of the whole page.



Set for all images:

☐ Crop:
X-Coord.: 0 Width:
Y-Coord.: 0 Height:

☑ Resize:
● Set new size:
Width: Height: 60 ● pixels ○ cm ○ inches
○ Set new size as percentage of original:
Width: %, Height: %

Set DPI: 100
☑ Preserve aspect ratio
☑ Use Resample function (better quality)

☐ Change color depth:
○ 16,7 Million colors (24 BPP)
○ 256 Colors (8 BPP)
○ 16 Colors (4 BPP)
○ 2 Colors (Black/White) (1 BPP)
● Custom: 0 (2 - 256 colors)

Other options:
☐ Horizontal flip
☐ Vertical flip
☐ Rotate left
☐ Rotate right
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☐ Contrast: (-127 - 127)
☐ Gamma correction: (0.01 - 6.99)
☐ Color balance - R: (-255 - 255)
☐ Color balance - G: (-255 - 255)
☐ Color balance - B: (-255 - 255)

Miscellaneous:
☑ Overwrite existing files
☐ Delete original files after conversion
☐ Create subdirectories in destination folder

Illustration 2 -- Set advanced options screen in IrfanView 3.70

b) For the regular images: these need to be about 640 x 480 pixels. See note for thumbnail images.

c) For the large images: I leave these at whatever dimensions they were shot. For my camera that was 1600 x 1200, although they were cropped some. Also, I convert these to grayscale to save hard drive space. (For example, on one of the books I digitized, 103 large images took up almost 55MB of space. When I converted them to grayscale, they took up about 38MB. I saved 17MB of space and the image quality was not reduced.) I also chose to use Adobe Acrobat (full version) to convert some large images to PDF format. That allows the user to zoom in and out of the large image as they require rather than use the scroll bars to move around on an oversized image. The file sizes are only slightly larger than the JPGs.

- Browse through images to be sure that all were created and at the appropriate sizes. Use IrfanView and select "Do not fit anything" under view so that the actual size setting will be easy to determine.
- Copy the images to a backup location. Just in case the information on the Web server gets lost, you want to have the processed images immediately available to be copied back to the server.
- Copy the images to the Web server. Hopefully you do not have to submit these to another department and wait on them to handle it for you; however, either way, the images need to be copied into a directory structure that will work with the e-book creator program. (See the e-book program documentation for the proper structure.)
- Create the e-book. Run the e-book program to create the information for the e-book. (See the e-book program documentation for more information.)
- Link the cataloging record to the e-book. If you have an on-line catalog, create an 856 field in the MARC record. Your cataloging expert will be able to assist with this, but basically you need the first indicator to be a "4" (for HTTP), and the URL for the index page of the book goes in a subfield "u."

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Digital Camera	Olympus D-520 Zoom with USB Autoconnect	$249.00
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Note: 100MB can handle a maximum of approximately 250 pages if large-size images are included and about 1,000 pages without the large-size images.

Product

One of my mentors is Dr. Samantha Hastings at the University of North Texas. As we would demonstrate our digital projects for her in class, one of her favorite sayings was "SHOW ME THE PICTURES!" Talking about the project is fine up to a point, but there comes a time when you just have to see some pictures. If you would like to see some of the products of this process, the link to the list of all projects completed so far is www.txmike.com/bookmaker/booklist.php.

Caveats

Some words of warning are in order. First, there is a difference between "cheap" and "inexpensive." Going back to my opening illustration in the previous article, I have been to both a "cheap" hotel and an "inexpensive" hotel, and there is a BIG difference. A "cheap" hotel is usually characterized by a low cost, but may also include pest infestations, mold, etc. An "inexpensive" hotel is also low cost, but their rooms are clean and sanitary. I never again want to return to the cheap hotel. On the other hand, I would refer anyone to an inexpensive hotel. It has everything I need, but with few, if any, extras. It is the same with digitization projects. The last thing we need is a "cheap" one. If researchers and patrons encounter blurred or otherwise hard-to-read images, difficult navigation, and/or slow-loading Web pages, they are likely to develop a negative attitude toward digital access. On the other hand, if they are able to use the digital document in a way that enables their research and even adds some value to the experience (e.g., reading the document at any hour of the day, from any Internet-enabled computer, etc.), they are likely to embrace this technology enthusiastically.

Second, copyright restrictions are for everyone. Be sure that the items you digitize are either out of copyright or you have express written permission from the copyright owner to digitize it and make it available electronically. At least to begin with, I would suggest works that are in the public domain.

Third, digital reproductions don't carry quite the aura that the originals carry. We have many local and out-of-state groups come through our institution on tours.[3] If I were to take them to a computer screen to browse through images of a 1613 King James Bible that we have, it would not have the same effect as bringing the book out for them to see. On a higher scale, I can go online to several sites and see digital copies of a Gutenberg Bible. That's not quite the same as seeing it in person.

Conclusion

A digitization project can be fairly simple and inexpensive. To produce a usable and useful product does not require extensive technical skills nor vast amounts of money. Time and a willingness to proceed are the two major requirements. The process detailed in this article works, as can be seen in the links above.

Endnotes

[1] Optical zoom is preferable to digital zoom in every circumstance. Optical zoom actually refocuses the object on the digital receptors. Digital zoom basically does software cropping and tends to produce lesser quality. Using Photoshop will yield better digital zoom capabilities than the camera's digital zoom.

[2] I used version 3.7. These directions are for that version.

[3] We are a private institution funded by cooperating churches all over the United States, so we are glad to show people around and let them see what their contributions provide.

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Index Advisory Committee

New Advisory Committee

ATLA has a long history of forming advisory committees to assist departments in meeting their goals with advice and counsel. The Membership Advisory Committee (MAC), the Preservation Advisory Committee (PAC), and the Technology Advisory Committee (TAC) have all done so with great success. The newest such committee is the Index Advisory Committee (IAC), formed this spring to work with ATLA's Department of Indexes. As a permanent committee of the Association this group is charged to:

- explore, document, and evaluate trends in the abstracting and indexing industry as they might apply to ATLA's *RDB*;
- monitor developments in scholarly publishing as they might affect secondary publishers;
- monitor standards developed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO; www.iso.ch), the American National Standards Institute (ANSI; www.ansi.org), and the National Information Standards Organization (NISO; www.niso.org) as they might apply to ATLA's *RDB*;
- monitor emerging standards as they might apply to ATLA's *RDB*;
- monitor curricula trends in theological and religious studies programs so ATLA's *RDB* will continue to support fully research and teaching in these areas in the future;
- and advise the Department of Indexes on possible research and development projects for ATLA's *RDB*.

Three members have been appointed to serve on this committee:

Marti Alt, General Humanities Bibliographer, Ohio State University Libraries;
Jack Ammerman, Head Librarian, Boston University School of Theology, Library;
Ann Hotta, Head of Reference, Graduate Theological Union, Library.

The first meeting of the IAC will be at the annual conference in Kansas City this coming June.

The Department of Indexes would like to welcome these members to this committee and thanks them all for their willingness to serve.

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Job Opportunities

Director/Theological Librarian

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Introduction:

St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity (SPSSOD), a Roman Catholic seminary and graduate school of theology of the University of St. Thomas, seeks a Director/Theological Librarian to direct overall operation of Archbishop Ireland Memorial Library (AIML) and to serve as faculty member of SPSSOD.

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M.A. in Library Science from ALA-accredited library school; additional graduate degree in theology strongly preferred; 3–5 years' administrative experience in college or university library; demonstrated familiarity with contemporary role of libraries in higher education; ability to articulate a vision for the library in the teaching, learning and research mission of the seminary and university; evidence of involvement in professional associations; experience integrating technology effectively into library operations and in support of teaching and learning. Successful candidate will have thorough knowledge and understanding of Roman Catholic theology, beliefs and practices and willingness to support fully the mission of SPSSOD.

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Indexer-Analyst, Retrospective Indexing Project

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Introduction:

ATLA seeks qualified applicants for a two-year indexer-analyst position, with the possibility of permanent employment at the end of the term. The position is full-time. Once the six-month training period is complete, the successful applicant will spend two to three days a week working out of the academic libraries in Hyde Park. For a description of ATLA's Department of Indexes, see the article published in The University of Chicago Magazine, vol. 95 (Dec. 2002), at: http://magazine.uchicago.edu/0212/features/canon.html.

Required Qualifications:

- master's degree or at least two (2) years of graduate study in religious studies, theology, or a closely related field
- experience with computers and databases
- ability to read and work in at least one Western European language (German, French, Spanish, Italian, or Latin); knowledge of additional 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
- ability to produce accurate and timely work in a publishing atmosphere with firm deadlines
- effective interpersonal skills to work in a collegial team environment with other staff members

Preferred Qualifications:

- background in 20th-century church history or Continental theology
- ability to read several Western European languages and to handle German in Fraktur

Responsibilities:

- using data entry software to enter indexing information for journal articles, essays, and book reviews according to ATLA indexing conventions (the materials indexed may be electronic and/or print)
- reporting regularly to editors regarding work performed
- doing bibliographic authority work using electronic and printed resources
- proofreading data
- participating in a journal evaluation and selection process
- participating in ongoing data cleanup projects

- attending staff and departmental meetings as required
- staying current with developments in contemporary theology and/or religious studies

Salary & Benefits:

ATLA is an equal opportunity employer located in downtown Chicago, offering a competitive salary and excellent benefits.

Applications:

Review of applications will begin May 1, 2004, and continue until the position is filled. For more information about ATLA, please visit our web site at www.atla.com. To apply, send a letter of application specifically addressing qualifications for the position, a curriculum vitae, and a list of 3 references by May 1, 2004, to: Cameron J. Campbell, Director of Indexes, American Theological Library Association, 250 S. Wacker Dr., Suite 1600, Chicago, IL 60606-5889.

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Reference and Periodicals Librarian

Pitts Theology Library, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

Introduction:

The Pitts Theology Library announces an opening for a Reference and Periodicals Librarian to begin on or before June 1, 2004. One of Emory University's six instructional libraries, Pitts supports the programs of the Candler School of Theology and the university's doctoral programs in religion. Its collections include over 520,000 volumes, and its staff of 20 supports vigorous programs in archives, special collections, and digital imaging. Planning for a new library is underway, and construction is anticipated to begin in 2006. Further information about the Pitts Library can be found at www.pitts.emory.edu.

Position Summary:

The successful candidate will be a member of the library's reference staff and administer the periodicals collection of 1,600 current subscriptions and 60,000+ bound volumes. The reference team provides orientation for all new students, works with faculty to develop and deliver library instruction and tutorials tailored to specific classes, and supplies ongoing research assistance to all patrons. The periodicals component of the job includes performing and/or supervising daily check-in and shelving, interacting with vendors and publishers regarding claims and renewals, handling duplicate exchange, supervising bindery preparation and receiving, training student assistants, and maintaining and developing electronic journal resources. In all tasks, the Pitts staff strives to determine innovative and appropriate applications of technology to improve library services and increase access to resources.

JOB LISTINGS WANTED!

ATLA is soliciting job listings for both professional and paraprofessional positions. If you need a librarian, a circulation supervisor, or administrative assistant, we can help you find one!

Deadlines:

August issue: **July 1, 2004**
November issue: **October 1, 2004**
February issue: **January 1, 2005**
May issue: **April 1, 2005**

Prices:

(non-member institutional)

$50 per ad for *Newsletter*
$50 per ad for website
$75 per ad for *Newsletter* and web site

Job listings are free for ATLA member institutions

Send submission to
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newsletter@atla.com
www.atla.com/member/job_submission_guidelines.html

Qualifications:

ALA-accredited MLS or its equivalent in relevant experience; excellent oral and written communication skills; commitment to public service and to theological education; experience with library systems and electronic resources; strong supervisory and organizational skills; demonstrated creativity and/or initiative in performing duties; and ability to work collaboratively with other staff on inter-departmental projects. The ability to climb stairs and handle moderately heavy volumes is essential. A graduate degree in theology and foreign language expertise are desired, but not required.

Salary & Benefits:

The salary is competitive, and Emory University offers generous benefits.

Application Information:

Review of applications begins April 15, 2004, 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, Atlanta, GA 30322. Email: mande07@emory.edu, fax: (404) 727-1219.

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Reference Librarian

Bethel Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota

Introduction:

Bethel College & Seminary is an institution of higher education with over 4,000 students, committed to integrating the evangelical Christian faith into every area of life. The passion of Bethel Seminary is to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ among all people in culturally sensitive ways. As a Spirit-empowered, biblically-grounded community of learning, Bethel Seminary strives to develop and equip whole and holy persons to serve and lead so that churches and ministry agencies can become all they are called to be and do all they are called to do in the world for the glory of God.

Position Description:

Bethel Seminary Library is seeking an individual to be responsible for providing reference services to students, faculty, staff, and community patrons. Duties include, but are not limited to, staffing the reference desk evenings and Saturdays, collection development, management of electronic resources, bibliographic instruction, and representing Bethel Seminary's concerns and assets to affiliated resource consortia.

Requirements:

A degree equivalent to a MLS/MLIS from an ALA-accredited program. Graduate theological degree strongly preferred. Current knowledge of print and electronic resources and application of new technologies to the design and delivery of instruction, and demonstrated teaching ability is necessary. The successful candidate must have the proven ability to be a flexible team member who can collaborate effectively, and who possesses excellent organizational, communication, presentation, and interpersonal skills. Candidates must have strong public service orientation, and the ability to provide professional service to a diverse clientele, including traditional day students, distance education students, faculty, staff, and guests. Experience with implementation of instruction programs and the knowledge of Dreamweaver, PowerPoint, image manipulation, courseware, and desktop publishing software is desirable. This is a full-time position.

Salary and Benefits:

Commensurate with experience and educational background.

Application Information:

To apply, fax resume to Human Resources at 651-635-1469; send to Human Resources, Bethel College & Seminary, 3900 Bethel Drive, St. Paul, MN 55112; or email to: d-broza@bethel.edu. Phone: 651-638-6119 or 800-255-8760, ext. 6245. For more information or to download an application for employment visit our Web site at www.bethel.edu.

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Members Only Web Content

ATLA to Restrict Parts of the Web to Members Only

In September—the beginning of the membership year—ATLA will begin to restrict access to certain parts of its web site to members only.

The Board made this decision primarily to remedy the problem we have had with third parties copying contact information from the member directories for marketing purposes. Now we will be able to protect the privacy of our members without removing that information from the web altogether.

We will also be able to provide other resources on the web that are not appropriate for public consumption. For example, we will be able to post the ATS statistics so that members can see them before they are printed in the *Proceedings.*

A further benefit of this restriction is the preservation of the value of ATLA membership. For example, members receive the printed *Newsletter, Theology Cataloging Bulletin,* and *Summary of Proceedings* free, and non-members pay to subscribe. But right now the *Newsletter* and *TCB* are freely accessible to all on the web. Because of the cost of producing these publications, it is important that we preserve access to these as a member benefit. And since the *Proceedings* is digitized in *ATLAS* and not all members necessarily have access to *ATLAS,* there will be a way to get to the *Proceedings* in *ATLAS* from a member-restricted web page.

Other restricted pages will include such content as Librarians' Tools, which will expand to include career resources for ATLA members, among other things.

But here is the 100-gigabyte question: "Does this mean yet another password to keep track of?" The answer is, "Not really." All members will be issued a username and password, and a cookie will keep track of your account information so that you only have to enter it once on your computer. (ATLA will not use the cookies to collect any information from your computer for any purposes; it is merely to store your password. But if you do not accept cookies as a matter of policy, then you will have to enter the password more often.)

There will be opportunity for discussion at the conference. You can also send me questions and comments at jwest@atla.com.

Jonathan West
ATLA Editor of Member Publications

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Membership Directories

Note: the use of ATLA's member directories on the web for commercial or mailing purposes without the express written consent of ATLA's executive director is strictly forbidden.

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Product News

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Product Notes

NEH Grant Extended

The NEH-funded grant *Christianity and the Encounter with World Religions (CWR)* has been extended until August 31, 2005. With $139,789 in unspent funds remaining, ATLA expects to film during this second extension an additional 1,500 volumes. The *CWR* project began in May 2000 and as of December 31, 2003, 506 titles have been preserved on 1,163 reels of film.

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ATLAS Updated

The February update of *ATLA Serials (ATLAS)* is now complete, including 60 new issues from 25 titles. Missing issues were also filled in for several journals, and a number of issues were replaced with enlarged images to allow for better legibility and print quality. With this release a new Truncation/Wildcards search feature has also been added (see the *ATLAS* Help menu). For more information about this online full-text journal product, see the ATLA catalog on-line at www.atla.com/products.

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RIM Online Updated

The quarterly update of *RIM Online* was completed on February 14. One hundred eighty-five new abstracts of DMin research projects from ATS-accredited schools were indexed and added to the online application. These and the more than 8,000 previously indexed abstracts are freely accessible on the ATLA web site.

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ATLA Collaborates with NSDP on ISSN Project

ATLA member Chad Abel-Kops, cataloger at the National Serials Data Program, is currently working with the ATLA Department of Indexes to assign ISSNs to approximately thirty-one active serial titles. Chad is assigning ISSNs to US serials and requesting ISSNs from foreign centers for non-US serials without ISSNs in *ATLA RDB.* Emphasis will be on those serials currently indexed. Heidi Arnold, database manager for acquisitions and bibliographic control, is the Index staff liaison for the project.

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ATLA Meets with Scarecrow Press

On Wednesday, April 7, Jack Ammerman (editor of the ATLA/Scarecrow Bibliography Series) and Dennis Norlin (ATLA executive director) met with Scarecrow Press' senior staff in Maryland to discuss the ongoing partnership between ATLA and Scarecrow. We look forward to continuing this collaborative publishing relationship that has now produced nearly 100 significant volumes in the combined Bibliography and Monograph series.

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PAC Meets with Preservation Department

On Thursday, February 22, the ATLA Preservation Advisory Committee (PAC) met with the staff of the Preservation Department to discuss preservation issues and the state of the department. Topics of discussion included the interface of the new preservation online catalog (APCAT), the viability of preservation microfilm in today's market, the incorporation of digitization into the preservation program, and future grants. PAC members Stephen Pentek (former archives coordinator, Boston University School of Theology (retired)) and Claire McCurdy (former archivist, Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary) met with ATLA preservation staff Russell Kracke, Diane Shannon, Kevin Stephens, and Sang Sul. PAC member David Berger, director of library services, Concordia Seminary, was unable to attend.

Photo: Top row (left to right): Sang Sul, Kevin Stephens, Russell Kracke, Stephen Pentek. Bottom row (left to right): Claire McCurdy, Diane Shannon.

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ATLA RDB Genre Terms Posted

The list of genre terms used in assigning 655 fields to MARC-format *ATLA Religion Database* bibliographic records is now available in the Product News section of ATLA's web site. The list, which currently consists of thirty-four terms, has recently been expanded to accommodate nonprint materials. It will be updated quarterly to coincide with the quarterly updates to the *ATLA Religion Database in MARC Format.*

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CPLI, OTA, and NTA Online Being Developed

ATLA is pleased to report that EBSCO is still on schedule to release the online version of the Catholic Periodical and Literature Index (CPLI) in June 2004 at the ATLA Annual Conference. Sister Jean Bostley, Executive Director of the Catholic Library Association, will be present to help launch this long-awaited product. ATLA and CPLI have worked together for more than 10 years, and the new online product is the result of major effort by CPLI and ATLA staff.

MARC production for the online version of Old Testament Abstracts (OTA) is also well under way, and ATLA will deliver the OTA MARC data to EBSCO in April 2004. Please stay tuned for additional details about the online version of New Testament Abstracts (NTA), as well as for further information about the online implementation of OTA!

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RIM® Online Policy Change

In September of 2003, in response to institutional requests, the Indexing Department announced that schools participating in *RIM® Online* would be required to guarantee the availability of an Interlibrary Loan copy of all DMin and DMiss projects indexed in the database. Concerns arose among members regarding the appropriateness of this policy, and in response the Indexing Department invited the ATLA Board of Directors to review the matter during its annual meeting in Chicago on January 23-24, 2004. As a result, the Board decided to drop the ILL availability requirement, effectively reversing the policy. All institutions accredited by the Association of Theological Schools may now submit DMin and DMiss project abstracts for inclusion in the *RIM® Online* index, irrespective of their library's ILL policy. Any concerns regarding this policy should be directed to the ATLA Board of Directors.

Tim Elston
Editor, RIM® Online

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New Partnership Products… …COMING SOON!

Catholic Periodical and Literature Index (CPLI) Online

Developed by ATLA
Available through EBSCO

CPLI Online

- Is the product of a partnership between ATLA and the Catholic Library Association
- Covers all aspects of the Catholic faith and lifestyle
- Includes indexed citations to articles published in Roman Catholic periodicals, papal documents, church promulgations, and books about the Catholic faith that are authored by Catholics and/or produced by Catholic publishers
- Contains indexing corresponding to the print version published by the Catholic Library Association
- Contains more than 300,000 records covering Roman Catholic publications including, but not limited to, periodicals, books, newspapers, and papal documents
- Dates in coverage back to 1981

Old Testament Abstracts (OTA) Online

Developed by ATLA
Available through EBSCO

OTA Online

- Is a product of a partnership between ATLA and the Catholic Biblical Association
- Features indexing and abstracts for journal articles, monographs, and multi-author works related to Old Testament Studies
- Includes journal articles, books, essays, and software
- Contains English abstracts in all records regardless of the language of the original work
- Covers topics including antiquities, archaeology, biblical theology, philology, and much more

New Testament Abstracts (NTA) Online

Developed by ATLA
NTA Online to be Available through EBSCO

NTA Online

- Is a product of a partnership between ATLA and the Weston Jesuit School of Theology
- Founded in 1956, it has become an indispensable research and bibliographic aid for scholars, librarians, clergy, and students of the New Testament and its historical milieu
- Abstracts at least 2,150 articles chosen from more than 500 periodicals in numerous languages every year. Nearly 850 current books are also summarized annually

ATLAS for Congregations and Clergy Grant

The Lilly Endowment, Inc., has awarded a grant of $774,750 to ATLA to extend the *ATLA Serials (ATLAS)* program to congregations and clergy.

ATLAS has been highly praised by customers and reviewers and its subscription base continues to grow. In conversations with Lilly Endowment staff, ATLA member-customers, and clergy, however, it became evident that the potential existed for this remarkable resource to be of great value to clergy and congregations. *ATLAS for Congregations and Clergy* could, for example, be

- a vital resource for adult education in all kinds of congregations;
- an extremely valuable parish resource, continually available to every member and every program of a congregation;
- a source of support for clergy in their own continuing education and professional development while they are at a distance from their own theological seminary;
- a community resource, serving as a basis for inter-congregation and interfaith dialog and discussion, including, as it does, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant publications as well as Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, and publications of other faith traditions.

ATLAS for Congregations and Clergy will offer clergy and congregations a vital tool that can enliven and enhance theological discussion and reflection, create new forms of communication and education (assigning a topic or journal article for all confirmation students to read and respond to, for example), and promote understanding and outreach among congregations from different faith traditions. Its potential impact is limited only by the imagination and creativity of the clergy and congregations who make use of it.

For the current project ATLA will collaborate with the Indianapolis Center for Congregations (ICC), an organization uniquely attuned to the ebbs and flows of congregational life. ICC will be a vital partner in this project at every step of the way. Through its extensive experience with congregations, parish resources, and adult education, the ICC is the ideal partner for ATLA in the design and implementation of this project, assuring that the project's outcome will be embraced by a wide variety of clergy and congregations.

To begin development of the *ATLAS for Congregations and Clergy* project, ATLA staff traveled to Indianapolis on March 25 to meet with a focus group of ten clergy who were recruited by Brent Bill, Associate Director of the Indianapolis Center for Congregations.

The clergy focus group consisted of Fred Oaks, Michael O'Mara, Charles Lake, Yun-Han Gwo,

Amy Lamborn, Tom Bridges, Steve Albertin, Sandy Sasso, Kara Brinkerhoff, and Kristine E. Wratten. The group met at the ICC for a very lively and intense day, seeking to reach agreement in creating a list of twenty journals selected from a preliminary list of 325 journals eligible for inclusion in the *ATLAS for Congregations and Clergy* project.

The meeting was a great success and by the close of the day the focus group had reached agreement on an impressive list of titles of most potential value for congregations and clergy ranked in priority order. The focus group will continue to provide direction and advice to ATLA staff as the project develops. ATLA staff will begin contacting publishers of the selected journals.

Because clergy are often the most important force in introducing new resources and programs to congregations, ATLA will also work with member libraries to organize groups of their alumni to serve as additional focus groups. By working through ATLA's sixteen regional associations, we hope to recruit 100 institutions that would agree to organize and poll their alumni about the project. These institutions will receive a free subscription for all of their alumni for one year and a 50% discount for a second year.

The member institution's responsibility would be to organize a forum in which its alumni would provide evaluation of the collection and of the beta version of the application, forward ideas about the rationale for introducing the collection in congregations, and make suggestions for promoting the collection in congregations.

Having already secured the commitment of the Alban Institute to promote and market *ATLAS for Congregations and Clergy,* ATLA will, in the second year of the project, seek additional partners that have special relationships with congregations, including ATLA member institutions with special resource centers for congregations and other organizations with whom ATLA has collaborated on a variety of projects.

Working closely with these organizations gives us confidence that the project's final product will be valued by and available to congregations and clergy. We believe that the presence of *ATLAS for Congregations and Clergy* in congregations offers a unique opportunity for theological renewal for American churches, making it possible for clergy and laity alike to pursue theological reflection and dialogue.

For more information about ATLA's new *ATLAS For Congregations and Clergy* program, contact Christina Tran, ATLA sales/marketing associate, at ctran@atla.com or 888.665.2852.

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ATLAS Updates and Development

ATLA continues to work on improving and developing the *ATLAS* product and the workflows that contribute to that product. ATLA staff is currently undertaking several notable *ATLAS* improvements and developments.

- Members of the Electronic Product and Services Department (EPS) are currently working to switch from a single-page scanning procedure to a whole-issue scanning process that utilizes a high-speed production scanner and specialized scanning software. The initial results of this switch in the scanning production process will be seen in the August 2004 *ATLAS* update, when ATLA will be posting several new journal titles to *ATLAS.*
- EPS and Information Services staff are planning for the purchase and implementation of an *ATLAS* storage solution. The storage solution will substantially expand the space that we have for storing and accessing image files for *ATLAS.* Once the storage solution is installed, we will load the archival tiff images and gif access images onto the storage solution. The expanded space will allow us to handle easily the increased number of images that will result from our new scanning process, as well as to create backups of the archival images and share update files amongst our servers more efficiently.
- Another upcoming change for the *ATLAS* production workflow includes the addition of a new position, *ATLAS* indexer, to the Index Department this August. The addition of this new member to the *ATLAS* development team will allow the team to set priorities simultaneously for two related but previously separate processes (indexing and digitizing), which a journal issue must undergo prior to release within *ATLAS.*
- ATLA and online aggregators EBSCO and OCLC FirstSearch continue to discuss details concerning delivery to and implementation of access images directly from their servers for their *ATLAS* customers. The move of *ATLAS* access images from ATLA's servers to the vendors' servers will eliminate authentication steps between the vendor and ATLA servers. Additionally, these vendors will have further control over how links to the images within their systems can be handled.
- EPS staff are undertaking several *ATLAS* Phase II development tasks, including: upgrading the Oracle database version to take advantage of additional XML processing features; creating a simple prototype of *ATLAS* that searches the full text of TEI Lite XML documents; matching *ATLA Religion Database* record IDs to corresponding TEI Lite XML files of the document; transforming the *ATLAS* TEI Lite XML Document Type Definition (DTD) to a Schema; and reviewing the *ATLAS* database architecture to plan for improvements that will increase the database's flexibility and portability.

Look for further *ATLAS* update and development details in future news updates.

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Contributors to the Retrospective Indexing Project (RIP)

ATLA gratefully acknowledges all those who have contributed to the Retrospective Indexing Project and wishes to apologize that the Graduate Theological Union Library (Berkeley, CA) was omitted from this year's list in the Annual Report.

Abilene Christian University, Brown Library, Abilene, TX
Akrofi-Christaller Memorial Centre for Mission Research & Applied Theology, Akropong-Akuapem, Ghana
Anderson University, School of Theology Library, Anderson, IN
Asbury Theological Seminary, B.L. Fisher Library, Wilmore, KY
Asia Pacific Theological Seminary Library, Baguio City, Philippines
Atlantic School of Theology Library, Halifax, NS, Canada
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Stitt Library, Austin, TX
Bangor Theological Seminary, Moulton Library, Bangor, ME
Baylor University, Library, Waco, TX
Biblical Theological Seminary Library, Hatfield, PA
Biola University Library, La Mirada, CA
Boston University School of Theology Library, Boston, MA
Brite Divinity School Library, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX
Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary, Library, Lansdale, PA
Canadian Theological Seminary, Archibald Foundation Library, Calgary, AB, Canada
Cardinal Beran Library, University of St. Thomas Graduate School of Theology, Houston, TX
Catholic University of America, Religious Studies Philosophy Library, Washington, DC
Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Pratt-Journeycake Library, Kansas City, KS
Chicago Theological Seminary, Hammond Library, Chicago, IL
Christian Theological Seminary Library, Indianapolis, IN
Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Ambrose Swasey Library, Rochester, NY
Concordia Seminary, Library, St. Louis, MO
Concordia Theological Seminary, Walther Library, Fort Wayne, IN
Cornerstone College & Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI
Covenant Theological Seminary, Buswell Library, St. Louis, MO
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David Lipscomb University, Library, Nashville, TN
Dominican House of Studies, Library, Washington, DC
Drew University, Library, Madison, NJ
Emory University, Pitts Theology Library, Atlanta, GA
Episcopal Divinity School/Weston Jesuit School of Theology Library, Cambridge, MA
Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, Harold & Patricia Booher Library, Austin, TX
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Library, Chicago, IL
Evangelical School of Theology, Rostad Library, Myerstown, PA
Fuller Theological Seminar, McAlister Library, Pasadena, CA
Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. Library, Mill Valley, CA
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Goddard Library, South Hamilton, MA
Graduate Theological Union, Library, Berkeley, CA
Harding University Graduate School of Religion, L.M. Graves Memorial Library, Memphis, TN
Harvard Divinity School, Andover-Harvard Theological Library, Cambridge, MA
Iliff School of Theology, Ira J. Taylor Library, Denver, CO
Indiana Wesleyan University, Library, Marion, IN
Katholieke Universiteit te Leuven/Fac. of Theology, Bibliotheek Godgeleerdheid, Leuven, Belgium
Logos Evangelical Seminary, Library, El Monte, CA
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Ernest Miller White Library, Louisville, KY
Luther Seminary, Library, St. Paul, MN
Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod,Central Library, St. Louis, MO
Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest, LSPS Seminex Library, Austin, TX
Marquette University, Memorial Library, Milwaukee, WI
Meadville/Lombard Theological School, Library, Chicago, IL
Memphis Theological Seminary, Library, Memphis, TN
Mercer University, Swilley Library, Atlanta, GA
Missionary Church Archives & Historical Collection at Bethel College, Mishawaka, IN
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Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary Library, Pittsburgh, PA
Reformed Theological Seminary, Library, Jackson, MS
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Southern Christian University, Library, Montgomery, AL
Southern Methodist University, Bridwell Library, Dallas, TX
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Ryan Memorial Library, Wynnewood, PA
St. Joseph's Seminary, Corrigan Memorial Library, Yonkers, NY

St. Louis University, Pius XII Memorial Library, St. Louis, MO
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University of the South, Library/School of Theology, Sewanee, TN
Vanderbilt University, Divinity Library, Nashville, TN
Vereniging Van-Religieus-wetenschappelijke Bibliothecarissen
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Wesley Theological Seminary, The Library, Washington, DC
Western Theological Seminary, Beardslee Library, Holland, MI
Westminster Theological Seminary, Library, Escondido, CA
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Retrospective Indexing Project Quarterly Report

December 2003–February 2004

In the course of the winter quarter the *RIP* staff has completed the indexing of four titles: *Journal of Religious Thought* (1943–1948), *Theological Studies* (1940–1948), *Palestine Exploration Quarterly* (1937–1948), and *Reformed Theological Review* (1942–1948). In addition, the 1940 and 1945 volumes of Christian Century are indexed and awaiting approval. Indexing has begun on *Scottish Journal of Theology* (1948–) and *Studia Theologica: Scandinavian Journal of Theology* (1947–).

It is with mingled pleasure and sorrow that I announce the hiring of Todd Ferry, *RIP*'s first indexer, for full-time employment as a regular indexer-analyst for ATLA, effective January 2004. Todd's contribution to the depth-dimension of *ATLA RDB* through his retrospective indexing is, to put it in the vernacular, awesome:

American Catholic Sociological Review (1940–1948)
Biblical Archaeologist (1938–1948)
Catholic Biblical Quarterly (1939–1948)
Eastern Buddhist (1921–1939 [publication suspended until 1949])
Ecumenical Review (1948–1949)
Journal of Biblical Literature (1881–1948)
Journal of Pastoral Care (1947–1948)
Journal of Religious Thought (1943–1948)
Orate Fratres (1926–1948)
Palestine Exploration Quarterly (1937–1948)
Revue des Études Byzantines (1943–1948)
Unitarian Universalist Christian (1946–1948)

On behalf of the ATLA consortium and the countless users of *ATLA RDB* in the future, we thank you.

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American Catholic Sociological Review (1940–1948)
Biblical Archaeologist (1938–1948)
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Church History (1932–1948)
Commentary (1945–1948)
Eastern Buddhist (1921–1939 [publication suspended until 1949])
Ecumenical Review (1948–1949)
Estudios Bíblicos (1941–1948)
Hebrew Union College Annual (1919, 1924–1948)
Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology (1947–1948)
Journal of Biblical Literature (1881–1948)
Journal of Pastoral Care (1947–1948)
Journal of Religious Thought (1943–1948)
Mélanges de Science Religieuse (1944–1948)
Nederlands Theologisch Tijdschrift (1946–1948)
Orate Fratres (1926–1948)
Palestine Exploration Quarterly (1937–1948)
Reformed Theological Review (1942–1948)
Revue des Études Byzantines (1943–1948)
Theological Studies (1940–1948)
Theologische Zeitschrift (1945–1948)
Thomist: A Speculative Quarterly Review (1939–1948)
Traditio: Studies in Ancient and Medieval History, Thought, and Religion (1943–1948)
Union Seminary Quarterly Review (1945–1948)
Unitarian Universalist Christian (1946–1948)
Vigiliae Christianae: A Review of Early Christian Life and Language (1947–1948)
Zeitschrift für Religions-und Geistesgeschichte (1948)

Indexing has begun on these 6 titles:

Christian Century (issues in 1941, 1942)
Journal of the National Association of Biblical Instructors and Journal of Bible and Religion (the ancestors of the Journal of the American Academy of Religion, 1933–1947, lacking 1948)
Orientalia Christiana Periodica (1935–1937)
Scottish Journal of Theology (1948–)
Studia Theologica: Scandinavian Journal of Theology (1947–)
Westminster Theological Journal (1938–1944)

Titles from the summer triage list remaining to be begun:

Covenant Quarterly (1941–)
Theology Today (1944–)

Indexing has been suspended on:

Bibliotheca Sacra (1856–1948)
Christian Century (1900–1939)
Christian Oracle (1884–1899)

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Episcopal Church. Diocese of Georgia. Council of Colored Churchmen:

Journal of the … annual Council of Colored Churchmen, Diocese of Georgia (1909–1923)

Journal of the … annual session of the Council of Colored Churchmen in the Diocese of Georgia (1924–1932)

African American Episcopalians in Georgia. From the Bishop's address (Rt. Rev. F.F. Reese) to the Council at the 16th annual Council, 1921: "The existence of the two races so different, existing side by as we do and forming parts of one social body is an extraordinary situation, never before existing in the history of mankind, except under conditions of the bondage of one race to another … Our two races have different histories and traditions for thousands of years. We have a different racial consciousness, and distinct modes of thought and feeling. Your fathers from a totally different environment were brought here and incorporated into a social and industrial political order, established and built up by the white as the result of thousands of years of evolution on their part … We must both recognize and agree that the two races as such must be kept distinct. Whatever intermingling has accrued has been due to human frailty and sin."—p. 28–29. Published in Brunswick, Georgia. **ATLA no.: 2004-S003** through **2004-S004,** 2 reels (1909–1932).

The churchman's record of the Colored Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Georgia

African American Episcopalians in Georgia. "The purpose of this paper is to publish monthly the activities of the Colored Episcopalian Churches in the Diocese of Georgia and the adjoining jurisdictions, and also provide a vehicle for the expression of opinion regarding the work peculiar to our people."—from p. 1 of Oct. 1919 issue. Published in Savannah, Georgia. **ATLA no.: 2004-S005,** 1 reel (1919–1920).

Industrial Home School for Colored Girls (Peaks, Va.). *Annual report of the Industrial Home School for Colored Girls* (1916–1920)

Virginia Industrial School for Colored Girls. *Annual report of the Virginia Industrial School for Colored Girls* (1921–1939)

The Industrial Home School for Colored Girls was founded in 1915 by Janie Porter Barrett (1865–1948) of the Virginia State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. A portion from the first report of 1916 reads: "Twenty-eight girls have been received into the institution since it opened, ranging in age from eleven to eighteen years … Our success in controlling the girls has been unusual. Kind treatment and the honor system are the methods used. Some of them never knew what kind words and sympathy were until they came to the school." In 1920 the state of Virginia assumed financial responsibility for the school and it was renamed the Virginia Industrial School for Colored Girls. Barrett won national acclaim for her rehabilitation methods. Today the school bears her name, the Janie Porter Barrett School for Girls. Published in Peaks, Virginia. **ATLA no.: 2004-S006** through **2004-S007,** 2 reels (1916–1939).

Orthodox messenger

Organ of the African Orthodox Church, Southern Jurisdiction. "It is surprising to know how few Negroes are aware that within their midst there is a Church that was organized by one of their own in order to give to the people of his race a Catholic Church which should be governed and controlled exclusively by Negroes. This is the African Orthodox Church, organized by the late Dr. George Alexander Maguire … Not being willing that his race should be passed by and denied all the good things of the

Lord, Archbishop Maguire sought and obtained an undisputed and valid consecration at the hands of the late Archbishop Rene Valette … The valid Orders, handed down in unbroken succession from this most ancient source of apostolic authority, are still being exercised in our midst, today, by a younger generation of the Sons of Africa, as bishops and priests of the African Orthodox Church."—from p. 4 of Oct. 1941 issue. Published in Miami, Florida. **ATLA no.: 2004-S010,** 1 reel (1941–1942).

Colored messenger

A Catholic mission (Society of the Divine Word) to African Americans. "In the South, the race question has been always a source of Protestant disagreement. No really Southern Protestant congregation, so far as we know, commingles under the same roof, worshippers, white and black … The Catholic Church, on the other hand, shows her unity, shows that she is in fact the Church of God, universal by her absolute disregard of all these distinctions … It is strange that Black People of the United States do not universally recognize the fact that it is in Catholic Congregations alone, among all religious assemblages of the South, that the important fact is practically recognized that, in the sight of God, so far at least as color is concerned, all men are equal."—from the article "The Catholic Church and the Negro," p. 16 of March 1916 issue of Colored messenger. Published in Techny, Illinois. **ATLA no.: 2004-S011,** 1 reel (1916–1917).

Shelter for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons of Baltimore City. ***Annual report of the Board of Managers of the Shelter for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons of Baltimore City***

"A corporation for the relief of that worthy class of colored persons, who, from various causes, are finally dependent on the charity of others." A portion from the 2nd annual report (1884) reads: "At present, seventeen old, needy women have a comfortable home within the 'Shelter' walls, and thirty-five old men and women are now registered and waiting to come in. Much as we may desire to give these room, the voice of prudence utterly forbids, until our finances shall be increased … Within the year, three feeble ones, who came to us with tottering steps, have gone to their reward." Published in Baltimore. **ATLA no.: 2004-S013,** 1 reel (1883–1936).

The African Orthodox churchman

Official organ of the African Orthodox Church, Province of South and Central Africa and Rhodesia. "Is there an accursed race? … At this time when the colour Question is taking world-wide prominence, and almost to every nation that has black subjects under its jurisdiction, the Question is really an obstacle to the white governing Race, the question is ask[ed] in one word, Why? And the answer is put without fear of contradiction, because of the white man's domineering, and arrogant manners, he believes and shows by his ways in dealing with the black man that he still believes that God has cursed his forefathers to be perpetual hewers of wood and drawers of water, and no matter how earnestly the black youth tries elevate themselves, it is merely a joke to many white folk … But, if taken from the outlook that God made all men in His Image, then only will we be able to solve the problem."—from p. 1 of March 1929 issue. The African Orthodox Church was founded in South Africa in 1924 by a group of priests, one of whom—Daniel William Alexander—was elected to the position of bishop. It was an affiliate to the African Orthodox Church in America, which was established by George Alexander McGuire in 1921. McGuire consecrated Alexander as bishop in 1927. Published in South Africa. **ATLA no.: 2004-S014,** 1 reel (1929–1948).

Christianity and the Encounter with World Religions

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Theosophische Kultur

Theosophy. "Monatsschrift zur Entwicklung der höheren Seelen- und Geisteskräfte." Organ of the Internationale Theosophische Verbrüderung. Text in German. **ATLA no.: 2002-S508**, 9 reels (1909–1937).

Episcopal Church. Office of the Indian Commission. ***Annual report of the Indian Commission to the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions***

Reports of the Episcopal Church's Indian Commission include annual reports of the Missionary Bishop of Niobrara. Includes reports from the Ponka, Niobrara, Santee and Yankton Missions, among others. **ATLA no.: 2003-S044,** 1 reel (1872–1877).

Missions en Chine et au Congo (1889–1907)
Missions en Chine, au Congo et aux Philippines (1908–1913)
Missions de Scheut (1914–1963)
Monde et mission (1964–1975)

Catholic Church mission to China, the Congo, the Philippines, and later, the world. Issued by the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (CICM), commonly known as the Scheut Missionaries. Founded in 1862 by Father Theophile Verbist at Scheut (Brussels, Belgium), the CICM is a society of priests and brothers who take simple vows and are under the authority of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. Originally limited to recruiting Belgian and Dutch missionaries for China, the CICM became international in 1947. Published in Brussels. Text in French. **ATLA no.: 2003-S070** through **2003-S073,** 14 reels (1889–1975).

Record of the work of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society (1910/11–1920)
Ocean to ocean : a record of the work of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society (1920/21–1938/39)

Founded in 1877, the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society organized to "proclaim the Christian faith and to minister to people of special need." The "Record of the work" reports on home missions to Native Americans, African Americans, Orientals; French, Scandinavians, Slavs, French, and Germans in the United States, general stateside missions, as well as missions to the Spanish-speaking peoples of America, Mexico, Cuba, and Central America. Published in New York and Chicago. **ATLA no.: 2003-S045** through **2003-S046,** 4 reels (1910–1930).

News bulletin *(Theosophical society in America. Mothers Research Group)* (1945–1947)
Mothers occult digest (1947–1952)

Theosophical newsletter for mothers with advice on child raising. Published in Ojai, California, by the Mothers Research Group of the Theosophical Society in America. **ATLA no.: 2003-S089** through **2003-S090,** 1 reel (1945–1952).

Burmah Baptist Missionary Convention:
Minutes of a missionary conference at which was formed the Baptist Missionary Convention (1865)
Annual report of the Burmah Baptist Missionary Convention (1866–1871)
Minutes of the ... annual meeting of the Burmese Baptist Missionary Convention (1872)
Annual report of the Burmah Baptist Missionary Convention (1873–1908)

The annual report of the Burmah Baptist Missionary Convention, formed in 1865. "The object of this Convention shall be to strengthen and unite the Baptist Churches of Burmah in mutual love and the Christian faith, and to extend the work of evangelization to all regions within our reach which do not receive the gospel from other agencies."—from Article III of the Constitution of the Society, 1865 report. Published in Rangoon. **ATLA no.: 2003-S091** through **2003-S094,** 4 reels (1865–1908).

Bulletin théosophique

Theosophy in France. Organ of the Section française de la Société théosophique (1900–1908) and Société théosophique de France (1908–1948). Text in French. **ATLA no.: 2003-S099,** 3 reels (1900–1948).

China's millions and our work among them (1875)
China's million *(London, England)* (1876–1952)
Millions *(London, England)* (1952–1964)
East Asia Millions *(London, England)* (1965–1982/83)

Mission to China and East Asia, issued by the China Inland Mission and the Overseas Missionary Fellowship. The China Inland Mission was founded in 1865 by James Hudson Taylor. Its members worked in China until 1951, when the mission withdrew under rule of the Chinese Communist party. Thereafter, under the name Overseas

Missionary Fellowship, mission work was undertaken in other countries of the Far East, such as Malaya, Thailand, Laos, Formosa, Japan, the Philippines, Indonesia, Hong Kong, and Singapore. It is known today as OMF International. **ATLA no.: 2003-S095** through **2003-S098,** 11 reels (1875–1983).

Annales théosophiques

A theosophic quarterly. "Recueil trimestriel de conferences et de travaux originaux." Published in Paris. Text in French. **ATLA no.: 2003-S100,** 1 reel (1908–1914).

International Missionary Alliance:

*Annual report of the International Missionary Alli*ance (1892–1894/95)

Report (in part) of the year of the International Missionary Alliance (1895/96)

Christian and Missionary Alliance:

Report and retrospect of the work of the Christian and Missionary Alliance (1897)

Annual report of the Christian and Missionary Alliance (1897/98–1935)

Christian and Missionary Alliance. General Council:

Annual report to the General Council (1936–1945)

Annual report for … and minutes of the General Council (1946–1982)

Minutes of the General Council … and annual report for … (1984–2002)

The annual reports of the Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA) and its preceding body, International Missionary Alliance. With its beginning in 1887, the C&MA today has 350,000 believers in nearly 2,000 churches, and 1,100 missionaries in 49 nations. The C&MA is an evangelical denomination with a major emphasis on world evangelization, encouraging believers of diverse theological traditions to exalt Jesus Christ. Published in New York. **ATLA no.: 2003-S101** through **2003-S107,** 18 reels (1892–2002).

Methodist Episcopal Church. Hawaii Mission:

Official minutes of the … session of the Hawaiian Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church (1906–1914)

Official minutes of the … annual session of the Hawaiian Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church (1916–1922)

Official minutes of the … session of the Hawaii Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church (1923–1939)

Methodist Church (U.S.). Hawaii Mission:

Official minutes, … session of the Hawaii Mission of the Methodist Church (1940–1944)

Journal, … session of the Hawaii Mission of the Methodist Church (1945)

Official journal, Hawaii Mission of the Methodist Church, minutes of the … session (1946)

Journal of the … session of the Hawaii Mission of the Methodist Church (1947–1950)

The minutes of Hawaii Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Methodist Church. The Hawaii Mission served the Caucasian, Japanese, Korean, and Philippine peoples of the Hawaiian Islands. Published in Honolulu. **ATLA no.: 2003-S108A-C** through **2003-S112,** 5 reels (1906–1950).

Methodist Episcopal Church. Pacific Japanese Mission:

Official minutes of the … session of the Pacific Japanese Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church (1901)

Journal of the … session of the Pacific Japanese Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church (1902–1904)

Official journal of the … annual session of the Pacific Japanese Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church (1905–1938)

Official journal, … annual session of the Pacific Japanese Mission for the Methodist Episcopal Church and … session of the Pacific Japanese Mission of the Methodist Church (1939)

The journal of the annual session of the Pacific Japanese Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Formed in 1900, the Methodist mission to the Japanese in America included the Pacific Coast and, until 1905, the territory of Hawaii. Pacific Coast districts included Fresno, Los Angeles, Oakland, Sacramento, San Jose, Portland, Oregon, and Seattle, Washington. **ATLA no.: 2003-S113** through **2003-S116,** 4 reels (1901–1938).

Methodist Episcopal Church. Pacific Japanese Mission. *Annual report of the Pacific Japanese Mission*

"The present field includes the states of California, Oregon and Washington, but loud calls are coming from Idaho, Montana, and Nebraska … the [Japanese] are sober and industrious, and on many accounts are among the most desirable immigrants now coming to the country … Much to the surprise of everybody, save a few labor union leaders and politicians, the San Francisco "Chronicle" began … a most untimely and unjust agitation against Japanese and Korean immigration … The calmness and patience of the Japanese people under it all have been a splendid proof that it is founded in error and falsehood."—from p. 1–2 of 1905 issue. Published in San Francisco. **ATLA no.: 2003-S117**, 1 reel (1905).

News and notes of the Theosophical Society in the British Isles (1925–1933)
Theosophical news & notes (1933–1959)

"News and notes" from the Theosophical Society in Great Britain includes news from the General Secretary, National Council and committees, Federations and conferences, library and lodge notes, and public lectures. Later issues include reprints from articles. Published in London. **ATLA no.: 2003-S118** through **2003-S119**, 4 reels (1925–1959).

***Lotus** (Paris, France)* (1887–1889)
Lotus bleu (1890–1898)
Revue théosophique française, le lotus bleu (1898–1923)
Revue théosophique, le lotus bleu (1923–1955)

Theosophy in France. "Revue des hautes etudes théosophiques : tendant á favoriser la rapprochement entre l'Orient et l'Occident." Text in French. **ATLA no.: 2003-S120** through **2003-S123**, 16 reels (1887–1955).

History of the EFTS summary : July 1903–July 2004
Transactions of the … annual congress of the Federation of European Sections of the Theosophical Society (1904–1906)
Transactions of the … congress of the Federation of European National Societies of the Theosophical Society (1923)
Emlékkönyve (1929)
Congreso de Barcelona (1934)

The congresses of the European Federation of the Theosophical Society (EFTS) held in Amsterdam, London, Paris, Vienna, Budapest, and Barcelona; plus a summary of the EFTS's history, by Mary Anderson. "The European Federation has now existed for one hundred years—in many respects terrible years for Europe, marked by two devastating world wars and by cruel dictatorships under fascism and communism, spreading a materialistic and therefore recklessly selfish and brutal philosophy, which makes it difficult to propagate Theosophy in Eastern Europe. Perhaps the European Federation as a vehicle has contributed to mitigating not so much the physical suffering as its effect on the consciousness of the sufferers and of those inflicting suffering."—p. 7 of "History of the EFTS summary." **ATLA no.: 2003-S124A-E**, 1 reel (1904–1934, 2003).

Evangeliska lúterska kirkjufélag íslendinga í Vesturheimi:
Ársfundr hins Evangeliska lúterska kirkjufélags íslendinga í Vesturheimi (1885–1887)
Hið … ársþing hins Ev. Lút. kirkjufélags íslendinga í Vesturheimi (1888–1909)
Gjörðabók … ársþings hins Evangeliska lúterska kirkjufélags íslendinga í Vesturheimi (1910–1935)

Proceedings of the Icelandic Evangelical Lutheran Synod in North America. Published in Winnipeg. Text in Icelandic. **ATLA no.: 2003-S502A-C**, 2 reels (1885–1935).

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Brethren's annual for the year of grace … (1884–1895)
Brethren almanac for the year of our Lord … (1896)
Brethren annual, or, Church year book (1897–1913)
Brethren annual for … (1914–1916)

Almanac of the Brethren Church "contains [a] calendar for each month, biographical sketches, portraits[,] family readings, household recipes, general information, and a list of ministers." The Brethren Church (Progressive Dunkers) split off in 1882 from the German Baptist Brethren. In 1939, the Brethren Church split into the Brethren Church (Ashland Group) and Fellowship of Grace Brethren Church (Grace Group). Published in Ashland, Ohio. **ATLA no.: S1040/S1041** through **S1042/S1043,** 2 reels (1884–1916).

L'ami du clergé paroissial

"Friend of the parish clergy," a supplement to the Catholic periodical L'ami du clergé. Published in Langres, France. Text in French. **ATLA no.: S1020,** 27 reels (1888–1968).

Tweemaandelijks bulletin der theologische ethercolleges (1958)
Tweemaandelijks bulletin der theologische radiocolleges (1959–1963)

The bimonthly bulletin of the theological radio college, published by the Nederlandse Christelijke Radio Vereniging (NCRV). The NCRV, founded in 1924, is a multimedia undertaking that seeks to provide leading contributions from Protestant–Christian inspiration to the Netherlands community. Published in Hilversum, Netherlands. Text in Dutch. **ATLA no.: S1036/S1037,** 1 reel (1958–1963).

Brethren Church (Progressive Dunkers). Convention:
Report of Progressive Convention (1882)
Proceedings of the Dayton Convention (1883)
Proceedings of the General Convention (1887)

Brethren Church (Progressive Dunkers). General Conference:
[Report of the General Conference of the Brethren Church] (1892–1913)
Minutes of Annual Conference of the Brethren Church (1914)
Minutes of the … General Conference of the Brethren Church (1915)
Minutes of the General Conference of the Brethren Church for … and Brethren annual for … (1916–1920)

The minutes of the General Conference of the Brethren Church (Progressive Dunkers). The Brethren Church (Progressive Dunkers) split off in 1882 from the German Baptist Brethren. In 1939, the Brethren Church split into the Brethren Church (Ashland Group) and Fellowship of Grace Brethren Church (Grace Group). Published in Ashland, Ohio. **ATLA no.: S1044/S1045/S1046** through **S1048/S1049/S1050,** 3 reels (1882–1920).

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Diakonie im Rheinland. **ATLA no.: S0767B.** Reel no. 16–17: v. 32–36 (1995–1999).

EPD Medien. **ATLA no.: S0969.** Reel no. 7–10: 2000–2001.

Evangelische Landeskirche in Baden. *Gesetzes- u. Verordnungsblatt.* **ATLA no.: S0389A.** Reel no. 6: (1992–1999).

Jednota bratrská. **ATLA no.: S0638.** Reel no. 8: v. 71–76 (1994–1999).

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. *Reports of the district presidents.* **ATLA no.: S0352E.** Reel no. 19: 1992–1994.

Lutherans alert national. **ATLA no.: S0383.** Reel no. 5: v. 25–27 (1990–1992).

Offene Kirche. **ATLA no.: S0789B.** Reel no.5: v. 26–32 (1995–2001).

Ouderlingenblad. **ATLA no.: S0744.** Reel no.: 6: v. 74–78 (1996/97–2000/01).

Schweizerische Kirchenzeitung. ATLA no.: S0562. *Reel no. 26–27: v. 164–167 (1996–1999).*

SNOP *(Paris France).* **ATLA no.: S0589.** Reel no. 13: No. 1064–1107 (2000–2001).

Tenrikyo. **ATLA no.: S0625.** Reel no. 3: No. 294–389 (1994–2001).

Urban mission. **ATLA no.: S0854.** Reel no. 2–3: v. 5–16 (1987/88–1998/99).

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Dialogues of St. Gregory the Great : an old English version / by Pope Gregory I, ca. 540–604 a.d. ; edited by Henry James Coleridge. Saints; immortality; miracles. Published in London, 1874. **ATLA no.: B00673.**

Student's handbook to the Psalms / by John Sharpe ; with a memoir of the author by Robert Sinker. Published in London, 1896. **ATLA no.: B00674.**

Lectures on the criticism and interpretation of the Bible : with two preliminary lectures on theological study and theological arrangement, to which are added two lectures on the history of Biblical interpretation / by Herbert Marsh. Published in London, 1842. **ATLA no.: B00675.**

Shorter catechism : with proofs, analyses and illustrative anecdotes, etc. for teachers and parents / by Robert Steel. Published in London, 1885. **ATLA no.: B00676.**

Third book of Moses, called Leviticus / with commentary by C.D. Ginsburg; edited by Charles John Ellicott. Published in London, 190-. **ATLA no.: B00677.**

Contributions towards the exposition of the Book of Genesis / by Robert S. Candlish. Published in Edinburgh, v. 1–2 (1843–1852). **ATLA no.: B00678.**

Gospel of the Old Testament : an explanation of the types and figures by which Christ was exhibited under the legal dispensation / rewritten from the original work of Samuel Mather. Published in Philadelphia, 1834. **ATLA no.: B00679.**

Chapters on the shorter catechism : a tale for the instruction of youth / by a Clergyman's daughter. Published in Philadelphia, 18—. **ATLA no.: B00680.**

Saint Augustine / by William R Clark. Published in London by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, 1878. **ATLA no.: B00681.**

Luther examined and reexamined : a review of Catholic criticism and a plea for revaluation / by W.H.T. Dau. Published in St. Louis, 1917. **ATLA no.: B00682.**

Lectures, expository and practical, on the Book of Esther / by Alexander D. Davidson. Published in Edinburgh, 1859. **ATLA no.: B00683.**

General catalogue of the McCormick Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Illinois. Covers 1830–1900. Published in Chicago, 1900. **ATLA no.: B00684.**

Septuagint version of the Old Testament : according to the Vatican text, translated into English : with the principal various readings of the Alexandrine copy, and a table of comparative chronology / by Sir Lancelot Charles Lee Brenton. v. 1: Genesis–Chronicles II–v. 2: Esdras Malachias. Translated into English from the Greek. Published in London, 1844. **ATLA no.: B00685.**

Lasciana : nebst den ältesten evang. Synodalprotokollen Polens, 1555–1561 / herausgegeben und erläutert von Hermann Dalton. Latin text with introduction and notes in German. Published in Berlin, 1898. **ATLA no.: B00686.**

Schleiermacher's Religionsbegriff und die philosphischen Voraussetzungen desselben / von Emil Schürer. Thesis (Doctoral)—Universität Leipzig, 1868. **ATLA no.: B00687.**

Ulrich von Hutten, his life and times / by David Friedrich Strauss ; translated from the second German edition. Published in London, 1874. **ATLA no.: B00688.**

Table talk or familiar discourse of Martin Luther. A translation of selected portions from J. Aurifaber's collection published in 1566 under title Tischreden. Published in London, 1848. **ATLA no.: B00689.**

An exposition of the Shorter catechism, or, A scripture catechism in the method of the assemblies / by Matthew Henry. Published in Edinburgh, 1857. **ATLA no.: B00690.**

The tripartite nature of man, spirit, soul, and body : applied to illustrate and explain the doctrines of original sin, the new birth, the disembodied state, and the spiritual body / by J.B. Heard. Published in Edinburgh, 1875. **ATLA no.: B00691.**

Legends of the Old Testament characters : from the Talmud and other sources / by the Rev. S. Baring–Gould. Published in London, 1871. **ATLA no.: B00692.**

First principles of the Reformation, or, The ninety–five theses and the three primary works of Luther translated into English / edited with theological and historical introductions by Henry Wace and C.A. Buchheim. The "Three primary works" are: Address to the Christian nobility of the German nation; Concerning Christian liberty; On the Babylonish captivity of the Church. Published in London, 1883. **ATLA no.: B00693.**

Illustrations from the sermons of Alexander Maclaren / edited and selected by James Henry Martyn. Baptist sermons; English sermons. Published in London, 1894. **ATLA no.: B00694.**

Paulus, der Apostel der Heiden / by Max Krenkel. "Vorträge gehalten in den Protestantenvereinen zu Dresden und Leipzig." New Testament criticism; Paul the Apostle. Published in Leipzig, 1869. Text in German. **ATLA no.: B00695.**

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Preservation: Archival Collections Newly Available on Microfilm

In cooperation with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Archives, the following archival collection is now available through ATLA.

This archival collection on microfilm is available to ATLA Institutional Members for $75 per reel. To purchase, please contact Scholarly Resources (800.772.8937; sales@scholarly.com).

Cooperative Lutheranism : The Helen M. Knubel Archives

Over 40 new titles on 72 additional reels have been added to the Helen M. Knubel Archives collection on microfilm. Originally filmed in 1979 on 16mm film, the collections have been transferred onto 35mm film. This new addition to the Knubel archives on microfilm contains records from agencies conducting inter–Lutheran work including: Inter–Lutheran Commission on Worship (1957–1978); Lutheran World Relief (1945–1979); National Lutheran Council (1920–1966); Lutheran World Ministries (1967–1976); Lutheran Council in the U.S.A. (1966–1978); and Lutheran Film Associates (1950–1977). **ATLA no.: XA0007R (only KACL 102–107); XA0008R (only KACL 157–160); XA0043R, XA0045R–XA0081R, and XA0083R–XA0084R,** currently 72 reels (extent 1920–1979).

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ATLA Staff News

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From the Executive Director

The Faculty Are the Target

Unless theological librarians consciously view the faculty as the primary target for our activities, we could become irrelevant to our students, faculty, administrators, and institutions. This is the conclusion I have reached during the past several months while I've been involved in a number of conferences and meetings.

Since February I've attended and/or met with the

- National Federation of Abstracting and Information Services (NFAIS);
- American Religion Data Archive advisory committee;
- Public Library Association;
- Indianapolis Center for Congregations;
- Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion;
- University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science;
- Scarecrow Press;
- Medical Library Association;
- ATLA Professional Development Committee

Here are some of the things I've seen and heard in those meetings.

"Google Is All I Need"

A number of user information studies indicate the incredible proliferation of reliance upon one, and only one, source for information among students, but also among faculty and researchers. The recent appearance of Google on the cover of Time magazine highlights the extent to which this trend has accelerated.

An April 12 AP article cited students' total abandonment of encyclopedias (not only paper, but even online encyclopedias) in favor of Google. Another recent study of reference librarians and university researchers found that, while the reference librarians continued to cite important secondary databases in the various disciplines, the researchers themselves are relying almost exclusively upon Google (80%).

User studies of university students find that the only reason students will use traditional discipline-specific databases is if doing so is part of an assignment from a faculty member.

If faculty researchers themselves are relying almost exclusively upon Google, however, how many of them are likely to encourage students to expand their searches beyond Google, to at least explore the resources and materials their libraries maintain?

It seems clear to me that a single generation of Google-dependent faculty would eliminate the major factor that leads students to explore and to use the library and its services and programs.

I believe that theological (and other academic) librarians need to adopt a "foot in the door" approach with faculty, taking advantage of every opportunity to expose them to the advantages of utilizing the full range of library resources and services in their own research and in their teaching and learning activities. We need to share with one another success stories about interaction with teaching faculty, and, as an association, we need to provide opportunities to help ATLA members be more courageous, creative, and effective in communicating with teaching faculty.

"Standards Are Us"

Those of us who have had the opportunity to explore graduate theological education before we studied library and information science, have personal knowledge of how many resources we missed in our earlier research because we didn't know how to search. Librarians know how to organize, how to classify, how to identify, and how to access information in specific academic disciplines.

Librarians' knowledge of and experience with standards is an intellectual asset that is of great potential value to teaching faculty. Librarians' core competencies are important.

- Authority Files: How can I be sure I've found all of an author's writings?
- Metadata: What fields do I search for different kinds of literature (essays, articles, conferences)?
- Search: How can I avoid finding all of the irrelevant information when I'm searching a database, and how can I be sure that I've found all of the useful information?
- Thesaurus: How can I find equivalent information for Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox topics, when they all use different terminology for the same thing?
- Classification: Where does my research topic fit into the larger scheme of things within theology and religion?

Librarians have knowledge and skills and experience that are vital and important and needed by students and faculty who are conducting research and teaching and learning. How are we, as theological librarians, sharing what we know with faculty, when what we know is of vital use to them? Are we reaching out to faculty, or are we simply waiting for them to come to ask for help. The user information surveys make it clear that the faculty are not likely to come seeking help; the burden falls on us librarians to prove the value of our standards, practice, and experiences.

I worked in a library that had, at one time, abandoned its reference desk. No one sat at a desk waiting for people to approach them. Instead, reference librarians circulated throughout the library, approaching students and faculty and offering their services.

Aren't there physical and virtual ways that we can do the same thing in our libraries today?

"This Library Is Your Library; This Library Is My Library"

Several years ago I heard about a library that installed a new online catalog. The library spent several days and evenings offering "faculty-only" introductions to the new system. They offered refreshments and entertainment and one-to-one assistance for faculty. Most importantly, however, they offered the faculty an opportunity to come to experiment and to learn to use the new resource without fear of embarrassment in front of their students.

Unlike scholars in the physical sciences (in which undergraduate and graduate students and faculty all learn to work together as a team), most theology and religion faculty were left to their own devices while they pursued their degrees and research projects. The humanities' research climate remains one of relative privacy, solitude, and competitive endeavor, and librarians need to be carefully attuned to faculty concerns and experience as they seek to establish a relationship of trust and support with them.

In the past, faculty members were the cornerstone of support for many of our libraries. They valued the library and its services and introduced generations of students to its physical and intellectual resources. Today librarians can no longer assume that same level of interest in and support for the library from a faculty that increasingly rely upon their own search strategies and abilities in an electronic world they access from their offices.

How will we reconnect with faculty and instill in them a similar pride of ownership in "their" library? That, I believe, is a very major challenge facing theological (and all academic) librarians today.

Dennis A. Norlin
ATLA Executive Director

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Staff Notes

Christian Kelm Dies

Former ATLA employee Christian Kelm died February 10 from complications from a heart attack. Christian was the digitization coordinator for the Center for Electronic Resources in Theology and Religion, the ATLA team that developed and worked on ATLAS from 1999 to 2001 in Atlanta. Christian was living in a hospice at the time of his death.

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ATLA Hires Indexers

Virginia "Ginny" Landgraf will begin on May 17 as a new indexer for the Retrospective Indexing Project (RIP). She has a PhD in Christian Ethics from Princeton Theological Seminary and an MA Union in Systematic Theology from San Francisco Theological Seminary/Graduate Theological. Among the language skills she brings are German, Thai, Lao, Koine Greek, Biblical Hebrew, and Latin. Ginny has most recently worked in Rare Books and Special Collections at Princeton University Library doing copy cataloging. Ginny is replacing Todd Ferry (who has become a regular indexer) on the *RIP* team. Tracie Guy has been hired for the new position of *ATLAS* indexer. Tracie will begin in late August after completing an advanced course in Modern Hebrew in Jerusalem this summer. She is currently working on her PhD at the University of Chicago's Divinity School with a concentration in the History of Judaism. She also has an MA in Religious Studies from the same school. Tracie has also worked as a marketing and sales representative for both Scarecrow Press and the Brookings Institution Press. Her language skills include German, French, and Hebrew. Ben Butler resigned his position as *RIP* indexer in March to pursue a career as an advertising copy writer. ATLA is now seeking to fill this second *RIP* indexer position.

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New Marketing and Sales Department Created

In September ATLA will create a new department of Marketing and Sales. For the past nine years marketing and sales efforts have been overseen by Pradeep Gamadia, director of financial services. Pradeep also has responsibility for all human resources programs and the increasingly complex financial transactions of the Association. Given the turbulence and rapid change in the publishing industry, we believe it is important to have a director who has sole responsibility for leading our marketing and sales efforts. We are currently in the process of searching for a new director of marketing and sales to lead the new department and plan to have the position filled by September 1.

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Newberry Library Symposium to Mark Advances in Digitization

Innodata Isogen and the Newberry Library in Chicago are organizing a series of discussions on digital content technologies and their impact on educational and cultural institutions. The symposium, entitled "The Economics of Digitization: Toward Sustainability and Institutional Collaboration," will take place May 17–18th at the Newberry Library. ATLA's Director of Electronic Products and Services, Tami Luedtke, has been invited to speak. Other panelists will include representatives from the Newberry Library, the Chicago Historical Society, the University of Chicago Press and University of Chicago Libraries, the University of Illinois, Northwestern University, the University of Michigan Libraries, and the Center for Research Libraries. More information is available on the web at www.innodata-isogen.com/events_main/economics_of_digitization. To view the symposium agenda go to www.newberry.org/nl/programs/PD_Agenda.html.

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This is Preservation!

Meet the Staff

Our preservation staff of four became an official department in September 2003. The Preservation Department is headed by director Russell Kracke. Russell oversees the staff, facilitates the On Demand program and grants, and is a cataloger for serials and books preserved in the program. Up until he landed in Chicago in 1996, he lived quite the nomadic life: he lived in St. Charles, Missouri; Rexburg, Idaho; Provo and Salt Lake City, Utah; various cities in Germany, including Heidelberg, Berlin, and Hamburg; and, of course, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He has worked in the library field for more than 14 years, including positions held at University of Utah's Marriott Library, WPIC Library at the University of Pittsburgh, Point Park College Library and Brentwood Library in Pittsburgh, Gerber/Hart Library in Chicago, and Evanston Public Library.

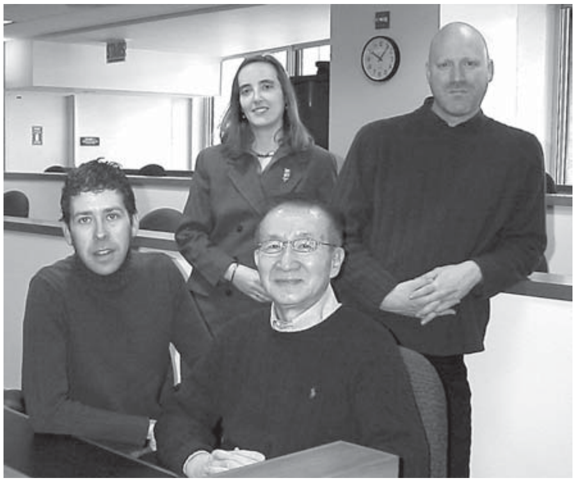

Photo: Top row (left to right): Diane Shannon and Russell Kracke. Bottom row (left to right): Kevin Stephens and Sang Sul.

Diane Shannon, preservation specialist at ATLA since April 15, 2002, was born and raised in western Washington State. She graduated in 1987 with honors from North Kitsap High School in Poulsbo, Washington, and then attended The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington. There, she majored in social science and minored in English literature, earning her BA in 1991. In 1993, she moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to attend the University of Pittsburgh's School of Library and Information Science, and there earned her MLS with a concentration in archives management. Since graduating from Pitt in December of 1994, Diane has held a number of archives management and library positions, including: project archivist for the Chicago Historical Society; assistant archivist for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's National Archives; consulting archivist for the Gerber/Hart Library and Archives, Chicago; consulting archivist for Harris Bank, Chicago; assistant archivist for Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, Chicago; librarian at Del Webb Hospital, Sun City West, Arizona; and librarian at Rhodes College, Phoenix. While at Rhodes College, she also served as an adjunct faculty member, teaching courses in political science, English literature, and English composition. In her current position at ATLA, Diane seeks replacements in the On Demand program and for NEH grants, is ATLA's archives liaison with Yale University, and is a filmer in ATLA's Preservation Microfilm Center (PMC).

Kevin Stephens, microfilm specialist, oversees daily operation of ATLA's microfilm center for a variety of clients. Before joining ATLA in 2002, he worked for seven years as staff photographer for the Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences in Tulsa, Oklahoma, winning several national awards while there. The unique technical challenges of producing consistent, archival-quality microfilm from a wide variety of source materials allows him to draw upon his background as a traditional photographer, having discovered the technical issues of both mediums are very similar. Kevin has photographed extensively throughout the southwest United States, being drawn most strongly to images of rural decay. He has taught and continues to teach photography workshops and classes to all levels of students and has served on Oklahoma State University's advisory board for photography.

Sang Sul, also a microfilm specialist, trained Kevin Stephens in the craft of microfilming. Sang operates MRD-2 microfilm cameras and develops, processes, and prints microfilm in three generations. Originally from Korea, Sang studied economics in the United States but eventually came to work at the University of Chicago's Photoduplication Center. He became head of the Center in 1978. In 1994, Sang went into business for himself, opening the Preservation Microfilming Company and, alongside his wife Han, became the sole microfilmer for ATLA On Demand program. In 2001, ATLA purchased Sang's microfilming equipment and opened up the PMC. Sang came to work full-time for ATLA until December 2002 and, after a brief four-month retirement—to the pleasure of the department—has returned to ATLA to work part-time.

Grants

The Preservation Department has been fortunate to take part in three nearly back-to-back grants, funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), since 1993. The first grant, which lasted from 1993 to 1998, *Journal Literature in Religion, 1850–1950,* preserved on microfilm 300 key religious and theological journals of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. It was followed in 2000 by a three-year grant, *Christianity and the Encounter with World Religion, 1850–1950,* which preserved 504 titles representative of non-Christian, missionary, and syncretistic religious journals. Our third and current grant, *African American Religious Serials, 1850–1950,* was entirely funded by NEH and should reach completion by April 2005. It is expected during this two-year grant that ATLA will film 152 journals pertaining to African American periodical literature, African American church annuals and reports, and African American social service agency reports. The department is now looking into future grants that not only preserve religious and theological periodicals on microfilm but will provide digital access to them as well.

On Demand Program

Operating the On Demand program since 1957, ATLA opened in January 2002 its very own in-house laboratory for preservation microfilming, the PMC. The PMC has two camera studios, a darkroom, and processing lab. To date ATLA has preserved more than 2,500 serials and 1,400 monographs and archival collections on 35mm microfilm and 27,727 monographs on microfiche. The preservation staff prides itself in producing the highest quality microfilm, using current professional standards and guidelines. All serial titles are cataloged for inclusion in OCLC and RLIN and are CONSER-authenticated. ATLA is also an independent member of NACO. Since 1996, camera masters have been stored in an underground vault at Iron Mountain/NUS in Western Pennsylvania. Serial titles and archival collections are marketed by Scholarly Resources in Wilmington, Delaware.

Technology

Perhaps most exciting for librarians and researchers is APCAT, the new ATLA Preservation Online Catalog, which, for the first time ever, makes publicly and freely available the bibliographic records for all ATLA titles produced on 35mm microfilm and microfiche in an easy-to-use web application. It offers keyword, title, author, and subject searching. Searches can also be limited to "serials only." APCAT has been available since December 2003.

And finally, introduced also in December 2003, is ATLA's revamped homepage, which now has a direct link to ATLA's various preservation web pages. The site provides links to APCAT, the department's staff, department history, and details regarding the On Demand filming. If you're interested in finding out more about how you can participate in ATLA's On Demand program, contact Russell Kracke at rkracke@atla.com or call at 888.665.2852.

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Computers in Libraries Conference Recap

On March 10–12, I attended the 2004 Computers in Libraries conference in Washington, DC. The most unfortunate part of my experience at this year's conference was that I wished I had been able to meet up with more ATLA members attending the conference. There were 2,200 confirmed attendees to the conference, so I'm sure there were many ATLA members present, but I didn't want to be too obvious about staring overtly at nametags . . .

I attended eighteen workshops and sessions, most of which were extremely informative, and which I wanted to share with you all. I'll detail my favorite ones below:

Of the three keynote speeches at the conference, my favorite was by Clifford Lynch and was entitled Expectations for Our Digital Future. Lynch is the Director of the Coalition of Networked Information, a former president of ASIS, and a member of NISO. Lynch started out discussing ethical concerns about the future of technology, for instance, the use of machines to jam cell phones in buildings where it is annoying to hear a cell phone ring, like a movie theater . . . do we really want to do this? What if there is a doctor with a phone who needs to be able to receive incoming calls? Lynch then talked about the trend of networks getting faster and bandwith getting higher, and about the fallout from the dotcom boom and bust and how private investors are now able to create private networks of fiber through densewave multiplexing. Dense wavelength multiplexing is a technology that puts data from different sources together on an optical fiber, with each signal carried at the same time on its own separate light wavelength. Using DWM, many separate wavelengths or channels of data can be multiplexed into a lightstream transmitted on a single optical fiber.

Along with all of this new technology comes unintended consequences and privacy concerns, however, such as the new technology of shelving computers that allows books to announce their titles—what if you're at the Borders and you don't want to the world to know that you're reading Vanna White's autobiography? Along with Spam has comea whole wave of counter-ad technology: anti-spamware, TiVo, etc. Lynch discussed how it used to be that writing or typing was intended for human consumption only . . . now, not all readers are human—in fact, indexing programs like Google are often the receiver that humans are communicating with when we type things into search engines or purchase something off of the Internet. Lynch also touched on the "Deep Web," using smarter, deeper indexing of databases (e.g., *ATLA Religion Database*!) instead of broad and shallow indexing databases.

I attended a very interesting session led by Greg Notess on Unsolicited Commercial Emails. Notess is a reference librarian at Montana State and is also an Internet consultant and writer. Notess' workshop was on Spam, but we were encouraged to refer to Spam by the technical, politically correct name of "unsolicited commercial emails," because the poor company that produces actual Spam (the faux-meat product) is having a dickens of a time attempting to disassociate their product from the unappetizing email version of the same name. Notess started off by showing us Spam stats from http://brightmail.com/spamstats.html, which shows the astonishing levels of Spam on bandwith. Because Spam is so pervasive, there has been a backlash of aggressive filtering products, which can lead to a loss of real, legit, messages, as well as the increased difficulty of finding real email addresses on the web that work—many sites are abandoning posting email addresses in favor of having pre-addressed forms, or are posting faux addresses in an attempt to fool the harvesting spambots.

Notess described the different types of Spam that we have all come to know and love (er, hate): the Nigerian (or insert your own country) money scam, the Enlargement (of various objects) ads, discount drugs and mortgage ads, Spam against Spam ads ("Do you have too much Spam? Buy our software!"), and Phishing, which is a Spam attack that ATLA encountered within the past couple of weeks, both among staff and on ATLANTIS. Phishing is when spammers create a replica of an existing email domain to fool a user into submitting personal, financial, or password data (www.wordspy.com/words/phishing.asp).

There are many ways to avoid Spam. One way is to keep email addresses private, and not post them to a web site. Another option is to periodically kill an email address and replace it with a new one, or to have multiple email addresses for different parts/functions of your electronic life (one email address for family, one for friends, one for business contacts, one for customers, etc). Another option to avoid Spam is to turn off the remote image acceptance option in email, if your email account allows for this (not an option yet in Outlook). Many times spammers will include a single-pixel image in their email, which is virtually transparent to the user, but which, when opened, will send a message back to the spammer to let him/her know that the email was indeed opened, and essentially, that a real human is on the other end and is available for future spamming. Scary! Of course, filters are another option to avoid Spam, although filters carry their own problems, such as the deletion of valid emails. There are also white and black lists in some email providers (white lists keep track of all acceptable email addresses that one is willing to receive email from, while blacklists are known Spam domains and addresses that should be disallowed). Items on a blacklist can be dealt with by, among other ways, bouncing back the message to the sender, redirecting it, and encapsulating it in another email to make the email innocuous for the reader to peruse and delete at will.

Probably my favorite session was by Mary Ellen Bates, principal at Bates Information System Consulting and former reference librarian. Bates is the author of several books in Internet searching, and was an incredibly dynamic speaker—her presentation was entitled 30+ Tips in 40 Minutes. I'll list my favorites below:

- Always use more than one search engine (surprisingly little overlap occurs between search engines, and relevance ranking surfaces different URLs). Bates has a test that she performed regarding this at www.batesinfo.com/tip.html#July2003.
- Use AltaVista's "world keyboard" to insert non-Roman characters into a browser's search field (this is really cool, check it out at http://babel.altavista.com/babelfish/kb). This is great for ATLA.
- Use spell-check to identify American-only spellings (fiber/fibre, labor/labour, etc.) by typing search terms in Word, setting language to UK English (under tools menu), and then running spell-check. Many web sites (most, if you look at the web in broad terms) do not use American English.
- Watch for alternate phrasing—in other parts of the world, "retirement" is referred to as "superannuation," and "revenue" is called "turnover." One tool that is neat is www.eurotexte.fr/translation/tips_brit_vs_amer.shtml.

Please feel free to email me with your own experiences at the Computers In Libraries Conference . . . I would love to hear about them, and perhaps at next year's conference, we can have an ATLA dine-around!

Kristi Terbrack
ATLA Product Support Analyst

ATLA Calendar

April

April 1–2 Professional Development Committee, Chicago
April 7 Norlin, Ammerman meet with Scarecrow Press, Baltimore
April 8 Norlin at Mortenson Center for International Librarianship, Urbana/Champaign, IL
April 12 Tellers Committee, Chicago
April 14–15 Jones, Whittlesey at meeting planners seminars, Chicago
April 15–16 International Collaboration Committee, Chicago
April 22 Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day
April 28 Des Plaines Public Library staff at ATLA
April 29 Digital Standards and Projects Committee, Chicago
April 30 New librarians from UIUC at ATLA

May

May 7 ACL representative at ATLA
May 27 Brill representative at ATLA
May 31 Memorial Day, ATLA office closed

June

June 16–19 Annual Conference, Kansas City, MO

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