



ATLA NEWSLETTER

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From the President New Year's Goals

*Submitted by Matthew Ostercamp,
ATLA President*

Hello from sunny San Diego! I'm writing from the University of California at San Diego (UCSD), where preparations are underway for the start of another school year. Early August is the time many of us finalize our goals for the

upcoming academic year. The ATLA Board of Directors has some goals for 2017-2018 that I wanted to share with you.

ATLA uses Carver Policy Governance. Under this model, the Board establishes a set of objectives for the Association, known as Organizational Ends, and then monitors the achievement of those ends. Last year the Board adopted a new set of Organizational Ends for ATLA (<https://www.atla.com/about/who/Pages/MissionStatement.aspx>). One goal for this year is to carefully review the initial Ends reports and provide constructive feedback how to meaningfully assess if we are moving in the right direction.

A second goal is to review the Board's communication with our members. We have a duty to govern in the best interest of the Association and we hope to improve the way we hear from and communicate to the people ATLA exists to serve. I will share more with you throughout the year on progress toward this goal.

The third goal is why I'm writing from San Diego. In pursuit of ATLA's vision of becoming the worldwide hub of scholarly communication in theology and religion, the Board will be learning more about scholarly communication this year. I'm at UCSD attending the Force11 Scholarly Communication (<https://www.force11.org/fsci>) Institute with Andy Keck from Task Force on Scholarly Communication in Religion and Theology (<https://www.atla.com/Members/divisions/committees/Pages/Task-Force-on-Scholarly-Communication-in-Religion-and-Theology.aspx>). I look forward to sharing what I'm learning with the Board in future meetings and with you in future columns.

Until then, happy new year!



From Staff Leadership

Change Is in the Air for ATLA Member Libraries

*Submitted by Brenda Bailey-
Hainer, ATLA Executive Director*

Last month, ATLA's Director of Member Programs Gillian Harrison Cain and I visited several ATLA member libraries in Pennsylvania.

During all three visits, library staff

talked about plans for upcoming changes to their programs, buildings, and campuses.

In Hatfield, PA, at Biblical Theological Seminary, Director of Library Services Lydia Putnam greeted us and provided a tour of the library. BTS Library began using OCLC WMS in 2015, a change which freed up staff time by streamlining management of their periodicals, acquisitions, and cataloging. Lydia is also serving as Interim Webmaster for the Seminary and built a Library 101 course within their Moodle learning management system. The building that houses the library has limited space for shelving due to weight restrictions. But both the good news and the bad news is that she expects to be moving the collection to a new facility after next academic year because the Seminary has received an offer on the property and plans to relocate.

Over in Blue Bell, PA, the Reformed Episcopal Seminary is in the process of expanding their physical footprint. The Kuehner Memorial Library houses around 40,000 volumes and supports both the M.Div. program and courses for deacons and lay persons. Currently, the school offers only in-person courses and recently purchased a nearby building with plans to expand their classroom space. We were honored to meet with Librarian Rev. M. Russell Buchanan and Chancellor and President Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks who told us that Reformed Episcopal Seminary was one of the first seminaries in the country to admit African American students.

Our tour of a trio of Pennsylvania libraries ended with the Ryan Memorial Library at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood, PA. The library, which has around 87,000 circulating volumes and 50,000 bound journals, is housed in a beautifully light-filled building. Cait Kokolus, Vice-President, recently took over responsibility for the Philadelphia Archdiocesan Historical Records and oversaw a huge reorganization and relocation project, moving the

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Change is in the Air Continued

records to a renovated elementary school. This new facility will be dedicated in the fall. Even more changes may be coming. After considering several different options for reconfiguring the use of the buildings on their existing campus and selling part of the land, the seminary is now exploring the possibility of an affiliation with Neumann University. Although any such affiliation is likely a few years out, Library Director James Humble is already thinking ahead. When the plans earlier were to consolidate the seminary into fewer buildings on the current campus, about 50,000 volumes were weeded from the collection.

It was just coincidence that all three seminaries we visited on the same day have plans for changes to their physical plant and in two cases with direct impact on the library. But there have been many announcements during the past year about explorations of affiliations or mergers that will definitely impact the library – Andover Newton Theological School and Yale Divinity School, Trinity Lutheran Seminary and Capital University, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg and The Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia, Episcopal Divinity School and Union Theological Seminary, and Claremont School of Theology and Willamette University to name just a few.

When the physical location of a library must change – whether by choice or by necessity – it's easy to get caught up in the enormity of the task and to mourn the loss of a familiar place. But it's important to remember that the library is not just about the building and the physical objects housed there. It's also about the librarians and staff who bring the library to life. And also to recognize – as these librarians have done — that with any change comes the opportunity to reinvent the library in ways that even better support the work of the seminary in the 21st century.

Renew Your ATLA Membership for 2017-2018

ATLA membership renewal season is upon us!

A message from ATLA Board President Matthew Ostercamp was e-mailed to all current members the first week of August. All Individual and Student members and member representatives of Institutional and Affiliate members should have received this first e-mail notice regarding membership renewals. If you did not receive a renewal notice, please contact memberrep@atla.com.

The ATLA membership year runs from September 1 through August 31. Renew today (<https://www.atla.com/Members/Pages/Membership-Renew.aspx>), so you don't miss out on benefits and programs available to your membership type.

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

ATLA Committee and Task Force Appointments

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

Thank you for your service:

Conference Committee

- Miranda Bennett (7/2014 – 6/2017) – served as chair 2016-2017
- Pat Graham (7/2014 – 6/2017) – served as chair 2015-2016

Endowment Committee

- Marti Alt (7/2010 – 6/2017)

Professional Development Committee

- Megan Welsh (7/2014 – 6/2017) – served as chair 2016-2017

ATLA Committee and Task Force Appointments, 2017-2018

The membership of each of ATLA's committees for 2017-2018, as of July 1, 2017, includes:

Committee for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

- Donna Wells (7/2016 – 6/2019), Chair 2/2017 – 6/2018
- Drew Baker (2/2017 – 6/2018)
- Evan Boyd (7/2017 – 6/2020)
- Ondrea Murphy (7/2016 – 6/2019)
- Lee Staman (3/2017 – 6/2018)

Conference Committee

- Paul Tippey (7/2015 – 6/2018), Chair (7/2017 – 6/2018)
- Robert Burgess (7/2015 – 6/2018)
- Erica Durham – 2017 Local Host Committee Representative (7/2016-6/2018)
- Rebecca Mendelson (7/2015 – 6/2018)
- Shanee' Yvette Murrain (7/2016 – 6/2020)
- Robert Roethemeyer – 2018 Local Host Committee Representative (2/2017 – 6/2019)
- Matthew Thiesen (7/2015 – 6/2019)
- TBD – 2019 Local Host Committee Representative (7/2017 – 6/2020)
- Miranda Bennett – Proceedings Editor in Chief, ex-officio – (7/2017 – 6/2020)

Endowment Committee

- Sharon Taylor, Chair (7/2015-6/2022)
- Eric Benoy (12/2015 – 6/2022)
- Pat Graham (7/2017 – 6/2024)
- Dennis Swanson (7/2012 – 6/2019)

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Appointments Continued**Professional Development Committee**

- Wesley Custer (7/2015 – 6/2018), Chair 7/2017 – 6/2018
- Martha Adkins (7/2016 – 6/2019)
- Yasmine Abou-El-Kheir (7/2016 – 6/2019)
- Michael Bradford (7/2015 – 6/2018)
- James Estes (12/2014 – 6/2018)
- Warren Watson (7/2017 – 6/2020)

Task Force on Scholarly Communication in Religion and Theology

- Andy Keck, Chair
- Clifford Anderson
- Chris Anderson
- Debbie Creamer
- Jérémie LeBlanc

ATLA Publishing Program Appointments**Publishing Program Committee**

- Gillian Harrison Cain, Chair
- Miranda Bennett, *Proceedings* Editor in Chief (7/2017-6/2020)
- Gary F. Daught (At Large) (1/2017-12/2019)
- Leslie Engelson, *Theology Cataloging Bulletin* Editor in Chief (7/2016-6/2019)
- David Kohl, Monographs Interim Editor in Chief (9/2016 – 6/2018)
- Melody Layton McMahon (At Large) (2/2017-12/2019)
- Jennifer Woodruff-Tait, *Theological Librarianship* Editor-in-Chief (1/2017-12/2019)

Proceedings

- Editor in Chief: Miranda Bennett (7/2017-6/2020)

Theology Cataloging Bulletin

- Editor in Chief: Leslie Engelson (7/2016-6/2019)
- Contributor: Anna Appleman
- Contributor: Ann Heinrichs

Monographs

- Editor in Chief – Interim: David Kohl (9/2016 – 6/2018)
- Editor: Christopher Rogers (5/2017 – 12/2018)
- Editor: Matthew Collins (7/2017 – 12/2019)

Theological Librarianship

- Editor in Chief: Jennifer Woodruff-Tait (1/2017-12/2019)
- Editor: Chris Anderson (7/2017 – 6/2018)
- Editor: Richard Manly “Bo” Adams, Jr. (7/2017 – 6/2020)
- Editor: Barnaby Hughes (1/2017-12/2019)
- Editor: Keegan Osinski (1/2017-12/2019)

Submit your 2018 ATLA Annual Conference Proposal

Submitted by Paul Tippey, Chair, ATLA Conference Committee

The ATLA Conference Committee invites members and friends to submit proposals for the 2018 ATLA Annual Conference, June 13-16, 2017, in Indianapolis, IN.

The deadline for all submissions (<http://bit.ly/2018ATLAProposal>) is Friday, September 22, 2017.

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

Proposals should be made in one of the following categories:

- Conversation Groups
- In-Conference Workshops
- Interest Group Presentations
- Listen & Learn Sessions
- Panel Presentations
- Papers
- Posters or Other Special Sessions
- Pre-Conference Workshops

If accepted this proposal will be published as submitted in conference promotions, including the official Conference Program Book. Before submitting, please proofread and use single space only.

Proposals should include a title that captures the scope of the session; an abstract of no more than 200 words outlining the significance and focus of the presentation; and the name(s), e-mail address(es), and institution(s) of the presenter(s).

Once you've started your proposal, you can simply visit the same link to edit your submission.

Description of session types is provided below:

- **Conversation Groups** – scheduled in a 50-minute time slot, presenter(s) gives brief introductory remarks (no longer than 10 minutes) and facilitates a discussion among participants
- **In-conference Workshops** – scheduled in a 50-minute time slot during conference time, workshop leaders operate in a classroom environment to deliver training on a specific topic
- **Interest Group Presentations** – these are sponsored by recognized ATLA Interest Groups. Format and length can vary from 50-minute papers or panels to multi-hour on-site field trips

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- **Listen and Learn Sessions** – scheduled in a 50-minute time slot, the session leader(s) provides practical training, introduces a new product or idea, and/or showcases best practices in a particular area of librarianship — time for questions should be included
- **Panel Presentations** – scheduled in a 50-minute time slot, a moderator and a maximum of four panelists present a topic or the results of research to the audience, leaving time for questions and answers
- **Papers** – scheduled in a 50-minute slot, a single presenter reads a paper or presents research to the audience, leaving time for questions and answers
 - *Special Paper Instructions* – Paper presenters are encouraged to post their papers to the conference website one (1) month prior to the conference in order to allow attendees to review the paper in advance of the presentation. At the conference, the presenter should plan to present an executive summary and leave ample time for questions and discussion during the presentation.
- **Poster Sessions** – scheduled in a 60-minute time slot, the informal session presenter(s) deliver(s) information that would be useful to the theological librarianship community
- **Pre-conference Workshops** – scheduled for a half day (3.5 hours) or full day (7 hours) on Wednesday, workshop leaders operate in a classroom environment to deliver in-depth training on a specific topic

2017 ATLA Annual Conference Wrap Up

Submitted by Denise McFarlin, ATLA Meeting Specialist

The 2017 ATLA Annual Conference, *Southern Harmony: The Human Touch in the Digital Age*, was held in Atlanta, Georgia, June 14-17. The conference was a tremendous success and attracted a crowd of 300 members, exhibitors, and international guests. With the help of the Local Host Committee, comprised of representatives from Columbia Theological Seminary, Pitts Theology Library-Candler School of Theology-Emory University, Erskine Theological Seminary, Robert W. Woodruff Library, Atlanta University Center – The Interdenominational Theological Center, and Mercer University-McAfee School of Theology, we experienced “Southern Harmony” in every aspect of the conference.

Held at the Crowne Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia, the location provided everything imaginable within walking distance. It was a mix of premium shopping, a range of dining options from upscale to fast food, and for the young at heart, a carnival. In addition, we had great programming, speakers, and excursions that only complimented our stay. Our Local Hosts did a wonderful job on all of the ideas and events that were prepared for our conference attendees.

A Conference of Firsts

A first this year was the two-hour opening reception with the exhibitors on Wednesday evening. This change allowed everyone to take advantage of meeting new and old friends as they visited and met with all the exhibitors throughout the evening. In addition to Wednesday night, attendees had opportunities to eat breakfast with exhibitors on Thursday and Friday morning.

Also unique this year was the all-conference evening event at Emory, which included tours of the newly constructed Pitts Theology Library, a Sacred Harp Sing, and a reception featuring a wide variety of delicious burritos.

Invited Speakers Stimulate Conversation and Promote the Conference Theme

The general sessions, including the plenary speakers and all-conference lunch, greatly enriched the week with dynamic speakers and thought-provoking presentations. The opening plenary speaker was Rev. Dr. Christian Scharen, Vice President of Applied Research, Co-Director of the Center for the Study of Theological Education, Auburn Theological Seminary of New York. Friday’s plenary speaker was Loretta Parham, CEO & Director, Robert W. Woodruff Library, Atlanta University Center. The Saturday Closing Luncheon was presented by Heather Joseph, Executive Director, SPARC (the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition).

On Thursday, we had an all-conference lunch that highlighted the recent study by ITHAKA S+R, “Research Practices of Religious Studies Scholars.” During lunch, representatives from ITHAKA S+R and ATLA provided presentations on ATLA’s role in sponsoring the report and the importance of the project to ATLA and its members. The conversation continued after lunch with a special session from Roger Schonfeld, Director, Libraries and Scholarly Communication Program, ITHAKA S+R, and others involved in this project. Learn more about the study here (<https://newsletter.atla.com/2017/supporting-the-changing-research-practices-of-religious-studies-scholars-report-available/>).

Specially-Made Tote Bags are a Big Hit!

I cannot omit the fact that this year the conference buzz was all about the “tote bags” that were made by re:loom. This not-for-profit employs and empowers homeless and low-income individuals through weaving beautifully-designed products out of upcycled materials. The bags helped to inspire buzzing conversation among attendees and create networking opportunities for this great not-for-profit. Read more about how this partnership came about (<https://newsletter.atla.com/2017/reloom/>).

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Something for Everyone

The pre-conference workshops were compelling and provided a great start to the professional development of all that attended. With over one hundred additional papers, conversation groups, workshops, interest groups, panels, listen and learns, poster sessions, exhibitor showcases, denominational meetings, diverse worship services, and committee/regional group lunches, it is safe to say that the 2017 ATLA Annual Conference, once again, provided something for everyone.

Along with the many programs, attendees also took advantage of excursions to the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library, Martin Luther King Center, and a baseball game at the new SunTrust Park Stadium.

A Big Thank You

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

And as always, we are already planning our next ATLA conference. Join us in Indianapolis, Indiana, for *Connecting at the Crossroads, Creative Collaboration in a Changing Landscape*, held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, June 13-16, 2018. The Conference Committee will launch the proposal form soon, so stay tuned for further details via the 2018 conference website (<https://www.atla.com/Members/conference/Pages/default.aspx>), Facebook, and other ATLA communications.

Click here to see more photos from the conference (<https://www.flickr.com/photos/youratla/albums/72157682381943384>).

Luther, Barth, and Movements of Theological Renewal

Submitted by Ginny Landgraf, ATLA Indexer-Analyst

In June I attended the 2017 Karl Barth conference organized by the Center for Barth Studies at Princeton Theological Seminary Library (<http://barth.ptsem.edu/>). Karl Barth (1886-1968), Swiss Reformed theologian, continues to spur lively thought nearly fifty years after his death.

What is the Big Thing about Barth?

“What is the big thing about Barth?” a church history PhD candidate once asked me when I was working on my doctorate in the theology department at Princeton Theological Seminary. I was not writing my dissertation on Barth, but on another theologian influenced by Barth (Jacques Ellul), and I had written my master’s thesis on Barth, so I count as a Barth sympathizer. The question was not directed to me individually but at the fact that the theology department as a

whole had so many Barth scholars. At the time, I said that Barth enabled one to run with classical Christian doctrines such as substitutionary atonement without using a doctrine of biblical inerrancy to get there.

Sociologically, in seminaries such as Princeton that belong to mainline denominations, Barth’s theology appeals to two constituencies that meet in the middle: former fundamentalists who find that their interpretation of the Bible allows for multivocal and figurative readings that are rejected by the church milieu they came from, and people of mainline Christian or secular heritage who are finding that assimilating theology to secular culture leaves one with no lever to challenge that culture. This same attribute of Barth’s theology means that he has been castigated as too liberal by fundamentalists and viewed as suspiciously fundamentalistic by certain kinds of liberal thinkers.

Among the membership of American churches that are sympathetic to Barth, he may be most known for his resistance to Hitler, including his authorship of the Barmen Declaration (1934), which declared that Jesus Christ, not a government policy or a created thing like a nationality, is the one Word of God whom Christians must trust and obey. This document has passed into the confessional heritage of several churches.

Barth’s vast output (his main work of doctrinal theology alone, the *Church Dogmatics*, includes thirteen part-volumes, most several hundred pages in length), articulate wrestling with a wide variety of contemporary and historical thinkers, and engagement in the pressing issues of his day have provided grounds for many stimulating conferences at the Barth Center and elsewhere.

The Center for Barth Studies

The Center, founded in 1997, has been holding annual conferences since 2006. The conferences attract a mixed group of academics and pastors. Among past topics have been Barth and biblical interpretation; Barth and evangelicalism; Barth and mission; Barth, the Jews, and Judaism; and Barth and Pentecostalism. This year, in keeping with the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther’s 95 Theses, a “Barth and Luther” or “Barth and the Reformation” topic might have been expected. However, the conference organizers thought that “Barth and Luther” had been discussed considerably elsewhere. Instead, they chose to narrow their focus time-wise to Barth’s post-World War I and pre-*Church Dogmatics* work and expand their focus discipline-wise to include other Christian theologians of the time, Jewish thinkers, and philosophers. The result was “Luther, Barth, and Movements of Theological Renewal (1918-1933).” The context for these movements was primarily Weimar Germany. (Barth, although Swiss, held various professorships in Germany between 1921 and 1935.)

World War I had already been a shock to the young Barth, who had studied in Germany before beginning his pastorate

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in Switzerland. He was dismayed to see his German theology professors on a list of intellectuals who supported the Kaiser's war effort. Eventually he came to the conclusion that the theology that he had been trained in assimilated God to human experience in such a way that it did not allow God to break in and challenge things that seem noble from a human point of view but are perverse from God's point of view. As a result, his theology in the late 1910s and early 1920s emphasized God as "wholly other," God's judgment on all human projects, and the "strange new world of the Bible" as challenging human speculation in theology. These positions have affinities with Luther's theology of the radicality of sin and grace and the fact that God comes to us under the guise of what seems opposite to God (the crucifixion of Jesus Christ).

Luther, Barth, and Movements of Theological Renewal

The conference showed that Barth's thought fit in with a matrix of theological and intellectual controversies spurred by the crisis of World War I and the turmoil of the Weimar years. Heinrich Assel's paper, "Luther Renaissance and Dialectical Theology: A Tour d'Horizon 1906-1935," discussed questions of Luther's legacy and relevance for contemporary political positions among church historians and theologians of the 1920s and 1930s. Was Luther to be interpreted as sanctioning political conformism or the responsibility of the individual conscience? Does Luther's doctrine of the priesthood of all believers lead to a doctrine of the "church of the people" interpreted along ethnic lines? Should the state be centered around the leader or constitutional law? These were not idle questions in the Germany of 1933.

Barth, although Reformed, worked closely with Lutheran theologians in the Confessing Church movement against the Nazis' attempts to bar people of Jewish ancestry from church positions and to remake church theology along lines that portrayed a heroic, Aryan Christ. Volker Leppin's paper, "Luther and Mysticism: The Case of the Seebergs and Vogelsang" showed how interpretations of medieval German mysticism's influence on Luther increasingly emphasized the nationalistic aspect over the course of three generations of historiography.

Questions of theological retrieval arose in treatments of Friedrich Gogarten, Werner Elert, and Paul Althaus, all of whom had, at various times, supported some aspect of Nazi policy or ideology, although some later drew back. What aspects of their theology are worthy of retrieval, and what aspects led to collusion with evil? Isolating the two categories is not a cut-and-dried task.

Papers on Hermann Cohen, Rudolf Otto, Walter Benjamin, Martin Buber, and Martin Heidegger added to the philosophical and interreligious context. Besides the political issues already mentioned, recurring themes included the nature of revelation and language (revelation as presence vs. revelation as

content) and the relation of hope and faith to negativity and the void (in times of crisis, when what one has hoped in has proved disappointing, negation may seem more hopeful than a false optimism).

All in all, it was a very stimulating conference, and the Barth Center hopes to do it again next year with "Barth and the Future of Liberation Theology."

ATLA Job Board

- ATLA, Chicago, IL, is looking for a Digital Collections Metadata Librarian and Scholarly Communication/Open Access Publishing Manager and Development Lead
- Concordia University, Irvine, CA, is looking for a General Services Librarian
- Corrigan Memorial Library, St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, NY, is looking for a Full Time Librarian
- Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, is looking for a Cataloging and Metadata Librarian
- Lapp Learning Commons, Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL, is looking for a Learning Commons Internship
- Liberty University, Jerry Falwell Library, Lynchburg, VA, is looking for a Research Assistance Librarian
- Mid-Atlantic Christian University, Elizabeth City, NC, is looking for a Library Director
- Theological Book Network (TBN), Grand Rapids, MI, is looking for a President and CEO

Find the job listings here: <https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/default.aspx>

SWBTS Librarians Recognized for Achievements

Two librarians from Institutional Member Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (<https://swbts.edu/>) recently were recognized for their achievements in the areas of indexing and cataloging.

Robert Burgess, Digital Resources Librarian, received the 2017 Barbara K. Nelson Indexer of the Year Award from the Association of Christian Librarians (ACL) (<http://www.acl.org/>). This award was given to Robert for his work with the *Christian Periodical Index*® (CPI®).

Heather Hicks, Technical Services Librarian, has become a member of the Name Authority Cooperative Program (NACO). She has completed her training with the Library of Congress and is now approved to perform Name Authority Record cataloging.

Please join us in congratulating Robert and Heather on these fantastic accomplishments.

Read more on SWBTS Quick Takes (<https://swbts.edu/news/quick-takes/southwestern-librarians-recognized-achievements/>).

Christopher J. Anderson Appointed New Special Collections Librarian at Yale Divinity Library

We are excited to announce that Christopher J. Anderson has been named the Special Collections Librarian and Curator of the Day Missions Collection at Yale Divinity Library at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut (<http://web.library.yale.edu/divinity>).

Chris was formerly the Associate Dean of Libraries at Drew University, preceded by his time as Head of Special Collections, Archives, and Methodist Librarian. He also hosted a college radio show and served as the baseball coach at Drew University. He received his PhD and MPhil in Religion from Drew, MSLIS from Syracuse University, MDiv from Asbury Seminary, and BS from Houghton College.

Please join us in congratulating Chris on his new position.

Kristine Veldheer Appointed Library Director of Paul Bechtold Library

Kristine Veldheer has been appointed as the Library Director of the Paul Bechtold Library at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, Illinois (<http://www.ctu.edu/>).

Kris previously served at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, as Instructor for Interactive Teaching, and at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California, as Head of Public Services and as an Instruction and Technology Librarian.

She holds an MDiv in Counseling and Pastoral Care from Western Theological Seminary and two MA degrees, one in Instructional Technology from San José State, and the other in Library and Information Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Please join us in congratulating Kris on her new position!

Read CTU's press release for more information (<http://www.ctu.edu/press-releases/article/kristine-veldheer-named-new-library-director>).

Pitts Theology Library Announces Interim Library Director

On September 1, Richard Manly "Bo" Adams, Jr., Head of Public Services at Pitts Theology Library, will become the interim library director for the Pitts Library.

Bo came to the Pitts Library in 2013 to serve as reference and systems librarian and was later promoted to Head of Public Services. He holds the PhD in New Testament from Emory University and has recently completed his MLIS from the University of Alabama.

The Candler School of Theology has a search underway for the new library director and expects to have this person in place on January 1, 2018.

New Featured Offers from JSTOR: Archive Journal Collections, Religion & Theology, Sustainability

JSTOR and SCELCL have partnered to offer a 10-year, predictable pricing option for the Archive Journal Collections (<https://scelc.org/offers/jstor-journals>) as an alternative to the standard ACF/AAF model to accommodate institutions with limited budgets. This offer also includes discounts on the new JSTOR Sustainability journal collection subscription pricing. Additionally, there are special savings for institutions who add the JSTOR Religion & Theology archive journal collection in 2017 (<https://scelc.org/offers/jstor-religion-theology>).

This offer is available to libraries participating in the ATLA/SCELCL Affiliate Program (<https://www.atla.com/Members/programs/Pages/ATLA-SCELCL-Affiliate-Program.aspx>). If you are an ATLA Institutional member and would like to join this program, please apply on the SCELCL website (<https://scelc.org/join-scelc/atla-scelc-affiliate-program>).

Order forms are due: December 22, 2017

Pricing details:

- **Arts & Sciences and Life Sciences Archive Journal Collections** have their Archive Capital Fees (ACFs), typically required up front and in-full, spread out over the first 10 years in an effort to lower the barrier to entry for institutions with limited budgets. The ACF/AAF model with the standard SCELCL discounts is also available for these collections.
- **Religion & Theology Archive Journal Subject Collection** pricing has a 10% discount on the Annual Access Fee (AAF), providing institutions savings year to year.

Visit our website and log in to review the full offer and pricing details:

- JSTOR Archive Journal Collections and Sustainability SCELCL offer page
- JSTOR Religion & Theology Archive Journal Subject Collection SCELCL offer page

These discounts will not be available in 2018! Contact SCELCL Offers (offers@scelc.org) with any questions or requests you may have.

Call for Submissions: 2017 ATLA Summary of Proceedings

Submitted by Miranda Bennett, Editor-in-Chief, ATLA
Summary of Proceedings

I am pleased to announce the call for submissions to the *Summary of Proceedings* of the Seventy-first Annual Conference of the American Theological Library Association, held June 14-17, 2017, in Atlanta. If you participated in the conference in any of the following capacities, you are encouraged to contribute to the *Proceedings*:

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

As many of you know, I have been appointed as the first ATLA member Editor-in-Chief of the *Proceedings*, which is now part of ATLA Publications. This gives us new options for disseminating content generated by the Annual Conference, so if you are interested in, for example, submitting your conference paper to *Theological Librarianship*, ATLA's open access journal, rather than publishing the text in the *Proceedings*, please contact me.

How To Submit

The deadline for *Proceedings* submissions is September 22, 2017, and your PC-compatible files may be sent by email attachment to memberrep@atla.com. Additional submission instructions may be found on the ATLA website (<https://www.atla.com/Members/conference/Pages/default.aspx>).

If you have questions about the *Proceedings*, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me (proceedings@myatla.org).

Announcing Additions to ATLA Products – July 2017

We are pleased to announce the addition of titles now available in ATLA RDB® (ATLA Religion Database®).

New indexing titles in ATLA RDB®

- *Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy* by Brill
- *Journal of Jewish Languages* by Brill
- *Shaker Quarterly [ceased]* by United Society of Shakers
- *Cuadernos Salmantinos de Filosofía* by Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca

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ATLA RDB® and ATLA CPLI® Merge Vocabularies

ATLA is in the process of merging the vocabularies used in indexing the ATLA Religion Database® and the ATLA Catholic Periodical and Literature Index®. Where possible, ATLA RDB® subject heading conventions will be applied to the ATLA CPLI® data. During this process some ATLA RDB® subject headings will be modified.

In order to keep our users up to date on the vocabulary changes, we have added an Excel spreadsheet that documents the changes that were made. The current list of significant changes have been updated (July 31, 2017) and can be downloaded from our website (<https://www.atla.com/products/support/Pages/ATLA-Thesaurus-Authority-File-and-Policy-Changes-.aspx>).

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