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CHANGE COMES FROM THOUGHTFUL, COMMITTED  
SMALL GROUPS

BLOG POST

# Change Comes from Thoughtful, Committed Small Groups

by Jennifer Bartholomew, President 2018-2019 / May 14, 2019

Newsletter, From Staff Leadership



On May 1, I participated in a Wiki-editing training sponsored by the Women's Caucus from the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature. Their goal is to create, update, and improve Wikipedia articles pertaining to the lives of 1,000 Women in Religion

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/wikipedia:meetup/1000\\_women\\_in\\_religion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/wikipedia:meetup/1000_women_in_religion).

My contribution was to attend and learn about the Wikipedia process, this project, and to support the work of a retired Sacred Heart professor who is writing about religious women. The caucus is sponsoring a workshop at this year's Atla conference. To date about ten theologians have been added to Wikipedia but who knows what the total will be in one year or in five?

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”*

MARGARET MEAD

I first heard this quote many years ago in an undergraduate anthropology class and it has inspired me in many settings. I've learned a lot in small groups — experiencing the dynamics of change that occur when a group engages with a mission, seeks to understand and solve problems. Seeing the results of groups that work to achieve a common goal has been a powerful and affirming part of my professional life.

The history of Atla includes numerous stories of small groups that created, promoted, and helped others use high-quality resources in religion and theology. New titles in the religion database, a variety of interest groups, changes in annual conference programming, are in part results of small group work.

Part of our responsibility to future collectors and connectors is to find new ways to build connections, strengthen relationships, and create new groups. It's fine to start small. The important thing is to remain thoughtful, committed, and continue the work. Thank you for your contributions to the work of Atla and all the small groups that you have influenced.

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WHAT DEFINES A LEADER?

BLOG POST

# What Defines a Leader?

by Marie Jacobsen / May 14, 2019

Newsletter, From Staff Leadership



Recently, I attended a session on leadership. The session discussed what defines managers and leaders, the attributes and behaviors of successful managers and leaders, and the qualities they possess. I left the session with questions regarding manager versus leader and the roles they perform, and remembered the old cliché, “You don’t manage people — you lead people, and you manage things.”

The facilitator pointed out that managers have a position of authority entrusted to them by their organization. Their subordinates work for them and largely do as they are told. Managers tell their employees what to do, and the employee follows the direction of the manager because of the promised reward of a salary for doing so. Unlike managers, leaders have followers and the following is always a voluntary activity. Although the definition difference between management and leadership are clear, do the definitions fit every situation or organization?

*“You don’t manage people – you lead people, and you manage things.”*

The trainer went on to say that leaders think differently and are focused on the way things can be managed better. Managers, through implementation and maintenance, ensure things are getting done well and clearly exhibit the interactions with their direct reports through their leadership approach during implementation.

## **Is it really Manager vs Leaders?**

This led me to ask questions: should the focus be on how people define the characteristics of management versus leadership or how people demonstrate the characteristics of strong managers and strong leaders? Is the answer just a common-sense approach on how both the manager and leader work and deal with people?

The facilitator pointed out that to fulfill the organizational conceptual element, a combination of long-range leadership vision and managerial drive are needed by both manager and leader to emphasize how things are structured to get things done right. Answering analytical questions like *“What or Why,”* and the socially focused approach to working with people and asking, *“How can this be done or Who will do it?”* are questions that are asked by managers and leaders. But, most importantly, is the behavioral component of leadership and management stem from understanding how people behave and the ability to change the approach to complement positive behavior and fix negative behavior? I believe that leaders use management skills and managers use leadership skills to make the workplace productive.

I feel that in today’s complex, global world, we are all leaders; we all are compelled to increase our own productivity and that of others by revealing and utilizing strengths in the way we work.

The facilitator quoted the great management expert, Peter Drucker, as saying that management is almost irrelevant, as any good manager in a knowledge economy is actually, in reality, exhibiting leadership — “One does not manage people ... the task is to lead people. And the goal is to make productive the specific strengths and knowledge of every individual.”

The one thing that is clear in the leadership versus management dispute, whether different by definition or similar by function, is that individuals must carry out strong leadership and strong management attribute to gain excellent performance.

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LETTER FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

BLOG POST

# Letter from the Nominating Committee

by Timothy D. Lincoln / May 09, 2019

Newsletter, Board of Directors

Dear members,

The Atla Board provides strategic oversight of the work of the Association. The Board typically meets three times a year (February, June, and October).

Each year, the voting membership elects a group of Individual Members to serve three-year Board terms. On behalf of the Nominating Committee, I invite you to identify Atla members who have the passion and skills that the Board needs.

Good Board members have these characteristics:

- ▶ They care about ATLA's mission
- ▶ They are future-oriented
- ▶ They listen well
- ▶ They have a variety of professional experience (not just library directors)
- ▶ They value consensus in decision-making

Please send names of Atla members who you think would do well on the Board to any of the members of the Nominating Committee:

- ▶ Timothy D. Lincoln, Committee Chair
- ▶ Jeffrey A. Waldrop
- ▶ Ellen Frost

You do not need to contact any of the persons you recommend. Following its procedures, the Committee will discuss potential nominees, invite a slate to stand for election in 2020, and send that slate to the Atla Board for review in October 2019.

Send your suggestions to the Nominating Committee by Friday, May 31, 2019.

Jennie shared how the new look of Atla aligns better with the work we do to promote worldwide scholarly communication in religion and theology by advancing the work of libraries and related information providers. Joey Tackett and Corey Jones of Forum One, the design team the Board engaged, discussed the opportunity Atla has to expand its reach by positioning its brand as truly global and inclusive. They also provided insights into the new logo, which is based on a graphical grid system they call “the connection grid” and discuss how it reflects themes of community, collaboration, and interconnectedness of knowledge and place. Lastly, Gillian Harrison Cain gave an overview of how the new visual identity and digital experience will be shared with members and the larger Atla community over the next several months.

The first forty-five minutes were spent with the panelists, while the last fifteen minutes were spent on answering questions from attendees. If you didn’t get your question answered or you have more questions, we invite your questions <<https://www.atla.com/about/contact-us/>>.

**View the webinar** <[webinar/nextchapter-vision/](/webinar/nextchapter-vision/)>.

Stay tuned to the Atla Blog <<https://www.atla.com/blog/>> as we will continue to post relevant information about our new visual identity here.

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HELP SPREAD THE WORD: UPDATE YOUR  
LIBRARY'S WEBSITE

BLOG POST

# Help Spread the Word: Update Your Library's Website

May 03, 2019

Newsletter, Association News



As you may have heard <https://www.atla.com/blog/brand-launch/>, we have updated our website and visual identity. Not only do we have a new Atla logo, but many of our Research Tools, including *Atla Religion Database*<sup>®</sup>, *AtlaSerials*<sup>®</sup>, and *AtlaSerials Plus*<sup>®</sup>, have updated logos.



We encourage our member libraries and libraries and institutions who use our Atla Research Tools <https://www.atla.com/research/listing/> to update their website and promotional materials.

And to help you in this endeavor, we have created a toolkit <https://www.atla.com/researchtools-toolkit/> that explains how to refer to our Research Tools, how to use the logos, and a link to download the logos. If your webpage links to the Atla website, please check for any broken links and update them accordingly. If your webpage refers to ATLA as the acronym, please change it to the word **Atla**. We will continue to update the toolkit as more materials become available.

Thank you for your help in spreading the exciting news about this next chapter of Atla.

BACK

NOTES FROM THE ROAD: GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL  
UNION

BLOG POST

# Notes from the Road: Graduate Theological Union

by Christine Fruin / May 14, 2019

Newsletter, Notes from the Road



Recently while in San Francisco, I had the opportunity to visit and tour the library at the Graduate Theological Union (GTU) <<https://www.gtu.edu/>> in Berkeley, California. GTU has a fascinating history as a consortium of individual schools and centers representing several of the world's religions and representing a focus on interdisciplinarity and fostering interreligious dialogue and thought.

And what's even more amazing is that this diverse group of schools and centers are all served by a single library whose collections and archives reflect the diversity of the populations they serve.

During the meeting with several staff members, including library director Clay-Edward Dixon and others, I learned a great deal about GTU's unique history and how the library has strived to be a hub of knowledge and culture serving the missions of the GTU schools and centers.



Natural light floods all areas of the GTU Library

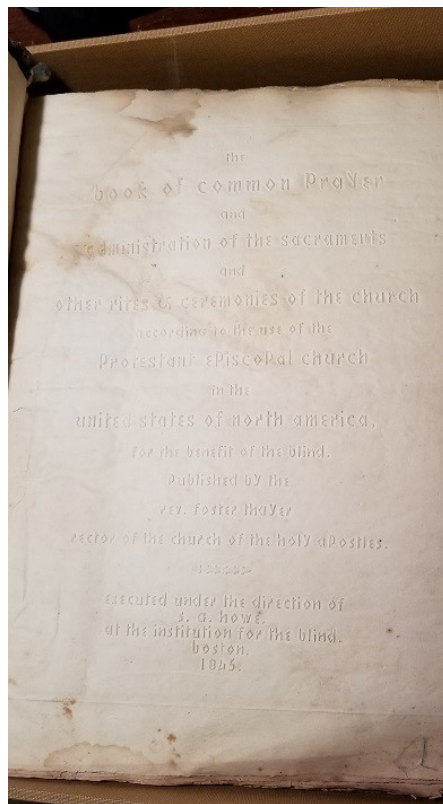
I was then treated to a tour of the library and marveled at the abundance of natural light throughout the library, the quiet individual and collaborative study spaces with innovative technology, and the unique display areas that showcase this library's amazing special collections and archives.

Director Dixon shared with me several of the most interesting and unique items housed in the library's special collections and archives. The library has a cabinet of artifacts that had been collected during donors' worldwide travels and then donated to the library for use in teaching and for research. Included in this display of artifacts is a wonderful array of jade pieces and other items of religious and cultural significance.



GTU Library Director Clay-Edward Dixon shares some of the interesting artifacts that have been donated to the library.

The library also holds several formats of the *Common Book of Prayer* in its archives that are technological printing marvels for their age, from tiny “finger book” sized versions whose small type is barely readable to an embossed version that was printed prior to the invention of Braille and intended for persons with blindness.



<<https://www.atla.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/gtu-5.jpg>>  
Common Book of Prayer printed in an embossed typeface intended to be read by persons with blindness.

I was also treated to views of a 17th-century leather bound psalter written in Ge'ez that had been carried by Ethiopian monks and an ancient Buddhist text printed on individual palm leaves.

There were many more interesting items in the library's collections that are waiting to be discovered and to be part of a scholar's research and a student's learning. The next time you are in the San Francisco area add a stop at the GTU Library to your itinerary.

BACK

CELEBRATE ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC  
ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

BLOG POST

# Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

by Drew Baker / May 10, 2019

Newsletter



Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is every May. In the United States, the month is designed to celebrate and honor the history and culture of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in this country.

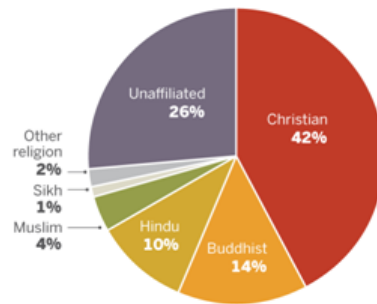
Beginning in the 1970s, several states designated a week in May as Asian-Pacific Heritage Week. Government officials selected May to honor both the first Japanese immigrants to the United States (on May 7, 1843) and the completion of the transcontinental railroad (on May 10, 1869) — a project largely built by Chinese immigrant labor. In 1990, President Bush extended the celebration to a month-long observance.

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are the most religiously diverse racial groups in the United States. According to PRRI's American Values Atlas <<https://www.prrri.org/research/american-religious-landscape-christian-religiously-unaffiliated/>> (2016), 34% are unaffiliated, 15% Hindu, 7% Buddhist, 7% Muslim, 13% Catholic, and 16 % Protestant.

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## Religious Affiliation of Asian Americans

*% of Asian-American adults who say they are ...*



2012 Asian-American Survey. Those who did not give an answer are not shown.

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<https://www.pewforum.org/2012/07/19/asian-americans-a-mosaic-of-faiths-overview/>

Pew Research Center

Like the wider American populace, the fastest growing group among Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States is the unaffiliated. However, previous studies <https://www.pewforum.org/2012/07/19/asian-americans-a-mosaic-of-faiths-overview/> of Asian American and Pacific Islander religion in the United States have always found both wide religious diversity and significant populations that identify as “none” or “unaffiliated.” Among other things, the consistently high percentage of “unaffiliated” among Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States points to the inherent limitations of dominant western ways of categorizing religion.

Since Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders claim extremely diverse cultural heritages and claim ancestors that became Americans at different points in the history of the United States (from the 1850s to the 1960s to today), recognizing the wide diversity among Asian American and Pacific Islanders in the United States is a central focus of this heritage month. In honoring the history behind the heritage of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States, it is also important to recognize that in many cases — particularly in the case of many of the first Pacific Islander Americans — the people did not cross national borders as immigrants, so much as the borders crossed them (as the United States added territories through colonization).

This month is an excellent opportunity to recognize, honor, and celebrate the diverse history of these communities — religious and otherwise. With this in mind, below you will find helpful starting points related to Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage for collection development, programming, and research for theological and religious education.

## Learning about Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, and Religion:

PRRI's America's Changing Religious Identity <<https://www.prrri.org/research/american-religious-landscape-christian-religiously-unaffiliated/>> and Pew's Asian Americans: A Mosaic of Faiths <<https://www.pewforum.org/2012/07/19/asian-americans-a-mosaic-of-faiths-overview/>>

Looking for basic statistical information and analysis about Asian Americans, Pacific Islander Americans, and religion? Start with PRRI and Pew's recent studies of American religions. Both studies reveal the complex religious diversity among these populations.

*Asian Americans: An Encyclopedia of Social, Cultural, Economic, and Political History*, edited by Xiaojian Zhao and Edward J.W. Park, 3 Volumes (Greenwood, 2014). ISBN: 9781598842395

## **Resources for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Programming and Support:**

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month US Government Page <<https://asianpacificheritage.gov/>>

This government website (hosted by the Library of Congress) includes images, audio, video, exhibit information, and pedagogical resources for teachers and librarians. While the teaching resources are targeted more for secondary education, many of the ideas can be helpful platforms for developing programming for higher education (and theological higher education in particular).

LA County Library Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Page <<https://lacountylibrary.org/asian-pacific-american-heritage-month/>>

The LA County public library system supports some of the most robust library programming related to Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the country. In addition to concentrated programming during this month, the Asian Pacific Resource Center website <<https://lacountylibrary.org/asian-pacific-resource-center/>> (part of LA County Rosemead Public Library branch) has programming and resource suggestions year-round.

Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association <<http://www.apalaweb.org/>>

APALA is the association for Asian/Pacific American librarians. All librarians can find programming and resource suggestions related to Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage throughout their publications and events programming.

Guide to Asian American and Pacific Islander Resources at the Library of Congress

<<https://www.loc.gov/rr/main/aapi/index.html>>

While ostensibly a guide to the Library of Congress' resources on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, this very thorough guide provides helpful search suggestions applicable to any library in addition to robust bibliographies on the topic.

*Asian American Librarians and Library Services: Activism, Collaborations, and Strategies*, edited by Janet Hyunju Clark, Raymond Pun, and Monnee Tong (Rowman and Littlefield, 2018). ISBN: 9781442274921



# Media on Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, and Religion:

*What Is Asian American Biblical Hermeneutics?: Reading the New Testament*, by Tat-siong Benny Liew (University of Hawaii Press, 2008). ISBN: 9780824831622

*The Future of Evangelical Theology: Soundings from the Asian American Diaspora*, by Amos Yong (IVP Academic, 2014). ISBN: 9780830840601

*Revealing the Sacred in Asian and Pacific America*, edited by Jane Naomi Iwamura and Paul Spickard (Routledge, 2003). ISBN: 9780415938082

*Off the Menu: Asian and Asian North American Women's Religion and Theology*, edited by Rita Nakashima Brock, Jung Ha Kim, Kwok Pui Lan, Seung Ai Yang (Westminster John Knox, 2007). ISBN: 9780664231408

*American Sutra: A Story of Faith and Freedom in the Second World War*, by Duncan Ryuken Williams (Harvard, 2019). ISBN: 9780674986534

*Colonial Contexts and Postcolonial Theologies: Storyweaving in the Asia-Pacific*, edited by Mark G. Brett and Jione Havea (Palgrave, 2014). ISBN: 9781137475466

This article is part of the Atla Committee for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion's <<https://www.atla.com/about/committees-councils-task-forces/dei/>> semi-regular articles designed to provide theological and religious studies librarians with resources and advice for providing equitable access and research to the full spectrum of human diversity.

BACK

MAXIMIZE YOUR ATLA ANNUAL EXPERIENCE WITH  
PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

BLOG POST

# Maximize your Atla Annual Experience with Pre-Conference Workshops

April 24, 2019

Newsletter, Atla Annual 2019, Events



Make the most of your conference experience at Atla Annual 2019 with pre-conference workshops on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, in Vancouver, BC, Canada. There will be morning sessions starting at 8 am and afternoon sessions starting at 1 pm. This is the perfect opportunity to mingle with peers and learn from the foremost names in theological librarianship, scholarly communication, and more.

Haven't registered for the conference? Register by May 10 to secure the best ticket price

</eventshome/atlaannual/faq/>. If you have already registered for the conference simply log into the My Atla Web Portal, select *My Events* and then *Edit*. You will be able to add any additional sessions and pay for the remaining balance in the portal.

## Morning Sessions – 8:00 am

**1,000 Women in Religion – A Wikipedia Edit-a-thon** <<https://atlaannual2019.sched.com/event/nqvz/1000-women-in-religion-a-wikipedia-edit-a-thon-30-per-person>>

Presenter: Colleen Hartung

The 1,000 Women in Religion Project, a major initiative of the AAR/SBL Women's Caucus, is working to raise up the under-recognized work of women in the world's religious and wisdom traditions by adding 1,000 women in religion onto Wikipedia. workshop participants will sign up as wiki-editors, learn the basics of editing, create their personal talk pages, do hands-on editing and start their first article by outlining the all-important lead paragraph. This is not a workshop for the technologically elite. We will walk you through the process one easy step at a time.

Learn More <<https://atlaannual2019.sched.com/event/nqvz/1000-women-in-religion-a-wikipedia-edit-a-thon-30-per-person>> – Free

**Python for Research and Automation** <<https://atlaannual2019.sched.com/event/nqyy/python-for-research-and-automation-30-per-person>>

Presenters: Shawn Goodwin & Michael Hemenway

Information professionals are increasingly dealing with electronic data, and as this data demand increases exponentially, librarians need to develop more efficient tools and capacities. With this in mind, our workshop will introduce the programming language of Python as one of the important emerging tools for aiding librarians in their work and research. Python can help librarians process, link, and visualize data more efficiently and effectively.

This workshop will be very hands-on, requiring participants to bring a device with a keyboard that supports a web browser.

Learn More <<https://atlaannual2019.sched.com/event/nqyy/python-for-research-and-automation-30-per-person>> – \$30 per person

**The Unintentional Library Publisher: Considerations and Strategies When You Create, Disseminate, and Curate Digital Content** <<https://atlaannual2019.sched.com/event/nqzw/the-unintentional-library-publisher-considerations-and-strategies-when-you-create-disseminate-and-curate-digital-content-30-per-person>>

Presenters: Miranda Bennett, Matthew Collins, Leslie Engelson, Christine Fruin

Participants will learn about various approaches to library publishing, craft mission statements and goals for their own programs, and consider policy issues such as preservation and copyright. The second half of the program will delve more specifically into publishing modalities relevant to digital humanities projects.

This workshop will be led by members of the Atla Press Coordinating Council and Atla's Scholarly Communication and Digital Projects Manager.

Learn More <<https://atlaannual2019.sched.com/event/nqzw/the-unintentional-library-publisher-considerations-and-strategies-when-you-create-disseminate-and-curate-digital-content-30-per-person>> – \$30 per person

## **Afternoon Sessions – 1:00 pm**

### **Building Collaboration with Faculty and Instructional Designers**

<<https://atlaannual2019.sched.com/event/nqwc/building-collaboration-with-faculty-and-instructional-designers-cost-is-30-per-person>>

Presenters: Beth Kumar, Dr. Kyle Sciefelbein-Guerrero

Our session will focus on approaches that a small team (one librarian and one instructional designer/faculty member) has developed to collaborate across their departments to build a suite of services and collections to serve their patrons. The workshop will allow time to develop a plan of action to bring away three concrete items with which to collaborate with the faculty or instructional designers at your school.

Learn More <<https://atlaannual2019.sched.com/event/nqwc/building-collaboration-with-faculty-and-instructional-designers-cost-is-30-per-person>> – \$30 per person

### **Digital Project Management for Theological Collections**

<<https://atlaannual2019.sched.com/event/nqx9/digital-project-management-for-theological-collections-cost-is-30-per-person>>

Presenters: Liz Bishoff, Tom Claeson, and Christine Fruin

This half-day workshop will include presentations on selection for digitization, metadata best practices, the scanning/digitization process, legal and rights issues, and services available through the Atla Digital Library to help you make your digital materials accessible.

Learn More <<https://atlaannual2019.sched.com/event/nqx9/digital-project-management-for-theological-collections-cost-is-30-per-person>> – \$30 per person

**Register for Atla Annual 2019 today!**

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LEARN MORE ABOUT ATLA ANNUAL 2019 PLENARY  
SPEAKERS

BLOG POST

# Learn more about Atla Annual 2019 Plenary Speakers

May 15, 2019

Newsletter, Atla Annual 2019



We are excited to share with you the three plenary speakers for Atla Annual 2019. Learn more about our upcoming plenary speakers and their sessions below and be sure to add them to your conference itinerary on SCHED <<https://atlaannual2019.sched.com/>>.

## Juan Pablo Alperin, Opening Plenary



We kick off Atla Annual with Opening Plenary Speaker, Juan Pablo Alperin, on Thursday morning. Juan is an Assistant Professor at the School of Publishing at Simon Fraser University, the Associate Director of Research for the Public Knowledge Project, and the co-director of the Scholarly Communications Lab. His talk, “Understanding and Improving Incentives for Open Access” will begin at 8:45 am.

*“The lack of universal OA is indicative of the tension faculty experience between the laudable goal of making research public and the emphasis review, promotion, and tenure (RPT) committees place on citation metrics and “high impact” publications.”*

JUAN PABLO ALPERIN

Read more about Juan and this session on SCHED. <<https://sched.co/ntve>>

## **Sarah Dupont, Friday’s Plenary**



We continue Atla Annual with Friday's speaker, Sarah Dupont. She serves as the Aboriginal Engagement Librarian at the Xwi7xwa Library, First Nations House of Learning and the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre at the University of British Columbia. Her talk, "Accelerating Allyship: Indigenization, Decolonization, and Reconciliation in Librarianship" will begin at 9 am.

*"The work of the Xwi7xwa Library and the Indigitization program offer insights to the work of Indigenization and Decolonization, as well as a pathway for the work of Reconciliation in library settings."*

SARAH DUPONT

Read more about Sarah and this session on SCHED. <<https://atlaannual2019.sched.com/event/ntvo>>

## **Dr. Patricia O'Connell Killen, Closing Plenary**



We conclude Atla Annual with closing plenary speaker, Dr. Patricia O'Connell Killen, on Saturday. Patricia is Professor of Religious Studies and Senior University Fellow at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington, where she also served for seven years as academic vice president. Her talk, "Disruption and Depth: Pacific Northwest Religiousness, Faith Traditions, and the Quest for Wisdom in Our Time" will begin at 11:30 am.

*“The region has been malleable in the imaginations of immigrants: a place of preservation through isolation, escape from religiously inflected social control, innovation in historic traditions’ religious thought and practice, or rebirth in nature.”*

DR. PATRICIA O’CONNELL KILLEN

Read more about Patricia and this session on SCHED. <<https://atlaannual2019.sched.com/event/ntei/closing-plenary-address-and-luncheon-patricia-oconnell-killen-phd>>

**We cannot wait to see you at Atla Annual 2019 in Vancouver, BC, Canada, June 12-15. Haven’t registered yet? There’s still time** <<https://www.atla.com/blog/atlaannual2019-register/>>.



BACK

HELP WOMEN IN RELIGION & THEOLOGY GAIN  
RECOGNITION

BLOG POST

# Help Women in Religion & Theology Gain Recognition

by Colleen Hartung / May 09, 2019

Newsletter, Atla Annual, Atla Annual 2019



Atla's first 1,000 Women in Religion Wikipedia Edit-a-thon will be held during Atla Annual in Vancouver on Wednesday, June 12, 2019. This free hands-on workshop <<https://atlaannual2019.sched.com/event/nqvz>> will enable attendees to become confident Wikipedia editors with the ability to add, edit, and enhance entries about important women in the field.

## What is 1,000 Women in Religion?

The 1,000 Women in Religion Project is a timely endeavor that seeks to add over 1,000 biographical entries about religious, spiritual, and wisdom women to Wikipedia, the largest encyclopedia in the world. The contributions of women in all fields of work, scholarship and life, including religion and spirituality, have gone under-recognized, across time and in our present-day context. Furthermore, this under-recognition, which is a form of gender bias, is reflected and reproduced in our commonly used sources of knowledge – in our history books, in our news media, even in our sacred texts.

In today's world, when these sources of knowledge are available with a simple click on our mobile devices, we are formed by these gender biases in knowledge production, 24-7. Elizabeth Ursic, co-chair of the Women's Caucus of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature said, "The more we can document and highlight the contributions of women leaders in their religious and spiritual traditions, the more we can change the perception that women have not been leaders".

## **Why Wikipedia?**

Wikipedia is a source of knowledge with a worldwide reach that illustrates this inherent, structural, gender bias. In November 2014 only about 15% of the biographies in English Wikipedia were about women. The Wikipedia project "Women in Red", started in 2015, seeks to increase the representation of women across all disciplines and walks of life on the Wikipedia platform. Some progress has been made already. As of May 6, 2019, 17.82% of biographies were about women (Wikipedia: WikiProject Women in Red).

However, this is not Wikipedia's only systemic problem. Only 9% of its editors are women (Wikipedia, Gender Bias on Wikipedia). The 1,000 Women in Religion Project seeks to address both systemic issues by increasing the number of contributions about religious, spiritual and wisdom women on Wikipedia as well as the number of women editors.

This type of practical, hands-on effort is needed to reform and transform the sources of knowledge the recreate gender bias and inequality in our religious, spiritual and wisdom traditions and thus in daily lives.

## **How to Participate**

Become an editor! You can do this at the Wikipedia Edit-a-thon Workshop at Atla Annual in Vancouver on June 12, 2019. At these edit-a-thons, we improve entries about women that need editing for writing style and grammar, for content and for accuracy. We also teach people how to write new biographical entries. We welcome all people regardless of gender identification but keep in mind that every woman we train helps address gender bias on Wikipedia where only 9% of the editors are women.

Suggest a woman (historical and contemporary) for our 1,000 Women in Religion list! The heart of the Project is the list, composed of 1,000 + women who are notable as founders, practitioners, teachers, resisters, and researchers of the world's religious and wisdom traditions – women who should be on Wikipedia but are not. Atla assisted with the creation of this list by data mining the Atla Religion Database to determine the most frequently cited women.

Join us on June 12 in Vancouver at this free workshop and make a difference by ensuring that the contributions of women are recognized in the field of religion and theology.

## **How to Register at Atla Annual**

To register for this event, you will need to first create an account on the My Atla Web Portal <https://my.atla.com/>. After creating the account, you will be able to register for the event and select the 1,000 Women in Religion — A Wikipedia Edit-a-thon. We encourage you to sign up for any other sessions you're interested in for a fee or register for the whole conference!

If you have already registered for the conference simply log into the My Atla Web Portal, select My Events and then Edit. You will be able to add any additional sessions.



1,000 Women in Religion is a major initiative of the Women's Caucus of the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature, supported by Atla and the Women's Task Force of the Parliament of World Religions. For more information, contact the Women's Caucus at [aar.sbl.womens.caucus@gmail.com](mailto:aar.sbl.womens.caucus@gmail.com) or check out their webpage at <http://womenscaucusaar.wixsite.com/womenscaucusaarsbl>

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SCOOP: SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATIONS LEARNING  
& ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT ATLA ANNUAL

BLOG POST

# SCOOP: Scholarly Communications Learning & Engagement Opportunities at Atla Annual

by Christine Fruin / May 14, 2019

Newsletter, Atla Annual, Atla Annual 2019, Copyright, Digital Humanities, Digitization, Scholarly Communication



At this year's Atla Annual in Vancouver, there are numerous opportunities to gain both knowledge and skills in scholarly communications as well as engage with the scholarly communications programs of Atla.

## Pre-conference

A member of the Atla Scholarly Communication Committee will also be co-presenting a pre-conference workshop <<https://atlaannual2019.sched.com/event/nqyy/python-for-research-and-automation-30-per-person>> Wednesday morning on the programming language Python. This workshop will introduce the programming language as one of the important emerging tools for aiding librarians in their work and research as well as providing a means for processing, linking and visualizing data.

## Presentations and Panels

Additional members of the Atla Scholarly Communication Committee will be presenting a two-hour interactive workshop on Thursday <<https://atlaannual2019.sched.com/event/nqzu/wikidata-edit-a-thon-part-one>> on how to add and edit scholarly articles and books in Wikidata. Participants will identify their areas of theological interest and expand the bibliographic coverage for those areas by editing Wikidata entries.

On Friday, a panel of contributors to the new book *Digital Humanities and Libraries and Archives in Religious Studies* will share how digital humanities <<https://atlaannual2019.sched.com/event/hqx6/digital-humanities-and-libraries-and-archives-in-religious-studies>> connects with research in religious studies as well as teaching and learning in theological librarianship. This new book will be published open access thanks in part to the support of Atla.

Saturday offers two additional scholarly communications offerings. I will lead attendees through the inquiries and considerations for sharing course materials online in a presentation entitled "Copyright for Online Teaching." <<https://atlaannual2019.sched.com/event/nqwu/copyright-for-online-teaching>> Later Saturday morning, a panel of theological librarians <<https://atlaannual2019.sched.com/event/nqyb/real-world-best-practices-in-digitization>> will present their experiences, including successes and challenges that they encountered when engaging in large scale digitization projects.

## Meet the Press

In the exhibits area, be sure to stop by the Atla Open Press and Atla Digital Library tables. During the opening reception and other exhibits hall breakfasts and breaks, members of editorial boards from *Theological Librarianship*, *Theology Cataloging Bulletin*, and the open monograph program will be on hand to answer questions on publishing with the Press and to discuss ideas you may have for articles, columns, and monographs. The editors of the conference *Proceedings* will also be on hand to talk to presenters about writing and submitting their papers from this year's conference.

At other times, members of Atla's staff, as well as the Digital Library Advisory Council <<https://www.atla.com/about/committees-councils-task-forces/digital-library-advisory-council/>>, will be available to answer questions about Atla's Digital Library <<https://dl.atla.com/>>. A schedule of who will be available at the table and when will be posted at conference, or always feel free to stop me and talk about your ideas and suggestions for the Press and the Digital Library.

I look forward to seeing you all at conference!

## Register for Atla Annual



Registration is still open for Atla Annual 2019. We invite you to join our community of members in Vancouver, where you can connect with your colleagues and delve into all the great programming offered. To help you register, we have answered the six main questions about the conference <<https://www.atla.com/blog/atlaannual2019-register/>>. These questions and others can be found on the Atla Annual FAQs page <<https://www.atla.com/eventshome/atlaannual/faq/>>.

### **About SCOOP**

*The SCOOP, Scholarly COmmunication and Open Publishing, is a monthly column published to inform Atla members of recent developments, new resources, or interesting stories from the realm of scholarly communication and open access publishing.*

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READ THE NEW ISSUE OF "THEOLOGICAL  
LIBRARIANSHIP"

BLOG POST

# Read the New Issue of "Theological Librarianship"

by Richard Manly Adams, Jr. / April 26, 2019

Newsletter, Librarianship, Publications

## Theological Librarianship

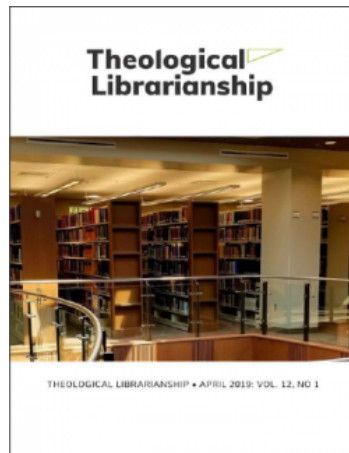
The Spring 2019 issue of *Theological Librarianship* is now available at <http://theolib.atla.com> <<http://theolib.atla.com>>. I encourage you all to look closely at these new articles and to share these important contributions with faculty and staff colleagues in your institutions.

*All the articles are available to read or download online, as is the full archive of this flagship journal in our field.*

### Inside This Issue

This issue has a range of content that should be of interest to all theological librarians, including a case-study on the creation of group study space, an introduction and historical retrospective on markup languages used for theological texts, and two robust bibliographic essays identifying key sources, one for the study of Semitic languages and another for the study of Mormonism. Of particular note in this issue is a special forum focused on Pitts Theology Library's 2018 exhibition of its African Christianity collection.

The essays in the forum, written by the curator and two faculty respondents, highlight the challenges and opportunities for libraries curating and displaying cultural artifacts. If you're interested in African Christianity, you'll certainly enjoy it, but even if you are not, the forum raises important issues that all librarians should be considering about their responsibility for providing access and relevant context to archival and rare book collections. The new *TL* issue also has book reviews that highlight the diversity of literature that is relevant to the work we all do.



<http://theolib.atla.com/>

All the articles are available to read or download online, as is the full archive of this flagship journal in our field. I encourage you to consider participating in the continued success of this journal, whether as a peer reviewer, a book reviewer, or an author submitting an article.

For full details, information about submissions, and a listing of the superb editorial board of the journal, visit <http://theolib.atla.com> <http://theolib.atla.com>. *TL* is also hosting a student essay contest </blog/submit-to-the-theological-librarianship-student-essay-contest/>, so if you are in library school, or if you know someone who is, please encourage them to apply </blog/submit-to-the-theological-librarianship-student-essay-contest/>. Happy reading, and please let us know what you think about the journal!

**Read the latest issue of *Theological Librarianship*.** <https://theolib.atla.com/theolib>



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READ THE LATEST ISSUE OF 'THEOLOGY  
CATALOGING BULLETIN'

BLOG POST

# Read the Latest Issue of 'Theology Cataloging Bulletin'

by Leslie A. Engelson / April 19, 2019

Newsletter, Cataloging, Librarianship, Open Access, Publications

**Theology  
Cataloging  
Bulletin** 

The newest issue of *Theology Cataloging Bulletin (TCB)* was published this April <https://serials.atla.com/tcb/> and is available in open access.

In addition to the updates to Library of Congress Classification numbers, Library of Congress Subject and Genre Headings, and professional development opportunities, the April *TCB* includes news about recent decisions and actions by the CC:DA. Additionally, bibliographies of current articles on collection management and metadata are included along with a "Testimony" article by Richard Lammert about his upcoming book that is going to be published by Atla Open Press on cataloging non-English resources.

The current issue can be found at <https://serials.atla.com/tcb/> <https://serials.atla.com/tcb/> and is available to read in PDF or EPUB formats. Archives of back issues currently go back to v. 22, no. 2 (2014) and can be found at <https://serials.atla.com/tcb/issue/archive>. <https://serials.atla.com/tcb/issue/archive>

## Theology Cataloging Bulletin



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<https://serials.atla.com/tcb/>

### Submit to the Bulletin

The editorial board of the *Theology Cataloging Bulletin* is looking for first-person accounts of projects, training, or learning experiences that would be of interest to other technical services librarians for the *Testimony* column.

Submissions should be 1,000-2,000 words and can include images with appropriate copyright permission and attribution. The *TCB* had been a member-only publication since 1992 and just launched as an open access journal in January on the OJS platform in the hope of attracting a larger audience and sharing our news with others.

Learn more. </blog/experiences-want-to-be-shared/>

*TCB is a quarterly publication of Atla's Technical Services Interest Group (TSIG). More information about this interest group and their activities can be found on their webpage <https://www.atla.com/learning-engagement/groups/ig/tsig/>.*

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2018 ATLA "ANNUAL YEARBOOK" IS NOW AVAILABLE

BLOG POST

# 2018 Atla "Annual Yearbook" is Now Available

April 30, 2019

Newsletter, Publications



2018 Volume Out Now

The first volume of the *Atla Annual Yearbook* is now available to read on the Open Journal Systems (OJS) platform, <https://serials.atla.com/yearbook/index>

[<https://serials.atla.com/yearbook/index>](https://serials.atla.com/yearbook/index).

The *Atla Annual Yearbook* is an annual compilation of business reports of the Association as well as reports from the Association's committees, task forces, and other groups. *Yearbook* also includes ATS statistics, association directories, and memorials.

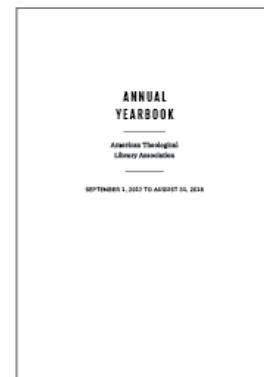
This volume includes reports in the fiscal year 2018, which is September 1, 2017, to August 31, 2018.

[<https://serials.atla.com/yearbook>](https://serials.atla.com/yearbook)

Read the latest volume. [<https://serials.atla.com/yearbook>](https://serials.atla.com/yearbook)

A call for submissions for the next volume will be announced this summer.

Learn more about the *Annual Yearbook* [<https://www.atla.com/member-benefits/association-publications/yearbook/>](https://www.atla.com/member-benefits/association-publications/yearbook/).



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WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?

BLOG POST

# What Have You Been Up To?

by Leslie A. Engelson / May 14, 2019

Newsletter, Publications, Technical Services

## Theology Cataloging Bulletin

There isn't a library I know that doesn't have at least one project going on. Often those projects impact Technical Services. Usually, what someone learns from the project in their library can benefit those in another library.

Use your experience to benefit others in the Technical Services community by submitting a Testimony article to the *Theology Cataloging Bulletin* <<https://serials.atla.com/tcb>>. The editorial board would love to provide you with the opportunity to share your first-person account of your project.

### What is a Testimony?

Think of a Testimony article as sharing with your TS colleagues what you've been up to. These articles are short, no more than 2,000 words, and simply reflect the goal of the project as well as the steps taken to accomplish that goal and what you learned in the process.

You're proud of the work you've accomplished so why not let others know about it and maybe help them in the process? You'll retain all rights under a CC-BY-NC license so if you do want to work it up later into a scholarly article, you'll have the rights to do that. And, the article will be available for free on the web so you can share it with anyone who might be interested.

Readers of the column are practitioners who want to hear about what you are doing or learning. If you're not sure if your project is Testimony-worthy, contact me at [leslie.engelson@gmail.com](mailto:leslie.engelson@gmail.com). I'm happy to provide discuss ideas with you.

More information about submissions, as well as the current issue, can be found at <https://serials.atla.com/tcb/index> <<https://serials.atla.com/tcb/index>>

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NOTES FROM TTLA'S 2019 SPRING MEETING

BLOG POST

# Notes from TTLA's 2019 Spring Meeting

by Romulus D. Stefanut / April 30, 2019

Newsletter, Member News, Regional Groups



On Friday, April 5, 2019, a dozen of us enjoyed a very rich and rewarding Tennessee Theological Library Association (TTLA) [meeting](#) in Memphis, Tennessee. It was so good to see several of our colleagues from Central and West Tennessee. We are very grateful to our hosts at Harding

School of Theology, Bob Turner, Sheila Owen, and Tina Rogers, who put together an impeccable program with excellent speakers, not to mention the delicious refreshments.

*“What could be more ingenious than repurposing an old card catalog cabinet to incorporate brewing machinery and supplies for a fresh coffee fix?”*

We had some thought-provoking ideas related to library design and programming coming from professional marketing analysts, librarians, architects, photographers, even pastors. Presenters included Jay Perdue, Sr. Director of User Experience at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital; Carisse Berryhill, Associate Dean for Archives and Collections at Abilene Christian University; Scott Guidry and Tim Michael, architects at DesignShop; Cindy McMillion, local photographer; and B. Chris Simpson, Pastor at Holmes Road Church of Christ. They all brought some fresh and new insights into our daily work. As Bill Hook of Vanderbilt University concluded so well, you all set a high bar for future TTLA meetings!

Besides the rich presentations, one of my personal highlights was sipping coffee from the most curious and creative library coffee shop I have seen. What could be more ingenious than repurposing an old card catalog cabinet to incorporate brewing machinery and supplies for a fresh coffee fix?

We also want to express our gratitude to those who served us this past term. Many thanks to Keegan Osinski, former TTLA President, who served us since 2016, and to Jane Williamson who diligently served as our Treasurer over the past five years. Congratulations to the newly elected officers, Bob Turner, Vice President-Elect and to Sheila Owen, Treasurer. Special thanks to Betsy Grant who accepted to serve another term as our TTLA Secretary.

Needless to say, we were very encouraged by the quality of our last meeting and by the dedication of our members. The current board hopes to meet via Skype over the summer to discuss a strategic plan for outreach and mutual support as we move into the future. We also hope to organize the Fall 2019 meeting somewhere in central Tennessee and the 2020 Spring meeting in East Tennessee.

All the best wishes to all our Atla colleagues in this busy season at the end of the academic year.

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FLORIDA THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
(FTLA) HOLDS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

BLOG POST

# Florida Theological Library Association (FTLA) Holds Annual Conference

by Philip N. O'Neill / May 14, 2019

Newsletter, Regional Groups



On Thursday, April 25, 2019, the Florida Theological Library Association (FTLA) <<https://www.atla.com/learning-engagement/groups/rg/ftla/>> held its annual conference at the Barry University Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law in Orlando, Florida. Glen-Peter Ahlers, Library Director at this campus, graciously hosted this event. A record thirteen persons attended.

The morning began with a welcome and Devotional Service by Mr. Philip M. O'Neill, MS, Senior Reference and Instruction Librarian at Barry University's main campus in Miami Shores. Our first presentation was by Jessica G. Collogan, MLIS, Library Director Carl S. Swisher Library at Jacksonville University, Jacksonville. Her lecture was entitled "Faculty Focused Outreach in a Small Academic Library: Changes for Growth and Success." The second speaker was Carlos R. Fernandez, MLIS, MA, International Documents Librarian, Green



Library, Florida International University Modesto Maidique Campus, Miami. The title of his presentation was "Queering the Library of Congress." The third talk was by Christine Fruin Scholarly Communication and Digital Projects Manager, Atla. The title of this presentation was "Copyright for Online Education."

After this lecture, there was a delicious lunch. In the afternoon, Christine Fruin gave an update on Atla. The conference concluded with a brief business meeting. There was a discussion of the upcoming election of FTLA officers as well as plans for future conferences. Stay tuned.

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NOTES FROM THE OHIO THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY  
ASSOCIATION (OTLA) SPRING 2019 CONFERENCE

BLOG POST

# Notes from the Ohio Theological Library Association (OTLA) Spring 2019 Conference

by Ken Cochrane / May 10, 2019

Newsletter, Regional Groups

Dear Atla friends,

Greetings from Ohio!

On Friday, April 5, 2019, the Ohio Theological Library Association (OTLA) <<https://www.atla.com/learning-engagement/groups/rg/otla/>> met in Westerville, Ohio, for our semi-annual spring conference. In attendance were representative librarians from ten theological and academic libraries around the state, including the University of Dayton, United Theological Seminary, the Methodist Theological School of Ohio (MTSO), Ashland Theological Seminary, the Athenaeum of Ohio Library, Winebrenner Theological Seminary, Ohio Christian University, Trinity Lutheran Seminary (Capital University), and the Ohio State University's Lima campus library.

At this particular gathering, we were honored by the attendance of special guest Mitzi Budde, head librarian of Virginia Theological Seminary, who was visiting as a representative for the ATS Task Force on the Redevelopment of Standards. With the current standards undergoing the process of review and revision, Mitzi's goal was to collect some insight and feedback from member libraries as to our thoughts on these standards: the advantages, disadvantages, and aspects requiring change and revision. After an abbreviated business meeting where members were invited to share news and reports from their respective institutions, our discussion turned to the accreditation standards.

## Some key elements of the conversation involved:

- ▼ A need for stronger, more specific wording in the standards: Vague or "soft" language allows administrative bodies of institutions to define limits as they see fit, usually well below library expectations, especially in regard to staffing and budget (e.g., definitions of "adequate" usually differ significantly between library staff and administration.)

- ▼ Standard 4.4 (Administration and leadership): a need for the standards to emphasize the imperative of the library as an integral part of theological education across all modalities; also, a needed shift in focus from resources to a focus on information literacy and the question of how to promote information literacy across the curriculum (involving faculty participation, not just the responsibility of librarians); in Standard 4.4.1, the word “should” needs to be replaced with the stronger wording “must.”
- ▼ Standard 4.2 (Contribution to learning, teaching, research): an onus on faculty to work in close partnership with librarians to ensure: (1) students engage library staff for consultation on research endeavors and (2) students becomes proficient in the use of research tools, such as electronic databases and the online catalog; also, there should be a requirement involving a library component for research in course work, especially for graduate level theological degree programs; librarians play a crucial role as agents to enhance critical thinking, especially in theological institutions where an emphasis on research as an educational priority is declining.
- ▼ Standard 4.4.4 (opportunities for professional development): How ATS-accredited schools contribute to these opportunities in light of budget curtailments? What is the future for this standard and how much is it valued, especially for smaller, independent theological libraries with limited financial support?
- ▼ The term “resources” should be expanded to include library personnel, not just traditionally defined resources (budget, office supplies, collections, electronic databases, etc.); likewise, language or terminology pertaining to the “library” as an entity in the standards should be understood to cover all aspects of the library, including staff; also, the library director should have faculty/administrative faculty status and be present on academic affairs committees; the director should have faculty privileges, participate in the curriculum review process, and have access to all course syllabi – especially as course content affects and influences collection development.
- ▼ Should budgets be percentage based on enrollment? The standards should require each theological school to identify its own local/state/provincial consortia memberships so the library can be provided with access to any necessary consorcially available resources at the level that best supports their curriculum. Also for seminaries that serve as the archival depositories for confessional materials, the standards should indicate the library’s responsibility to provide for the preservation of the tradition, especially for rare books and archival materials.

## Join us this Fall

Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 4, 2019, at the Athenaeum of Ohio in Cincinnati and, as always, OTLA warmly welcomes guests!

We especially like invite librarians from neighboring states (particularly Indiana and Kentucky) that live in close proximity to Ohio and presently lack a regional presence in Atla. Our spring and fall meetings typically fall on the first Fridays of April and October, so whether you are an Atla representative, member library, or local librarian interested in becoming an OTLA member, our door is always open!

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ANNOUNCING ADDITIONS TO ATLA PRODUCTS –  
APRIL 2019

BLOG POST

# Announcing Additions to Atla Products – April 2019

April 25, 2019

Press Release, Title List, Atla Religion Database, Atlas, Atlas PLUS, Product News, Research Tools

**New Titles Added**  
**Atla RDB®**, **Atlas®**, & **Atlas PLUS®**

Quarterly Review  
A JOURNAL OF THEOLOGICAL RESOURCES FOR MINISTRY

Forum Exegese und Hochschuldidaktik: Verstehen von Anfang an  
Jg. 3 - 2018 | Heft 1

Biblische Sprachen im Theologiestudium  
Herausgegeben von Stefan Flader, Jan Friedrichs und Thomas Wagner  
in Zusammenarbeit mit Melanie Kitzmann

ZAR Zeitschrift für Altorientalische und Biblische Rechtsgeschichte  
23 Journal for Ancient Near Eastern and Biblical Law  
2017  
Herausgegeben von Reinhold Achenbach, Hans Neumann, Eckart Otto und Guido Pfeifer  
Harrassowitz Verlag

Learn More

Chicago, IL, April 25, 2019 — Atla is pleased to announce the addition of titles now available in the *Atla Religion Database* (Atla RDB®), *AtlaSerials* (Atlas®), and *AtlaSerials PLUS* (Atlas PLUS®).

## **New indexing titles in *Atla Religion Database***

- ▶ *AXIS: Journal of Lasallian Higher Education* by Institute for Lasallian Studies, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
- ▶ *Forum Exegese und Hochschuldidaktik: Verstehen von Anfang an* by Narr Francke Attempto Verlag GmbH Co. KG
- ▶ *Zeitschrift für Neues Testament* by Narr Francke Attempto Verlag GmbH Co. KG
- ▶ *Zeitschrift für altorientalische und biblische Rechtsgeschichte* by Harrassowitz Verlag
- ▶ *Quest: Studies on Religion & Culture in Asia* by Divinity School of Chung Chi College
- ▶ *Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin* by Near East Archaeological Society
- ▶ *Afkār* by Institute of Social Sciences & Development
- ▶ *Ondokuz Mayıs Üniversitesi İlahiyat Fakültesi Dergisi* by Ondokuz Mayıs Üniversitesi
- ▶ *Arys: Antigüedad, religiones y sociedades* by Carlos III University of Madrid

## **New full-text titles in *Atlas***

- ▶ *Quarterly Review* by United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry

## **New full-text titles in *Atlas PLUS\****

- ▶ *Teresianum* by Pontificia Facoltà Teologica Teresianum
- ▶ *Journal of Biblical Theology* by Dr. John W. Carter

\**Atlas PLUS* includes all of the titles in Atla's original full-text product, *Atlas* and 140+ additional full-text titles.

To view Atla's title lists click here: <https://www.atla.com/research/title-lists/> <<https://www.atla.com/research/title-lists/>>

## **About Atla**

Established in 1946 as the American Theological Library Association, Atla is a membership association of librarians and information professionals, and a producer of research tools, committed to advancing the study of religion and theology. Atla's membership includes more than 800 individuals and libraries at academic institutions from diverse religious traditions and backgrounds. As a community of collectors and connectors, Atla works to promote worldwide scholarly communication in religion and theology by advancing the work of libraries and related information providers.

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TITLE SPOTLIGHT: 50+ YEARS OF "METHODIST HISTORY" NOW AVAILABLE!

BLOG POST

# Title Spotlight: 50+ Years of "Methodist History" Now Available!

by Annie Banfich / April 26, 2019

Product Updates, Atlas, Atlas PLUS, Product News

*Methodist History*  
now available on  
*Atlas Plus*®



Atla is excited to announce the journal *Methodist History* has been added to *AtlaSerials PLUS* (Atlas PLUS®). A long-running chronicle of the Methodist Church, this peer-reviewed journal has been produced quarterly since 1962 and is considered the authoritative source on subjects relating to the Wesleyan and Methodist heritage and history.

Published by the United Methodist Church's General Commission on Archives and History <<http://www.gcah.org/>>, the goal of the journal <<http://www.gcah.org/research/methodist-history-journal>> is to present this history "with clarity and excitement" to "help to relate the past to the present in a meaningful way." It is the journal of record for the organization and contains articles, book reviews, pictures/illustrations, news, and pertinent information on topics related to the tradition.

Learn more about *Methodist History* on their website. <<http://www.gcah.org/research/methodist-history-journal>>

Atla is thrilled to have the complete fifty-six year run of *Methodist History* available online for scholarly research and looks forward to continuing full-text coverage of all future issues. This is an important publication, not only for the institutional history it has chronicled, but the times and changes inherent in such long-running coverage. This is an academic journal that appeals to a broad range of readers: scholars, researchers, clergy, and laypeople.

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