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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE


I'm pleased to announce the names of the new ATLA Board members for service in 1997-2001: Cassandra Armstrong (Pittsburgh Theological Seminary), Michael P. Boddy (Claremont School of Theology), Milton J. Coalter (Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary), and Alan D. Krieger (University of Notre Dame). Each brings a rich background of experience and educational achievement, as well as many years of service to ATLA. I look forward to working with them and am confident that they will serve the Association well as members of its Board. Also, thanks go to Mary Bischoff (Jesuit-Krauss McCormick), Kenneth G. O'Malley (Catholic Theological Union), and Carol Stukey (Jesuit-Krauss-McCormick) for their service as tellers in the election.

I want to direct your attention in particular to pp. 69-71 of this issue of the *Newsletter* and to the proposal regarding membership dues. ATLA dues were last changed in 1990, and in the intervening seven years we have all seen inflation diminish the purchasing power of our and ATLA's dollars. In addition, ATLA is providing more to its members today in the way of support for the annual conference and in other areas than was the case seven years ago. Therefore, the Board asked the ATLA staff to draft a proposal to raise membership dues in order to address these issues. The proposal on pp. 69-71 is the result of that request. It has been discussed by the Board and approved for presentation to the entire ATLA membership for decision.

In my view the proposal is reasonable. The small increase at the lower end of the dues

schedule acknowledges the costs to ATLA of publishing and mailing Association publications. The increase at the upper end of the schedule simply extends the graduated pattern of dues for each individual's income level and for each institution's budget level. It leaves the dues for those in the middle unchanged.

Although my library and I would pay more in dues to ATLA under the new schedule, I believe that the increase is warranted and probably long overdue. I invite you to consider what is proposed and then register your opinion at the ATLA Business Meeting in Boston. This decision regarding dues belongs to ATLA's members not to its Board or to its staff.

Finally, I look forward to seeing all of you in Boston. ATLA's members in the area have worked long and hard in their preparations for us. Boston is one of the nation's finest cities, and I'm confident that this will be a great conference. 

*M. Patrick Graham*  
*Pitts Theology Library, Emory University*  
*ATLA President*

## CONFERENCE NEWS & INFORMATION

The conference hosts, Annual Conference Committee, Education Committee, and ATLA staff are very pleased to present the 1997 Annual Conference to the membership. The local hosts have worked very hard to showcase their city and institutions to you. We are very grateful to Myra Siegenthaler and the librarians of the Boston Theological Institute (BTI) for hosting the conference.

Boston, Massachusetts is an historic, exciting setting for this year's annual conference. It's a fabulous city with great food (seafood in particular), excellent cultural attractions, quaint shops, and plenty to see and do.

The program promises to be stimulating as we explore the theme, "Building the Theological Library for the Future," which focuses on the dual components of library building projects and technology issues for theological libraries.

We hope that you will be able to attend this year's conference. If you are unable to come to Boston, please do explore opportunities with your local regional consortium. These are listed on the ATLA web site which can be found at: <http://atla.library.vanderbilt.edu/atla/home.html> and in the membership directory in the *1996 Summary of Proceedings* (publication date May 1997). You can also check out the conference web site for updates including presenter information (<http://atla97.hartsem.edu>).

### Travel Information

The correct account number for ATLA with American Airlines is A3067AC. Please call 1-800-433-1790 to make your travel arrangements with American directly. American Airlines is the official carrier for ATLA's annual conference.

### Conference Housing

1. The Holiday Inn Brookline is approximately a 10–15 minute walk from Boston University, the conference site. ATLA has 40 rooms blocked at the hotel as overflow housing.
2. All of the meetings and most sleeping accommodations are located on the BU campus. The dorms at BU are spartan yet clean


and functional. Please note there are no alarm clocks, phones, radios, or TVs in the rooms. There are community phones and TVs for your use. Linens are provided. The restrooms at the 1019 Commonwealth residence (air-conditioned) are configured in suites so that three rooms share one bathroom. The West Campus residence (non-air-conditioned) has community restrooms so you will have to walk down a hallway to access the restrooms.

3. If you wish to stay in the dorms on Tuesday, June 10, simply add \$37 to the cost of your housing fees. Please note that no dining services will be offered that day.

### Program Notes

- "Developing Presentations Using Technology" (6/11/97) is now full. We cannot accept any more registrations for this preconference workshop.
- The Boston Pops and the Boston Harbor cruise occur concurrently on Friday, June 13. Please sign up for either of these events but not both.
- The local hosts have arranged for tours of the Boston Public Library, the Athenaeum, and local historic churches for Friday, June 13 in the afternoon. Be sure to stop by the information desk if you wish to sign up for one of these events.

### Confirmation Packets

Confirmation packets will be mailed to members in May and early June. Included in your packet are a schedule of events for which you are registered, tickets for preconference continuing education workshops, and Boston "T" information. 

### ATLA Choir

The ATLA Choir, which sings at annual conferences, is in need of new singers. As always, the greatest need is for SOPRANOS (although other singers are welcome as well). That need is especially acute now, as two original members of the soprano section have recently resigned from ATLA and gone off to the world of non-theological librarianship. Singers should have blending voices (little to no vibrato) and have some sight-reading ability. Copies of music to be sung are mailed out prior to the conference, and one rehearsal is held at the conference site. In addition to potential new choir members within the ATLA membership, there may be BTI library employees who do not normally attend annual ATLA meetings but who may be able to sing with us this year. BTI librarians: please invite appropriate singers on your staff if you think of any. The singers should contact me, indicating their voice part.

Rehearsal is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, 5:45-7 p.m., at Marsh Chapel, Boston University. Evensong will be sung on Thursday, June 12th, 5 p.m., at Episcopal Divinity School Chapel, Cambridge. A short warm-up will precede the service. Thanks to all who are willing and able to uphold the tradition of the ATLA Choir. 📖

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### MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MEMBER SERVICES

As this year's conference draws near, I am reminded that I am finishing three years with ATLA. One of the things I really like about working for ATLA is that the association is dynamic yet it retains a sense of its own mission and message. As we look to the future with our strategic plan, it is clear to me that membership is the heart and soul of ATLA. It is you whom we serve and it is theological librarianship that we work to advance.

In order to improve services to you, we are devoting more resources to membership. In this vein, we are creating a new position in the member services department that is wholly dedicated to the production and distribution of member publications. The Publications Editor will be responsible for editing, compiling, and producing the *Newsletter*, *Summary of Proceedings*, conference literature, and other member services publications. Interviews for this position will be conducted during the month of May and we will be pleased to announce the name of the new Publications Editor in the next issue of the newsletter. I've learned a great deal by working on the member publications and it's been a challenging and rewarding enterprise for me. Thanks for your suggestions for improvement and your support for these efforts. I will continue to contribute to the newsletter with my column and other news. As I finish three years with ATLA, I look back on my experience with gratitude and look ahead renewed with hope for the future of ATLA. I guess time really does fly when you're having fun—let the good times continue to roll. 📖

*Melody S. Chartier*  
*Director of Member Services*

The following section of the newsletter includes information for members to consider at the annual conference business meetings.

*ATLA Newsletter*  
**ATLA STRATEGIC PLAN**  
***Strategic Plan: 1998–2000***

The American Theological Library Association enters the last three years of the twentieth century with a rich heritage, a committed and talented membership and staff, and financial, technological, and organizational challenges. By focusing upon its collective strength and wisdom, ATLA will remain a vital and valued association into the next century.

The Strategic Plan for the next three years focuses upon continuing to do well what we already do well and upon planning and working collaboratively as an association. There are twenty basic goals we will pursue, divided among four general categories: Membership, Ownership, Leadership, Partnership.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**Its individual and institutional members are ATLA's most valuable resource. To insure that ATLA's goals and objectives reflect the values and mission of its member libraries and librarians, we will:**

- Enhance and expand individual and institutional membership in the association;
- Encourage and support cooperative efforts of regional and denominational groups within the association;
- Facilitate new forms and levels of communication among members, the board, and the staff;
- Develop ways for non-ATLA members and institutions to be involved in supporting and advising the association;
- Promote association-wide involvement in shaping and promoting the association's mission and goals;
- Devote the planning and support needed to insure that the association's annual conference meets members' needs and expectations;
- Seek opportunities for the association to secure benefits and advantages for its members;

## **OWNERSHIP**

**ATLA's dedication to providing excellent tools and resources for the scholarly study of religion for the past fifty years has created invaluable resources over which its membership exercises stewardship. To insure that ATLA exercises sound collective judgment in that stewardship, we will:**

- Continue to study and implement the policy governance model;
- Create a secure financial foundation for the association;
- Seek to maintain and improve the association's physical and intellectual property;
- Develop a plan for the location of association headquarters after 2001;

## **LEADERSHIP**

**The explosion of public interest in religion and the dramatic pace of change in information technology create both an opportunity and a need for the Association to demonstrate leadership for its members and customers. We will exercise that leadership as we:**

- Promote the association's identity and reputation outside the association;
- Devote continual effort to improving and enhancing the association's products and services;
- Support the development of technological and professional skills for staff and members;
- Investigate, plan for, and implement the use innovative technological equipment, software, and/or strategies in support of the association's products and services;
- Seek to establish ATLA's products as benchmarks of quality in the scholarly and publishing community;

## **PARTNERSHIP**

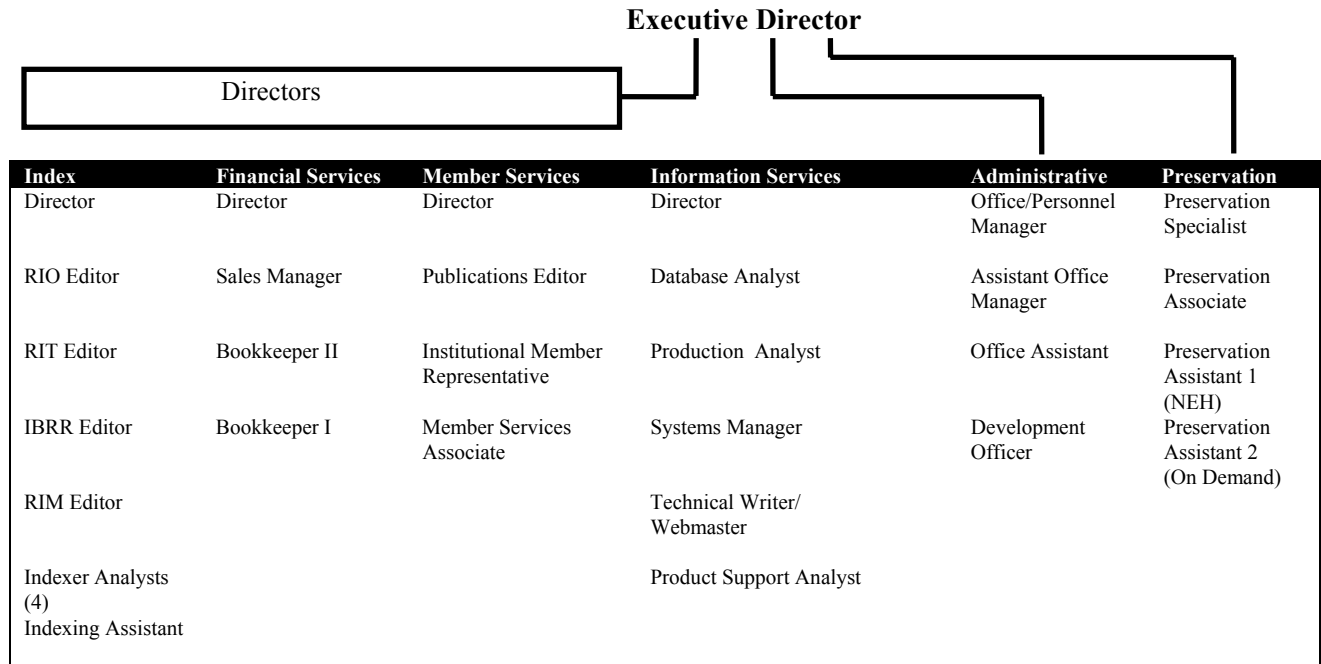
**ATLA must demonstrate foresight and wisdom as it evaluates the many opportunities for partnership that currently exist. In pursuit of its commitment to thoughtful collaboration, the association will:**

- Strengthen ATLA's ties with the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and North America;
- Continue to develop strategic partnerships that are mutually beneficial with organizations in religious studies, library and information science, and publishing;
- Support efforts of international theological library associations and develop relationships based upon mutual respect;
- Enter into additional publishing agreements on a limited basis

**FY98 ATLA Administrative Structure**

There are some modest changes in administrative structure for FY98. These changes enable Financial Services, Information Services, and Member Services to be more sharply focused on their mission. The most noticeable change is that the Member Services Department is strengthened and devoted entirely to providing services and support for ATLA individual and institutional members. This change demonstrates our commitment to emphasize service to members with the same commitment and quality that we now devote to products.

The administrative leadership is provided by the Directors of the Index, Financial Services, Member Services, and Information Services Departments. The administrative and preservation teams report directly to the Executive Director.



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**ATLA MEMBERSHIP**  
**DUES PROPOSAL**

[This proposal would go into effect for FY99 (September 1, 1998–August 31, 1999) pending approval by the membership.]

### **Introduction**

At its 1996 mid-winter meeting, the Board of Directors recommended that a thorough re-examination of the ATLA membership dues structure be accomplished by June 1997 for consideration at the Annual Conference. Data for this study is derived from the ATLA membership database and the *Summary of Proceedings*.

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the American Theological Library Association is to foster the study of theology and religion by enhancing the development of theological and religious libraries and librarianship. In pursuit of this mission, the association undertakes:

1. to foster the professional growth of its members, and to enhance their ability to serve their constituencies as administrators and librarians;
2. to advance the profession of theological librarianship, and to assist theological librarians in defining and interpreting the proper role and function of libraries in theological education;
3. to promote quality library and information services in support of teaching, learning, and research in theology, religion, and related disciplines, and to create such tools and aids (including publications) as may be helpful in accomplishing this; and
4. to stimulate purposeful collaboration among librarians of theological libraries and religious studies collections, and to develop programmatic solutions to information-related problems common to those librarians and collections.

### **Membership Benefits**

In light of ATLA's mission to its member libraries and librarians, a summary of benefits for FY99 is helpful in considering a dues restructuring.

#### Individual Membership

- subscription to *ATLA Newsletter* (\$20 US, \$27 foreign);
- subscription to *Summary of Proceedings* (\$20 US, \$22 foreign);
- reduced registration fees at the ATLA Annual Conference;
- interest group programs;
- continuing education opportunities through regional consortia;
- participation in the ATLA Mentoring Program;
- product discounts; and
- 10% off Scarecrow Monograph & Bibliography Series.

#### Institutional Membership

- subscription to *ATLA Newsletter* (\$20 US, \$27 foreign);
- subscription to *Summary of Proceedings* (\$20 US, \$22 foreign);
- reduced registration fee for Institutional Representative at the ATLA Annual Conference;
- eligibility to participate in the library consultation program;
- eligibility to participate in the library materials exchange program;
- discounts on ATLA print and electronic products
- eligibility to participate in On Demand Serial Preservation Program;
- \$35 discount with Scholarly Resources for each reel of ATLA serials on microfilm; and
- publisher and vendor discounts for ATLA Consortium.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Currently staff is assessing the feasibility of acting as a broker for institutional members to negotiate for discounts with database vendors, publishers, preservation filming and storage, and other appropriate benefits.

**Individual Member Dues**

Both individual and institutional membership dues were last increased in 1990. Since 1993, products and services to members have increased and the dues structure has remained static at the 1990 level. Prior to 1992 ATLA had three individual membership categories, full, associate, and student. The full and associate membership dues were determined by a scale of salary brackets and student dues were at a fixed rate. The dues within these categories were raised in 1984 and in 1990 they were raised again when three new salary brackets were added to the full and associate membership categories. In 1991 the associate membership category was dropped and all individual members fell into either full or student categories. In addition, the dues were no longer published in the ATLA By-laws beginning in 1992.

A statistical study of individual dues paid for 1996–97 (426 total dues paying members) shows the following break-down of dues paying members:

<u>Dues Category</u>	<u>Dues</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
students	\$ 15	36	8%
under \$10,000	\$ 30	39	9%
\$10,001–\$15,000	\$ 40	21	5%
\$15,001–\$20,000	\$ 50	15	3%
\$20,001–\$25,000	\$ 60	32	7%
\$25,001–\$30,000	\$ 70	57	13%
\$30,001–\$35,000	\$ 80	68	16%
\$35,001–\$40,000	\$ 90	45	10%
\$40,001–up	\$100	113	26%

**Proposal**

The new dues structure includes a very modest increase for student membership to help pay for the cost of publications. It leaves unaffected all members with incomes from 0 to \$40,000. Their dues remain at the same level as they have been since 1990. There is an increase, however, for those with incomes of more than \$40,000, based upon the same rate of increase as the previous categories: \$10 increase for each \$5,000 of additional income. Increasing the income categories in \$5,000 increments up to \$60,000 makes ATLA’s salary ranges categories comparable to those used by ALA, AAR/SBL, and most other professional library organizations.

<u>Dues Category</u>	<u>Current Dues</u>	<u>Proposed Dues</u>
students	\$ 15	\$ 20
under \$10,000	\$ 30	\$ 30
\$10,001–\$15,000	\$ 40	\$ 40
\$15,001–\$20,000	\$ 50	\$ 50
\$20,001–\$25,000	\$ 60	\$ 60
\$25,001–\$30,000	\$ 70	\$ 70
\$30,001–\$35,000	\$ 80	\$ 80
\$35,001–\$40,000	\$ 90	\$ 90
\$40,001–\$45,000	\$100	\$100
\$45,001–\$50,000	\$100	\$110
\$50,001–\$55,000	\$100	\$120
\$55,001–\$60,000	\$100	\$130
\$60,001–up	\$100	\$140



**Institutional Member Dues**

Institutional membership dues are based on the library operating expenditures reported in the official financial statement of the institution for its preceding fiscal year; or if the religion and theology collection is part of a larger general collection, dues are based on the library operating expenditures specific to that religion and theology collection. Institutional member dues were last increased in 1990. Since 1990, institutional member dues have remained static. The following chart summarizes the history of the institutional dues structure (figures are taken from the *Summary of Proceedings*).

1983	Up to \$50,000	\$ 50
	\$50,001–\$300,000	+.001 per \$1.00 budgeted
	\$300,001–up	\$300
1984	Up to \$75,000	\$ 75
	\$75,001–\$400,000	+.001 per \$1.00 budgeted
	\$400,001–up	\$400
1990	Up to \$75,000	\$ 75
	\$75,001–\$500,000	+.001 per \$1.00 budgeted
	\$500,001–up	\$500

**Proposal**

In order to standardize the dues categories, the creation of a “base dues” for institutions is the first step. Base dues are the current lowest category rate of \$75. Institutions with the lowest annual budgets would pay the base dues only. As an institution’s annual expenditures increase, the institution would pay the base dues in addition to the median amount within a range based on institutional budgets (.001 per \$1.00 budgeted).

<u>Dues Category</u>	<u>Current Dues</u>	<u>Proposed Dues</u>
\$0–\$25,000	\$75	\$ 75
\$25,001–\$50,000	\$75	\$110
\$50,001–\$100,000	\$75	\$150
\$100,001–\$200,000	.001 of budget	\$225
\$200,001–\$300,000	.001 of budget	\$325
\$300,001–\$400,000	\$500	\$425
\$400,001–\$500,000	\$500	\$525
\$500,001–\$600,000	\$500	\$625
\$600,001 and up	\$500	\$750

**Summary**

If both individual and institutional member dues were increased based on this proposal the total additional income realized would be \$17,685. The individual dues increase raises an additional \$3,190 and the institutional dues increase raises an additional \$14,495.

The individual and institutional dues are graduated, with individuals and institutions with lower salaries and budgets paying less and individuals and institutions with larger salaries and budgets paying more.

This report was a collaborative effort by Dennis Norlin, Patti Adamek, and Melody Chartier.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Melody S. Chartier  
 Director of Member Services

**INSTITUTIONAL MEMBER SURVEY**

March, 1997

We recently asked institutional members to respond to a survey about benefits for member institutions. We are pleased we had so many respondents to our survey. Your responses and continuing feedback help us to improve our products and services to you to better meet your needs. Below is the survey with the tallied responses. We are always grateful for any suggestions and concerns members wish to express, so if you didn't respond via the survey, please feel free to contact ATLA staff at any time.

**Survey Results**

ATLA has secured 30% discounts for its members for purchase of serials on microfilm from Scholarly Resources and of 20% from Scarecrow Press on titles from the ATLA Monograph and Bibliography Series. Should ATLA seek other discounts and benefits for its members?

[N=66]

62 Yes

1 No

3 Not sure

If you answered "Yes" above what would be the activities you would most like us to pursue? Please rank the general categories from A-F with A representing the highest level of interest. Within each category rank choices from highest to lowest, beginning with #1 as highest. You may add other general categories or choices within categories as you wish.

**GENERAL CATEGORIES [A-F]**

Negotiating for hardware discounts or package deals

A	B	C	D	E	F	N/A
4	7	28	5	2	4	16

Standard PC workstation

1	2	3	N/A
19	8	6	33

LAN equipment and cabling

1	2	3	N/A
4	11	14	37

File Servers and software

1	2	3	4	N/A
11	13	18	1	33

Negotiating for discounts from database vendors

A	B	C	D	E	F	N/A
26	8	7	5	9	2	9

FirstSearch

1	2	3	4	5	N/A
1	2	3	4	5	N/A
24	14	2	1		25

Ovid

1	2	3	4	5	N/A
2	4	5	5	8	42

Ebsconet

1	2	3	4	5	N/A
9	9	7	6	2	32

SilverPlatter

1	2	3	4	5	N/A
7	6	12	3	5	33

Chadwyck Healy

1	2	3	4	5	N/A
5	8	4	6	8	35

Negotiating for discounts with journal publishers

A	B	C	D	E	F	N/A
20	12	13	8	2	1	10

Negotiating for discounts with book publishers

A	B	C	D	E	F	N/A
10	16	12	6	8	3	11

Negotiating for discounts in preservation filming, storage, and reproduction:

A	B	C	D	E	F	N/A
7	7	10	14	8	6	14

Preservation Resources (OCLC)

1	2	3	4	N/A
3	7	13	1	42

Preservation Microfilm (Chicago)						
1	2	3	4			N/A
7	14	5	1			39
National Underground Storage (NUS)						
1	2	3	4			N/A
0	1	1	16			48
UMI						
1	2	3	4			N/A
28	4	1	0			33
Negotiating for discounts with professional publications and materials						
A	B	C	D	E	F	N/A
6	6	13	8	9	9	15

Scholars Press						
1	2	3	4	5		N/A
30	5	4	0	0		27

American Library Association						
1	2	3	4	5		N/A
8	6	5	9	1		37

Philosophy Documentation Center						
1	2	3	4	5	6	N/A
5	5	7	6	2	1	40

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion						
1	2	3	4	5		N/A
4	16	8	3	0		35

ASIS						
1	2	3	4	5		N/A
0	0	1	4	14		47

**List of respondents**

Ambrose Swasey Library  
 American Baptist Historical Society  
 Anderson University  
 Asbury Theological Seminary  
 Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary  
 Athenaeum of Ohio  
 Bangor Theological Seminary  
 Canadian Bible College/Theological Seminary  
 Catholic Theological Union  
 Central Baptist Theological Seminary  
 Cincinnati Bible College & Seminary  
 Columbia International University  
 Conception Abbey  
 Concordia Lutheran Seminary  
 Concordia Theological Seminary

Covenant Theological Seminary  
 Drew University  
 Eastern Mennonite University  
 Emmanuel College  
 Episcopal Theological Seminary of the South-west  
 Erskine College  
 Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary  
 Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary  
 Grace College & Seminary  
 Graduate Theological Union Library  
 Harding University  
 Hartford Seminary  
 Huron College  
 Jesuit-Krauss-McCormick  
 Kino Institute  
 Krauth Memorial Library  
 Louisville Seminary  
 Luther Seminary  
 Mary Immaculate Seminary  
 Memphis Theological Seminary  
 Methodist Theological School in Ohio  
 Moravian College  
 Mount Saint Mary's College  
 Multnomah Bible College & Biblical Seminary  
 New Brunswick Theological Seminary  
 New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
 North American Baptist Seminary  
 Phillips Theological Seminary  
 Pitts Theology Library  
 Pope John XXIII National Seminary  
 Providence College & Seminary  
 St. John's Seminary  
 St. Meinrad Archabbey  
 Sacred Heart Major Seminary  
 Sacred Heart School of Theology  
 Southern Methodist University  
 Reformed Theological Seminary  
 Trinity Lutheran Seminary  
 Union Theological Seminary in VA  
 United Theological Seminary  
 University of Notre Dame  
 Vanderbilt University  
 Western Seminary  
 Westminster Theological Seminary (MI)  
 Westminster Theological Seminary  
 Winebrenner Theological Seminary  
 Wycliffe College  
 Yale Divinity School  
 3 anonymous respondents

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS  
1997-1998**

At the conclusion of this year's annual conference, new appointments will take place on several ATLA committees. We are grateful for the service of those whose terms are ending, and we appreciate the willingness with which new appointees have accepted their new assignments.

**Technology Advisory Committee**

The Technology Advisory Committee (TAC) accepted its new charge August 1, 1996. Under the leadership of chair, Bill Hook, the TAC was very active during the year. TAC activities included a joint meeting with the Preservation Advisory Committee (PAC) in October 1996; an active listserv discussion group; and the creation of a special conference web site for the Boston conference. We express our thanks to those leaving the committee—Bill Hook (Vanderbilt Divinity Library) and Mary Bischoff (Jesus-Krauss-McCormick Library).

New appointments are:

1. Harvey Brenneise (Andrews University). Mr. Brenneise is the Systems Librarian at Andrews, editor of the *Seventh Day Adventist Index*, and the administrator of the largest consortia to utilize the ATLA Religion Database in MARC format.
2. Bill Mischo (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign). Dr. Mischo is the Director of the Grainger Engineering Library at the University of Illinois. He is the recipient of one of six National Science Foundation grants for digitization of journal literature, and is the principal architect and programmer for the Illinet Online OPAC, the statewide online catalog.
3. Kathy Denise Flint (ATLA technical writer and webmaster). Ms. Flint has been the ATLA webmaster since August 1996 and is responsible for designing, editing, and updating the ATLA web site.

Continuing appointments to the committee:

Duane Harbin, Southern Methodist (1998)  
Kirk Moll, Dickinson College (1998)  
Jackie W. Ammerman, Hartford Sem. (1999)  
Sharon A. Taylor, Andover-Newton (1999)  
Paul Jensen, ATLA  
Erica Treesh, ATLA

**Preservation Advisory Committee**

During this fiscal year an exploratory Preservation Advisory Committee (PAC) was formed to work with the Executive Director to evaluate the current state of ATLA preservation programs and to plan for the future. The committee forwarded many valuable suggestions, met in joint session with the TAC in October 1996, and recommended the creation of a permanent, smaller Preservation Advisory Committee composed of three members and two staff. ATLA is grateful to the leadership of this initial committee, scheduled to be replaced by the permanent committee following this year's annual conference.

Participants this year were: Myron B. Chace (Library of Congress), David O. Berger (Concordia Seminary), M. Patrick Graham (Emory University), Paul Stuehrenberg (Yale University), Charles Willard (Harvard University), Cynthia Frame (Union Theological Seminary), Donald Vorp (Princeton Theological Seminary), Patricia K. Adamek (ATLA), John Bollier (ATLA), Judy Knop (ATLA).

The new committee will begin its responsibilities at the conclusion of the annual conference. Members are:

Chair, Charles Willard, Harvard (1998)  
Donald Vorp, Princeton (1999)  
Cynthia Frame, Union (2000)  
Judy Knop, ATLA  
Richard J. Adamek, ATLA

### **ATS/ATLA Joint Committee**

For the past four years, representatives from ATS (Association of Theological Schools in the United States and North America) and ATLA served on a joint committee that met at the AAR/SBL Annual Meeting. It was this committee that planned the joint meeting at the annual conference in Denver last year; initiated the revision of accreditation by-laws and standards; and re-established a closer working relationship between ATS and ATLA. At the meeting in November 1996, ATS and ATLA jointly agreed to continue the consultation for the next five years (1997–2002). The proposal calls for three members from each association plus one staff representative from each.

Last year's participants were Linda Corman (Trinity College), M. Patrick Graham (Emory University), Roger L. Loyd (Duke University), and representing ATS, Sara J. Myers (Ilf School of Theology). We are grateful for the contributions they made to this very significant discussion.

The following appointments have been made for the newly constituted committee:

1 year term: Dr. Paul Stuehrenberg (Yale)  
2 year term: Dr. M. Patrick Graham (Emory)  
3 year term: Dr. Sara J. Myers (Ilf)  
staff: Dr. Dennis A. Norlin (ATLA)

### **Program Committee**

At this year's joint meeting of the Education Committee (EC) and the Annual Conference Committee (ACC), there was agreement that in the future there should be a structural change that would facilitate better communication and planning for ATLA annual conferences. That proposal called for the Annual Conference Committee and the Education Committee to be merged into one committee, called the Program Committee, comprised of two sub-committees:

1. The Annual Conference sub-committee to be composed of the immediate past host, the current host, the immediate future host, and a chair appointed to a three year term by the Executive Director from the recommendation(s) submitted by the Annual Conference sub-committee;
2. The Education sub-committee to be composed of three members appointed by the Executive Director, each having a three year term, and one member from a current host site library who would have a one year term. Recommendations of persons to fill open three-year positions on the Education sub-committee will be forwarded to the Executive Director by the sub-committee. The host site member would not be the host librarian, but would be chosen by the host librarian and the Director of Member Services. The chair of the sub-committee would rotate among the three year appointees;

The Director of Member Services and the Executive Director would be ex officio members of the Program Committee.

We are very grateful for the leadership of this year's committees, including Roberta Schaafsma (Duke University), chair of the Education Committee and Christine Wenderoth (Colgate Rochester Divinity School), chair of the Annual Conference Committee. Appointments to the sub-committees are:

Education Committee sub-committee:  
Eileen Saner, Associated Mennonite (1998)  
James Pakala, Covenant Theo. Sem. (1999)  
Cindy Derrenbacker, Wycliffe (2000)  
Bonnie Van Delinder, Gettysburg (1998)  
Annual Conference sub-committee:  
Christine Wenderoth, CRDS (1999)

Myra Siegenthaler, Boston Univ. (1998)  
Mitzi Budde, Virginia Theo. Sem. (1999)  
Al Caldwell, United Library (2000)

Ex-officio:  
Melody Chartier, ATLA  
Dennis Norlin, ATLA

**ATLA ANNUAL CONFERENCES**

June 11–14, 1997	Boston, MA
June 17–21, 1998	Leesburg, VA
June 1999	Evanston, IL

**NEWS FROM ATLA STAFF**

**Message From the Executive Director**

*Rolling Along*

When I was a little boy, I remember riding in a truck with my father in South Dakota. He was a contractor, and “Norlin Concrete” is stamped on the sidewalks in many parts of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. I still look down as I walk, looking for imprints of sidewalks’ creators. I thought that driving a pickup truck around was really all that my dad did, and decided that I would do the same when I grew up.

In my late teens I had my chance—with the same concrete company. I drove a flatbed truck, hauling all kinds of things. My basic memory of that time, however, is not so pleasant. It’s the vivid recall of having a complete load of steel forms on the truck, stopped at a red light ascending a steep hill. The engine died, and I suddenly was aware that I had too few feet for the pedals: the brakes, the accelerator, and the starter all were on the floor. I remember rolling backwards, trying to restart the truck; I still have no idea how I managed it.

This year, for my birthday, I’m taking a trip in a real truck. My son Christopher drives for J. B. Hunt, and he is taking me in his 18 wheeler on an overnight. The three page form I completed to be a “certified passenger” makes it very clear that I’m not to touch any knobs, levers, pedals, or dials. Just a few years ago I found it very difficult to loan Christopher the car; now he’s been entrusted with a \$150,000 truck, complete with an onboard computer and sophisticated communications system.

In ATLA’s strategic plan for 1998-2000 we propose some very ambitious goals and objectives for the association, plans that involve significant new utilization of technology and cooperative agreements as we move ahead together. There is strong continuity, however, with ATLA’s past, with the three foci of ATLA’s founders: membership, preservation, index. The vision of ATLA’s founders half a century ago was clear and their commitment unquestioned.

Our challenge is to continue to deliver the products, services, and programs that support that mission. A third generation of ATLA members is providing important leadership and innovation

for the association, mindful of their indebtedness to the founders at the same time that they help shape and refine that mission. We're in good hands.

Now I'll sit back and enjoy my birthday truck ride, knowing that my father would have a big smile if only he could see us in that big eighteen wheeler. 📖

*Dennis A. Norlin*  
*Executive Director*

### RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

- The National Endowment for the Humanities re-instated the remainder of ATLA's serials preservation grant (\$160,000) and extended our grant period to August 31, 1998. We expect to film 50-70 additional titles;
- The Lilly Endowment awarded ATLA a \$50,000 grant for the purchase of association software;
- The search for a new Director of Index has been narrowed to two finalists;
- Agreement has been reached with Old Testament Abstracts to fund an indexing position to complete the retrospective indexing for the years before 1992;
- The second CD-ROM version of CPLI will be sent to more than 100 customers this month;
- Work is progressing on the Hispanic Edition of the ATLA Religion Database on CD-ROM, a subset that will be distributed to Latin and South American theological schools, funded by a grant from the Trinity Parish in New York. 📖

### DEVELOPMENT REPORT

#### A Grant and Annual Gifts to ATLA

The Henry Luce Foundation awarded ATLA a Chairman's Discretionary Grant of \$10,000 in March for supporting an inventory of approximately 1,500 serials on microfilm in ATLA's collection. ATLA produced these microfilms in earlier years, before the adoption of current preservation standards and before it received support for preservation microfilming from the National Endowment for the Humanities and several other foundations. Thus, many of these microfilms lack duplicating print masters for the production of positive distribution copies and also lack currently acceptable cataloging for bibliographic access.

This project became a top priority for ATLA recently when the University of Chicago Library Photoduplication Laboratory closed. The Laboratory had filmed these works for ATLA over many years and stored the film in its archival vaults. However, upon closing it forwarded thousands of feet of microfilm to ATLA offices in Evanston, where it is now temporarily stored without climate control or protection against fire, flood, theft or vandalism. ATLA has rented its own vault at the National Underground Storage Facility in Boyers, Pennsylvania, where it stores the camera negatives it has produced in recent years. However, this earlier film cannot be sent there for storage until it is inspected and evaluated for quality of filming, for existence of print masters and for accuracy of bibliographic description. Any deficiencies in these areas must first be corrected before the camera negatives can be placed in permanent storage. One of the members of ATLA's Advisory Committee on Preservation expressed the urgency of this inventory project by comparing the microfilm in ATLA offices to "butter on the sidewalk in August." Fortunately, the Henry Luce Foundation, which had awarded preservation grants to ATLA in 1987 and again in 1992-1993, also recognized the urgency of this project by making a Chairman's Discretionary Grant so that the project could begin immediately. Once again, ATLA is most grateful to the Henry Luce Foundation, Inc., to its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Henry Luce III, and to its other officers for their concern and generosity.

The 1997 Annual Opportunity Giving for support of the ATLA Endowment Fund is now well

under way. Thus far, 26 members and friends of ATLA have given \$1,455 to this cause. With ATLA's match of \$2.00 for each \$1.00 contributed, the Endowment Fund has increased by \$4,365 through this effort. The Endowment Fund now stands at \$69,549. We still solicit your support if you have not yet made your 1997 gift. An update on these figures will be presented at the Annual Conference in June. We also encourage you to consider a planned gift of \$5,000 or more to the Endowment fund through a bequest in your will, through appreciated stock, through real estate, or through a charitable gift annuity. Please confer with your attorney or financial advisor on any of these giving methods and also feel free to contact the ATLA Development Office for further information. 📖

John A. Bollier  
Development Officer

#### 📖 Religion Database management software update

Two years ago, members of ATLA's Index and Information Services staff began planning for the migration of ATLA's current and retrospective index data into a single database system. In October of 1996 the Executive Director formed the Index Database Development task force consisting of: Karl J. Frantz (Database Analyst), Steven W. Holloway (Indexer), Ric Hudgens (Editor, RIO), Paul Jensen (Director, Information Services), and Erica Treesh (Editor, RIT). The IDD TF was charged with developing criteria for new Index Database management software. Our first step was to analyze the Indexes' current work flow and the antecedents that led to our present method of data management. We have since discussed the ways in which the indexing process might change with the advent of new computer equipment and technology, and have begun to develop criteria for a new data input and management system.

Because ATLA is committed to the ongoing production of MARC records for the ATLA Religion Database, we have now reached the point where it is necessary for us to examine the features of off-the-shelf products that provide MARC support. We are mindful that the MARC record is a cataloging format and that we still have a number of important decisions to take regarding how best to capture the content of our

index records in a new system. For example, a system that supports UNICODE would enable us to more accurately capture title information by allowing us to include character sets for languages such as Greek, Hebrew, and Coptic. Although titles including such coding would need to be decoded for current MARC tapeload and CD-ROM production, the more accurate title information could be maintained for future use and/or alternate output formats. Suggestions of any MARC-based database software that should be examined by ATLA are most welcome. We are especially interested in authority features. Any recommendations of issues to consider with such software would also be extremely helpful. Suggestions can be forward to Paul Jensen at the ATLA office (pjensen@atla.atla.com). 📖

Index Database Development Task Force

#### New Editor Named for ATLA Monograph Series

As an expression of its continuing commitment to library research and scholarship in the discipline of theology, the American Theological Library Association has appointed Don Haymes to edit the ATLA Monograph Series co-published by Scarecrow Press.


Mr. Haymes brings to the task years of experience as an editor and theological librarian. He presently serves as Editor of *Research in Ministry (RIM)* and formerly edited *Religion Index One: Periodicals (RIO)*. Before coming to ATLA in 1990 Mr. Haymes was successively Editor-in-Chief of Mercer University Press and Assistant Librarian for Public Services in the Library of the School of Theology of the University of the South. He is actively seeking proposals and manuscripts for future publication in this distinguished series.

ATLA's participation in scholarly publishing arose from a growing concern among its members at the end of the 1960s that traditional religious publishers were abandoning scholarly, academic communication in favor of more lucrative projects. After the 1969 annual meeting an *ad hoc* Committee on Publication headed by Dr. Kenneth E Rowe began exploring possibilities for scholarly publishing by ATLA and in 1972 the first scholarly monograph appeared with a joint ATLA/Scarecrow imprint. In 1974



the first entry in the ATLA Bibliography Series came off the press, again with Scarecrow. Dr. Rowe has been Editor of both series since 1972, and will continue to edit the Bibliography Series. In Dr. Rowe's 25 years as Editor ATLA has published 41 bibliographies and 42 monographs in these two series. All of these titles remain in print—some have been reprinted—and all are available from Scarecrow Press, now a subsidiary of University Press of America. Under the terms of a new agreement with ATLA, Scarecrow Press will offer these and all future titles in the two series to ATLA members and member libraries at a discount.

Over the past 25 years ATLA has proudly published studies in religious history, theology, ethics, literature, music, sociology, education, and linguistics. That eclectic vision will likely continue, but the focus will remain on works that will become useful resources in library research. Collections of annotated documents illustrating the history of religious movements or phenomena can be especially useful to librarians and researchers, as can guides to particular fields of study that trace the development of literature and method.

Prospective authors—and theological librarians with suggestions for needed projects—in the ATLA Monograph Series may contact Don Haymes via the internet at [pp002454@mindspring.com](mailto:pp002454@mindspring.com) or by telephone at 847/475-2650 (voice), 847/869-7788 (voice/messages), or 847/869-8513 (facsimile). Manuscripts and written proposals may be sent to Mr. Haymes' attention at ATLA, 820 Church Street, Suite 400, Chicago, Illinois, 60201-5613. Mr. Haymes requests that prospective authors communicate with him before sending a manuscript. 

### Research in Ministry (RIM) 1996

*Research in Ministry (RIM) 1996* is now in print and will ship to subscribers in May 1997. This essential research service documents projects in professional ministry studies sponsored by institutions accredited by the Association of Theological Schools. RIM is now edited by Don Haymes, who formerly edited *Religion Index One: Periodicals (RIO)*. Citations and abstracts for RIM 1997 are now coming in from ATS institutions and degree recipients, and ATLA expects to publish that printed index on schedule in the autumn of 1997. ATLA's commitment to this significant service to member institutions remains a priority. In previous years the printed volume of RIM has been mailed to subscribers as a loose-leaf document; RIM 1996 is spiral-bound (vii + 115 pages) with a distinctive gold cover.

Theological seminaries are centers of scholarship in the disciplines of theological discourse. At the same time they exist, naturally and intentionally, to educate candidates for ministry. Seminaries are often criticized for failure to uphold either or both of these values. The theoretical demands of scholarship are often opposed to the practical necessities of ministry, and one or the other is elevated or denigrated. The tension provokes suspicion and, sometimes, hostility.


Yet the ideal of a "learned ministry" remains. Since the 1960s seminaries and universities affiliated with the Association of Theological Schools and the American Theological Library Association have offered courses leading to the degree of Doctor of Ministry. In contrast to more traditional doctoral programs—the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) or Doctor of Theology (Th.D.)—candidates for the Doctor of Ministry degree are grounded, typically, not in texts but in human experience. Doctor of Ministry studies are, as Bonnie J Miller-McLemore and William R Meyers wrote in 1989, "an exercise in practical theology." Candidates for the D.Min. almost always hold a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) or its equivalent; as veterans in some field of ministry or mission they seek the tools and skills necessary to grapple with new issues or persistent problems. They may be encouraged to read widely and deeply in academic and professional literature, but not as an end in itself. Their studies direct them, as Miller-McLemore and Myers

have pointed out, to “qualitative research with living human documents.”

By 1969 there were 325 students enrolled in D.Min. programs, and through the 1970s this enrollment expanded exponentially; by 1979 there were 5,327 students seeking a D.Min. degree. With this explosion in Doctor of Ministry studies, degree-granting institutions and degree-seeking students immediately encountered problems of documentation. Faculty and students in Ph.D. and Th.D. programs have long been able to consult *Dissertation Abstracts* and other resources to determine what has been done and derive new avenues of research..

These tools are also invaluable for research in many fields, pointing students and scholars to important works of scholarship designed to make “a contribution to knowledge.” At the beginning of the 1980s no such resource documented the contributions of Doctor of Ministry projects.

Responding to this need, ATLA in 1981 began systematically collecting data from D.Min. degree recipients and degree-granting institutions. These data include bibliographic information about each project, including author, title, pagination, the name of the faculty advisor, and the institution where the study was conducted. Most entries include an abstract of the work prepared with the author and edited by ATLA, and all have been indexed for subject access. By 1983 ATLA was able to issue the first volume of *Research in Ministry*, covering the entries gathered since 1981.


RIM has been issued annually since 1983, and RIM now offers 4,731 bibliographic entries in the *ATLA Religion Database on CD-ROM*. *RIM 1996* adds 421 records to this database, bringing the total to 5,152. These records cover D.Min. projects produced between 1970 and 1996 at more than 50 ATS institutions. Subscription to *RIM 1996* is available at \$60.00, and all previous issues are in stock for immediate shipment. All RIM issues from 1981-1990 are also available on three microfiche (48x) for \$60.00. 

Don Haymes  
RIM Editor

### **ATLA Religion Database MARC Record Product**


Last February in a meeting between ATLA staff and current ATLA Religion Database MARC record customers many problems encountered in implementing the ATLA Religion Database in various OPAC systems were discussed and resolved. Ultimately this led to an improved ATLA Religion Database MARC Record specification. While acceptance of the new specification has not officially occurred it has been positively received by all current MARC customers.

The official acceptance of the ATLA Religion Database MARC Record specification is the first step towards an improved format and support for the product. Specifically, semi-annual updates of MARC records to correspond with the CD-ROM publication were agreed upon. In addition an annual update of fixed or corrected records will be included.

In order to fully support the enhanced record specification several retrospective conversions will have to take place. Our schedule for production of these conversions calls for RIT to be completed in its entirety (through RIT 95) by July. IBRR is to follow, again to its latest issue (through IBRR 96) in August. Followed by RIO, again to its current issue (through RIO28) to be completed in September. I am happy to report that ATLA is currently on track to complete the production within the given time frame. 

*Paul Jensen*  
*Director of Information Services*

### **Association Software**

This week we begin to plan the implementation of our new association software. This is the first time that all of our member and customer records will be brought together into one database. The membership management module will serve as the hub of all integrated application functions and all tasks are organized around this central database. Through the Member Service Center we will be able to access member information, including prior contacts, conference participation, committees/interest groups and board participation, subscriptions and any other sort of information we choose to track. Our goal is to improve our service to you as well as to improve our accuracy and our ability to generate useful information. During the next couple of weeks we will be contacting each of you requesting confirmation and/or updating of our information. We ask that you help us ensure the success of this project by promptly responding to our questionnaire. 

*Patricia K. Adamek*  
*Director of Financial Services*

## **PUBLICATIONS & CONFERENCES**


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### **American Journal of Pastoral Counseling**

New York-The Haworth Pastoral Press, an imprint of The Haworth Press Inc., announces that the *Journal of Religion in Psychotherapy* has been renamed the **American Journal of Pastoral Counseling**. This revamped, peer-reviewed quarterly journal defines, clarifies, and updates the discipline of pastoral counseling to the professional world, helping develop and shape the field by providing a public place for you to share your research, viewpoints, cases, and theories. Within each issue you will be challenged to initiate intriguing discussions across traditional boundaries of discipline, methodology, and faith—a process that often facilitates the emergence of fresh understanding and unique practice.

The Haworth Press, Inc., will be happy to provide a complimentary copy of the journal to librarians and faculty with library recommendation authorization for subscription consideration. Send your request on official letterhead to The Haworth Press, Inc., Sample Copy Department—Box Comp, 10 Alice Street, Binghamton, New York 13904-1580, Fax (607) 722-6362, E-mail: [getinfo@haworth.com](mailto:getinfo@haworth.com) or The Haworth Press, Inc., 450 Tapscott Road, Unit 1, Scarborough, Ontario M1B 5W1, Canada, or The Haworth Press, Inc., 27 Horsell Road, London N5 1XL England (all correspondence only for those outside the USA). 


### Call for Papers

Prospective authors are invited to request an “Instructions for Authors” brochure from the Editor: Richard Dayringer, Th.D., Department of Medical Humanities, School of Medicine, Southern Illinois University, PO Box 19230, Springfield, IL 62794-1113; Tel: (217) 782-4261; Fax: (217) 782-9132; E-mail: [rdayringer@siumed.edu](mailto:rdayringer@siumed.edu)

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### The Nicotine Theological Journal

ATLA members D.G. Hart and John Muether are pleased to announce that the Nicotine Theological Journal has commenced publication. The Nicotine Theological Journal is a semi-serious and semi-quarterly publication dedicated to a full and feisty exploration of the riches of Old School Presbyterian culture, from helpful hints on how to sanctify the Lord's Day to recommendations regarding the best and most affordable single malt scotches. In the NTJ, you will find out what Presbyterians can't sing and what Presbyterians should smoke. You will read arguments on why confessional subscription still matters, and how it is affected by the political economy.

Subscriptions to the Nicotine Theological Journal are \$7.00 per year. For a sample issue, please write: John Muether, 622 Orchid Lane, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714. 

### Is Religion Good for your Health?

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### **Japanese Expert on the Westminster Assembly**

In recent years, Rev. Yoshiaki Matsutani has established himself as the greatest Japanese expert on the Westminster Assembly of Divines through the publication of three titles on the subject, including a guide to the sessions of the Assembly and a two-volume history of the Assembly (volume 2 is in preparation). Rev. Matsutani's books are: *The Making of the Westminster Assembly of Divines* (Ichibaku Pub. Co., 1992, ISBN 4-900666-23-8) and *A Digest of the Whole Proceedings of the Westminster Assembly of Divines*, (Ichibaku Pub. Co. 1996, ISBN 4-900666-13-0). During a recent teaching trip to Japan, I visited in the Matsutani home and learned that he would be interested in contacts with others working in this field of study. Rev. Matsutani may be contacted at: 3-7-31 Ijiri, Minami-ku, Fukuoka-shi, 816, Japan. His telephone and fax number is: (092) 591-4580. 📖

*Tom Reid*

*Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary,*

### **Librarianship Workshop**

A librarianship workshop for Latin American theological librarians will take place in Quito, Ecuador, during this coming June 2–6. This event will provide training to library staff who, for different reasons, have not been able to get adequate training for library work. The Seminario Teologico Nazareno Sudamericano has offered its facilities for this workshop. The Asociacion Latinoamericana de Instituciones de Educacion Teologica and the Comunidad de Educacion Teologica Ecumenica Latinoamericana are sponsoring this activity. This workshop is part of a continuous training process for library staff in a region where trained theological librarians are scarce and very needed. The other goal is to encourage library staff to start a cooperation process towards the consolidation of a new project, the Latin American Theological Information Network. 📖

*Alvaro Pérez*

*Seminario Biblico Latinoamericano  
bsebila@sol.racsa.co.cr*

### **Job Listings Wanted**

ATLA is soliciting job listings for both professional and paraprofessional positions. Send position open announcements to Melody Chartier (email: [chartier@atla.com](mailto:chartier@atla.com)) and they will be posted on the web site immediately and in the next newsletter. If you need a librarian, a circulation supervisor, or administrative assistant, we can help you find one!

**DIKTUON**

The name *Diktuon* is the Koine word for “net”  
as in fisherman’s net  
Edited by Duane Harbin  
and Gilles Poitras

**A Computing Security Primer for Librarians,  
Part 1**

In this issue, we begin a series of columns on computing security. As I speak with librarians from various ATLA institutions, this is the technical issue that seems most on their minds. Making security decisions can be daunting to tackle because it is difficult to see where to begin and when to declare a halt. In this series, I hope to provide some conceptual organization to the issues and demystify some of the terminology. The goal is to provide you with tools to help assess your risks, educate your constituents, take reasonable security precautions, and to recognize a security breach when one occurs.

As usual, there are some caveats. Here I will take a commonsense approach to computing security, focusing primarily on public-access systems of the types common to theological libraries. Your situation and your needs will vary from the examples I use. I will cite particular products as examples of security solutions. That does not mean that I would necessarily recommend that product for your environment, or that the product is necessarily superior to other, similar products. Computing security is too complex in scope to cover comprehensively in this forum. I will suggest sources of additional information. If you are responsible for security at your site, you should do additional research on the specific concerns you face.

*Living with Imperfection*

Computing security measures are a compromise aimed at attaining the lowest risk at the least cost and inconvenience. Perfect computer security, if it does exist, would probably be far too costly for most ATLA institutions to implement, and would seriously compromise the usefulness of the systems to which it applied. Begin preparing yourself and your constituents to accept a certain amount of risk in your computing facilities. There is very little that you can do to prevent someone with sufficient means, sufficient tech-

nical knowledge, and sufficient motivation from cracking your security. So include recovering from a breach in your overall security plan. These facts are *not* an excuse for neglecting simple, cost-effective steps to minimize your risk.

*Untangling Security Issues*

Our computer systems have evolved into complex tangles of hardware, software, and telecommunications. In order to think through security issues, we need to break our systems down into their relevant components, and identify the security risks affecting each component. Then we need to identify security options, select those most appropriate to our needs, and implement them. Security is an ongoing concern, because as systems change, so do the security risks. An important part of a computing security plan is ongoing monitoring to make certain your security measures are effective.

First, identify your risks, or what you are attempting to prevent. For most public-access library systems, the primary risks are:

- Accidental damage
- Vandalism
- Theft
- Illegal or unethical use

Next, create a model of your system on paper. You can use a simple outline form to do this, or you can create a matrix chart. The following is an example of a typical matrix:

<b>PUBLIC WORK-STATIONS</b>	<b>Hardware</b>	System unit and internal components Monitors Major peripherals (printers, scanners, CD towers, etc.) Minor peripherals (keyboards, mice, mousepads, etc.)
	<b>Software</b>	Operating System Applications (taken individually)
<b>STAFF WORK-STATIONS</b>	<b>Hardware</b>	System unit and internal components Monitors Major peripherals (printers, scanners, CD towers, etc.) Minor peripherals (keyboards, mice, mousepads, etc.)
	<b>Software</b>	Operating System Applications (taken individually)
<b>SERVERS</b>	<b>Hardware</b>	System unit and internal components

		Monitors
		Major peripherals (printers, scanners, CD towers, etc.)
		Minor peripherals (keyboards, mice, mousepads, etc.)
	<b>Software</b>	Operating System
		Applications (taken individually)
<b>NET-WORK/SITE</b>	<b>Hardware</b>	Wiring components
		Modem, etc.
		Routers
		Gateways
	<b>Software</b>	Operating System
		Authentication
		Firewall

Once you have created the model, you need to assess your risks and options for the portions that you are responsible for and can control. Go ahead and identify the areas you do not control, if only very generically. You will want to have a contact person for those areas who understands the security measures that have been taken there. Those measures will affect your security needs at the levels you manage. You may also see symptoms of problems in these areas before those responsible for managing those levels do.

*Hardware Security*

You will notice that the matrix divides into two major sub-categories at each level; hardware and software. For the balance of this column, we will deal mostly with hardware security. I will review two essentials of software security and go more deeply into software security in the next *Newsletter*.

The principal risks to hardware are accident, vandalism, and theft. The amount of risk you face depends a lot on your neighborhood and your patrons. Libraries located on rural or suburban campuses have different risks than those in urban centers. Libraries used primarily by their institution's students are generally at less risk than those with considerable drop-in traffic. Your risk of computer vandalism and theft is probably about the same as, or a little higher than, your general risk of vandalism and theft.

Hardware risk is the most quantifiable. Calculate the replacement cost (*not* the depreciated value) of your total investment in computing technology. Be certain to include the cost of licensing for any software stored on your computers. Figure a complete loss as your maximum exposure. For example, if you are a small library with three workstations using standard

applications, your risk in this area is probably about \$7,500. That provides you with a basis to consider your investment in hardware security.

Insurance is also a factor in developing a hardware security plan. Many institutions are self-insured for losses up to a certain amount. Unfortunately, that usually means uninsured, because there is no actual budget line for covering any losses. Even institutions that are insured often have requirements that must be met in order for the loss to be payable. Some policies only cover the depreciated value of the equipment, not the replacement cost. Make certain you understand the insurance situation regarding computer equipment at your institution.

Hardware accidents are best prevented by having well-planned work areas with adequate space, lighting, and sturdy furnishings. Cramping computer work areas into inadequate spaces, or using flimsy furniture is false economy. Hardware should not be placed near the edges of tables and shelves. Furniture should be properly assembled and sufficiently strong to bear the weight of the equipment. Power and connection cables should be well away from areas where they can be tripped over or hooked.

There are two basic approaches to securing computer hardware, securing the hardware itself, and securing the area where it's housed. There are three methods of securing the hardware itself: chaining or cabling the computers to immovable objects, placing them in enclosures that are specially attached to existing furnishings, or keeping components in specially designed security furniture.

Cables and chains are the cheapest of these alternatives (\$30 to \$50 per workstation), the most readily available, and the least secure. Anyone who has had a locked bicycle stolen knows that breaking cables, chains, and padlocks only requires tools available at any hardware store. This method usually involves attaching a metal loop to the computer components for the cable to go through. The attachment is often the most vulnerable aspect of the method because standard computer cases are not designed to withstand the forcible removal of the metal loop. This approach is only appropriate where economy is an absolute necessity.

The second type is intermediate in price (\$100 to \$200 per workstation) and protection. Compu-Gard Security Products (<http://www.compu-gard.com>, 800-333-6810) is perhaps the best-known manufacturer of this type of product. It consists of a lockable metal case that encloses the system unit of the computer. This case is attached to existing furniture either with an adhesive or special one-way bolts. Some include cable attachments for monitors and keyboards. The adhesive is very durable and is not supposed to harm most surfaces. Obviously, you may want to have your surfaces tested before you commit to using one. The weakest point may be the locks on the units, which sometimes have key systems that are vulnerable. The units also have limitations in reusability, because they are designed for components of a certain size.

Security cabinets are usually designed as a complete desk or carrel that can be closed and locked when not in use. Examples can be seen in some library supply catalogs, or the Global Computer Supplies Catalog (<http://www.globalcomputer.com/>, 800-227-1245). Most models only secure the equipment when they are closed and locked, but some models are designed so that components are kept in locked compartments even when the workstation is in use. This type can provide reasonable security for display monitors by enclosing them, and for keyboards and mice by securing the area where they connect to the computer. Their primary disadvantages are their inflexibility (making them ergonomically questionable), the inconvenience of equipment maintenance, and the cost of well-built ones (\$300 to \$500 per workstation). This solution has not proven popular in our decor-conscious times because the cabinets are usually quite ugly. However, if you will have to buy workstation furniture anyway, they are worth considering. Choose ones that are sturdily constructed, have good locks, and are sufficiently bulky to prevent having the entire cabinet stolen.

Hardware security alarms are recent additions to the hardware security market. These consist of a motion detector combined with a loud alarm siren in a unit little larger than a cigarette pack. The alarm attaches to the system unit and goes off if the unit is moved. An example of this approach is manufactured by Innovation Consumer Products (ICP) of Canada

(<http://www.icp.ca/compgard.htm>). It is doubtful that these devices are suitable for library use, but they are so inexpensive (less than \$20 for battery-powered models) and compact that I have included them as an option. They are probably a better deterrent to tampering and vandalism than theft.

All the ways of physically securing computer hardware tend to make the workstation less flexible for the user and more difficult for the staff who need to do maintenance. It may be a better overall investment to secure the space where the workstations are housed. The most comprehensive way of doing this is to install a monitored, electronic building security system that employs motion detectors, glass and door break alarms, and panic buttons. In addition to providing good security against theft and vandalism for all the library's possessions, they enhance personal security for staff members and patrons. Depending on the nature of the library facility, such systems can easily run to several thousand dollars. If you know you are at high risk for theft and vandalism you should consider installing one. If you are planning a new library facility or a major renovation, consider including a building security system.

Even if a monitored electronic security system is beyond your means, you can make common-sense space decisions that will help limit your vulnerability to theft and vandalism. Place public workstations in heavy traffic areas where staff members and patrons are usually always present. Keep workstations away from ground floor windows and exit doors, including fire exits, to discourage "grab and run" thefts. If possible, when the library is closed, lock the interior doors between your computers and the building exits. Make certain all exterior doors are secure against breakage and have strong locks. Consider barring or putting security screen over ground floor windows. (That option may be so costly and unattractive that your financial officers will reconsider the cost of a monitored security system.)

For many libraries, the greatest vulnerability is to theft. Mice and mousepads are particularly vulnerable to impulse theft. If you have a book security system, you may be able to attach security targets to your mice, your keyboards, and your mousepads. You can get a stencil made



with your institutional symbol or name. Using this and a permanent marker, you can easily mark equipment in a way difficult to remove. Use a large one for system units and monitors, a small one for mice and keyboards. If you can stand the lack of aesthetic appeal, mark equipment in clearly visible places so potential thieves will see that equipment is readily identifiable as your property. Try to keep your inventory records current, so you can provide police with accurate descriptions and identification information. Otherwise, there is no hope of ever recovering stolen equipment or successfully prosecuting thieves.

Some institutions have experienced the theft of internal system parts (such as memory chips, disk drives, and modem cards) from machines in unmonitored public areas. If your public computers are equipped with locking cases, use the locks. The locks may not be very good, but they will discourage casual thieves and slow down more determined ones. If your library is sufficiently large and busy that someone opening a library computer case might go unchallenged, take steps to prevent it. Make a policy not to do maintenance service in public areas, or ask maintenance personnel to wear a special badge. Encourage patrons and particularly student staff members to investigate suspicious activity.

#### *Software Security*

I would be remiss if I did not point out two basic software security precautions that *everyone* should implement: BACKUP and VIRUS PROTECTION. I cannot emphasize this too much. If you do *nothing else* with regard to computer security, do these two things! Backup is fundamental to recovering from system failure, accident, vandalism, and theft. If you have public workstations, you may find that your best security is to keep a template copy of the software configuration. If one of the setups becomes corrupted, you can quickly wipe out the corrupted software and re-install from the template. Portable mass storage devices such as Iomega's Zip and Jaz drives (<http://www.iomega.com/>) make it convenient to backup, restore or modify several machines with one storage drive.

Any computer with a diskette drive or a network connection should have virus protection software installed. IBM, McAfee, Microsoft, Symantec, and others all make good anti-virus programs. Anti-virus programs now actively pre-

vent infection. That will save you the time and energy required to remove a corrupted configuration and replace it, even if you have full backups. You can usually get good educational discounts on site licenses for anti-virus software. Choose a program that provides regular updates via the Web and keep your files current.



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#### May Reference Review

*The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, 3rd edition/ edited by F.L. Cross: third edition edited by E.A. Livingstone. London, New York: Oxford University Press, 1997. ISBN 019211655x, \$125.00.

Although F.L. Cross died in 1968, during the preparation of the 2nd edition of *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, the 3rd edition still carries his name as a principle editor, along with E.A. Livingstone, his long-time collaborator. This attribution is no mere courtesy, since the 3rd edition still bears the decisive stamp left on the ODCC by Cross over 30 years ago, both in its strengths and its weaknesses.

Cross was, in Owen Chadwick's words, "a deeply religious son of the Oxford Movement," and the strong points of the ODCC 3rd still reflect that viewpoint. Patristics, all matters liturgical, and the history of Christianity in the British empire have always received the most comprehensive coverage in this dictionary, and the new edition continues that tradition. When the 2nd edition of the Oxford Dictionary was published in 1974 several reasons were advanced for its revision and growth (by about 10%). The main reasons were the liturgical changes associated with Vatican II and the growing ecumenical movement. In the Preface to this 3rd edition, Livingstone again details the areas of change which have prompted another 17% expansion. The development of feminist and liberation theologies, the need for a more positive evaluation of other religions and the fact that the majority of Christians now live in Africa are among the factors, and they offer an interesting perspective from which to assess the new edition.

Long, balanced and wholly new articles have indeed been added on feminist theology, liberation theology, and the ordination of women. Pains clearly were taken to assess both the strengths and failings of these movements and to acknowledge their opponents. Bibliographies are superb, although one can always find a favorite work which has been omitted. British

material predominates, although American publications are represented.

In its treatment of Africa the success of this new edition is more mixed. New articles are to be found on Christianity in Zimbabwe, Zaire and Nigeria, but there is still no mention of Rwanda, Namibia or Liberia. This last exclusion is troubling, since Liberia is an officially Christian nation, and one in which persecution of Christians played a role during the recent civil war. Equally disturbing is the article on South Africa. Although it has clearly been rewritten during the mid 1990s, there is no mention at all of Nelson Mandela or of the Apartheid system as such. Desmond Tutu receives a single line, which refers to him as a "Black Christian" opponent of "racialism."

A similar mixed result is obtained if one looks at Owen Chadwick's suggestions for a third edition, made in his 1974 review of the 2nd edition (*Times Literary Supplement*, Nov. 22, 1974). His call for a more thorough treatment of the reformers seems to have been heeded; articles have been added on Heinrich Bullinger and on the Marburg Colloquy, and the article on Zwingli now discusses his view of the Eucharist. Regarding religion and science, however, Chadwick's concern has fallen on deaf ears. This new edition still contains no article on religion and science, nor any on evolution, although there are seven lines on "Darwinism."

One last area worth a brief look is the treatment of evangelical and fundamentalist movements, since this is also an area of great change noted by Livingstone in her Preface. The article on "evangelicalism" is comprehensive in its treatment of that movement within the Anglican church, and quite a few articles on British evangelicals—many rather obscure to the American reader—have been added. American evangelicalism, however, is barely mentioned, and no articles have been added for modern figures such as Pat Robertson, although there are brief entries on Billy Graham and Charles Hodge. The article on "fundamentalism" has been helpfully rewritten to include mention of non-Christian fundamentalisms, but it is very odd that the work of Marty and Appleby is not included in the bibliography. Finally, the article on "creationism" deals in some detail with the meaning of the word in patristic debates about the origin of the

soul, but only gives a single line to acknowledge its more current usage regarding the literal interpretation of Genesis.

None of these shortcomings render the *Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church* any less indispensable as a reference tool, or suggest that the 3rd edition is not a worthy revision. The very idea of a one-volume dictionary of Christianity must imply a very selective work, and it is to our advantage to be aware of the strengths and failings of any particular selection. But this new edition deserves to carry on the reputation earned by its predecessors as one of the few must-have reference works in any library supporting an interest in Christianity. The 3rd edition contains a considerable amount of new and revised material, and it is recommended for all public and academic collections.

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## NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS AND MEMBER LIBRARIES

### **Norris Magnuson Retires**

Norris Magnuson at Bethel Theological Seminary will retire from his position as Director of Resource Center and Professor of Church History at the end of June.

Magnuson received his B.A. from Bethel College, his B.D. from Bethel Theological Seminary, and his M.A., Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. He began as professor and director at Bethel Seminary in 1959.

During Magnuson's tenure at Bethel, he has given leadership not only to the library but to numerous boards and committees of the Baptist General Conference. His devotion to the Seminary and to each student is exceptional. 📖

### **James F. Scott Retires**

James F. Scott, Library Director of the Mitchell Library at Multnomah Bible College and Biblical Seminary, retires after 17 and one-half years, on June 30, 1997. Dr. Philip Johnson, assistant librarian at the Turpin Library at Dallas Theological Seminary, will become Library Director at Mitchell Library on July 1, 1997. 📖

### **New Library Building**

The Master's Grace Library, which serves The Master's Seminary, has started construction of its new library building. The building will house faculty offices on the second floor, and the library will be on the first floor and basement. The library part of the building will be 25,000 square feet. We should be able to move into the building by early 1998. 📖

*Anna Lois Kroll  
Seminary Cataloging Librarian  
Master's Grace Library*

### **Turpin Library**

Turpin Library, Dallas Theological Seminary, has received a challenge grant from the Hoblitzelle Foundation in the amount of \$30,000, to purchase SIRSI's WebCat software for the library to use with its Unicorn online catalog. Another gift of \$12,000 will provide new computers to replace some the library's terminals. WebCat provides an interactive, graphical public access catalog on the World Wide Web as well as Web access from library catalog computers.


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### **Happenings at Philip Schaff Library, Lancaster Theological Seminary**

Philip Schaff Library, Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pennsylvania is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Chris Beldan to the position of Assistant Librarian for Reference and Systems Management. Mr. Beldan, who begins his new duties on June 1, 1997, has a M.Rel. from Wycliffe College, Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto and an MLS from the University of Western Ontario, School of Library and Information Science. With extensive experience in cataloging, reference, and computer technology, Mr. Beldan will have responsibility for the development, implementation, management, and instruction in the use of reference resources including CD-ROM and internet as well as the automated library system and campus network. Mr. Beldan's spouse, Anne McGillivray, who also has an MLS, will work part-time in the library on a retrospective conversion project and inter-library loan. They, along with son Allan, will be moving to Lancaster in late May.

Library automation in the Philip Schaff Library is being made possible through a generous grant from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations. Schaff Library has contracted with the Library Corporation of Inwood, West Virginia to purchase their new system, Library **Solution**. In addition, the grant will provide funds for the completion of the campus network, pentium computers, file server, cabling, and retrospective conversion. Target installation date is July 1997 with the expectation that the system will be operational by late September.

A major gift from a friend of Lancaster Seminary is making possible the re-decoration of the Schaff Library. The project will include new lighting, ceiling, reconfigured work, public, and stack spaces, new furniture, and wiring for computers, including the automated system, campus network, and Internet. This project will be the first of its kind since the library was built in 1968-69 and will provide a more comfortable atmosphere for study and reading as well as updated staff work space and current technology. To complete this project the library will be closed from May 12, 1997 through September 15, 1997. During that period the collection will be boxed and moved off site, unavailable for in house use or inter-library loan. Your cooperation in not sending inter-library loan requests will be appreciated. Such requests will be welcome again beginning October 1, 1997.

We ask you celebrate with us these significant changes in the Life of Philip Schaff Library which will enhance our mission to better serve our constituencies. 

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### **POSITIONS OPEN**

#### **Head Librarian**

Mundelein Seminary is the major theological seminary for the Archdiocese of Chicago. It also has a national outreach. Mundelein's primary purpose is to prepare candidates to be parish priests. The seminary offers the Masters in Divinity, STB, STL, and Doctor in Ministry Degrees. To support this mission, Mundelein maintains the Feehan Memorial Library; a theological library with over 160,000 volumes and more than 400 periodicals.


The University of Saint Mary of the Lake is accepting applications for the position of head librarian:

**Responsibilities:** Responsible for overall leadership and administration of the Feehan Memorial Library, including budget, staff supervision and collection development. Instruction and assistance of students in their use of the library. Serve as primary reference librarian. Maintain and augment the collection in consultation with the faculty. Serve as a member of the faculty.

**Qualifications:** A master's degree in library science from an ALA accredited institution and substantial back ground in theology are required. A degree in theology preferred. The candidate must be familiar with the history and tradition of Roman Catholicism as expressed by the Magisterium.

**Experience:** The successful candidate will have experience in administration and staff management. The candidate will be service oriented and have the ability to work cooperatively with the faculty and students in pursuit of the mission of the university. The candidate will have a familiarity with computer resources and the ability to coordinate possible computer conversion with ACTS. The candidate will also be able to maintain a flexible schedule consistent with the needs of the university.

Salary: Negotiable. Full Benefits


**Application:** Send letter of application, resume and three references to The Very Rev. John Canary, Rector/President, University of Saint Mary of the Lake, 1000 E. Maple Avenue, Mundelein, IL 60060. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. 

#### **Reference Librarian**

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary is seeking a qualified applicant to serve as the Reference Librarian. The position entails serving the needs of faculty and students of a major Southern Baptist Seminary. The programs served range from Associates of Divinity to a Ph.D. Qualifications include an MLS from an accredited school, and a Masters degree or higher in theology. Working knowledge of Hebrew and Greek, and German, French, or Latin helpful. Familiarity with online searching; web and internet, CD-Roms and on-line catalog. The collection includes 250,000 items and 1,000 periodicals. Southeastern is a conservative and strongly evangelical seminary with many students training for and serving in pastorates and mission fields both in the United States and abroad. We are seeking someone in the conservative tradition with excellent people skills and a strong desire to serve.

#### **Technical Services Librarian**

Turpin Library, at Dallas Theological Seminary, invites applications for the position of technical services librarian. This librarian is responsible for the administration and operation of the technical services department including cataloging, database maintenance, processing of library materials, binding and preservation, and serials management. S/he supervises two full-time staff.

Qualifications include an MLS degree and an M.Div. or equivalent, three years experience in technical services, and knowledge of one modern non-English and one ancient language. Dallas is a nondenominational, evangelical seminary with MA, Th.M., D.Min., and Ph.D. programs. Turpin Library holds over 160,000 volumes and uses the SIRSI Unicorn Library Management System. Please send resume to library director Robert Ibach, Dallas Theological Seminary, 3909 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, TX 75204. 

### Two Positions In Biblical Studies


Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion is seeking to fill two (2) positions in Biblical Studies (tenure or tenure track) at its Cincinnati campus. These positions are available most likely beginning with the academic year 1998-1999. (These is not to preclude an appointment in 1997-1998 if a suitable candidate is discovered.)

Candidates at any level will be considered, from those completing a doctoral dissertation to scholars well established in the field.

Candidates are expected to be committed to excellence in scholarship, teaching, and collegiality. High competence is required in the Hebrew Bible and its interpretive traditions. Fields of academic specialization should include two or more of the following: Hebrew Bible as a discipline, the history/archaeology of Israel in the Biblical period, Qumranic studies, Targumic studies, Masoretic studies, medieval *parshanuth*, literary criticism and methods. Teaching responsibilities may include, but not be limited to, introductory courses in Biblical text, in Biblical Hebrew, and in *parshanuth*. Ability to teach in Hebrew is desirable.

Candidates should recognize that they will be working with both M.A./Ph.D. and rabbinical students, and will have to be cognizant of the needs of both constituencies. They should be positively inclined toward Reform Judaism, willing to participate in the programs of its various institutions, and sympathetic to the religious life of the College-Institute community.

Review of applications will begin immediately, and will continue until candidates are hired. Applications, with references, *curricula vitae*, and other supporting materials, should be sent to:

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**A Checklist of Reference Tools of Interest to Theological Librarians 1995–1996**

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