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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Along the Oregon Trail

While other librarians may have problems connecting to the Internet because of complexities involving telecommunications software, my greatest problem recently has been the Oregon Trail, an educational software package that my daughters enjoy playing on our home computer. It's been interesting to watch them select traveling companions, supplies, etc. and then begin the arduous journey with a single goal: arrive safely in Oregon with everyone intact. Along the way they must deal with illness, natural disasters, and the host of other difficulties that nineteenth century settlers faced. Once Oregon is found, I can read my E-mail!

As the new year began I've begun thinking once more about the vocational choice of theological librarianship. I have yet to meet a colleague who chose this field because of its economic rewards or status, but I have met many who did for what I regard as nobler reasons. Some chose it as a religious vocation, a sincere expression of their devotion to God and desire to serve a community of Faith. Others were driven for more humanistic motives—a delight in learning and being part of the educational enterprise, a desire to play a role in the creation of knowledge, or simply the satisfaction that comes from helping people in their study or research. Still others may have chosen this vocation because of the opportunities that it affords to build institutions—a collection, a library, a university or seminary. In addition, as time passed and we matured professionally, it's likely that we've discovered other reasons for doing what we do.

Whatever the initial impulse that led us into theological librarianship, in the course of our work with all its pressures to "get the job done," it's easy to lose sight of the original choice and the values that drew us to it. We may continue to do the same things—perhaps with undiminished efficiency—but find it more difficult to maintain our enthusiasm and bearings. It is in this connection that I've found ATLA to be especially important in my professional life. Not only has the Association served as an educational forum for learning the practical techniques of how to "get the job done," but it has also served as a community that has shaped me professionally, challenged assumptions, refined values, and reminded me of the impulses that led me to this profession initially. When members of the Association gather for the annual conference or for other activities, I am encouraged by the enthusiasm and dedication of my colleagues and inspired by their creativity and resourcefulness. I look forward to the June conference in Boston, not only as an opportunity to become familiar with new techniques and technologies for doing my work, but as an occasion to remember why I chose to do it in the first place—to look at the map and find Oregon

again, so to speak. If you've not attended an ATLA conference before, or not done so for a while, I encourage you to think seriously about the 1997 conference and consider the full range of its potential value for your institution and your own professional development. 

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

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ATLA is now half-way through its fiscal year. During this year we have been guided by a simple one-year strategic plan Patti Adamek and I drafted one-year ago when we were appointed Interim Co-Executive Directors. That plan focused on service to members, restoration of financial stability, and concentration upon our core products and services.

That plan was distributed to all members during our conference in Denver last June, and I am happy to report that we have made significant progress on all of the goals outlined in that document. We have significantly expanded our communications and involvement with members; we are in sound financial condition; and we have met every deadline established for the production of our core products, despite last year's 35% downsizing.

Now it is time to develop a plan that will lead ATLA into the next century. By the time of our next conference in Boston (June 12 - 15, 1997) we need to develop a three year plan that will guide our programs and services through 2000. I would like to share with you some preliminary ideas about that plan and to solicit from you your ideas and suggestions.

Four simple ideas form the framework of this Strategic Plan and organize the activities and goals to be pursued:

MEMBERSHIP

The primary focus of ATLA's activities is its membership. It is from its members that the association derives its mission and goals. It is for its members that ATLA develops programs and products. The primary evaluative measure of all products and services, therefore, must be "What is their value to ATLA's members?"

OWNERSHIP

During its fifty years of existence ATLA has accomplished a great deal. Our collection of bibliographic catalog, records, microfiche, and microfilm is a rich repository of materials essential for the scholarly study of religion. Ownership means stewardship, and ATLA must actively preserve and protect these materials and actively and creatively seek to make them accessible to the religious and scholarly communities.

LEADERSHIP

As an association of more than 200 theological schools from a wide variety of theological traditions, ATLA needs to provide collective leadership in assisting member institutions as they wrestle with the technological, political, and financial dilemmas they face at the end of the twentieth century. ATLA can provide information, technical assistance, and continuing education opportunities that benefit both institutional and individual members.

PARTNERSHIP

Opportunities for collaboration abound for ATLA at the close of the century: Interest in religious scholarship has never been more intense. ATLA must choose wisely the partnerships it establishes, seeking relationships that enhance its core mission rather than detract from it. ATLA must be a reliable and responsive partner, keeping its word and meeting its goals and commitments.


Organizational Ends

Each of these four categories must be tested against the ends defined by ATLA during its reorganization six years ago. In 1991 ATLA became a unified organization, completing the process of reorganization and integration that brought together the resources, staff, and missions of its three antecedent bodies: Preservation, the Index Board, and the Board of Directors. The Board at that time adopted the Policy Governance Model, asserting its leadership

through the definition of ends and the restriction of unacceptable means while entrusting management and supervision of all ATLA operations to an Executive Director.

The four basic ends of the association remain central to all strategic planning:

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 host librarians and collections.

The Strategic Plan that we develop for the year 1998-2000 will be designed to promote these ends through the products, services, and projects we pursue. It is my hope that you will share with me your ideas about the next three years, ideas that will help us set and achieve goals that are consonant with and support of the ends we have chosen to identify as an association of theological librarians. I welcome your letters, email, telephone calls, or in-person visits during the next four months as we develop ATLA's Strategic Plan for 1998 - 2000. 

Dennis A. Norlin
Executive Director

ATLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS: 1997 MIDWINTER MEETING

The ATLA Board of Directors held its midwinter meeting at the Evanston Holiday Inn January 17 - 18, 1997. The Monitoring Committee (Boylan, Thomason) spent the preceding day (16th) at ATLA headquarters evaluating all ATLA products and services.

Friday the 17th was spent receiving reports from ATLA staff, including the Executive Director (Norlin), the Directors: Information Services (Jensen), Member Services (Chartier), Financial Services (Adamek), and Index (Schorn), and the Development Officer (Bollier). The Board also visited ATLA headquarters to visit and share dessert with the staff. Highlights of the reports and discussion included:

- Support for removing the password from the ATLA Member Page on the ATLA Web site;
- Support for the proposed Mentor program to assist new ATLA members;
- Approval of a motion by Bundy, seconded by Hook, that Norlin and Bollier explore options for involving people who are not theological librarians in ATLA in a capacity to be of assistance to the association in a variety of ways;
- Opportunity to hear from Professor Karen Cates, the Kellogg School of Business faculty member who has assisted ATLA staff in developing a variety of personnel policies and procedures including a new annual performance review;
- Reception of the first quarterly report for this fiscal year indicating that ATLA is in financial recovery with an expected surplus for this fiscal year (ending August 31);
- Approval of a motion by Bundy, seconded by Stuehrenberg, that a proposal for the use of the Capital Fund be considered as a part of the Strategic Plan to be presented in June, 1997;
- Discussion of personnel matters in executive session.

The Board's second day of meeting focused on a review of the FY97 Strategic Plan and accomplishments, reception of the Monitoring Committee's report, and discussion of the Policy Governance model through which the Board governs itself and the Association's activities. Highlights included:

- A commitment to present a completed personnel handbook to the Board in June;
- Support for the Executive Director's negotiations with ATS to establish a permanent committee (three ATLA members plus one staff member) to meet with a counterpart committee from ATS prior to the AAR/SBL meeting each year;
- Support for the idea of a permanent Preservation Advisory Committee that would parallel the work of the Technology Advisory Committee;
- Request for a formal quarterly report from the Executive Director to the Board, with the first such report in March, 1997;
- Support for a conservative budget for FY98 and a proposal to revise the dues structure to be presented to the membership in June;
- Approval of a motion by Hook, seconded by Corman, that the Board affirm the right and responsibility of the Executive Director to structure the Program Committee as proposed [uniting the Education Committee and the Annual Conference Committee as subcommittees of a Program Committee that meet jointly]
- Approval of a motion by Hook, seconded by Krieger that the Monitoring Committee report be received.
- Agreement that Board members should all read the book on policy governance by John Carver and view the videotape of the policy governance seminar prior to a board discussion of governance in June;
- Approval of a motion by Bundy, seconded by Stuehrenberg, that the President work with Professor Cates to establish a model for compensation for the Executive Director and to develop an evaluation procedure for the Executive Director. 📖

NEWS ABOUT ATLA'S WWW SITE

ATLA has received a number of comments from members, the User Group, and the Board at its midwinter meeting about the use of a password on the ATLA web site. The password was instituted primarily to protect confidential information and to reserve certain benefits for the exclusive use of ATLA members. The overwhelming response of ATLA members, however, has been that the password simply makes it more difficult to use the site.

During the board's midwinter meeting it was agreed that the site should be viewed more as an opportunity for members to contribute information and ideas than as a way to protect information from non-members. The only real area of concern about confidentiality expressed by board members and User Group respondents was the posting of the ATLA Member Directory on the web site.

In response to these observations and concerns we will, with the publication of this newsletter, remove the password from the web site. We will continue to sponsor a separate Member Page, but access will not be restricted by password. If you wish to have your email address removed from the online Member Directory, please notify ATLA Webmaster, Kathy Denise Flint, by email: kflint@atla.com

We welcome your suggestions and comments about the Web site, and we urge you to visit it frequently for news of ATLA. We update the site every Friday. The address is: <http://atla.library.vanderbilt.edu/atla/home.html>.

Membership Survey

The centerfold of this issue includes a survey from the Technical Advisory Committee that focuses upon your access to the internet and to web resources. The information gathered from it will help guide the Committee in planning programs for the annual conference. Please take a moment to fill it out and return it to the Committee in care of the ATLA office.

**ATLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
NEWS & INFORMATION**

The preliminary program and registration booklet should be mailed to members at the end of February. To better assist your planning, important information is noted here in this issue and on the ATLA home page. Please note that beginning with this conference we will no longer be waiving the registration and pre-conference continuing education fees for first time attendees who are individual members. Instead we are offering a 50% discount the first year and a 25% discount if the person attends the conference the following year. Retired members receive a 50% discount on preconference fees and their registration fees are waived except for a \$25 late fee.

Registration/Conference Fees

Individual/Institutional members:

Until 4/30/97	After 4/30/97
\$110	\$135

First Time Attendee (must be ind. member):

Until 4/30/97	After 4/30/97
\$ 55	\$ 80

Retired member:

Until 4/30/97	After 4/30/97
\$ 0	\$ 25

Non-members:

Until 4/30/97	After 4/30/97
\$150	\$175

**Pre-Conference Continuing Education Fees
(per session)**

Individual and Institutional Members	\$40
Retired and First Time Attendees (must be ind. member)	\$20
Non-members	\$50

**Housing/Meals
(housing is limited, first come first served)**

	3 nights	4 nights
Single air-conditioned	\$225	\$300

Double air-conditioned	\$195	\$260
Single non-air-conditioned	\$195	\$260
Double non-air-conditioned	\$165	\$220

Note: If you stay on campus, you will automatically be enrolled in the meal plan that includes breakfast and lunch. Dinner is on your own.

Commuter Fee \$20

Attendees not staying in Boston University (BU) campus housing will be charged this commuter fee. The fee includes your use of the BU facilities for the entire duration of the conference.

Banquet \$35

The banquet fee includes your meal, the banquet reception, entertainment, and bus transportation to the Greek Cultural Center.

CONFERENCE TRAVEL

American Airlines is the official carrier of the 1997 ATLA Annual Conference. When you contact your travel agent or American Airlines (800-443-7800), please mention our group number AN3067AC to receive the lowest zone fare. Valid travel dates are June 8–June 17, 1997.

Annual Conference and Vacation in New England

Members who attend the Annual Conference in Boston this June may also want to plan some vacation time in New England. A lot of free information is available from state and local tourism offices.

- For Massachusetts information, call 1-800-477-MASS for a “Get Away” Guide, map, and other brochures.
- For Vermont, call 1-800-VERMONT and ask for a Summer Traveler Guide book and events calendar.
- For New Hampshire, call 1-800-FUN-IN-NH (1-800-386-4664) ext. 169 to get a free copy of The Official New Hampshire Guidebook.
- For Maine, call 1-800-533-9595 and ask for a copy of their Vacation Guide.
- For Connecticut, call 1-800-CT-BOUND (1-800-282-6863) for their tourism guide.

- For Rhode Island, call 1-800-556-2484 for a map, lodging guide, and other brochures.

Much information is also available on the World Wide Web. Selected state and local sites have been gathered at:

<http://divweb.harvard.edu/library/internet/travel.htm>

In addition to state offices, there are regional (e.g., Cape Cod, Northeast Connecticut) and local tourism offices that also provide free information. Check the state guide for other addresses and telephone numbers and the Web guides for links. 📖

*Clifford Wunderlich
1997 ATLA Annual Conference
Local Arrangements Committee*

Think Boston! READ!

One of the roundtable discussions at the Annual Conference in Boston will be a JUST FOR FUN discussion of contemporary fiction which has a religious setting or a religious professional as a main character. Authors of such works include Charles Colson, Andrew Greeley, Susan Howatch, Ralph McInerney, Sharan Newman, Carol Anne O'Marie, Frank Peretti, Ellis Peters, and Chaim Potok, to name a few.

Come prepared to discuss your favorite (or not so favorite!) works. 📖

*Marti Alt
Ohio State University*

Call For Conference Worship Leaders

The Annual Conference Committee of ATLA is planning to have three worship times at the 1997 Boston conference, on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings. We would like to have a variety of Christian traditions represented in worship. Saturday morning we would like to have a hymnsing. The committee will find preachers and musicians for these worship services. But we would like ATLA members to be worship leaders (e.g., planners, liturgists) as well.

The Boston Theological Institute (BTI) is planning five worship services at the 1997 Boston Conference, representing the various Christian traditions of the member institutions. Thursday,

Friday and Saturday mornings there will be worship in the Marsh Chapel at Boston University. Thursday evening Episcopal Divinity School/Weston Jesuit is planning Evensong and Saturday evening Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology is planning Vespers. Saturday morning will be the traditional hymnsing and memorials. Any ATLA member interested in participating in the Thursday morning service in the Methodist tradition or Friday morning in the Evangelical tradition is asked to let Christine Wenderoth, Chair of the Annual Conference Committee know by February 28, 1997. You can write Chris at the Ambrose Swasey Library, CRDS, 1100 South Goodman Street, Rochester, NY 14620; or email her at <swasey@rrlc.rochester.lib.ny.us>, or phone her at (716) 271-1320 x.230. 📖

Memorials

On Saturday morning, June 14, the ATLA Conference morning worship will include the reading of memorials of ATLA members who have died during the past year. Persons wishing to read a memorial should contact Roger Loyd (Duke), who will lead the morning worship service on that day. Memorials are usually prepared by a close colleague, whether at the person's institution or not. The memorials will also be published in the ATLA Proceedings. Please help with the tributes to our departed colleagues, if appropriate, and plan to attend the morning worship on Saturday in their memory. (The service will also include informal hymn singing, and a brief liturgy.) 📖

*Roger Loyd
Duke Divinity Library*

**MESSAGE FROM THE
DIRECTOR OF MEMBER SERVICES**

I believe this is an exciting time to be a part of ATLA. There's so much going on: developments with the ATLA WWW site; annual conference; a mentoring program; and other upcoming developments.

ATLA's WWW Site

As noted on p. 42 of this issue, you will no longer need a password to access ATLA's member page. Positions open will still be listed in full but will not include the contact information. Each listing will be assigned a number and will be linked directly to my email account. So, an individual will be able to read any job listing but must email me to receive the contact information. This way I can have contact with prospective members and perhaps persuade them to join ATLA. This manner of handling positions open is fairly common practice among professional associations.

You may have noticed that the home page has links to various services ATLA offers. There's a Roman Catholic denominational group link; a link for ATS; links for ATLANTIS reference reviews; comprehensive annual conference information and more. We enthusiastically invite other groups within ATLA to put material on the web site; interest groups, other denominational groups, and regional consortia are especially encouraged to send us information for the web site. Our hope as always, is to provide members, customers, and interested others with the best service possible.

Annual Conference

I hope reading about the conference in this issue has whet your appetite for professional development and camaraderie in Boston this June. The full preliminary program is listed on the ATLA web site so stop by and check it out. The librarians of the Boston Theological Institute (BTI) have quite a gathering planned. In addition to the wonderful program that explores the theme, "Building the Theological Library of the Future," Boston has much to offer. Plans are underway for trips to the Boston Pops, a cruise around Boston harbor, tours of historical Boston churches, a Red Sox game before the conference, an afternoon in Cambridge, with all of the fun culminating in the closing banquet with

Greek food and dancing that will be at the Cathedral Center in Brookline.

Please note that air-conditioned housing on campus is limited and will be assigned on a first come first served basis. Everyone is encouraged to register early, before April 30, to reserve a place and to save \$25 on the registration fee.

ATLA Mentoring Program

Thanks to ATLA members who agreed to serve as mentors. Under this program mentors will be paired with no more than three new and/or student members for the duration of one membership year. I am currently in the process of setting up this program and both mentors and participants should be hearing from me by late spring.

Membership Drive

One of the goals of the ATLA strategic plan for member services is to increase the member base professionally and financially. Therefore, the newly configured member services department will be hard at work in the coming weeks to formulate and implement a campaign to attract and retain more members.

I believe in the power of networking and personal connection. Each ATLA member is really our best salesperson because you are the ones who shape the organization and receive products and services the staff provide. I encourage all of you to let your colleagues know about ATLA; direct them to the web site; give them my name; tell them about your experience with ATLA. One way to let every prospective member know about ATLA in this fashion is through testimonials. I will be soliciting testimonials from various members about your experience in ATLA. This information, with your permission, will be included in membership brochures, flyers, and on our web site. If you have a great idea about membership or anything else in ATLA, don't hesitate to let us know. After all, this is your association and we the staff want to know what you think. 📖

*Melody S. Chartier
Director of Member Services*

ATLA ANNUAL CONFERENCES

June 11-14, 1997

Boston, MA

June 17–21, 1998	Leesburg, VA
June 1999	Evanston, IL

**MESSAGE FROM THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**National Underground Storage Agreement:
The Butter is off the Sidewalk**

During the meeting of the Preservation Advisory Committee at the end of October, it was observed that the failure to store ATLA's original camera master copies of our serials on microfilm was like "butter on the sidewalk in a hot day in August." We are pleased to report to you that ATLA has leased a secure vault at National Underground Storage facility in western Pennsylvania and is shipping microfilm to that facility.

The first films to be sent to NUS are the camera masters from the recently completed NEH serials project. Other camera masters will be sent as soon as there is complete bibliographic control for a title and a preservation quality print master is available for purposes of reproduction.

NUS is a leader in providing secure, climate-controlled storage for important documents and materials. Once camera masters from all of ATLA's microfilm collection is complete, we will still have used only 50% of the vault's capacity.

ATS/ATLA Joint Committee

At its midwinter meeting the ATLA Board approved the proposal to establish a joint committee with the Association of Theological Schools to explore matters of mutual interest and concern. The joint committee will consist of three association members and one staff person from each organization and will be in effect for period of five years (1997–2002). Committee members will meet prior to the AAR/SBL conference each fall.

The new joint committee is the outgrowth of an earlier committee that utilized grant money from the Lilly Endowment to support meetings that led to the new accreditation standards and to the joint conference in Denver last summer.

Committee members will serve for three year terms with one new appointment each year. Initial appointments will be arranged to accommodate this cycle. Appointments are made by the Executive Director in consultation with the Board of Directors. Initial appointments are:

- Dr. Paul Stuehrenberg, Yale University, one year term
- Dr. M. Patrick Graham, Emory University, two year term
- Dr. Sara Myers, Iliff School of Theology, three year term
- Dr. Dennis Norlin, ATLA Executive Director

Scarecrow Press Agreement

ATLA has reached agreement with Scarecrow Press about the future of the ATLA Bibliography Series and the ATLA Monograph Series. Initiated nearly 25 years ago, this noteworthy series has produced nearly 100 titles under the editorial leadership of Dr. Kenneth Rowe of Drew University. Until now, however, there has been no direct working relationship between ATLA staff and Scarecrow.


The agreement was reached at an August 16th meeting of editor Kenneth Rowe, ATLA Executive Director Dennis A. Norlin, and past President of Scarecrow, Al Daub, and should be mutually beneficial to both organizations. ATLA's Executive Director will appoint the series' editors; ATLA will receive a significant percentage of the proceeds from all future sales; and all ATLA members will receive a 20% discount on the purchase of any titles in the series. For its part Scarecrow will benefit from ATLA's efforts to publicize the series and from the greater audience from which to draw potential authors.

Dr. Rowe will continue as editor of the bibliography series. The new editor of the ATLA Monograph Series will be Don Haymes. Bibliographic records of all titles in the series will be available on the ATLA WWW site very soon and more information will be forthcoming. Spe-

cial thanks to Dr. Rowe for facilitating and encouraging this new agreement.

Staff Changes

Several staff changes occurred during January:

- Joel Schorn, Senior Editor and Co-editor of RIO, left ATLA after 7 years to assume an editorial position with *U. S. Catholic Magazine*. Joel has been an outstanding indexer and editor during his tenure and, for the past six months, has made important contributions as the chief administrator of the Index operation.
- Don Haymes left his role as Product Support Analyst to rejoin the Index Department as a full-time indexer and editor of RIM. Don has done an excellent job of providing much-needed technical support for ATLA's electronic products for the past year, but his indexing and editorial expertise are vital to the Indexing Department at this time.
- David E. Bender, ATLA's newest Indexer, joined the staff January 20, 1997. David brings extensive indexing experience to ATLA, having served two years as an indexer at the *Philosophers' Index* and four years at CCH Incorporated (Commerce Clearing House)
- Jonathon Jones, a new part-time employee, has joined the staff as maintenance person, helping us to complete the many tasks needed to finally settle in our new quarters. 

Dennis Norlin
Executive Director

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JOURNALS ACCEPTED FOR INDEXING


The Religion Indexes are pleased to announce the acceptance of the following periodical titles for indexing in our print volumes and the *ATLA Religion Database on CD-ROM*.

For full indexing in RIO and IBRR:

Hindu-Christian Studies Bulletin.
Teologická reflexe.

For selective indexing in RIO and IBRR:

Shambhala Sun.
Sunstone.

We continue to harvest titles for evaluation. To suggest names of titles for consideration, please contact Ric Hudgens, (847) 869-7788, rhudgens@atla.atla.com 

Joel R. Schorn
Director of Indexes


NEH GRANT COMPLETED

At the end of 1996 ATLA completed its NEH-funded project for filming serials on microfilm. As originally proposed in a Lilly Endowment Planning grant in 1990, the project was intended to be a three year project to complete cataloging and filming of 300 serial titles and to be followed by additional three year programs. NEH funding was awarded for the period 1993-1995, and supporting matching funds were provided by the Lilly Endowment in 1994.

For a variety of reasons the filming project lagged far behind projected completion schedules and by December, 1995, ATLA requested a one year extension from both NEH and Lilly for completion of the project. By the beginning of February, 1996, only 23% of the titles had been filmed. Through prodigious efforts of ATLA preservation staff (Judy Knop, Mary Kirklin, Susie Mendoza, Rick Adamek), and through close cooperation with two filmers — Preservation Resources and Preservation Microfilm — ATLA completed this project by the end of 1996. Two hundred twenty-eight new titles were filmed on 1,334 reels. A complete listing of new titles added to ATLA's serials collection will be available on the web site soon,

<http://atla.library.vanderbilt.edu/atla/home.html>, and will be added to the collection of titles available from Scholarly Resources, the firm responsible for marketing ATLA's microfilm products.

The addition of these new titles to the collection bring to 1,500+ the number of serial titles that ATLA has preserved in microfilm during the last thirty years. ATLA members can take great pride in the association's efforts to preserve these valuable periodicals for future theological scholarship.

For further information about the serials filmed in this project, contact Rick Adamek, Preservation Associate (radamek@atla.com). 

GRANTS

Lilly Endowment 6.8 Million Grant for Theological School Technology Program

On February 12, 1997 the Lilly Endowment made public its announcement of a new grant program designed to support theological education. Thirty one schools were selected by Lilly to participate in this program, designed to enhance their capacities to use emerging computer-based technologies for theological education.

The program aims to encourage cooperation among librarians, faculty members, computer technicians, media specialists, and administrators to develop creative ways to enhance theological learning. The thirty one theological schools will receive \$10,000 planning grants to assemble the people, knowledge, and expertise to submit a proposal to the Endowment. The implementation grants to be awarded later this year will generally be in the range of \$200,000 each.

Commented Craig Dykstra, the endowment's vice president for religion: "Many of the leading schools have the technology in place. The problem most face is how to make the best use of it, how to keep it updated and, most importantly, how to integrate this new technology to serve the central purpose and needs of a seminary—namely teaching and learning."

Representatives from the 31 schools met recently (February 10 - 11) in Indianapolis to

share ideas and concerns about the program. Leading the conference was the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Ind. The center has received a \$500,000 grant from the Endowment to help plan and implement the program.

"Every school faces exciting and demanding opportunities made possible by new technologies," said Raymond B. Williams, professor of religion and director of the center. "These grant and the opportunities to engage in a common conversation will help theological schools catch up with the curve and make the best and most effective use of technology."

Participating schools are:


- Anderson (Indiana) University School of Theology
- Associate Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana
- Bethany Theological Seminary, Richmond, Indiana
- Bethel Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota
- Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Indiana
- Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- Earlham School of Religion, Richmond, Indiana
- Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California
- Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois
- Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, Massachusetts
- Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia
- Louisville (Kentucky) Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota
- Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
- McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago
- Memphis (Tennessee) Theological Seminary
- Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Delaware, Ohio
- New Brunswick (New Jersey) Theological Seminary

- Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Lombard, Illinois
- Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio
- Princeton (New Jersey) Theological Seminary
- Saint Meinrad (Indiana) School of Theology
- Saint Paul (Minnesota) Seminary
- Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois
- Southern California School of Theology, Claremont, California
- Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio
- Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, Richmond, Virginia
- United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio
- United Theological School of the Twin Cities, New Brighton, Minnesota
- Washington (D.C.) Theological Union

1998–1999 Fulbright Awards

Opportunities for lecturing or advanced research in over 135 countries are available to college and university faculty and professionals outside academe. U.S. citizenship and the Ph.D. or comparable professional qualifications required. For lecturing awards, university or college teaching expected. Foreign language skills are needed for some countries, but most lecturing assignments are in English.

The deadline for lecturing or research grants for 1998–99 is **August 1, 1997**. Other deadlines are in place for special programs: distinguished Fulbright chairs in Western Europe and Canada (May 1) and Fulbright seminars for international education and academic administrators (November 1).

Contact the USIA Fulbright Senior Scholar Program, Council for International Exchange of Scholars, 3007 Tilden Street, NW, Suite 5M, Box GNEWS, Washington, DC 20008-3009. Telephone 202/686-7877. Web Page (on-line materials): <http://www.cies.org> E-mail: cies1@ciesnet.cies.org (requests for mailing of application materials only). 

Regional Continuing Education Grants Awarded

The ATLA Education Committee has reviewed the requests from regional consortia for the pur-

pose of supporting regional continuing education programs and made the following awards:

Minnesota Theological Library Association—\$250 for “Cooperative Collection Management.”

Ohio Theological Library Association—\$100 for “Collection Development Strategies.”

St. Louis Theological Consortium—\$325 for “Technology in the Classroom: Multimedia and Theological Education.”

Tennessee Theological Library Association—\$325 for “Book Preservation Techniques.”


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ARIL Fellowship

The Association for Religion and Intellectual Life invites applications for the 14th ARIL Research Colloquium to be held July 7–August 1, 1997 at Columbia University, New York City. The Colloquium offers a remarkable opportunity for scholars from in and out of the academy to engage in individual research in the context of a common life that is intentionally interreligious and interdisciplinary. Applicants searching to integrate their intellectual and religious commitments are sought from different religious traditions to form a group that is gender balanced, diverse in age, race, ethnic background, and areas of intellectual endeavor.


The Colloquium is residential and provides Fellows with room and a partial meal plan (vegetarian/kosher food available) and the use of facilities at Columbia University. Participants are required to cover the cost of their travel to and from New York as well as a \$125 registration fee upon acceptance.

Applications should be made in the form of a letter which presents: religious affiliation and position/status therein; the title of the proposed project with brief narrative, including goals/objectives and resources needed; and the names, titles, institutional addresses, and telephone numbers of two references. The deadline is March 15, 1997. Selected participants will be notified no later than April 15, 1997. Send application to Charles Henderson, Executive Di-

rector, ARIL, College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, NY 10805-2339; 914-654-5425; e-mail: aril@pcusa.org 

PUBLICATIONS

International Council of Theological Library Associations


On the occasion of its thirty-fifth anniversary in 1996, the International Council of Theological Library Associations published a paperback book with brief descriptive articles and directory information of the Council and its member associations in Germany, the Netherlands, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Great Britain, Italy, Poland, Hungary and Switzerland. It also includes brief articles on the Bibliothèque Nationale and University of Strasbourg (B.N.U.S.); the World Council of Churches Library in Geneva; a consortium of ecclesiastical libraries in Rome known as URBE (Unione Romana Biblioteche Ecclesiastiche); and information centers in Denée, Belgium and Montpellier, France. The work entitled *Conseil International des Associations de Bibliothèques de Théologie; Internationaler Rat der Vereinigungen Theologischer Bibliotheken: International Council of Theological Library Associations, 1961-1996* was edited by Godelieve Ginneberge and has a preface by André J. Geuns, the president of the Conseil, who attended the ATLA annual conference in Denver last year. This work may be ordered from M.Etienne D'Hondt, Biblioteek van de Faculteit Godgeleerheid van de K.U. Leuven, St. Michielsstraat 2-6, B-3000 Leuven, Belgium. The cost is 12 DM for ATLA members and 20 DM for non-ATLA members. 

The Cybrarian's Manual

The World Wide Web, CD-ROM local area networks, and online services have so permeated the field that even the most technophobic librarians log on daily. And the new, wired breed of information specialists who have dubbed themselves Cybrarians are setting the stage for the next millennium of librarianship. The engaging Cybrarian's Manual is the basic handbook for today's information professional who operates in cyberspace—that broad location that's everywhere and yet nowhere.

The Cybrarian's Manual is packed with expert insights and valuable URLs. Fun yet substantive, this comprehensive cybersource serves up the meat and potatoes of vendor relationships and security and such light fare as internet humor and cyberpunk literature. Drawing from authoritative sources and contributors, other topics include:

- Public access to the Internet
- Cybrarian's tool kit
- Intelligent agents, knowbots, and expert systems
- Network standards
- Cyber-citing
- Internet hoaxes and urban legends
- Alternative career paths for cybrarians
- Reference services on the Internet
- Much more

With practical explanations on technology and its applications to libraries and networked information systems, library school students get a taste of how their training in cutting-edge technologies fits into a working library. Seasoned practitioners will find easy-to-understand discussions of what new technologies have in store for their libraries and their careers. 

Introducing Transforming Libraries


The ARL Office of Management Services (OMS) Systems and Procedures Exchange Center has launched a new publication series, *Transforming Libraries*. This series will focus on how libraries are using technology to transform library services and operations. Each issue will address how institutions and individuals are pioneering in a particular subject and report on that area. The first issue of *Transforming Libraries* is *Issues & Innovations in Electronic Reserves*.

Unlike other ARL/OMS publications, *Transforming Libraries* will take a reportorial approach to its topics, seeking out libraries that are trying new applications of technology and highlighting their experiences while they are still innovative. The Systems and Procedures Exchange Center (SPEC) will also develop a web based resource center to accompany each issue of *Transforming Libraries*. This important feature will allow continued learning on each topic. Each site will be managed by the Editorial Advisor, and will include additional documentation on the topic, updates, and links to related sites. Both print and electronic versions are designed to work in tandem to provide as much current information as possible about each subject.

The evolution of electronic reserves systems in libraries epitomizes the triumph of technology over the barriers of time and space. This publication highlights some of the innovative measures being taken by libraries and product vendors in the area of electronic reserves. Reports on electronic reserves systems at pioneering institutions such as San Diego State University, Duke University Library, and Northwestern University Library are included. Showcased also, are collaborative efforts such as a project with Marist College and IBM where a model electronic reserve system is under development. Additionally, issues associated with the development of electronic reserves systems are addressed:

- Will the library continue to manage virtually all electronic reserve operations?
- What access restriction will be implemented?
- How will copyright be handled?
- What will it cost?

Transforming Libraries will be issued as a sub-series of the OMS SPEC Kit and will also be available for sale on an individual basis. OMS plans to publish four issues per year. Future topics under consideration for this series include: distance education, geographic information systems (GIS), and licensing electronic resources.

The Office of Management Services has served the library community for over twenty-five years with programs and publications geared toward improving performance in library management. The Systems and Procedures Exchange Center was established in 1973 to identify expertise and encourage its exchange among library staff through an on-going survey and review process. Originally established as an information source for ARL member libraries, the SPEC program has grown to serve the needs of the library community world wide. *Transforming Libraries: Issues & Innovations in Electronic Reserves*, 32 pp. \$28. ISSN 0160-3582. 1996 URL: <http://arl.cni.org/transform/>, For further information please contact: Laura Rounds, OMS Program Officer for Information Services, laura@cni.org. 


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Thomas Aquinas Lecture Available

This is to announce the publication of Prof. Peter C. Erb's lecture, "A Question of Sovereignty: The Politics of Manning's Conversion," in the series, Occasional Publications of the Pitts Theology Library.

The lecture was delivered Dec. 4, 1995, as the second annual Thomas Aquinas Lecture, sponsored by the Aquinas Center of Theology at Emory University. Prof. Erb teaches at Wilfrid Laurier University and has been working on a critical edition of the correspondence between Henry Edward Manning and William E. Gladstone for several years. It is out of this research that his lecture grew.

Numbered copies of the 35 page pamphlet are available at no charge for the addition to library collections. Requests may be sent to the address noted below. Please include your library's name and address with the message so that it may be clipped and used as the mailing label.

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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) 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

This quarter we welcome Jackie Ammerman, the Director of the Hartford Seminary Library, as guest columnist for "Diktuon.." Before moving to Hartford Seminary in 1995, Jackie was the Reference Librarian, and later the Curator of Archives and Manuscripts at Pitts Theology Library, Emory University. Jackie holds a D.Min. degree from Princeton Theological Seminary and an M.Div. degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also holds a masters degree in Librarianship and Information Management from Emory University where he specialized in library automation.

A relatively new member of ATLA, Jackie serves on the Technology Advisory Committee, where his considerable expertise in networking administration is a great boon. We thank him for sharing his experience in this article, and hope he will be able to contribute to "Diktuon" often in the future. 

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Making the Institutional Connection

Establishing Internet Access

You have decided your library has to gain or perhaps expand its level of Internet access. What does it take to access the Internet? Which Internet Service Provider should you use? And of course, how much will it cost? In this article, we will explore the options and costs in an attempt to provide some helpful guidelines for your planning. The uniqueness of each library makes it impossible to provide a step-by-step plan that is appropriate for all libraries. What follows really flows from my own experience in establishing an Internet connection for Hartford Seminary Library and is a sort of report from the field. You will obviously need to adapt what we have done to meet your own situation. [Note: I am going to assume you are working with a PC environment. The same basic information would apply for a Macintosh environment, though the

software and the type of network interface cards would be different.]

We have three public access computers and three staff computers from which we wanted to provide Internet access. We hope to add more public access computers in the next year or two, so the ability to modify or expand our configuration was important. We also want to establish a World Wide Web server and a mail server. These we felt were important to enabling the library to provide resources and enhance the teaching and learning environment. This article will not discuss issues of establishing a WWW or mail server.

One of the smartest things I did when we began planning for an Internet connection was to make friends with the Academic Computing department at Trinity College. I arranged for their network administrator to serve as a consultant for us. He listened to our plans, looked at our existing cabling, and provided a brief written report that I was able to use in approaching our administration for funding. Fortunately for us, a grant paid for the cost of consultation. Even without the grant, I would do it again.

Given the number of computers on our network and the type of activity (primarily E-mail and WWW access), our consultant recommended a "56K frame-relay" connection. "56K" is the speed, or more properly the bandwidth of the connection. You might think about your data connection as a hose. 500 gallons of water will go through a fire hose much faster than through a garden hose. If you want to put out the fire in your house, you will be frustrated with a garden hose. If, on the other hand, all you need to do is water your garden, a garden hose is fine. 56K is fine for an organization that will have no more than ten to twelve people actively browsing the WWW at the same time. If your library anticipates greater usage, you may need a connection with more bandwidth. A frame-relay connection provides a continuous data connection between you and your Internet Service Provider (ISP). There are, however, dial-on-demand connections that are sometimes less expensive. Because we wanted to have our own WWW and mail servers on site, we chose frame-relay.

What Kind of Computers Do I Need?

The kind of computer you use is largely dependent on the operating system and software you

need to use. When we began planning for our Internet connection, I decided to adopt the Windows 95 operating system as our standard. You could use several others, including Microsoft's Windows NT Workstation, IBM's OS/2 Warp, or Linux. Any of these operating systems has networking capabilities built into the operating system. Considering our experience, the minimum configuration for a Windows 95 computer should be a computer with a 486-66 microprocessor, 8 Megabytes of RAM, and a 500 Megabyte hard drive. Even this computer will be sluggish. The memory chips are inexpensive and easy to replace. I recommend upgrading the RAM to 16 Megabytes or more. World Wide Web browsers store a lot of temporary files on your hard disk. Make sure you have sufficient disk space. Obviously, the more powerful the computer, the better the performance will be. Upgrading computers is possible, but it is easy to spend nearly as much on upgrading computers as on buying new ones. In addition, the computer will need to have an available expansion slot into which you can insert a Network Interface Card.

Building Your Network

It is certainly possible to establish a 56K line with only one computer, but most likely you will want to have multiple computers able to access the Internet. To do this, you will need to create a local network. Before you begin to panic, you do not need a Windows NT or Novell file server to do this. A network is simply a collection of computers connected together by a cable. Each computer has a Network Interface Card (NIC). A cable connects the computer's NIC to the network. You can choose from two types of cabling. If you are starting from scratch, I recommend the 10BaseT option because it is easier to manage.

A 10BaseT network uses twisted pair cable. It looks much like a telephone cable. It connects to the NIC with an RJ-45 connector that looks like a larger version of a telephone cable connector. Cables can be purchased in a variety of lengths ranging from six feet (\$7.95) to 100 feet (\$34.95). [Note: I am using retail prices from one of the many mail-order catalogs I receive.] 3Com, HP, Intel, and SMC are generally reliable manufacturers of network cards. You might find these cards listed as 10BaseT or UTP cards (\$95-\$100). If you select a 10BaseT network,

you will also need a hub or concentrator. The twisted pair cable from each computer plugs into the hub, so you will need a hub with enough ports to connect all of your computers plus the router (more about this in a minute). Small hubs usually come in 8, 12 and 16 port varieties and cost from \$90 to \$300. This type of network is easier to manage and is easier to upgrade. If you need to move or disconnect a computer from the network, the remaining computers are unaffected.

For a small group of computers, a 10Base2 or thinnet network might be used. This simple network uses a thin coaxial cable. Instead of a cable running from each computer to a central hub, a coaxial cable runs from one computer to the next in a serial fashion. Moving or disconnecting one computer can sometimes mean that all of the computers on the network are unable to access the network. Network Interface Cards for this type of network are named 10Base2 or BNC cards (\$95-\$100). The network cable can be purchased in a variety of lengths for prices similar to that of twisted pair cable. In addition to the network card, each computer will need a T-connector (\$7.00) which allows the cable to connect to the network card. Sometimes these are packaged with the network cards. Finally, this type of network will need to have a resistor (\$3.00) at each end of the coaxial cable. The cost of the network hub is eliminated in this network, but most routers connect with twisted pair cable, so you will probably need a media converter to connect your thinnet cable to the router. You can expect to pay about \$130-\$175 for the converter, so the price difference between a 10BaseT and a 10Base2 network is really not significant.

Providing step-by-step configuration information for your computer is beyond the scope of this article. You will, however, need to install and configure a network card in each computer. In addition, you will need to install and configure the TCP/IP networking protocol on each computer. For network cards from major manufacturers, the plug-n-play capabilities of Windows 95 make this relatively easy. Your Internet Service Provider can generally guide you through configuring the TCP/IP protocol.

Connecting Your Network to the Internet

Your Internet Service Provider (ISP) will generally provide the hardware and handle all of the

configuration for connecting your local network to the Internet. You will, however, probably find it helpful for you to have at least a general understanding of what is required.

You need to add a router to your network. It generally connects to your network hub with the same type of twisted pair cable used to connect the computers. The router is a specialized computer that functions much like a traffic cop. It examines all network traffic to determine whether it should stay inside your local network, or whether it needs to go out to the Internet. Routers are generally about the size of an external modem.

You will establish a digital connection between you and your ISP. In our case, this is a Frame-Relay connection. It could also be an ISDN connection, a direct leased line, or a wireless connection. This is really just a special telephone line designed to meet higher specifications than a voice line and to be active continuously. Generally this is installed and maintained by your phone company that will place a CSU/DSU (Channel Service Unit/Data Service Unit) in your building. This unit is about the size of an external modem. It manages the digital connection and is directly connected to your router.

While your ISP will usually arrange for the installation of the connection, you will need to identify a location for the CSU/DSU and the router. This should be a secure place. You do not want it disturbed or accessible to unauthorized users. Often your building will have a wiring closet where telephone and electrical connections are located. This is usually a good location. A small shelf will provide space for both. Don't forget that both of these devices require electrical power.

Finally, you need to select an Internet Service Provider (ISP). Your ISP will guide you in the process of connecting your network to the Internet. Often the ISP will handle all of the details for you. Shopping for an ISP is no trivial matter. You are obviously shopping for the most bandwidth at the best possible price, but you are also shopping for support, and reliability. Your ISP will be a strategic partner in your effort to provide access to the Internet to your staff and library users.

In your contract with the ISP, the ISP should specify the throughput of the connection. Just because you choose a 56K frame-relay connection does not necessarily mean you will get a constant 56K throughput. Your ISP is leasing you a portion of its bandwidth. One way ISP's attempt to hold their costs down is by squeezing as much of their customer's bandwidth into their own as possible. Discover how the ISP will support you when you encounter network problems. How will the ISP assist you with security issues? Will the ISP help you register a domain name and secure a block of IP addresses?

Your ISP will probably handle all the mechanics of getting you connected, but you still pay the bill. So, how much will it cost? Most ISPs charge a one-time setup fee (\$500-\$1500). Sometimes this includes the router and sometimes you must also purchase the router. The ISP will also charge a monthly access fee. Average costs for a 56K Frame-Relay connection are between \$300-\$400/month. In addition, you will need to pay the phone company for the digital connection between you and your ISP. Again, there will be a setup charge, usually about \$500, and a monthly fee. In Connecticut, the fee is \$150/month.

If you have been counting, you have by now calculated that the cost of creating your internal network is approximately \$150 per computer. This covers the cost of adding a network card, and a cable to the computer. It does not include the cost of hardware upgrades necessary in order to run Windows 95 or the software. In a network of six computers, that would be approximately \$900. A Network hub will add another \$100-\$300. To establish the Internet connection will require approximately \$2000-\$3000 in one-time costs plus a monthly cost of approximately \$450-\$500.

Certainly, these are rough cost estimates and probably a little on the high side for hardware. I did not call for educational pricing for a number of the components. You may be able to find a better deal, but these generally reflect the average costs. For a point of comparison, I decided to compare the cost of providing Internet access using dial-up modems. Dialup access would save the startup costs (\$2000-\$3000) for the Internet Connection. The cost of hardware for dialup access is about the same as for providing network access. Assuming about \$20.00 per month per dialup account, the cost of dialup access is cheaper for six or fewer computers. Internet access for seven or more computers on a network is less costly than the same number by dialup. For Hartford Seminary, the advantage of a continuous connection that allows us to provide access to our online catalog and WWW server added weight to the argument.

Finally, the obvious things I have not covered in this brief report from the field are the costs of training and network support. These are not trivial matters and should be included in your planning. 📖

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ATLANTIS HIGHLIGHTS

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February Reference Review

Has anyone compared two reference works our library purchased this year? *The Dictionary of Judaism in the Biblical Period* (Simon & Schuster, 1995 @ \$150) and *Civilizations of the Ancient Near East* (Macmillan, 1996 @ \$399) present me with a problem: the first is not rigorous enough, while the second is too detailed for the kind of questions our students normally pursue. *The Dictionary of Judaism in the Biblical Period* is edited by Jacob Neusner and a host of very fine scholars. The entries in this two volume work would offer a beginning seminarian solid information. Most are a paragraph long, but more significant topics earn a full page. *The Letter of Aristeas*, much-debated in Septuagint studies, has a full page entry. Useful references to passages in Philo, Justin, and Irenaeus are included.

But where are the bibliographies that would lead us to further scholarship? Checking another entry on “Elephantine,” the Jewish colony where important papyrus finds were made, solid information is offered, but again the lack of references to key articles and books is frustrating. In their preface the editors say the short bibliographies we prize so much are appropriate for an “encyclopedia,” but not for a “dictionary.” This self-imposed limitation restricts its usefulness in a reference setting. I don't care what you call it, give me something that rewards my attention in a better way!

So what happens when I turn to *Civilizations of the Ancient Near East*? Here again, meticulous scholarship and, moreover, an interdisciplinary approach. The bibliographies that once were lost now are found—Hooray! The arrangement is very different—long topical articles and a thorough index for dissecting them when needed.

Examples: Humor and Wit in the ANE (10 pages), Legal and Social Institutions in Canaan and Early Israel (16 pages), Vegetables in the ANE Diet (11 pages). So many autonomous fields, unfettered by Biblical categories! I don't

really begrudge them their methods, they must be bearing fruit for someone, somewhere, but probably not for our seminarians, at least not in a way that's obvious to me. Even that would be OK, but the more immediate problem for me can be seen in my two test entries. The index approach to “Elephantine” sends me to pages 45 (marriage documents), 616 (legal transactions), 228 (Jewish garrison), and 729 (quarry near). Already breathless, I look for “Aristeas” and his much-debated letter. They do not appear. Neither does “Septuagint.” Hmm... Not ancient enough, I guess. The closest I can get is a 15 page article on “Theology, Priests, and Worship in Canaan and Ancient Israel.”

There is much to admire in both works, I should make that point as well. But in both cases I was hoping for something different. 📖

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January Reference Review

Church History: an introduction to research, reference works and methods. Editors: James E. Bradley and Richard A. Muller. Publishing Information: Grand Rapids : William B. Eerdmans, c1995. ISBN: 0-8028-0826-3 (paper). Books in Print price: U.S. \$17.99. Description: xvi, 236 p., bibliography pp. 167–214, appendix pp. 215–231, index of names pp. 232–236.

This excellent volume is the result of a collaborative effort between church historians, historians, systematic theologians, graduate students in history and church history, librarians and computer database makers and users. Bradley and Muller succeed in presenting a balance of both traditional and newer (film and electronic databases) resources. They offer, also, established sources of historical research methods and new sources and techniques in methodologies.

In the Preface, the editors explain their move from an introductory seminar with doctoral candidates at Fuller Seminary to this book as a practical resource for beginning church historians and professional historians. They “assume a commitment to regularity and precision in method...the critical use of theory, the placement of a particular research project into the contemporary scholarly dialogue through attention to

the history of scholarship, and the careful construction of conclusions based on, and limited by, the evidence investigated...". They stress objectivity as well as self-awareness about "personal religious interests".

The organization of the book is observed in the table of contents: Introduction to Church History and related disciplines; Perspective and meaning in history; Initial stages of research and the use of bibliographic and reference sources; Research in primary sources and the use of text databases and materials in microform; The practice of research and the craft of writing; Preparing lectures and writing monographs and articles.

The Bibliography is divided into Church History: Reference and research tools (Dissertations, Directories to periodicals and abstracts, Scholarly journals, Handbooks and guides and surveys, Dictionaries and encyclopedias, Linguistic tools including paleographical aids, Biographical dictionaries including pseudonymous nomenclature, Theological dictionaries, Atlases and geographies); Church History: by period; Modern British Sources; American Church History; Historiography and Historical Method; General reference Books for the Profession.

The Appendix covers Computer Applications in Research and Writing and New Sources in Microform (Online network databases, Online public access catalogs, Scholarly projects, services, and databases on CD-ROM, Materials in microform, Specialized research techniques, Software products and companies, Guides to word processing).

All in all, this is an essential reference tool for theological libraries. It extends *Barzun's The Modern Researcher*, the Gorman's *Theological and Religious Reference Materials in Church History*, Shirley Jackson Case's 1931 (reprinted 1951) title, *A Bibliographical Guide to the History of Christianity*. Highly recommended for liberal arts libraries.

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NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS AND MEMBER LIBRARIES

Letter from Erich R.W. Schultz

It was a pleasant surprise to return from the cottage and find the certificate of Honorary Membership in ATLA among my correspondence. I was aware that former presidents were to be made life members and was awaiting some contact from ATLA since I could not attend the conference. I hope that my letter of reminiscences sent to Al Hurd reached you in time.

Please convey to the Board of Directors my sincere appreciation for this honor and recognition. I remember my active days in ATLA with much fondness and will never forget the challenging year, 1975-76, when I was both President and vice-president. I treasure the friendships and contacts that were made over the years since 1959 and look forward to each issue of the Newsletter whereby I keep up to date on ATLA and members activities.

Most people active in my generation of ATLA are retired and many deceased. It is a joy to see the growth and expansion of ATLA and its programs. I'm sure future years will see additional changes and progress and ATLA will continue to be the leader in theological librarianship in North America that it has been for fifty years. All the best to this vital organization.

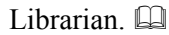
Richard H. Mintel Retires

Richard H. Mintel is retired as of January 1, 1997. "Dick" was Director of Library Services at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio, where he will continue to work part-time. He has been a member of ATLA for some twenty years.



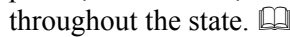
Ray Olson Moves to Trinity Lutheran

Ray A. Olson has been appointed to the position of Senior Librarian, Hamma Library, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, OH. He began his employment at Trinity on November 11, 1996. Previously, he served for 24 years at Luther Seminary Library in St. Paul, MN, first as Reference Librarian and then as Public Services Librarian.



Mary Martin Elected President of MLA

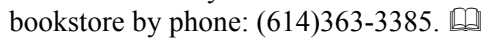
Mary Martin, Director of the Archbishop Ireland Memorial Library in St. Paul, Minnesota, has been elected President of the 1,100 member Minnesota Library Association. Martin, whose library serves The Saint Paul Seminary at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, will begin her term of office in January 1997 and will serve three years on the association's board. Minnesota Library Association members come from public, academic, and research libraries throughout the state.



Paul Schrodtt Publishes Bibliography

Last month University Press of America published a study of the pamphlets in the Ambrose Swasey Library of the Colgate Rochester Divinity School prepared by Paul Schrodtt and Ingeborg Vogelstein. Each pamphlet is annotated in the attempt to place it within its historical and theological context. The annotations run from a paragraph to several pages.

The Reformation Era Pamphlet in the Ambrose Swasey Library: An Annotated Bibliography is available with a 10% discount and postpaid from the Cokesbury Bookstore, 3081 Columbus Pike, Delaware, OH 43015 at the reduced price of \$41.40. One may also contact Joan Rice at the bookstore by phone: (614)363-3385.



William Badke Publishes 3rd Novel

William Badke, librarian at Associated Canadian Theological Schools in Langley, B.C., Canada, has just published his third novel, *Avenger*, with Multnomah Books. It deals with the themes of oppression and revenge from a Christian perspective in the context of a fast-paced thriller.



Fr. Pius Murray, CSS in *Who's Who*

Fr. Pius Murray has been included in the 52nd edition of *Marquis Who's Who in America*. Fr. Murray is being considered for inclusion in the 15th edition of *Who's Who in the World*. Additionally Fr. Murray has been in the 26th ed. of *Marquis Who's Who in the East*.

Wesley Receives Large Collection


The Wesley Theological Seminary Library, Washington, D.C., recently received the 7000-volume library of John D. Godsey, prominent Barth and Bonhoeffer scholar and professor emeritus of systematic theology at Wesley Seminary. The strengths of the collection are the extensive primary and secondary resources relating to the development of 19th and 20th century Protestant theology, especially in Germany. Because of Godsey's special interest in the German church struggle and the Confessing Church, he acquired such materials as carbon copies of sermons from the typewriter of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, correspondence from Karl Barth, offprints from scores of periodicals, and complete sets of such journals as *Zwischen den Zeiten*, *Theologische Existenz Huete*, *Junge Kirche*, and *Deutsche Theologie*. Scholars who are interested in the collection are invited to contact Allen W. Mueller, Director of the Wesley Seminary Library, at (202) 885-8690.



Computer Classroom at Duke Divinity Library

The Duke Divinity School Library Computer Classroom opened on the first day of classes, Thursday, January 16, 1997, with Dean Dennis M. Campbell cutting a ribbon of computer diskettes. It is equipped with ten workstations (6 PCs, 4 Macs) for general use and one instructor's PC. The facility also includes a video projector and screen, a whiteboard for teaching purposes, and an adjacent group study room. Software on all computers includes Microsoft Office, Netscape Navigator, Internet Explorer, and Simeon (e-mail).

Renovation and equipping of the new computer classroom was made possible by a major grant from The Duke Endowment, supplemented by funds from the Divinity School. The room will be open during library hours, with card access limiting its use to Divinity School students, faculty and staff, and graduate students in Religion. Students and others will use the room for writing research papers and other projects, reading electronic mail, consulting library online resources, and exploring the resources of the internet. Regular continuing education offerings to enhance persons' skills for ministry through use of online resources are planned, as well.

The area now renovated as the computer classroom was formerly an area with a series of typing carrels and a storage room, on the lower level of the library. Computer classroom policies for the new facility are available by request from the library's director, Roger Loyd. 

Library Equipment For Sale

The following items are being sold for the highest bid. Buyer will pay all shipping charges or may choose to pick up if distance allows. Address all inquiries to Barbara at (415) 380-1678, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Strawberry Point, Mill Valley, CA 94941-3197.

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