



Kelly Campbell (l) and Erica Durham at the John Bulow Campbell Library, Columbia Theological Seminary. Photo courtesy Barbara Kemmis.

## The New Website Goes Live

On Thursday, January 6, one year after the RFP was circulated to potential vendors, the new <http://www.atla.com> is up and running. Providing a notable improvement to the difficult navigation and static, outdated pages it replaces, the new site will help members, customers, publishers, and the general public more easily personalize and manage their interaction with the association.

### A Short History

Once SusQTech was selected to help build the site, work began in earnest in February 2010. By March the groundwork was laid for the use of the SharePoint server. A "Hexi-Sort" exercise in May helped ATLA members and staff to work together with SusQTech specialists to determine the structure of the site, and wire-frames based on that exercise and further development were unveiled at the ATLA Annual Conference in June. Ever since the soft launch of the new website in August, the focus has been on the time-consuming task of migrating content from the old website.

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## From the President

### Step by Step



My son is learning to walk. Each day, I can see changes in his strength, his coordination, or his courage. It is marvelous to watch his growth and see how tiny changes turn into massive developmental milestones.

Librarianship feels that way too sometimes. There are these small shifts. Each day brings an

overwhelming number of tasks, ideas, conversations, and transactions. But when I stop and look up, I can see how far we've come or how close we are to a breakthrough. (Would your latest breakthrough make a good poster presentation?!)

I have long admired the major accomplishments of ATLA. But through serving on the Board, I see more of the steps. The indexers diligently adding each record. The business development team doing market analysis. Each quality assurance process completed, each membership renewed, each enhancement to the security of the servers is a small shift towards our mission. These steps come together to create the products, programs, and resources that we have come to depend on from ATLA.

How do you think ATLA is doing? What steps do we need to take? Please know that any member of the board would be happy to hear from you.

Happy New Year!

- Laura C. Wood

## From the Executive Director

### New Beginnings



For many people, the start of the new year signifies new beginnings. That's especially true for me this year. I've just completed my first two weeks as executive director of ATLA and am learning

my way around both Chicago and ATLA. In that all too brief time, I've come to appreciate even more the qualities that drew me to ATLA initially: the knowledgeable and dedicated staff, the rich resources produced by ATLA, and the generosity of its membership in supporting the organizational mission.

In the challenging times libraries face in the current economic environment, the value that membership in ATLA brings is even more critical. One of those benefits is the opportunity to share experiences and knowledge between ATLA members. The new website that was released last week makes it even easier to network with colleagues through online communities.

I'm pleased and honored to serve as ATLA executive director. I look forward to meeting members and to having you share your experiences and knowledge about theological librarianship with me. During the coming months, there will be opportunities for you to get to know me as well, both virtually and in person. And always, if you have suggestions or concerns about ATLA, please contact me. I hope to hear from you.

-Brenda Bailey-Hainer

## Member News

### Annual Proceedings Published

*The Summary of Proceedings of the Sixty-Fourth Annual ATLA Conference* in Louisville, Kentucky was mailed out last week. Members in the United States and Canada who haven't received a copy by the end of January should contact [MemberRep@atla.com](mailto:MemberRep@atla.com) for assistance.

### Fuller Theological Seminary Receives \$10,000 Grant

The David Allan Hubbard Library is pleased to announce that it has received a \$10,000 grant from the Virginia H. Farah Foundation.

The Library will use the grant to establish the Virginia H. Farah Foundation Orthodox Studies Collection. These materials will support students doing research on the Orthodox Churches and their contexts as well as strengthen the Library's overall holdings on Christianity around the world. According to Associate Provost for Library and Information Technology, David Bundy, "We are thrilled that this Foundation so deeply committed to the ministries of the Orthodox Church is partnering with us. The Library's goal to collect and make available a comprehensive depiction of Christian thought and worship would be impossible without the expertise and generosity of contributors like them."

Each year the Virginia H. Farah Foundation funds the humanitarian efforts, missionary labor, education, and scholarly work of organizations committed to the Orthodox Church. The Foundation hopes these projects will help spread the Orthodox Christian message while improving the quality of life on earth. For more information, please see <http://farahfoundation.org/index.html>.

### Westminster Library Congratulates Craig Combs

The WTS Library wants to officially congratulate Craig Combs, (MAR 1985, MDiv, 1986 from WTS) for winning the ATLA Theological Libraries Month Cartoon Contest. His winning entries can be seen on ATLA's website.

Craig was surprised and delighted to learn that both of his entries in the ATLA cartoon contest had been selected winners. But the best part was the \$200 prize. Craig said, "It's expensive traveling from Northern Vermont



Above: TLM Cartoon captioner Craig Combs, right, with Marsha Blake, left, and Sandy Finlayson, seated.

to Philadelphia. That prize money was one of the main reasons I was able to afford another trip down to work in the Montgomery Library.”

Craig has a dual ministry. He is the Senior Associate Pastor of Christ Memorial Church in Williston, VT, and is also the Preaching Mentor for the NETS Institute for Church Planting, a two-year residency training program that is planting gospel-driven churches in New England and abroad. To enhance his mentoring ministry Craig is in pursuit of the Doctor of Ministry degree from Westminster. Congratulations, Craig!

### **Routine Maintenance Reminder**

Routine maintenance will be performed on ATLA systems on Monday, February 7, 2011. You may encounter a brief interruption of service between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. (CST). We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

### **2011 Board Election Reminder**

The 2011 Board of Directors election will be performed via electronic ballot. ATLA has contracted with Survey & Ballot Systems to administer the web election process. Ballots and the candidates’ biographical statements will be posted on a customized website hosted by Survey & Ballot Systems. Personalized access codes to the voting site will be sent via email on Friday, January 14 to voting members in good standing. The email will come from ATLA Election Coordinator at [ATLAvote@directvote.net](mailto:ATLAvote@directvote.net). Please add this address to your address book or alert your IT staff to allow it through your institution’s firewall.

### **Call for Book Series Advisors**

The ATLA Book Series (<http://www.atla.com/products/catalog/Pages/scarecrowpress.aspx>), published in conjunction with The Scarecrow Press and part of the Association since 1974, is dedicated exclusively to publishing volumes which we believe are of value to our member libraries. Throughout the series’ history, ATLA members have helped make it stronger, guiding the direction of the series and authoring many of the monographs and bibliographies now published under the Association’s banner.

The editors of the book series are always interested in gathering and weighing the views of the ATLA membership. As part of this larger effort, we’re looking for a small number of volunteers interested in forming a book series advisory committee in order to guide the future development of the series. Members of this group would be called upon from time to time to provide the series editors with the perspective of our members to ensure that the book series meets the needs of their institutions.

If you would be interested in serving as an advisor to the book series editors by providing feedback, or if you yourself have an idea for a book (or a manuscript lurking on your computer), please feel free to contact me at [bookeditor@atla.com](mailto:bookeditor@atla.com).

-Justin Travis  
Editor, ATLA Book Series

### **New Section Editor for Theological Librarianship**



The editorial board of Theological Librarianship is pleased to announce the appointment of Dan Kolb (left), Library Director at the Saint

Meinrad School of Theology in St. Meinrad, Indiana, as the new bibliographical essays editor for the journal.

Dan is replacing Beth Sheppard on the editorial board. Beth has given excellent service to the journal during the first three years of its existence but has resigned the editorship in order to devote more time to some upcoming scholarly publication projects of her own. We wish her well in those endeavors and want to place on record our sincere gratitude for all the work she has done on behalf of the journal.

At the same time, we are thrilled to have Dan on board with us. Please contact Dan at [dkolb@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:dkolb@saintmeinrad.edu) if you are interested in writing a bibliographic essay.

- Ron Crown  
David Stewart

*Co-editors, Theological Librarianship*

We welcome your submission of news, photos, and other items of interest for the *ATLA Newsletter*. All submissions are due on the first business day of the month preceding publication. Contact Sara Corkery ([scorkery@atla.com](mailto:scorkery@atla.com)) with any questions or concerns or if you are interested in sponsoring an issue of the newsletter.

## New Website, continued from page 1

### Member Participation

The input of members has been integral to all phases of the process. Beth Bidlack, Lisa Gonzalez, and Amy Koehler came to the ATLA Office to assist with the hexi-sorting in May. The Publications Committee (Beth Bidlack and Michelle Spomer--past and current chairs--and Amy Limpitlaw and Dan Kolb) spent a lot of concentrated time voyaging around the new site and offered many valuable comments on its usability and content. Members from the Professional Development Committee, the International Collaboration Committee, the Diversity Committee, and the Theological Librarianship Editorial Board were also invited to explore the site and suggest improvements.

We welcome your participation in the ongoing process of making the site as functional and user friendly as possible. Please visit soon and navigate your way around. Then be sure to click on the "Tell Us What You Think" link to let ATLA staff know about what worked and what did not and ways in which your experience could have been improved.

### Sign Up for Webinar Training for ATLA Volunteers

The content from ATLA's Special Interest, Regional, and Denominational Group web pages has largely been migrated to the new site. The next step is to train interested volunteer leaders to maintain their group sites in the new software. An invitation to sign up for training was emailed to identified group leaders in December. However, if you are a group leader or responsible for web content and did not receive this invitation,

you still have time to sign up for webinar training.

The dates below have been reserved for a WebEx training that will last 60 minutes. Director of Member Services Barbara Kemmis will supply handouts and login information closer to the date. Please reply to Barbara at [bkemmis@atla.com](mailto:bkemmis@atla.com) to register for one of the following dates:

- Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 11:00 am CST
- Friday, January 21, 2011 at 11:00 am CST
- Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at 11:00 am CST
- Friday, January 28, 2011 at 11:00 am CST

Even if you personally are unable to attend, please make sure someone from your group does participate in the training. (So far only seven of ATLA's 27 groups have failed to respond to the invitation.)

In order to guarantee the widest participation, webinars will be recorded and posted on the web for later viewing--so you can attend on your own time. You will need to contact Barbara Kemmis, [bkemmis@atla.com](mailto:bkemmis@atla.com), to gain access to the recorded sessions.

### Mark Your Calendar for ACRL Conference

Several ATLA staff members, including the new Executive Director, Brenda Bailey-Hainer, will be attending and exhibiting at the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) conference in Philadelphia from March 30-April 1.

Watch the ATLA website and the February and March issues of the ATLA Newsletter for more information on an ATLA member reception and the booth schedules.

## Two ATLA Members Remembered

### Rev. Harold B. Prince, Sr.

ATLA Lifetime Member Harold B. Prince, Sr., who served as ATLA's President from 1969-70, passed away on December 30, 2010. A librarian at Columbia Theological Seminary for more than 30 years, Rev. Prince was an alumni of the seminary as well as the University of South Carolina and Emory University. You can read Rev. Prince's obituary at <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/greenvilleonline/obituary.aspx?n=harold-bailey-prince&pid=147507084>.

### Rev. Robert Daniel Simmons

Robert Daniel Simmons died Thursday, December 23, 2010. Rev. Simmons received a bachelor of arts degree from Hampden-Sydney College, a master of divinity from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, and a master of theology from Princeton University. A Lifetime Member of ATLA, he operated the Simmons Theological Library in Williamstown, which spans three floors and contains devotional books, transparencies, commentaries and historical texts. Rev. Simmons' obituary can be found here: <http://www.newsandsentinel.com/page/content.detail/id/542635/Rev--Robert-Daniel-Simmons.html?nav=5062>. Online condolences may be sent to the family at <http://www.LeavittFuneralHome.com>.

## Poster Deadline Extended

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The deadline for submitting poster proposals has been extended to Monday, January 31, 2011.

With the aim of adding another avenue for hearing about some of the interesting, creative projects ATLA members are doing--or considering doing--the American Theological Library Association is continuing to invite proposals for poster sessions at the 2011 Annual Conference, June 8-11 in Chicago, Illinois.

Scheduled in a 30-minute time slot, poster sessions are informal. The presenter(s) develops a poster and handouts which deliver useful information to the theological library community, describes the poster, and answers questions.

Posters may address a wide range of topics of interest to theological librarians, such as:

- outreach initiatives
- building digital collections
- assessment
- information literacy
- new library services
- creative marketing
- new collaborative models
- cooperative collection development
- redesigned library space
- professional development
- the library in society
- or . . .

Visit [http://www.atla.com/member/conference/conf\\_2011/posters\\_call.html](http://www.atla.com/member/conference/conf_2011/posters_call.html) to submit your proposal or for more information and helpful tips on preparing a poster for an ATLA Annual Conference.

This is an opportunity to try out new ideas and receive instant feedback from your ATLA colleagues. We sincerely hope you will consider submitting a poster proposal by Monday, January 31, 2011.

### ATLA Calendar

#### January

- 1 Submissions for inclusion in February ATLA Newsletter due on first business day of this month
- 12 Endowment Committee, Audit Committee, and Direct Inspection Committee meet at ATLA Office
- 13-15 ATLA Board of Directors Meets at ATLA Office
- 17 ATLA Office closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

#### February

- 1 Submissions for inclusion in March ATLA Newsletter due on first business day of this month
- 28 NFAIS conference in Philadelphia; Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Tami Luedtke, Margot Lyon attending

#### March

- 1 Submissions for inclusion in April ATLA Newsletter due on first business day of this month
- 28-31 ACRL conference in Philadelphia; Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Barbara Kemmis, Margot Lyon, Lavonne Cohen, and Rick Rybak attending

## From the Professional Development Committee

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### Happy New Learning



January is the month of good intentions and resolutions. Many of us are going to exercise more and stop eating food that we think is bad for us. Many librarians are going to figure out how the budget process really works and persuade students to attend user training sessions which, when you come right down to

it, are really in their best interests anyway.

I wish us well.

The dismal empirical finding is that most of us find it a challenge to exercise regularly and that all food is bad for us in one way another. Just when you think you have figured out how things work at your institution, a quirky new administrator comes on board who zigs and zags differently from her predecessor. It's a wonder more of us don't develop a stutter.

So what should we do? Here are some areas of our profession to ponder and learn more about in 2011.

**Incredible shrinking budgets.** State budgets for higher education are going to be hammered for the next few years because of high unemployment rates and lower revenue collections. The economics of theological schools are also shifting. Yes, endowment values for many schools have rebounded from the low points of the recession. But budget austerity is likely. How will this affect your library? What untapped talents do your staff members have? To put it another way, what assets besides money do you have to work with?

**The long march of e-books.** Bloggers and other hip people assert that we need not worry about a protracted Betamax versus VHS format battle when it comes to e-books. Publishers will tell the geeks to write software so we can read our vampire novels and Bible commentaries on all manner of gizmos. How will the rise of e-books affect user expectations for your library? How are you planning to respond?

**Amazing morphing multi-taskers.** Even as theological schools face flat or shrinking budgets, the larger environment of accountability insists that schools comply with accrediting standards that are profoundly more granular than they used to be. Schools need existing staff to add new tasks to their portfolios. Many theological librarians are being tapped to evaluate non-library programs as part of their portfolio of responsibilities. Can you make such a contribution? What to you need to learn to do so?

2011 is going to be an interesting year. Happy new learning.

-Timothy Lincoln, Chair

## Research in Ministry 2011

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As mentioned above, one of the recent changes here at ATLA has been the development of our new [www.atla.com](http://www.atla.com) website, which brings numerous improvements to the ways in which you access ATLA products and services. We wanted you to know, however, that the popular Research in Ministry database on the [atla.com](http://atla.com) website will retain its clear and straightforward interface.

The database, known lovingly throughout the membership simply as RIM, is perennially one of the most popular services ATLA provides its members. For over thirty years, institutions with DMin, DMiss, and DEdMin programs have used RIM as a means of making abstracts of their students' projects and theses publicly available, while many more schools use and benefit from over 11,000 abstracts currently available for free through this service.

We at ATLA know that your students work hard to produce their projects and theses, your faculty work hard to make them happen, and you, our librarians, work hard to preserve these projects and make them accessible for others. That's why we seek to make it easy for you to share and search these projects through RIM. If you have any questions about RIM, please feel free to contact us at [rim@atla.com](mailto:rim@atla.com).

If your school has not previously participated in RIM, or has not done so recently, we happily invite you to share the contributions of your students in various fields of ministry to those of other future church leaders from across geographic and denominational boundaries. For more information on RIM, or to either access the database or submit abstract, please visit our new page.

-Justin Travis  
Editor, Research in Ministry

## Welcome New Members

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### Individual Members

Christopher J. Anderson  
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Jenny Griffin  
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Akrofi-Christaller Memorial Centre, Ghana

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