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2019 New Year's Greetings from the Board

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Submitted by Jennifer Bartholomew, ATLA President

The ATLA Board members are dedicated leaders and professionals—archivists, bibliographers, collection managers, directors, and theology librarians in access, acquisitions, cataloging, information literacy, reference, research, and technical services.

Collectively we cover a lot of ground. We are also athletes, avid readers (no surprises there), dedicated volunteers, linguists, musicians, photographers, and sports fans. I am constantly learning as I listen to and work with the Board.



Best wishes for 2019 from all of us!

ATLA has been an indispensable part of my professional life, providing essential research tools and connecting me with other librarians in the field. For 2019, I look forward to learning from others in the association and to working with fellow Board members to advance the study of religion and theology.

—Armin Siedlecki

Two words stand out for me in relation to my work on the ATLA Board, privilege and pleasure. It has been a privilege and pleasure to work with the rest of the Board and the staff of ATLA to advance the work and vision of this great Association.

—Brad Ost

ATLA is so much more than a professional organization to me. It is a family, a tribe, of devoted professionals, working together to improve the understanding of religion around the world. It is my pleasure to serve the Association.

—Christina Torbert

Happy New Year! May you have a year of interesting reference questions, painless ILS migrations, problem-free database updates, and no missed issues to claim! And if one of us needs assistance, all our ATLA friends and colleagues are one click away on the Atlantis listserv, ready to help and support each other because that's one of the beautiful characteristics of our Association.

—Ellen Frost

ATLA has been a supportive and welcoming place for me to grow professionally. I like hanging out with you all—you're interesting and fun. I especially appreciate the opportunity this past year to develop my communication and leadership skills.

—Jennie Bartholomew

For me, the best resource of ATLA is the people. The people you get to know serving on committees, or who you met and interact with at the conference or the ATLA staff who work to support libraries and librarians. I am grateful for this community and wish everyone all the best in 2019.

—Jennifer Ulrich

Happy 2019! Remember wondering what a library would be like in the 21st century? At ATLA we are building the future of theological libraries and I'm excited to see where we end up. Hope this year is an exciting step for each of you.

—Matt Ostercamp

ATLA has been formational in my career as a theological librarian, whether via professional development opportunities or simply great friendships. I greatly appreciate ATLA for its positive impact on our profession.

—Matthew Thiesen

I became a member of ATLA in 2005, and have found my involvement in rewarding in so many ways. ATLA continues to offer programs, resources, and staff that enrich my life as a theological librarian. I hope ATLA can make 2019 a great year for you—Happy New Year!

—Michelle Spomer

From participating in my first Board meeting in Indianapolis to joining various volunteer leaders in dialogue about strategic alignment at ARISE18, ATLA continues to enrich my professional development by inviting me to vision the future of the Association with our thoughtful and committed members.

—Shanee' Yvette Murrain

Since my first conference, Ottawa 2008, I have always felt at home in ATLA. Thank you for being my Association family. Happy New Year!

—Stephen Sweeney

In the two years, I have served on the ATLA Board, I've learned that it's *people* who make an association great! The talent, vision, and dedication that staff and membership bring to the work of the Association continues to amaze me. Happy New Year!

—Suzanne Estelle-Holmer

Dentists, Dabblers, and Doers

newsletter.atla.com/2019/dentists-dabblers-and-doers/

January 14, 2019

Submitted by Gillian Harrison Cain, Director of Member Programs

Yet again, my inbox and social media provided me with inspiration for my column. At the end of December, I was agonizing over finding a topic when the daily “Seth’s Blog” email appeared with the headline “Nobody dabbles at dentistry.” Of course, with an intriguing lead like that, I had to read the post and found his blog post touched on some of the things I’ve been pondering this fall.

In this blog post, Seth points out that, “There are some jobs that are only done by accredited professionals.” As someone who had dental work done in her teens by someone who wasn’t really qualified to do that work (something I discovered much later in life), I’m in full support of the American Dental Association and the credentialing and continuing education it provides for dentists.



By education, I’m an engineer, but I’m pretty sure no one would want to enter a structure I’d built since those skills are long dormant, except for when used to build ramps to get motorcycles in and out of trucks and construct Lego towers with my daughter. I took the Engineer-in-Training (EIT) exam, but I didn’t move forward in the profession and complete the additional steps required to become a Professional Engineer (PE). Something you would think, after twenty-five years, some engineering organizations would figure out and stop sending mail addressed to me as an engineer at my parents’ house.

By education and experience, I’m a librarian. Or at least that’s what I tell people in elevators. While I may not use the library knowledge and skills I’ve gained while working in a library at this time, I spend most of my days thinking about library-related tasks and challenges as I work with our members. And I’m still the person my friends call when they’re trying to research something and can’t find the answer.

Librarians are different than dentists. While most librarian job ads call for a master’s degree in library and information science from an American Library Association (ALA) accredited program, ongoing credentialing is not required in most library settings. Also, these days with Google, it seems like being a librarian is also something that, as Seth says, “many people think they can do, at least a little bit.”

This isn’t a new discussion. As a profession, librarians have been trying to demonstrate their value for years. Specifically, in theological schools, institutions are considering what a library looks like while online distance education is “growing rapidly, pushing the boundaries of who

typically attends theological school” as reported in the August 2017 Auburn Studies report (NOT) Being There: Online Distance Education in Theological Schools. Administrators contemplate how, and if, to fill open positions and what is required of applicants when theological librarians retire. Faculty members ponder if there is time for information literacy instruction while the number of credit hours required decreases for an MDiv.

At meetings of the ATLA Professional Development Committee (PDC) this fall, we’ve had some engaging discussions around the types of skills and knowledge our members need to develop to thrive in theological libraries today. We’ve spent time looking at the Organizational Ends and talking about competencies for theological librarians, developing toolkits and other resources that members can use asynchronously, and increasing the number of professional development and leadership offerings. Much more to come on all those things throughout the year.

Seth says the way to distinguish yourself in a non-dentist job “is to be extraordinarily good at it.” We may not be dentists or engineers, but as librarians, we possess a unique skill set, and we’re pretty good at what we do. I was reminded of this when a few days ago a dear friend posted to my Facebook feed a tweet from Jon Klassen (an author/illustrator whose book *This is Not My Hat* is one of my daughter’s favorites).

last year in a library in Alaska I read a folk tale in a random book on a random shelf & have been thinking about it since & today i wrote the librarian w/ no book title or author & in 2 hrs i had a scan of the story & cover in my inbox - librarians should be running everything.

— jon klassen (@burstofbeaden) January 9, 2019

By passion, I’m a marketer. You don’t have to be an accredited professional to be do marketing. It’s something in which a lot of folks, including me, dabble. So, I read things by extraordinary marketers, like Seth Godin’s recent book *This is Marketing: You Can’t Be Seen Until You Learn to See*. As a marketer who is also a librarian, I’m driven to help our members create relationships and delight their “customers” (students, scholars, faculty, and administrators) with their unique skills and knowledge. After all, we are Librarian(s): The Original Search Engine.

Submit Your Vote for the 2019 ATLA Board of Directors Election

 newsletter.atla.com/2019/election/

January 11, 2019

The 2019 ATLA Board of Directors Election opened on Thursday, January 3, 2019, and will close on Thursday, January 31, 2019. The election is performed via electronic ballot by Survey & Ballot Systems.

Ballots including candidates' biographical information and statements were posted on a customized website hosted by Survey & Ballot Systems or [can be found on the ATLA Newsletter](#).



Personalized access codes to the voting site were sent via e-mail to eligible voting members (Institutional Member Representatives, Individual Members, and Retired Members) in good standing as of January 1, 2019. The e-mail came from the ATLA Election Coordinator and the displayed e-mail address will be noreply@directvote.net.

If you are an Individual member who also serves as an Institutional Member Representative, you will have received two distinct ballots with different access codes in order to fulfill your voting opportunities as articulated in the ATLA Bylaws.

If you have any questions about voting procedures or your membership status, please contact a member representative at memberrep@atla.com or Gillian Harrison Cain, Director of Member Programs, at gcain@atla.com.

ATLA Sponsors National Festival of Young Preachers

 newsletter.atla.com/2019/aop/

ATLA recently sponsored and exhibited at the Academy of Preachers (AoP): National Festival of Young Preachers in Atlanta, Georgia, from Jan 2-5, 2019. Celebrating its 10th anniversary, AoP's mission is to identify and inspire young people from Evangelical, Orthodox, Pentecostal, Protestant, and Roman Catholic traditions in the call to gospel preaching.

Margot Lyon, ATLA's Director of Business Development, attended the festival this year and met more than 100 young preachers from around North America at the events and exhibits table. The Academy is endorsed and supported by fifty Founding Partners, the chief among these being the Lilly Endowment Inc.

Back by popular demand, ATLA also sponsored a workshop led by ATLA member Dr. Sarah Bogue, Head of Research and Access Services at the Pitts Theology Library, Candler School of Theology, Emory University. More than fifteen young preachers attended this session.

Sarah gave an engaging master class titled *The Research Side of Sermon Prep*, where she introduced attendees to tools and resources including commentaries, lectionary aids, alumni resources, and sermon inspiration to support preaching.

[Learn more about the Academy of Preachers.](#)

ATLA Press Announces Two Editor in Chief Vacancies

ATLA newsletter.atla.com/2019/atlapress-2/

January 3, 2019

The ATLA Press, ATLA's open access publishing program, has two Editor in Chief vacancies for which we are accepting applications until February 10, 2019.



Editor in Chief of *Theological Librarianship*

The Editor in Chief of *Theological Librarianship* is responsible for overseeing and managing the publication of two issues per year utilizing the Open Journal Systems (OJS) publishing platform, closely collaborating with other members of the journal's Editorial Board, and serving on ATLA Press's advisory group.

Editor in Chief of the *Annual Summary of Conference Proceedings*

The Editor in Chief of the *Proceedings* is responsible for overseeing and managing the submission of individual contributions utilizing the OJS platform, reviewing contributions for accuracy and compliance with submission instructions, and ensuring successful publication of the print and open access online version of the *Proceedings*. The Editor also serves on the ATLA Press's advisory group.

Both of these positions serve three-year terms and require Individual or Retired member status with ATLA. For full position descriptions including instructions on how to apply, please visit the following links:

- [Editor in Chief of *Theological Librarianship*](#)
- [Editor in Chief of *Proceedings*](#)

Upcoming ATLA Events: January and February

 newsletter.atla.com/2019/calendar/

January 11, 2019

ATLA is around the globe this season. Check out the new [ATLA Calendar](#) for a list of events, deadlines, and meetings.

If you would like your meeting or event added to the calendar, email memberep@atla.com.

Upcoming Events

ATLA Press Meetings

January 14-16

Vanderbilt Divinity Library

ACRL Scholarly Communication Roadshow Registration Deadline

January 20

[Register](#)

ATLA Offices Closed

January 21

Chicago, Illinois

ALA Midwinter

January 25-29

Staff attending: Gillian Harrison Cain, Charlotte Nahon

ATLA Board of Directors Election Closes

January 31

Submit to ATLA Newsletter

February 1

[Submit](#)

ATLA Systems Routine Maintenance

February 4

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm CDT



Webinar: Introducing the New RIM: Searching and Sharing Student Research

February 5

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm CDT

[Register](#)

NFAIS Annual Conference

February 13 – February 15

Hilton Alexandria Old Town

ATLA 2019 Conference Poster Proposal Due

February 15, 2019

[Submit](#)

ATLA Board of Directors Meeting

February 20-22

Chicago, Illinois

ACRL Scholarly Communication Roadshow

February 22

Chicago, Illinois

[Register](#)

Submit your 2019 ATLA Annual Conference Poster Proposal

ATLA newsletter.atla.com/2019/posters/

January 11, 2019

Do you have an interesting and creative project you've been working on? We want to hear from you! We invite you to submit a proposal for poster sessions at the 2019 ATLA Annual Conference, June 12-15, 2019, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.



Poster Sessions are 60-minute informal presentations in which presenter(s) deliver(s) information that would be useful to the theological librarianship community.

Submit your poster proposal by Friday, February 15.



If selected, you will be required to display your poster in a designated area for a specific amount of time. You will also be required to stand near your poster during the Poster Break to answer conference attendees' questions.

Posters may address a potentially 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

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.

Register today for our Spring Webinars

 newsletter.atla.com/2019/springwebinars/

January 9, 2019

We are pleased to announce the schedule for some of the upcoming webinars. These webinars are hosted by ATLA and our partners as a way to foster the exchange of ideas within the theological librarianship profession and share information about important resources.



Introducing the New RIM: Searching and Sharing Student Research

February 5th, 2019 1:00 CST

Speaker: Christine Fruin, Member Programs and Scholarly Communication Manager

At the end of 2018, ATLA released an updated and new instance of *Research in Ministry*® (*RIM*®), the database for sharing and searching abstracts of papers and projects. The new database now allows authors, librarians, department chairs, and others to include new abstracts in *RIM* through a self-submission system. ATLA will no longer be entering these on behalf of participating institutions. During this workshop, participants will see a demo of the new *RIM*, including how to create an account, how to share new abstracts through the self-submission form, and how to search.



Christine Fruin

Register now.

Advising Graduate Students on Copyright and Publishing: What to Expect and How to Respond

March 5th, 2019 at 1:00 CST

Speaker: Christine Fruin, Member Programs and Scholarly Communication Manager

While working on their thesis, dissertation or other terminal projects, graduate students often have questions about incorporating the copyrighted works of others in their papers or experience confusion about their own publication options and their rights as authors. In this workshop, participants will learn how to assist students navigate copyright issues that arise while they are engaged in preparation of their own writing, including when permission is

needed and how to distinguish copyright infringement from plagiarism, as well as how to assist them in evaluating places of publication and understanding how deposit of their work in an open repository could impact their future publishing activities.

Register now.

More webinars will be announced soon. Stay tuned to the *Newsletter* and the ATLA website for more details and how to register.



Christine Fruin

Join us for a Live Demo on the Updated Research in Ministry® (RIM®)

ATLA newsletter.atla.com/2019/rim-live/

January 3, 2019

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The graphic features a green background. On the left, a white speech bubble contains the text: "Introducing the New RIM: Searching and Sharing Student Research". Below the bubble, it says "Tuesday, Feb 5 1 PM CST". On the right, the ATLA logo is at the top, followed by "Spring Webinars" in a script font. Below that is a small portrait of Christine Fruin and her name and title: "Christine Fruin, ATLA Scholarly Communication and Open Access Publishing Manager".

RIM indexes the bibliographic data and abstracts for projects and theses from a variety of graduate programs including Doctor of Ministry (DMin), Doctor of Missiology (DMiss), and Doctor of Educational Ministry (DEdMin), and with the new release, other related graduate programs. *RIM* is a searchable database with entries for authors, titles, advisors, schools, and ATLA subject headings.

Join us for a Live Demo

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During this workshop, participants will see a demo of the new *RIM*, including how to create an account, how to share new abstracts through the self-submission form, and how to search.

If you are not able to make it to the webinar, we encourage you to still register so that you may receive the recording and later share it with your students.



Register now.

Save the Date for the Ohio Theological Library Association Spring Meeting

OTLA newsletter.atla.com/2019/otla/

January 8, 2019

The Ohio Theological Library Association (OTLA) will host their spring meeting on Friday, April 5, at the Hanby House State Memorial near Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio.



OTLA Spring Meeting
April 5

The Hanby House, designated as a United Methodist Heritage Landmark and managed by the Westerville Historical Society (WHS),

was built in the mid-19th century for United Brethren bishop (and Otterbein co-founder) William Hanby and his wife, Ann. The historic site once served as a station for the Underground Railroad as William Hanby was an active abolitionist.

More information on the event, including cost and agenda, will be sent out at a later date.

About OTLA

The OTLA has as its mission the promotion of cooperation among its member libraries, community spirit among individuals interested in theological and religious librarianship and continued improvement in all areas of librarianship related to those fields.

If you are in the Ohio region and are interested in joining this group or attending a meeting, we encourage you to [visit their web page](#).

Redevelopment of the ATS Accreditation Standards Webinar

newsletter.atla.com/2019/ats/

January 14, 2019

As previously mentioned, the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) is currently engaging in a comprehensive redevelopment of its



accrediting Standards and Procedures. The current timeline for the redevelopment envisions a two-year process (June 2018 to June 2020), with regular membership involvement throughout the process. The first year (2018-2019) is called “**a year of listening, researching, and reflecting**” during which time the Task Force will intentionally engage a wide variety of audiences.

The first engagement is next month’s webinar.

ATS Accreditation Standards Webinar

Monday, February 4th 1:00 CST

Speaker: Debbie Creamer, Senior Director of Accreditation at ATS

In June 2018 the membership of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) voted to authorize a two-year comprehensive redevelopment of its accreditation standards and procedures. In this webinar, Debbie Creamer—a former library director who currently serves as senior director of accreditation at ATS—will provide an overview of the redevelopment process and will introduce participants to the ways in which they can be involved in ATS’s “year of listening, researching, and reflecting” prior to the development of new standards.

The session will share some of what has been heard so far and will discuss some of the themes and directions that are emerging. The webinar will include time for Q&A and will explore additional ways to share updates and gather feedback from ATLA members.

Register today.

As Seen on Twitter: OER, Medieval Manuscripts, and Teaching Moments

ATLA newsletter.atla.com/2019/twitter/

January 8, 2019

The ATLA Twitter feed is filled with news on ATLA events and product updates as well as stories that have relevance to the work of libraries and librarians.

Here are some highlights from last month's [@YourATLA](#) Twitter feed:

As Seen on Twitter

Brand new open access book available to help [#libraries](#) and librarians develop and implement [#OER](#) at their campuses -- "OER: A Field Guide for Academic Libraries." Free to download as EPUB and PDF and available print on demand for a low price.

<https://t.co/r7Ua6yteXb>

— ATLA (@YourATLA) [December 5, 2018](#)

A two-year project, drawing on the collections of the [@britishlibrary](#) and the Bibliothèque nationale de France, has made 800 [#medieval](#) manuscripts from the period 700 – 1200 available online for the first time. <https://t.co/eVqBxzpJeO>

— ATLA (@YourATLA) [December 7, 2018](#)

Connect with librarians and scholars in religion and theology at the 2019 ATLA Annual Conference Vancouver, BC, Canada, next June by exhibiting or sponsoring [#ATLA2019](#). Learn more: <https://t.co/MEcLUXol3j>

— ATLA (@YourATLA) [December 3, 2018](#)

A teaching moment from history -- on display now at the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C., is a special exhibit centered on a rare Bible from the 1800s that was used by British missionaries to convert and educate slaves. <https://t.co/GTINyzHXJx>

— ATLA (@YourATLA) [December 11, 2018](#)

SCOOP: Scholarly Communications 2018: What Matters for Theological Libraries?

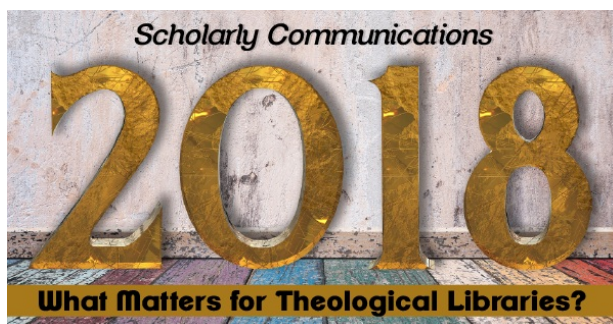
ATLA newsletter.atla.com/2018/scholarly-communications-2018/

December 27, 2018

Submitted by Christine Fruin, ATLA Member Programs and Scholarly Communication Manager

ATLA enjoyed exciting growth in 2018 in its scholarly communications program, with the expansion of the open access publishing program and offering of webinars and a pre-conference workshop for ATLA members on topics related to fair use, open access and publishing.

Around the globe there were other interesting and intriguing developments in law, policy, and programs that were of interest and importance to libraries.



The Year in Copyright

Georgia State University – Court Reserves Case

In October 2018, the 11 Circuit Appellate Court issued another opinion in the decade-long litigation between three academic publishers and Georgia State University over the posting of copyrighted book chapters in online course reserve systems. In this latest ruling, the Appellate Court again found that the district court had erred in its application of fair use by not following the Appellate



Court's earlier instructions to restrict evaluation to the 2nd and 3rd factors, by applying a quantitative rather than qualitative analysis, and by considering evidence of price when assessing the amount and substantiality of the work used. The case was sent back to the district court for a third attempt at getting it right, at least in the eyes of the Appellate Court.

Impact on Theological Libraries

Libraries everywhere continue to grapple with the application of fair use when sharing copyrighted materials through course management or course reserves systems, and the latest ruling does little to clarify matters. Theological libraries should continue to educate faculty and persons supporting online course development on the four factors of fair use and encourage consideration of all factors rather than relying upon any mathematical formulation. In this webinar presented last spring, I shared guidance on how libraries should apply fair use in light

of recent court opinions.

Further Reading

- Kevin Smith muses on the latest GSU opinion at <http://intheopen.net/2018/10/the-gsu-copyright-case-lather-rinse-repeat/>.
- Coverage from Publishers Weekly at <https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/digital/copyright/article/78401-gsu-e-reserves-case-goes-on-after-publishers-win-second-appeal.html>

Marrakesh Treaty Signed Into Law

The Marrakesh Treaty was implemented into law in the United States in 2018. The Treaty provides a copyright exception for “authorized entities” including libraries to make materials available across borders to people with print disabilities.

Impact on Theological Libraries

For U.S. theological libraries who have the opportunity to serve persons who have print disabilities and live in the developing and majority world, the implementation of the Treaty opens the door to sharing accessible content across borders.

Further Reading

- The Library of Congress outlines the long history of the Marrakesh Treaty from its origins to implementation in the United States.
<https://blogs.loc.gov/copyright/2018/10/the-marrakesh-treaty-implementation-act/>
- This FAQ from the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) provides practical guidance to libraries on implementing the Treaty.
<https://www.ifla.org/publications/node/71175>

Music Modernization Act

Section 115 of the Copyright Act provides a compulsory license structure for sound recordings that until the passage of the legislative package known as the Music Modernization Act (MMA) notoriously omitted pre-1972 sound recordings. This omission left those artists at the mercy of common and state law which typically did not provide for the payment of certain royalties, which was a big problem in today’s streaming music world. Under the MMA, these recordings have now been brought under federal protection, but with complicated and somewhat confusing results. In some instances, gratefully, pre-1972 recordings may now be more freely accessible by the public.

Impact on Theological Libraries

Theological libraries who have either been actively engaged in digitally preserving and making available pre-1972 sound recordings or have utilized collections maintained by other libraries and archives will want to be aware of the effect the new legislation has on these types of projects.

Further Reading

- The Electronic Frontier Foundation explains the importance of some changes made by the final draft of the MMA. <https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2018/09/new-music-modernization-act-has-major-fix-older-recordings-will-belong-public>
- The Public Knowledge blog makes a good attempt at breaking down the complicated impact of the MMA legislative changes. <https://www.publicknowledge.org/news-blog/blogs/a-payday-built-on-bad-policy>

The Year in Open Access

Big Deal Cancelations

As 2018 came to a close, the [University of California System](#) and the [Max Planck Society](#) made headlines in the scholarly world when both announced plans to sever ties with publisher Elsevier. These two research institutions are the latest names added to a growing list of entities that have canceled what are known as “big deal” journal bundles over growing concerns about pricing and access. Both UC and Max Planck cite Elsevier’s refusal to accept a “publish and read” model of open access as part of the reason for the threatened split.



Impact on Theological Libraries

For theological libraries affiliated with larger university systems who may be considering similar negotiations or terminations, they should be aware of what content their patrons access that could be impacted by any big deal terminations. For smaller or stand-alone theological libraries, it is important, as always, to be well-versed in open access and the changing nature of scholarly publishing.

Further Reading

- SPARC is tracking negotiations and cancelations of big deal journal bundles. <https://sparcopen.org/our-work/big-deal-cancellation-tracking/>
- An overview of the cancelation situation from Inside Higher Ed: <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2018/05/08/more-institutions-consider-ending-their-big-deals-publishers>

ResearchGate Redux and the Continuing Saga of SciHub

In the fall of 2017, a group of publishers formed the Coalition for Responsible Sharing for the purpose of addressing the copyright infringement occurring on scholarly social sharing sites such as Academia.edu and ResearchGate. The group issued takedown notices and eventually filed a lawsuit against ResearchGate. Earlier in 2018, an apparent split occurred among the publishers over how to resolve the dispute, with one group hoping to cooperatively curb further infringement by educating users about copyright and the other group insisting on solving the problem through the courts. Then in October 2018, two of the publishers again filed suit against ResearchGate for further copyright infringement. Meanwhile, despite continued crackdowns in the courtroom and by international governments, SciHub continued to remain active and at the center of discussion and debate among publishers, librarians, and open access advocates.

Impact on Theological Libraries

Librarians should continue to educate and caution their faculty and students on the usage of academic social sharing sites and any sites like SciHub whose purpose is the sharing of scholarly works in contradiction of copyright. Libraries should advocate for the legal posting and reuse of copyrighted articles that their patrons have authored.

Further Reading

- Revisit the SCOOP column from 2017 talking about the ResearchGate problem and solutions to legally sharing one's own scholarship.
<https://newsletter.atla.com/2017/scoop-researchgate/>
- More comprehensive coverage of ResearchGate's recent legal troubles.
<https://www.the-scientist.com/news-opinion/major-publishers-file-second-lawsuit-against-researchgate-64916>
- The business of scholarship is often cited as a defense of operations like Sci-Hub. In the new documentary *Paywall*, a professor investigates the scholarly publishing business and how open access has the potential to change it. <https://paywallthemovie.com/>

Plan S

No scholarly communication story in 2018 caused as much commotion as the September 2018 mandate by an international coalition of research funders for all research funded by public grants to be published in open access journals or through open access platforms beginning in 2020. Supporters (e.g., Fair Open Access Alliance, League of European Research Universities) and detractors (e.g., Association of American Publishers, researchers) took to the web to share their reasons for why Plan S was either good or bad for researchers, publishers, readers, universities and all others impacted by scholarly publishing.

Impact on Theological Libraries

Any organized and large-scale shift toward open access is important to take notice of and to consider the issues raised by such a shift. For theological libraries at institutions who may be impacted by Plan S, which largely has European participants at this point in time, it is important to be aware of compliance questions that may come from funded researchers or general inquiries on open access and the variety of means for making one's work available open access.

Further Reading

- What is causing all the commotion? Read *The 10 Principles of Plan S* (<https://www.coalition-s.org/10-principles/>) and how the coalition proposes to implement them (<https://www.coalition-s.org/feedback/>).
- On the Scholarly Kitchen blog, an explanation—and some caution – of the various components of Plan S. <https://scholarlykitchen.sspnet.org/2018/12/07/plan-s-a-mandate-for-gold-oa-with-lots-of-strings-attached/>

Government Support for Open Textbooks and Open Educational Resources

After a successful federal open textbook pilot, Congress renewed its commitment to college affordability by appropriating funds for FY19 to continue the program. States also continue to pass legislation that supports the implementation of open educational resources (OER). SPARC, a national leader in OER advocacy, released two helpful resources in 2018 to assist with state-level legislation. The OER State Policy Playbook and companion OER State Legislative Guide provide strategies and tools for advocating and monitoring local legislative initiatives that support OER.

Impact on Theological Libraries

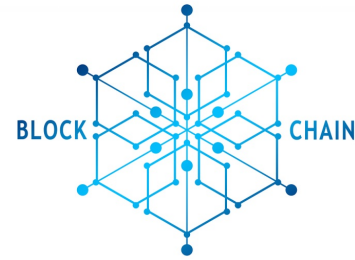
Theological libraries should consider ways to initiate and support open educational resources at their institutions. In 2019, ATLA will investigate how it can further develop and support OER for the benefit of our members and the schools and programs they serve.

Further Reading

- You can look up your state's OER legislation in SPARC's OER State Policy Tracker. <https://sparcopen.org/our-work/state-policy-tracking/>
- Want to learn more about OER in general? Revisit the March 2018 SCOOP on the A, B, C's and R's of OER. <https://newsletter.atla.com/2018/openeducationalresource-oer/>

The Year in ... Blockchain?

A predominant buzzword in scholarly communication news and literature this past year was “blockchain.” The jury is still out on whether this will be the publishing way of the future or whether this is just a passing fad, and most persons are still uncertain about what it fundamentally is and how it could revolutionize scholarly publishing.



Impact on Theological Libraries

For those tech-savvy digital humanists who understand and can comfortably engage with these up and coming technologies, it is an exciting time for consideration and experimentation. For most everyone else, it is always wise to stay at least casually informed of new scholarly research and publishing technologies.

Further Reading

- From Digital Science, a report that delves further into blockchain’s potential impact for scholarly communication. https://figshare.com/articles/_/5607778
- In a late 2018 article in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, the author considers whether blockchain will, in fact, revolutionize scholarly publishing. <https://www.chronicle.com/article/Will-Blockchain-Revolutionize/245073>

How You Can Keep Up on News and Trends in Scholarly Communication

To keep up on scholarly communication issues throughout the year, look for the SCOOP column every month in the ATLA Newsletter but also consider these useful and informative sources:

- IO: In the Open is a blog maintained by several scholarly communication and publishing experts from academic libraries across North America. <http://intheopen.net/>
- The Idealis is a library community-curated bibliography of the latest research in library science on scholarly communication issues. <https://theidealism.org/>
- The *Journal of Scholarly Communication and Librarianship* is an open access peer-reviewed journal publishing articles investigating the modes and technologies of scholarly communication, particularly as relates to libraries. <https://jisc-pub.org/>
- The Scholarly Kitchen is the blog of the Society of Scholarly Publishers and features posts that often inform and tantalize by a wide array of authors from both the scholarly publishing and library worlds. <https://scholarlykitchen.sspnet.org/>

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Dr. Jeffrey A. Waldrop Announced as Dean of the University Library, Mercer University

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Dr. Jeffrey A. Waldrop, currently Associate Provost and Director of the David Allan Hubbard Library at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, has been appointed as Dean of the University Library at Mercer University, effective July 1, 2019.



Jeffrey has held various leadership positions at Fuller's library since 2007 and has been the Library Director since 2015. He also serves as Assistant Professor of Church History at Fuller. Prior to joining Fuller, he served as Library Circulation Supervisor at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary (now Gateway Seminary) Library in Mill Valley, California.

He earned his PhD in church history and theology from Fuller in 2012. He also holds an MLIS from San Jose State University and Master of Theology and Master of Divinity degrees from Golden Gate Seminary. He has held faculty positions at Nepal Theological Academy, Colorado Christian University, and Golden Gate Seminary.

A member of ATLA since 2016, he has most recently served on the Board of Directors Nominating Committee and has written numerous articles and essays for theological and church history publications. He also is the author of the book *The Emergence of Religious Toleration in 18th Century New England: Congregationalists, Baptists, and the Contribution of John Callender*.

Join us in congratulating Jeff on this new position.

[Learn more by reading the full press release from Mercer University.](#)

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ATLA Job Board Postings, January 2019

 newsletter.atla.com/2019/jobs/

January 11, 2019

Member and non-member institutions are invited to post and view job openings on the [ATLA Job Board](#). Here is a list of the current job openings:



ATLA Press, ATLA, is looking for a [Summary of Proceedings](#) Editor in Chief and [Theological Librarianship](#) Editor in Chief

- The Burke Library, Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY, is looking for an [Outreach Archivist](#)
- Lancaster Bible College, Lancaster, PA, is looking for an [Electronic Resources Librarian](#)
- Life Pacific College, San Dimas, CA, is looking for an [Instruction Librarian – Spanish Language Resource Curator](#)
- McCormick Theological Seminary, JKM Library, Chicago, IL, is looking for a [Director, JKM Library](#)
- Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL, is looking for an [Information Services Librarian](#)

Want to post a job opening? Visit the [Submissions Guidelines page](#) for more information.

Welcome New Reciprocal Borrowing Participants

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January 8, 2019

Please join us in welcoming our most recent participants to the [Reciprocal Borrowing Program](#). If you are interested in adding your library to this program, simply complete the [participation agreement](#).

If you are already a member of this program, don't forget to fill out the [profile form](#) online so we can provide program users with information about your library's collections and lending policies.



Pacific Rim Christian University, Honolulu, Hawaii

Pacific Rim Christian University (PacRim) was originally founded as New Hope Christian Fellowship in 1995. PacRim seeks to serve the larger Christian community in Hawaii and throughout the Pacific Rim. In Hawaii, the university sponsors the John P.C. Makuakane Institute for Christian Leadership, which has offered training to Native Hawaiian pastors on the Island of Hawaii. In the Pacific, PacRim has relationships with institutes and colleges in Portland, Oregon; Ontario, Canada; Guam, Australia, Japan, and Myanmar.

Pacific Rim Christian University Library's purpose is to facilitate the training and education of Christian leaders by providing access to information resources and services. It is the largest theological library in the state of Hawai'i with over 12,000 volumes in the collection.

Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies, Jacksonville, Florida

Education at the [Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies](#) centers on worship ministry. IWS was conceived of in the 1990s by worship theologian [Robert E. Webber](#), who intended to provide doctoral-level theological training to worship leaders and music ministers. The Institute engages students to teach them the biblical foundations, historical contexts, and theological disciplines for them to become effective and informed ministers.



Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church hosts the Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies.

The [library collection](#) reflects this focus on Christian worship and liturgy. It includes over 10,000 books, several thousand of which belonged to Robert E. Webber and were donated by his wife Joanne after his death. The majority of the collection is in circulation and available for students to loan.

The ATLA Reciprocal Borrowing Program

Not familiar with the [ATLA Reciprocal Borrowing Program](#)? By joining the program, more than 90 ATLA members across the United States and Canada have agreed to grant check-out privileges to patrons from other libraries participating in the program. Visit the [map](#) to see what libraries are currently part of the program.

ATLA Press Announces the Digital Reprint of 'A Broadening Conversation'

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January 10, 2019

ATLA Press, the open access publishing program of ATLA, is excited to announce the digital reprint of *A Broadening Conversation: Classical Readings in Theological Librarianship*. Originally published in 2006, *A Broadening Conversation* commemorated the 60th anniversary of ATLA and featured contributions from more than forty authors from the field of theological librarianship.



The open access edition also includes a new introduction written by Dr. Carisse Berryhill. The new digital reprint can be accessed on the [ATLA Press website](#).

The ATLA Press open monograph program will soon issue a call for proposals for chapters in a new volume to commemorate ATLA's upcoming 75th anniversary. Stay tuned to the *ATLA Newsletter* as well as the [ATLA Press open monograph site](#) for more information on this opportunity.