



TLM 2011 and the Ryan Library Centennial Celebration at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia. Photo courtesy Cait Kokolus.

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From the Publications Committee

Greetings! We would like to invite you to apply for a 2012 publication grant. We will award grants of up to \$4000 for reimbursable expenses. The purpose of the grant is to aid recipients in the development of a scholarly work that advances some aspect of theological librarianship or provides bibliographic access to a significant body of literature within theological or religious studies. We would especially like to encourage those who have never published in these areas to apply.

The deadline for application is February 1, 2012. For more information, please visit the ATLA Publication Grant webpage at <http://www.atla.com/Members/programs/awards/Pages/Publication-Grant.aspx>.

- Amy Limpitlaw, Chair

From the President

Contemplating ATLA



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What is the greatest information-related problem that our libraries share today? If you were to read James Gleick's recent history of information in the modern era, *The Information: A History, A Theory, A Flood* (Pantheon, 2011), you would find that Gleick's answer is clear: information overload and "strategies for coping," including "contemplation." It is an answer repeated often in recent books about the Internet and its effects on our lives: from Nicholas Carr's *The Shallows* (Norton, 2010), which bemoans that on the Internet there is "no peaceful spot where contemplativeness can work its restorative magic" (p. 220), to Hamlet's *Blackberry* (Harper Collins, 2010), by the journalist William Powers, which looks at why, among the buzz of our digital gadgets, we need "contemplative time away from digital devices" (p. 239), to *Alone Together* (Basic Books, 2011), by the MIT psychologist Sherry Turkle, which examines the need to "contemplate online life," and the extent to which we are both isolated and overwhelmed by the Internet (p. 280). These authors' connection of information and contemplation might bring to mind past ATLA conferences, where theological and religious studies librarians have begun to describe, and even prescribe, contemplative practices that are potentially therapeutic to information overload: from *lectio divina*, to the Ignatian Exercises, to the Seeds of Thomas Merton, and others. There is likely need for theological librarians to work more in this area.

Within the past couple weeks I've had the pleasure of listening to different groups of ATLA members deliberate about the most important challenges and opportunities facing our profession and association. In a recent conference call, the ATLA Board of Directors sought to identify the most significant questions related to the future growth and effectiveness of our association. At the annual joint meeting of the Education and Annual Conference Committees, ATLA members, along with our Executive Director, Brenda Bailey-Hainer, discussed all of the many presentation proposals for the 2012 ATLA Annual Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona. Within many of the extraordinary proposals, and the conversations about them, I observed strong evidence that our association is deeply engaged in "meeting the needs of libraries, librarians, scholars, students . . ." and "collaborating to develop solutions to information-related problems common to [our] libraries and collections." (ATLA Ends 2.1 and 2.2 --<http://www.atla.com/about/who/Pages/MissionStatement.aspx>).

-- John B. Weaver



From the Executive Director

Strength in Members

The heart and soul of any professional association is its members, and ATLA is no exception. During the past several weeks, I've had the pleasure of meeting with a number of ATLA's committees and hearing firsthand about the many contributions members make to ATLA through these groups. Within ATLA, committees assist with the planning and oversight of the many opportunities that membership in ATLA offers -- everything from organizing and planning the annual conference to making recommendations on the award of grants and selecting participants for special programs like the Creating Leaders of Tomorrow Program. Individual Membership in ATLA can help your own personal professional development efforts by giving you the opportunity to be active in interest groups, serve on committees, participate in continuing education opportunities, and even run for ATLA's Board of Directors. Please be sure to renew your membership and continue to reap the benefits, including discounted registration for the 2012 ATLA conference in Scottsdale, Arizona, in June.

If you have not yet renewed your library's Institutional Membership in ATLA, I encourage you to do so before the end of November. Institutional membership allows your library to participate in collaborative projects such as cost effective group purchases via the SCLC Affiliate Program and the EBSCO Publishing and OCLC Consortia. Institutional Members also benefit from other programs such as the Serials Exchange (ASE) and the Member Loyalty Program (mentioned in this issue). As an Institutional Member, your library becomes eligible to receive grants such as the Theological Library Month Mini-Grants that help fund TLM activities.

Membership in ATLA strengthens our organization, your library, and you. Please renew your ATLA membership today!

--Brenda Bailey-Hainer

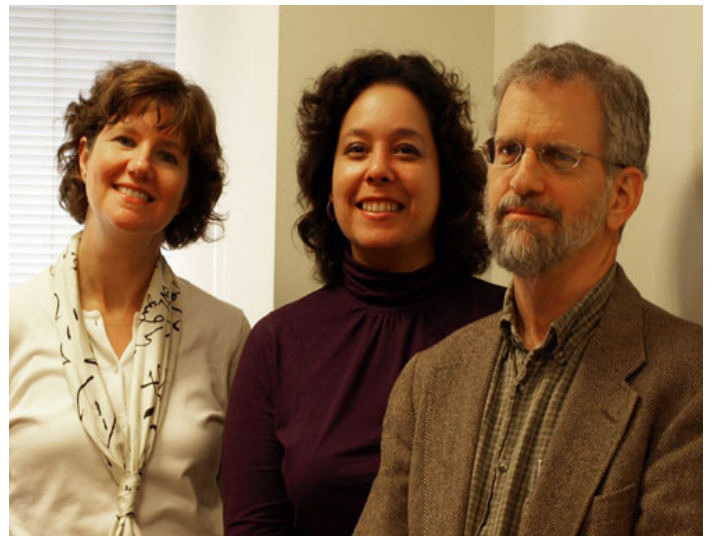
Member News

ATLA Committee Meetings

Fall is generally a busy time at the ATLA Office, and 2011 was no exception. During October, several committees came to Chicago to help conduct the business of the Association.

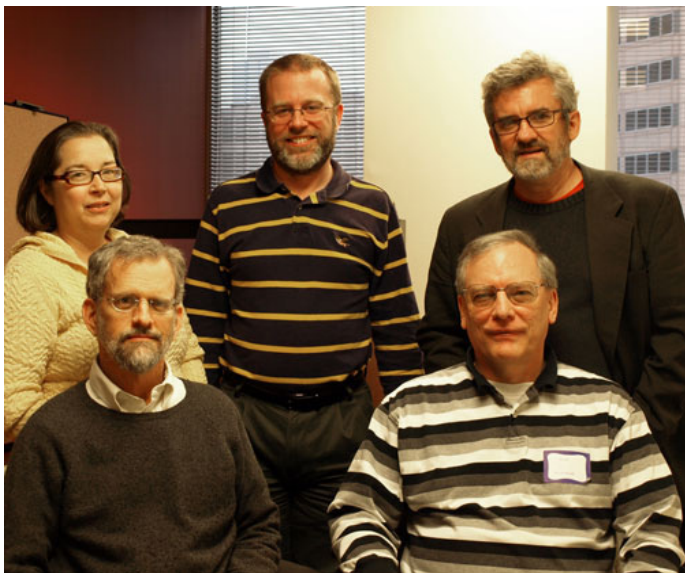


The Endowment Committee met at ATLA Headquarters on Tuesday, October 18. Pictured above, left to right: Dan LaValla, Marti Alt, and Roger Loyd (Chair). Roger is carrying the briefcase of Donn Michael Farris (ATLA's former newsletter editor) which was on its way to ATLA Historian Martha Smalley for preservation in the ATLA Archives.



With overlapping scheduling to allow for a brief joint meeting, the Publication Committee came to town on Monday and Tuesday, October 25-26, while members of the Theological Librarianship Editorial Board met Tuesday and Wednesday. Publication Committee members are, left to right above: Amy Limpitlaw (Chair), Lisa Gonzalez, and

Dan Kolb. The Editorial Board is pictured below. Left to right: Melody Layton McMahon, Dan Kolb, Andy Keck and co-editors Ron Crown and David Stewart.



The Professional Development Committee was at Headquarters on Monday October 31 and Tuesday, November 1. Above, left to right, are Ellen Frost (Co-chair), Christina Torbert (Co-chair), and Lugene Schemper. (Committee member Eric Stancliffe was unable to attend.)

Library Project Awardee Redux

In an earlier edition of the newsletter, it was reported that Catholic Theological Union was selected as an International Society for Science and Religion (ISSR) Library Project awardee. Only 150 institutions worldwide received a full set of the ISSR Library, which includes 224 volumes. Boston University's School of Theology Library is pleased to announce that it was also awarded this collection. "It was a lot of work but I was able to procure this collection for us as well," said James Skypeck, the library's Head of Public Services.

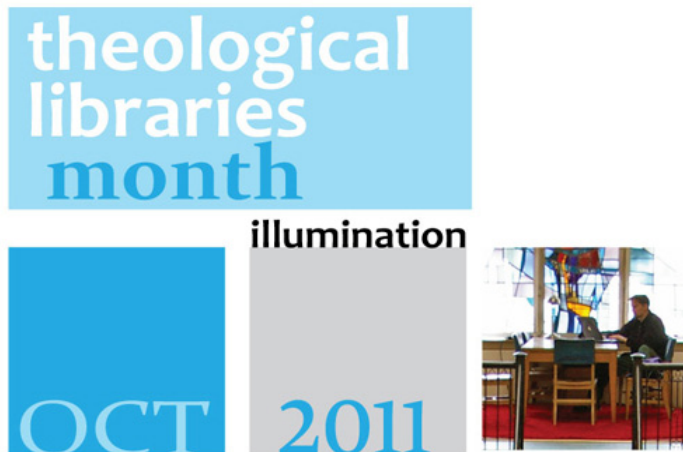
Job Postings Online

Are you in the market for a new position? Be sure to check the ATLA web listings (<http://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/default.aspx>) to see who is hiring now.

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Routine Maintenance Reminder

Routine maintenance will be performed on ATLA systems on Monday, December 6, 2010. You may encounter a brief interruption of service between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. (CDT). Services that will be affected include ASE, ListServe and the ATLA Websites. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.



TLM 2011 Recap

By the Numbers

To date, here are some statistics regarding participation in TLM's various programs and activities:

Forty-one institutions have reported their participation in TLM 2011 (<http://www.atla.com/Members/programs/tlm/Pages/2011Participants.aspx>). Eighteen institutions applied for and received TLM Mini-Grants to help fund their TLM activities. We received thirty-three entries in the TLM Cartoon Caption Contest.

At least twenty-five institutions have submitted plans, photos, and summaries of their campus activities. Be sure to email your ideas, photos, stories, and other items to scorkery@atla.com so we can feature them on the TLM website.

TLM Cartoon Contest: Time to Vote!

Three finalists have been chosen for each of our two cartoons, and now it's time for you to help select the winning captions. The two finalists will receive \$100 each. Visit <http://www.atla.com/Members/programs/tlm/Pages/TLM2011CartoonContest.aspx> to vote.

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2012 Conference Planning Meeting

The Annual Conference Committee and the Education Committee experienced some of Arizona's stunning beauty as they were welcomed by the conference local hosts, the Theological Library Cooperative of Arizona (TLCA). From October 27-29, members of both committees met in Scottsdale at the Hyatt Gainey Ranch with Meeting Specialist Denise McFarlin and Executive Director Brenda Bailey-Hainer to plan for the 2012 ATLA Annual Conference.

Annual Conference Committee members are Mitzi Budde (Chair), Leslie Engleson (Vice-Chair), Julie Hines, Robert Mayer, and Eric Benoy. The Education Committee includes Jennifer M. Ulrich (Chair), Jennifer Bartholomew (Secretary), Richard A. Lammert, Stephen Sweeney, and Doug Olbert (Local Host Liaison).

ATLA Calendar

November

- 1 Submissions for December ATLA Newsletter due on first business day of this month
- 2-6 Charleston Conference, Charleston, SC - Margot Lyon attending
- 10-11 International Collaboration Committee meets at ATLA Office
- 14 Brenda Bailey-Hainer meets with Pacific Northwest theological librarians in Seattle, WA
- 18-22 AAR and SBL Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA - Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Margot Lyon, Lavonne Cohen, Rick Rybak, Gregg Taylor attending
- 24-25 ATLA Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

December

- 1 Submissions for January ATLA Newsletter due on first business day of this month
- 23 ATLA Office closed for Christmas Holiday
- 26 ATLA Office closed for Christmas Holiday

January

- 1 Submissions for inclusion in February ATLA Newsletter due on first business day of this month
- 2 ATLA Office closed for New Year Holiday
- 12-14 ATLA Board of Directors Meeting at ATLA Office in Chicago
- 16 ATLA Office closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

Member Loyalty Program

Two Years Later . . .

In November of 2009, the American Theological Library Association proudly introduced a new Member Loyalty Program (<http://www.atla.com/MEMBERS/BENEFITS/PROJECTS/Pages/Member-Loyalty-Program.aspx>). We developed this program to thank our current Institutional, International Institutional, and Affiliate members for your involvement in ATLA, subscription to ATLA Products, and to welcome our new members.

During these challenging economic times, it was hoped that this program would allow Individual members to join or rejoin the Association or attend the Annual Conference if cost was holding them back. Loyalty benefits were based on a library's ATLA product subscription level and included:

- Individual membership
- Conference registration
- Gifts to the Scholarships and Grants Annual Fund

In the coming months, ATLA will offer the suite of benefits, but as always, we appreciate your feedback. If you have any suggestions, questions or comments, please contact Brenda Bailey-Hainer at 888/665-2852 or bbailey-hainer@atla.com. Thank you for your dedication to ATLA as a member and as a subscriber. We are pleased to be able to provide you with a range of products and services.

ATLASerials® Reaches a Milestone

Digitizes 200 Titles

ATLA announces that *ATLASerials* (*ATLAS*®), ATLA's online full-text collection of major religion and theology journals, has reached a milestone of digitizing 200 titles. ATLA welcomes the following five titles newly available in *ATLAS*.

- *Bulletin for Biblical Research*, by Eisenbrauns
- *Fides et Historia*, by Conference on Faith and History, Calvin College
- *Journal of Shi'a Islamic Studies*, published on behalf of The Islamic College, London, United Kingdom
- *Journal of Theological Interpretation*, by Eerdmans
- *Science et Esprit*, by Faculté Collège dominicain de philosophie et de théologie d'Ottawa and Editions Bellarmin

In addition, ATLA welcomes the following ten titles that will be available in forthcoming releases of *ATLAS*.

- *Baptistic Theologies*, by International Baptist Theological Seminary
- *Hartford Quarterly*, by Hartford Seminary Foundation
- *Journal of Church and State*, by Oxford University Press, on behalf of the J. M. Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies of Baylor University
- *Journal of Clinical Pastoral Work*, the predecessor to *Journal of Pastoral Care*, by Council for Clinical Training
- *Journal of Semitic Studies*, by Oxford University Press, on behalf of the University of Manchester
- *Journal of Theological Studies*, by Oxford University Press
- *Orate Fratres*, the predecessor to *Worship*, by Liturgical Press
- *Springfielder*, the predecessor to *Concordia Theological Monthly*, by Concordia Theological Seminary
- *Théophilyon*, by Faculté de Théologie et de Philosophie de l'Université Catholique de Lyon
- *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, by Wesleyan Theological Society

Brenda Bailey-Hainer, ATLA's Executive Director, commented, "ATLA launched *ATLAS* with fifty journal titles. We are pleased with the progress of this online, full-text collection, which will soon include over 200 high-quality theology and religion journals. Scholars, clergy, and laypeople benefit from the diversity of content available in *ATLAS*. These new titles complement and accentuate the scope of multiple faiths, languages, and perspectives included in the collection."

Have You Heard?

Library of Congress Surplus Books Program

The Library of Congress has available at all times, for donation to educational institutions, public bodies and nonprofit tax-exempt organizations in the United States, surplus books which are not needed for the Library's own uses. These publications are miscellaneous in character and, although shelved for inspection, are not arranged in any way, nor have they been listed or described.

Non-Profit, educational and government organizations may participate in the Library of Congress' Surplus Book Program. To apply, please have your director, dean, or president write and sign a letter on official stationery addressed to:

Joe Puccio, Head
Acquisitions Fiscal and Support Office
Library of Congress
101 Independence Ave., S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20540-4204

Visit <http://www.loc.gov/acq/surplus.html> for more information on the program.

Additional Library of Congress Program for ATLA International Members

In order to sustain the free flow of government information in the new publishing environment, the Library of Congress has undertaken a project to transform the International Exchange Service (IES) program (<http://www.loc.gov/acq/>). The transformation effort expects to embrace the analog and digital publishing environment; to achieve a flexibility sufficient to meet individual country needs in terms of the format of the content delivered to them; to recommend or identify tools to receive, access, archive, preserve, and deliver content "received" by the Library under the IES; and to meet the Library's collection development needs.

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) with any questions or concerns or if you are interested in sponsoring an issue of the newsletter.

ATLA Reception at AAR - SBL

All ATLA members who will attend the AAR and SBL Annual Meetings (<https://am.certain.com/ei/cm.esp?id=8&pageid=35K184LX6>) in San Francisco this November 19-22 are invited to join ATLA for refreshments and fellowship.

We will host two receptions in the ATLA hotel hospitality suite in the Marriott Marquis, just a short walk from the conference venue. Feel free to bring a colleague or two. We will not be able to share the suite number until Friday, November 18. Please RSVP to rrybak@atla.com by November 17 with your name, the name of your guest(s), and the reception(s) you will attend. We will send you an e-mail with the suite number and also provide this information at our exhibit booth, number 251.

Marriott Marquis, 55 Fourth Street, San Francisco, CA:

- Saturday, November 19: 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- Monday, November 21: 7:00 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Please be sure to stop by our exhibit booth, number 251.

Exhibit hall hours:

- November 19-22 (Saturday-Monday), 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

Thanks. We'll see you there.

ATLA/SCELC Affiliate Program

SAGE Publications Offer

We are pleased to offer the 2012 SAGE Psychology Collection of journals through the ATLA/SCELC Affiliate Program. ATLA institutions in the United States are eligible for this offer, which will run through November 30th, 2011. SAGE Publications is a leading publisher of social science journals, and ATLA institutions with curricula in counseling psychology may find this offer particularly attractive. While many ATLA institutions have the SAGE Premier (full) collection of SAGE journals, any institution without this larger SAGE journals package is eligible to license this targeted package of 53 journal titles at a steep discount through SCELC. To read more about this new program, go to <http://www.atla.com/Members/benefits/projects/Pages/ATLA-SCELC-Affiliate-Program.aspx>.

ATLA CPLI™ Questionnaire

ATLA has posted a questionnaire on our website as part of an outreach program toward the improvement and enhancement of the ATLA Catholic Periodical and Literature Index™ (ATLA CPLI). All ATLA members and your colleagues are encouraged to contribute to the development of this valuable resource by completing the questionnaire. It is available through links on the homepage at www.atla.com and through the following URL: <http://www.atla.com/products/catalog/Pages/ATLACPLISurvey.aspx>.