



Happy Holidays from the 2011 Chicago Local Hosts. We are looking forward to welcoming you to our neighborhood in June. (photo: Tom Gill).

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ATLA Appoints Brenda Bailey-Hainer as New Executive Director

Chicago, IL, November 19, 2010-The Board of Directors of the American Theological Library Association (ATLA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Brenda Bailey-Hainer as Executive Director effective December 28, 2010.

“Brenda brings tremendous leadership and strength to ATLA,” said Laura Wood, President of the ATLA Board of Directors. “She impressed us with her insights and strategic vision with regard to ATLA’s mission. In particular, her commitment to collaboration should serve her well in working with ATLA’s key partners and in facilitating member initiatives.”

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Gratitude

On the heels of American Thanksgiving, I’d like to take the opportunity to express some gratitude. As you have hopefully heard, we have hired our new Executive Director (ED), Brenda Bailey-Hainer, who will begin on December 28, 2010. It has been a busy few months, but I’m excited to see what ideas and energy Brenda will bring to our organization in the new year. Before we get there, though, first some thanks:

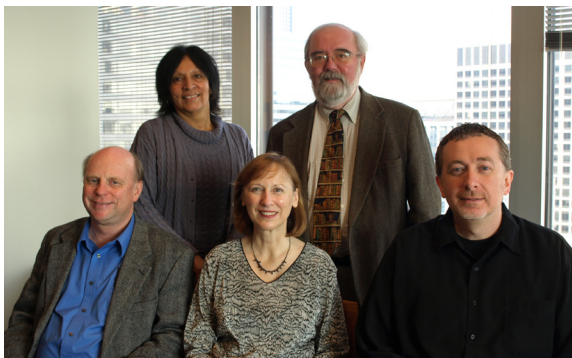


- To the search committee (from the Board: Carisse Berryhill, Pat Graham [chair], Andy Keck, and myself; from the membership: Kelly Campbell and Tammy Johnson; and from ATS: Chris Meinzer) for their energy and time in reviewing applicant profiles, conducting interviews, deliberating thoughtfully about ATLA’s strengths and needs, and selecting three finalists to present to the Board.
- To the ATLA staff in Chicago for their patience and dedication. Leadership transitions can be stressful and seem to take forever. The staff at ATLA have been doing excellent work, facilitating the search process at numerous points, and keeping our organization not just stable but robust.
- To Cameron Campbell, who as Interim Executive Director deserves particular thanks for his efforts. With strong assistance from the other staff directors, he has provided leadership and continuity and is busily preparing for the transition to a new ED.
- To my colleagues on the Board for their commitment to the association and their careful reflection in selecting our ED. My board colleagues are a remarkable group who brought great contemplation and insight to this task. In this, we benefited from the preparations made by former board members, as well.

It is gratifying to see all these things come together. I have heard from some of you about the importance of this position and the qualities you are looking for in ATLA leadership. I have great confidence in our selection and in the future of ATLA. And so, a final word of gratitude goes to Brenda Bailey-Hainer for accepting our invitation to become ATLA’s new ED.

--Laura C. Wood- Laura C. Wood

Member News



International Collaboration Committee Meets in Chicago

Members of the Special Committee of the Association for International Collaboration met at ATLA headquarters on Thursday and Friday, November 5-6. Pictured above are (front, left to right) Terry Robertson, Eileen Crawford, Board Liaison, and Christopher Anderson; (back, left to right) Mariel DeLuca Voth and Paul Stuehrenberg, chair.

Membership Renewal Season Drawing to a Close

Thank you to all of the ATLA members who have already renewed their membership for the September 2010 through August 2011 year. If you have not renewed yet, it is not too late! Please do so only at <http://www.atla.com> or call or email to request an invoice (memberrep@atla.com).

Publication Grants Deadline Approaching

The Publications Committee will award up to \$4,000 in grants to support the development of works with a bibliographic focus or scholarly works that advance some aspect of theological librarianship. The deadline for submissions is January 15, 2011. Go to <http://dev.atla.com/Members/programs/awards/Pages/Publication-Grant.aspx> for more information. ATLA reserves the first right of refusal of publication for all projects receiving grants.

2012 IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Program

February 18, 2011 is the deadline for submitting an application and supporting materials for the 2012 Jay Jordan IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellowship Program. This program provides early career development and continuing education for library and information science professionals, including theological librarians, from countries with developing economies. It is jointly sponsored by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC), and ATLA. Applicants

are not required to be ATLA members. Please forward notice of this opportunity to colleagues. Complete applications, which include a cover sheet, a resume, an essay of 1,000 words or fewer, and three letters of recommendation, must be submitted by February 18, 2011. Only complete applications will be considered. All application information is available here: <http://www.oclc.org/community/careerdevelopment/fellows/>.

Routine Maintenance Reminder

Routine maintenance will be performed on ATLA systems on Monday, January 3, 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.

New ATLA Website to Launch in January

Construction continues on the new ATLA website. As committees have met this fall, many suggestions for improvement and new content have been generated. Please add your feedback to the mix. Visit <http://dev.atla.com> today.

Visit the SharePoint Communities pages to access the Interest Group, Regional Group, Denominational Group, Special Project and Committee pages, as well as past issues of member publications.

When you visit, be sure to log in and update your profile under the Community Tab. As you tour the site, please make note of possible enhancements and report any errors. We're counting on you to provide member input. Please note that certain sections of the beta website are under development and therefore marked as "under construction."

ATLA Staff Updates



John Dlutowski (left) resigned his position as Product Support Analyst on December 3, 2010 to relocate to Louisville, Kentucky with his wife. ATLA is grateful for John's contributions these past five years and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

Rebecca (Becky) Bohanan joined the department of Electronic Products and Services as a part-time EPS Assistant on Tuesday, October 12. Becky is currently working towards a M.A. in Theology at Chicago Theological Seminary.

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ATLA Staff Exhibit at SBL

ATLA staff members Lavonne Cohen, Barbara Kemmis, Margot Lyon, and Rick Rybak attended the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) Conference November 19-23 in Atlanta. ATLA's Products and Services were showcased in an exhibit booth that was visited by hundreds of biblical scholars.



An ATLA reception was hosted by Pat Graham (above) and the Pitts Theology Library staff and offered viewings of the library's early printed Bibles and related materials.



Above, staff and members in front of Pitts Theology Library. Front, left to right: Margot Lyon, Rick Rybak, Lavonne Cohen, Barbara Kemmis, Kelly Campbell, and ATLA Board President Laura Wood. Back, left to right, Beth Sheppard and Mariel DeLuca Voth. ATLA Board Member John Weaver also attended.

TLM 2010 Cartoon Contest: The Votes are In!

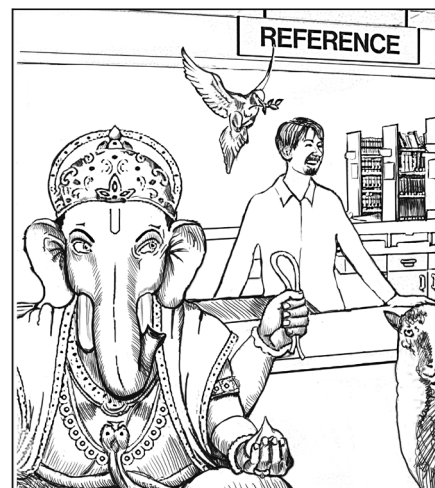
Thank you to all those who submitted captions, and to those who participated in voting. The winners are as follows:

Cartoon #1



Winning caption: "Well, yes, I DID suggest that digging around in the library might yield some fruit, but I..."

Submitted by Craig Combs



Cartoon #2

Winning caption: "I wouldn't care if you were Nebuchadnezzar or the Beast with Ten Horns! These books are on reserve!"

Submitted by Craig Combs

As the author of both captions, Craig will receive \$200 in recognition of his writing gifts.

Be sure to visit the TLM web pages at http://www.atla.com/member/librarians_tools/TLM/TLM_10/tlm_participants_10.html to see photos and stories from participants in this year's celebrations.

Poster Deadline Extended

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 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 the Monday, January 31, 2011 due date.

From the International Collaboration Committee



International Collaboration Grant Awarded

The International Collaboration Committee is pleased to announce that it has awarded an international collaboration grant of \$2,000 to the Missionary Church Archives & Historical Collections at Bethel College, Mishawaka, Indiana, to help support an internship for Cammaleta Harrison from the Zenas Gerig Library at Jamaica Theological Seminary & Caribbean Graduate School of Theology, Kingston, Jamaica.

ATLA Member Timothy Erdel served with his family for six years (1987-1993) as theological librarian at the Jamaica Theological Seminary. When they arrived they found that the "librarians" held no degrees and were treated with minimal respect by senior administrators. When they left, the professional staff were all on track to earn degrees in both theology and library science and were integrated into the heart of the campus. Since returning to the Missionary Church Archives, Tim has continued his involvement with the Jamaica Theological Seminary. Most recently, he was contacted by Dr. Cecelia Spencer, Director of Library Services at the Zenas Gerig Library, asking if Bethel College would be able to provide a place for Cammaleta Harrison, a promising young librarian, to do a library and archival internship this coming summer to fulfill requirements for her M.L.S. from the University of the West Indies.

During her time at Bethel, Ms. Harrison will be introduced to the range of library and archival operations at Bethel College and the Missionary Church Archives & Historical Collections, as well as to other area institutions with which they have consortium arrangements or other ongoing relationships. These institutions include not only Notre Dame, but also the Mennonite Historical Library and the Archives of the Mennonite Church at Goshen College. It is also hoped that Ms. Harrison will be able to attend the ATLA Annual Conference in June 2011.

-Paul Stuehrenberg, Chair

ATLA Calendar

December

- 1 Submissions for inclusion in January ATLA Newsletter due on first business day of this month
- 10 ATLA Staff Holiday Luncheon at headquarters; ATLA Office closed at noon CST
- 23-24 ATLA Office closed in observance of Christmas holiday
- 31 ATLA Office closed in observance of New Year's holiday

January

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

February

- 1 Submissions for inclusion in March ATLA Newsletter due on first business day of this month

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Bailey-Hainer brings over 25 years of experience developing and marketing products and services for libraries, providing leadership in professional associations, managing nonprofit organizations, and working in academic libraries. The overarching focus throughout her career has been on creating innovative projects through the collaboration of many types of organizations. Currently the president and CEO at BCR, (Bibliographical Center for Research), Aurora (Colo.), she previously served as Director of Networking and Resource Sharing, Colorado State Library, Denver. In 2001, she was named Librarian of the Year by the Colorado Library Association and in 2002, she was named a Mover and Shaker by Library Journal. She served as 2009-2010 president of the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA).

You can read the full press release at <http://dev.atla.com/about/pressroom/releases/pr2010/Pages/BrendaBaileyHainerNews.aspx>.

ATLA Welcomes New Titles to ATLASerials® (ATLAS®)

Chicago, IL, November 29, 2010--The American Theological Library Association (ATLA) is pleased to welcome several new titles that will be available in forthcoming releases of *ATLASerials®* (ATLAS®), ATLA's online full-text collection of more than one hundred and seventy major religion and theology journals.

The titles include *AJS Review*, published by Cambridge University Press on behalf of the Association for Jewish Studies, and the following historically significant ceased titles.

- *Ensaios e Monografias* (Escola Superior de Teologia)
- *Theological Educator* (New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary)
- *Perkins School of Theology Journal*, succeeded by *Perkins Journal* (Perkins School of Theology)

You can read the complete press release at http://dev.atla.com/about/pressroom/releases/pr2010/Pages/PR_120310.aspx.

Have You Heard?

Circle of Learning Scholarships Available

American Indians and Alaska Natives who want to earn a fully online ALA-accredited MLIS degree are invited to participate in the Circle of Learning program offered through a partnership between the San Jose School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) and the American Indian Library Association (AILA), and made possible by a generous grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Current SLIS students as well as prospective students who plan to apply for admission to the School's MLIS program for the Fall 2011 semester are eligible for Circle of Learning scholarships. The Fall 2011 deadline to apply for Circle of Learning scholarships is March 25, 2011. Details regarding eligibility and application materials are available on the project website at <http://slisweb.sjsu.edu/circleoflearning/>. You can apply to the School's fully online MLIS program here: http://slisweb.sjsu.edu/admissions/mlis_application11.htm. We also invite you to contact Heather Devine, the Circle of Learning Project Manager, at hhdevine@gmail.com. Learn more about the American Indian Library Association at <http://www.ailanet.org/>.

Data Resource Repository and Conference on Information & Religion at Kent State

Dr. Daniel Roland of The Center for the Study of Information and Religion (CSIR) at the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS), Kent State University invites scholars to visit a new data resource repository at <http://csir.slis.kent.edu/sermons/search>. "The repository is web based and keyword searchable. Currently, data records consist of less than one hundred sermons prepared by Christian clergy members, but the goal is to collect religious messages from all faiths. The small sample of records are available for demonstration purposes as CSIR is in the process of applying for grant funding to finance the development and expansion of the Religious Messages Repository," says Dr. Roland. After visiting the repository, scholars are asked to take a short online survey.

Please direct any questions regarding CSIR, the Religious Message Repository, or the survey to Dr. Daniel Roland, droland1@kent.edu.

CSIR and SLIS are also issuing a call for papers for the First Annual Conference on Information & Religion: Research Frontiers in the Study of Information and Religion. The keynote speaker for this event is Dr. Brenda Dervin. For more information, visit <http://csir.slis.kent.edu> or contact Dr. Don Wicks, Interim Director of SLIS and Director of CSIR, or Dr. Dan Roland, CSIR Primary Researcher.

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.