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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 1997 meeting of the ATLA was a success in many ways and for that we are indebted to Myra Siegenthaler and the other BTI librarians and to Melody Chartier and other ATLA staff, all of whom devoted their energies for months in advance toward the preparation of a strong conference. Some of us from the South felt right at home in the heat, and we all were reminded of the ways that asbestos can offer unanticipated opportunities for the exercise of human creativity and ingenuity. Myra and her colleagues were excellent hosts and proved equal to the challenge, as they adjusted course when the BU School of Theology building was suddenly and unexpectedly closed for asbestos abatement just before the conference began.

It was gratifying to receive positive reports at the business meetings from the ATLA staff about the Association's healthy financial condition, vigorous product programs, and new initiatives. Members voted to increase the institutional dues but asked that a new proposal be drafted so as to decrease individual membership dues. The Board has already begun to move ahead with this and will have the revised proposal ready for presentation to the Association at the 1998 conference. The discussion at the business meeting also turned to two other items of particular interest.

First, there is the matter of future ATLA conference sites: in 1996, the Association met in a conference hotel in Denver but spent a day at the Iliff School of Theology campus; this year, the conference was held on the Boston University campus. As responses to a fairly recent ATLA survey on this matter indicated, about half of its members prefer a conference hotel setting and half prefer a setting at an academic institution.

A second important issue that arose concerns the flow of information and the ability of Association members to become involved in influencing the future of ATLA. While the decision made several years ago to reorganize the Association and to invest an executive director with more responsibility was intended to improve the quality of ATLA programs, it is clear that more thought needs to be given to the circulation of

information and to the participation of ATLA members in Association business.

The members of the ATLA Board of Directors are charged to represent the "moral ownership" of the Association--i.e., to educate themselves regarding the values held by the members of ATLA and act under the influence of those values. Board members are listed below with phone numbers and e-mail addresses, and all of us would appreciate hearing from our colleagues in the Association. We want to know not only what you think about conference sites and dues structures, but what you see to be the values of our profession, which ones are in danger of being neglected, and what courses of action are commended by our common values. As you take advantage of this invitation, I encourage you also to let the Board know about other means by which it can "listen" to the Association and more effectively represent its values.



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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS IN BOSTON

The Board of Directors of the American Theological Library Association met at Boston University on June 11th and 15th, 1997. In addition to receiving reports from the ATLA staff, the Board:

- Named Richard Berg to a one-year term and Diane Choquette to a three-year term on the Nominating Committee
- Elected as its officers for 1997–98 Patrick Graham, President; Sharon Taylor, Vice President; and Christopher Brennan, Secretary
- In addition to Vice President Sharon Taylor, named board members Dorothy Thomasson and Joe Coalter to the monitoring panel to conduct the annual on-site review with this year's focus on personnel
- Reviewed the compilation of a Board Policy Manual
- Reviewed the third-quarter financial report noting that with this year ATLA is beginning to rebuild its financial base
- Began planning with the staff for the future of headquarters when the current lease expires in 2001
- Reviewed the proposed Strategic Plan: 1998-2000
- Discussed the board's role in representing the moral ownership of ATLA as the chief topic in the regular consideration of ATLA's governance model
- Is seeking ways to facilitate fuller communication between the board and members of the association. Suggested were offering more information for contacting board members on the ATLA home page, reminding members that all board meetings (apart from executive sessions) are open meetings, and involving membership in various advisory groups as well as the established interest groups
- Determined that it be responsible for its own minutes and indicated that the board's elected secretary will henceforth take the minutes instead of a recording secretary appointed by the Executive Director
- Set up a method and listed board volunteers to be responsible for redrafting the proposal for personal members dues revision
- Reviewed the study by consultant Karen Cates on appropriate remuneration for ATLA's Executive Director and her proposal for evaluation of the incumbent in that office, but referred the evaluation plan back to the consultant with comment requesting a more simple, less cumbersome procedure
- Set the date for the midwinter meeting for January 16–17, 1998 in the Evanston headquarters 📖

David J. Wartluft  
Recording Secretary


NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS AND MEMBER LIBRARIES

**Steve Crocco** started a new position on July 1 as the James Lenox Librarian at Princeton Theological Seminary. He can be reached by e-mail at: [scrocco@ptsmail.ptsem.edu](mailto:scrocco@ptsmail.ptsem.edu). 

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I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. John Dillenberger**, Graduate Theological Union Professor Emeritus, as Acting Director of the Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, effective July 1, 1997. John will serve as the Institutional Representative for the Library to American Theological Library Association.

As you may know, John is a distinguished teacher, scholar and administrator. During his administration as GTU Dean/President, the common library was created, the precursor of the Hewlett Library. His latest book, *Religious Images in 16th-Century Reformations*, another testimony to his inveterate use of libraries, will be published by Oxford University Press in 1998. During his career he has held appointments at Princeton University and Divinity School, Drew Seminary and Graduate School, and Hartford Seminary.

The search for a permanent Director of the Hewlett Library will be continued until an appointment is made. I invite you to extend to John your best wishes and support as he provides leadership for the Hewlett Library during this interim. 


Glenn R. Bucher  
President, GTU

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The OBC/OTS Library is very pleased to announce the appointment of **Maria Ho** as Systems/Technical Services Librarian.

Maria comes to us with undergraduate degrees in Geography and Business Computing and a Masters Degree in Library and Information Science. Before joining the OBC/OTS library staff Maria worked with the Toronto Dominion Bank, The University of Western Ontario, The Charitas Francis Hsu College in Hong Kong and most recently at Chinese Presbyterian Church in Toronto, Canada.


If you would like to contact Maria her e-mail address is [mho@obcots.on.ca](mailto:mho@obcots.on.ca).

Maria is replacing Chris Beldan who is now Assistant Librarian at Lancaster Theological Seminary. 

Sandy Finlayson  
Library Director  
OBC/OTS

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**Valerie R. Hotchkiss**, J.S. Bridwell Foundation Endowed Librarian and Associate Professor of Medieval Studies, has been awarded a grant from the Lilly Endowment for a year's research leave to complete a major project on Christian creeds. She and her collaborator in the project, Jaroslav Pelikan will assemble authoritative editions and translations of the principal creeds and confessions of the Christian Church—both ecumenical and particular—and place them in their confessional, historical, and theological contexts.

The work, envisioned as a four-volume set, will be published by Yale University Press and will include a volume on the history of the creeds, including a definitional discussion of “creed” and a doctrinal syntopicon, plus three volumes, each with its own introductory essay, of official editions and English translations of the creeds and confessions. It is intended to supersede the classical resource, Philip Schaff, *Creeds of Christendom*, as the definitive collection of these essential texts. 

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In celebration of over 60 years of service (1936-1997), the **Kesler Circulating Library** is proud to announce its WWW home page URL:

<http://divinity.lib.vanderbilt.edu/Kesler/homelib.htm>


The Kesler Circulating Library, a service of the Divinity Library of Vanderbilt University, was established in 1936 by John Louis Kesler, Professor of Religious Education and Librarian at the School of Religion (1919-1936) as a circulating library for rural ministers in the South.

The Kesler Service is now available as a through-the-mail loan service providing Divinity Library materials to clergypersons, whether in rural or urban settings, whether in local parishes with congregations, or in new specialized types of ministry. The purpose of the Kesler service is to provide access to a theological collection for ministers who do not have ready access to theological materials. Once the membership application form is completed, sent, and approved by the Kesler Circulating Library, members may borrow 2 items at a time from the Divinity Library through postal mail.


The intent of the Kesler service is to provide materials for continuing education and ministry preparation, not to support academic progress toward a degree. Recognizing that many active pastors are enrolled in D. Min. programs as a continuing education endeavor, we do not want to exclude such persons from Kesler membership. However, we do ask that members enrolled in degree programs honor the purpose of the Kesler Service and use it primarily to support ministerial work.

We welcome your comments and suggestions. Please send them to: Julie Ann Owen [owen@library.vanderbilt.edu] 


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**Dr. Robert A. Krupp** will be leaving Trinity Evangelical Divinity where he has served since 1993 as University Librarian for Trinity International University. Beginning September 1, 1997, Bob will be the Director of Library and Information Services at Western Seminary, Portland, Oregon, where he was Library Director from 1983–1993. 

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On May 15, 1997, **Dr. George E. McDonough** retired from his position as Professor of Theological Bibliography and Director of the Library at Western Evangelical Seminary, now a graduate school of George Fox University in Oregon. Dr. McDonough writes that he celebrated his seventy-third birthday last March and is looking forward to the opportunity for more leisure and new challenges in his emeritus state. Dr. McDonough may be reached at: P.O. Box 25416, Lake City Station, Seattle, WA, 98125, tel: (206) 880-8025. 

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Beginning on Tuesday, August 26th, **Herman Peterson** will be Head Librarian at the University of St. Mary of the Lake / Mundelein Seminary in Mundelein, IL, which is the Catholic seminary for the Archdiocese of Chicago. He is currently the Public Services Librarian at the North Central campus of Purdue University in Michigan City, IN and before that, was the Reference Librarian at the Archabbey Library at St. Meinrad School of Theology where he worked for Fr. Simeon Daly. Herman writes that he hopes to live in Libertyville, IL, where he will be a neighbor of Dennis Norlin. 

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**Phillips Theological Seminary** will be consolidated onto a single primary campus beginning in the 1998-99 school year. The Board of Trustees appointed a committee which did considerable research into the question of where to locate the primary campus of the seminary and concluded that Tulsa is the best site for a variety of reasons. Tulsa is located in the center of a population growth area which extends from Springfield, MO to Wichita Falls, TX. Its urban environment offers many amenities to students and faculty, including the opportunity to strengthen the affiliation of PTS with the University of Tulsa. Also, the Tulsa metropolitan area will offer more field placements for student ministers in a greater variety of settings as well as employment opportunities for student spouses.

Beginning with the 1998–99 school year, the main campus will be located in Tulsa, but most classes needed for completion of degrees by 1999 will continue to be offered to students in the Enid area. Also, PTS will continue to offer courses in Oklahoma City, Wichita, KS, and other regional locations.

A capital campaign will be initiated as soon as possible to build a permanent home for the seminary in Tulsa. This plan will include budgets to strengthen the endowment and develop one or more endowed chairs. However, no funds will be allocated to construct a library. Through an agreement with the University of Tulsa, the seminary's library will be located in the university library building.

Most books and materials currently housed in the library on the Enid campus will be moved to Tulsa next year. The majority will be shelved in the University of Tulsa's McFarlin Library. Some items will need to be placed in remote storage, but will be available to students within a 24-hour turnaround time. All records will be in McFarlin Library's on-line catalog as well as in the Oklahoma Libraries Internet catalog.

**Roberta Hamburger**, Director of Rogers Library described how the upcoming changes would affect the collection. 1. Selected religious materials will be transferred from Rogers Library to Phillips University. Since the seminary's original collection was selected from the university's library, a religion collection will be returned to the university, 2. A working collection will be shelved in McFarlin Library, and 3. Materials not designated for either of the above will be placed in a remote storage facility. 📖

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**The John Bulow Campbell Library, Columbia Theological Seminary**, Decatur, Georgia, has filled three professional staff positions, bringing its total number of full-time librarians to seven.

Linda K. Davis (MLIS, University of South Carolina) has moved from Technical Services Librarian to Special Collections Librarian where she will oversee Columbia's new C. Benton Kline, Jr. Special Collections and Archives. This marks the first time in the 169-year history of the seminary that a trained professional has occupied such a position.

Michael A. Arseneau (MSLS, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) was hired as Technical Services Librarian to replace Linda Davis. He brings to the job six years of cataloging experience in academic and public libraries.

Licia Flores Duncan (MA, Presbyterian School of Christian Education; MLIS, University of South Carolina) has been named to the newly created position of Systems Librarian. Experienced in the management of DRA software and hardware, she is in charge of the installation and implementation of the new DRA automation system and other library software. 📖



**WORLD CHRISTIANITY INTEREST GROUP FORMING**

A few ATLA members (now up to 28) are forming a new interest group within ATLA. The name of the group is World Christianity Interest Group (WCIG) and its purpose is to bring the literature of World Christianity to ATLA libraries. The WCIG's objectives are:

- to document what is currently being done by ATLA libraries
- to exchange information about what ATLA libraries are planning to do
- to share information about ways to collect and process World Christian materials
- to promote the use of World Christian materials by students and faculty at ATS institutions and other libraries and institutions.

We understand "World Christianity" to mean Christianity outside the United States and Canada. It can also include Christianity in the

United States and Canada whose participants worship or otherwise express their faith in languages other than English. Some initial projects of the WCIG will be:

- to build a database documenting what has been done and what is being done by ATLA libraries
- to maintain a list of vendors and other commercial sources for acquiring World Christian materials

If you would like to participate in the inaugural year, contact **Robert Phillips**, Roberts Library, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, TX 76122-4490. Voice: 817-923-1921, ext. 2759; Fax: 817-921-8765; E-mail: rphilips@lib.swbts.edu.

<b><i>NEW Copy Deadlines for ATLA Newsletter:</i></b>	
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Vol. 45, No. 2—November issue	October 1, 1997
Vol. 45, No. 3—February issue	January 1, 1998
Vol. 45, No. 4—May issue	April 1, 1998

## CONFERENCE NEWS AND INFORMATION

### A Preview of the 1998 ATLA Conference

The librarians of the Washington (DC) Theological Consortium eagerly anticipate welcoming each of you to the ATLA annual conference in Northern Virginia on June 16–21, 1998. We hope that you will find that this conference offers pleasant accommodations, affordable prices, and opportunities to experience both Northern Virginia and Washington, DC

A major highlight of the convention will be the afternoon and evening we spend in Washington, DC. The Library of Congress plans a very special private exhibit just for our conference. We are being offered a unique opportunity for a “behind the scenes” in-depth look at materials which would not be accessible to any of us on an individual visit to LC. Fourteen divisions of the library will be contributing rare, beautiful and fascinating items in many formats on many of the world religions. Expect to see Roman Catholic Canon law items, early Russian Orthodox materials, some early Bibles, children's Bibles and Bible stories, Islamic sacred works, early religious music, folk religion materials, Biblical and religious maps and atlases, photographs and prints of religious architecture, sacred Buddhist texts, Tibetan texts, missionary materials, and works representing United States religious history. The participating divisions of LC include: the African and Middle Eastern Division, the American Folklife Center, the Asian Division, Children's Literature, the European Division, the Geography and Map Division, the Hispanic Division, the Law Library, the Motion Picture Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division, the Music Division, and Rare Book and Special Collections. Cheryl Adams, the religion reference librarian at LC and an ATLA member, has coordinated the arrangements for this magnificent exhibit. In addition to this private exhibit for our conference, the main public exhibit in the Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress will be on “Religion in America.”

My staff and I look forward to hosting you on campus at Virginia Theological Seminary on Friday, June 19, where James Billington, the Librarian of Congress, will present the confer-

ence's main plenary address. Library and campus tours will be offered throughout the morning. The campus of Virginia Seminary was established in 1824 and has served as a seminary of the Episcopal Church since that time, except for 1861–65 when it was used by Union forces as a hospital during the Civil War.

The conference will be housed at the Xerox Conference Center, located near Leesburg, Virginia, an outer suburb of Washington, DC. The historic section of Leesburg is three miles from the Center, and Washington, DC is 35 miles away. The Xerox Center provides inexpensive shuttle service to and from Dulles Airport. There is plenty of parking at the Xerox Center for those who wish to drive to the conference or rent a car from the airport. Like our hotel-based conference sites, the Xerox Center does not have a library on site. The Center offers very fine recreational facilities: a swimming pool, tennis courts, an indoor track, squash, racquetball, basketball, and volleyball courts, and a weight training room.

We encourage you to consider coming early or staying late to explore the Washington/Northern Virginia area further. The American Library Association convention will be held in Washington on June 25–July 2, and so you might wish to bracket a vacation with library conferences! This would be the perfect opportunity to visit some of Washington's newest tourist attractions, such as the Franklin D. Roosevelt Monument or the Holocaust Museum, and the National Archives is a genealogist's heaven. We also highly recommend a visit to the National Cathedral, the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the Folger Shakespeare Library, any of the museums of the Smithsonian Institute, and, of course, any of the campuses and libraries of the Washington Theological Consortium. If you are into Civil War history, five battlefield sites are in the general vicinity: Balls Bluff (Leesburg), Manassas, Antietam, Harper's Ferry, and Gettysburg. The Leesburg area offers Oatlands Plantation, a local history/genealogy library, a llama farm, wineries, and Waterford, a 1733 Quaker settlement.

We hope that you have June 16–21 reserved on your calendar to join us in the greater Washington area! 📖

Mitzi Budde, Virginia Theological Seminary, on behalf of your hosts, the librarians of the Washington

Theological Consortium: Catholic University School of Religious Studies, Dominican House of Studies, Howard University Divinity School, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Virginia Theological Seminary, Washington Theological Union, and Wesley Theological Seminary

### PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

#### 1998 Conference to be at Xerox Center in Leesburg, VA

The 1998 Annual Conference at ATLA will be held June 17–21 at the Xerox Conference Center near Leesburg, Virginia, where our official hosts will be the Washington Theological Consortium. This will be a different kind of conference setting and schedule from the usual ATLA fare. We are going to try this kind of conference and assess its appropriateness, for a number of reasons.

First, the Program Committee and the staff at ATLA feel that the Xerox facility—which is a self-contained conference center in a rural setting—will provide the possibility of an innovative conference schedule. The traditional plenaries, roundtables, and smaller group meetings can be interspersed with recreational activities and casual interaction occasions. The schedule can use more hours of the day because of the way “business” time can alternate with “down” time, and the conference may feel more leisurely.

Secondly, because of the more remote setting and the flexible schedule, we anticipate that there will be more community building opportunities than is usually the case at Annual Conference. While this may not be desirable as normal conference fare, we would like to explore the possibilities of such group activities.

Thirdly, the Xerox Center offers the combined feature of a modestly priced conference with the most up-to-date computer facilities available. Our presenters, vendors and attendees should have their technology needs accommodated easily.

And finally, there is a history to the choice of the Xerox Center: Originally, ATLA was to

meet in Philadelphia in 1998, hosted by the Philadelphia area seminaries. Unfortunately, none of the seminaries could host us on their campuses, and downtown Philadelphia hotel rates for a conference our size were prohibitively expensive. Last year the Annual Conference Committee and staff had to decline the Philadelphia offer, knowing that the membership could not afford the accommodations. The Washington Theological Consortium subsequently offered to host the 98 conference, but faced the same problem: there are no affordable conference sites in the Washington DC urban area. We needed to make a decision, given the advance time required to plan a conference. We noted that the Xerox Center is within proximity of Washington DC, is affordable, and is equipped to handle conference technology needs—and so we chose to go ahead and see how well a conference center fit our needs and our association.

Furthermore, our WTC hosts have two outings planned for the conference. A half day will be spent on the Virginia Theological School campus. And another half day will be spent visiting the Library of Congress.

All in all, this is an opportunity to try something new. Association membership, when polled, have consistently been split half in half between those who prefer campus setting conferences and those who prefer hotel conferences. A few folks have suggested conference center settings over the years; and this is a good opportunity to see how such a site works for us. You may be assured that the Annual Conference Subcommittee will solicit your opinions on the 1998 conference, and listen to your voices about the experience. 📖

Christine Wenderoth, Chair  
Program Committee

**GRANTS**


**ATLA Education Committee Grants for Continuing Education**

The ATLA Education Committee invites applications from regional theological library consortia for continuing education grants up to \$500.00. Application criteria:

- name, address, phone/fax, e-mail address (if applicable) of the consortium, institution, individuals sponsoring the program, including contact person
- program description, including format, basic content, suggested presenter(s) and their qualifications, intended audience (including size), recommended date for program
- estimated itemized program expenses
- amount of funding requested; please note that grant funds may not be used to pay for

meals for honoraria for presenters who are ATLA members

Applications must be submitted to the ATLA Education Committee by December 1, 1997. The Committee will decide the programs and amounts awarded by January 16, 1998. Programs that receive funding must occur within the 1998 calendar year. The Education Committee requires written evaluations of all sponsored programs. Submit applications to Rev. James C. Pakala, Director, Library, Covenant Theological Seminary, 12330 Conway Road, St. Louis, MO 63141-8697. Phone: (314) 434-4044; Fax: (314) 434-4819; E-mail: 75662.227@compuserve.com

In 1997, grants were funded for four workshops on the following topics: cooperative collection management, collection development strategies, multimedia technology in the classroom, and book preservation techniques. 

**ATLA Annual Conferences:**

June 17-21, 1998	Leesburg, VA
June 1999	Evanston, IL
June 2000	Berkeley, CA
June 2001	Durham, NC

## PRESERVATION NEWS


### On Demand Serials and Preservation Program Renewed

We are pleased to announce the resumption of the ATLA On Demand Serials Preservation Program. Through special arrangements with Preservation Microfilming Co., we have retained the services of Mr. Sang Sul, former director of the University of Chicago's Photoduplication Laboratory, to provide the very highest level of archival quality filming.


All ATLA institutional members are eligible to participate in this program. Members may participate as individual institutions or as a group of institutions. Participating institutions provide hard copy of journals they wish to preserve and receive back a positive microfilm copy and the hard copy. Libraries have the right to make an archival copy of any serial to which they subscribe, and microfilm is still the most dependable and long-lasting means of preserving written materials.

ATLA provides full CONSER-level cataloging, page by page collation, searches for needed replacement pages or volumes, inspects the final product, and arranges for permanent storage for the original camera master at the National Underground Storage facilities in western Pennsylvania. ATLA also contacts the publisher seeking permission to make additional copies of the film for sale, and stores the printmaster copy

Institutional participation in the On Demand Serials Preservation Program benefits the donor institution by providing an efficient, enduring, and accessible version of journals for their patrons; it benefits the association by helping us add important titles to our rich archive of the more than 1300 religious periodicals ATLA has preserved on microfilm; and, most importantly, it benefits current and future scholars, students, and faculty by preserving the vital literature of theological and religious scholarship.

If you would like more information about the ATLA On Demand Serials Preservation Program, please contact the executive director, Dennis A. Norlin, (847 869-7788, [dnorlin@atla.com](mailto:dnorlin@atla.com)). 

### Preservation Program Deadline

All subscribers to Phases 1-8 of the ATLA Monographs on Microfiche Preservation Program are reminded that the deadline for ordering their balances is December 31. The ATLA Demonstration CD-ROM should be used to select titles to be ordered. (Balances are the actual number of fiche, not titles.) Inquiries about balances and orders should be directed to Rick Adamek, Preservation Associate at the ATLA office. 

### PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE


The Preservation Advisory Committee is, first of all, about preservation. We are also advisory, and we are a committee—your committee. We are clear that we are not on this committee because, collectively, we know all that the association needs to know about preservation. For that reason, one of our first tasks will be to formulate a process whereby we can get a better sense of what the association as a whole wants with respect to preservation.

We do have some thoughts with which we believe we can begin to move ahead, in a way that does not compromise a more fully informed agenda that our information collecting process should create. We were able to meet with a representative of University Microfilms International at the ATLA conference in Boston, and we believe that over the course of the year, we might be able to work out some cooperative agreements with UMI in the areas of coverage and pricing.

We would like to approach the Collection Development Section about the feasibility of get-

ting some qualitative judgment made about the monograph fiche collection. We want to know the degree to which we can confidently assert that this collection represents a comprehensive collection of religious and theological publications for the period covered.

The Committee also wants to see if we cannot work up an “adopt a serial” program for the On Demand Serials Filming program. We think that every institutional member in the association should be able to identify at least one serial that is sufficiently close to its institutional heart that it would be worth the cost of preservation.

Finally, we are looking at the development of a model, cooperative approach to preservation, figuring that there are now a variety of approaches that can be taken: film, fiche, digitizing, preservation, photocopying, etc. 


Charles Willard, Chair  
Preservation Advisory Committee

### TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Technology Advisory Committee welcomes two new members, Bill Mischo and Harvey Brenneise, whose terms begin with our January meeting. Bill Mischo comes from the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign campus. Harvey Brenneise joins us from Andrews University. They will join Duane Harbin, Kirk Moll, Sharon Taylor and Jackie Ammerman (chair). Paul Jensen, Erica Treesh, and Kathy Flint from the ATLA staff fill out the rest of the committee.

The Committee will focus on three primary tasks during the coming year:

- to advise the ATLA staff in its planning for technology issues
- to oversee the technology exhibits at the annual conference
- to assist interest groups in discovering ways to more easily share documents and other information electronically, focusing on the use of the ATLA Web Site


The TAC meets twice a year, but does much of its business by E-mail. We look forward to the technology rich resources of the Xerox Conference Center as we begin planning for next year’s annual conference. If you have suggestions for the kinds of technology-related exhibits, demonstrations, or training events you would like to see, please let one of the committee members know. 

Jackie Ammerman  
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PUBLICATIONS & CONFERENCES

On Friday, April 25, 1997, the **Tennessee Theological Library Association** held a workshop on preservation at the Dupont Library of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. Twenty-two TTLA members took part in this five-hour event which was led by Anne Armor-Jones, head of preservation for the Dupont Library. The workshop was a combination of lecture, audiovisual presentation, and hands-on practice. Each participating library was given a starter preservation kit. The workshop was held in conjunction with the TTLA semi-annual meeting.

The workshop was extremely well-planned and structured. An audiovisual presentation helped participants identify common preservation needs existing in almost every library. The lecture focused on the development of a preservation program. Following the lecture, participants engaged Ms. Armor-Jones in a spirited question-and-answer session. The hands-on practice allowed the participants to become familiar with basic preservation materials and their proper usage. Participants all had the opportunity to make actual repairs on withdrawn resources.

Participants had high praise for the competence of the instructor, the structure of the workshop, and the opportunity to participate in actual preservation exercises. This event was made possible by a Regional Continuing Education Grant awarded by the ATLA Education Committee. 

Eileen K. Saner  
Education Committee Chair  
Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

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There will be a meeting of **SWATLA** (Southwest Area Theological Library Association) this fall, tentatively scheduled for October 25. The meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. The theme of the meeting is "Distance Education."

For more information, contact Robert Phillips, Roberts Library, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, TX 76122-4490. Voice: 817-

923-1921, ext. 2759; Fax: 817-921-8765; E-mail: rphillips@lib.swbts.edu.


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In honor of L.R. Elliot, Charles R. Johnson, and Keith C. Wills (deceased Southwestern Seminary librarians and active ATLA members), **Southwestern Seminary** offers free copies of the following books they acquired as remainders in the 1950s and 1960s or earlier. To request a copy of any or all of the titles, contact Robert Phillips, Roberts Library, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, TX 76122-4490. Voice: 817-923-1921, ext. 2759; Fax: 817-921-8765; E-mail: rphillips@lib.swbts.edu.

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Robert Phillips  
Assistant Librarian for Public Services  
A. Webb Roberts Library  
Southwestern Baptist Seminary

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee (David Bundy, Chair; Richard Berg, Diane Choquette, Mary Williams) presents as candidates for the ATLA elective offices, which are to be filled in 1998:

*Board of Directors—three-year term, 1998–2001 (four to be elected)*

*Mr. Bruce Eldevik*, Reference Librarian, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota

*Dr. D. William Faupel*, Director of Library Services, B.L. Fisher Library, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky

*Mrs. Sandra Lipton*, Religious Studies Librarian, University of Calgary Libraries, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

*Ms. Melody Mazuk*, Austen K. deBlois Library, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wynnewood, Pennsylvania

*Ms. Eileen K. Saner*, Librarian, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana

*Ms. Susan E. Sponberg*, Cataloger/Theology Collection Development Librarian, Marquette University Libraries, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Other nominations may be made by petition, signed by not less than ten individual (includes student, retired, and honorary) members of the association and submitted to the Secretary of ATLA, Mr. Christopher Brennan, The Ambrose Swasey Library, 1100 S. Goodman St., Rochester, NY 14620, postmarked not later than January 1, 1998. After all nominations have been filed, the Director of Member Services will solicit biographical data from all nominees. The final ballot, together with the biographical data, will be mailed to all voting members (individual and institutional) not later than February 15, 1998. Ballots must be returned postmarked not later than April 1, 1998. Ballots will be counted during April and the results reported to the Secretary of the association by May, 1998. 📖

David D. Bundy  
Nominating Committee Chair

### **Job Listings Wanted**

ATLA is soliciting job listings for both professional and paraprofessional positions. Send position open announcements to Margret Tacke (email: [mtacke@atla.com](mailto:mtacke@atla.com)) and they will be posted on the web site immediately and in the next newsletter. If you need a librarian, a circulation supervisor, or administrative assistant, we can help you find one!



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*Introduction:*

On the morning of March 27 as I approached my bus stop I saw the headlines about a mass suicide. Immediately I thought "I know what I'm going to be doing this morning".

Upon arriving at work I looked in our New Religious Movements files and standard reference tools for information about the Heaven's Gate group.

Then I continued to search for information with no result until I was ready to quit from frustration. Then Jill walked up and said she had a clue. I will let her article below tell the story with one final note from me. At the point where we e-mailed Jill's discoveries to our Institutional Advancement office, which handles press contacts for the Graduate Theological Union, and to the NUREL-L mailing list for scholars of New Religious Movements there had been no coverage in the media of the background of the group, that night what Jill had found was being discussed in the news.

Gilles Poitras

*Heaven's Gate: A detective story*

By Jill Grundberg  
New Religious Movements Collection cataloger  
Graduate Theological Union Library

Wednesday evening, March 26: the evening news reports a "breaking story" of a possible mass suicide in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. There are helicopter aerial photos of one of those Southern California mansion-size housing projects, large red-tile roofs on five-acre lots. New Religious Movements makes the news again, I think, and wish that for once they'd make it for doing something stupid and funny, rather than always for something stupid and tragic. I also wonder how the folks in Rancho Santa Fe like all this attention. Not much, I bet.

Thursday morning, March 27: NPR's Morning Edition does a long piece on the two people who found the bodies, which includes some details about the group: the leader's name is "Do," they

are interested in UFO's and the Hale-Bopp comet, they have been around for about twenty years, and they make their living designing Web sites. I'm writing all this down, working during breakfast for the first time in my life. If they have been around for twenty years, I wonder if we have them in our NRM files. The NPR report gives the address of the group's Web site and the name, Heaven's Gate.

At work, I try to get into the Web site, along with everyone else who just heard that NPR report. No luck. There is no "Heaven's Gate" in our NRM files and no "Do" in the NRM cataloging I have done so far. So I go to Infoseek, my favorite search engine, and try searching phrases in quotes from what I have been hearing on the radio. After a mention that there was a connection to New Mexico, I try "Heaven's Gate" and "New Mexico". Among the first ten hits are several from [www.heavensgate.com](http://www.heavensgate.com), and the little phrase from one of those hits says, "They called us 'The Two' and 'The UFO Cult...'" Ka-ching! I remember trying to figure out a corporate-name heading for "The Two" (Two, The? Two (Organization)?), and that I had decided to call them Bo and Peep, a more distinctive name they had also used, instead. I also remembered that they had gone into my mental "whatever happened to...?" file, because they had had a brief but very interesting period of notoriety and then disappeared without a trace. I dug out a thin file called Human Individual Metamorphosis, one or two fliers and some photocopied newspaper articles, all from 1976, about an itinerant group who believed they were about to be taken up in the ships. They were led by Marshall Herff Applewhite and Bonnie Lou Trousedale Nettles, a.k.a Bo and Peep, or Ti and Do. One of the articles also mentions that Applewhite, known as Bo or Do, had been a choral director in Texas before his conversion to UFO messiah.

Back to Infoseek. Searches on the names of Applewhite, Nettles, and Human Individual Metamorphosis turn up a number of hits (including one for Applewhite to the Texas choral directors' organization, but I can't get into the site.) The hits consist of a couple of directory-type entries on the group from cult-history web sites, and a couple of scholarly articles. The general tone of

these is dismissive, that the promised ship failed to materialize in 1976 and the group fell apart.

I am sure enough of the connection by around noon to refer it to Gilles Poitras, the New Religious Movements bibliographer, who has been getting requests from the local media via GTU's development office. In a dignified way, (“Gilles! Look! I found them!”) I hand over to him the paper file and printouts of the Infoseek hits. He compiles that into a notice containing all the references, including the newspaper articles in our file, which are mostly from the San Francisco Chronicle, one of the media requesting information. At around 3:00 p.m. he posts this notice to the GTU development office, for the media, and to a New Religious Movements scholars' listserve. By a little after 4:00 p.m. CBS radio is announcing that they “have learned” that the leader of the group which had committed suicide in Rancho Santa Fe is thought to be one Marshall Applewhite, a former choral director turned UFO cult leader, followed by the same information that was in our file. When I get home from work, there is Applewhite on the evening news, in recent videos but also in the same Chronicle photographs that I had seen in the file earlier that day.

I don't know if the story really broke first from our work or not. The victims all carried identification, so the police would have known Applewhite's name early on, but they might not have immediately picked him out as the leader of the group, or made the connection to the past history as quickly, without the work of students and historians of New Religious Movements. The story is an interesting response to the argument among librarians and infotech people as to whether paper or digital information will be more important. This little detective story combines a Web browser, an old-fashioned paper file, and some human gray matter. That may be “the way of the future” indeed. 📖

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## ATLANTIS HIGHLIGHTS

### August Reference Review

Johnston, William M. *Recent Reference Books in Religion*. A guide for students, scholars, researchers, buyers and readers. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1996. 318 pp.

Reviewed for ATLANTIS by David Stewart, Associate Librarian, Regent College, Vancouver. 8 July 1997

Theological Librarianship has a strong and distinguished tradition of selection tools for library collections. The past few decades have seen, for example, useful works and guides such as those by John Bollier, various editions by Kephpe/ Muether, the multi-volume works by Gorman and Gorman, and so on.

The function of such resources seems to be at least two-fold: they help us to keep abreast of what is coming off the presses, and they (in varying degrees) offer recommendations and/or evaluations.

Now, in this new work by Prof. William Johnston, an historian at the University of Massachusetts (Amherst) we have a guide which stands out from others, in a several ways. Let me address directly the quality which makes the present work most remarkable: its uncanny mix of learning and enthusiasm. Here is a guide which rests on a staggering amount of thorough, critical reading of literally hundreds of works, many of them multi-volume. But the author's advocacy, and his unflagging conviction that reference works remain undiscovered, underappreciated, neglected treasures, never fail him. The book is energized by a love for this literature.

I can't speak for the individual tastes of ATLA colleagues, but while I look for thoroughness and accuracy in a work of this genre, I certainly do *not* expect it to be nearly so animated and lively as this one is. When Johnston says in the preface that this book is "designed to be read through in one sitting, or consulted at random" (11), he proceeds to write as if he absolutely meant it. *Recent Reference Books in Religion* is like nothing so much as a gourmet guide to the

feast of Reference sources, and frequently adjectives like "meaty," "piquant" and "zesty," and verbs like "digests," "tantalizes" and "whets" are used to describe the literature. Again, the combination of erudition and appetite is absolutely remarkable.

In the book's two-part introduction the author aims to clarify the purpose and the function of reference books, to redefine their meaning in a postmodern culture (by which he means the "de-confessionalization" of studies in religion, and the environment of "pluralized discourse" and "blurred genres"). Mostly, he wants to reawaken the community of scholars to the value of Reference works: "never have reference books been so numerous, so comprehensive or so inventive as during the past ten years, and yet few critics have saluted this accomplishment ... Reference works remain the unsung masterpieces of postmodernism." (13) This neglect he attributes mainly to a scholarly preoccupation with "those kinds of research that further career advancement. In today's academia scholars get so lavishly rewarded for honing specialized expertise that they hesitate to put forward knowledge that may seem merely encyclopedic." (18)

The book's "Glossary" (28-39) sets out to clarify the various types and functions of Reference works. Johnston identifies twenty-two. In approaching this taxonomy so creatively and carefully, he not only provides a schema for his subsequent assessment of hundreds of Reference works, but prods the reader to reconsider for herself the complexity and sheer variety of the literature at hand.

The core of the book ("Directory of Reference Works", pp. 39-279) is a critical selection of over three hundred works of reference, mainly published after 1980, up to a cutoff date of October 1995. Works are categorized in five broad subject areas (World Religions, Christianity, Other Prophetic Religions, Asian Religions and Alternative Approaches. This schema, with its detailed subdivisions, serves the field and its literature well. Points of incisive comparison between related works are numerous. For each sub-category (and of these there are plenty, especially in the section on "Christianity"), an

overview is provided at the outset, which surveys the state of current Reference literature in that sector. This is followed by a list of "Works Analyzed" in the section to follow. The "Analysis of Works" itself is pithy and frank, and applause is offered when it is deemed appropriate: "superlative ... incisive ... sophisticated ... indispensable ... no historian can afford to ignore it" is the sort of praise one work receives on page 197. Conversely, Johnston does not hesitate to criticize what he sees as inadequate work: "this behemoth too rarely throws up pithy insights ... lack of sparkle does a disservice to a field that has nurtured brilliant writers." (99). Helpfully, each of the more than three hundred "Works Analyzed" is given a reference number, so that they may readily be cross-referenced throughout. (One of the author's twenty-two categories of Reference Works, "Menippean Satire" is somewhat whimsically reserved for works that are frankly overdone: displaying a surfeit of erudition.)

The author provides two appendixes, which are helpful and intriguing: "Favorite Reference Books" suggests selections for various specific needs and scenarios, while "Reference Books that Cry Out to be Written" points out significant gaps in the literature which the author has taken note of during his explorations.

Since he frequently laments poor (or absent) indexes and bibliographies in his survey of the literature, it is not surprising that his own book has no less than five indexes: title, author, topic, person and place.

Concluding comments:

If there is one aspect of the book which ATLANTIS subscribers might find puzzling it is its complete concentration on resources in print, rather than in Electronic and non-print media. Nowadays it is all but assumed by many librarians that at least some types of Reference tasks are best carried out in these alternate media. But Prof. Johnston mentions these formats only cursorily. For example: "Assisted by computers, scholars linger over bibliographic searches conducted via the Internet in catalogs of libraries worldwide. Such researchers should not overlook bibliographies that fill reference works. Almost always, the best sifted bibliographies on any question, great or small, pop up not in a

computer database but rather in an up-to-date reference book." (27-8) If some colleagues remain unconvinced by this assertion, it will at least caution us not to cut loose from such carefully-assembled resources too hastily.

There is a great deal to like and be grateful for in this book. In addition to its primary purpose as a selection guide, it is not hard to think of several ways in which it is going to prove its merit. For one thing, people like me (you can judge for yourselves) will find it a catalyst toward rediscovering this sector of our own library collections, and toward using Reference works and commending their use to others as a rich and dynamic source of information. Second, and relatedly, this book provides a terrific means of gaining ground on (if not catching up to) the enormous published output of Reference works in religion. Third, "Recent Reference Books in Religion" would make an excellent primer on collection development for newly-hired staff, or for recent grads from library school who have an interest in theological librarianship.

Postscript: Prof. Johnston informs me that since his October 1995 cut-off date, "between fifty and a hundred works deserving of an entry" have been published. Which reminds me that the only problem posed by a guide this good one is: "who is going to furnish periodic updates at such a high level of detail?" An update or supplement is not likely to appear unless the publisher senses a demand. Based on what the present volume offers us, it will be a great pity if this does not happen. 📖

## NEWS FROM ATLA STAFF

### Message From the Executive Director

#### *The Strategic Plan: MEMBERSHIP*

At the annual conference in June I shared with you all the Strategic Plan for the next three years: Membership, Ownership, Leadership, and Partnership. I'd like to highlight the first of those four themes in this article:

The Membership portion of the Strategic Plan has seven major goals:

- Enhance and expand individual and institutional membership in the association;
- Encourage and support cooperative efforts of regional and denominational groups within the association;
- Facilitate new forms and levels of communication among members, the board, and the staff;
- Develop ways for non-ATLA members and institutions to be involved in supporting and advising the association;
- Promote association-wide involvement in shaping and promoting the association's mission and goals;
- Devote the planning and support needed to insure that the Association's Annual Conference meets members' needs and expectations;
- Seek opportunities for the Association to secure benefits and advantages for its members.

Membership goals come first in the Strategic Plan because we are, fundamentally, an association of members. During the past year we have taken significant logistical, financial, and organizational steps to fully integrate the three antecedent bodies—Index Board, Preservation Board, and Member Services—into one coherent whole. That integration begins with Membership, and the products, services, and programs that ATLA develops and supports must flow from members' concerns and objectives and be useful and supportive of their mission and responsibilities.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will read about the formation of the Membership Advisory Committee. I am confident that this new committee will help ATLA staff better understand and be responsive to members' concerns. With two past presidents and two past Executive Secretaries on the committee, we are assured of excellent advice and counsel as we seek to recruit and to retain ATLA members, and to enhance the value of that membership.

President Graham discusses the concept of "moral ownership" in a thoughtful and articulate way in his lead article. In a very real sense each individual and institutional member is a "moral stockholder" in the association's services and products. Every error you find in the *ATLA Religion Database*, for example, improves the quality and accuracy of the information we provide. Each potential member you encourage or recruit helps strengthen ATLA's member base for the future. Each library that supports a NACO/CONSER participant, strengthens the level of bibliographic expertise of the association. Each ATLA product you purchase helps us develop a secure financial future for the association. And, finally, each bit of advice, counsel, memory, and wisdom that you share helps us plan for the future more effectively and appropriately.

Because we are an association of members, we share responsibility for ATLA's future. I hope that you will share your ideas and concerns with staff, with the Board, with the Advisory Committees, and with one another. ATLA's future is assured through our collaborative efforts and shared commitment. 📖

Dennis A. Norlin  
Executive Director

### Message From the Director of Member Services

My thanks to Myra Siegenthaler, Betsy Springgate, David Suiter, Cliff Wunderlich, Fr. George Papademetriou, Charles Willard, and all the librarians of the Boston Theological Institute (BTI) for their hard work and resourcefulness during the 1997 Annual Conference. The pro-

gram was a good success in many ways and as always, people appreciated the opportunity to gather together for networking and friendship.

ATLA begins its 1997-98 membership year with new initiatives to improve services to you and to make your membership a worthwhile and valuable professional asset. As President Graham and Executive Director Dennis Norlin both noted in their articles, the members' participation in determining ATLA's future is critical and needs to be encouraged. The advisory committees established by the executive director in consultation with the board are an important channel of communication between members and staff. The Technology and Preservation Advisory Committees are already active and productive. The newest advisory committee is one related specifically to membership recruitment and retention. The Membership Advisory Committee (MAC) is currently being established and will convene in June 1998 at the annual conference.

*Membership Advisory Committee members are:*

Dr. John Trotti, Union Theological Seminary in Virginia (Chair, 1999)  
Ms. Linda Corman, Trinity College (1999)  
Ms. Susan Sponberg, Marquette University (2000)  
Rev. David Wartluft, Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia (2000)

*Charge to the Membership Advisory Committee:*

In recognition of the importance of communication between members and association staff regarding individual and institutional membership, a permanent Membership Advisory Committee (MAC) is hereby established.

The Membership Advisory Committee is comprised of a total of four members, including a chair, appointed by the Executive Director each serving two year terms on a rotating basis. The Membership Advisory Committee shall work closely with the Director of Member Services, the Executive Director, and Member Services staff.

The Membership Advisory Committee will meet at annual conferences beginning June 1998. Other meetings may be scheduled at the discre-

tion of the MAC chair and the Executive Director.

*The primary objective of the MAC is to enhance and develop methods and programs to improve membership recruitment and retention.*

Committee activities include:

- formulating, with staff, a course of action for association membership growth;
- promoting association membership development efforts;
- leading and participating in membership drive campaigns;
- conducting research on new and evaluating existing association benefits and services;
- promoting ATLA membership as a valuable professional asset;
- promoting membership development as a priority among association leadership;
- and submitting a written report of the committee's activities for presentation at Board meetings as requested.

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*Plans for 1998 Annual Conference Underway*

Our hosts for 1998, the Washington Theological Consortium librarians, are justifiably enthusiastic about next year's conference. The Xerox Conference Center is a state-of-the-art conference facility located in beautiful Leesburg, Virginia. We have made arrangements with Xerox for vacationers to come early and stay later to take in the sites and attractions in Washington DC. So, in addition to all the great programming already in the works, the 1998 conference offers you a chance to vacation in the nation's capitol. The conference rates for the Xerox center are \$109 per night. This charge includes three meals a day, access to fitness and recreational center, and free parking. Additionally, the Xerox center operates its own shuttle service at the very reasonable rate of \$15 one way to and from Dulles International Airport. We will be releasing more information on the conference soon so please keep checking the ATLA home page:

<http://atla.library.vanderbilt.edu/atla/home.html>

for conference updates and other information of interest to you.

### *Library Materials Exchange Program*

One hundred seventy institutional members now participate in the Library Materials Exchange program (LME), a duplicate exchange or periodical exchange program. As a service to its members, the member services department maintains a database of participating institutions and sends labels to participants for mailing purposes. Under the current program, libraries maintain their own lists of duplicate items for exchange, copy those lists, and mail them to other participants. The requesting library is then expected to reimburse the dispensing library for the full postage when it exceeds \$2.00.

In response to several requests to “automate” this program ATLA is making plans to move this program to an electronic format. We would appreciate your specific ideas and suggestions about this program. Please e-mail, ([chartier@atla.com](mailto:chartier@atla.com)), call, or send me a letter with your suggestions. We want this program to be the useful, efficient, and cost-effective for you.

### *ATLA Statistical Records Report*

Once again the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) will be the only agency collecting library statistics on behalf of ATS and ATLA. ATS members will receive their library statistics form (ATS L-1 1997) directly from ATS. ATLA members who are not members of ATS will receive forms from us this fall. If you are not a member of ATS, please return your forms directly to ATLA for inclusion in next year’s report.


### *AAR/SBL*

If you are planning to attend the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion / Society of Biblical Literature (AAR/SBL) meeting in November, we cordially invite you to visit (and promote!) the ATLA booth (booth # 1815 and # 1817) and also to join friends at ATLA for a gathering of ATLA librarians. This year ATLA has a scheduled meeting on the program: Satur-

day, November 22, 1997, 1:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. in the Raphael Room at the Park Fifty-Five Hotel. You can find us in the AAR/SBL program as well. We hope to see you there.

### *Member Services Staff*

We are pleased to announce that Margret Tacke, formerly the Editor of IBRR, is now the Editor of Member Publications. She is editing and producing all member services publications including the quarterly *Newsletter*, annual *Summary of Proceedings*, *Theology Cataloging Bulletin*, and conference materials. Please contact Margret ([mtacke@atla.com](mailto:mtacke@atla.com)) to claim a missing issue, to submit a piece to the newsletter, or to subscribe to *Theology Cataloging Bulletin*. Carol Jones ([cjones@atla.com](mailto:cjones@atla.com)) is the Institutional Member Representative and is available to answer questions about ATLA products and services. Carol is administering institutional member benefits and would like to hear from you about your benefits or any other services ATLA offers. Patti Green, Member Services Associate, and I are your contacts for updating your membership information, renewing your membership, and answering any questions you may have about the annual conference.

We hope that this newly organized member services department will serve you better. As always, we want to hear from you so please do feel free to contact us. 

Melody S. Chartier  
Director of Member Services

### **A Note From the Editor**

As the new Editor of Member Publications at ATLA, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and my new position. I began working at ATLA in February of 1991 as an Editorial Assistant for the Index to Book Reviews in Religion. I continued working on IBRR for the next six years, eventually becoming Editor. Now, in the newly-created position of Editor of Member Publications, I hope to use my editorial experience to benefit the Member Services department. The fact that my new position exists is reflective of ATLA’s commitment to membership and improving member services.

My new responsibilities include the editing of the *Summary of Proceedings* and the *ATLA Newsletter*. These publications represent two important benefits that you, as a member, receive from ATLA. As the editor of these publications, I hope to incorporate as many of your suggestions as possible on how to improve these member benefits and how to tailor them to meet your needs. You are the members and you know best what your needs are. And so, I would like to solicit feedback from you on any subject you feel relevant to these publications or to the issues raised within their pages. One of my goals is to start a regular section of the ATLA Newsletter for Letters to the Editor. I believe that your letters can help make the ATLA Newsletter a more lively and informative publication. But to do this, I need your help, so please, do not hesitate to offer your comments on any matter relevant to ATLA.


You have probably already noticed some of the changes in this new volume of the ATLA Newsletter. We have added subscription information, a statement of purpose, and a list of the staff and board inside the front cover, and have provided a table of contents to assist you in finding articles. News of ATLA Members and Member Libraries is now toward the front of the Newsletter, reflecting our desire to highlight our membership as the most important part of ATLA. We hope to add more improvements annually, as we begin each new volume, but again, I need your comments. I am particularly interested in hearing how we can make the Newsletter more readable, and if there are any features that you would like to see added or taken away. Please do not hesitate to e-mail, write or call. I look forward to hearing from you.

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### Regarding Institutional Members

As the ATLA Institutional Member Representative I will be keeping you informed about any new products or services ATLA is hoping to develop for our members. In accordance with the priorities identified in the Institutional Mem-

ber Survey (March, 1997) ATLA has been able to negotiate a two month free trial of FirstSearch® databases for all North American ATLA institutional members. The trial will begin September 1 and run through October 31. All 60 databases in the FirstSearch® collection will be available for searching on an unlimited basis. Participating institutions will receive full statistical information about each database searched during the trial. At the end of this trial period, there will be an opportunity for ATLA to negotiate a subscription discount with FirstSearch® for eligible ATLA libraries.

Currently we are pursuing negotiations with other database vendors, journal publishers, and book publishers, seeking benefits and discounts for ATLA institutional members. I look forward to being able to make more announcements of improved services and benefits as these negotiations continue. 

Carol Jones  
Institutional Member Representative

### Development Report

Forty ATLA members have now contributed a total of \$3,735 to the 1997 Annual Opportunity Giving, which again this year goes to the Endowment Fund. With a \$2.00 match from ATLA supplementing every \$1.00 given, this year's giving has increased the Endowment Fund by \$11,205. Thanks to the generosity of ATLA members and the continuing bull market, ATLA's Endowment Fund has now reached the \$80,000 mark. To encourage the fund's growth through gifts, interest, dividends and capital gains, ATLA continues its policy of taking no distributions from the fund. Members and friends of ATLA who have not yet made their contribution are invited to do so before the end of 1997. Also, those who have reached that stage in life when they are planning for the final disposition of their assets are invited to consider making a larger planned gift to ATLA - either by bequest in their will or by a charitable gift annuity. ATLA is now prepared to handle charitable gift annuities of \$5,000 or more, which provide the donor an income for life and also an immediate income tax deduction. ATLA staff, your attorney or your financial advisor can provide further information on these giving instruments.



Staff has begun to explore the possibilities of significant foundation grant funding to assist ATLA in implementing a full Internet node. This project would enable ATLA to move from a site offering only informational functions to one also providing transactional functions. Included would be new inputting software and the development of a relational database that supports frequent updates and global corrections. The project would result in the enhancement of the ATLA Indexes by permitting input from association members and by encouraging cooperation with important indexing agencies in Europe, Latin America and Australia/New Zealand. Stay tuned. 📖

John A. Bollier  
Development Officer

### Index Department News

The Index Department is proud of the scholarly contributions our indexer/analysts make to their chosen fields. **Dr. Lowell K. Handy** has just authored *The Educated Person's Thumbnail Introduction to the Bible* (Chalice Press, 1997), which is a paperback designed for church Bible study groups. Dr. Handy has also completed the editing of *The Age of Solomon: Scholarship at the End of the Millennium* (E.J. Brill, forthcoming, Dec 1997), with contributions from an international assemblage of scholars. **Dr. Steven Holloway** contributed a chapter on Assyria and Babylonia in the 10th century BCE. Dr. Holloway also has a manuscript in progress on power relations and religion in the Neo-Assyrian Empire. The most recent addition to the Index staff, **Nina Schmitt** will deliver a paper entitled "Constructing the Sacred in Pilgrimage" at the

annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion in Toronto. 📖

Ric Hudgens  
Editor, RIO

### RIT Title Additions

Three annuals have been added to RIT: *Annales islamologiques* (Cairo: Institut francais d'archaeologie orientale du Caire, vol 25-, 1991-); *Studium biblicum franciscanum: Liber Annus* (Jerusalem: Franciscan Printing Pr, vol 40-, 1990-; ISSN 0081-8933); and *Polin: a journal of Polish-Jewish studies* (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, vol 1-, 1986-; ISSN 0268-1056).

During the upcoming year, RIT should have sufficient staff to allow further title additions. Suggestions of series or annuals that should be considered are most welcome.

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### Norlin Travels to Germany

ATLA Executive Director Dennis Norlin will be travelling to Germany for the the International Council of Theological Library Associations' meeting, September 4-11. 📖

**ATLA RECEIVES NEW MEMBERS**

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## POSITIONS OPEN

### Development Officer

John Bollier served as ATLA's first Development Director, both on a full-time basis, 1991–1995, and then briefly on a part-time basis until retiring in March, 1996. In July, 1996, responding to an invitation from ATLA's new administration, John agreed to return as Development Officer on a part-time basis. The results of John's efforts in procuring grants for special projects, establishing an Endowment Fund and encouraging the development of ATLA's international relationships have been critical for ATLA's future.

John has indicated that this year will be his last, and, indeed, after October of this year will be working on a consultant basis only. We are very grateful for John's service, and for his responsiveness to the association's need of his service.


The time has come for us to find a new Development Officer; this notice is the official announcement for that position.

- The ATLA Development Officer must be thoroughly familiar with ATLA, its members, mission, and history. The search is, therefore, being restricted to ATLA members.
- The Development Officer must have excellent written and verbal skills and be familiar with grant-writing and interaction with foundations.
- The Development Officer must have some experience in budgeting, financial planning, and fund raising.

We anticipate that the next fiscal year (September 1, 1997–August 31, 1998) can be a good transition year for the person in this position. There can be a good deal of flexibility in the Development Officer position, and the assumption is that initially this would be a part-time position. Therefore,

- Candidates may continue to hold their current positions while serving as Development Officer (at least initially). Currently the position is quarter-time, 10-15 hours weekly

- Candidates need not re-locate to Evanston to fill this position (at least initially). Indeed, it has been beneficial for ATLA to have the current Development Officer located nearer many of our member institutions and foundations.
- Retired ATLA members are welcome to apply


As ATLA develops further its plans to work as an advocate for association members, as we work with new partners and new initiatives in the next few years, the role of Development Officer will be of increasing importance to ATLA's future. Interested candidates are invited to contact the Dennis A. Norlin, ATLA's Executive Director, by letter or telephone before October 1, 1997. 

### Cataloging and Technical Services Librarian

The Dominican College Library is a small Catholic theological library, with holdings of 70,000 (including a rare book collection), and a staff of 4. The Library uses the OCLC system, and is moving towards full automation. The CTS Librarian reports directly to the Head Librarian, and is responsible for the Library's cataloging and technical services functions. This is a permanent, part-time (20-25 hours per week) position, with flex-time available. Salary 20,000+, depending on experience.


Qualifications:

- MLS from an ALA-accredited program
- 3-5 years OCLC/MARC cataloging (original/copy) experience using LCSH and Dewey system
- working knowledge of at least one European language, as well as Latin
- familiarity with Roman Catholic thought and practice
- library automation experience
- familiarity with conservation/preservation techniques and ILL
- ability to train and supervise support staff.
- a second degree in a related field is ideal, but not required

Application: Mail or fax cover letter and resume to: Rev. Peter Batts, O.P., Head Librarian, Dominican College Library, Dominican House of Studies, 487 Michigan Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20017; fax; 202-636-4460. AA, EOE. 

### **Curator**

Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary seeks applicants for a Curator. The Curator is responsible for the acquisition, organization, maintenance and client use of the official archives of the Christian reformed Church in North America. Qualifications include a commitment to the Reformed faith; a knowledge of the Christian Reformed Church, Calvin College, Calvin Theological Seminary and the constituency of these institutions; an advanced degree (MA) in Archival Science is strongly encouraged; computer literacy and a strong interest (MA-level-preparation) in an academic area such as history, theology, literature, political science or philosophy are required; must either know or be willing to learn the Dutch language; exhibit a creative vision and talent for developing special programs; interest and ability in promoting the work of the collections.

Candidates should submit a resume, including the names and telephone numbers of three references by September 1 to: Connie Bellows, Director of Human Resources, Calvin College, 3201 Burton SE, Grand Rapids MI 49546 

### **Library Director**

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, a graduate theological institution affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA) with an enrollment of over 300 degree students and an extensive Continuing Education Program seeks a Library Director, beginning June 1998 or earlier.


The Director will supervise an academic research library of over 325,000 volumes, pamphlets, and microforms housed in a building recently refurbished, with a staff of seven including four full-time professionals. The library uses the DRA Authorization System. Special collection strengths in Biblical Studies, History, Music and Reformed Theology. The Director reports to the President. The successful candi-

date will be installed in an endowed chair as The Director of the Barbour Library.

Preferred qualifications include: MLS from ALA accredited institution and expertise in one area of library work; graduate study in theology or religious studies (advanced degree preferred) and keen interest in theological education; library administrative experience and collegial management style; vision for the library's future; ability to work with academic community at large; commitment to participation in ATLA or similar organizations; sense of humor essential.

Send applications, requests for information, or suggestions of candidates to:

Dean Richard J. Oman  
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary  
616 N. Highland Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206-2596

Deadline: November 1, 1997 (or until the position is filled). 

### **Product Support Analyst**

The American Theological Library Association seeks a Product Support Analyst who will be responsible for providing and coordinating support for customers of the ATLA Religion Database. As a member of the Information Services Department, the Product Support Analyst will work with both inter- and intra-departmental personnel to ensure the proper level of support for all ATLA Religion Database customers.

Responsibilities include producing and maintaining associated print and electronic documentation for ATLA database products; providing prompt, accurate answers to product support questions from customers; providing general information about all ATLA database products; participating in and documenting quality assurance processes.

Qualifications:

- Ability to compose documentation that is clear, concise, and interesting.
- Experience and proficiency with computers.
- Library degree, Information Science degree, or equivalent field experience.
- Theological background desired.

Application deadline is September 12, 1998. Send cover letter and resume to MaryJo Johnson, Office Manager, American Theological Library Association, 820 Church Street, Suite 400, Evanston, IL, 60201-5613.

ATLA is an equal opportunity employer. 

### Reference Librarian

Job title: 1/2-time reference librarian.

Salary range: \$14,000–\$15,000.

Reports to: The Director of the Library.

Job summary:

This position provides overall supervision of reference and circulation duties, Monday - Thursday evenings, 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Duties include, but are not limited to:


- Provide reference service to patrons
- Supervise the reading room
- Assist with the use of on-line terminals, CD-ROM reference resources and other equipment
- Provide acquaintance with the library and its resources to classes and individuals as needed
- Suggest needed reference materials
- Assist with the archives and other duties assigned by the director.

Qualifications:

Master's degree from an ALA accredited school. An emphasis in music, literature, business or education would be helpful.

Application deadline:

Applications acceptable immediately. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. To apply submit letter of application, resume and three letters of reference to:

Don Phillips  
Director of the Library  
Fountain-New Library  
Brewton-Parker College  
Mount Vernon, GA 30445 

### Technical Services Librarian

Institutional Background: Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary is located in Mill Valley, CA with various regional campuses located throughout the west. The student bodies of all campuses total 1,044 with 713 of those at Mill Valley, the only residential campus. The seminary's mission is to provide educational and ministry experiences to shape Christian leaders through programs which emphasize spiritual growth, biblically-based scholarship, and ministry skills development—all within a multicultural setting.

Library Information: The current library building was constructed in 1981 and has a collection of approximately 135,000 books, 860 periodical subscriptions, and various audiovisual collections. Access to the collection is primarily via a manual card catalog, but plans to automate within the next two years have begun. In preparation for automating, the library has been through recent weeding and inventory projects.

The library staff consists of 8 full-time, 7 part-time and 1 volunteer member. Current full-time library staff tenure averages 5.5 years of service. We enjoy relating to one another and are looking for someone to find a home among us.

Technical Services: Current projects include inventory of collection, ongoing weeding in preparation for retrospective conversion, reclassifying from Union to LC classification, procedures manual development, and overseeing branch processing of materials.

Summary:

- coordinates and supervises the work of Technical Services Staff
- will play a critical part in the move from a manual to an automated library system

Specifications:

- possesses an MLS/MLIS degree from an accredited institution
- progressive supervisory experience
- 1-3 years OCLC cataloging experience preferred
- experience with LC classification and subject headings


- extensive knowledge of computers and databases (experience working with an automated library system preferred)
- attention to detail
- demonstrated leadership ability
- understanding of library policies and procedures
- good interpersonal skills
- able to travel (one to two trips per year)

Duties and Responsibilities:

- interviews and selects replacements for vacant positions
- answers questions relating to procedures and policies
- makes/adjusts procedures and policies
- participates in library planning (strategic and other)
- performs original cataloguing of books, AV materials, music, etc.
- supplies LC call numbers and subject headings as required
- oversees Name and Series Authority control
- produces off-line products on OCLC network
- completes follow-up on missing items from Circulation, replacing/withdrawing as needed
- initiates and oversees department projects (ShelfList reading, weeding, inventory, etc.)
- visits regional campuses libraries as needed

Accountability:


- reports to Library Director
- supervises 2 full-time and 2 part-time staff members

Salary Range: \$28,000 - \$34,000. Deadline: Resumes accepted until position is filled. Contact: Barbara Dabney, Director of Library Services call (415) 380-1678 or fax resume to (415) 380-1652 or e-mail bdabney@ggbts.edu 


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Turpin Library at Dallas Theological Seminary invites applications for the position of technical services librarian. This librarian is responsible for the administration and operation of the technical services department of the library, including cataloging, database maintenance, processing of library materials, binding and preservation, and serials management. S/he supervises two full-time staff.

Qualifications include an MLS degree and three years experience in cataloging. A degree in theology and knowledge of foreign languages is preferred.

Please send resume to Robert Ibach, Dallas Theological Seminary, 3909 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, TX 75204. 


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The Protestant Institute for Mission Studies (PIMS) in Budapest, Hungary, is seeking a technical services librarian, for a 1-2 year term, to begin cataloging its research collection of approximately 2000 monographs and 40 serials and to set in place and implement library policies and procedures. This person would also supervise student and volunteer staff. The position would be on a volunteer short-term missionary basis with living expenses, housing and travel provided, possibly in cooperation with an American denominational mission agency. PIMS, founded in 1994, provides instruction and library services for divinity students enrolled in several Hungarian Reformed and Lutheran theological schools and for missiology Ph.D. students enrolled at the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands. It will also serve as the primary missions resource center for the Eastern European Graduate School of Theology which is scheduled to open in September 1998. PIMS is closely affiliated with the Hungarian Reformed and Lutheran churches and also receives support from many churches around the world. Qualifications: MLS, three years experience in cataloging and classification, subject master's in theology, religious studies or missiology, collegial management and supervisory skills, knowledge of and experience with automated systems, and knowledge of German or Romance languages. This would be an attractive position for a retired librarian or for a younger librarian interested in exploring the possibilities for missionary service through theological librarianship in a dynamic, developing country. Contact Dennis A. Norlin, ATLA Executive Director, for more information. (847) 869-7788. 

### Theological Librarian

Phillips Theological Seminary invites inquiries for the position of Theological Librarian. Responsibilities: collection development, reference, and bibliographic instruction in print, on-line, and CD-ROM resources. Qualifications: minimum requirements are an M.Div. and MLS from accredited programs. Highly desirable is a knowledge of HTML editing and willingness to maintain the seminary's homepage. Salary dependent on qualifications and experience.

The position will be filled after January 1, 1998. The Theological Librarian will be located in Tulsa, OK, a lively urban setting with the library collection following by August, 1998. Phillips Theological Seminary [related denominationally to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)] is an ecumenical seminary. The main campus is being relocated to Tulsa during the 1997-98 academic year.

Send letter of inquiry to: Roberta Hamburger, Director of the Library, Box 2218, Enid, OK 73702. 

### University Librarian

Trinity International University invites applications for the position of University Librarian for the James E. Roling Memorial Library. The library serves the three schools of the University: The College of Arts and Sciences, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and Trinity Graduate School. The schools of TIU offer the degrees of BA, MA, MAR, M.Div., Th.M., D.Min., and Ph.D. to a population of more than 3,100 students on the Deerfield campus. The library collection includes 240,000 volumes, 147,000 volume equivalents in microform and 1,200 periodical subscriptions. In addition to the University Librarian, the library employs

four full-time professional librarians, seven full-time para-professional and clerical staff, and over 200 hours per week of part-time staff.

Responsibilities: The University Librarian reports to the provost, and is responsible for leadership of all aspects the library, including: library administration in public and technical services; collection development; strategic planning; representation in cooperative initiatives, consortia, and university committees; representation to the academic deans and faculties; and management of library staff and budget.

Qualifications: The University is owned and operated by the Evangelical Free Church of America, and the University Librarian must subscribe to the EFCA doctrinal statement. Also required are: MLS from an ALA accredited school; Earned graduate degree (Ph.D. in theological studies or related field preferred); Strong interpersonal skills; Experience in academic library administration; Knowledge of academic bibliography; Familiarity with current issues and trends in academic librarianship.

Salary: Competitive, negotiable, depending upon background, training and experience.

Starting Date: August 1998 or earlier.

Send letter of application, resume, and references to:

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