

Newsletter



The Lilly Library at Wabash College (Crawfordsville, IN)

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From the President How to Advocate for Your Library



Sandra Lipton, longtime ATLA member and my colleague on the Board of Directors, recently alerted us to the “Jewish Library Advocacy Kit” which was newly produced by our friends at the Association of Jewish Libraries (at www.jewishlibraries.org in the Resources section). While some items are particular to Jewish Libraries, there is much to be commended for theological libraries. In addition to their “position statement” and reprint

of a previously published essay on the value of libraries and librarians, there is a section on “How to advocate for your library.”

Both personally and professionally, “how to advocate for your library” has become increasingly important in the past few years as libraries reposition themselves physically and financially within universities and seminaries. As too many of us know, “reposition” is politely stating the typical reality of less space and fewer finances. “How to advocate for your library” assumes that we should be intentional in our advocacy rather than assuming that everyone shares our understanding about the library’s value and role within the institution.

This is true for ATLA as well. One of my joys of being President of ATLA has been to witness (and occasionally contribute to) the advocacy by and for ATLA. A single week in April hosted the confluence of the 2013 ACRL Conference in Indianapolis and the nearby ATLA and Wabash Center Colloquy for Theological Librarians.

At the Colloquy, I was privileged to share a bit about ATLA Governance as well as my own involvement with ATLA over the years. Many were encouraged by the ease and potential for contributing significantly to the Association. Some of the later discussion centered around the relationships between faculty and librarians. This too raised questions on how we advocate for the library and our discipline among faculty colleagues.

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From the President Continued...

The 2013 ACRL Conference featured an ATLA exhibit booth and the ATLA reception. While the respect ATLA receives among other vendors is a given, I was really fascinated by the flood of excited college or university librarians that would stop by with the excited recognition of having used our product or having some other connection to religious studies or theological librarianship.

Perhaps what worked during this week in the life of ATLA isn't a bad model for advocating for our own libraries. Show your patrons how to be involved and contribute to your library. Be where the people are and let them tell you their story. Find your supporters and energize them. Also, good food, good drink, and good company always helps.

Looking forward to seeing you in Charlotte!

Andrew Keck
President

ATLA / EBSCO Publishing Consortium

ATLA is currently working with EBSCO Publishing on renewal and pricing for the ATLA / EBSCO Publishing Consortium. This program provides consortium pricing on several EBSCO Publishing databases via EBSCOhost, including *ATLA Religion Database*®, *ATLASerials*®, *ATLA Catholic Periodical and Literature Index*™, *Old Testament Abstracts (OTA)* and *New Testament Abstracts (NTA)*. Institutions that participated in the consortium in 2012-2013 would have received an e-mail in early May. If your institution did not participate in the past and you have questions about eligibility and participation, please contact Miguel Figueroa at mfigueroa@atla.com.



ATLA / OCLC Consortium

ATLA is currently working with OCLC on renewal and pricing for the ATLA / OCLC Consortium. The ATLA / OCLC Consortium offers three different FirstSearch options for members. Institutions that participated in the consortium in 2012-2013 would have received an e-mail in early May. If your institution did not participate in the past and you have questions about eligibility and participation, please contact Miguel Figueroa at mfigueroa@atla.com.



Endowment Fund Matching Dollars Still Available

Earlier this year, the ATLA Endowment Committee announced that ATLA will be matching, dollar for dollar, all donations made between June 1, 2012, and May 31, 2013, up to a total amount of \$7,500. As of early April, \$5,531 in donations has been received. ATLA has matched this amount, leaving \$1,969 still available in matching funds. Please consider making an additional contribution to the [Endowment Fund](#) before May 31 to help make this a record year of contributions.

New Member Consortium Offer: ACLS Humanities E-Book Consortium

The American Theological Library Association is pleased to share a new consortium offer from [ACLS Humanities E-Book \(HEB\)](#) to provide accessible pricing to ATLA Institutional, International Institutional, and Affiliate Member libraries.

[ACLS Humanities E-Book \(HEB\)](#) is an online collection of nearly 4,000 cross-searchable books in the humanities selected by scholars for their continuing importance for research and teaching. These titles are offered by the American Council of Learned Societies in collaboration with over twenty-five learned societies, over 100 contributing publishers, and the MPublishing Division of the University of Michigan Library.

For pricing and participation information, please visit the [ACLS Humanities EBook Consortium page](#).

Public Services Interest Group Seeks Nominations for Steering Committee

The ATLA's Public Services Interest Group (PSIG) is seeking a minimum of three nominations to its Steering Committee, as one three-year and two four-year Steering Committee slots fall vacant in June.

Please consider volunteering or nominating someone else to stand. The election will be held after the PSIG session at the Annual Conference in Charlotte, which is scheduled for 1:30-3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 21.

If you have someone in mind, or would like to volunteer, please e-mail [Steve Perisho](#). Be sure to reference which period you are inquiring about.

[Learn more information about the PSIG.](#)

2013 Annual Conference News



Reserve your Room Today!

This year's conference will be hosted downtown at The Westin Charlotte. Hotel rooms are offered at a discounted rate.

The housing deadline is **May 17**.

[Reserve your room today.](#)

Register Today!

Early Bird Registration ends **May 18** for the 2013 ATLA Annual Conference.

[Click here to view the Conference Preview e-brochure.](#)

[Register Now!](#)

Create your Charlotte Itinerary

Check out the [Attendee's Guide](#) and learn more about the must-see places in Downtown Charlotte.

This site includes lists of interest, restaurants, and drug stores. You can also use the interactive Google map!

Conference Exhibitors

The ATLA Annual Conference provides a unique opportunity to meet with representatives from leading publishers and providers of library services and resources. Make the most of your time in the exhibit hall by learning more about the confirmed exhibitors for the 2013 Conference.

ATLA is excited to announce the list of over **35** confirmed exhibitors.

Please check out the list of the [2013 ATLA Annual Conference Exhibitors here.](#)

Excursion Spotlight:

The Billy Graham Library

Wednesday, June 19, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join us for a tour of The Billy Graham Library, an experience which will allow you to learn more about the life and ministry of evangelist Billy Graham, founder of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and world renowned and beloved minister of the Gospel. The total cost of \$35 covers transportation, lunch, a guided History & Heritage Tour, and other benefits reserved for guided tour participants.



ATLA Welcomes Four Titles to *ATLASerials*® (*ATLAS*®)

The American Theological Library Association (ATLA) is pleased to welcome four titles that will be available in forthcoming releases of *ATLASerials*® (*ATLAS*®), ATLA's online full-text collection of more than 240 major religion and theology journals.

- *Biblica*, by Pontificium Institutum Biblicum
- *Orientalia*, by Pontificium Institutum Biblicum
- *Pacific World*, by Institute of Buddhist Studies
- *Proceedings*, by Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society and the Midwest Region of the Society of Biblical Literature

Gregg Taylor, ATLA's Licensing Manager, commented, "These wonderful additions supplement the linguistic and subject scope of the *ATLAS* collection with first-rate scholarship from across the globe. Rich contributions in international biblical and religious studies will provide substantial new resources for *ATLAS* users."

[Read the full press release here.](#)

Announcing *ATLA CPLI*® for *ALUM*

ATLA and EBSCO have announced a new product offering, the *ATLA Catholic Periodical and Literature Index*® for *ALUM*, for alumni interested in searching the valuable resources they used as students. The *ATLA CPLI* for *ALUM* may be purchased by any institution that subscribes to the *ATLA CPLI*.

"We are delighted to offer *ATLA CPLI for ALUM*. With this product, institutions can directly support their alumni by providing them access to the premier index of periodicals, essay collections, church documents, papal documents, and electronic resources expressly addressing the practice and intellectual tradition of Roman Catholicism," commented Margot Lyon, ATLA's Director of Business Development.

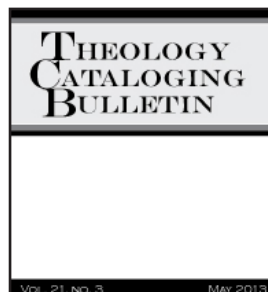
"This offering builds on the success of other alumni products offered by ATLA and EBSCO, including *ATLASerials*® for *ALUM*, which provides full-text access to key journals in religion and theology," said EBSCO Director of Sales, Licensed Databases, Ryan Bernier.

For information about subscriptions, contact EBSCO at information@EBSCOhost.com.

New Issue of *Theology Cataloging Bulletin* Now Available

The May 2013 issue of the *Theology Cataloging Bulletin*, a benefit of membership, is now available. Please click here to access this issue in the member restriction section of the [ATLA website](#).

While you are there, be sure to take advantage of opportunities to network with your fellow ATLA members through announcements, calendars, interest groups, denominational groups, and shared member publications.



ATLA Product Support Team At Your Service

Questions about ATLA products? The ATLA Product Support team is ready and eager to assist you. If you are uncertain how to use an ATLA product or partner product, are experiencing technical difficulties with a database and need assistance, or have issues with product functionality, content, or scope, please contact us at support@atla.com/ 312-775-9437. Someone should respond within 24 business hours. Also, for other detailed product information, please view the [frequently asked questions \(FAQs\)](#) and [video tutorials](#) located on the ATLA website.



Jennifer Butler
Database Specialist

CATLA Regional Meeting

On Friday, April 29, 2013, the Chicago Area Theological Library Association (CATLA) held its spring meeting at the Hesburg Library on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. CATLA hosted two speakers - Mary Ellen Konieczny, Professor of Sociology, and Mark Noll, Professor of History, at Notre Dame.

Professor Konieczny's presentation was on the Sociology of Religion from the 1960s until the present time, and she shared an extensive bibliography of materials on this topic. Interestingly, most of the writers on this subject are women!

Professor Noll's presentation addressed Evangelical Protestant Scholarship - its problems and its progress. He offered thoughts on history of the modern university, Protestantism in general, and Evangelical Protestantism in particular. He made several points, addressing the progress that has been made in this area, such as maturing scholarship in evangelical theological seminaries, cooperation between evangelical and Catholic scholars, evangelical participation in the disciplines, connections with emerging Christian communities around the world, and the impact of individual scholars. The presentations were well received and members commented on the successful day.

CATLA received a Grant for Continuing Education Programs from the American Theological Library Association to help support the participation of these speakers. For more information on the Grants for Continuing Education Programs, please visit the [ATLA web site](#).

Member News

Retirees Wanted!

Did you retire during the past year or are you planning to retire before June 30? Please send your information to newsletter@atla.com so you can be recognized in the newsletter and at the ATLA Annual Conference.

Job Openings

Are you in the market for a new position? Be sure to check the ATLA [web listings](#) to see who is hiring now.

Positions posted this month:

- Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, CA, is looking for a [Collection Development and Services Librarian](#).
- Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA, is looking for a [Library Director](#).
- Meadville Lombard Theological School, Chicago, IL, is looking for a [Director of Library and Information Technology](#).
- Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, CA, is looking for a [Director of Library Services](#).
- American Theological Library Association, Chicago, IL, is looking for a [Data Assistant, Part-Time](#).
- Logos Evangelical Seminary, El Monte, CA, is looking for a [Head Librarian](#).

ATLA Wants To Tell Your Story!

Here at ATLA we desire to foster a community amongst our members. One way in which we can do this is by highlighting your library or institution through the *ATLA Newsletter* and/or Facebook.

If you have a special event at your library or institution, an exciting anecdote, news or updates, please e-mail newsletter@atla.com.

You may find your story in the monthly newsletter or through [Facebook](#). Be sure to "Like" us on [Facebook](#) so that you can learn more about the people that make up ATLA or to see your own story showcased.

Please note that all articles will be edited for length, grammar, content, and style.

Call for Board Nominations

Do you know someone who has the skills and dedication necessary to become a successful member of the ATLA Board of Directors? If so, the Nominating Committee for the ATLA Board would appreciate your suggestions. Information on the process and a list of qualifications for board members may be found in the Bylaws of the Association (see Article 4) and the [ATLA Board Policy Manual](#) (pp.24-29).

Be sure to review this information before forwarding your suggestions to the committee. You will not need to contact the person(s) you are recommending. Committee members will assess all potential nominees and will contact those who appear to show the greatest promise. Please send your suggestions by June 1, 2012, to Joanna Hause (jhause@seu.edu), Armin Siedlecki (asiedle@emory.edu), or Carrie Hackney (chackney@howard.edu).

Routine Maintenance Reminder

Routine maintenance will be performed on ATLA systems on Monday, June 3, 2013. You may encounter a brief interruption of service between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. (CST). Services that will be affected include ASE, listservs, the ATLA website, and member community sections. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

Member Promoted

Eric R. Stancliff, MA, MSLIS, has been promoted to Collection Management Librarian for Concordia Seminary Library in St. Louis, Missouri. Prior to this appointment, he had served Concordia Seminary as Public Services Librarian since 2001, and has been an active ATLA member, serving on the Annual Conference Committee, the Professional Development Committee, and the St. Louis Local Host Committee. His new responsibilities were effective March 25, 2013.

ATLA Calendar

May

- 17 - Annual Conference Housing Deadline
- 18 - Annual Conference Early Bird Registration Deadline
- 27 - ATLA office closed in observance of Memorial Day

June

- 4-7 - Society for Scholarly Publishing Conference, San Francisco, CA, Margot Lyon attending
- 7-12 - Special Libraries Association (SLA) Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, Gregg Taylor Attending
- 19 - ATLA Board of Directors Meeting, Charlotte, NC
- 19-22 - ATLA Annual Conference, Charlotte, NC
- 28-July 2 - American Library Association (ALA) conference, Chicago, IL. ATLA staff

From the Executive Director

Preservation: A New Direction



Preservation runs deep in the roots of ATLA. As early as the second ATLA conference held in 1948, members of the Committee on Publications and Out-of-Print Religious Books Survey discussed the potential for re-issuing out of print materials by lithoprint, microfilm, photostat, or microcard. This became a reality through a combination of funding from grants, member libraries, and ATLA itself, and creating microforms of member monographs and serials became the core of ATLA's Preservation Program.

Technology and times have changed, however, and along with them the needs of theological libraries. In fall 2012, ATLA engaged Tom Claeson (LYRASIS) and Liz Bishoff (Bishoff Group) to conduct an assessment of ATLA members' current interests and needs in the area of preservation. The survey encompassed the whole range of preservation - from traditional preservation of physical collections to digital preservation of electronic materials.

A number of common concerns were revealed - a lack of environmental controls, limited space and funding, and personnel for preservation. There was an overwhelming agreement that ATLA should continue to provide assistance with preservation along with a willingness to collaborate with other organizations to provide information about and access to programs that already exist.

In response to these concerns, in FY14 ATLA will develop a new program directed at the preservation needs of members and will branch out into new areas. The primary focus of this program will be:

Education - including webinars, workshops, and conference programs on a variety of topics;
Promotion - collecting and promoting resources to further members' preservation efforts;
Consultation - exploration of options for providing consulting services to libraries;
Funding - identifying funding options and creating opportunities for savings on preservation products;
Leadership - leading the development and collaborative efforts of preservation to the wider theological and religious communities.

As theological librarians, it is our responsibility to serve as stewards to ensure the endurance of important scholarship in religion and theology and of the unique materials housed at each of our institutions. The Preservation Survey is available for your review at www.atla.com/MEMBERS/PROGRAMS/PRESERVATION. I encourage you to read it and watch for information about new programs this fall.

Sincerely,

Brenda Bailey-Hainer
Executive Director

Contact Information

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

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