



ATLA NEWSLETTER

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From the President Linking to Moral Owners

Submitted by Timothy D. Lincoln, ATLA President

In last month’s column I discussed the Board’s ongoing responsibility to think about the over-arching purposes of ATLA. In board discussions, we call these the Ends of the Association. This month I want to talk about a related concept: moral ownership.

In this context, owners are to those for whom an organization exists. For instance, my children went to schools in the Leander Independent School District. The district exists to benefit the entire community living within its boundaries by providing education. Thus, the general public are owners. In a publicly traded company, ownership is very clear: the owners are those who have purchased stock in the company.

For a board to do its job well, it is necessary for a board to be accountable to its ownership. School board members are accountable to the general public, not just to children enrolled in school or their parents. In a publicly traded company, the board is responsible to shareholders.

How does ownership work in the context of our association? ATLA’s owners are not literal owners, but moral owners because of their relationship to the ends of the association.

According to our Bylaws, anyone “engaged in professional library or scholarly communication work in theological or religious fields or who has demonstrated bona fide interest in the literature of religion” may be a member (2.03b). In addition, ATLA’s Core Values include access to relevant information and ideas for users, such as students and scholars.

Thus, the moral ownership of ATLA is potentially very large, encompassing not only librarians, but faculty and students studying theology and religion.

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From Staff Leadership

Open Access: ATLA, BETH, and Beyond

Submitted by Brenda Bailey-Hainer, ATLA Executive Director

One goal in ATLA’s strategic plan relates to open access and calls for ATLA to have a solid reputation as a facilitator of open

access publishing in the study of religion and theology.

Earlier this month ATLA took a major step forward in this direction, when we announced a new initiative: the ATLA Publishing Program. It includes the ATLA Press, which gives ATLA members and the larger community the opportunity to publish in ATLA’s open access journals and monographs. Another area is publishing services, including hosting open access journals for other groups and offering professional development opportunities for members and others in the areas of open access publishing. This new Program also gives ATLA members many opportunities to serve on advisory and working groups and to learn more firsthand about publishing.

ATLA is supporting open access in other ways. While the amount of open access content available has increased dramatically over the last several years, the discovery of it remains problematic. In response to this, ATLA has expanded the number of open access titles included in our databases to 147 in *ATLA Religion Database*®, 16 in *ATLASerials*®, and 35 in *ATLA Catholic Periodical and Literature Index*®.

While open access efforts in the U.S. have moved forward, other parts of the world have an even more impressive track record. Last month I attended the 45th BETH General Assembly in Helsinki. The theme of the event was Open Access. Dr. Mikael Laakso, an economist on the faculty at the University of Helsinki provided an excellent overview of open access and his own research. He provided an analysis of hybrid open access publishing, a model in which subscription-based journals offer authors the option to pay to make their individual articles open access. Robert van der Vooren from the Dutch Collaborating Universities Association (VSNU) works full time on open access policy and negotiations. The interest in open access in the Netherlands has risen to the level of national government. In Norway,

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Linking to Moral Owners Continued

A key job of your board is to stay connected with members and the entire moral ownership of ATLA. This linkage is important because without it, the Board may wander away from its core purposes or make decisions that the moral owners see as irrelevant to their needs.

The ATLA Board will spend a good chunk of time at its next meeting discussing how we can better link with moral owners. To have good connections between owners and the board, the Board needs to listen to owners' perspectives and hold lively dialogue in the context of ATLA's Ends. Like working in lace, without good linkage everything can unravel.

Open Access: ATLA, BETH, and Beyond Continued

The Research Council of Norway provides funding for 40 national journals in the social sciences and humanities which they will stop funding in 2017 if the journals do not transition to open access.

At BETH, commercial publishers reported on their efforts to identify a financially sustainable path to open access. David Ross, Executive Director of Open Access at Sage, and Sam Bruinsma, Senior VP for Business Development at Brill, outlined the various publishing models they have experimented with. If you are interested in reading more about this, many presentations from the 2016 BETH meeting can be accessed via their website (<http://theo.kuleuven.be/apps/press/beth/member-pages/meetings/45th-2016-helsinki/presentations-beth-helsinki-2016/>).

Beneath these open access discussions flows the undercurrent of the current tenure and promotion model which often still focuses on print journal articles and monographs whose value is measured by an impact factor. But there is still hope that a sea change is taking place and more scholarly content will become available via open access. As Dr. Laakso said at the end of his presentation, "Articles don't have to be judged by the covers they are under."

ATLA 2017 Board of Directors Candidates

The Nominating Committee has named a slate of candidates for the four director positions to be filled on the Board for the term 2017-2020.

The candidates are (in randomized order by www.random.org):

- Paul Tippey, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY
- Suzanne Estelle-Holmer, Yale University Divinity School Library, Hamden, CT
- Jennifer Bartholomew, Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, Hales Corners, WI
- Christopher Anderson, Drew University, Madison, NJ
- Shanee' Yvette Murrain, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA
- Michelle Spomer, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA
- Matthew Ostercamp, North Park University, Chicago, IL
- Clifford Anderson, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Nominations other than those made by the Nominating Committee may be made by petition signed by no fewer than ten (10) Voting members of the Association and shall be filed with the Secretary of the Association no later than December 1, 2016. These nominations may be submitted by fax, email, or surface mail and shall be included on the ballot with the nominees presented by the Nominating Committee. Because there are certain elements that a petition should contain, anyone planning to submit a nomination via petition should contact the Board Secretary as soon as possible:

Tracy Powell Iwaskow
Secretary, ATLA Board of Directors
tracy.iwaskow@gmail.com

The election will be conducted via electronic ballot starting no later than January 7 and running through January 31, 2017. Information about the candidates will be made available via the December 2016 ATLA Newsletter, on the ATLA website, and on the ballot itself.

The Nominating Committee members are: Eileen Crawford (Chair), Tammy Johnson, and Ellen Frost. The Secretary of the Association is Tracy Powell Iwaskow.

Join the World Religions Interest Group (WRIG)

Submitted by Megan Welsh, Chair, World Religions Interest Group (WRIG)

The World Religions Interest Group (WRIG) is looking to add ATLA members to our community of colleagues interested in the variety of faith traditions found worldwide! [Please see this webpage \(https://www.atla.com/Members/divisions/interest/Pages/World-Religions.aspx\)](https://www.atla.com/Members/divisions/interest/Pages/World-Religions.aspx) for more information about who we are. If you are an ATLA member interested in joining our group, please email memberrep@atla.com.

If you have questions about WRIG, please contact Megan. Welsh@colorado.edu.

We look forward to your valuable contributions to our interest group!

Welcome Sarah Levine, Digitization Specialist

We are pleased to announce that Sarah Levine joined ATLA as a Digitization Specialist on September 8.

Sarah brings great experience from her current work as the archives and special collections assistant at Meadville Lombard Theological School, where she is currently processing the Sankofa Special Collection for online publication. She also has completed archives internships at the Chicago History Museum, Gerber/Hart Library and Archives, and the Adler Planetarium. Sarah recently earned her MSLIS from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, with a focus in Special Collections and Archives.

Please join us in welcoming her to ATLA!

Welcome Audrey Gelb, Digitization Specialist

We are pleased to announce that Audrey Gelb joined ATLA as a Digitization Specialist on September 12.

Audrey recently interned at the new library at the DANK Haus German Cultural Center and the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in both the Collections department, scanning and cataloging artifacts, and in the Development department, where she assisted with grant writing and survey data analysis. She is a graduate of Loyola with a BA in History and minors in Women's Studies and German.

Please join us in welcoming her to ATLA!

New ATLA Publishing Program

ATLA's core purpose is to promote worldwide scholarly communication in religion and theology by advancing the work of libraries and related information providers. In support of this purpose, we are expanding our publishing efforts and announcing the creation of the [ATLA Publishing Program \(https://www.atla.com/Members/benefits/Pages/ATLA-Publishing-Program.aspx\)](https://www.atla.com/Members/benefits/Pages/ATLA-Publishing-Program.aspx).

This program will serve professionals engaged in librarianship and scholarly communication, students, scholars, and religious professionals in the disciplines of religion and theology by publishing original content (books, journals, newsletters, yearbooks, reports, white papers, etc.).

This new program recognizes three distinct areas of ATLA publishing. One area focuses on all publications that have to do with the Association's work and activities, including the *ATLA Newsletter*, ATLA Annual Report, ATLA Annual Yearbook, and reports, white papers, and research studies.

Another area is publishing services including hosting open access journals and offering professional development opportunities for members and others in the areas of open access publishing.

The third area is the ATLA Press, which allows our members and the larger community to publish open access works through the open access journal *Theological Librarianship*, the *Theology Cataloging Bulletin (TCB)*, the *ATLA Summary of Proceedings*, and an Open Access Monographs imprint (to be named). The ATLA Press imprints will publish open access resources that identify major works, issues of contention, and schools of thought that propel research in religion and theory; develop knowledge and skills in librarianship, pedagogy and research methodology; and represent specialized topics of interest in religion and theology.

These open access resources are to support professionals in librarianship and scholarly communication advancing scholarship in the theological and religious disciplines, including developing and strengthening connections that lead

to innovative solutions for shared challenges and developing increasing capacities to work in a diverse and changing environment; students, scholars, and information professions in robust scholarly communication in the fields of religion and theology; students, scholars, and religious professionals in skillfully using information resources to create knowledge, grow in wisdom, and share the results of their research.

The imprints will each have their own Editorial Board with an Editor in Chief comprised of Individual members of ATLA appointed by the Executive Director upon recommendations from a Search Committee (Editor in Chief positions) or the Editor in Chief of a publication (Editorial Board positions). There are also two new groups will oversee and facilitate communication between the ATLA imprints.

The ATLA Press Coordinating Council (APCC) will facilitate communication between Editorial Boards of the imprints and ATLA staff including creating procedures to guide creators to appropriate publication venues, sharing editorial calendars and looking for areas of possible collaboration or cross-publication promotion, and coordinating shared activities especially in the areas of social media, marketing, etc. to raise awareness and increase readership of all ATLA imprints.

The ATLA Press Advisory Board will be composed of persons knowledgeable in publishing, religion and theology and/or persons who can provide a global perspective and strategic input on issues relevant to the press. Advisory Board members will be appointed by the Executive Director and may or may not be an Individual member of ATLA.

For more information on the [ATLA Publishing Program](https://www.atla.com/Members/benefits/Pages/ATLA-Publishing-Program.aspx), including information for prospective authors and contributors, please visit the Member Center tab on the ATLA Website (<https://www.atla.com/Members/benefits/Pages/ATLA-Publishing-Program.aspx>) and look under the Publications sub-menu.

As we move forward making this publishing program a reality, we are looking to fill [three positions](#) on the Editorial Board and an [Editor-in-Chief](#) for *Theological Librarianship* and [two positions on the Editorial Board](#) for the open access monographs imprint. You may find the job descriptions and how to apply on the [ATLA Job Board \(https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/default.aspx\)](https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/default.aspx). A single search committee will review all applications and conduct interviews for all the positions available at this time. If you are interested in multiple positions, please indicate which positions in your application materials.

If you have any questions about the ATLA Publishing Program, please feel free to reach out to Director of Member Programs Gillian Harrison Cain (gcaain@atla.com).

Theological Libraries Month Contest

Librarians bring the human touch to the digital age. As Neil Gaiman once said, “Google can bring you back 100,000 answers. A librarian can bring you back the right one.” Whether forged in the library building, or in the classroom, or in an online chat... there’s something special about a relationship with a librarian.

Yes, libraries provide access to a journals, stacks of books, and a quiet place to study. But how do libraries enrich your institution? Join us this October in sharing how a librarian has impacted you!

Here are some examples. Has a librarian ever:

- Helped you with research
- Helped your student write a better paper
- Found something you couldn’t find on your own
- Provided you with access to computer/wifi
- Provided a quiet place to study
- Provided a room where you could meet with others
- Helped you get a better grade
- Offered an inspiring speaker/program
- Helped you get a better job
- Opened your eyes to something amazing
- Tell your story for a chance to win a \$25 gift card.

Read the Official Rules & Regulations for more information on how to participate (<http://www.atla.com/Members/programs/tlm/Pages/Official-TLM-Contest.aspx>).

A Season of Meetings

It’s the time of the year when the committees and groups of ATLA meet for the annual fall meetings. We have updated the ATLA Calendar with dates and locations, and have also listed their dates below for your convenience.

September

- 28-29 – DEI Committee Meeting
- 29 – Endowment Committee Meeting

October

- 13-14 – Professional Development Committee Meeting
- 14 – SWATLA Regional Meeting
- 27 – ATLA Board of Directors Meeting
- 29 – ATLA Board of Directors Meeting

November

- 1 – 2017 Local Host Committee Meeting
- 1- 4 – Conference Committee Meeting

Check out the ATLA Calendar for more events, deadlines, and meetings.

Theological Libraries Month: #LibraryImpact Ideas

October is quickly approaching and that means it’s time for Theological Libraries Month (TLM)! There’s still time to plan your celebrations and we’re here to help. We will be sharing how member libraries are celebrating TLM in the hopes that it will inspire you. If you would like to share how your library is celebrating, please submit your ideas to memberrep@atla.com.

Institutional Member Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary Library (<http://ambs.edu/>) recently shared how they will be celebrating TLM.

According to Director of Library Services Karl Stutzman:

The library will provide treats for the seminary’s morning break on October 6 (all of our students/faculty/staff who are on campus gather for a break times in the seminary lounge, and it’s a hit if someone provides snacks for everyone...). We will print out and distribute the ATLA-generated bookmarks.

We plan to promote TLM via several posts during the month on our Facebook/Twitter feeds. We will encourage participation in ATLA’s TLM contest, mention our participation in the ATLA Reciprocal Borrowing Program, and promote the ATLA Database. We may not do much besides the social media, but I will try to have some sort of special display in the library.

What we love most about AMBS’s promotional plan is that they are highlighting how the library benefits and impacts the institution, including students, faculty, *and* staff. We are excited for AMBS to celebrate TLM, especially as this will be their first time participating in the event.

We look forward to hearing more of your ideas and campaigns throughout September and October. Please share your ideas with us and we will post them onto the *Newsletter* to help encourage and inspire other libraries.

Learn more about Theological Libraries Month (<https://newsletter.atla.com/2016/the-human-touch-in-the-digital-age-launch-and-theological-libraries-month/>).

You're Invited to the ATLA Receptions during AAR & SBL

Please join us for light fare, spirits, and conversation at one or both of the ATLA receptions during AAR & SBL 2016 in San Antonio, TX. The reception locations are a short walk from the convention center and many of the conference hotels. View the Google Map for the ATLA Receptions.

Feel free to bring a colleague or two, and you are welcome to attend both events if your schedule allows. Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 9 (<https://goo.gl/forms/s2VpcCmb5Kq2F3n92>).

Saturday Evening Reception

November 19 – 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Charles Court (Boudro's Private Event Space)

205 North Presa Street

San Antonio, TX 78205

RSVP (<https://goo.gl/forms/s2VpcCmb5Kq2F3n92>)

Monday Morning Reception

November 21 – 7:00 am – 8:30 am

Schilo's Delicatessen

424 E. Commerce

San Antonio, TX 78205

RSVP (<https://goo.gl/forms/s2VpcCmb5Kq2F3n92>)

DPLA's GIF IT UP Competition

The Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) announced GIF IT UP (<http://dp.la/info/gif-it-up>), an annual international gif-making competition. A GIF (or Graphics Interchange Format) is an image format that supports using multiple frames to create motion graphics in a continuous loop, allowing us to seemingly bring still images and other cultural heritage materials to life.

GIF IT UP was created to promote appreciation of the public domain and creative engagement with digitized cultural heritage materials. The most important part is to have fun and to share cool stuff in awesome ways.

To get the scoop on this year's GIF IT UP contest, visit the GIF IT UP website. Be sure to tag @YOURATLA so we can see your awesome work!

The DPLA brings together the riches of America's libraries, archives, and museums, and makes them freely available to the world. It strives to contain the full breadth of human expression, from the written word, to works of art and culture, to records of America's heritage, to the efforts and data of science. Learn more (<https://dp.la/info>).

Call for the 2017 ATLA Annual Conference Proposals – Deadline Extended

The ATLA Conference Committee cordially invites members and friends to submit proposals for the 2017 ATLA Annual Conference, June 14-17, 2017, in Atlanta, GA, hosted by Columbia Theological Seminary; Pitts Theology Library-Candler School of Theology-Emory University; Erskine Theological Seminary, Robert W. Woodruff Library, Atlanta University Center-The Interdenominational Theological Center; and Mercer University-McAfee School of Theology.

The deadline for all submissions has been extended to **Sunday, October 16, 2016.**

While we welcome proposals pertaining to all areas of librarianship, we are particularly interested in topics that relate to creative uses of technology, open access in relation to scholarly communications, intermediate or advanced level programs, and programs that apply to religious studies bibliographers working in university settings.

Click here for more information on proposal guidelines (<http://www.atla.com/Members/conference/Pages/ConferenceFAQ.aspx>).

ATLA Calendar

ATLA is around the globe this season. Check out the ATLA Calendar (<https://newsletter.atla.com/events/>) for a list of events, deadlines, and meetings.

As a reminder, routine maintenance will be performed on ATLA systems on Monday, November 7. You may encounter a brief interruption of service between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. 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.

Testimony: Personal Collection Development

Submitted by Arthur (AJ) Boston, Scholarly Communications Librarian, Waterfield Library, Murray State University

This article was previously featured in Vol. 24, No. 4 of Theology Cataloging Bulletin. Testimony is a feature in TCB that gives a place for members of the technical services community to share their stories. We felt this testimony was applicable to the wider ATLA community and have since published it for our members below.

This column serves as a debriefing of the events that led me to the borderline-traumatic deselection of three library collections. Within five years, my dad passed away, my son was born, and I was hired in my first professional university library position. My father's passing forced my family to consider the fate of the stamp collection he had amassed over fifty years. A few years later, the coin flipped, and new fatherhood compelled me to question the content of my personal book and media collection. These two deeply personal auras of thought were lent a professional perspective as the university library I was newly hired into began its first ever comprehensive weeding. What follows are the brief histories behind these three collections.

The university I now work for was founded in 1922 as a normal school (a teachers' college) in the middle of farmland. Its library began on the stage of the local high school with a dictionary and a Bible. The university remains surrounded by farmland, but now as a fully-accredited multidisciplinary college with several advanced degree programs. The library has modernized and the collection has grown well beyond a handful of monographs. However, with no systematic weeding in 90 years, the collection was, in farmer parlance, going to seed.

As luck would have it, when the library finally did embark on a weeding project, it was just as I was hired. The process walked a well-trod path likely familiar to readers of this column. Librarians like myself made use of reports to scour our, hrm, mature collection. We asked boilerplate questions like: Is this information out of date? Does this support the current curriculum? Has this ever been used?

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But all the practical doing of this, to me, the newly-hired interim Research and Instruction Librarian, was daunting. I would have a hand in the regeneration of a nearly century-old collection, created by librarians with years of experience well beyond my own. While I had spent many hours as an undergrad here, I was a philosophy and English major who seldom charted the rest of the call number ranges. While I was attempting to learn what resources students and faculty might use, I was simultaneously making educated guesses about what I prayed they wouldn't miss.

It helped that the departments I represent were no longer looking as closely at this print collection. It also helped that I already had experience letting a well-considered, well-loved collection go.

My father was "struck down" (in his good-natured telling of it) with the polio virus in first grade. In the years leading up to this, philately had been popularized by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, a fellow American similarly struck down. My father's Aunt Adele gifted my father his first stamp album during his year of hospital bed confinement. Where Aunt Adele and FDR gave him a lifelong hobby, my dad gave me a childhood home that resembled a special collections museum.

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Although my immediate family enjoyed suggesting he was an insatiable hoarder, my dad was, in fact, quite selective. He assembled complete stamp sets from most countries with a postal system, and he had a penchant for Civil War and Depression-era Kentucky memorabilia. I distinctly recall him showing me a beautifully-penned letter from a Civil War soldier to President Lincoln, which was one in a series of choice pieces deployed in his failed bid to shepherd me into the (dusty) fold.

There is a shadow box in my mom's kitchen framing a humorously large blue ribbon from one of the occasions my dad proudly took home the "big" antiques prize at the Kentucky State Fair. At his funeral in 2010, I was given a book on Louisville's historic Brownsboro Road by its author with my father's name highlighted in the acknowledgements. I can't recall if this was before or after a very classy antiques dealer slipped me his business card. All this to say, my own appreciation withstanding, my dad was not a junk collector.

Visiting home and walking past the 'stamp room' had been a comfort since his death. All those green, red, and blue buckram album spines with gold-lettered names of continents staring back at me as they had my entire life, as they had stared at my father for decades. But without my father, those albums weren't receiving their deserved attention. He conscientiously made it clear throughout his life these items should be with real collectors. He did not collect like a hoarder, and neither would we. So, sometime after my father's passing, my family made the difficult decision to entrust a professional dealer to take nearly the entire collection to auction.

For my home library, my wife bought me a set of bookcases in 2011 which covered every wall of my office that was not a door or window. I filled every inch of these 27 shelves with

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Testimony continued

books, movies, and records. Even more spilled into the living room, random boxes, and into my mom's garage two hundred miles away. Call this seeming excess the product of a childhood spent indoors and of working in video retail places. But at the end of 2014, a year after my son's birth, something in me changed. My approach toward collecting went from completist to essentialist. Here in 2016, the living room, my mom's garage, and nearly half the shelves in my home office are empty.

Some of my non-canonical reading bolstered my position to discard and to even view deselection as creative selection. For instance, the new world of bills heralded in with the birth of my son, inspired a reluctant Google search for Dave Ramsey, the money guru who champions debt simplicity. By selling the apparently non-essential portion of my collection, I was financing new purchases relatively guilt-free. I joyfully held the Kool-Aid cup served with Marie Kondo's *The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up*. And I was very taken with Kanye West's paraphrasing of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry in *Rolling Stone* (2013): "a design is the point where you can't take anything else away."

Besides, if a complete reading history is ever sought, I have a Goodreads account.

But what really inspired this farewell to armfuls of paper and plastic was a little boy. Collecting had been for myself, but now there was an impressionable mind in the house, spending time in my office, observing the interests his father cultivated. Keeping copies of every book I read was not achieving this picture. Besides, if a complete reading history is ever sought, I have a Goodreads account.

Cutting away the fat, so to speak, reveals a more robust set of priorities, not only of taste, but of practical living. What one chooses to devote time, space, and money toward is a meaningful showing. A university library transforming untouched manuscripts into student space ably demonstrates a shift of values. As much as my son appreciates his toys, he easily parts with them as he outgrows them. The bulk of what I have is not rare, not like my father's archive. There should be little remorse when I shed a box of DVDs and reclaim that space with a set of *Curious George* books and a sippy cup. What I've learned from my dad, my son, and my work is that part of growing is letting things go.

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American Archives Month Spotlight: Pitts Theology Library

Submitted by Andy Carter, Digital Projects
Manager

In recognition of American Archives Month (<http://www2.archivists.org/initiatives/american-archives-month-the-power-of-collaboration>) in October, we'd like to highlight some of our ATLA member institutions' archives. It is easy to lose sight of archives – the collections and the people preserving them – even in our digitally connected age. Some of these institutions you may know well and some, hopefully, will be less familiar. To lead off American Archives Month, then, an image from the Special Collections at Pitts Theology Library at Emory University in Atlanta: "Anteros, That Is, Love of Virtue."

From the book *Andreae Alciati emblematum libellvs*: "The pictura of this emblem by the Italian jurist and writer Andrea Alciati (1492 – 1550 CE) features Anteros, the god of requited love, wearing a wreath of flowers as he weaves together three additional ones. The subscriptio, which is set in dialogical form with Anteros as an interlocutor, takes these wreaths to represent the four cardinal virtues. The one representing wisdom adorns the god's head." (Learn more http://pitts.emory.edu/dia/image_details.cfm?ID=134367)

Notes from the Road: A Slew of Late Summer Visits

Submitted by Gillian Harrison Cain, Director of Member Programs

What better way to initiate and educate our new Member Programs Librarian, Roger Morales, than to have him visit a slew of ATLA members with me for two weeks straight?

Week One: Colorado

The first week of August found Roger and I in Colorado, enjoying the warmth of the sun and the welcome at several member institutions including Gateway Seminary – Rocky Mountain Campus, St. John Vianney Theological Seminary, Colorado Christian University, and Naropa University. Nadine Ginkel at Denver Seminary also graciously arranged for us to use one of the Carey S. Thomas Library's meeting rooms on several occasions.

At the library of Rocky Mountain Campus of the recently renamed Gateway Seminary (formerly Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary), Barbara Russo was on hand for a tour and a chat. She was in the midst of sorting through a 5,000 volume donation, a task we heard was on the plate of several folks during our travels. During our conversation, Barbara made a great suggestion to get Theological Libraries Month materials to members earlier (like August) so that libraries can prepare for TLM in October prior to the semester starting. While we weren't able to get that done this year, we'll certainly be planning to do so in 2017.

Stephen Sweeney at St. John Vianney Theological Seminary spent a morning showing us the Cardinal Stafford Library. He shared with us that they've reorganized their main space from rows of tables to just a few tables and more couches and chairs, making a welcoming spot for seminarians to hang out in the library. We admired the beautiful cases a local carpenter constructed for the Heritage Edition of The Saint John's Bible that has recently been donated to the library and heard funny stories about the still functioning dumb-waiter.

At Colorado Christian University, we sat down to chat with several members of the Clifton L. Fowler Library. Library Director Gayle Gunderson had a list of questions/topics to discuss, including the consortial licensing program and the ATLA Reciprocal Borrowing Program. Shane Ratzell and Alfredo Pinto joined us to share insights in their areas, Outreach & Instruction and Collection Management respectively. We ended our visit by taking a look at the display of some of the "gems" discovered during their massive 30,000 volume weeding project.

We concluded our Colorado visits with a tour of the Naropa University campus including the Allen Ginsburg Library. With two additional branches in addition to the main branch, Nic Weiss and his small staff (6.5 FTE) are kept pretty busy. As expected, the library has a large collection of Buddhist

materials, 75% of their religion collection in fact, and contains not just academic but practical materials. Their Special Collections includes a significant amount of audio and video as well as the books the Allen Ginsburg used to teach literature.

Week Two: Ohio

While in Columbus, OH for the IFLA RELINDIAL SIG Meeting (Religions: Libraries and Dialogue Special Interest Group), we took to the opportunity to visit with several member institutions including Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, and Pontifical College Josephinum.

Newly arrived at Trinity Lutheran Seminary's Hama Library himself, Library Director Evan Boyd spent an afternoon showing us around, explaining the intricacies of library consortia relationships in Ohio, and discussing his efforts to update the library's website and encourage more use of the library's electronic resources.

While we didn't get a chance to see the organic farm at Methodist Theological School in Ohio, we did drive past it on our way out of their beautiful campus. At the J.W. Dickhaut Library, Beth Bringman further helped us understand the Ohio library consortia landscape with her fabulous "egg" diagram and showed us the proposals they've developed to reorganize to create more collaborative space for students in the library. David Powell and Library Director Paul Burnham were also on hand to chat and shared with us that one of the outcomes of from the work of a library task force convened over the summer of 2016, this fall semester they're moving away from one-shot bibliographic instruction a requirement will be integrated a course syllabus to make an appointment with a librarian (David or Paul) to discuss their research project.

The last stop on our whirlwind tour was the A.T. Wehrle Memorial Library at the Pontifical College Josephinum. Beverly Lane spent some time explaining how she and Library Director Peter Veracka split responsibilities to support both the college and the seminary and the history of how the school came into being. Despite being in the midst of construction, she was still able to show us a good bit of the library, including some very warm, welcoming spaces for students to sit. They use the Lynn-Peterson Alternative Classification for Catholic Books, a classification scheme previously unknown to Roger.

We greatly appreciate the library staff of all these libraries for their time, their hospitality, and their willingness to share their ideas, observations, and experiences with us.

ATLA Retiree Spotlight: Joanna Hause

The ATLA Endowment Committee presented an update on the ATLA Retirees and Lifetime Members at the 2016 ATLA Annual Conference. This Newsletter series will recap what they shared.

Joanna Hause retired in 2014 after 32 years of work in librarianship. She worked as both a cataloger and a Library Director at Biblical Theological Seminary, Hatfield, PA, for 18 years. She also worked at Southeastern University in Lakeland, FL for 14 years as a cataloger.

Currently, she is working as a volunteer cataloger at the local genealogy library, and also volunteering at the Southeastern Guide Dogs campus, working at the front desk or in the puppy kennel (she gets to feed, bathe and dry, and play with puppies). These puppies go on to be guide dogs for the visually impaired or for vets with PTSD and other “careers.”

She is also passionate about dancing. For the last eight years, Joanna has been dancing hula and belongs to a halau hula. She dances in a competition every July in Orlando.

Joanna joined ATLA as a Student Member and then later became an Individual Member. She was a member of the Technical Services Interest Group (TSIG) and served on the steering committee for several years, and worked on the *Theology Cataloging Bulletin (TCB)*.

Thank you to the Endowment Committee (<https://www.atla.com/Members/divisions/committees/Pages/Endowment-Committee.aspx>) for their work in curating this information. If you would like to submit your story for publication and for the 2017 ATLA Annual Conference, please e-mail memberrep@atla.com.

TLCA Meets at Grand Canyon University

Minutes submitted by Jim Santeford, MLIS, and adapted for the ATLA Newsletter

The Theological Library Cooperative of Arizona (TLCA) (<http://www.ps.edu/library/theological-library-cooperative/>) met September 8, 2016, at Grand Canyon University to discuss the new strategic plan of ATLA as well as to share recent goings-on at the TLCA institutions. The TLCA is a group of libraries in Arizona who share professional experience and library collection resources.

In attendance were: Nita Mailander and Dana Shreve from Grand Canyon University, Darcy Peletich from the Diocese of Phoenix, Doug Olbert and Jim Santeford from Phoenix Seminary, Filomena Saxton from La Vita House, David Cleaveland and John Rose from American Indian College, July Hines from Gateway Seminary, Marcia Gammon from International Baptist College & Seminary, Marilyn Howard from Arizona State Library, Sean McNulty from Benedictine University. The TLCA members were also joined by Gillian Harrison Cain, ATLA Director of Member Programs, and ATLA Board member Jennifer Bartholomew from Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology.

Olbert opened the meeting by sharing a brief devotional reading and all attendees introduced themselves.

Cain requested feedback on the new ATLA Strategic Plan and the cooperative members discussed the changes to the goals of the organization and their hopes for the future of ATLA. A few members mentioned a desire to see more full text and open access resources from ATLA in the future. There was a consensus that the both the core purpose and the core values accurately reflected ATLA.

To close the meeting, each member shared their current projects and challenges at their institution. The next TLCA meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2017, at the International Baptist College & Seminary.

Welcome New ATLA Institutional Members

Please join us in welcoming our new Institutional members to the American Theological Library Association. These institutions were once Affiliate members and are now Institutional Members due to the adopted new Bylaws.

We would like to take this opportunity to help you get to know a few of these institutions better.

Christian Witness Theological Seminary, San Jose, CA

For over forty years, Christian Witness Theological Seminary has trained Christian workers and lay leaders originating from China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, East Asia, and North American countries. The seminary became an accredited member of ATS earlier in 2016.

To support the diverse student body, the seminary offers instruction in Chinese, courses in Chinese history and culture, and programs focused on addressing needs of Chinese churches. The library at Christian Witness contains volumes in English and Chinese, journals, church publications, and audiovisual materials. They plan to continue to expand the library collections by increase the numbers of physical books and eBooks over the next five years.

Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Taylors, SC

Founded in 1988, Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary is a school of theology intended to prepare men for pastoral ministry in the historic Presbyterian tradition. The seminary offers undergraduate level degrees.

The Smith-Singer Library supports the divinity programs of the seminary with a collection of books and other media. In addition, the library makes available a number of works outside of the seminary's own tradition in the interest of research.

Lutheran Brethren Seminary, Fergus Falls, MN

Lutheran Brethren Seminary is the training institution for those preparing for ministry in the Church of the Lutheran Brethren. The seminary grew from the spiritual revivals among Norwegian-American Lutherans in the 1890s and the subsequent interest in Biblical studies among these communities.

The Christiansen Memorial Library shares a building with the seminary and the Church of the Lutheran Brethren denominational headquarters. The library houses over 22,000 print volumes, 70 periodical titles, and various special collections. It is also home to the Church of the Lutheran Brethren Archives.

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

Education at the Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies centers on worship ministry. The Institute engages students to teach them the biblical foundations, historical contexts, and theological disciplines for them to become effective and informed ministers.

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

Piedmont International University, Winston-Salem, NC

Established in 1945, Piedmont International University offers bible-centered higher education to prepare students for ministry. In addition to the main campus in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Piedmont offers online degree programs.

The George M. Manuel Library at Piedmont International University, named for the first full-time librarian of the institution, holds over 60,000 volumes. Other resources include numerous periodicals, daily newspapers, audiovisual items, and online databases. When Piedmont International University merged with Spurgeon Baptist Bible college in 2004, Atlantic Baptist Bible College in 2008, and Tennessee Temple University in 2015, various holdings of the libraries were installed in the George M. Manuel Library.

Heritage Christian University, Florence, AL

The Overton Memorial Library supports the research needs of the students, faculty, and staff of Heritage Christian University. Each year, the Friends of the Overton Memorial Library host the Charles Coil Colloquium, a one-day event created to enrich the academic community of the university through the expertise that scholar are invited to share at this event.

The Overton Memorial Library also features several unique special collections. These include the Frederick William Danker's gifts of his personal lexicons and papers, the Coy D. Roper Rarities and Antiquities Collection of antique and rare books, and the Olie and Cynthia Tillery Bible Collection,

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which includes codices and Bibles of various versions and languages.

Are you Eligible?

As the ATLA Membership voted to adopt new Bylaws, many Affiliate members are now eligible to become Institutional members. Your institution may be eligible under the revised qualifications:

The institution your library serves is

- An institution of higher education supporting programs in theology or religious studies
- Accredited by an authority recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, Council of Higher Education Accreditation, or the equivalent thereof in other jurisdictions.

OR

Your organization is non-degree granting and maintains one or more significant collections primary of theological, religious, or ecclesiastical research material.

If your institution meets these qualifications and wants to become an Institutional member, please notify ATLA at memberrep@atla.com so our Member Programs team can verify and convert your institution's membership to institutional.

Luce/ACLS Program in Religion, Journalism & International Affairs Fellowship

The American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) invites applications for fellowships offered by the Luce/ACLS Program in Religion, Journalism & International Affairs (RJIA), made possible by the generous support of the Henry Luce Foundation. RJIA is a two-part initiative designed to foster new connections between scholars and journalists covering international affairs. The program offers an interrelated set of awards: programming grants for universities and fellowships for scholars in the humanities and social sciences who study religion in international contexts. More information is available on the program's overview page (<http://www.acls.org/programs/LuceRJIA/>).

The fellowships offers a \$55,000 stipend, plus up to \$3,000 for research costs and related scholarly activities. They may be held at the awardee's home institution, one of three partnering universities, or any location suitable for the proposed research. Completed applications must be submitted through the ACLS Online Fellowship Application system (<http://ofa.acls.org/>) no later than 9 pm Eastern Daylight Time, October 26, 2016. Notifications will be sent via email by late March 2017.

Learn more about this program and fellowship opportunity (<http://www.acls.org/programs/LuceRJIAfellowships/>).

Meet the September Reciprocal Borrowing Members

The ATLA Reciprocal Borrowing Program (<https://www.atla.com/Members/programs/Pages/Reciprocal-Borrowing-Initiative.aspx>) is growing every month! Please join us in welcoming the member institutions that joined the program in September. The Reciprocal Borrowing Program creates an arrangement between participating North American ATLA Institutional Members to grant check-out privileges to each other's patrons and students. To find a library close to you, please visit the map of participating member libraries.

Bethlehem College & Seminary

Formerly known as the Bethlehem Institute, Bethlehem College & Seminary has grown out of the higher education ministry of Bethlehem Baptist Church over many years. Bethlehem College offers undergraduate programs based on a Christian, Bible-centered worldview.

Bethlehem Seminary offers graduate-level instruction for those who wish to deepen their theological learning or serve in vocational ministry.

The Bethlehem College & Seminary Library exists to support the mission of the school by providing access to information resources and research assistance. The library is a non-lending study center with approximately 6,000 volumes.

Byzantine Catholic Seminary of SS. Cyril and Methodius

The Byzantine Catholic Seminary of SS. Cyril and Methodius is the only free-standing, English speaking, Byzantine Catholic Seminary in the nation. Since its inauguration, the Seminary has prepared hundreds of priests to serve the Church and its people in the Byzantine Tradition.

The library primarily serves the seminary student body by providing support for coursework and thesis research. In addition to its academic focus, the library holds a specialized collection of unique items in the fields of Eastern Catholic theology, liturgical music, and Eastern European History. This collection includes more than 800 parish histories of Eastern Catholic and Orthodox churches throughout the United States and Canada, various rare serials, and several examples of the treasure bookbinding of sacred texts.

Gardner-Webb University

Gardner-Webb University is a private, Christian, Baptist-related university that provides both undergraduate and graduate education. Historically, the institution has played significant roles in teacher education and preparation of students interested in church-related vocations.

The John R. Dover Memorial Library at Gardner-Webb University is located on the main campus in Boiling Springs, North Carolina and was built in 1974. The library holds

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ATLA Job Board

- ATLA, Chicago, IL, is looking for *Theological Librarianship* Editorial Board (3 positions) ([https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Editorial-Board-\(3-open-positions\)---Theological-Librarianship.aspx](https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Editorial-Board-(3-open-positions)---Theological-Librarianship.aspx)) and Editor in Chief (<https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Editor-in-Chief---Theological-Librarianship.aspx>) and Editorial Board (2 positions) for Open Access Monographs ([https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Editorial-Board-\(2-open-positions\)-%E2%80%93ATLA-Press---Open-Access-Monographs-.aspx](https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Editorial-Board-(2-open-positions)-%E2%80%93ATLA-Press---Open-Access-Monographs-.aspx))
- The Association of Theological Schools | The Commission on Accrediting, Pittsburgh, PA, is looking for a Director, Commission Information Services (<https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Director,-Commission-Information-Services.aspx>)
- Boston College Libraries, Chestnut Hill, MA, is looking for a Collection Development Librarian for the Humanities-Liaison to Philosophy and Theology (<https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Collection-Development-Librarian-for-the-Humanities-Liaison-to-Philosophy-and-Theology.aspx>)
- David Allan Hubbard Library, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, is looking for a Reference Librarian (<https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Reference-Librarian.aspx>) and Archivist and Digital Preservation Librarian (<https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Archivist-and-Digital-Preservation-Librarian.aspx>)
- Hekman Library, Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI, is looking for a Theological Librarian (One-year appointment) ([https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Theological-Librarian-\(One-year-appointment\).aspx](https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Theological-Librarian-(One-year-appointment).aspx))
- Memphis Theological Seminary, Memphis, TN, is looking for a Director of Library Services (<https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Director-of-Library-Services.aspx>)
- Moody Bible Institute, Spokane Library, Spokane, WA, is looking for a Theological Reference and Instruction Librarian (<https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Theological-Reference-and-Instruction-Librarian.aspx>)
- St. Mary's Seminary & University, Baltimore, MD, is looking for an Evening/Weekend Librarian (<https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Evening-Weekend-Librarian-.aspx>)
- The George Mark Elliott Library at Cincinnati Christian University, Cincinnati, OH, is looking for a Technical and Electronic Services Librarian (<https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Technical-and-Electronic-Services-Librarian.aspx>)

- Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA, is looking for a Reference and Instructional Services Librarian (<https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Reference-and-Instructional-Services-Librarian.aspx>)
- Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, is looking for a Library Faculty Position (Instruction, Reference, Outreach and Promotion) (<https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Library-Faculty-Position.aspx>)

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over 282,000 volumes and has over 500,000 e-books. In addition, the library administers the Digital Commons @ Gardner-Webb University program, which is an institutional digital repository that showcases university-wide research and scholarship. Collections include in-house academic journals, faculty and student publications, campus events, and university archive collections.