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From the President
Your Library and Accreditation: Seize the Day
Submitted by Timothy D. Lincoln, ATLA President

For many institutions, navigating the relationship between themselves and accrediting agencies conjures images of a beleaguered sea captain attempting to gain safe harbor despite icebergs, hidden shoals, and failing navigational equipment. For librarians in many settings, the need to meet reporting expectations of regional accreditors or the Association of Theological Schools means work above and beyond normal.

Writing accreditation reports means digging into data, attending more meetings, explaining library practices, and sometimes, getting embarrassed when the collection management policy has been eaten by one's computer. (On an accreditation visit that I participated in, the library's collection management policy suddenly went missing. Such things happen.)

My cataloging professor in library school once said, "Accrediting agencies are your best friend." Friendship takes many forms. Dr. Intner explained that accrediting agencies have standards about libraries. Your boss very much wants the school to meet those standards. Thus, because of your local accreditor, every ten years you have the complete attention of decision makers at your institution.

If things are in good working order in your library (sufficient staff, adequate budget, a sound building), the reaffirmation of accreditation process is a chance to show off. For a while, at least, the library is not a "cost center," but a center of excellence and model to other parts of one's school.

If you have had issues with funding or staff or building, the reaffirmation report is an opportunity for you to tell the truth to two key audiences. You are speaking to peers from other schools who will read your report as they prepare to evaluate

From Staff Leadership
All Aboard!
Submitted by Jim Butler, Director of Information Systems

On the train ride to work this morning my mind drifted back to the early 2000's. My imagination raced as passengers sifted through their morning papers. Many others were engrossed in their books. A young student was scanning a textbook looking for an answer to finish up his assignment. Some riders engaged in interesting face to face conversation, while the remaining were sound asleep as they enjoyed the gentle rocking the train provided as it glided down the tracks.

For the last 15 years, I have taken the local commuter rail line into the city in the morning and back out to the suburbs in the evening. Calculating that out, it's more than 7,000 trips. I have seen a lot over that period, there has been a dramatic shift in how people choose to spend their time. It was nice to drift back and enjoy the atmosphere. Just as I was getting comfortable, I was snapped back into reality by the familiar ring coming from an iPhone. Once the person behind me picked up the phone and began to speak in a volume that was twice what was needed, I knew I was in trouble.

While stuck listening to the mind-numbing one-sided conversation, I began to look around at the other passengers. Gone were the newspapers, books, and face to face conversations. Replaced with a train car full of riders looking down at a small slab of glass. Good or bad things have changed.

I'm sure theological librarians have a similar story of change over the last 15 years. No library looks or works the same as it did back then. Undergraduates, graduates, scholars, and faculty all have drastically changed the way they choose to interact and not interact with the library. How has your library adjusted to meet these challenges? I think we all know the idea of a traditional academic library will continue to be reexamined. What are we doing to keep these patrons engaged and coming back to use the library and library services?

As I reminisce about the past, it's also important to think about the future. The mass adoption of the internet and

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your library. Just as importantly, you have an internal audience of board members and administrators that are—mirabile dictu—motivated to ensure that your library has the resources and staff needed to satisfy expectations of accrediting bodies. Your friendly local accreditor has the leverage to help you get the resources that your library needs.

What accreditors expect from academic libraries parallels our Association's own hopes for excellence in library services. Our newly approved organizational ends emphasize the goals of providing users with appropriate tools for robust scholarly communication in theology and religion (End 2) and that students, scholars, and religious leaders make use of information "to create knowledge, grow in wisdom, and share the results of their research" (End 3).

The accrediting world often operates by decennial reviews. As you read this column, roughly ten percent of ATLA individual members will be breathing sighs of relief that they have finished their own accreditation reviews. Another twenty percent will be gearing up for reaffirmation. To you, I say: seize the day. Accrediting agencies are your allies.

Interested in Accreditation? Consider attending the Pre-Conference Preparing for Accreditation Workshop at the 2017 ATLA Annual Conference. Learn more: https://atla2017.sched.com/event/A9XR/preparing-for-accreditation-25-per-person

All Aboard! Continued

the smartphone revolution were two of the biggest disrupters in the library community since the turn of the century. What can we expect in the future? Makerspaces, open access, online services, the semantic web and machine learning are dominating the conversation now. As Silicon Valley pours billions of dollars into augmented reality research, will this be the next game-changing technology? How will our libraries function in an augmented world? It's clear our only constant going forward is change.

How can we deal with this constant change? I believe conversation and experimenting will be key. Libraries need to continue trying new things and must be okay with failure. Going it alone is not advised. Talk with your colleagues and see what has and has not worked well at their institutions. The longer we dwell on the good old days of the past, the less relevant we may become in the future. I know there are many Theological Librarians doing exciting things to keep users engaged. Are you looking for some ideas? A great place to start your search is at ATLA Annual Conference coming up in June. Come to share, discuss, and experiment with new ideas that may help you and your library better navigate the uncertain future.

Learn more about the conference and register today (https://www.atla.com/Members/conference/Pages/default.aspx).

Colleges and Universities Interest Group (CUIG) Reactivation Meeting
Submitted by John Thompson, Eberly Library, Waynesburg University

At the 2017 ATLA Annual Conference in Atlanta (https://www.atla.com/Members/conference/Pages/default.aspx), there will be a meeting to see if there is interest in reactivating the Colleges and Universities Interest Group (CUIG).

The CUIG could provide a forum for the many issues — bibliographic instruction, collection development, etc. — that are faced by those who work in an undergraduate setting. Anyone is welcome to join this meeting and share ideas.

A meeting time will be announced at a later date. In the meantime, if you are interested in this interest group opportunity, please contact John Thompson at jthompso@waynesburg.edu.

FY16 ATLA Annual Report Available
The American Theological Library Association's (ATLA) Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Report is now available.

The report highlights the many accomplishments of the Association, including the work of Association's committees and improvements to ATLA's databases.

A report from the independent auditing firm RSM US LLP is also provided, offering an account of the Association's finances at the conclusion of the fiscal year 2015-2016.

Download a PDF of the FY16 Annual Report: https://www.atla.com/about/pressroom/annualreport/Pages/default.aspx.

Theological Librarianship Editorial Board Meets in Chicago
The *Theological Librarianship* editorial board met in person (mostly: snow foiled one attempt to get there) at ATLA Headquarters in Chicago on March 13-14, 2017. The journal, now nine years old, features quite a few new faces on the board with the addition of editor-in-chief Jennifer Woodruff Tait and editors Keegan Osinski and Barnaby Hughes. Consequently, we spent considerable time in brainstorming and visioning for the future, as well as planning for volume 10, no. 1, which will be issued in October.

Among the ideas that came out of the meeting was the ATLA Press Writers' Room (https://atla2017.sched.com/event/A9XT/atla-press-writers-room), a time on Wednesday of Annual Conference for attendees to meet members of the ATLA Press Coordinating Council and the editorial boards of all the ATLA publications, and talk about how to turn ideas into articles, conference proposals, and even monographs (https://books.atla.com/index.php/atlapress). We are eagerly seeking ideas and authors and hope you'll join us during this come-and-go session from 1-5 pm.

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We also discussed what ATLA's newly advanced organizational mission (https://www.atla.com/about/who/Pages/MissionStatement.aspx) of serving as a hub of scholarly religious communication means for the content and processes of TL. Among specific ideas advanced were theme issues, student essay contests, a more robust social media presence, recruiting among religious studies scholars as well as librarians, and more explicitly featuring our moral commitment to open access. It remains to be seen in what ways these ideas will come to fruition. We also talked about ways to honor TL's 10th anniversary of publication, upcoming in 2018.

Our two remaining pre-2017 board members, Suzanne Estelle-Holmer and Miranda Bennett, will be leaving TL soon to assume duties on the ATLA Board (Suzanne https://www.atla.com/about/pressroom/Pages/ATLA-Board-Members-Elected-for-2017-2020.aspx) and as the Editor-in-Chief of the Proceedings (Miranda). We are currently in the interview process and expect to announce the appointment of two new members of the editorial board in late May.

After the meeting, editor-in-chief Jennifer Woodruff Tait stayed to participate in the inaugural meeting of the ATLA Press Coordinating Council. You can read more about that meeting here: https://newsletter.atla.com/2017/atlapress/

Register for the ATLA Funnels Project Webinar this May

Richard Lammert, Technical Services Librarian at Concordia Theological Seminary and ATLA Funnels Coordinator, will be presenting a webinar on the ATLA Funnel Projects. The Funnel Projects (https://www.atla.com/Members/programs/Pages/FunnelProjects.aspx) are sponsored by the Professional Development Committee (https://www.atla.com/Members/divisions/committees/Pages/Professional-Development-Committee.aspx).

Join Richard at the last webinar of our Spring Webinar Series and learn more about this new exciting possibly of a SACO Funnel.

Read on to learn about this webinar.

ATLA PCC Funnels – With an Emphasis on SACO
Wednesday, May 17, 1pm CST

This webinar will provide a brief orientation to and update of ATLA's participation in two Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) programs (https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/): NACO (Name Authority Cooperative) and CONSER (Cooperative Serials Program). This orientation will be most helpful to anyone interested in contributing name authorities or series authorities to the national authority file or in cataloging serials to national standards (and being able to mark records as such).

The main focus of the webinar will be on continuing the discussion started at the last annual conference on establishing an ATLA funnel for the SACO (Subject Authority Cooperative) program. Anyone interested in being able to contribute new or revised subject headings to Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH), to contribute genre terms in religion for the recently established list of genre/form terms, or to contribute new or revised Library of Congress classification numbers—yes, "SACO" includes all of these—will be interested in this presentation.

The Professional Development Committee (https://www.atla.com/Members/divisions/committees/Pages/Professional-Development-Committee.aspx) supports expanding ATLA's participation in the PCC programs to include SACO. The desired outcome of the webinar is to determine that ATLA catalogers have a definite interest in participating and to proceed with establishing the ATLA SACO funnel.

Register here (https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8624830172985368322).

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Library Support for Online and Distance Education: SEPTLA Continuing Education Event
Submitted by Karla Fackler Grafton, Montgomery Library, Westminster Theological Seminary

On Friday, April 21, the Southeastern Pennsylvania Theological Library Association (SEPTLA) met at New Brunswick Theological Seminary for our biannual meeting. The program consisted of speakers addressing the theme of library support for online and distance education. Many of our institutions are moving or have moved to the use of online, hybrid and distance educational components and/or are developing completely online degree programs. The goal of this day-long focus on online education was to expose library staff to new and unique ideas as well as proven methods of

success for specific library support of online and distance education programs.

Three sessions were held over the course of the day. Margaret Montet (Information Literacy Librarian) and Bill Hemmig (Dean of Learning Resources and Online Learning) from Bucks Community College started us off with a session on e-learners and the library entitled: *Take your e-Learners to the Library*. Learning outcomes included how to create a strategy for an online embedded librarian program and the ability to personalize students' library and research experiences by providing a presence in individual course spaces. Montet and Hemmig gave a lively presentation with many great examples and excellent suggestions.

Stephen Marvin, Subject Liaison, West Chester University Second, Stephen Marvin (Subject Liaison and campus copyright coordinator) from West Chester University, took on the topic of copyright and distance/online education in: *Embedding Rights in Distance Education*. He gave us a clearer view of the ideas of Fair Use verses the TEACH Act, and offered ideas on how to develop a model guideline on copyright and create resource guides for our distance education programs. Additionally, Marvin pointed us toward several resources for more detailed information on copyright and its effect on libraries.

In the afternoon, Dana Kerrigan (Director of Library Services) from Valley Forge Military Academy gave us some distance learning theory and advice from her personal experience as faculty, student and librarian. Her address was titled: *Distance Libraries from Three Perspectives*. Kerrigan pointed out barriers to distance/part-time students that might not ordinarily be visible to library staff, and suggested ways in which online/embedded librarianship can make the library significantly more accessible to such students. My favorite take-away from her address was that we need to beware of the trap of talking about libraries as places that house things (be it books, electronic resources or librarians). Rather, we need to talk about and help people to recognize the library as a service!

For our business meeting, we tried a couple of new things (for us). First of all, to save time, we met in conjunction with lunch. Second, we connected remotely with members who were not able to attend. As one of our main focuses was to update our constitution and by-laws, we wanted to have as many institutions participating as possible. Using web conferencing software, we were able to have three member institutions participate remotely. Holding a combined physical/virtual meeting was a first for us but I suspect that we will continue to offer this option into the future. We hope to keep on working to find creative ways to help our membership be more vocal and involved.

Our day concluded with tours of the beautiful Sage Library and the opportunity to take "the majestic shot" (according to Director Tracey Joel Hunter Hayes) in the main reading room. Overall, it was a wonderful day of learning and networking.

Many thanks to New Brunswick Theological Seminary for hosting this event.

SEPTLA would also like to express our thanks for the generosity of the American Theological Library Association. This program was made possible through grant funding awarded by the Professional Development Committee of ATLA (https://www.atla.com/Members/divisions/committees/Pages/Professional-Development-Committee.aspx).

Calling All Lifetime Members: A Special Invitation to the 2017 ATLA Annual Conference

Has it been awhile since you saw your friends and colleagues from ATLA? Are you considering attending the upcoming ATLA conference in Atlanta but need one more good reason to go? If so, we hope you'll join us at this all-conference dinner and special event.

On Thursday, June 15, from 4:30 pm – 9:00 pm, the 2017 ATLA Annual Conference in Atlanta will travel to the Emory University campus (https://atla2017.sched.com/event/A9nI/emory-campus-all-conference-event). This special event is hosted by the staff of the new Pitts Theology Library, which opened in 2014. The first featured activity is an introduction to the Sacred Harp tradition and a chance to try it out with experienced singers as your guides. This will be followed by a dinner at the Candler School of Theology and tours of the Library. The Pitts exhibit gallery features 22 custom cases devoted to the exhibition *The Image of a Fractured Church: Martin Luther and the 95 Theses*. More information on this special conference event is available at SCHED (https://atla2017.sched.com/event/A9nI/emory-campus-all-conference-event).

Please join us at this special evening event – and perhaps attend the entire conference as well. Conference registration, including this dinner, is free to Lifetime Members. There will be a special table reserved for Lifetime Members so you can catch up with your fellow retirees and other ATLA colleagues. You can either meet the group at the Pitts Theology Library or take free transportation to and from the conference hotel.

Note: you'll need to follow special instructions to register for this dinner. Please contact MemberRep@atla.com for details.

Register for the Pre-Conference Workshops at ATLA 2017

Enjoy the full conference experience by registering for pre-conference workshops on Wednesday, June 14 at the 2017 ATLA Annual Conference. This is a great time to train and learn from experts and fellow peers as you dive deeper into topics, such as scholarly communication, accreditation, special collections, and media. In addition, we recently added a writer's workshop presented by the ATLA Press Coordinating Council.

Read further to learn about these valuable, in-depth sessions.

If you have already registered for the conference and would like to add these to your schedule, please email memberrep@atla.com with your preferred workshop(s).

Scholarly Communication: A Guide for the Perplexed ($25 per person)

What is scholarly communication? How does it apply to the field of theology and religious studies? If you are wondering how to become more involved in this transformative movement within librarianship, this half-day workshop is for you! Led by members of the ATLA Taskforce on Scholarly Communication in Religion and Theology, we'll provide a basic framework for advancing scholarly communication within our discipline. We'll review the fundamentals of copyright law, talk about key initiatives toward fostering open access, open education resources, and open data. After we get the basics under our belts, we'll go hands-on and begin exploring these concepts practically. You'll come away with key tools and resources you need to develop your expertise in this quickly-evolving area.

Learn more: https://atla2017.sched.com/event/A7MI/scholarly-communication-a-guide-for-the-perplexed-25-per-person

Your Library's Treasures: Building, Processing and Promoting Special Collections ($50 per person)

An on-site workshop that examines the various aspects of a Special Collections program, using the Special Collections of the Pitts Theology Library as a case study. The first part of this workshop will present technical aspects of Special Collections processing and maintenance, such as description and cataloging, including distinguishing characteristics like illustrations, bindings or provenance. Preservation and disaster preparedness will also be addressed. The second half of the workshop will discuss other aspects of Special Collections management, such as collection development, cultivating donors, designing and installing exhibits of Special Collections materials and community outreach. It will attend to the use of Special Collections in instruction and the encouragement of students to make use of Special Collections for research projects as well as the involvement

of library volunteers in projects like transcriptions, shelf-reading or docent tours. The workshop will be held at the Pitts Theology Library and will include a behind-the-scenes tour of the library's facilities and holdings.

Learn more: https://atla2017.sched.com/event/A7Lh/your-librarys-treasures-building-processing-and-promoting-special-collections-50-per-person

DIY Video Workshop ($25 per person)

Do you want to produce your own video content, but don't know where to start? Join us for this half-day workshop that will help you begin creating your own material without busting your budget. We'll cover audio and video recording and nonlinear editing using affordable consumer-level technology, and we'll discuss tips and tricks for getting the most out of the equipment you already own. Sam Smartt is a documentary filmmaker and Assistant Professor of Film & Media in the Communication Arts and Sciences department at Calvin College.

Learn more: https://atla2017.sched.com/event/A7MJ/diy-video-workshop-25-per-person

Preparing For Accreditation ($25 per person)

This workshop will give a brief overview of ATS accreditation and will give particular attention to how to prepare for a visit and how to serve as a visitor. We will explore the unique place of libraries and librarians in the accreditation process, and will also discuss the role that librarians play in institutional planning and evaluation at a broader level. The session will conclude with an open-ended discussion about the upcoming redevelopment of the ATS Commission Standards.

Learn more: https://atla2017.sched.com/event/A9XR/preparing-for-accreditation-25-per-person

ATLA Press Writers' Room (free with conference registration)

What are you doing at your library that you think your colleagues should know about? Is there a theological theme or idea you think could be fruitfully applied to library work? Have you been engaged in some interesting research that you would like to report? Meet with members of the ATLA Press Coordinating Council and the editorial boards of our various publications and talk about how to turn those ideas into essays, peer-reviewed articles, and maybe even a monograph. This is a come-and-go session during the afternoon pre-conference time. There is no cost to attend, but an RSVP is requested during conference registration.

Learn more: https://atla2017.sched.com/event/A9XT/atla-press-writers-room

Register for the conference today! (https://www.atla.com/Members/conference/Pages/default.aspx)

You're Invited to the 2017 ATLA Annual Conference Opening Reception

Don't forget to add the 2017 ATLA Annual Conference Opening Reception to your conference schedule! For the first time, this year the Opening Reception will be held in the Exhibit Hall to allow more time for attendees to explore all of our vendors' offerings and meet fellow conference attendees.

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks while you explore the exhibits and reconnect with colleagues before venturing into the Atlanta Perimeter area.

The Crowne Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia is located at 4355 Ashford Dunwoody Road, Atlanta, Georgia, 30346. The opening reception is from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

Register for the conference and view the 2017 Conference Schedule: https://atla2017.sched.com/

Digital Spotlight: DPLA Fest 2017

Submitted by Andy Carter, ATLA Digital Projects Manager

The Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) brought its annual conference to the Harold Washington Library Center in Chicago's South Loop. Several hundred librarians, archivists, and technologists enjoyed two days of presentations and lightning talks on the present and future of the DPLA. Change was the unofficial theme of the proceedings as Dan Cohen, Executive Director of the DPLA, had announced his departure prior to the conference (https://dp.la/info/2017/05/05/dpla-leadership-transition/). The hydra-in-a-box (http://hydrainabox.projecthydra.org/) platform adopted an official name for its product under development: Hyku. And the DPLA updated on a major technological change as it moved its aggregating workflow from OAI-PMH to ResourceSync (http://www.openarchives.org/rs/toc); a move that reduced ingest times from hours to minutes. Given the centrality of the DPLA, and the alignment of many institutions around DPLA standards, their technological shifts are followed closely.

But the DPLA Fest is more than just updates from the 'mothership.' Hundreds of institutions that contribute to the DPLA are working on their own projects, and troubleshooting their own local issues. A trio of institutions (http://sched.co/9kj3) from Tennessee reported on their "collaborative community partnerships" that aimed to address "social and economic justice issues through digital libraries." The Ernest Hemingway Foundation of Oak Park and the Oak Park Public Library discussed the challenges of building a collaborative digitization program f(http://sched.co/9klV) rom the ground up. And the UC San Diego Library presented on their effort to create a "living archive" (http://sched.co/9kCd)that would seek to preserve student reactions to recent incidents targeting underrepresented students on campus. Finally, a data visualization tool (http://libraries.foundationcenter.org/) for tracking and resourcing grant funding was introduced by the Foundation Center. If your institution is looking to identify new sources of funding, this new interface is worth your time.

Europeana, the European model for the DPLA, traced the development (http://sched.co/9kCa) of their technologies over a decade as they provide multi-lingual service to users with more than thirty languages. And the DPLA gave an update on RightsStatements.org, an international copyright standard being co-developed by Europeana and the DPLA.

As always, there was much more than can contained in a brief review. DPLA Fest remains a vital conference for understanding both the direction of the DPLA and its many partners. Slides for all presentations given can be accessed on https://dplafest2017.sched.com/.

ATLA Job Board

- ATLA, Chicago, IL, is looking for Editorial Board (2 open positions) for the Open Access Monographs, Editorial Board (2 open positions) for Theological Librarianship and for a Development Lead.
- Catholic Theological Union, Paul Bechtold Library, Chicago, IL, is looking for a Director, Paul Bechtold Library.
- Feehan Memorial Library and McEssy Theological Resource Center, University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary, is looking for Director of the Feehan Memorial Library and McEssy Theological Resource Center
- George Fox University: Newberg Campus, Newberg, OR, is looking for a Dean of Libraries.
- Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, The Klau Library, Cincinnati, OH, is looking for a Head of Technical Services.
- Northern Seminary, Lombard, IL, is looking for a Director of Library and Information Technology
- Pitts Theology Library, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, is looking for a Librarian.
- St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, California, is looking for a Library Director.
- The Montgomery Library, Westminster Theological Seminary, Glenside, PA, is looking for a Special Collections Librarian.
- Wheaton College, Buswell Memorial Library, Wheaton, IL, is looking for a Project Librarian for Continuing Resources.
- Yale University Library, New Haven, CT, is looking for a Divinity Special Collections Librarian.

Find the job listings here: https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/default.aspx

Welcome New Reciprocal Borrowing Participants

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Also, the Reciprocal Borrowing website (https://www.atla.com/Members/programs/Pages/Reciprocal-Borrowing-Initiative.aspx) now features a spreadsheet list of participating libraries, in addition to the current map. We hope that this addition will make promoting this program more convenient for you and your patrons.

Regent College, Vancouver, BC

Regent College (http://www.regent-college.edu/) was founded in 1968 as a graduate school of theology with the education of laity as its central focus. Later, the institution added degree programs to prepare students to enter the clergy. The College's community is composed of students from over 40 different countries and 30 denominations.

The John Richard Allison Library is one of the major theological libraries in western Canada and houses the joint resources of Regent and Carey Theological Colleges. The main strengths of the library's book collection lie in biblical studies, congregational and pastoral studies, and Protestant thought. In addition to print and digital collections, the library contains rare early printed works from authors such as Richard Baxter (1615-1691), John Bunyan (1628-1688), Thomas Hooker (1586?-1647), and George Whitefield (1714-1770.

Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, TX

Founded in 1903 by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI), Oblate School of Theology's (https://ost.edu/) original mission was to educate young men to serve as Oblate missionaries in the southern United States and the Philippines. Today, Oblate continues its mission of preparing students for global ministry.

The Donald E. O'Shaughnessy Library offers over 85,000 volumes as well as several special and rare book collections. The initial collection in the DEOL Rare Book Collection consists of pre-20th-century publications gathered from Oblate parishes in Texas during the 1890s. In addition to various rare book collections on pioneer missionary work, the Library houses historical archives which preserve local Texan church history and the materials of over 180 parishes in the Southwestern United States.

It's Time for ATLA/OCLC Consortium Renewals!

ATLA has received pricing information from OCLC for the FY2017-2018 subscription year that runs from July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018. This program provides discounted consortial pricing to OCLC services such as WorldCat Discovery/FirstSearch and the ATLA Group Catalog.

Institutions that currently participate in this consortium will receive an email with the renewal pricing and will need to confirm their desire to participate this year by Tuesday, May 16.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gillian Harrison Cain (gcain@atla.com) or Charlotte Koelsch (memberrep@atla.com). We hope you are finding your participation in the ATLA/OCLC consortium a useful benefit of your ATLA membership.

If you are an ATLA Institutional member and are interested in joining this consortium, you may confirm your eligibility or request a quote by contacting memberrep@atla.com. Full details for the ATLA/OCLC Consortia Purchasing Program can be found on the ATLA website: https://www.atla.com/Members/programs/Pages/OCLC-Consortium.aspx.

ATLA & SCELC Discounts on Oxford University Press Religion Content

Oxford University Press and SCELC are pleased to offer special pricing for religion resources to SCELC and ATLA member libraries, including additional volume-based discounts when at least four resources are ordered together.

About the Offer

Build a custom collection of Oxford University Press' philosophical and theological content for your institution. The religion resources in this offer provide content across the research journey, creating a rich research environment for scholars. From bibliographies and short introductions through to in-depth examinations in handbook and scholarly book content, this content will serve the needs of students at every level.

This offer is available only to new subscribers, and orders must be licensed and invoiced through SCELC to receive these discounts.

The order form is due June 15, 2017.

Have Questions?

Join us for a SCELC-hosted webinar this Thursday, April 20 at 1 pm CST! Follow this link to join (https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/813785117).

Full offer details available at http://scelc.org/offers/oxford-religion-and-philosophy-resources

ATLA Launches Beta Release of the ATLA Digital Library

The American Theological Library Association (ATLA) is excited to announce the beta release of the ATLA Digital Library (http://dl.atla.com/). The ATLA Digital Library brings together into one portal digital collections held by theological and religious studies libraries and organizations. It provides a single point of entry to these digital primary source materials, regardless of the location of the resources.

The ATLA Digital Library provides discoverability and access to digital collections in support of ATLA's mission of fostering the study of theology and religion by enhancing the development of theological and religious studies libraries and librarianship. Through collaboration with ATLA member and non-member libraries and organizations, the ATLA Digital Library Program will offer a range of services, from the aggregation of metadata, links to digital collections, and the hosting of collections on behalf of participating libraries and organizations.

The ATLA Digital Library is designed to provide members and other organizations with a standards compliant, sustainable, and interoperable hub in order to promote visibility and access of their valuable digital collections. ATLA Digital Library Program participants are committed to the following principles:
- open access to and free use and re-use of metadata
- free online access to digital content to the extent possible given existing rights to the content
- collaboration and collectively developing and maintaining best practices among program participants

The CDRI Collection

The ATLA Digital Library is being released initially in beta with its first collection, the Cooperative Digital Resources Initiative (CDRI). Migrated from its original home (since 2003) on the ATLA website, CDRI was a project of ATLA and the Association of Theological Schools (ATS). CDRI is a repository of digital resources contributed by member libraries and its creation was made possible by a generous grant from the Henry Luce Foundation (http://www.hluce.org/home.aspx).

The CDRI collection contains digital images of woodcuts, photographs, slides, papyri, coins, maps, postcards, manuscripts, lithographs, sermons, shape-note tune books, and various forms of Christian art, architecture, and iconography. Its coverage focus includes ancient Near East, missions, world religions, and more. We are thrilled to give this collection a new home with improved appearance, stability, and usability.

What's Next?

Over the coming months, development of the ATLA Digital Library Program and the platform will continue. The focus will be on creating resources and services to support participating libraries and other organizations in the management and dissemination of theological and religious cultural heritage materials.

More information about the ATLA Digital Library Program will be shared via the ATLA website, the ATLA Digital Library website, the ATLA Newsletter, and future webinars. You can also learn more about the program and how you or your library or organization can participate at the Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA this June. Register for the conference or add the Digital Projects Update session to your schedule (https://atla2017.sched.com/event/A7MU/atla-digital-projects-program-update).

If you have questions about the ATLA Digital Library Program, contact us at memberrep@atla.com.

Announcing Additions to ATLA Products – April 2017

We are pleased to announce the addition of titles now available in *ATLA RDB®* (*ATLA Religion Database®*).

New indexing titles in *ATLA RDB®*
- *Journal of Jewish Ethics* by Pennsylvania State University Press
- *Journal of Religion in Europe* by Brill
- *Journal of Religion in Japan* by Brill
- *Journal of Sufi Studies* by Brill
- *Revista Española de Teologia* by Ediciones Universidad San Dámaso
- *Prabuddha Bharata* by Advaita Ashrama
- *Yale Journal of Music & Religion* by Yale Institute of Sacred Music

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