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A Hub Sighting

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Submitted by Matthew Ostercamp, ATLA President

Four years ago the ATLA Board was challenged to set a big, audacious goal for the association. After a lot of conversation, we settled on the goal of seeing ATLA become the hub of worldwide scholarly communication in theology and religion. Having been a part of those conversations, it was especially gratifying to hear about progress toward that goal at the recent CATLA meeting in Elkhart, Indiana.



ATLA Digital Projects Manager Andy Carter joined the Chicago Area Theological Library Association (CATLA) at AMBS to talk about the [ATLA Digital Library](#) project and to lead the librarians gathered there in a conversation about what this project could become. Although, I don't think the digital library can be equated with "the hub," it is an exciting example of how ATLA can leverage the financial and intellectual capital it has acquired in service of theological and religious studies. This is the kind of organizational growth that the Board was envisioning.

A part of this meeting was spent brainstorming how ATLA and member libraries can collaborate to provide services and opportunities for digitizing special collections that would be difficult for libraries to achieve on their own. I came away excited about the possibilities for our regional library association and reaffirmed in my conviction that ATLA is doing important work and has a bright future.

If you would like to learn more about the Digital Library project or the future of ATLA, I hope you will join me next month when I will return to Indiana to continue the conversation with Andy and library colleagues from around the world at the [ATLA Annual Conference](#). The hub is being built. The work has begun. Let us join together and see it to completion.

Well-Being Program

 newsletter.atla.com/2018/well-being-program-2/

May 4, 2018



Submitted by Marie Jacobsen, ATLA Director of Financial Services

Over a year ago, I shared with the ATLA community that ATLA was in the process of forming a well-being program for employees. I discussed how well-being programs were becoming increasingly relevant and welcomed in the workplace.

In January 2017, eight dedicated ATLA employees from all across the five departments that make up ATLA formed a well-being committee. We have joined together as a group determined to build a culture that enriches employees and the organization with the five common elements well-being: purpose, social, financial, community, and physical.

As a committee, we decided that it was important to survey ATLA employees to ascertain which elements were most important to the staff and to determine what they wanted to learn and gain from the five elements. After receiving their responses, and analyzing what was most important to ATLA staff, the committee met to design a physical well-being program in answer to staff response. After considering many committee suggestions, the committee decided to do a walking initiative to fulfill the staff's physical well-being request. After several design meetings, the committee met to develop the walking initiative and worked on rolling out ATLA-thon to staff the chose to participate.

The ATLA-thon was a walking initiative that recorded the steps of participating staff. This was implemented in June and ended in August. As an office, we tracked how many steps we took weekly and would also try to "walk" to different ATLA Member Libraries throughout the summer. All participants were awarded a small gift card and the three walkers who had accumulated the most steps were eligible to be part of a drawing and received a prize.

In September, a short survey was sent out to the participants asking their opinion of what they liked, what the committee could have done better and if they would like to do the ATLA-thon as a physical well-being initiative again. The evaluation results were positive and the committee

Upcoming ATLA Events: May and June 2018

 newsletter.atla.com/2018/events-may/

May 4, 2018



ATLA is around the globe this season. Check out the new [ATLA Calendar](#) for a list of events, deadlines, and meetings.

If you would like your meeting or event added to the calendar, email memberep@atla.com.

Upcoming Events

ATLA Systems Routine Maintenance

May 7

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

ATLA Annual Conference Housing Deadline

May 10

[Book](#)

ATLA Annual Conference Early Bird Ticket Ends

May 10

[Register](#)

SEPTLA Spring Meeting

May 11

Code4Lib Chicago Chapter Meeting

May 16

[Register](#)

Library Publishing Forum

May 21-23

Minneapolis, MN

ForATL

May 21-25

Jakarta, Indonesia

Staff attending: Maria Stanton

ATLA Offices Closed

May 28

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June 1

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ATLA Systems Routine Maintenance

June 4

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Open Access Symposium (joint w/ Joint Conference on Digital Libraries)

Forth Worth, Texas

June 6

MTLA Workshop, “Rediscovering the value and agility of theological libraries”

June 8, 2018

[Learn more](#)

NASIG 2018

June 8 – June 11

Atlanta, GA, USA

Staff attending: Maria Stanton

ATLA Board Meeting

June 12

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Hyatt Regency Indianapolis

ATLA Annual Conference

June 13-16

Hyatt Regency Indianapolis

[Register](#)

ATLA Annual Conference Committee Meeting

June 17

Hyatt Regency Indianapolis

Register for Two Webinars this May: ATLA Products and ATLA PCC Funnels

ATLA newsletter.atla.com/2018/funnels-webinars-may/

April 20, 2018



ATLA Products: Updates on New Content Thursday, May 3, 1:00-2:00 pm CDT

The ATLA Products team members will provide an overview of new developments with ATLA Products, including *ATLASerials PLUS™* (*ATLAS PLUS™*), an expanded offering of 444+ full-text journals in many diverse areas of religion and theology. In addition, ATLA staff will also discuss enhancements and additions to the *ATLA Religion Database®* (*ATLA RDB®*), including the integration of the *ATLA Catholic Periodical and Literature Index®* (*ATLA CPLI®*) content.

Are there any specific questions or topics you'd like to see addressed? Registered attendees are welcome to email memberrep@atla.com with questions or you are welcome to ask them during the session. If your question is time-sensitive please email support@atla.com or refer to the [FAQ on ATLA's website](#).

[Register](#)

ATLA PCC Funnels Tuesday, May 8, 1:00 – 2:00 pm CDT

Please join ATLA Funnels Coordinator Richard Lammert for updates on ATLA's participation in three Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) programs: Name Authority Cooperative (NACO), Subject Authority Cooperative (SACO), and Cooperative Serials Program (CONSER). 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). We will also review our roll-out of the newest ATLA funnel, the SACO funnel, and highlight where contributions can be made in that area. Metadata librarians and catalogers interested in joining one of the projects as well as administrators looking to learn more about an important professional development opportunity for their technical services staff are encouraged to attend.

[Register](#)

Recordings Available

ATLA's On Demand Learning is a collection of free professional development webinars. Catch up on the latest ATLA webinars from March and April 2018 by visiting the [On Demand Learning](#) website or by visiting the links below.

Overview of OCLC's QuestionPoint for ATLA Members

During this session, you also will learn about a new ATLA incentive program just for ATLA members, the fourth in the partnership between ATLA and OCLC. Come learn how your library can benefit by joining four ATLA members that currently subscribe to the services. QuestionPoint provides a complete virtual reference management system, integrating chat, e-mail, a reference knowledge base, reports and analytic tools to give you a complete view of reference activity. In addition to seeing a demonstration, you will find out how to request incentive pricing and place an order.

Demystifying Digital Humanities: How Librarians Can Get Involved

Michael Hemenway, Director of Academic and Information Technology and Library Director, Iliff School of Theology

Micah Saxton, Collections Development and Reference Librarian, Iliff School of Theology

This webinar provides an introduction to the broad discipline of digital humanities. The presenters explore what digital humanities means and some of the main expressions of digital humanities work in theological schools. They also share some resources for learning more about areas such as machine learning, natural language processing, text encoding, and data visualization and how libraries and librarians can participate in this emerging movement.

Is Mentoring One Solution to Address the Shifting Library Landscape?

Donna Wells, Head of Technical Services, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Librarianship today can be very challenging. Standards change, users are impatient for immediate answers. Rumors and realities of the semantic web arise daily. How are these challenges to be met? One strategy is through mentoring. This presentation will seek to determine how our collective knowledge can be leveraged through mentoring to tackle the challenges of current librarianship.

Kicking Off the ATLA SACO Funnel

Richard Lammert, ATLA Funnels Coordinator and Technical Services and Systems Librarian, Concordia Theological Seminary

Now that the American Theological Library Association has received approval from the Library of Congress and the Program for Cooperative Cataloging, it is time to bring to fruition the idea that was originally broached at the 2016 annual conference: establishing the ATLA SACO Funnel. Join Richard Lammert, ATLA Funnels Coordinator to see how you can contribute to worldwide librarianship by creating Library of Congress Subject Headings and/or Library of Congress Classification numbers. The SACO program is a “low-impact” program, and does not require nearly the training and time commitment of the NACO or CONSER programs—so don’t think the water is deeper than you can handle; please check out your place in this program in this Webinar.

Fair Use for Libraries

Christine Fruin, Scholarly Communication and Open Access Publishing Manager, ATLA

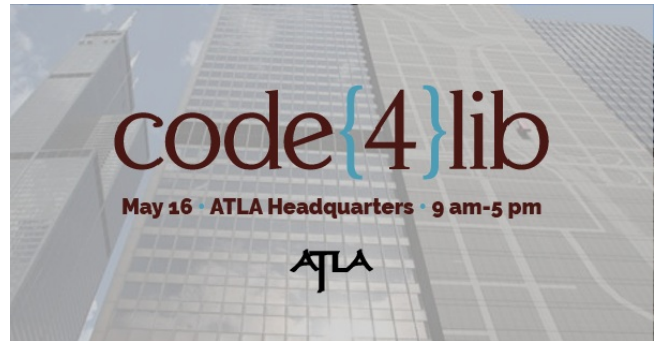
Fair use is a broad and flexible copyright exception that libraries may utilize to support their work and mission. Whether providing materials to students in online courses, creating digital exhibitions of unique and special collections, or facilitating text-based research projects by faculty, fair use enables libraries to make transformative and scholarly uses of copyrighted materials. However, the ongoing litigation between three publishers and Georgia State University as well as the language of the fair use statute itself, have left librarians uncertain about the bounds of what they may do under a claim of fair use. In this webinar, ATLA’s Scholarly Communication and Open Access Publishing Manager Christine Fruin shares updates with participants on the current legal interpretation of the fair use statute and how to apply it to the work that they do.

Check out the Schedule for the Chicago Code4Lib Meeting at ATLA Headquarters

 newsletter.atla.com/2018/chicago-code4lib-2/

May 4, 2018

On Wednesday, May 16, ATLA will be hosting a one-day meeting of the Chicago Code4Lib chapter. This event, to be held in the building's eighth floor conference center, brings together a range of professionals engaged with technology in libraries.



This event is free to attend. The program will involve a mix of lightning talks, panel talks, and possibly some break-outs. This is a great opportunity for two organizations to learn about each other, for ATLA to encourage our tech-minded members to get involved with other library organizations, and for Chicago-area librarians and programmers to share their latest news.

[Register today!](#)

ATLA members in the area are welcome to attend just a session or two or the whole day if they're interested. Also, we invite you to share this event with anyone you think might be interested.

Current Schedule

We are excited to share that we have three Lightning Talks scheduled:

1. Help! My School is Suddenly a Sportsball Story!: Emergency Digital Preservation when Events Break
2. Adding Related Content (events, similar titles) to ILS Notices
3. Preparing for Data Migration: Averting the Zombie Apocalypse

And we also have ATLA Production Programmer Timothy Yoder presenting on "Incremental Fiction – API First Development in Action."

Call for Presenters

There's still time to get on the schedule! If you have a technical project that you've been working on, some developmental code, a beta version of whatever, a new feature or ideal tool for a library website/catalog and would like to share it in a lightning talk, please contact [Andy](#)

Carter, ATLA Digital Projects Manager. He can talk to you about the idea, the presentation, or any other questions you might have.

You can read more about Code4Lib at <https://code4lib.org/about>.

Early Bird Pricing Ends May 10 for the 2018 ATLA Annual Conference in Indianapolis, June 13-16

ATLA newsletter.atla.com/2018/atla2018-earlybird/

April 30, 2018



Come join a gathering of theological librarians, publishers, scholars, students, and other information providers in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 13-16 as we focus on “Connection at the Crossroads: Creative Collaboration in a Changing Landscape.” Register before May 10 to reserve your lowest ticket price for the 2018 ATLA Annual Conference.

To help you register, we have answered the six main questions about the conference. These questions and others can be found on the conference [FAQ page](#).

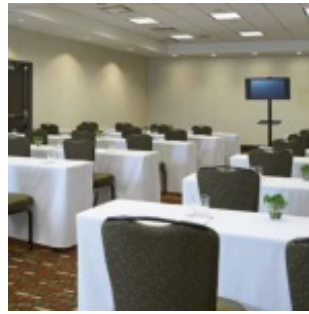
How can I register to attend?

If you are an ATLA Individual, Student, or Lifetime Member or are from an ATLA Institutional or Affiliate Member, [follow this link to register](#).

If you or your institution are not a member of ATLA, registration requires two processes, Creating a Profile and Registering for the Conference. For detailed instructions, download the [Non-Member Registration Instructions](#) and [follow this link to register](#).

Where can I make hotel reservations?

This year’s conference will be hosted at the [Hyatt Regency Indianapolis](#). Hotel rooms are offered at a discounted rate of \$175-\$195, plus applicable taxes. [Use this link to book your hotel before May 10 for the best rates](#). If you prefer to call, dial 844-454-7950 and use code: AM Theological Library Assn.



Where is the conference schedule?

The 2018 conference schedule can be found at <https://atla2018.sched.com>.

What are the fees to attend the conference?

Member Type	2018 Early Bird	2018 After May 10
Individual Member or Institutional Member Representative	\$200	\$250
Student Member	\$125	\$175
Lifetime Member	\$0	\$0
International (not including Canada or business representatives)	\$0	\$0
Non-Member from Member Institution	\$230	\$280
Affiliate Member Representative	\$ 350	\$400
Non-Member (including business reps)	\$400	\$450
Spouse/Partner of registered attendee – Full Conference (Spouse/Partner not a member)	\$125	\$175
Spouse/Partner of registered attendee – Opening Reception (Wednesday)	\$25	\$25
Spouse/Partner of registered attendee – Closing Luncheon (Saturday)	\$25	\$25
Spouse/Partner of registered attendee – Excursions Only (Spouse/Partner not a member Additional fees may apply for each excursion)	\$0	\$0
Exhibitor Hall Pass Only (Thursday or Friday)	\$25	\$25

Are travel grants available?

ATLA is pleased to offer grants to support attendance at the 2018 ATLA Annual Conference. Any ATLA Student or Individual member in good standing as of **January 1, 2018**, is eligible to apply. Apply for the Travel Grant by Monday, April 30. **[Learn more about this program.](#)**

Are there any grants available for international attendees?

Yes, we have the [Developing Country Conference Program](#), which can be combined with a [Conference Travel Grant](#). Apply for the grant by Monday, April 30.

[Go to the official 2018 ATLA Annual Conference page for more information.](#)

The 2018 ATLA Annual Conference Provides Sacred Space for Attendees

ATLA newsletter.atla.com/2018/sacredspace-atla2018/

May 1, 2018

For the first time in ATLA's history, we will be providing a sacred space for conference attendees to have a place of personal or communal reflection. Sponsored by the Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), this dedicated room is designed to welcome people of any religion and walk of life.



Conference attendees will be able to reserve the space throughout the conference. Reservations will be on a first come first serve basis from Thursday and Friday, 8:30 am-8:00 pm, and Saturday, 8:30 am-11:00 am. The room is available for both individuals and groups and is equipped with a microphone and 75-80 chairs.

Those interested may reserve the room by [signing up](#). If you would like to invite others to join you for communal reflection, please indicate by including the word “public” with your name or group name during sign-up and we will post on the [official conference SCHED](#) site as well as on a schedule outside the room.

[Haven't registered for the ATLA Annual Conference in Indianapolis, June 13-16? Learn more and register today.](#)

[Read more about the Committee for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion \(DEI\).](#)

Meet Friday's Plenary Speaker at ATLA 2018, Stephanie M. Crumpton

 newsletter.atla.com/2018/stephaniecrumpton/

April 19, 2018

We are pleased to introduce Stephanie M. Crumpton, Friday's plenary speaker for the 2018 ATLA Annual Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, June 13-16.

Stephanie is a scholar, teacher, and ordained minister. In 2006 she began doctoral research on Black women's experiences of intimate and cultural violence. During this time she also worked as a Georgia State Court Appointed Family Violence Advocate in the Fulton County Solicitor General's Office (Atlanta, Georgia), and consulted with the Georgia Commission on Family Violence's initiative to equip faith communities with networks and practical resources for responding to intimate violence. This work continues to inform her trauma sensitive approach to psychological, physical, and emotional health and her ongoing research, teaching, and community engagements as an assistant professor of practical theology. Her course portfolio includes introductory level courses in pastoral care and religious education, and elective courses on pastoral theological method for justice work, womanist/feminist pastoral care and counseling, and the role of African cosmology and ritual in pastoral care.



Crack the Code: What's not being said about the *shifting nature* of theological education?

This plenary will address how reading, writing, class, and race converge in the intellectual lives of students who are shifting the norms of collections, services, and teaching in theological education.

[Register for the 2018 ATLA Annual Conference](#) as you do not want to miss out on this fantastic presentation from Stephanie M. Crumpton!

[Add this session to your SCHED.](#)

Register for the Pre-Conference Workshops at ATLA 2018

 newsletter.atla.com/2018/pre-conference-atla2018/

April 18, 2018

Enjoy the full conference experience by registering for pre-conference workshops on Wednesday, June 13 at the 2018 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 information literacy, scholarly communication, pedagogical practices, and digital humanities.



Haven't registered for the ATLA conference? Register by May 10 to secure the best ticket price. 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).

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

Game of Pros: Forging Alliances for Effective Information Literacy (\$30 per person)

This pre-conference workshop, led by members and coordinated by Paul Myhre from the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, will examine how we collaborate with campus constituencies to incorporate effective information literacy outreach into programs and courses. We'll explore questions in three specific areas: The Distance Between Us: Teaching Non-Traditional Students Information Literacy; Information Literacy as a Collaborative Effort: Working with Administrators, Faculty, and IT; and It's a Matter of Space and Time: Where, and How, and When Information Literacy Happens.

[Learn more](#)

Writing for the Profession: Librarians as Scholarly Authors (\$30 per person)

Have you thought about authoring a journal article, book chapter, monograph, or other scholarly work? Are you confused about the publishing options available? Do you have questions about how to choose the best fit to express your work and ideas and to reach your intended audience? Do you have an idea or an almost completed manuscript that you would like to receive feedback on? Then this workshop is for you!

[Learn more](#)

Pedagogy of the Archive: Platforms and Practices for Teaching with Digital Archives (\$50 per person)

Building upon a recent two-day workshop funded by the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning, this full-day workshop explores best pedagogical practices in collection, description, and presentation of digitized historical images from archives and special collections. We will review the efforts and insights of a group of ten different archives to produce the “[Stone-Campbell Teaching Archive](#)” and will seek to identify ways forward for an even deeper and more expansive teaching tool.

[Learn more](#)

THATCampATLA (\$15 per person)

Digital Humanities is changing the way we do research and teaching across all disciplines, and theological schools are no exception. Much of the most cutting edge work in digital humanities is being done by librarians. So, if you would like to join with others to share in learning how libraries can participate in and encourage the digital humanities, join us at [THATCampATLA](#). THATCamp stands for “The Humanities and Technology Camp” and exists to bring humanists and technologists of every skill level together to learn how to integrate digital technologies into their teaching and research.

[Learn more](#)

ATLA & PALNI OCLC WMS Pre-Conference Event (Free)

This half-day event will include a WMS update, an overview of recent [WorldCat Discovery](#) enhancements, and news about what’s coming next with WMS from OCLC staff. We’re currently building the agenda and other topics that may be covered include: managing your open access materials using the WorldCat knowledge base, compiling the data for your library’s ATLA Annual Statistical Reporting, and getting the most from your WMS with tips from peers and OCLC staff.

[Learn more](#)

Register for the conference today!

The SCOOP: The Metric System – Measuring Impact in Scholarly Communication

ATLA newsletter.atla.com/2018/scoop-metricssystem/

May 3, 2018



Submitted by Christine Fruin, ATLA Member Programs and Scholarly Communication Manager

A Brief History of Metrics: From the Journal Impact Factor to Altmetrics

Ask an author why he or she has published their work in an academic journal, and one of the common responses you will hear is that they want to establish themselves as an expert in their field. Their reputation as an expert, and by extension the value attributed to their published work, is usually tied to *where* that article was published, or more critically what rank that journal holds among other journals in the field. Journal ranking calculated according to a journal's impact factor has historically been the predominant metric for measuring the impact and quality of scholarship. However, reliance upon this flawed means of measuring the importance of one's contribution to the field may have contributed to some of the problems with the current system of scholarly publishing.

With the growth of alternative means of disseminating scholarly works (e.g., open access publishing and pre-print servers) and online availability of related scholarly objects (e.g., presentation slides and data sets), alternative means of measuring impact were needed. In response, the field of altmetrics was born. Altmetrics measure scholarly impact in the online environment in which scholarly dissemination now largely lives. Altmetrics counts citations as well as hits, mentions, downloads, and tweets from a variety of sources across publishing, academia, and social media. Parallel to the rise of altmetrics and measuring the impact of individual pieces of scholarship came the growing need for tools to help authors to improve identification and linking of academic works to themselves as their creators. Below are some of these tools and resources to better measure the impact of scholarly works and improve linking of scholarly works with their creators:

Tools for Measuring Impact and Assuring Author Identity

Metrics Toolkit – <http://www.metrics-toolkit.org/resources/>

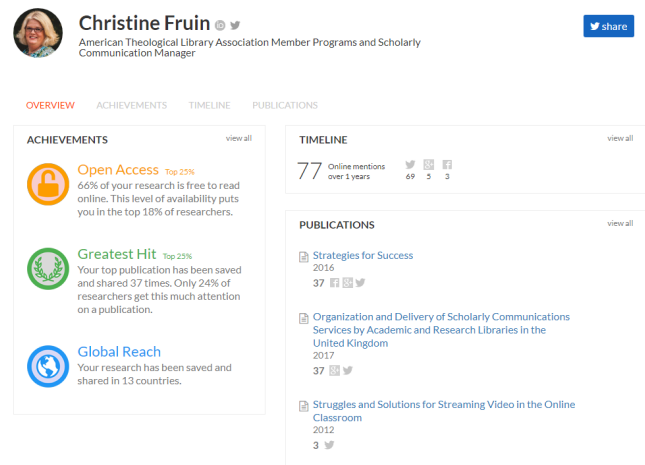
The Metrics Toolkit provides information about many available research metrics across disciplines, including how each metric is calculated, where you can find it, and how each should (and should not) be applied. You'll also find examples of how to use metrics in grant applications, CVs, and promotion dossiers. Through the Toolkit, you can browse the metrics you want to learn more about or you can choose metrics that will be best for your use case by filtering by discipline, research output, and impact type categories.

ORCID – <https://orcid.org/>

If you have ever published an article, participated in grant-funded research, written a blog, posted a dataset online, or created any other myriad of scholarly objects, you will want to create a free profile on ORCID and obtain your unique 16-digit identifier. ORCID (Open Researcher and Contribution ID) aims to solve the name ambiguity problem in scholarly communication by creating a registry of persistent unique identifiers for individual researchers and an open and transparent linking mechanism between ORCID, other ID schemes, and research objects such as publications, grants, and patents. Increasingly, grant funders and publishers are requiring grantees and authors to have an ORCID. (For an example profile, please see my ORCID page at <https://orcid.org/0000-0003-2314-5264>)

ImpactStory Profiles –
<https://profiles.impactstory.org>

Founded by the researchers who coined the term “altmetrics,” ImpactStory is an open-source website that helps researchers explore and share the online impact of their research. Users create an ImpactStory Profile with either a Twitter account or an ORCID number, and in return, ImpactStory gathers data from across the web to tell a story about an individual’s scholarly footprint.



Publish or Perish – <https://harzing.com/resources/publish-or-perish>

A freely downloadable software application, Publish or Perish retrieves and analyzes academic citations based on search parameters entered by the user. It uses a variety of data sources, including Google Scholar and Microsoft Academic Search, to obtain raw citations, then analyzes the data and presents metrics such as citation counts, the H-index and its variants, and the g-index. The on-screen display of results can be saved to a variety of output formats for further reference and analysis.

Recommended Further Reading:

- The ACRL Scholarly Communications Toolkit includes a section on “Measuring Impact,” which includes links to articles on the history of bibliometrics as well as to additional

resources and tools for measuring article-level and journal-level metrics as well as altmetrics. <https://acrl.libguides.com/scholcomm/toolkit/impact>

- In 2013, SPARC released a primer on article-level metrics. This guide still stands as a useful tool for understanding this important metric for measuring impact at the article level. <https://sparcopen.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/SPARC-ALM-Primer.pdf>
- In a special Bulletin of the Association for Information Science and Technology learn more about the What, Why and Where of Altmetrics. http://www.asis.org/Bulletin/Apr-13/Bulletin_AprMay13_Final.pdf
- A brief but informative article on the “Grand Challenges in Measuring and Characterizing Scholarly Impact.” <https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/frma.2016.00004/full>

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As Seen on Twitter: April 2018

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May 1, 2018

The ATLA Twitter feed is filled with news on ATLA events and product updates as well as stories that have relevance to the work of libraries and librarians.

Here are some highlights from last month's [@YourATLA](#) Twitter feed:

As Seen on Twitter

Conducting research that requires reading & deciphering old handwriting (aka [#palaeography](#))? Here is a great compilation of online resources to help you explore and understand this fascinating skill and area of research. <http://ow.ly/uA8h30jqYQe> [#handwriting](#) [#researchtools](#)

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New Catholic Content from the Heart of Rome in ATLASerials PLUS™
<https://productsblog.atla.com/2018/catholic-rome/>

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New SCOOP column on how [#librarians](#) are not just knowledge providers, they create knowledge, too, through writing and sharing their own scholarship. Learn about opportunities for you to share your knowledge and expertise. <https://newsletter.atla.com/2018/the-scoop-librarians-are-knowledge-creators-not-just-knowledge-providers/> [#NationalLibraryWeek](#)

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Digital Humanities and the Study of Asia, Part I

ATLA newsletter.atla.com/2018/asianstudies-1/

Submitted by Antonio Terrone, ATLA East Asia Metadata Analyst

May 1, 2018

On March 22-25 this year Washington, DC, hosted the 34th annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies ([AAS](#)), the largest association of scholars dedicated to the study of Asia. According to the organizers, this was the largest meeting in the history of the AAS with close to four thousand registered participants speaking for the continually growing relevance of the study of Asia. The more than 443 panels organized for the event offered a plethora of thematic issues for scholarly exchange, analysis, and discussion. The vibrancy of Asian studies could also be seen by simply visiting the colorful and creative publishers and vendors' exhibit hall. More than ninety vendors from various parts of the world gathered in DC, to offer a sample of not only recent publications, but also of trends and innovations in the field of Asian studies, scholarly communications, and data preservation. While satisfying the intellect shopping for publications, databases, and publishers' offers, the fortunate visitors at the AAS book expo could also have a chance to appreciate a touch of Japanese elegance and aesthetic beauty at the tea ceremony offered by the Kinokuniya Bookstores, and a taste of European food at Brill Publisher's stand, which offered complimentary selection of the best Dutch cheese, bread, and wine!

Beyond scholarly publication and academic conversations, the AAS conference was also home to a three-day Film Expo in partnership with [Asian Educational Media Service \(AEMS\)](#), a database service based at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Considering the increasing use of audio video and visual materials in classrooms, multimedia resources about Asia promise to continue to be a major source of knowledge to understand Asian cultures and people, while assisting educators with creative tools to teach about Asia. The screenings included some twenty-six documentary and independent films on issues reflecting contemporary life in Asia ranging from the nuclear disaster in Japan, freedom and democracy in Myanmar, and art and politics in China, to women and climate change in Bay of Bengal's Sundarbans forest, and the struggle for [Tibetan children's education](#) in remote Himalayas.

Based on my experience at the AAS, this article provides an overview of and commentary on these trends, focusing on two broad features that stood out there and that I find indicative of the current scholarly climate, including "Digital Technologies in Asian Studies" and "Asian Studies Librarianship." First, in this article, we will look at the broader discussion related to the digital technology and data science in the field of Asian studies. Second, in the forthcoming issue of the [ATLA Newsletter](#), I will look at librarianship and library informatics.



A moment of grace and elegance in the Japanese art of tea serving at the AAS 2018 (photo credit: author)



(Left to right) Dr. Fenggang Yang, Dr. Jonathan E. E. Pettit, and Dr. Charles Chang at the “Big Data Analysis of Chinese Religions on Social Media Under Xi Jinping Regime” panel at the AAS 2018.

Data, Digitization, and Technology

Although the growth and importance of digital humanities have long been visible in the academic study of Asia, this year’s AAS meeting was particularly generous in offering proof of the undeniable prominence of the digital and communication technology and its applications in understanding Asian cultures and societies. While offering a platform for scholarly conversations on various aspects of Asian societies including politics, religion, literature, and history, there were numerous opportunities for scholars, librarians, and Asia analysts to offer valuable insights into the use and challenges of quantitative research methods, digitization, and library informatics emerging in this new era.

One feature of these ongoing developments in the field of digital humanities that is particularly strong in Asian studies is the increasingly collaborative and mutually supportive relationship between scholarly research and specialized librarianship. Several panels provided venues for an innovative conversation about this — more than fifty panels were specifically focused on digital humanities in the study of Asia. To mention just a few, panels included:

- “Opportunities and Concerns: Collaborations between Scholars and Librarians in the Digital Era”
- “Beyond Digitization, Cross-Specialization”
- “The China Biographical Database Project: Collaboration Between Research Projects and Libraries in Addressing Digital Humanities Challenges”
- “Digital Humanities and New Directions in Studying East Asian Art and Architecture”
- “Big Data Analysis of Chinese Religions on Social Media Under Xi Jinping Regime”
- “Rethinking Asian Studies Librarianship”

Digital Technologies in Asian Studies

Most people in academia would agree that humanistic scholarship is highly dependent on new resources and research tools to bring updated methods for sound critical scholarly research and reflection. Not only is the field of Digital Humanities expanding and claiming increased attention in academic and scholarly productions, other categories including big data mining and analysis, social media research, and media technologies are also receiving robust consideration. With numerous intellectual activities, communication exchanges, social interactions, and information as well as educational work now being conducted on the Internet, digital technology has not just drastically grown, it has reshaped how we archive, access, and analyze knowledge in and from every part of the world.

As an example, the case of the “[Oral Bhutan Project](#)” at the Shejun Agency for Bhutan’s Cultural Documentation and Research aiming to preserve and promote the rich Buddhist culture of the Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan offers an eye-opening example of the successful use of new technologies and digital resources in remote areas of our planet. Another notable example of digital technology innovation is the recent “[A Digital Publishing Initiative](#)” at Stanford University Press that provides a new way to visualize, analyze, and interpret data. These models of publishing are becoming more widespread for many reasons. First, they allow information published electronically and on the web (websites, blogs, e-readers, and so forth) to reach a wider audience with marketing advantages and lower costs. More importantly, they offer new technical advantages as well, including loosened editorial restrictions (no paper, fewer space/length constraints, limitless publication of photos, images, and pictures); enhanced interactivity (hyperlinked passages, combination of video and imaging, possibilities of online editing and so forth); and new opportunities for making unconventional items available. An example of this latter case is the emerging field of computational social sciences, where computers are employed not only to automatically analyze content in various media, but also to model, simulate, and analyze social phenomena as in data mining and social network analysis.

Working with Computation Technologies

One of the highlights at this year’s AAS was a working group specifically exploring which directions digital humanities is taking in the field of Asian studies. The “Digital Technologies in Asian Studies Working Group” was organized with this intent and the enthusiastic participation it garnered was a sign of the relevance of digital humanities and computational social sciences in many fields of academia. A growing number of scholars are dedicating their efforts to disseminate knowledge and encourage conversations on the continually changing world of computation technologies. What is at stake in this endeavor is not only information accessibility, distribution, and preservation, but also the survival of humanities itself. It is the awareness that research is being increasingly mediated through digital technology and emerging new media, thus combining creativity and academic credibility. The leading scholars behind the working group concluded that the time has matured for the AAS to set up a specific forum within its institutional authority to facilitate research, communication, and training in new technological tools and to assist in discussions on new directions. One of the prominent scholars in this initiative is [Dr. Jeffrey R. Tharsen](#), University of Chicago Lead Computational

Scientist for the Digital Humanities, who specializes in Chinese language and literature. In his work, mostly focused on linguistics, philology, and literature, he pairs information technologies and computational methodologies with the study of Asian humanities.

Data Science and Artificial Intelligence in Publishing

The roundtable resulted in a series of requests, suggestions, and needs among the participants that will be then organized in a formal document to present to the AAS commission to create a new session dedicated to Digital Asian Studies. This would include a request for a webpage that will function as a hub for its members. The meeting participants discussed several technical issues as well as potential themes for future discussion. The organizers compiled a list of topics suggested for further development as panels in forthcoming AAS meetings. Although the list is too long to reproduce fully here, for a glimpse, suggestions included:

- “Dataverse and Dataverse Repositories (The Dataverse Project)”
- “GIS Technology”
- “Social Media Analysis”
- “Text Modeling
- “Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) in Asia Studies”
- “Asian Languages Normalization for Cataloguing & Indexing”
- “Database Normalization”
- “Database Beginner’s Guide Workshops”
- “Data Camp (Statistical and Machine Learning Technologies)”
- “The Science of Faceted/Controlled Vocabulary”
- “Exhibition and Showcases of DH Projects”
- “IP and Property Rights in the Digital Era”
- “Vendors Presentations”

Machine learning (ML) and artificial intelligence (AI) were two ideas that excited the most participants. Data science is undoubtedly receiving energy and attention, and how to put AI into practice in digital publishing seems to be defining future strategies in many fields.

Read part two on Asian Studies Librarianship in the next issue of the ATLA Newsletter.



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ATLA Job Board Postings, May 2018

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Member and non-member institutions are invited to post job openings on the [ATLA Job Board](#). Here is a list of the current job openings:



- **Information Services Coordinator**
Western Seminary-Portland Campus, Portland, OR, posted 4/23/18
- **Information Services Librarian**
Western Seminary-Portland Campus, Portland, OR, posted 4/23/18
- **Public Services Supervisor**
Brandel Library, North Park University, Chicago, IL, posted 4/16/18
- **Librarian**
Bethel Seminary, San Diego Campus, San Diego, CA, posted 4/13/18
- **ATLA Press – Books Editor**
ATLA, Chicago, IL, posted 4/13/18
- **Directory of Library Services**
Barry University, Miami Shores, FL, posted 3/20/18
- **Head of Collection Development**
The Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA, posted 3/20/18

Want to post a job opening? Visit the [Submissions Guidelines](#) page for more information.

Anthony Elia Named New Bridwell Library Director

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Anthony Elia has been named J.S. Bridwell Foundation Endowed Librarian and Director of Bridwell Library at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, effective June 1. He succeeds retiring Director Roberta Schaafsma, who has served in that role since April 2007.

Elia, Director of Library and Educational Technology at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis since 2013, will be responsible for providing vision, strategic direction, and operational leadership for Bridwell Library. In addition, he will promote the development of collections and oversee the library's public service and user education efforts.

Elia earned a BA degree in religious studies from St. Lawrence University, MA degrees in religious studies from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and in the history of Christianity from the University of Chicago Divinity School, and an MLIS from the University of Illinois.

He brings significant expertise in library science and educational technology, which he has utilized in both U.S. and global contexts. From 2010-13, he served as head Public Services Librarian at Burke Library, Columbia University, and was a lecturer in theological writing at Union Theological Seminary, both in New York City. In addition, he has held positions at the JKM Library of McCormick Theological Seminary and Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, the American Theological Library Association, and the Regenstein Library, University of Chicago.

The author of numerous publications, he will present "The Theology of Cybersecurity" at the June 2018 ATLA Annual Conference in Indianapolis. Elia has held numerous leadership positions in his field, including membership on the Directors' Committee of the Private Academic Library Network of Indiana (PALNI), where he also served as secretary of the Executive Committee. He was chair/president of the New York Area Theological Library Association (NYATLA) from 2011-12 and vice-president of the Chicago Area Theological Library Association (CATLA) in 2010. In addition, he was chair and past co-chair of the International Relations Round Table IVC Committee, American Library Association (ALA) from 2013-15.

Join us in congratulating Anthony on this new position!

[Read the full press release from SMU Perkins School of Theology](#)

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Photo Credit: SMU Perkins School of Theology

Welcome New Members: Continental Theological Seminary, IBTS Centre, Judson Bible College, and Southern Reformed College & Seminary

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Please join us in welcoming our new members who joined this spring. We would like to take this opportunity to help you get to know these institutions better.

Institutional Member Continental Theological Seminary, Sint-Pieters-Leeuw, Belgium

Established in 1959, Continental Theological Seminary (CTS) prepares students for ministry in the Pentecostal tradition. In addition to diploma pathways, CTS offers a Master of Theology in Evangelical and Pentecostal Studies. CTS is situated in a historic chateau (Rattendaal Castle) which dates back to 1174. In World War II, German occupation forces inhabited the chateau, and it later became a school for young Jewish men after the liberation of Belgium.



The V. G. Greisen Memorial Library serves as a resource for CTS students and holds more than 45,000 volumes in English, Dutch, French, and German in its collections. The CTS student population hails from over thirty nations, and this diversity is reflected in the languages of the library collections and periodicals.



Photo Credit: IBTS Centre

Institutional Member IBTS Centre, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

The International Baptist Theological Study (IBTS) Centre Amsterdam is an independent Baptist theological institution and a collaboration within the Faculty of Theology of the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. The current cohort of students is drawn from Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Colombia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Ghana, Lebanon, the Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Sweden, UK, Ukraine, and the USA. The IBTS Centre hosts regular conferences and lectures on the themes of Baptist history, identity, and ethics, and produces two peer-reviewed academic journals each year: *Journal of European Baptist Studies* and *Baptistic Theologies*.

The IBTS Centre Library specializes in Baptist and Anabaptist Studies. Special collections include: the Regnum Edinburgh Centenary Series, published by Regnum Books International, an imprint of the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, which provides a current perspective on mission worldwide; the Baptisten Seminarium Collection, a collection of about 1,500 titles in Dutch that support the curriculum of the Dutch Baptist Seminary; and the International Society of Science and Religion (ISSR) collection consisting of 224 books spanning all important areas and disciplines.



Photo credit: Judson Bible College

Institutional Member Judson Bible College, Laurel, Maryland

Founded in 2008 as the Burmese Bible School, Judson Bible College trains students from various denominations who desire to be trained bilingually in the areas of biblical knowledge,



Photo credit: Southern Reformed Seminary

theological insights, intercultural studies, linguistic studies, spiritual growth, and ministerial education for cross-cultural ministries. In 2013, the college underwent a name change to honor the First American missionary to Burma, Adoniram Judson, who also translated the entire Bible to Burmese and created an English-Burmese dictionary.

Judson Education Center Inc. is planning to develop ten teaching sites throughout the United States where multiethnic immigrants are located. In addition to Judson Bible College, which operates as a teaching site of Davis College, there are currently five teaching sites in the following locations: Buffalo, New York; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Washington DC Area; Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Wheaton, Illinois.

Institutional Member Southern Reformed College & Seminary, Houston, Texas

In 2008, Southern Reformed College & Seminary began with the purpose of providing higher education in ministry for a growing Korean-American population. The seminary later added classes taught in Spanish to welcome the growing Spanish-speaking community in Houston and beyond.

The Southern Reformed Library houses English, Spanish, and Korean theological collections to meet the growing needs of the increasingly multicultural seminary community. The seminary also publishes *The Southern Reformed Theological Journal*, which covers the historical, theological, biblical, and practical studies within the Reformed theological tradition and ministry.

Not a member? Learn more about joining the association.

Two Exciting Discount Offers for ATLA Members

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Your library has an opportunity to be part of a special group purchase of Sustainable Collection Services (SCS) and GreenGlass® and/or WorldShare® Management Services (WMS) just for ATLA Institutional and Affiliate-Candidate Members.



Sustainable Collection Services (SCS) and GreenGlass®

Sustainable Collection Services (SCS) and GreenGlass® provides actionable data so you can make critical decisions about your library's print collections, like whether to externalize print operations to shared repositories or take on deselection or shared print projects.

Read how Saint Anselm College demonstrated the value of their special collections using GreenGlass.

“Using GreenGlass, I’m able to more easily provide data and information to people who are asking about our special collections, whether it’s our faculty and students, outside researchers, or potential donors.”

– Keith Chevalier, Archivist and Head of Special Collections, Saint Anselm College

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- Stories from ATLA librarians on their experiences with WMS
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- Details about the incentive program

If you would like to learn more about this special offer, please contact Suzanne Butte, OCLC Strategic Accounts Director, at buttes@oclc.org.

Welcome New Reciprocal Borrowing Participants

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Please join us in welcoming our most recent participants to the [Reciprocal Borrowing Program](#). If you are interested in adding your library to this program, please read and complete the [participation agreement](#).

If you are already a member of this program, don't forget to fill out the [profile form](#) online so we can provide program users with information about your library's collections and lending policies.



Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri

In 1839, [Concordia Seminary](#) was established by German immigrants and nicknamed “The Log Cabin College.” Today, Concordia Seminary is one of the two private seminaries of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) and serves as a center for theological studies, research, and the continuing education of the clergy. Since its founding, Concordia Seminary has trained more than 12,500 professionals.

While the [Concordia Seminary Library](#)'s holdings highlight the history and doctrine of the Lutheran church, they also provide extensive resources for the study of ecumenism and of individual denominations, as well as special collections in hymnology, liturgics, the Peasants' War, classical philology and other areas. The rare book collection contains more than 6,000 volumes, including composer J.S. Bach's personal, annotated Bible.

Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton, Alberta

The primary purpose of [Concordia Lutheran Seminary](#) is to prepare men for the pastoral ministry of Lutheran Church–Canada, and beyond. Chartered in 1984, the seminary is located on the same campus as the Concordia University of Edmonton, the Lutheran Historical Institute, and the Alberta – British Columbia District Office of Lutheran Church – Canada.



The CLS library contains approximately 20,000 books, 100 journals, and a number of videos, CDs, and DVDs, in addition to access to electronic databases. The library provides works in all area of theology related to the text tradition of Lutheranism, and significant works from other traditions, both current and historically significant, a minor focus in the history of Lutheranism, especially in western Canada. In addition to the main collection, the library offers two special collections: Parish materials (used for congregational ministry) and foreign-language materials (especially German, in support of the text tradition of Lutheranism).

General Theological Seminary, New York, New York

General Theological Seminary was chartered in 1817 with a vision of serving the entire Episcopal Church, where students from all parts of the country could come to prepare for ordination and lay leadership. Since 1822, General has graduated over 7,000 students.



The Christoph Keller, Jr. Library at General Seminary is the oldest Episcopal seminary library and a founding member of the New York Area Theological Library Association (NYATLA). Collection strengths include: editions of the Bible in English, Latin, the major European languages, as well as Native American, Asian, and African languages; biblical exegesis; editions of the Book of Common Prayer from 1549 to the present day, in every language represented in the Anglican Communion; English Theology from the early sixteenth to the nineteenth century; Anglican ecclesiology; and neo-Gothic church architecture.

The ATLA Reciprocal Borrowing Program

Not familiar with the ATLA Reciprocal Borrowing Program? By joining the program, more than 90 ATLA members across the United States and Canada have agreed to grant check-out privileges to patrons from other libraries participating in the program. Visit the map to see what libraries are currently part of the program.

Never Enough Singing: Essays in Honor of Seth Kasten Now Open Access

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**Submitted by Melody Layton
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“This small volume is a labor of love on the part of current and past members of the ATLA choir, the rather ragtag group of sometime singers.” So began the preface to the 2011 edition of *Never Enough Singing: Essays in Honor of Seth Kasten*, published

by ATLA to honor Seth on his retirement. Seth had been the Reference and Collection Development Librarian at Burke Library at the Union Theological Seminary (now a part of the Columbia University Libraries) from 1973 until the time of his retirement. He served on the ATLA Board of Directors and compiled a yearly list of reference books published in religion and theology, a collection development must-have for those who were assigned this particular task.

I had the great pleasure of inviting this “ragtag group” to write for this book, a collection of essays about hymns and other sacred music. It was a wonderful outpouring of love and respect for Seth who pulled together this group to sing each year at the Annual Conference at various worship experiences and at the memorials for those ATLA members who had died the previous year.

Now ATLA has organized the digitization of the book and is making it freely available in the open access book project. These twenty-four essays, including ones about the ATLA hymn, “O God, Our Help of Ages Past” and “The *Kontakian*,” which was a part of the ritual of many years of memorials, not only provide a wealth of information about and reflection on these particular hymns, but also provide a slice of the history of ATLA when singing was still a part of the entire experience of being together with other theological librarians.

The book is available at <https://books.atla.com/atlapress/catalog/book/15>.

Please be sure to catalog and add it to your collection!

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Theological Librarianship (TL) Publishes New Issue

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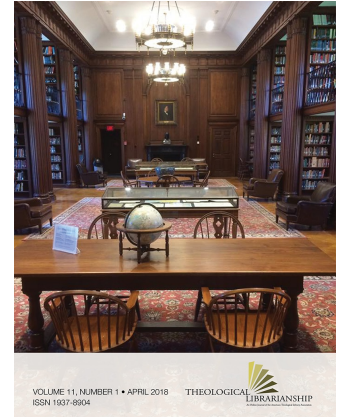
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Submitted by Jennifer Woodruff Tait, Editor in Chief, *Theological Librarianship*

Please check out the newest issue of *Theological Librarianship* (TL)(11, no. 1) at the following link:

<https://theolib.atla.com/theolib/issue/view/23>

It contains “something for everyone” (to quote Stephen Sondheim’s “Comedy Tonight.”) First, there is an essay by T. Scott Reeves on a book collection at the ELCA’s Crumley Archives, trying to discern the faith life of a group of Pietist Lutherans by the books they left behind.



Peer-reviewed articles follow. Joshua Avery explores the open access availability of articles from highly ranked religious studies journals, as part of *TL*’s continuing emphasis on and commitment to the world of open access. Micah Saxton introduces librarians to the world of topic modeling and topic models the *TL* archives to show us all how the concept works. Felipe E. Tan and Terry Dwain Robertson explore Seventh-day Adventist classification schemes and include a helpful review of many other denominational classifications. Nawazali Alibhai Jiwa discusses the content and approach needed in an online searchable database for Ismā‘īlī Studies.

Finally, we review William Brown’s *A Handbook to Old Testament Exegesis*, James Bradley and Richard Muller’s *Church History: An Introduction to Research Methods and Resources*, Thomas Jay Oord’s edited volume *Theologians and Philosophers Using Social Media: Advice, Tips, and Testimonials*, and two websites: STEP Bible and America’s Public Bible.

Check it out!

ATLA Products Blog: ATLA Partners with Lockwood Press and Licenses Two Full-Text Journals

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May 2, 2018

The ATLA Products Blog is sharing the stories behind our product offerings, and this month's posting highlights new full-text titles from *ATLASerials PLUS™* (*ATLAS PLUS™*).

Here's an excerpt from the [ATLA Products Blog](#).



ATLA Partners with Lockwood Press and Licenses Two Full-Text Journals

ATLA is excited to announce a multi-title agreement with Atlanta-based Lockwood Press.

Run by founder and director Billie Jean Collins, Lockwood Press publishes “works of intellectual distinction that further scholarly investigation, advance interdisciplinary inquiry, stimulate public debate, educate both within and outside the classroom, and enhance cultural life,” according to their website. The press has a foundation in archaeological studies but has expanded to cover many adjacent fields, most notably religions, histories, and cultures of the Near Eastern and Mediterranean worlds. In addition to discipline-leading journals, Lockwood publishes monographs, reference works, higher education classroom materials, and academic trade titles.

In this initial phase, ATLA has made available two full-text venerable journals covering Egyptian and Coptic Studies in *ATLAS PLUS™* (*ATLAS PLUS™*).

[Read the whole story on the ATLA Products Blog](#).

ATLA offers a prestigious product line of electronic resources to support the scholarly study of religion and theology and we want to share with you the stories behind the journals that have been carefully curated for our users. So, we have created the [ATLA Products Blog](#) to give an insider's perspective and spotlight just some of the journals found in our databases.

New Titles Added to ATLA RDB, ATLAS, and ATLAS PLUS in April

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We are pleased to announce the addition of titles now available in the *ATLA Religion Database*® (*ATLA RDB*®), *ATLASerials*® (*ATLAS*®), and *ATLASerials PLUS*™ (*ATLAS PLUS*™).



New indexing titles in *ATLA RDB*

- *International Journal of Buddhist Thought & Culture* by International Association for Buddhist Thought & Culture
- *Revista Batista Pioneira* by Faculdade Batista Pioneira
- *Buddhism Today* by Diamond Way Buddhist Centers USA
- *Analecta Bollandiana* by Société des Bollandistes

New full-text titles in *ATLAS*

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New full-text titles in *ATLAS PLUS*

- *La Civiltà Cattolica* by La Civiltà Cattolica
- *Vox scripturae: Revista teológica brasileira* by Faculdade Luterana de Teologia
- *Acta Philosophica* by Pontificia Università della Santa Croce; Fabrizio Serra Editore

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