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Staying Connected During the Revolution

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Submitted by Jennifer Bartholomew, ATLA President

I've been reflecting on our recent conference and would like to thank all those who attended, presented, labored, and volunteered. Indianapolis was a great venue — very walkable, with a variety of local activities. I value the informal opportunities to connect and learn about your lives and careers. For those of you who don't attend the Annual Conference, please know that the Board is working to establish more regular ways to connect with the ATLA community.



This was my fifteenth conference. In this short time, we've all seen many changes in higher education. We are experiencing the effects of societal evolution — theological schools are closing, merging, shrinking, offering online classes, and searching to find cheaper, leaner program options. I am fascinated by the multiplicity of ways the digital world is shaping our profession. I see innovation and creativity in the ways we are collaborating, communicating, and connecting. We are working hard to be relevant and effective partners in theological education. This was certainly reflected in the breadth of presentations and conversations in Indianapolis.

The ATLA Board focuses on how the association can support us as we face these challenges. Recent work has identified our [Core Purpose and Core Values](#), helping us to imagine how to be strategic collaborators and facilitators. I look forward this year to broadening my understanding of what theological librarianship is and is becoming. Whether you characterize it as evolution (or revolution!), the pace of change is not lessening. Let's stay connected as we work together "to promote worldwide scholarly communication in religion and theology by advancing the work of libraries and related information providers."

Introducing a New ATLA Task Force on International Theological Librarianship Education

ATLA newsletter.atla.com/2018/staffleadership-july/

July 9, 2018

Submitted by Brenda Bailey-Hainer, ATLA Executive Director

Over the past few years, I've been in conversation with some of our peer associations in other parts of the world, including ABTAPL (Association of British Theological and Philosophical Libraries), BETH (Bibliothèques Européennes de Théologie), ForATL (Forum of Asian Theological Libraries), and ANZTLA (Australian and New Zealand Theological Library Association), about education for theological librarians. Colleagues within these groups expressed concern about the lack of affordable education and professional development opportunities in many countries. Often people with no library training are thrust into library positions. Even when trained librarians are hired, there may be no funds available for professional development in a field that is rapidly changing.



These discussions resulted in the creation of a task force, with ATLA as the convener. Dr. Kelly Campbell (Columbia Theological Seminary), is chairing the ATLA International Theological Librarianship Education Task Force. Membership on the task force is truly international. In addition to other members from the U.S., it includes representatives from Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, Germany, Kenya, India, and the Philippines. Some task force members have knowledge of the theological librarianship environment beyond their current geographic location, such as those with experience in Croatia, Francophone Africa, Ghana, and South Korea.

The Task Force began meeting earlier this year and is primarily in the information gathering stage. The first step is to identify all the theological library associations, library science programs, and theological librarianship specialty programs throughout the world. ForATL, which usually convenes every three years, serendipitously met in May in Jakarta, Indonesia. It was extremely helpful to receive thorough overviews of theological libraries in various Southeast Asian countries from attendees. ATLA staff have been able to provide additional information based on their global travels including to Mauritius and Singapore, and through attendance at IFLA events such as a satellite meeting on LIS Education in Developing Countries.

At this year's ATLA Annual Conference in Indianapolis, we welcomed participants from many different countries beyond the U.S. We gathered on Friday evening to share a meal and stories about each person's journey to theological librarianship as well as information on the

education and training resources available in different parts of the world.

The Task Force has regular virtual meetings every other month. Concurrent with information gathering, their first project is to write and publish a series of short, up-to-date handbooks on various aspects of theological and religious studies librarianship in higher education for those new to the profession. Matina Ćurić is serving as the overall editor of the handbook series, with assistance from Kelly. Theological librarians from around the world will be contributing chapters in their areas of expertise. Several of the Task Force members have taught graduate level theological librarianship courses or written manuals and we're grateful to have such expertise immediately available to us.

As the work of the Task Force unfolds, updates will be posted to their webpage on the [ATLA website](#). If you're interested in the work of the Task Force and have information to share, please contact Kelly at campbellk@ctsnet.edu.

Maria Stanton Joins NISO Leadership Team, 2018-2019

 [newsletter.atla.com/2018/niso/](https://www.atla.com/newsletter.atla.com/2018/niso/)

June 25, 2018

Maria Stanton, ATLA Director of Production, has been elected to the Members of the National Information Standards Organization (NISO) Leadership Team for the 2018-2019 team. Her term begins July 1.

Previously, in 2015, Maria was appointed to a [NISO Working Group](#) that worked on Altmetrics Data Quality.

NISO fosters the development and maintenance of standards that facilitate the creation, persistent management, and effective interchange of information so that it can be trusted for use in research and learning. To fulfill this mission, NISO engages libraries, publishers, information aggregators, and other organizations that support learning, research, and scholarship through the creation, organization, management, and curation of knowledge. For more information, visit the [NISO website](#).



[Read the full press release.](#)

Call for ATLA Conference Bags for Archives

 newsletter.atla.com/2018/archives/

June 27, 2018

As you may have heard, we paid tribute to past conferences by inviting attendees to bring their conference bags from previous years to the 2018 ATLA Annual Conference ([read more about it](#)). Thank you to everyone who participated in this fun event!

After seeing all of the bags and seeing ones we hadn't seen before, it got us thinking about what we have in the ATLA Archives. After cataloging our bags, we realized that we are missing some conference years. Do you have ATLA conference bags from 1999, 2000, or 2008? If you do and are willing to donate them, please email memberrep@atla.com.

Thank you for helping us to keep the ATLA Archives updated and complete.



Upcoming ATLA Events: July and August 2018

 newsletter.atla.com/2018/events-july2018/

July 5, 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

Catholic Biblical Association (CBA) July 27-31

Denver, Colorado

Staff attending: Annie Banfich

SBL International Meeting

July 30-August 3

Helsinki, Finland

Staff attending: Margot Lyon

Submit to ATLA Newsletter

August 1

[Submit](#)

ATLA Systems Routine Maintenance August 6

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm



LLAMA Announces Online Course on Change Management for Libraries

ALA newsletter.atla.com/2018/llama/

June 26, 2018

The Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA) announced a new four-week series of online courses that will help participants become a better leader and boost their career to a new level. “Change Management” will be offered July 9 – August 6, and will give participants the knowledge, skills, and strategies one needs to lead their ever-changing library.



Participants will learn

- how two-way communication, flexibility, and willingness to learn from mistakes can support a culture of change
- strategies for identifying training needs to support change
- mechanisms to identify challenges in the change process
- approaches to overcoming resistance to change

Participants can expect to spend an average of 8-10 hours across the four weeks, and there are no class meeting times as students will progress through a shared timeline.

Registration: ALA Members: \$169; LLAMA members: \$139; Non-Members: \$249

[Register online](#)

ATLA 2018: ATLA Conferences Through the Years Contest Winners

ATLA newsletter.atla.com/2018/throughtheyears/

June 19, 2018

At the 2018 ATLA Annual Conference, we paid tribute to past conferences by inviting attendees to bring their conference bags from previous years. We called the display ATLA Conferences Through the Years. An overwhelming amount of attendees brought their bags dating all the way back from 1990 up to 2017. There were even some bags that staff did not recognize!

Those who took a photo for the display were entered into a drawing to win an Amazon gift card. Over thirty people participated in the display and we have added all the photos to a [Facebook album](#). For now, please enjoy looking through the photos of the four winners of the contest below.



Winners

Jim and Denise Pakala for Oldest Bag – 1990

Susan Ebertz for Most Bags – 14

Jeff Siemon for Participation

Angela Morris for Participation



Thank you to all who participated. We hope you had as much fun as we did while sharing memories and hearing stories of past conferences.

ATLA THATCamp: Creating Bots, Translation Tools, Fair Use, and Collaborative Authoring with Markdown

ATLA newsletter.atla.com/2018/thatcamp/

June 22, 2018

Submitted by Shawn Goodwin, ATLA Metadata Analyst

THATCamp (The Humanities and Technology Camp) is a chance to talk about technology and the humanities. We had a great group of people gathered before the ATLA conference where we discussed creating bots, fair use and digital humanities, machine translation, and collaborative authoring with Markdown. Tim Beal (Florence Harkness Professor of Religion Chair, Chair of Department of Religious Studies, Case Western Reserve University) walked us through how he created the twitter bots [@emilymarkovson](#) and [@kjbvbot](#).



These bots provide machine-generated texts that are inspired by Emily Dickinson and the KJV Bible and offer us a chance to reflect on computer-generated creativity.

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How cool, - - time
You could repeat the tears
You asked the grave
But were gathering sure as common night

— Emily Markovson (@emilymarkovson) May 30, 2018
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Translation and Fair Use

Next, we broke into two groups to talk about translation and fair use. The translation session was led by Miranda Bennett (Associate Dean for Collections, University of South Carolina), and they discussed different technological tools that can aid in translation, such as deep zoom vision for close looks at manuscripts, word vectorization, and strategies for textual visualization. These tools were also discussed in terms of their use in the classroom and as partners in reading.

The other talk session was led by Christine Fruin (ATLA Member Programs and Scholarly Communication Manager). She walked us through the legal issues of fair use and the guidelines for building digital humanities projects in a responsible way. Two of the central takeaways from this session were: always read the terms of use and cite your sources. Christine also discussed recent court rulings and the legal standards for fair use.

Markdown and GitHub

The final session was facilitated by Michael Hemenway (Director of Academic & Information Technology and Library Director, Iliff School of Theology). He guided us through the process of using Markdown and GitHub for collaborative academic writing. Markdown is a lightweight markup language that is written in plain text but provides for a full range of tools necessary for academic writing. GitHub provides a great tool for collaboration as well as a rich revision history so changes can be reverted or marked even through all of the various iterations.

The ATLA Annual Conference was a great place to explore the intersection of humanities and technology, and I look forward to seeing how ATLA members continue to develop these tools, especially as they relate to theology and religion.

Raiders of the (Not So Lost) “Ark”ives: Digitizing Religious Archives

newsletter.atla.com/2018/crowley-digitizing/

June 28, 2018

Originally published on [The Crowley Company](#) blog by Hannah Clawson, Marketing Associate.

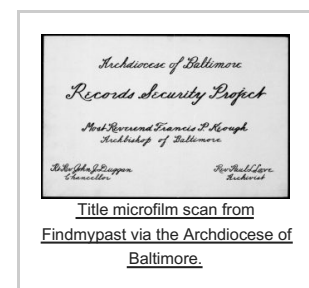
As I was preparing for Crowley’s appearance at this week’s annual [American Theological Library Association Conference](#) (ATLA), I realized that everything I know about religious archives comes from Indiana Jones’ movies and Dan Brown novels. It’s not a fact I’m proud of since religious entities have been a prominent market for Crowley (and as the daughter of a pastor and a church secretary, I’m no stranger to the goings on of the church) but my perception of their archives mostly includes Bibles with treasure maps and scrolls with secret codes.



In an effort to bring myself closer to reality, I spoke with Crowley clients [Findmypast](#), [Washington Hebrew Congregation](#) and [The First Church of Christ, Scientist](#) – all of which have recently digitized religion-based collections with Crowley. I wanted to find out more about the materials actually being preserved and how they are later used (secretly hoping to find a treasure map along the way).

Genealogy: Microfilmed Catholic Records Online for the First Time

[Findmypast](#) (FMP), a genealogy website headquartered in London and specializing in British and Irish family history, is currently undertaking a project to make records from several U.S. Catholic archdioceses accessible to their subscribers. “Not many records from the Catholic Church are online for genealogical use, yet at periods in history Catholics have made up as much as 25% of the English population. With these records available, they will be able to trace lineage they couldn’t before,” remarked Jim Shaughnessy, content marking manager for FMP.



Documents in this collection, which includes parish registers, baptismal records, clerical correspondence, newsletters and more, will be especially helpful to U.S. residents looking to draw ties to their U.K. heritage. “Many U.S. church records such as marriage or death registries contain information on the person’s birth or baptismal place, often producing strong links to a person’s homeland,” Shaughnessy included.

Access to the records was granted to FMP and they employed [Crowley Imaging](#) to digitize microfilmed records from the Archdiocese of Baltimore followed by microfiche records from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Both projects were indexed and scanned by Crowley [Meke! MACH10 microfilm](#) and [MACH7 microfiche scanners](#) respectively. FMP uploaded the over 1.1 million TIFF images to their online database. The digital copies were sent to the individual archdioceses for their own use along with the return of original materials.

[Read more](#)

As Seen on Twitter: June 2018

ATLA newsletter.atla.com/2018/twitter-june/

June 28, 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:

- New Titles Added to ATLA RDB, ATLAS, and ATLAS PLUS in June:

<https://www.atla.com/about/pressroom/Pages/Announcing-Additions-to-ATLA-Products-%E2%80%93-June-2018.aspx>

New Titles Added to ATLA RDB, ATLAS, and ATLAS PLUS in June: <https://t.co/JUYvZUIAzI>

— ATLA (@YourATLA) [June 13, 2018](#)

- Congratulations to @PittsLibrary for winning an @ALALibrary PR Xchange Award in the electronic Special Programs & Exhibits category for their Wesley Exhibition Catalog.

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— ATLA (@YourATLA) [June 24, 2018](#)

- From @ALA_ACRL – 2018 top trends in academic #libraries: A review of the trends and issues affecting academic libraries in higher education <http://ow.ly/Sx2z30ky0Rr>

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— ATLA (@YourATLA) [June 18, 2018](#)

- Join the ATLA staff! We are hiring an Editorial Manager, Digital Products. Learn more about the position: <https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/ATLA-EM.aspx>



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— ATLA (@YourATLA) [June 19, 2018](#)

- Take a tour of sacred books in the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library. Wonderful images of rare religious texts in their collection. <http://ow.ly/vO9030krVtS>

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— ATLA (@YourATLA) [June 11, 2018](#)

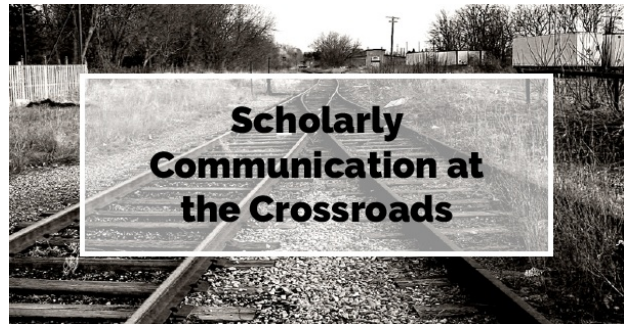
The SCOOP: Scholarly Communication at the Crossroads: Reflections on the ATLA Annual Conference

 newsletter.atla.com/2018/scoop-crossroads/

July 2, 2018

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

This was my first ATLA Annual Conference since joining the ATLA staff last fall. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet for the first time so many of our members. I had the opportunity both to lead sessions on publishing and open access and to sit in on several sessions and learn about the innovative projects and creative strategies to overcome obstacles that are being employed at several of our member libraries.



Throughout the four days, ATLA's intention, as stated in both its Strategic Plan as well as its Organizational Ends, to be a leader in and a hub of scholarly communication in religion and theology was reflected in keynote speeches, posters, and presentations. This intention was mapped out as a plan of action in the conclusion of keynote speaker David W. Lewis's closing address when he challenged ATLA and its members to:

1. Imagine what the open scholarly commons for theology and religion looks like.
2. Make a plan to create that infrastructure.
3. Create incentives and organizational capacity to solve the collective action problem.
4. Make collective incentives to build the common infrastructure that is required to realize the plan.

In furtherance of its goal of becoming the worldwide hub of scholarly communication in religion and theology, ATLA has already taken some steps toward meeting the challenge presented by Mr. Lewis. We are testing [the ATLA Digital Library](#), an open access repository of metadata from our members and other organizations that promotes the discoverability and visibility of their valuable digital collections. We also continue to develop and promote our open access publishing program. This includes the ATLA Press, which publishes the open access journal [Theological Librarianship](#) and the [open books publishing program](#), and ATLA member publications such as *Theology Cataloging Bulletin*, which [will be moving to an open access publishing platform in 2019](#).

During the conference, the ATLA Press Coordinating Council (APCC) with special guest speaker Maria Bonn from the University of Illinois iSchool led a half-day preconference on "Writing for the Profession." During the workshop, participants received guidance and advice

on the writing and publishing process and had individual and group activity time to develop a research question and craft a writing and publishing plan.

In addition, with the guidance and expertise of ATLA's Task Force on Scholarly Communication in Religion and Theology, we will also explore OER solutions for the study of religion and theology as well as continue to offer professional development opportunities such as workshops and webinars that educate our members on how they can participate in and develop their own scholarly communication and open access programs. I welcome and encourage ATLA members to reach out to me with their thoughts and ideas on what it means to be the hub of scholarly communication in religion and theology and what direction ATLA should take at the crossroads of scholarly communication.

Photo credit: Cassandra Jowett



APCC Members (L to R) Jennifer Woodruff Tait (Editor in Chief, *Theological Librarianship*), Miranda Bennett (Editor, *Summary of Proceedings*), Leslie Engelson (Editor in Chief, *Theology Cataloging Bulletin*), Matthew Collins (Editor in Chief, ATLA Press Open Books)



Christine Fruin is the ATLA Member Programs and Scholarly Communication Manager. As an attorney and a librarian, she has worked for over a decade promoting access to and use of diverse collections through utilization of fair use, open access, and responsible licensing.

The SCOOP, Scholarly COmmunication and Open Publishing, is a monthly column published to inform ATLA members of recent developments, new resources, or interesting stories from the realm of scholarly communication and open access publishing.

Notes from the Road: Member Visits in Minneapolis

ATLA newsletter.atla.com/2018/minneapolis-nfr/

July 5, 2018

Submitted by Roger Morales, ATLA Member Programs Librarian

At the beginning of June, I had the opportunity to attend the Minnesota Theological Library Association's (MTLA) conference held on Friday, June 9, 2018. During my time in Minneapolis, I visited two Institutional members: North Central University and Bethlehem College and Seminary.



North Central University

My first visit was at T.J Jones library at North Central University named after Rev. Thomas James Jones (1896-1970). Originally from England, Rev. Jones joined the faculty at North Central in 1946. A highly-skilled teacher who valued reading and study, he donated a large portion of his personal library to help North Central start its first library collection, which now holds about 50,000 print volumes.

The building was originally the Tourtellotte Memorial Deaconess Home, in association with Asbury Hospital, and one can still see the remnants of that layout today. The main example of this is stacks on the second floor of the library. As seen below, the stacks are set in the old deaconess bedrooms complete with walk-in closets and all! The building boasts some unique Victorian originals from chandeliers to a large standing mirror in the main lobby along with its grand staircase entrance guarded by lions.

Library Director Judy Pruitt informed me that the library and its three full-time employees support student studies in biblical studies, education, and fine arts in worship to name a few degrees offered at North Central University.

Judy is passionate about finding new ways to continue to support their student body while maintaining a robust collection. Speaking of maintenance, Judy shared that last summer they had a major book shifting to condense and shelf books in an intuitive fashion where students can browse the stacks easier and in a natural flow on the main floor of the library.



Bethlehem College and Seminary

My next stop along my Minneapolis trip was Bethlehem College and Seminary just down the road from North Central University. The seminary is affiliated with Bethlehem Baptist Church and Head Librarian Barbara Winters described the curriculum at Bethlehem as very hands-on, coupling the theoretical with experiential learning. Students partner with a local church, mainly with the sponsoring



Bethlehem Baptist Church, and so that they can engage with the community as they complete their MDiv degree and training.

Given the size of the student body, which is around 200 FTE, and the fact that the seminary is only 20 years old, the library collection lives in a cozy building that offers students a place to work and collaborate. The print collection totals around 7,000 print volumes and around 150,000 in e-books. Barbara and one other employee make up the library staff and are accompanied by five student workers.



The collection is cataloged in a cross between Dewey and some elements of Library of Congress and as of right now, Barbara does not have the intention to change their scheme completely to a single system. As Barbara continues to settle into her new role, she would like to add more art and plants to spruce up the place a bit.

See you on the next trip!

ATLA Job Board Postings, July 2018

 newsletter.atla.com/2018/jobboard-july/

July 5, 2018

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



- ATLA, Chicago, IL, is looking for an [Editorial Manager, Digital Products](#)
- Barry University, Miami Shores, FL, is looking for a [Director of Library Services](#)
- Biola University, La Mirada, CA, is looking for a [Scholarly Communications Librarian](#)
- The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University Libraries, New York, NY, is looking for a [Collection Services Librarian](#)
- Fresno Pacific University, Hiebert Library, Fresno, CA, is looking for an [Instructional Librarian](#)
- Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, St. Louis, MO, is looking for an [Electronic Resources Librarian](#)
- Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library, Saint Meinrad, IN, is looking for an [Assistant or Associate Library Director](#)

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

ATLA Establishes New Alma-Users Discussion List

 newsletter.atla.com/2018/alma/

July 5, 2018

ATLA has recently set up an ATLA-hosted discussion list for Alma users due to interest generated at this year's Annual Conference in Indianapolis. Lynn Berg, Assistant Director of Technical Services at the Styberg Library, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, is serving as the list moderator.



Anyone who is an ATLA individual-type (Individual, Student, Lifetime) member or staff at a member institution who is interested in the Ex Libris Alma library services platform is invited to subscribe to the new discussion list by emailing memberrep@atla.com.

Please share this information with any other people at your institution you think may find the list useful to their work (e.g., people involved in Alma's acquisitions, cataloging, or resource sharing functions).

New FirstSearch Interface Coming Soon from OCLC

 newsletter.atla.com/2018/firstsearch-oclc/

June 26, 2018

We're pleased to let you know the restyled FirstSearch interface announced earlier this year will automatically display on your FirstSearch accounts on July 14!

Forthcoming interface changes

These changes were made in response to requests from the FirstSearch community for a more contemporary interface that meets the expectations of today's searchers. All updates are included in your current FirstSearch/WorldCat Discovery subscription, so you and your users do not need to take any action to see the new screens.

The interface changes will not affect the precision functionality you have come to depend upon in the service.

The restyled FirstSearch screens are the result of work by OCLC research and design experts, in conjunction with input from members of the FirstSearch community. Thank you to those of you who participated in recent usability studies and focus groups. Your insights have been extremely helpful in confirming the direction of these changes.



Preview the new FirstSearch screens

Meet the staff behind these changes, learn more about how the new screens were developed, and see a preview of the changes in a [video introduction to the new look for FirstSearch](#).

Help for your transition

The following examples of the new screens are provided to help you update instructional or promotional materials before the updated screens become available on July 14.

- [Advanced search screen \(.png\) \(.jpg\)](#)
- [Search results screen \(.png\) \(.jpg\)](#)
- [Detailed record \(.png\) \(.jpg\)](#)

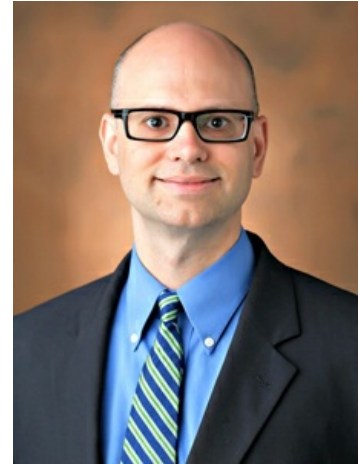
Please feel free to contact ATLA Member Programs Coordinator Charlotte Nahon (memberrep@atla.com) or OCLC Strategic Account Director Suzanne Butte (buttes@oclc.org) with any questions.

ATLA and Vanderbilt University Divinity Library Contribute Funds for New Open Access Publication in Forthcoming De Gruyter Series

ATLA newsletter.atla.com/2018/vanderbilt-openaccess/

June 29, 2018

Continuing a long-standing cooperative relationship, ATLA and Vanderbilt University's Divinity Library have contributed funding to support the open access publication of an edited volume in De Gruyter's series on *Introductions to Digital Humanities: Religion*. The volumes in the series address "specific areas of study at the intersections of digital humanities & religion, offering an overview of current methodologies, techniques, tools, and projects as well as defining challenges and opportunities for further research."



Clifford B. Anderson, Associate University Librarian for Research and Learning at Vanderbilt University and Individual member of ATLA, is editing the forthcoming fifth volume, titled *Digital Humanities and Libraries and Archives in Religious Studies*. Several chapters are also being authored by librarians at ATLA member institutions. The book, expected to be published in 2019, explores topics such as digital humanities pedagogy in theological libraries and archives and the visualization of data from religious and theological collections.

Clifford explains that "digital humanities is becoming an important part of librarianship generally and this publication provides an opportunity for theological librarians to chart their own course in this rapidly-developing field. By publishing this volume in open access, I hope that it will gain wide readership among members of the ATLA and among practitioners of religious and theological librarianship from other regions of the world."

Vanderbilt University Divinity Library Director Bill Hook acknowledges that the Divinity Library "has been strongly supportive of the principles of open access, and Cliff's publication allowed us the opportunity to put these principles into action. There is much talk in the academy. This was an opportunity for action in support of open access rather than just participating in further conversation about it."

ATLA Executive Director Brenda Bailey-Hainer adds: "This joint effort to fund open access publication of an important new book in the field of theological and religious studies librarianship illustrates just one of the many models that can be used to make research freely available to all. ATLA has a commitment to promote worldwide scholarly communication in religion and theology as well as to advance the work of libraries and related information providers. This initiative supports both."

The volume will be published under a Creative Commons license (CC-BY-NC-ND) at the De Gruyter web site (<https://www.degruyter.com/>). We will announce when it becomes available.

ATLA Products Blog: Cross-Continental Collaboration, ATLA and Finland

 newsletter.atla.com/2018/finland-products/

July 5, 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](#).



Cross-Continental Collaboration: ATLA and Finland

ATLA has partnered with religion publishers in Finland for many years, across the scope of our products. One of our first relationships was with the Finnish Society for the Study of Religion, which publishes *Temenos – Nordic Journal of Comparative Religion*.

In print since 1965 and in our full-text collection *ATLASerials®* (*ATLAS®*) since 2014, *Temenos* was established as a joint publication of the learned societies of Comparative Religion in Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden as a way for scholars to exchange research. Historically specializing in Scandinavia religion scholarship, *Temenos* has since expanded their scope to, in their words, “capture the actual intellectual climate in which present-day scholars of religion and culture work, not only in the Nordic countries but throughout the world” ([Temenos Website](#)). *Temenos* is peer-reviewed open access and has been a long-time trusted source of scholarship in its space. ATLA is excited to have had such a longstanding relationship with this journal.



Donner Institute

On the indexing front, ATLA has also partnered with the Donner Institute for the indexing of three important titles in the *ATLA Religion Database®* (*ATLA RDB®*): *Approaching Religion*, *Scripta Instituti Donneriani Aboensis*, and *Nordisk Judaistik/Scandinavian Jewish Studies*. The institute was founded in 1959 with the mission to “promote scientific research in religious and cultural history” ([Donner Website](#)) within the Åbo Akademi University Foundation of Turku.

[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 ATLAS, ATLAS PLUS, and ATLA RDB in June

 newsletter.atla.com/2018/atlas-june/

June 20, 2018

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



New full-text titles in *ATLAS*

Ius Canonicum by Universidad de Navarra

New full-text titles in *ATLAS PLUS*

- *ARC: The Journal of the Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University* by McGill University
- *Helmántica* by Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca
- *Diálogo ecuménico* by Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca

New indexing titles in *ATLA RDB*

- *Journal of the Jesus Movement in its Jewish Setting* by Eisenbrauns
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