

## Newsletter



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### From the President ACRL Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education

Happy New Year! Did you make (and perhaps at this point in the year break) any resolutions this year? I didn't make any, but I have been reflecting on my goals for the academic year, including rebuilding an information literacy program. My ponderings led me back to the latest draft of [Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education](#). The current recommendation from the task force working on the document is to sunset the [Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education](#) and to adopt the new Framework.

During the spring semester, the Burke Library staff will be implementing the new framework in the research class that we will be teaching at Union Theological Seminary. I am eager to talk with students in the class about some aspects of the document, especially the following statements:

- “Authority is constructed and contextual”;
- “The iterative processes of researching, creating, revising, and then making public an information product vary, and the resulting product reflects these differences”;
- “The process of inquiry extends beyond the academic world to include instances such as evidence and data collected by groups and individuals in communities and the public at large, and the process of inquiry may also focus upon personal, professional, or societal needs”; and
- “Scholarship is a conversation.”

I think each of these statements will generate interesting dialogues that will draw on the history of Union Theological Seminary and the current experiences of its students. I anticipate that discussion of the first statement alone -- “authority is constructed and contextual” -- will be quite lively and provocative as students reflect on the seminary's historical and theological responses to injustices and their own activism in response to the lack of indictments in Ferguson, MO, and New York City and other related events during recent months. Two of the outcomes for the research course at Union are for students to give constructive feedback on the research of others and to

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## Letter from the President Continued

receive constructive feedback on their own research. For me, these outcomes are at the heart of the final statement -- "scholarship is a conversation" -- and I want students to locate their voices in that conversation. I look forward to learning from the students and inviting faculty into these conversations. This is a time for theological librarians to seize the day and take the lead on information literacy within our institutions.

I encourage you to read the ACRL draft if you haven't already. How will you adopt it at your institution? I invite conversation regarding the framework and ways to implement it. Please let the [ATLA staff](#) or [Board](#) know if you have specific suggestions for a discussion format (e.g., virtual town meeting or webinar). I also hope to hear more about the framework at our annual conference. Carpe diem!

Beth Bidlack  
President

## ATLA Exhibits at 2015 National Festival of Young Preachers



Margot Lyon, ATLA's Director of Business Development, exhibited at the [2015 National Festival of Young Preachers](#) in Dallas, Texas, January 2 - 5. More than 100 young preachers from a variety of Christian traditions participated in preaching circles, master classes, workshops, and, of course, preaching.

ATLA shared a table with content partner The Text This Week, [www.textweek.com](http://www.textweek.com). This website is curated to help searchers find scripture-related items online, and includes EBSCOhost permalinks to relevant articles in *ATLASerials*® (*ATLAS*®). A tutorial created by ATLA

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staff is [available on our website](#), providing more information on this valuable resource.

## ATLA Welcomes Three Titles to ATLASerials® (ATLAS®)

The American Theological Library Association (ATLA) is pleased to welcome three titles newly available in *ATLASerials*® (*ATLAS*®), ATLA's online, full-text collection of more than 300 major religion and theology journals.

- *Journal of Korean Religions*, by the Institute for the Study of Religion, Sogang University, Korea
- *Die Welt des Islams*, by Brill
- *Nederlands archief voor kerkgeschiedenis*, by Brill

Gregg Taylor, ATLA Licensing Manager, commented, "The three journals in this update show ATLA's commitment to providing the best scholarship on the world's religions in a broad range of languages. Researchers will find significant new content of interest in these important journals."

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

## 2015 Board of Directors Elections

The 2015 ATLA Board of Directors Election will open on Thursday, January 15, 2015. The election will be performed via electronic ballot by Survey & Ballot Systems. Ballots and candidates' biographical statements will be posted on a customized website hosted by Survey & Ballot Systems. This year's ballot also includes a proposal to increase member dues. Background information on this proposal will be provided via a link from the ballot to a PDF document. Personalized access codes to the voting site will be sent via e-mail to eligible voting members (Institutional Member Representatives, Individual Members, and Lifetime Members) in good standing as of January 1, 2015. The e-mail will come from ATLA Election Coordinator and the displayed e-mail address will be [noreply@directvote.net](mailto:noreply@directvote.net).

You may wish to add this address to your address book or alert your IT staff to allow it through your institution's firewall. The election will close on Sunday, March 1, 2015.

A reminder to Individual Members who also serve as an Institutional Member representative, you will receive two distinct ballots with different access codes in order to fulfill your voting opportunities as articulated in the ATLA Bylaws.

For questions on voting procedures, please contact Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Executive Director, at [bbailey-hainer@atla.com](mailto:bbailey-hainer@atla.com). For questions about your membership status, please contact a membership representative, at [memberrep@atla.com](mailto:memberrep@atla.com).

## Save the Dates

### ATLA Social Gathering during ALA Midwinter

ATLA is partnering with the [Association of Jewish Libraries](#) (AJL) and the [Catholic Library Association](#) (CLA) to present a Social Gathering for members and friends during the upcoming ALA Midwinter 2015 Conference on Sunday, February 1, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the [Radison Blu Aqua Hotel Chicago](#). R.S.V.P. kindly requested no later than January 23, 2015. Respond to Denise McFarlin, [dmcfarlin@atla.com](mailto:dmcfarlin@atla.com). Please include your affiliation(s): AJL, ATLA, or CLA. More information is also available on our website.

### ATLA Reception during ACRL

ATLA will host a reception during the ACRL conference in Portland, Oregon. Save the date and join us for casual conversation, light fare, spirits and soft drinks. The event will be held at the stylish Jupiter Hotel, a short walk from the convention center, Thursday, March 26, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters and on the ATLA website. Also, please stop by the ATLA exhibit booth #757. We look forward to seeing you.



## ATLA Annual Conference News

### Call for Posters: 2015 ATLA Annual Conference

ATLA aims to offer many avenues for members to share interesting and creative projects. Therefore, ATLA invites proposals for poster sessions at the 2015 Annual Conference, June 17-20, Denver, Colorado.

Scheduled in a 60-minute time slot, poster sessions are informal. The presenter(s) develops a poster and handouts which deliver useful information to the theological library community.

At the conference, ATLA will provide each poster presenter with a three-panel poster board, double-sided tape, push pins, and glue for their presentation.

Posters may address a potentially wide range of topics of interest to theological librarians, such as:

- Outreach initiatives
- Building digital collections
- Assessment
- Information literacy
- New library services
- Creative marketing
- New collaborative models
- Cooperative collection development
- Redesigned library space
- Professional development

This is an opportunity to try out new ideas and receive instant feedback from your ATLA colleagues. We sincerely hope you will consider [submitting a poster proposal](#) by Friday, January 30, 2015.

### ATLA Opens Call for Exhibitors at 2015 Annual Conference

The 2015 ATLA Annual Conference is up and running and we are calling for exhibitors and sponsors.

The exhibit hall is an important part of the ATLA Annual Conference, providing opportunities for attendees to learn about the new products and services available to theological libraries.

Members are invited to share the [Exhibitor Prospectus](#) with vendors and partners that may be interested in attending the 2015 ATLA Annual Conference. Interested exhibitors can also contact [exhibits@atla.com](mailto:exhibits@atla.com) to receive additional information.

 A graphic titled 'ATLA 2015 Annual Conference Exhibitor & Sponsor Prospectus'. It features the ATLA logo and the text 'Build valuable relationships with hundreds of theological librarians!'. The graphic contains several key statistics and dates:
 

- 91.3%** of attendees visit the exhibit hall two or more times.
- 80.4%** of attendees report that they make or have input on purchasing decisions for their library.
- 2016 Key Dates:**
  - April 10** Conference program advertising due
  - April 17** Exhibit applications / contract due
  - April 24** Exhibitor confirmation work, including initial meeting list, and shipping and housing information.
  - June 18-19** Exhibits open
- Exhibit Package Includes:**
  - Free conference registration and exhibit badges for two exhibit representatives.
  - One 30-foot table with two chairs.
  - Listing in the Annual Conference Program Book, Summary of Proceedings, and the ATLA Annual Report.
  - Discount on advertising in the Annual Conference Program Book.
  - Complete mailing list of individual and institutional members for promotional purposes in anticipation of the Annual Conference.
  - Free mailing list of conference attendees for follow-up purposes.
  - Opportunity to participate in conference programming.
- Exhibit Rates:**

Associate Member	Nonmember
\$550 per table	\$600 per table

Visit us: [www.atla.com/members/conference](http://www.atla.com/members/conference)

## Appointments to Committees

Committees play a large part of what makes ATLA a thriving association. We appreciate the work and dedication from our committee members and are excited to announce two new appointments for the 2014-2015 year.

- James Estes, Wesley Theological Seminary -- [Professional Development Committee](#)
- Gabriel Ortiz, St. Patrick's Seminary -- [Diversity Committee](#)

Per the ATLA Bylaws, Committees of the Association are created and overseen by the Executive Director. ATLA Individual and Lifetime Members are eligible for appointment to an ATLA Committee.

Committee appointments are made in the Spring of each year for terms beginning the following June. Individuals interested in volunteering for appointment in June 2015 should submit a volunteer form before March 1.

To submit your name for consideration, please visit the [Committee Volunteer form](#). A member username and password are required to access the Form. Please contact [memberrep@atla.com](mailto:memberrep@atla.com) if you have any questions.

## ATS Statistics Available

The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) and the American Theological Library Association (ATLA) collaborate to collect and provide library statistics from ATS member institutions and ATLA member libraries.

ATS collects information from institutions in the fall of each year, reflecting the most recently completed fiscal year (usually the prior year). ATLA contacts all ATLA Institutional and Affiliate Member Libraries (U.S. and Canada) that are not ATS member institutions to invite them to complete a survey of the information collected by ATS. ATLA works to merge the data into a single data set.

ATLA is pleased to provide the most recent three years of data in downloadable Excel documents. [Year 2013-2014 is now available on our site.](#)

## ATLA Member of the Week

Each week ATLA is spotlighting our members through [Member Profile of the Week](#). We want to give a face and personality to what makes ATLA unique -- you!

Meet January's Members of the Week!

[Meet Amy Limpitlaw](#)

[Meet James C. Pakala](#)

Learn more about the people that make up your community, and share your own story by [filling out this form](#) and sending your photo to [newsletter@atla.com](mailto:newsletter@atla.com). Your profile will be [featured on our website](#) and linked on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

## Expanded Affordability for Institutions in Eligible Developing Countries

ATLA announces the ATLA/EBSCO Developing Countries Initiative. As a not-for-profit association of theological libraries and librarians, ATLA understands the importance of supporting theological education throughout the world. Historically ATLA has worked to make its products affordable for libraries in eligible countries designated "developing" by the World Bank, along with other related criteria. Effective September 2014, ATLA and EBSCO have agreed to offer *ATLASerials*® (*ATLAS*®), an online full-text collection of 290+ major religion and theology journals, to eligible sites, without requiring a concurrent subscription to ATLA Religion Database®. In addition, ATLA member institutions can sponsor eligible sites that need assistance to gain access.

*How do eligible sites sign up for access?*

*How can ATLA member institutions sponsor eligible sites?*

Interested sites, groups, and individuals are encouraged to contact Rick Rybak, ATLA Senior Business Development Representative, at [products@atla.com](mailto:products@atla.com) or +1.312.775.9435 for more information regarding pricing, access and sponsorship. Rick can serve as a liaison with EBSCO, and many ATLA members know him as a liaison with EBSCO on the *ATLAS for ALUM* grant program.

Note that access sponsorship is not limited to *ATLASerials*. Any institution may purchase any ATLA product on behalf of any accessing site around the world. For specific prerequisites and other information, visit [Product Access Options and Guidance](#).

More information about the ATLA/EBSCO Developing Countries Program is available through the following links, which can also be found on the [FAQs page on the ATLA website](#).

- [How does ATLA determine eligible countries, sites and locations?](#)
- [How do eligible sites sign up for access? How can ATLA member institutions sponsor eligible sites?](#)
- [How is "sponsorship" defined?](#)
- [What are the price ranges?](#)
- [What are some additional access options for ATLA subscription databases?](#)

## 2015 Parliament of the World's Religion

The world's premiere interfaith event, the Parliament of the World's Religions, is calling for programs for the 2015 conference. The theme "Reclaiming the Heart of Our Humanity, Working Together for a World of Compassion with Peace, Justice, and Sustainability" will convene 10,000 people representing 80 nations and 50 faiths in Salt Lake City, UT, October 15 - 19. Presenters join an interfaith platform lead by the Dalai Lama and Dr. Karen Armstrong in exploring interfaith strategies strengthening leadership on climate change, global violence, and economic disparity issues.



Participation information on early bird registration, program proposals, and sponsorship is at [2015.ParliamentOfReligions.Org](http://2015.ParliamentOfReligions.Org).

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## Member News

### Institutional Member Featured in OCLC Annual Report

Eileen K. Saner and Karl Stutzman, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS), and their partnership with Private Academic Library Network of Indiana, AMBS has been featured in the OCLC Annual Report. Here is the [announcement](#) on the AMBS Library website with a link directly to the AMBS video in the report.

### ATLA Member Named Interim Director



Alison O'Reilly Poage named interim director of the Booher Library at Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas.

Poage served most recently as director of the Cutchogue New Suffolk Free Library in Cutchogue, New York. She has lived in Austin before, having worked for the Austin Public Library system from 2007-2010. She received her Masters of Library Science from City University of New York in 2001.

Congratulations to Alison!

[Information taken from ENS](#)

## Job Openings

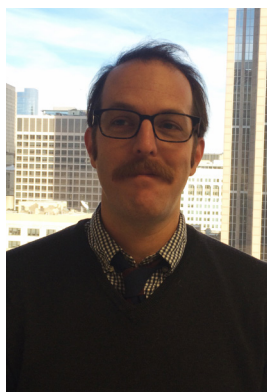
Are you in the market for a new position? Be sure to check the [ATLA web listings](#) to see who is hiring now.

Positions posted this month:

- Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA, is looking for a [Reference and Instruction Librarian for Theology](#).
- Memphis Theological Seminary, Memphis, TN, is looking for [Library Director](#).
- Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL, is looking for a [Technical Services Head Librarian](#).
- Pitts Theology Library, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, is looking for a [Curator of Archives and Manuscripts](#).
- The Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia, PA, is looking for an [Executive Director](#).
- Trinity International University, Deerfield, IL, is looking for an [Electronic Resources Librarian](#).
- Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Ontario, is looking for a [Chief Librarian](#).
- Yale University Library, New Haven, CT, is looking for a [Director](#).

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## Staff News



### Adam Paradis Promoted

Adam Paradis has been promoted to Metadata Analyst effective January 20, 2015.

Adam joined the ATLA staff in November as a Digitization Specialist. Adam has an MLIS from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and an MA from the University of Chicago Divinity School in Religious Studies. As co-founder and volunteer at the Fr. Pfleger Archives, he has used both of these backgrounds in his work and is looking forward to working at ATLA.

## Staff News

### Gillian Harrison Cain Appointed ATLA Director of Member Programs



The American Theological Library Association (ATLA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Gillian Harrison Cain as the Director of Member Programs effective December 4, 2014.

Cain brings extensive experience in creating virtual and in-person educational events and managing communications with both members and partners. She also has experience with conducting research in trends and technologies in libraries, creating content for effective communications, consortial licensing, managing customer relationship management software, grant writing and management, and project management.

Most recently Cain worked as the Senior Marketing Manager for the [Summon](#) service at Serials Solutions, a [ProQuest](#) business. In the past she was the Director of Marketing and Program Development at BCR (Bibliographical Center for Research) and the Global Product Manager for NetLibrary at [OCLC](#). Her other experience includes working in reference at the [Denver Public Library](#) and in circulation and cataloging at [Douglas County Libraries](#), as a classifier at [IHS](#), and with various software companies.

"I'm delighted that Gillian has joined the ATLA staff," said Brenda Bailey-Hainer, ATLA Executive Director. "In addition to rounding out our leadership team, she brings experience in a variety of areas that will benefit ATLA members, particularly in consortial licensing, creating educational events and trend reporting."

Cain holds a BS in Engineering with a Civil specialty from the Colorado School of Mines. She completed her MLIS with an Information Networks concentration at the University of Denver.

Watch for announcements of upcoming opportunities to meet Gillian virtually.

[Read the full press release.](#)

## ATLA Calendar

### January

- 19 - ATLA offices closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 30 - Posters Deadline for the 2015 ATLA Annual Conference
- 30 - Feb. 3 - ALA Midwinter Meeting and Exhibit, Chicago, IL -- ATLA Staff attending

### February

- 1 - Social Gathering with ATLA, AJL, and CLA at ALA Midwinter, Chicago, IL - ATLA staff attending
- 2 - Routine Maintenance performed on ATLA Systems
- 22-25 - NFAIS 2015 Annual Conference, Arlington, VA - Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Margot Lyon, Maria Stanton attending

### March

- 2 - Routine Maintenance performed on ATLA Systems
- 25-28 - ACRL 2015 Conference, Portland, OR - ATLA staff attending



## From the Executive Director Increasing Diversity in ATLA: An Opportunity

ATLA's Organizational End 1.3 states:  
*ATLA reflects the diversity of our communities and institutions, including but not limited to religious, racial, ethnic, and gender divisions.*

Like many goals, this one is easily expressed but in reality is difficult to achieve. The library profession as a whole has historically been predominantly Caucasian and female. This hasn't changed much. For example, I recently attended the graduation ceremonies for a library and information science program. I couldn't help but notice:

- 100% of the graduates at the event were female
- 85% were Caucasian; only 15% represented persons of color

The results of a research study conducted by ALA that appeared in the [November 1998](#) issue of *American Libraries* revealed that among credentialed academic librarians, 86.78% classified themselves as White. A new study was conducted in 2006 and then updated with [2009-2010 statistics](#). In this more recent study, higher education credentialed librarians showed 86.1% as White - not much progress in a decade. In this same study among higher education library assistants, only 66.6% are White.

Clearly we are not attracting a racially or ethnically diverse group to academic librarianship, let alone theological and religious studies librarianship. The group of library assistants that work in higher education institutions are more diverse, but do not appear to be advancing into the ranks of professional librarians.

It is time to be more proactive about recruiting diverse individuals into librarianship, and to theological and religious studies librarianship specifically. Do you have students or library assistants with a diverse racial or ethnic background employed in your library who show a genuine interest in the work? Make sure they know about [ATLA's Diversity Scholarships](#). In addition to posting your library job openings on the ATLA website and in the ATLA Newsletter, advertise positions with the [Asian-Pacific American Librarians Association](#), [Black Caucus of the American Library Association](#), or the [Chinese American Librarians Association](#) (華人圖書館員協會). Become active in [REFORMA](#), an organization that has among its goals the recruitment of more bilingual and bicultural library professionals and support staff to serve the Latino community.

During ATLA's last demographic survey in 2010, 89.3% of members who responded classified themselves as White. We are getting ready to launch a new demographic survey. I hope you will take the time to complete it. It's important to know where we stand, so we can all actively work together to achieve this important organizational end for a diverse membership that reflects the communities and institutions we serve.

Brenda Bailey-Hainer  
Executive Director

## Contact Information

We welcome your submission of news, photos, and other items of interest for the *ATLA Newsletter*. All submissions are due on the first business day of the month preceding publication.

Contact [newsletter@atla.com](mailto:newsletter@atla.com) with any questions or concerns or if you are interested in sponsoring an issue of the newsletter.

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