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From Staff Leadership ATLA Members by the Numbers

Submitted by Brenda Bailey-Hainer, ATLA Executive Director

Last month, ATLA issued two brief demographic surveys in order to learn more about the current composition of our membership and to compare this data against the results of earlier surveys. Detailed analysis is still underway, but I want to share with you a few highlights of what we've learned so far, focusing just on responses from personal members.

As of January 31, 2017, personal membership in ATLA totaled 463, including 331 Individual, 36 Student and 96 Lifetime members. ATLA received 217 responses to the survey, an amazing 47% response rate (thanks for your participation!). The information included below is based on those responses.

- 90.8% live in the U.S., another 4.6% in Canada, and 4.6% elsewhere, including Asia, Australia, Africa, Europe, and South America
- 91.7% are Caucasian (non-Hispanic), continuing a 14-year trend of slight but steady increases in this category (3.7% since 2003)
- 83% are currently employed in a library, down from 86% in 2015
- 85% hold a Masters in library/information science; 56% hold a Masters in theology
- 60% plan to retire in 10 or more years; 29% in less than 10; 11% are already enjoying retirement, up from 7.2% in 2015
- 52.5% are female, down from 54.8% in 2015
- 7.4% identified themselves as LGBTQ+
- 26.5% have been ATLA members for 20 years or more; 21% have been members for 2 years or fewer
- 16.6% of those currently working in libraries are ordained

This year for the first time a question was asked about personal religious affiliation. The most frequent responses (3% or more) included:

- Anglican 12.9%
- Roman Catholic 11.5%
- Baptist 11%

From the President Superpowers

Submitted by Timothy D. Lincoln, ATLA President



Newly inaugurated American president Donald J. Trump has wasted no time in issuing a salvo of executive orders. He has, among other actions, ordered that two federal regulations be retired for each new

one issued, re-instituted a ban on the use of foreign aid to international agencies that talk about or provide access to abortions, and imposed a hiring freeze on some jobs in the federal government.

Regardless of whether or not you or I think that any of these actions may be good policy, the president's ability to define how many laws are implemented gives the sitting incumbent a great deal of power to effect change in the world. The power of office is real.

In a lecture that I recently attended, the speaker drew our attention to authenticity as one of the hallmarks of our time. According to Canadian philosopher Charles Taylor, we live in an age of authenticity. In this age, we understand our lives to be our own project and do not easily surrender to models or institutions imposed on us from the outside. In our striving to become our authentic selves, we are skeptical about credentials per se (whether in a pastor, a politician, or a librarian). Each of us judges whether or not an idea, professional association, or individual helps us along our journey of self-discovery and meaning making. In our age of authenticity, a good priest or good librarian is not good simply because of the authority of office or credentials. The priest or librarian is recognized as good based on whether or not she delivers the goods.

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ATLA Members by the Numbers Continued

Methodist 8.8%
 Presbyterian 8.8%,
 Lutheran 8.3%
 None 6.5%

Several Christian denominations from outside the U.S. were noted under Other, as were Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, and Norse Neo-Pagan.

This can be compared to the religious affiliations of the theological institutions where members are employed. Only 83% of respondents indicated that they are currently employed in a theological institution. For those institutions, the largest religious affiliation categories (3% or more) were:

- Roman Catholic 13.1%
- Presbyterian 12.6%
- Baptist 10.7%
- Methodist 10.7%
- Nondenominational 8.7%
- Lutheran 7.3%
- Inter- or multi-denominational 6.8%
- Anglican 3.9%
- None 3.9%
- Christian 3.4%
- Churches of Christ – Christian Church 3.4%

A few other religions were reported (Buddhist, Islamic and Hindu, Sikh, and Jain) as well as three non-academic organizations (museum, diocesan library, and a non-profit service organization).

Important for the future health of the association, ATLA has started to build cohorts of younger and mid-career members to offset those who are close to retirement. This is illustrated by the more even distribution of membership across most age groups even though the 65+ category is higher than in 2015.

In general, many of the trends established with previous surveys continued to hold true. ATLA membership remains well-educated and is still not very racially or ethnically diverse. The majority of members are employed at mainline Protestant and Catholic institutions. Other personal and institutional religious affiliations are beginning to appear which may be the result of a slight increase in members based outside North America.

In terms of membership longevity, the two groups at opposite ends of the spectrum represent the highest percentages — 20+ years and 2 years or less. This will continue to create some challenges for ATLA in the future since there may be significant differences in the aspects of membership that each group values most.

ATLA welcomes all members no matter who they are or what tradition they come from. It is the breadth and variety of knowledge and experience coupled with the depth of passion

members have for their work that makes this association vibrant and fulfilling. To quote two members who commented on the survey and who perhaps come from opposite ends of the membership longevity spectrum:

“My relationship with ATLA, and its members, has been one of the most nourishing of my life.”

“ATLA rocks my socks!”

Watch for an in-depth analysis of both the personal and organizational member surveys later this spring.

Superpowers Continued

Librarians leverage both the power of office and the informal power that comes from actually delivering the goods. Advocating effectively for the library budget is in large measure a function of being in the position on the organizational chart to be taken seriously when asking for money.

But know-how matters too. It's because of know-how and organizational knowledge that a school archivist can answer the frantic inquiry from a development officer with accurate information needed before getting on a plane to visit a donor. It's because of technical know-how that the layers of a discovery service link to underlying databases. It's because of communicative know-how that librarians can troubleshoot patron frustrations with downloading ebooks over the phone.

When know-how and the power of office get together, we get a kind of superpower. To serve the needs of students, faculty, and religious professionals well, ATLA members need exactly those superpowers. Capes and masks are optional.

ATLA Calendar

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

As a reminder, routine maintenance will be performed on ATLA systems on Monday, March 6. You may encounter a brief interruption of service between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Services that will be affected include ASE, listservs, the ATLA website, and member community sections. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

Join ATLA at the ACRL 2017 Conference in Baltimore

At the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) 2017 Conference in Baltimore, Maryland (<http://conference.acrl.org/>), ATLA will offer opportunities to connect with ATLA staff and learn about the significant developments with our products and services and in the field of theological librarianship as a whole. We will host exhibit booth #1115. Below are the hours for the exhibit hall, please plan to visit us during this time.

- Wednesday, March 22, 2017 5:45 pm – 7:30 pm Exhibit Hall Open, Opening Reception
- Thursday, March 23, 2017 9:00 am – 4:30 pm Exhibit Hall Open
- Friday, March 24, 2017 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Exhibit Hall Open

You and your colleagues are also cordially invited to attend our reception on Thursday, March 23, 2017, held at the National Aquarium Baltimore (<https://aqua.org/>) from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. The Aquarium is located at 501 East Pratt Street and is a short walk from the Baltimore Convention Center. Please RSVP (<https://goo.gl/forms/4rcz0Jvs07tTJrsw1>) here no later than Friday, March 10, 2017. We look forward to seeing you in Baltimore.

In or near Southern California? You're invited to SCEL C Vendor Day on Thursday, March 9

This March, SCEL C welcomes any ATLA member, whether or not your library is participating in a SCEL C offer at this time, to attend their annual SCEL C Vendor Day. This is a great opportunity for you to meet vendors and see demonstrations of many products in a single day, be sure check out the full Vendor Day schedule (<https://scelcapalooza2017.sched.com/overview/type/Vendor+Day>) to see what vendors and products will be featured. For several years, ATLA and SCEL C (<https://www.atla.com/Members/programs/Pages/ATLA-SCEL C-Affiliate-Program.aspx>) have partnered to provide ATLA Institutional members with the opportunity to license electronic resources not currently available through local consortial agreements.

SCEL C Vendor Day (<http://scelc.org/events/scelcapalooza/vendor-day>) will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2017, at University Hall on the campus of Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, CA.

Registration and ticketing are organized via Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/scelcapalooza-2017-registration-28876912623>). While other events are listed, you only need to select the "Vendor Day" box to register. During lunch, ATLA members will be welcome to gather and eat together along with Gillian Harrison Cain, Director of Member Programs at ATLA, who will be attending. Please

indicate "ATLA" in the section where it asks for Library School Alumni information and you'll be notified where the group will gather to each lunch together.

As always, this is a free event! We hope to see you at SCEL C Vendor Day.

Announcing Our Spring Webinars Lineup

We are pleased to announce the schedule for the first of the Spring 2017 webinars. These webinars are hosted by ATLA and our partners as a way to foster the exchange of ideas within the theological librarianship profession and share information about important resources.

Making Your Library a Place for Meaningful Conversation

Tuesday, February 21, 12pm CST

Theological libraries are uniquely positioned to spark meaningful conversations on their campuses and in their communities. In this webinar, participants will explore the library as a place for conversation, different types of conversation and conversational practices, and guiding principles for promoting conversation. The presenter, Myka Kennedy Stephens, seminary librarian at Lancaster Theological Seminary, will share examples and lessons learned from conversations she has facilitated and hosted in the library. This webinar is sponsored by the Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Register here (<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6667105739330565633>).

Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception Online

Thursday, February 23, 12pm CST

De Gruyter and SCEL C have partnered to offer a shared purchase model for the Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception Online and SCEL C will be hosting a webinar for interested libraries to learn more about the resource and the offer. The offer is a one-time outright purchase model conferring ownership of the 30 volume set (13 are complete as of 2016) on each individual purchasing library with no ongoing fees. Orders will accumulate until the shared purchase price is reached, and then a new shared purchase will begin. Order forms are due by May 15, 2017, but purchases will be made on a first come-first served basis. All ATLA libraries are eligible to participate in this shared purchase.

Please see the SCEL C offer page for more detail:

<http://scelc.org/offers/encyclopedia-bible-and-its-reception-online>

You will need to log in to the SCEL C website to see full details, including pricing. If your library is a SCEL C Member, Affiliate, or ATLA Institutional member, you can register for an account. Libraries that are not yet SCEL C Affiliates need to compete an application to participate in this shared purchase. (SCEL C

Affiliates do not pay any initial or ongoing fees apart from those attached to products they license through SCELCLC).

On the day of the webinar, you can join here and use your computer for audio or call in from a phone.

United States: +1 (224) 501-3216

Canada: +1 (647) 497-9391

Access Code: 940-059-309

OCLC's Sustainable Collection Services (SCS) and GreenGlass

Tuesday, February 28, 10:30am CST

Please join us for an overview and demonstration of OCLC's Sustainable Collection Services (SCS) and GreenGlass (<https://www.oclc.org/en/sustainable-collections.html>). During this session, you will learn about the incentive programs just for ATLA members, which is the third in the partnership between ATLA and OCLC.

Come learn how your library can benefit by joining eight ATLA members that currently subscribe to the services. In addition to seeing a live demonstration, you will find out how to request incentive pricing and place an order.

Register here (<http://tinyurl.com/oclcwebinarspring>).

Librarians as Active Bystanders: Centering Social Justice in LIS Practice

Tuesday, March 29, 12pm CST

Librarians are social justice advocates and libraries are proponents of equal access; this access is not solely relegated to books and information within the library. This webinar will situate social justice within LIS and discuss ways for librarians to develop a socially just information practice. Webinar presented by Dr. Nicole Amy Cooke, Assistant Professor, School of Information Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and sponsored by the Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Register here (<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9049893671655847171>).

An Introduction to the Translated Texts for Historians E-Library

Wednesday, April 12, 11am CST

Please join Jennie Collinson, Head of Sales at Liverpool University Press as she shares details about an exciting offer available through SCELCLC. The Translated Texts for Historians E-Library (<http://online.liverpooluniversitypress.co.uk/series/tthe>) makes available historical sources from A.D. 300–800 translated into English, in many cases for the first time. This collection contains 66 volumes from the series that bring together a wealth of important early medieval texts in translation, with scholarship from leading academics.

Register here (<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/863455657973947651>).

Let's Talk about Power: Why Diversity and Cultural Competence are Important to LIS

Thursday, April 27, 12pm CST

As microcosms of larger society, libraries are faced with issues of inequity, discrimination, social privilege, and social marginalization. This webinar will briefly discuss the history of unequal access in LIS, and discuss the ways in which librarians can combat this history by becoming culturally competent professionals. Webinar presented by Dr. Nicole Amy Cooke, Assistant Professor, School of Information Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and sponsored by the Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Register here (<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3782318180934547971>).

ATLA PCC Funnels – With an Emphasis on SACO

Wednesday, May 17, 1pm CST

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

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

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

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

Call for Posters: 2017 ATLA Annual Conference

ATLA aims to offer many avenues for members to share interesting and creative projects. Therefore, ATLA invites proposals for poster sessions (<http://tinyurl.com/ATLA2016Proposal>) at the 2017 Annual Conference, June 14-17, Atlanta, Georgia.

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.

Submit your poster proposal by Friday, March 31 (<http://www.atla.com/Members/conference/Lists/Conference%20Proposal/newentry.aspx>).

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 (<http://www.atla.com/Members/conference/Lists/Conference%20Proposal/newentry.aspx>).

ATLA Member Product Loyalty Program Launched

ATLA is proud to sponsor the Member Product Loyalty Program (<https://www.atla.com/Members/programs/Pages/Member-Loyalty-Program.aspx>), a member benefit designed to recognize and reward our current Institutional Members who demonstrate their loyalty to ATLA by subscribing to both the *ATLA Religion Database® (ATLA RDB®)* and *ATLASerials® (ATLAS®)*.

ATLA reserves a portion of funds garnered from product sales for distribution to eligible member sites. The Member Loyalty benefit allows members to re-invest in ATLA Member Programs.

2017 Member Loyalty Benefits

- \$400 to apply toward ATLA Annual Conference registration (in \$100 increments)

- May be applied to a maximum of four conference registrations
- Funds are non-transferrable
- Limited funds available on a first come, first serve basis

Eligibility Requirements

- Current Institutional Member
- Current subscriber to both *ATLA Religion Database® (ATLA RDB®)* and *ATLASerials® (ATLAS®)*

By Friday, March 10, 2017, Member Representatives for eligible members are encouraged to redeem their Member Product Loyalty funds by completing the Member Product Loyalty Form (<http://www.atla.com/Members/conference/Lists/Conference%20Loyalty%20Application/newform.aspx>). In order to complete the form, you will need to use your member log-in and be prepared to provide the name and email of up to four conference registrants from your institution who will receive Member Loyalty funds.

Any registrants redeeming Member Loyalty funds must receive their Member Loyalty confirmation email before registering for the ATLA Annual Conference.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact memberrep@atla.com.

ATLA Annual Conference Travel Grants Available

ATLA is pleased to offer an expanded travel grants program to support attendance at the 2017 ATLA Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, June 14-17. In order to be eligible to apply for an ATLA Travel Grant (<https://www.atla.com/Members/programs/Pages/Conference-Travel-Grant.aspx>), you must be an Individual or Student member in good standing as of January 1, 2017.

The grant award amounts available are as follows:

Attendees from US and Canada

- \$750 USD will be awarded to any ATLA Student or Individual Member who receives NO financial assistance from their institution to attend the conference
- \$500 USD will be awarded to any ATLA Student or Individual Member who receives up to \$250 USD assistance from their institution to attend the conference
- \$250 USD will be awarded to any ATLA Student or Individual Member who receives up to \$500 USD assistance from their institution to attend the conference

Attendees from Other Countries

- \$1,000 USD will be awarded to any ATLA Student or Individual Member, regardless of if they receive financial assistance from their institution to attend the conference

Travel grant recipients must register for the conference before Wednesday, May 10, 2017, are required to stay at the conference hotel, and must complete all required paperwork.

Fill out the Annual Conference Travel Grant Request form to apply (<https://www.atla.com/Members/conference/Pages/ConferenceTravelGrant.aspx>). You may apply for a travel grant until Monday, May 1, 2017. Grants will be awarded on a first come, first served basis and there are limited funds available. Approved recipients will be notified on or before Friday, May 5, 2017.

Grants Available for Members in Developing Countries

As a not-for-profit association of theological libraries and librarians, ATLA understands the importance of supporting theological education throughout the world. ATLA desires to be recognized globally as a strategic collaborator and for the ATLA membership to be more diverse and inclusive. In support of these goals, ATLA has provided a program to make attending the ATLA Annual Conference affordable for members in eligible developing countries (<https://www.atla.com/products/support/Product-Support-FAQs/Pages/ATLA-List-of-Eligible-Developing-Countries.aspx>).

- Registration: There is no charge (\$0.00) for conference registrants (excludes business representatives) from countries other than the US and Canada.
- Conference Travel Grants (<https://www.atla.com/Members/programs/Pages/Conference-Travel-Grant.aspx>): ATLA Student or Individual Members from countries other than the US and Canada may apply to receive an ATLA Travel Grant of \$1,000, regardless of if they receive financial assistance from their institution to attend the conference.
- Developing Countries Conference Grants (<https://www.atla.com/Members/programs/Pages/Developing-Countries-Conference-Program.aspx>): Any ATLA Student or Individual member in good standing as of January 1, 2017, in a country designated as "developing" by the World Bank (<https://www.atla.com/products/support/Product-Support-FAQs/Pages/ATLA-List-of-Eligible-Developing-Countries.aspx>), is eligible to apply for a grant of \$1,000 to be used to attend the ATLA Annual Conference.

Eligible members may take advantage of one or both of the grant programs.

Recipients must register for the conference before Wednesday, May 10, 2017, and are required to stay at the conference hotel.

Please complete the Developing Countries Conference Grant Request form to apply (<https://www.atla.com/Members/conference/Pages/DevelopingCountriesGrant.aspx>). You may apply for a travel grant until Monday, May 1, 2017. There are a limited amount of funds available for grants and they will be awarded on a first come, first served basis to eligible applicants. Approved recipients will be notified on or before Friday, May 5, 2017.

Save the Date: Sacred Harp Sing, Dinner, and Tours of Pitts Theology Library at ATLA 2017

The ATLA Annual Conference will host an evening of Sacred Harp Sing, Dinner, and Tours of Pitts Theology Library on Thursday, June 15, at Emory University.

Emory University (<http://www.emory.edu/home/index.html>) welcomes ATLA with an introduction to the Sacred Harp tradition and a chance to try it out with experienced singers as your guides, led by Dr. Jesse Karlsberg, an internationally recognized authority on the topic. This will be followed by a dinner at the Candler School of Theology (<http://candler.emory.edu/index.html>) and tours of the Pitts Theology Library (<http://pitts.emory.edu/>).

The video below offers a taste of what conference attendees will experience Thursday night. According to Patrick Graham, PhD, Margaret A. Pitts Professor of Theological Bibliography and Director, Pitts Theology Library, this video was taken at an Honors Program where "we honored the Atlanta Sacred Harp singers in the Atrium on level 2. About 20 singers came to sing and help promote our Saturday sing."

The integrated theology complex was completed in 2014 when the library opened. It features several innovations developed by staff, which more than doubled library usage and attracts almost 10,000 visitors to its exhibits annually.

The Pitts exhibit gallery features 22 custom cases devoted to the exhibition "The Image of a Fractured Church: Martin Luther and the 95 Theses." This exhibit was curated by ATLA member and Head of Cataloging Dr. Armin Siedlecki and will be on display during the conference. Learn more here (<http://pitts.emory.edu/exhibits/95theses2017/index.cfm>).

The cost of dinner is included in conference registration and transportation between the hotel and Emory will be provided free of charge for all conference attendees.

More information will be provided once registration opens this spring. Until then, check out the Conference site (<https://www.atla.com/Members/conference/Pages/default.aspx>) for more information on Travel Grants, Member Product Loyalty, and our FAQ.

Supporting the Changing Research Practices of Religious Studies Scholars Report Available

The American Theological Library Association served as lead sponsor for the religious studies project formed by Ithaka S+R's Research Support Services Program, *Supporting the Changing Research Practices of Religious Studies Scholars* (<http://www.sr.ithaka.org/publications/supporting-the-changing-research-practices-of-religious-studies-scholars/>).

In 2016 Ithaka S+R examined the changing research methods and practices of academic religious studies scholars in the United States, with the goal of identifying services to better support them. The project was undertaken collaboratively with research teams at 18 academic libraries and ATLA with guidance from an advisory committee.

The report of their findings is now available (<http://www.sr.ithaka.org/publications/supporting-the-changing-research-practices-of-religious-studies-scholars/>) and can be read on their website.

The goal of this report is to provide actionable findings for the organizations, institutions, and professionals who support the research process of religious studies. 198 scholars were interviewed during the project and Ithaka S+R sampled 102 of the resulting transcripts towards the analysis for this report.

The report concludes by highlighting key issues and providing recommendations from across the findings that have wider implications for how religious studies research support is conceptualized and prioritized. Religious studies scholars' ongoing lack of awareness of and engagement with digital research methods, including those associated with the digital humanities, reflects major structural barriers to methodological innovation within the discipline, necessitating intervention at various levels. While religious studies scholars continue to rely on their institutional libraries, particularly for access to secondary materials, their use of the library is placed among many other strategies for finding and accessing information. Supporting religious studies scholars in their capacities as collectors is one entryway for re-thinking how research support can be cohesively defined and delineated.

The American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature also supported the project. Several Institutional members participated, including Asbury Seminary, Columbia University, Concordia Theological Seminary, Emory University, Harvard University, Luther Seminary, Naropa University, Princeton Theological Seminary, Vanderbilt University, and Yale University.

Read the full report here (<http://www.sr.ithaka.org/publications/supporting-the-changing-research-practices-of-religious-studies-scholars/>).

Notes from the Road: California Dreamin'

Submitted by Roger Morales, ATLA Member Programs Librarian

While in the Los Angeles area for the SCATLA meeting I was able to visit the libraries at four institutions: Concordia University, Logos Evangelical Seminary, University of the West, and International Theological Seminary.

The first visit was to the library at Concordia University (<http://www.cui.edu/library>), nestled in the hills of Irvine, CA. As one walks into the library, there are plenty of study spaces available to students in the form of tables and recliners. Laura Guzman, Public Services Librarian, and Ramez Mikhail, Information Services Librarian, gave me a wonderful tour of the building, which includes the writing center.

With the writing center in the library, students can receive help on writing their paper and walk across the room to get help with research and citations. Ramez shared that he and his colleagues teach information literacy sessions on a weekly basis to support their online programs, which can span widely across subjects such as education, nursing, and business.

Next on my journey was another Institutional member: Logos Evangelical Seminary (<http://www.les.edu/language/en/>). Librarian Shelley Sii gave me a quick tour of the temporary space they are occupying before moving into a new building at the end of the year. The new building will allow Shelley and her staff more room to grow their collection and also provide students with study rooms and study areas.

Because of the diverse population of students at Logos, the collection includes works in several languages, most notably Chinese resources, as seen in the photo. Shelley also shared that most classes are conducted in Chinese.

Next up was the University of the West (<https://lib.uwest.edu/>), one of the few Buddhist universities in the US, the other being the Allen Ginsburg Library at Naropa University. Director Ling-Ling Kuo gave me a tour of the library and their impressive Buddhist collection, which has resources for nearly every major Buddhist school. Languages of the materials include Japanese, Tibetan, Chinese, Sanskrit, and English. As you can imagine, a lot of the materials they are acquiring may not have LC authority headings, so Ling-Ling and her staff do a lot of original cataloging for these intricate Buddhist materials. One other interesting tidbit about the way Ling-Ling catalogs the materials is that she intentionally catalogs all materials together, regardless of the language in which they are written, and intermixes them throughout the collection. She said that this goes against the East Asian practice of separating materials based on their language. She explained that she wants students to be able to see the different versions and translations of a text next to each other on the shelf so that students can have a variety of versions available to them.

The last visit was to International Theological Seminary (<http://web.itsla.edu/library/>). I had the pleasure of meeting Susan Liu in her new position as Head Librarian at ITS. Similar to Logos, ITS has materials in many languages including Chinese, Korean, and English. Susan explained that they have separated materials based on the language in which they are published, for example they have a Korean Collection room. However, their strongest collection is in Chinese — ITS owns roughly about 3,000 materials in the language. Susan holds private research sessions and teaches courses for incoming students in information literacy, averaging about eight students per quarter. Apart from theological training, ITS also supports an English program and their library holds an impressive English literature collection.

It was great to see the diversity and different approaches to theological librarianship on this trip. Thank you all for your hospitality and dedication to your profession.

Librarian Launches Crowd-Sourced List of Libraries with Rare Books and Special Collections

Lynne M. Thomas, Head of Special Collections and Curator of the Rare Books and Special Collections at Northern Illinois University, is working on building a list of libraries that work with rare books and special collections, but that are not members of the Association for Research Libraries (ARL).

In Lynne's own words: "ARL libraries are routinely surveyed and studied, and assumed to be representative of the field, *simply because there is an actual list of libraries to work with.*" As a rare book librarian in a non-ARL library, she is working to remedy this, so that the literature is inclusive of rare books and special collections in all kinds of libraries. The list will include Rare Books, Special Collections, and Archives.

Some ATLA member libraries (particularly theological seminaries with historical collections, for example) may fall into this category. The purpose of this list is, ultimately, to build an easily distributed, open access list of collections and libraries that are often overlooked in professional literature — those without the resources of ARL libraries, but who are still working in the special collections field in some capacity. This list will be made accessible to anyone who wants to research how non-ARL libraries function within the profession.

If you are interested in adding your special collections library to the list, please fill out your information using this Google Form (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-TVxz6dPsSjPS2eWrSB0Ztf_cL1iJoFul8MC-b8MlzdPyGA/viewform). You may also view the list on Lynne's website (<https://lynnemthomas.com/2016/09/13/special-collections-in-non-arl-libraries-our-list-so-far/>).

Aviva Astrinsky and David Gilner Named Co-Recipients of AJL's 2017 Fanny Goldstein Merit Award

Aviva Astrinsky and David Gilner have been named co-Winners of the Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL) (<http://jewishlibraries.org/index.php>) 2017 Fanny Goldstein Merit Award (http://jewishlibraries.org/content.php?page=Fanny_Goldstein_Merit_Award). The Fanny Goldstein Merit Award, named for the librarian, social activist and founder of National Jewish Book Month, is bestowed in recognition of a lifetime of loyal and ongoing contributions to the Association and to the profession of Jewish librarianship.

AJL is a partner of ATLA and they have submitted this exciting news to share with our membership. The texts of the letter of nomination received on behalf of each winner are included below and have been edited minimally for clarity.

Aviva Astrinsky

We are delighted to name Aviva Astrinsky as a co-recipient of the Fanny Goldstein Merit Award. Her many decades of achievements in, and contributions, to the field of Judaica librarianship make her a truly worthy and exemplary candidate.

Aviva has been active in the field of Judaica Librarianship for more than 40 years, working as a librarian and Library Director at several major Jewish institutions. In her positions she pioneered the introduction of digital technologies, and modernized Judaica libraries; she has served as an officer in various professional associations and committees including our own AJL; she played a leadership role in organizing the 1998 AJL Annual Meeting Philadelphia; she is an author and editor of books and articles in the area of Judaica librarianship and bibliography.

Aviva received her BA degree from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and her MLS from the University of Cape Town, South Africa. Before coming to the United States she worked as a Librarian at the Cape Provincial Library Services, Cape Town, and as a corporate librarian at American-Israeli Electronic Industries.

She came to the United States in 1978, where her first position was as a catalog Librarian at the Library of the Union Theological Seminary, followed by assuming the position of Head of Technical Services at the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

In 1988 she was named Library Director at the Annenberg Research Institute in Philadelphia (formerly Dropsie College), which later merged with University of Pennsylvania to become the Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. In the summer of 1999 Aviva became the Head Librarian of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research where she served for 12 years.

Aviva set herself a goal to improve and increasing access to the collections first by computerized cataloging and later by digitizing several Yiddish & Hebrew books and periodicals, including very rare Yiddish children's books published in the USSR in the 1930's.

Since 1984, Aviva became very active within AJL, holding several local and national positions. In 1984, she co-founded the New York chapter of AJL (NYMA) and served as its Secretary, President, and Past President from 1984-1987. In Philadelphia, she helped rejuvenate the Philadelphia chapter of AJL and was its first president. Concurrently she served for four years as the AJL Vice-President for Membership and later as President and Vice-President of the Research, Archives, and Special, Libraries (RAS) Division. She chaired the RAS Bibliography and Reference Book Award Committee and several other nominating committees. Until her retirement, Aviva remained an active member of AJL.

Aviva's publications include "A Bibliography of South African English Novels 1930-1960" (Cape Town, 1965); "Nazi Propaganda Literature in the Library of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research: Source Materials on Modern Jewish Anti-Semitism, National Socialism and the Holocaust" (Leiden, 1998); *Mattityahu Strashun, 1817-1885, Scholar, Leader and Book Collector* (New York, 2001), for which she was also exhibit curator; and *Library of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research: History and Highlights*, with text and captions provided by Lyudmila Sholokhova and Aviva herself (New York, 2012).

We could expand much more on how crucial and important Aviva's role has been in making Judaica resources available and accessible to the much wider world of scholarship, teaching, and research. We believe that celebrating her many achievements and contributions on the East Coast and especially her tenures at JTSA and YIVO at this year's AJL conference in New York City has special meaning and relevance. We hope that Aviva's family and her New York Judaica library colleagues and friends will have the opportunity to join us in honoring Aviva at the conference.

Nomination Statement submitted by Arthur Kiron, Schottenstein-Jesselson Curator of Judaica Collections, University of Pennsylvania Libraries and Heidi G. Lerner, Metadata Librarian for Hebraica and Judaica, Stanford University Libraries to the members of the Fanny Goldstein Merit Award Committee (Etta Gold, Heidi Lerner, Joyce Levine, and Aaron Taub, Chairperson) and approved by the Committee.

Dr. David J. Gilner

We are delighted to name Dr. David J. Gilner, Director of Libraries for the four campus library system of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) and Librarian of its Klau Library, Cincinnati, as a co-recipient of the Fanny Goldstein Merit Award. He truly deserves "recognition of loyal and ongoing contributions to the Association and to

the profession of Jewish librarianship," to quote the Award description on the AJL website.

Dr. Gilner has devoted a considerable amount of his time, energy, and vision to AJL and the profession as a whole. He was the President from 1998-2000, Vice-President-Elect, 1996-1998; President, Research and Special Libraries Division, 1994-1996; Chair of Book Awards Committee from 1992-1996; Vice-President for Publications, 1990-1992; Vice-President for Membership, 1986-1990; among numerous other positions. He was President of the Council on Archives and Research Libraries in Jewish Studies from 2002-2007 and was the chair of the Feinstein Lecture Committee from 2003-2007. Dr. Gilner's articles and reviews have appeared in numerous publications such as *Small Computers in Libraries*, *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, as well as *AJL Conference Proceedings*.

Dr. Gilner earned a B.A. in Religion and an M.A. in Old Testament from Emory University; an M.S. in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois; and an M.Phil. in Hebrew and Cognate Studies and a Ph.D. in Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies from HUC-JIR. His dissertation explores the status and role of women in Biblical Israel. Dr. Gilner has taught biblical and Judaic studies at Wilmington College, the University of Cincinnati, and HUC-JIR. He has preached, lectured, conducted services, and led Bible study groups at numerous synagogues, churches and private homes in the Cincinnati area, and was awarded the Donald P. Black prize by Hebrew Union College for enhancing interfaith dialogue and understanding in the community. Dr. Gilner chaired the editorial boards of the journal *Studies in Bibliography and Booklore* and the monographic series *Bibliographica Judaica* and serves on the HUC-JIR Publications Committee.

Regarding support of AJL, aside from his personal service for many years, Dr. Gilner has allowed numerous HUC-JIR librarians to spend many hours on Association business, serving as officers (current count is a total of six presidents from HUC-JIR), committee chairpersons and members, and several times as convention chairpersons. He has been a mentor throughout the process, fully recognizing the importance of training new leaders for the profession. He has always been supportive of the staff members of the Klau Library, encouraging them to expand from their comfort zone and take advantage of learning opportunities. Some of these opportunities have been through AJL, some through other professional organizations, and some have been specialized seminars or workshops available locally and in other locations. All training was recognized as valuable even if not directly related to one's current position. Dr. Gilner is graciously willing to share his knowledge and expertise. In my case, from learning how to read a catalog card (my first learning session with David) to navigating the political challenges of an academic institution and the Library's role in relation to the institution's mission/goals, all of the other departments and personalities, and everything in between. Following in Herbert Zafren's footsteps, he has encouraged

numerous staff members to attain a graduate level degree in Library Science, followed by an offer of employment at one of the four campus libraries.

We believe that it is especially appropriate for Dr. David J. Gilner to receive this honor from AJL, recognizing over forty-five years of service to the profession of Judaica librarianship, as he will be retiring on June 30, 2017 from his full-time positions as Director of Libraries and Librarian of the Klau Library, Cincinnati, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Nomination Statement submitted by Laurel S. Wolfson, Administrative Librarian, Klau Library, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati, Ohio, to the members of the Fanny Goldstein Merit Award Committee (Etta Gold, Heidi Lerner, Joyce Levine, and Aaron Taub, Chairperson) and approved by the Committee.

The Association of Jewish Libraries promotes Jewish literacy through enhancement of libraries and library resources and through leadership for the profession and practitioners of Judaica librarianship. The Association fosters access to information, learning, teaching and research relating to Jews, Judaism, the Jewish experience and Israel. For more information, please visit www.jewishlibraries.org.

In Memoriam: Donald E. Keeney

Submitted by Duane Carter, Electronic Resources Librarian, Booher Library, Seminary of the Southwest

The Rev. Dr. Donald E. Keeney passed on Saturday, February 4, 2017, after a long illness. He was blessed with a quick wit and the willingness to deliver an ever-ready pun at every occasion. The ATLA community held Donald in great esteem and affection. He was truly appreciated for his professional, yet kind and welcoming demeanor.

Donald earned a bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies and a master's in Theological Studies from Wheaton College, a master's in Divinity and a doctorate in New Testament degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Master of Science in Library Service from Columbia University.

Donald was proficient in Koine Greek, Biblical Hebrew, German, and French. He served as director of libraries at Nyack College and Alliance Theological Seminary in Nyack, New York; Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina; and Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas; and interim director of the Curry Library at William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, before coming to the Seminary of the Southwest as director of the Booher Library.

He will be missed by family, friends, and colleagues alike.

Read more about Donald in his obituary (<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/statesman/obituary.aspx?n=donald-e-keeney&pid=184080816/>).

Welcome New January Members: St. Andrew's Theological College, Washington University of Virginia, and World Mission University

Please join us in welcoming our new Institutional members who joined in January 2017. We would like to take this opportunity to help you get to know these institutions better.

Institutional Member, St. Andrew's Theological College, San Fernando, Trinidad and Tobago

St. Andrew's Theological College (<http://satc.edu.tt/>) is located in San Fernando, Trinidad, and was founded in 1892 to train local pastors for the Presbyterian Church. Although the College is affiliated with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Trinidad, the College fosters an ecumenical setting by hosting students and lecturers of other Christian denominations.

In July 2013, St. Andrew's was approved for Institutional Accreditation by the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago. The College offers several programs of study, including a Certificate in Religious Studies as well as a four-year Licentiate in Theology in which students are prepared to enter the ordained ministry.

Institutional Member, Washington University of Virginia, Annandale, VA

We are excited to welcome Washington University of Virginia (WUV) (<http://wuv.edu/>) back to ATLA after a few years away. Established by Korean-Americans, WUV is a Christian higher education institution located outside of Washington, DC. The Neal T. Jones Seminary is one of five schools within the university and offers three major programs: Master of Divinity, Master of Religious Education, and Doctor of Ministry.

In addition to resources written in English, the WUV Library houses a large collection of Korean language materials to support the bilingual research of WUV's students.

Institutional Member, World Mission University, Los Angeles, CA

In March 1989, World Mission Theological Seminary (<http://en.wmu.edu/>) was established by the Oriental Mission Church as a seminary to train missionaries, pastors, and lay leaders. As the educational offerings expanded, the institution was renamed World Mission University in 1993 to reflect the broader range of programs. In August 2003, the institution moved to a new location in the Koreatown area of downtown Los Angeles.

The World Mission University Library has one of the largest collection of Christian materials written in Korean in North America. The library is an active member of the Southern California Theological Library Association (SCATLA). In order to serve distance learners, the library has partnered with Bethesda University Library and the American Presbyterian Theological College Library to provide students with access to scholarly resources.

ATLA Job Board

- ATLA, Chicago, IL, is looking for Editorial Board (2 open positions) for the Open Access Monographs and for a Development Lead.
- Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, TX, is looking for a Systems and Metadata Librarian.
- Burke Library, Union Theological Seminary, Humanities & History Library, Columbia University Libraries, is looking for a Head of the Burke Library.
- George Fox University: Newberg Campus, Newberg, OR, is looking for a Dean of Libraries.
- Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA, is looking for a Director of Library Services.
- Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, The Klau Library, Cincinnati, OH, is looking for a Head of Technical Services.
- Jerry Falwell Library, Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA, is looking for a Head, Collection Management.
- Moody Bible Institute, Spokane, WA, is looking for a Theological Reference and Instruction Librarian.

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

Library of Congress DPOE Program Conducts Survey on Digital Preservation

How prepared is your organization to provide long-term, durable access to its mission-critical digital content? What skills and experience do staff need to address the digital preservation needs of your organization? The Library of Congress Digital Preservation Outreach and Education (DPOE) Program (<http://www.digitalpreservation.gov/education/index.html>) is conducting a survey designed to capture the digital preservation, continuing education, professional development, and training needs of library organizations.

The Library invites any organization in the United States and territories engaged in the preservation of digital content to complete the survey through close of business on Friday, March 3, 2017. The survey is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016DPOESurvey>.

About DPOE

DPOE fosters outreach and education about digital preservation on a global scale and promotes continuing education and training opportunities that increase individual and organizational capacity to provide long-term, durable access to digital content. Learn more about DPOE here (<http://www.digitalpreservation.gov/education/index.html>).

Join a Grassroots Team Supporting Innovative, Inclusive Approaches to Library Services

We wanted to share a grassroots grant opportunity that we believe would be of interest to ATLA members.

Facing the threat of diminished federal funding for innovative library projects, Library Pipeline has launched a new grant funded by individual donors. The Innovation in Libraries chapter of the Awesome Foundation (<http://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/libraries>) will award monthly micro-grants to incubate small-scale library projects and experiments.

Here's how it will work: each month, innovative, library-related projects will apply for a \$1,000 grant. These grants are funded by librarians, for librarians – a community of twenty “trustees” will give or direct \$50/month each towards projects they deem worthy of support. Learn more about the grant here (<https://www.librarypipeline.org/innovation/innovation-microfunding/>).

Library Pipeline is also recruiting the first group of Innovation in Libraries Awesome Foundation chapter trustees — individuals who would personally fund the grant or make decisions about how sponsors' funds should be disbursed. We invite you to spread the word within your library community and apply to be a trustee if you are interested. Trustee applications (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeXRtJZBWXBHR6BONcs1pMpfTYOhXcqcshDh3YNkUiGvrtA/viewform?c=0&w=1>) are due by February 15, 2017.

Grant applications will be accepted starting March 1, 2017.

Society of American Archivists Seeking Nomination for Sister M. Claude Lane, O.P., Memorial Award

The Society of American Archivists' Awards Committee (<http://www2.archivists.org/governance/handbook/section7/groups/Awards>) is seeking nominations for the Sister M. Claude Lane, O.P., Memorial Award (<http://www2.archivists.org/governance/handbook/section12-lane>) This award recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to the field of religious archives.

Only individual archivists are eligible for nomination. The award is sponsored by the Society of Southwest Archivists (<https://societyofsouthwestarchivists.wildapricot.org/>) in conjunction with the Society of American Archivists (SAA) (<http://www2.archivists.org/>). It is named in honor of Sister M. Claude Lane, the first professionally trained archivist at the Catholic Archives of Texas in Austin, who served there from 1960 until her death in 1974. The award finalist is recognized with a certificate from SAA and a \$300 cash prize provided by the Society of Southwest Archivists at the Society of American Archivists' annual meeting.

Criteria for nomination include:

- Involvement and work in the Archivists of Religious Collections Section (ARCS) of the Society of American Archivists.
- Contributions to archival literature that relates to religious archives.
- Participation and leadership in religious archives organizations.
- Evidence of leadership in specific religious archives.

For more information on the Lane Award, including past winners, see: <http://www2.archivists.org/governance/handbook/section12-lane>

To nominate an archivist for the Lane Award, please follow the guidelines provided in the Nomination Form via the link on that page.

All nominations must be submitted to the Awards Committee by February 28, 2017.

Questions?

Contact Jillian Ewalt ewalt@csus.edu, Metadata Archivist, Special Collections and University Archives, California State University, Sacramento.

Welcome New Reciprocal Borrowing Participants

The ATLA Reciprocal Borrowing Program continues to grow! Please join us in welcoming the member institutions that joined the program in January and early February. The Reciprocal Borrowing Program creates an arrangement between participating North American ATLA Institutional Members to grant check-out privileges to each other's patrons and students. To find a library close to you, please visit the map of participating member libraries.

Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL

Moody Bible Institute (<https://www.moody.edu/>) is a Christian institution of higher education founded in 1886. The central Moody campus is located in Chicago, IL. In addition, there are campuses located in Spokane, WA and Plymouth, MI.

The Henry C. Crowell Library is located within the George Sweeting Center for World Evangelization. The library holds approximately 264,000 volumes and includes a Music Library and the Crowell Archives. Some notable holdings include records from MBI Ministries (Broadcasting, Education, Moody Press, Today in the Word) and documents from significant events including the Civil War, Chicago Fire, evangelistic campaigns in the US and Europe, and biographical material of distinguished Christian ministers (C.I. Scofield, Spurgeon, and others).

Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando, FL

Reformed Theological Seminary (<http://rts.edu/>) first opened its doors in the fall of 1966 in Jackson, MS, in response to a lack of seminaries in the southeastern United States teaching

Reformed theology. Since then RTS has expanded to five resident campuses: Jackson, Mississippi; Orlando, Florida; Washington, DC; Atlanta, Georgia; and RTS Global, a distance learning program.

The Orlando campus of RTS has recently joined the Reciprocal Borrowing program. The library offers many valuable resources to students pursuing degrees in religious studies, including periodicals, reference book collections, eBooks, and several electronic databases.

World Mission University, Los Angeles, CA

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ATLA Provides Potential New Website Offering

Are you interested in improving the look of your library's website? Do you want to make sure your library's website looks good on any device (follows responsive design guidelines) and meets the latest accessibility standards (WCAG 2.0)?

ATLA is considering partnering with another library consortium, NC LIVE (<http://www.nclive.org/>), to provide ATLA Institutional members a new low cost website service offering for libraries using LibGuides CMS.

Participating libraries would receive two professionally designed templates for LibGuides, a library homepage and interior page, each with a contemporary, attractive design. Also included is an implementation guide and possibly training on the using the templates.

ATLA is hosting an informational webinar on the potential new service with Gillian Harrison Cain (ATLA Director of Member Programs) and featuring Rob Ross (NCLIVE Executive Director) on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 1:00pm CT. Register here (<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7312097951950223874>).

In order to gauge interest in this potential new service, we request interested libraries complete a short questionnaire (<http://tinyurl.com/NCLIVESurvey>). You may submit your response immediately or wait until after attending the webinar. If you have any questions regarding this potential new offering, feel free to email us at memberrep@atla.com.

Join the ATLA/EBSCO Consortia Purchasing Program

Are you interested in adding databases hosted on the EBSCOhost platform — such as *ATLA Religion Database®* (ATLA RDB®), *ATLA Serials* (ATLAS®), or Middle Eastern & Central Asian Studies — to your library? If you are not already purchasing these databases, you may be eligible for discounted pricing through the ATLA/EBSCO consortia (<https://www.atla.com/Members/programs/Pages/EBSCO-Publishing-Consortium.aspx>). We are currently in the midst of the renewal process for the ATLA/EBSCO consortia, and now is a great time for new participants to join.

Description

ATLA offers discounted purchasing of several databases on EBSCOhost, including all five ATLA products and partner products. The consortia year runs from July 1 to June 30, but libraries can choose to participate in the consortium mid-year for a pro-rated price.

Participants who subscribe concurrently to all five ATLA products and partner products (*ATLA RDB®*, *ATLAS®*, *ATLA Catholic Periodical and Literature Index®*, *Old Testament Abstracts*, and *New Testament Abstracts*) will receive an additional 15% discount on those databases.

The following databases are available through this program:

- *ATLA Religion Database®* (ATLA RDB®)
- *ATLASerials®* (ATLAS®) – A subscription to *ATLA Religion Database* is a prerequisite
- *ATLA Catholic Periodical and Literature Index®* (ATLA CPLI®)
- *Old Testament Abstracts* (OTA)
- *New Testament Abstracts* (NTA)
- *Bibliography of Native North Americans*
- *Child Development & Adolescent Studies*
- *Family & Society Studies Worldwide*
- *Family Studies Abstracts*
- *The Left Index*
- *Middle Eastern & Central Asian Studies*
- *Peace Research Abstracts Journal*

Eligibility

This opportunity is open to current Institutional members of ATLA who: 1) do not currently subscribe to the EBSCO databases desired, or 2) currently subscribe to the desired databases directly through EBSCO (rather through than a consortium).

How to Join

If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please reach out to us at memberrep@atla.com. To request a quote, please send your responses to the following questions

- How many campuses will have access?
- What is your most current FTE?
- Which databases do you wish to subscribe to?

You will have the option of accepting or declining any quotes received. The final quote you accept will be the price you pay to ATLA for access to the databases ordered.

Please send all questions to memberrep@atla.com.

Theological Libraries Ebook Lending Project: Traditional and Revolutionary

Submitted by Donna Campbell, Westminster Theological Seminary

Good news! After concluding a successful yearlong pilot project in June 2016, the new phase of the Theological Libraries Ebook Lending Project (TLELP) (<http://www.theologicalebooks.org/opac/#index>) has grown from five libraries with a one-year agreement, to thirteen libraries with a three-year agreement, and has plans for continued growth.

Now is the perfect time for you to join us! Save money and finally gain control over your digital content offerings (eBooks, eAudio, etc.). With our shared ODILo eBook platform, libraries can bring in content from any publisher, as well as ingest and share their own publications and/or local content. Our customized platform allows TLELP greater freedom in terms of content and organization. Your library can lend various religious and theological materials through this innovative and easy-to-use platform.

Who Are We?

TLELP is a group of independent libraries that save money by purchasing religious and theological eBooks direct from publishers, to then securely lend those resources on a shared Adobe Content Server. In similar fashion to print book purchasing, TLELP libraries purchase specific eBooks for their own collections, usually allowing one simultaneous user for each copy purchased. Currently, TLELP libraries have acquired nearly 600 unique titles, with many available as multiple copies for all patrons to borrow.

Our publishers have agreed to allow TLELP libraries to share their collections with the other libraries participating in the project. Some publishers have even agreed to offer unlimited, concurrent use to the purchasing library.

What Discount Will I Receive As A New Library?

Discounts on the annual platform fee range from 10-30%. The sliding scale is based on the number of new libraries who sign on. The final number will be known in April/May 2017.

Want More Information?

Feel free to download the PDF (<https://newsletter.atla.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/TLELP-Fee-Schedule-and-FAQ.pdf>) for information on fee schedule and answers to frequently asked questions.

If you are making plans to join the platform or have additional questions, please contact Donna R. Campbell at dcampbell@wts.edu.

Learn More about EBSCO eBook Collections

There are several eBook collections available from EBSCO that you might be interested in learning more about. EBSCO Collection Development Librarians created 10 smaller Theology and Religion 2016 collections (scroll halfway down the page) (<https://www.ebscohost.com/ebooks/academic/featured-collection>). These collections provide titles on a variety of aspects of Christian religious studies. These collections are highly focused on specific fields of Christian studies and Christian theology and are organized by subject for ease of use. Key publishers include Baker Publishing Group, Fortress Press, Westminster John Knox Press, Eerdmans Publishing Company, and United Methodist Publishing House.

The 2017 collections are updated collections with no overlap of titles included in the 2016 collections, therefore libraries who purchased the 2016 versions can be assured they are buying all new titles in 2017. These collections are available for perpetual purchase and the collections cannot be broken up.

Also available are 12 collections curated by ATLA (*ATLA Historical Monographs Collection*) (<https://www.ebscohost.com/archives/atla-historical-monographs-collection>) where religion and theology scholars can focus their research on the era and topics that most closely fit their fields of study. Eleven thematic series provide researchers with specialized content spanning from the 13th century through 1922. Two comprehensive sets are also available.

The majority of content dates from the 19th and early 20th centuries, a time of great doctrinal, social and organizational turmoil and upheaval in American culture, making this collection an invaluable resource for scholars seeking to understand not only religious thought during this time period, but the general social, political and economic transformation of the country as well. Researchers can view all of the typography, graphics and drawings as they were originally presented, which provides context and perspective to religion in American and world history.

The ATLA Historical Monographs Collections have not changed in 2016 and are available for perpetual purchase. EBSCO will provide custom quotes for any library interested in these collections.

Contact your EBSCO Sales Rep to receive your quote for the EBSCO eBook Collection today!

2016 ATLA Summary of Proceedings Available

Relive the 70th ATLA Annual Conference in Long Beach, California, by downloading a copy of the 2016 *Summary of Proceedings* (<https://www.atla.com/Members/benefits/proceedings/Pages/default.aspx>).

Enjoy papers, presentations, and panels from theological librarians including, "Theological Librarianship in the Age of Digital Humanities" by Bobby Smiley; "Open Source Software in Theological Libraries" by Richard M. Adams, Matthew S. Collins, and Myka Kennedy Stephens; and "The Silence of the Religious Archive on Issues of Social Justice: Exploring the Political Activity of Two Denominations Through Primary Source Materials" by Christopher J. Anderson, Colin Dube, and Shanee' Yvette Murrain.

The *Proceedings* also includes reports from the Denominational Groups, Interest Groups, and Committees, and includes the organizational and membership directories, the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) and ATLA Library Statistical Report, and the Association Bylaws.

This year's *Proceedings* is available in EPUB and PDF versions and can be found here (<https://www.atla.com/Members/benefits/proceedings/Pages/default.aspx>). The full text of each edition of the *Proceedings* is also available in *ATLASerials*®. Members may log in to access the *Proceedings* from 2011 to 2016 under the Community section (<https://www.atla.com/community>).

All Individual, Student, and Lifetime Members, as well as all Institutional and Affiliate Member Representatives, will receive a copy of the *Proceedings*. Printed editions were mailed out the last week of January. Non-members may subscribe to the printed edition at \$60 for domestic and \$80 international per volume. Contact a membership associate for more information on subscribing.

For any questions or concerns, please contact memberrep@atla.com.

2015 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.

ATS collects information from institutions in the fall of each year, reflecting the most recently completed fiscal year (usually the prior year). ATLA reorganizes the data from ATS member institutions to provide comprehensive statistics focused on the library portion of the ATS survey.

ATLA is pleased to provide the most recent three years of data in downloadable Excel documents. Data from prior years is available in the ATLA Community section of this website under ATLA Member Publications – ATS Statistics.

The ATS statistics from 2015 are now available on our site: <https://www.atla.com/Members/benefits/statistics/Pages/default.aspx>.

Announcing Additions to ATLA Products – December 2016 and January 2017

The American Theological Library Association (ATLA) is pleased to announce the addition of titles now available in *ATLASerials*® (*ATLAS*®), the *ATLA Religion Database*® (*ATLA RDB*®), *ATLA Catholic Periodical and Literature Index*® (*ATLA CPLI*®).

New Full-Text Titles in *ATLASerials*® (*ATLAS*®)

- *Auburn Studies* by Auburn Theological Seminary at the Auburn Center for the Study of Theological Education
- *Auburn Center Background Reports* [ceased*] by Auburn Theological Seminary at the Auburn Center for the Study of Theological Education
- *Trinity Studies* [ceased*] by Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

New indexing titles in *ATLA Religion Database*® (*ATLA RDB*®)

- *Auburn Studies* by Auburn Theological Seminary at the Auburn Center for the Study of Theological Education
- *Auburn Center Background Reports* [ceased*] by Auburn Theological Seminary at the Auburn Center for the Study of Theological Education
- *Biblical and Ancient Greek Linguistics* by McMaster Divinity College Press
- *Canadian Theological Review* by the Canadian Evangelical Theological Association
- *Familia* by Instituto Superior de Ciencias de la Familia
- *Hikma* by Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht
- *Journal of the American Research Center in Egypt* by Lockwood Press
- *Nazariyat İslam Felsefe ve Bilim Tarihi Araştırmaları Dergisi* by Libronet bilgi hizmetleri ve yazılım san.tic. Ltd. Şti.

New indexing titles in *ATLA Catholic Periodical and Literature Index*® (*ATLA CPLI*®)

- *Diálogo Ecueménico* by Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca, Servicio de Publicaciones

Read the full press release (<http://www.atla.com/about/pressroom/Pages/Announcing-Additions-to-ATLA-Products-%E2%80%93-December-2016-and-January-2017.aspx>).

Auburn Studies Journal Joins *ATLASerials*® (*ATLAS*®)

The American Theological Library Association (ATLA) is excited to announce our partnership with Auburn Seminary regarding the Auburn Studies journal. A long-time staple in the world of theological education and analysis, the journal and its reports are now being indexed in the *ATLA Religion Database*® (*ATLA RDB*®) and are available in *ATLASerials*® (*ATLAS*®) as full text.

In conjunction with Auburn's launch in *ATLAS*®, ATLA staff spoke with Dr. Sharon Miller, Director of Research, and Rev. Dr. Christian Scharen, Vice President of Applied Research, both of the Center for the Study of Theological Education at Auburn Seminary. We discussed what this collaboration means for them and gained insight into the Auburn Studies mission.

"We are thrilled ATLA is carrying Auburn Studies in its entirety," said Dr. Sharon Miller, Director of Research.

Launched in 1993 by Barbara Wheeler, *Auburn Studies* and later the accompanying *Auburn Center Background Reports*, sought to bridge a gap in research on theological education. Using data provided by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS), Auburn offered practical assessments and constructive insights to help those engaged in theological education adapt to a rapidly changing world. Wheeler and her colleague Anthony Ruger broke new ground by researching and publishing their data findings in earlier Auburn Studies' reports. Their research was used widely by schools to address pressing concerns such as theological student debt, the financial health of theological schools and dropping seminary enrollment.

The first 20 years of Auburn Seminary research was built off of ATS data, but that changed four years ago when ATS restructured and began to analyze and publish more of their own basic data. This opened the door for Auburn to widen their scope and objectives. Now the Center's research focuses on the preparation of faith leaders more broadly, not just those trained in theological schools. As Rev. Dr. Scharen puts it, Auburn now has a wider aperture for their work while also producing reports that are more integrated into the field of higher education and leadership development. One of their most recent reports was "Bright Spots in Theological Education," which has been very well received and widely discussed.

"We don't want people to assume they have to learn from the institutions they already know. You can learn from places you aren't aware of — there's a commonality there," said Rev. Dr. Christian Scharen, Vice President of Applied Research.

With a widening of scope for research came a widening audience and mission for the institution as a whole. Auburn now has its own national leadership cohort, the Auburn Senior Fellows program, along with a renewed focus on current

events and multi-faith dialogue. *Auburn Studies* will continue to expand its role as a preeminent publication on theological education and leadership development.

“The coverage of these Auburn publications in our suite of research tools is an important step for ATLA. These insightful reports document trends in theological education and they deserve broad exposure in the research community. Inclusion in the *ATLA Religion Database*® and *ATLASerials*® ensures that they will be discovered and read by researchers around the world,” said Brenda Bailey-Hainer, ATLA Executive Director.

ATLA is thrilled to have the complete archive of Auburn’s carefully curated, ground-breaking research included in our database and looks forward to its insightful analysis in the years to come.

Read the full press release ([http://www.atla.com/about/pressroom/Pages/Auburn-Studies-Journal-Joins-ATLASerials%C2%AE-\(ATLAS%C2%AE\).aspx](http://www.atla.com/about/pressroom/Pages/Auburn-Studies-Journal-Joins-ATLASerials%C2%AE-(ATLAS%C2%AE).aspx)).

ATLA RDB® and ATLA CPLI® Merge Vocabularies

ATLA is in the process of merging the vocabularies used in indexing the *ATLA Religion Database*® and the *ATLA Catholic Periodical and Literature Index*®. Where possible, *ATLA RDB*® subject heading conventions will be applied to the *ATLA CPLI*® data. During this process some *ATLA RDB*® subject headings will be modified.

In order to keep our users up to date on the vocabulary changes, we have added an Excel spreadsheet that documents the changes that were made. The current list of significant changes have been updated (January 24, 2017) and can be downloaded from our website (<https://www.atla.com/products/support/Pages/ATLA-Thesaurus-Authority-File-and-Policy-Changes-.aspx>).

If you have any questions, please email support@atla.com.