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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS IN DENVER

The Board of Directors of the American Theological Library Association met on Thursday, June 20; Friday, June 21; and Tuesday, June 25, 1996, with all members present. In addition, ATLA staff members, Dennis Norlin, Patti Adamek, and Melody Chartier attended at various times during the meeting. David Wartluft attended as recording secretary. During the sessions the Board:

- appointed Dennis A. Norlin to a five year term as Executive Director of ATLA;
- continued discussions about the desire to work with other faith communities; i.e. the continuing relationship between ATLA and the Association of Jewish Librarians;
- reaffirmed its commitment to ATLA core products;
- discussed the budget for FY 96-97;
- discussed the strategic plan for FY 96-97;
- discussed the future of the ATLA preservation program and approved appointment of a Preservation Advisory Committee;
- approved the slate of officers for the 1996-97 year: M. Patrick Graham, President; Lorena Boylan, vice-president; Christopher Brennan, Secretary;
- tentatively established the date of the midwinter board meeting as January 17-18, 1997;
- discussed ATLA's relationships with other library associations, i.e. Conseil International des Associations de Bibliothèques and the Australia and New Zealand Theological Library Association;

- discussed development of a stronger relationship with ATS;
- Bill Hook reported that the Automation & Technology interest group has been disbanded by the vote of its members;
- approved the following motion: that Melody Chartier be empowered to set a deadline for receipt of information prior to the annual conference meeting by which Interest Group chairs must submit tentative proposals (which can be revised later) by that deadline, and if not submitted, that Interest Group will not be slotted on the program. 📖

*Melody S. Chartier*  
*Director of Member Services*

### PASSWORD FOR ATLA HOME PAGE

To better serve ATLA members, the member page on the ATLA home page will be password protected beginning **Tuesday, September 3, 1996**. After this date, you will be prompted for the password to access the member page, which contains the newsletter, job postings, interest group and conference information, etc. The password will change quarterly with the publication of the print version of the *ATLA Newsletter*. The password for this quarter is **RIO28** (Please use all caps and type the password as it appears here.). 📖

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations and thanks to Sara Myers, her staff, and the other librarians in the Denver area for their work on the 1996 annual conference and to Melody Chartier, Karen Anderson, and the other ATLA staff who contributed their talents and energies to the effort. The program was marked by the strengths that have characterized ATLA conferences over the years an interesting slate of pre-conference educational offerings, member-directed interest groups, outstanding conference papers and workshops, the use of roundtable discussion groups to cover a multitude of topics of current interest, and various opportunities for worship and social interaction. The hotel accommodations were comfortable, and the city of Denver provided a delightful setting for this annual time of renewal.

One of the unique and most memorable aspects of the 96 conference, though, was its orientation toward remembering the first fifty years of ATLA. The tributes to charter members and past-presidents of the association and in some instances, the occasion to meet these people provided many of us with our richest opportunities to date to learn its tradition and become familiar with some of the achievements of its early members. ATLA has indeed had a rich first fifty years.

At the business and board meetings, technology displays, and other conference sessions, though, it became equally clear that bright and promising days lie ahead for the association. The year just past has been a difficult one with the downsizing of the ATLA staff in Evanston and the cessation of the *Ethics Index*. As the association begins another year, though, there is considerable reason for optimism. First, in the person of Dennis Norlin ATLA has found a leader of exceptional integrity, dedication, and competence. Dennis begins the first year of his five-year term intimately familiar with ATLA's staff, products, and mission. Dennis' experience, collaborative management style, and earnest commit

ment to the association will, I believe, serve all of us well. The ATLA staff is enthusiastic in their support of Dennis and their morale is high. Second, the renewal of the association's focus on its core products and mission should bear substantial results for the organization. Staff are committed to meet production deadlines, maintain the quality of ATLA products, and make the most efficient and cost-effective use of technology in their work. The recent and highly successful use of the association's web site at Vanderbilt for product sales suggests that such confidence in this team is justified. It is gratifying to witness the sincere and determined efforts of the association's staff to hear what member librarians need for their work and then devise creative and effective responses to those needs. Finally, I am greatly encouraged by the strong and enthusiastic participation of ATLA members in the Denver conference and believe that this bodes well for our organization. It is clear that association members bring great vitality, talent, and dedication to their work and have not been discouraged by the challenges of our rapidly changing environments and fiscal constraints. There is indeed reason for hope and optimism. 📖

M. Patrick Graham  
ATLA President

**MESSAGE FROM THE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Over the course of the last six months I've had the opportunity to watch a new high-rise apartment building being built in downtown Evanston. My initial assumption was that the new building would be seven or eight stories high, like the resident hotels across Chicago Avenue from it. When two large cranes were assembled on site they were about that height. Once the concrete footings were poured, the new building began to appear floor by floor. In less than a month the floors were at the top of the highest crane, and I assumed the building's infrastructure was completed. The next time I walked by, however, the cranes had been extended at least five more floors and more construction began. Twice more I've seen extensions of the two cranes and more floors appear. The building now towers 18 floors in the air, with no end in sight!

Attending ATLA's Golden Anniversary Conference in June gave me a similar vision of ATLA's future. We have a marvelous foundation - a diverse and ecumenical membership, a talented and dedicated staff, a unique collection of religious materials preserved in microformat, and a distinguished reputation as producers of the most important research tool in the scholarly study of religion.

During the fiscal year that begins September 1, 1996, we will be raising the cranes again—developing the infrastructure we need to reach successfully into the twenty-first century:

- We have reduced our staff and sharpened our focus, streamlining all ATLA operations;
- We have opened new channels of communication with a permanent Technology Advisory Committee, a Preservation Advisory Committee, and ATLA's first User Group;
- We have a new five year lease in our present location, consolidating our operations to the fourth floor of 820 Church Street;

- We are developing an archival format for preserving ATLA's valuable data,
- We have a new administrative team committed to continual improvement of ATLA's service to you, the members.

This will be a year of preparation for the future. We will focus on just five areas, outlined in the Strategic Plan for 1997. By accomplishing these goals in the coming year we will complete the infrastructure necessary for ATLA's continued advancement.

As ATLA's new Executive Director I want to thank: the Board for entrusting me with this responsibility and opportunity; the staff for its steadfastness, talent, and creativity; and members for your loyalty, involvement, and support. The future is bright for our association. Now let's get to work. 📖

*Dennis A. Norlin  
Executive Director*

## ATLA STRATEGIC PLAN

Following a three year period of rapid expansion and exploration of a variety of projects, products, and formats, ATLA is at a critical juncture in its history. During the next year the association should:

Assist member libraries and librarians in pursuit of their missions

- Facilitate communications among members and staff and board
- Strengthen the role of Member Services within the organization
- Coordinate Preservation Initiatives
- Develop the role of Customer Representative
- Provide support for member interest groups
- Develop an ATLA User Group that will interact with staff in developing new products and product improvements
- Promote an association rather than a company model for activities

Establish a sound fiscal foundation for ATLA's future

- Adopt a conservative budget for FY97
- Revise dues structure
- Outsource microfilm sales
- Explore outsourcing for other product sales
- Continue planning for a permanent ATLA headquarters

Develop ATLA's Technology in appropriate and Innovative Ways

- Develop an ATLA archival data format [Enhanced Partially Tagged Format]
- Produce MARC records for tape-load applications
- Progress towards a fully relational database
- Develop a Bibliographic Instruction program for the Religion Da
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- tabase on CD-ROM and make it accessible on the internet
- Reorganize the Technology Advisory Committee on an association model
- Study alternatives for document delivery and full-text applications

Seek opportunities to work collaboratively with individuals and organizations interested in the scholarly study of religion

- Establish clear guidelines for partnerships
- Resolve all outstanding ATLA commitments
- Continue current commitments:
  - Old Testament Abstracts
  - Catholic Periodical and Literature Index
  - South African Theological Bibliography
  - Strengthen ATLA's relationship with ATS

Develop a new long-range strategic plan to guide ATLA into the next century.

- Select a new Executive Director
- Develop a long-range Strategic Plan (1997-2000)

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### New Appointments

I am very pleased to announce that the following persons have accepted my invitation to serve as Directors with me in our new administrative structure:

Patricia K. Adamek, Director of Finance and Chief Financial Officer; Melody S. Chartier, Director of Member Services; Paul Jensen, Director of Information Services; Joel R. Schorn, Senior Editor.

The Directors will work with me to complete the current administrative structure and to develop appropriate position descriptions and titles for all other ATLA staff. I am also pleased to announce three staff appointments of special interest to ATLA members:

John Bollier has agreed to rejoin our staff on a part-time basis as our Development Officer. John has a wealth of experience that will be invaluable as he works with foundations, partnerships, and ATLA's endowment fund. John will continue to be located in Connecticut, and will be in regular communications with other ATLA staff. He will represent the Association in negotiations and contacts with foundations and funding agencies and in discussions and contacts with related associations and organizations that share a common interest in theological education, and he will provide leadership in developing financial support among the association's members, especially in stimulating contributions to the Endowment Fund.

Kathy Denise Flint has been appointed Technical Writer. Kathy has been Co-Coordinator of IBRR for the past several years and has an excellent combination of skills to bring to this position. Her responsibilities will include the production of documentation for ATLA products, developing personnel manuals, operations manuals, and serving as Webmaster for ATLA's WWW site.

Margret Tacke is now the Editor of the Index to Book Reviews in Religion. Margret has

been at ATLA for more than 4 years and has been the Co-coordinator of IBRR.

### Formation of Committees

Two important committees have been established by the Executive Director.

**The Preservation Advisory Committee** is charged with responsibility for developing a proposal for the future of ATLA's preservation programs. Chaired by Myron Chace of the Library of Congress, the Committee includes these members:

Patricia Adamek, Director of Finance, ATLA; David O. Berger, Ludwig E. Fuerbringer Library, Concordia Seminary; Myron B. Chace, Chair, Special Services Section, Library of Congress; Cynthia Frame, The Burke Library, Union Theological Seminary; M. Patrick Graham, Pitts Theology Library, Emory University; Judy Knop, Preservation Coordinator, ATLA; Paul Stuehrenberg, Library, Yale Divinity School; Donald M. Vorp, Speer Library, Princeton Theological Seminary; Charles Willard, Andover-Harvard Theological Seminary, Harvard Divinity School.

**The Technology Advisory Committee** is a permanent committee that will help focus and direct ATLA's technology-related issues. Chair of the Technology Advisory Committee is Bill Hook. Members include:

William Hook, Chair, Vanderbilt University (1 Year Term); Mary R. Bischoff, Jesuit/Krauss/McCormick (1 Year Term); Duane Harbin, Southern Methodist U. (2 Year Term); Kirk Moll, Dickinson College (2 Year Term); Jackie W. Ammerman, Hartford Seminary (3 Year Term); Sharon A. Taylor, Andover-Newton Theological School (3 Year Term); Erica Treesh, ATLA (1 Year Term); Paul Jensen, ATLA (1 Year Term)

ATLA is fortunate to have these talented and dedicated members willing to serve the association through their participation on these committees.


### User Group Formed

The first ATLA User Group has been formed. Each month this group will respond to a short survey from ATLA staff providing the user's view about a variety of products, policies, and issues. All interaction will be electronic and summaries of each survey will be shared with the entire User Group and ATLA Members. The first survey is scheduled to be sent September 1.

Our thanks in advance to the following individuals for agreeing to participate:

Cheryl Adams, Reference Specialist, Religion, Library of Congress; Sandra Fuentes, 2nd Year Library Student, University of Texas; Joanna Hause, Tech Serv/Ref Lib, Biblical Theological Seminary; Tom Haverly, Assoc. Lib/Pub Services, Ambrose Swasey Library; Marvin Hunn, Asst. Dir/Tech Serv & Systems, Dallas Theological Seminary; Andrew Kadel, Ref/Coll Dev Librarian, Union Theol. Sem (NY); Liz Leahy, Assoc. U. Lib/Theology Lib, Azusa Pacific University; Saundra Lipton, Ref Serv Coord/Rel Stud. Lib, University of Calgary; Laura H. Randall, Reference Librarian, Bridwell Lib, Perkins ST, SMU; Roberta Schaafsma, Assoc/Ref Librarian, Duke University Divinity School; Suzanne Selinger, ThLib/Assoc Prof Hist Theol., Drew University; David Suiter, Public Services Librarian, Boston University Sch of Theol; Blake Walter, Systems Librarian, Trinity International University; Anne Womack, Public Services Librarian, Vanderbilt Divinity Library. 

### SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

The 1996 *Summary of Proceedings* will be printed later than usual due to the internal reorganization of ATLA headquarters. Members should receive their copy before the end of the calendar year. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes and appreciate your patience and understanding. 

### MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MEMBER SERVICES

Although each ATLA annual conference is different from the last; programs, venues, hosts; what remains constant is the genuine feeling of camaraderie and friendship among the participants. Almost every single person who returned their 1996 conference evaluation form commented on appreciating the opportunity to meet and gather with old and new friends alike. People in ATLA have often commented to me that ATLA is different—the warm and collegial spirit sets it apart from other comparable academic gatherings. I couldn't agree more. It is in this spirit that I thank the ATLA members who devoted so much of themselves to making this conference successful. Many thanks to Sara Myers and the staff at Iliff, Chris Wenderoth and the Annual Conference Committee, Bruce Eldevik and the Education Committee, and ATLA staff. And thanks to all of you for coming to conferences when you can and for making ATLA different. Vive la différence!

### 1997 Annual Conference

We are already looking ahead to the next annual conference, which will be held at Boston University School of Theology and sponsored by the Boston Theological Institute schools.

In accordance with the Board of Directors mandate (see p. 1), I would like to set a deadline of December 1 for interest group program proposals. In order to streamline the program, I am requesting that interest group chairs forward a program proposal to me by December 1 for inclusion in the final program. The proposal can be changed but it is extremely helpful for me to know by that date what interest group programs will likely be so that this information may be included in registration materials. I encourage interest groups to "go in together" on an idea and co-sponsor a program if there are similar interests.

### ATLA Statistical Report

I want to remind you that those of you who are ATS members will receive your ATS L-1 form soon. Since ATLA is uniformly using the ATS form, please do check the box on the form giving ATS permission to forward your data to us for inclusion in the proceedings. Non-ATS members will receive the form a little later directly from ATLA.

### Education Committee/Annual Conference Committee Meetings

The Education Committee will meet in Evanston on October 4–5 to plan pre-conference continuing education programs for the 1997 conference. If you have any specific program ideas please send them to Roberta Schaafsma at Duke Divinity School Library.

The Annual Conference Committee meets in Boston on October 18–19 to plan for the conference. Any program ideas should be sent to Christine Wenderoth at Colgate Rochester Divinity School.

I encourage you to send any and all conference programming ideas to either of the above committees. They are very interested in your ideas. 📖

*Melody S. Chartier*  
*Director of Member Services*

### First ATLA Festschrift Available

The JKM Library has for sale four copies of the 1980 festschrift in honor of Calvin Schmitt. Titled *Essays on Theological Librarianship* and edited by Peter DeKlerk and Earle Hilgert, this was the first and, until this anniversary year, the only festschrift ever produced by ATLA. These spare copies can be had for \$7.00 by sending a check to JKM Library, 1100 East 55th Street, Chicago, IL 60615. Send the request c/o Mary Bischoff and include return mailing label. 📖

### NACO PROPOSAL

#### June 1996

ATLA joined the Library of Congress Name Authority Cooperative Program (NACO) in 1992. At the time of our application, ATLA declared its intention to become a funnel project, providing a means for ATLA members to contribute name authority records to the national name authority file. Until now, ATLA has been unable to achieve this goal due to lack of funds and staff time.

#### BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION TO ATLA LIBRARIES:

- Provides continuing education to catalogers.
- Makes a significant contribution to the national database.
- Enhances the image of the library. There is a lot of respect for members of NACO and CONSER programs among technical services librarians.
- Increases productivity. When the name authorities as you establish them become the national standard, there is much less catalog maintenance to be done.
- Makes available the considerable resources of the Library of Congress. Questions concerning unfamiliar languages and complicated entries can be resolved much faster by relying on the experts at LC.

#### PROGRAM

Training session at the ATLA annual conference, June 1997: 3 full days prior to the start of the conference (including the day of the pre-conferences), and a 1-2 hr. seminar each day of the conference (could be over meals or in the evening).

- Day 1: Introduction to Name Authority work, Structure and form of an

authority record, Beginning of personal name creation

- Day 2: Personal name creation. Hands on practice. Beginning of Corporate/Conference/Geographic name creation
- Day 3: Corporate/Conference/Geographic name creation, Uniform title creation
- Seminars during conference: Review of homework and hand out of next day's homework, Answer questions

#### FOLLOW-UP

- Upon returning home, each participant would be expected to create and submit an agreed upon minimum number of records per month. The records submitted would be reviewed, critiqued and added to the NAF. When a participant had achieved a 95% error free rate, s/he would be made independent.
- Thereafter, an independent participant could ask for assistance at any time. If I were unable to help, I would ask LC for assistance.
- There would be documentation from LC which would be duplicated and sent to all participants.

#### COST:

- Three day training session:  
\$750.00 tuition (room and board additional)
- Follow-up costs:  
\$100 per month (until independence is achieved. Anticipated three to six month period.)

- Minimum number of institutions required for training to take place: 10

Judy Knop  
Preservation Coordinator

#### JOURNALS ACCEPTED FOR INDEXING


The Religion Indexes are pleased to announce the acceptance of the following periodical titles for indexing.

##### **For full indexing in RIO and IBRR:**

*Arasaradi Journal of Theological Reflection.*  
*Books & Culture: A Christian Review.*  
*Crosspoint.*  
*Evangelical Studies Bulletin.*  
*Feminist Theology.*  
*In die Skriflig.*  
*Jian Dao: A Journal of Bible and Theology.*  
*Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology.*  
*Journal of Islamic Studies.*  
*Journal of Pentecostal Theology.*  
*Journal of Religious & Theological Information.*  
*Reflections* (Missionary Church Historical Soc).  
*Studia Canonica.*  
*Uniting Church Studies.*

##### **For selective indexing in RIO and IBRR:**

*Affirmation and Critique: A Christian Quarterly.*  
*Christianity and the Arts.*  
*Green Cross: A Christian Environmental Quarterly.*  
*Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology.*

We continue to harvest titles for evaluation. To suggest names of titles for consideration, please contact Ric Hudgens, (847) 869-7788, rhudgens@atla.atla.com 

Joel R. Schorn  
Senior Editor and Co-Editor, Religion Index  
One: Periodicals

#### REPORT FROM LATIN



During the third week of July a group of theological librarians and other professionals representing Latin American theological institutions met in San Jose, Costa Rica. The meeting was called to discuss the idea of creating a theological information network in the Latin American region. During this event the participants decided to create the Latin American Theological Information Network (LATIN). The mission of LATIN is to join efforts in the processing of Latin American theological information and find ways to provide improved information services to our users (institutions and individuals). A group has been elected to work on LATIN's bylaws and other required legal instruments. The Coordinating Group is made up of four people:

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Josue Lopez-Colorado  
Comunidad Teologica de Mexico  
Mexico  
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All but the last one are ATLA members. We are also in the process of securing assistance from the Presbyterian Church in the USA. This Church through Mr. Will Sibert will be helping us in the development of this project. Mr. Sibert, is presently earning a MLS degree in a US university.

We have to slowly begin building the necessary scaffolding of the network. We have drafted an initial workplan to achieve the

above goals. LATIN has many obstacles ahead of it. Included in these are: the equipment, technology, financial resources and adequate human resources in various fields. LATIN welcomes any assistance with any of the above-mentioned challenges. 

Alvaro Perez  
*Seminario Biblico Latinoamericano*

#### **REPORT FROM THE CC:DA REPRESENTATIVE**

The ALA Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (CC:DA) met on 6 July and 8 July in New York during the ALA 1996 Annual Conference. Chris Schone attended the CC:DA meetings as the liaison from ATLA.

#### **Guidelines for Bibliographic Description**

Two sets of guidelines have been published by ALA: Guidelines for Bibliographic Description on Interactive Multimedia and the Guidelines for the Bibliographic Description of Reproductions. CC:DA wants to revise these guidelines and they are open to any comments or corrections. Both publications are available from ALA. I do not think either set of guidelines have been implemented on a national level yet. However, ALCTS will be offering an institute on the Guidelines for Bibliographic Description on Interactive Multimedia this year.

#### **Report from the Task Force on Cataloging Conference Proceedings**

The primary role of this CC:DA task force is defining what a conference name is and how a conference is to be entered. They are working on revising AACR2 Rule 21.1B2. The word "prominently" may be deleted from Category D of this rule in order to make the rule less restrictive. A final report will be issued from this task force by the 1997 ALA midwinter meeting in Washington, D.C.

#### **Report from the Task Force for Music Moving Image Materials**

The charge to the task force was twofold. The rules for entry of music moving image

materials were to be reviewed and the areas that cause conflicting interpretations identified. The task force was also charged with making recommendations to CC:DA. Anyone interested in this issue may want to purchase the Music Library Association's Guidelines for Cataloging Music Moving Image Materials which is available from MLA.

#### **ALCTS Task Force to Define Bibliographic Access in the Electronic Environment**

This task force is investigating the implications of new types of bibliographic control on the web. Some of the questions this group is asking are: How should mainstream cataloging deal with these new methods? How do we interact with other communities involved in digital environments? What kind of influence should we have on those working with digital materials? What kind of influence should they have on us? This group is examining metadata schemes and is attending conferences outside the library world that deal with these issues, such as the World Wide Web Index Distributing Conference.

#### **Report from the MARBI Representative**

The most recent MARBI proposals can be found on the MARC/MARBI web page (<http://lcweb.loc.gov/marc/marc.html>). Supposedly MARBI is proposing big changes to the MARC format. The goal of the MARBI proposals is to have one universal version of MARC. There would no longer be different versions of MARC, such as USMARC, UKMARC, etc. CC:DA is going to carefully examine these proposals over the next year. Also, CC:DA is planning a joint meeting with MARBI at the next ALA annual conference in San Francisco.

#### **Report from the OCLC Representative**

A final report on the OCLC Internet Cataloging Project will be available by September 30th in electronic form on the OCLC web page (<http://www.oclc.org/>). Another important OCLC project is the REUSE project which is a project that is investigating ways of making it easier for German libraries to use bibliographic data


created in the United States for shared cataloging and retrospective conversion. The goal of the project is to bring German MARC practice in line with AACR2 and Anglo practice. The German libraries, however, will still maintain certain national and linguistic practices. A similar project is getting underway with the National Library of Russia to harmonize Russian cataloging practice and their emerging use of MARC with AACR2. There is a movement toward AACR2 with both the German libraries and the Russian libraries.

#### **Report from the Library of Congress Representative**

The Library of Congress was given a grant to digitize books on American history from various libraries around the country. Some items from this project will be put online at LC's web page (<http://lcweb.loc.gov/>). The Cataloging Distribution Service has had budget cuts and some products will be discontinued. CDS will continue to publish the products that are most in demand (check the new CDS catalog for these changes). There will be a new edition of the Subject Cataloging Manual in four volumes. It will contain USMARC examples with content designation. There are a lot of new editions of classification schedules being published. A new edition of B-BJ will be available later this year. There is extensive development being done on the new canon law schedule—KB, but no news about when it is scheduled for publication. There is new decentralized training for NACO. Also, LC is experimenting with the core level record. Implementation of the last stage of format integration has been completed at the Library of Congress. They have discontinued using the 753 field with computer files and will propose that it become obsolete.

There were a lot of ongoing issues discussed by the CC:DA committee, so I will continue to report on pertinent issues throughout the year. I wanted to close with some information on how to access CC:DA information on the Internet.

#### **CC: DA on the Internet**

The easiest way to get to the CC:DA web page is via the ALCTS web page (<http://www.ala.org/alcts.html>). The CC:DA web page has several documents that would be of interest to ATLA librarians and catalogers in particular, for example, Building International Database and Cataloging Standards in Cooperation with American, Australian, British and Canadian Partners and CC:DA midwinter and annual conference documents. These documents range from summaries of listserv discussions to reports from various task forces set up by CC:DA to investigate certain problems and issues concerning bibliographic control. I highly encourage ATLA members to check out the CC:DA web page and explore the cutting edge ideas in the field of cataloging librarianship which go beyond the brief summaries provided here. 


*Chris Schone*  
*ATLA liaison to CC:DA*

## GRANTS

### **ATLA Education Committee Grants for Continuing Education**

The ATLA Education Committee invites applications from regional theological library consortia for continuing education grants up to \$500.00. Application criteria: (1) name, address, phone/fax, e-mail address (if applicable) of consortium/institution/individuals sponsoring the program, including contact person; (2) program description, including format, basic content, suggested presenter(s) and their qualifications, intended audience (including size), recommended date for program; (3) estimated itemized program expenses; (4) amount of funding requested. Please note that grant funds may not be used to pay for meals or honoraria for presenters who are ATLA members.


Applications must be submitted to the ATLA Education Committee by December 1, 1996. The committee will decide the programs and amounts awarded by January 15, 1997. Programs that receive funding must occur within the 1997 calendar year. The Education Committee requires written evaluations of all sponsored programs. Submit applications to Mary Martin, ATLA Education Committee, Archbishop Ireland Library, University of St. Thomas, 2260 Summit Ave., Mail #5010, St. Paul, MN 55105-1096.

In 1996 grants were funded for three workshops on the following topics: automation and regional cooperation; using the internet in reference and public services; building a library facility for the 21st century. 

### **Publication Section Grants Awarded**


At the June conference in Denver, the steering committee of the Publication section awarded bibliographic project grants to Janet C. Kvamme of New York City to assist in the production of a bibliography on pastoral care. A second grant was awarded to Fidel Iglesias of the Department of History, Eastern Kentucky University for the preparation of "The Argentine Clergy, Independence, and the Ri-

vadavian Reforms, 1806–1827: Historical Overview and Select Bibliography.”

In June 1997 the Publication Section will offer a single grant of \$1200 to assist a scholar in the preparation of an annotated bibliography or major index in the field of religion. ATLA members are especially encouraged to apply. Deadline for grant applications is May 15, 1997. For more information write or call Betty O'Brien, Grants Officer, 4840 Thunderbird Drive, Apt. 281, Boulder, CO 80303; (303) 543-6098. 

### CALL FOR PAPERS, WORKSHOPS, SPECIAL SESSIONS

The Annual Conference Committee of the ATLA wishes to extend an open invitation to members and friends of the association to make proposals for papers, workshops, or special sessions for the 1997 annual conference to be hosted by the Boston Theological Institute (BTI) on the campus of the Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA on June 11–14, 1997. The committee will consider proposals in the academic disciplines of theology, theological librarianship, and general librarianship. They may report on institutional projects as well as individual research projects. The proposals should include a title, an abstract (not to exceed 200 words), and the name and institution of the presenter.

Proposals should be submitted to Dr. Christine Wenderoth, Chair, Annual Conference Committee, Ambrose Swasey Library, Colgate Rochester Divinity School, 1100 S. Goodman Street, Rochester, NY 14620. FAX: (716) 271-2166; E-mail address: [swasey@rrlc.rochester.lib.ny.us](mailto:swasey@rrlc.rochester.lib.ny.us) 

### DIKTUON

The name *Diktuon* is the Koine word for “net” as in fisherman’s net  
Edited by Duane Harbin  
and Gilles Poitras

### Why Won’t This Page Look Right?

You have spent hours every day for weeks building your set of Web pages and you are ready to demonstrate them to a group of colleagues at a conference.

The conference sponsors have set you up with a computer and a browser you usually don’t use, but that’s OK you used this browser at one time and all browsers are basically the same anyway.

You access the home page and get an ugly display that has little resemblance to the layout you created. Text is not centered, images and text do not wrap, other aspects are nothing like what you saw at work. You then access another one of your pages and are confronted with a blank window.

Now two possible things may have happened here.

1. The bad possibility is that you did not expect this to happen and are flustered.
2. The good possibility is that this is what you expected and you are demonstrating the problems that can happen with using nonstandard, proprietary, HTML coding in the construction of Web pages.

One thing of importance in the creation of web pages that is rarely discussed is that not all HTML features are covered by established international standards. Some web pages incorporate features that cannot be seen unless one uses a specific browser. This means that if you want to use a specific feature on a web page you should either be careful to make sure its part of the established standard or expect some folks to not be able to see your page properly or not at all.

For a large corporation which is only interested in reaching persons with high end expensive personal computers and the latest software this may not be an issue. But for libraries the most important thing is often to clearly communicate to as many patrons as possible.

For this reason the creation of web pages in accordance to the established standards is most important. Another good reason to build pages in accord with the established standards is that you have to spend less time learning HTML code. If you focus on the standard code you can produce visible pages and get on to your other work that needs to be done.

At the Graduate Theological Union we want our library Web pages to be visible to any Web browser people are likely to use so we are making our pages in conformity to established standardized code.

To help us do this we plan to check our pages with every browser we can get our hands on for both the Macintosh and MS Windows systems and to use Lynx, the UNIX text based browser, to be sure we have no image only links in our pages. We may even be able to get one of our patrons who uses X-Windows, the UNIX GUI system, to further check our pages for us.

Now building pages according to established standards should be a very easy thing to do with the large number of books on web page building and the software that exists to help you write your pages. But this is not so. Many programs and books simply ignore the difference between standard and non-standard HTML code. For this reason it is important to get a copy of the standard code to refer to when problems arise. The HTML 2 standard is available on the Web at:

<http://www.w3.org/pub/WWW/MarkUp/html-spec/> and the HTML 3.2 standard is at:

<http://www.w3.org/pub/WWW/MarkUp/Wilbur/>.

Be aware that version 3.2 of the HTML code is very new and many people may not have browsers that support many of its functions. For this reason you may want to build web pages according to the HTML 2 standard and later incorporate the features of the HTML 3.2 standard.

Another advantage of building web pages according to the HTML 2 standard is that you are learning the most common part of the HTML standard and building a foundation of knowledge to help you learn later versions of the code.

Here are some links to other web pages that can provide you with more information relating to this article. Further discussion of the importance of sticking to the standard can be found on the NOTscape page at:


<http://www.ee.umanitoba.ca/~djc/personal/notescape.html>

A useful article is "Top Ten Mistakes in Web Design" by Jakob Nielsen whose online Alert Box column is a useful source of information on many web issues.

<http://www.sun.com/960416/columns/alertbox/index.html>

There are even validation services that will check your pages to see if they use unconventional HTML code.

Webtechs Validation service:  
<http://www.webtechs.com/html-val-svc/>

A Kinder, Gentler Validator  
<http://ugweb.cs.ualberta.ca/~gerald/validate/>  



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#### **ATLANTIS HIGHLIGHTS**

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### Library Cats in Cyberspace

Web-surfing cat lovers can now find felines that live in libraries by visiting the Iron Frog Productions home page at (<http://www.std.com/catalyst/ironfrog/>). The site features the "Library Cats Map of the United States," where visitors can select any state on the map and view a list of the cats known to reside (or to have formerly resided) in libraries in that state. 

### August Reference Review

*The HarperCollins Dictionary of Religion*. General Editor, Jonathan Z. Smith; Associate Editor, William Scott Green; Area Editors, Jorunn Jacobsen Buckley, et al.; with the American Academy of Religion. [N.p.]: Harper San Francisco, c1995. xxviii, 1154 p. \$45.00.

This new reference work on world religions has the distinction of being a joint product of the American Academy of Religion and a major publisher, HarperCollins. Grounded in contemporary scholarship in the field, it is intended to be an authoritative source useful to both the academic community and the general public.

The scope of the work is ambitious. With more than 3200 articles, it aims to treat "representative and significant religious formations of humankind from every geographical area and from the Paleolithic era to the present day" (p.xix). The list of over 300 contributors is divided into ten areas, each with an editor appointed by AAR: Religions of Antiquity; Buddhism; Religions of China, Japan and Korea; Christianity; Religions of India; Islam; Judaism; New Religions; The Study of Religion; and Religions of Traditional Peoples. Articles range from brief definitions of terms to biographical entries on significant individuals to longer discussions of histories, practices, and concepts. In addition, the area editors have prepared eleven major articles, essentially broad introductory overviews, on the subjects


listed above. Each of these is indicated by a line box framing the text; most include illustrations such as maps, charts, and timelines.

Perhaps the strongest feature of the *Dictionary's* organization is its system of cross-references. Every effort has apparently been made to provide a see reference for any variant of a term one might reasonably expect to find, and the extensive use of see also references is designed to offer the reader the means to broaden his/her knowledge of a topic by pursuing related subject areas within the volume.

Articles vary greatly in length, from two lines to several pages, and are unsigned. The *Dictionary* has no bibliographies at all, which is surprising in a work with such a scholarly background. On the other hand, there are many black-and-white photographs and other illustrations scattered throughout the text and in a section beginning after p. 770. Pronunciation guides are provided where they are considered necessary.

This work will make a welcome addition to a library's reference collection. The sheer number and variety of entries and the extensive cross-referencing system offer the hope of finding at least some information on any topic one might be looking for (exceptions and omissions will always occur, however; there is no entry for Mother Teresa). It should be particularly helpful when one is in search of recent information which older works would not be expected to contain; according to the introduction, the second largest set of entries is for new religious movements. Thus one finds articles entitled "Branch Davidians," "Kwanzaa," and "Crazy Wisdom Fellowship." There is also access by colloquial terminology: "Moonie" is defined, with a see also reference to "Unification Church."

The *Dictionary* should, then, prove to be an extremely useful reference tool within the limitations of its design. For overall introductions to major faiths and immediate information on an immense range of religious topics, it is highly recommended. However, for in-depth discussion on particular subjects and/or

further scholarly research via bibliographical listings, the reader will need to consult other sources. 

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### July Reference Review

*The Works of John Wesley on Compact Disc.* Produced by the Segen Corporation in conjunction with Providence House Publishers; distributed by Providence House Publishers, 1995. \$149.95 + \$4.95 shipping and handling. One disc. System Requirements: Compatible with Windows 3.1 and higher; Macintosh system 7 and higher (68020 minimum processor) including the Power Macintosh. Can be networked for an additional fee.

This compact disc product contains the fourteen volume edition of *The Works of the Rev. John Wesley* edited by Thomas Jackson which was originally published in London by the Wesleyan Methodist Book Room, 1829-31. This standard work is gradually being replaced by *The Works of John Wesley*, published by Clarendon Press, 1975-1983, as *The Oxford Edition of the Works of John Wesley* and continued by Abingdon Press, 1984 to date, as *The Bicentennial Edition of the Works of John Wesley*.

The compact disc also contains the King James version of the Bible which is searchable separately. Additionally, hypertext links found within Wesley's works connect scripture references to a full text of the King James version of the scripture passage.


The application software is FolioViews 3.1 Infobase Manager which is based on Windows 3.1. The printed instructions accompanying the disc are minimal, however, a left-hand 'toolbelt' of basic commands is clearly delineated by icon and text and simple searches can be performed easily using these toolbelt buttons. The electronic user's guide found under 'Help' is extensive and is essential to explore

in order to do more complex searches and to fully utilize the features of the system.

It is possible to perform bound phrase, proximity, and boolean searches across single volumes or the whole set. The search results can be displayed in the table of contents from the broad volume level down to the level of phrase within a particular work. The full text display indicates the availability of footnotes by a red asterisk and pop up display.

There are three features of the software that will appeal to individuals purchasing the product for home use rather than to libraries—the ability to highlight, place bookmarks, and write notes in the material through a 'shadow file'. As these shadow files can be deleted, any marking of the works that might be done by a library patron can be removed—a preservationist's dream!

Overall *The Works of John Wesley on Compact Disc* is a powerful indexing resource. It is well done and easy to use even though here is a bit of a learning curve for performing complex queries. The price makes it affordable for most individuals and libraries. Although this is not an essential purchase for every theological library, if your library users do a great deal of research in the area of Wesleyan studies I highly recommend this as a tool that will save them a lot of time and effort. Further information, including screen shots from the product, can be found on the world wide web in two places:

<[http://www.netins.net/showcase/umsourc/wesley\\_cd.html](http://www.netins.net/showcase/umsourc/wesley_cd.html)>or<<http://www.segen.com/wesley/product.htm>>. 

Roberta Schaafsma, Duke University  
Divinity School Library

### NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS AND MEMBER LIBRARIES

#### Valborg Elizabeth Bestul (1904 - 1996)

Valborg Elizabeth Bestul, former head librarian of Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, died after a long illness on 15 July 1996. Ms. Bestul was among the founding members of

ATLA. She was a librarian at Luther Seminary from 1943-1970, serving as head librarian from 1953-1968. During her years at the library, the collection grew from approximately 30,000 volumes to nearly 100,000. Ms. Bestul organized the move out of the basement of Bockman Hall to Gullixson Hall, the new library building, in 1949. She utilized her cataloging skills continuously through her years at Luther and in the church archives after her retirement. After 1970 she remained in her home near the seminary and kept active in church and community activities. Her enjoyments were children, growing roses, watching birds, dabbling in arts and crafts such as rose-maling and embroidery, and the comradeship with ATLA members. 📖

*Ray Olson, Interim Director  
Luther Seminary Library*

#### **Keith C. Wills Dies**

Keith C. Wills, Librarian Emeritus at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary died Saturday, July 27, in Fort Worth, Texas. A long time member of ATLA, he began his library career in 1957 as the reference librarian at Southwestern Seminary while a doctoral student in Christian Ethics. His professional career spanned five decades and three continents:

North America: Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., (Librarian, 1958-1966, Acting Librarian, 1985-1986); Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., (Director of Libraries, 1966-1984, Archivist, 1988-1990; Archives Researcher, 1991-1996); Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary, Cochrane, Alberta, Canada (Founding Librarian, 1986-1988); South America: Seminario Internacional Teologico Bautista, Buenos Aires, Argentina (1973-1974; 1990-1991); and Asia: Malaysia Baptist Theological Seminary, Singapore Branch (1984-1985).

At Southwestern, we remember him as a gentleman, with a ready smile who led the library staff through the enlargement of our Audio-

Visual Learning Center (1973-1975), the building of and move into the A. Webb Roberts Library (1980-1982), and the introduction of our first automated library system (1982). The rapport he established with student employees frequently endured beyond their graduation.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, his children and grandchildren, his sister, and his niece. At his retirement dinner in 1984, he also acknowledged the library staff as members of his family.

Southwestern Seminary has established a book fund in his memory. 📖

*Robert Phillips  
A. Webb Roberts Library*

#### **Director of Mt. Angel Abbey Library**

Abbot Peter Eberle, O.S.B., has announced the appointment of Paula Hayden Hamilton as director of Mt. Angel Abbey Library. Ms. Hamilton was hired in September 1992 as assistant director and has been responsible for systems, reference, and public services. From 1990-1992, she was curator of the Performing Arts Collection and assistant director of the Humanities and Social Services Reference Department at the University of Florida Libraries, Gainesville. Prior to that, she was director of Shoen Library at Marylhurst College from 1976-1989. She completed her bachelor of arts degree at San Francisco College for Women and her master of library science degree at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. 📖



### **Fr. Pius Murray, CSS**

Father Pius Murray, CSS, formerly the Instructor in Sacred Scripture and Associate Director of Library Services at Holy Apostles College & Seminary, Cromwell, CT, has recently been named Professor of Old Testament and Director of Library Services at Pope John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, MA. 📖

### **Librarian at Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary**

Thomas G. Reid, Jr. is now serving as Librarian of the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He succeeds Rachel George, who retired on May 31, 1996, after eighteen years of service, for which she was honored with an honorary doctorate at its May graduation ceremony; Rachel continues to work part-time on special projects at the Library. Mr. Reid has the A.B. degree from Westmont College, the M.Div. from Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, the M.Th. from L Faculte de Theologie Reformee d'Aix-en-Provence, France, and the M.L.S. from the University of Pittsburgh. He was formerly Assistant to the Librarian at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, and Library Director at Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi. An ordained minister of the Reformed Presbyterian ("Covenanter") Church of North America, he has served pastorates in the Republic of Ireland, the state of Kansas, and the province of Alberta, Canada. At the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Mr. Reid also serves as Registrar and teaches church history. 📖

### **Staff Changes at Yale**

Yale Divinity Library has appointed Nadav Sela as its Computing and Information Services Support Specialist, effective July 15, 1996.

Mr. Sela comes to Yale after taking early retirement from Southern New England Telephone Co., where he worked for the past twenty years. While at SNET Mr. Sela gained experience with many aspects of information technology, including system architecture, end-user support and training, and systems

management. He has extensive experience working with main-frame and PC applications; in his last position he implemented and managed a project that connected more than 3,000 PCs to mainframe hosts. Mr. Sela has also served as an adjunct faculty member at Southern Connecticut State University, teaching courses in both geography and computer sciences.

Martha Lund Smalley is now responsible for coordinating research services at the Yale Divinity Library, including reference and bibliographic instruction. All members of the professional staff will share responsibility for carrying out these services. Ms. Smalley will retain her responsibilities for managing the Library's special collections, including its archival and manuscript collections. 📖

### **Grant Awarded to Harvard Divinity School**

The Andover-Harvard Library of Harvard Divinity School has received a \$4,000 grant from the Unitarian Universalist Funding Group to index the papers of Professor Henry Wilder Foote (A.B. 1897, A.M. 1900, S.T.B. 1902) and his family. The Foote family papers were given to Harvard in 1960 by Professor Henry Wilder Foote, a Unitarian minister and assistant professor at the Divinity School. The collection includes the personal papers of Professor Foote (1875–1964), who was also a noted hymnologist; his father, Henry Wilder Foote (1838–1889), former minister of King's Chapel in Boston; his grandfather, Daniel Appleton White (1776–1861); and his uncle William Orne White (1821–1911). Correspondents in the collection include Mary Moody Emerson (aunt of Ralph Waldo Emerson), Sarah Ripley (wife of the Rev. Samuel Ripley of Waltham), and Booker T. Washington. The grant was secured by Mr. Tim Driscoll, Curator of Manuscripts and Project Archivist and Dr. L. Charles Willard, Librarian. 📖

**ATLA RECEIVES NEW MEMBERS**

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## POSITIONS OPEN


### **Director of Library Services**

Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, is seeking a director of library services who will serve as a member of the faculty. The mission of the library is to "provide and manage information resources and services to support and advance Luther Seminary's mission to local, regional, and global communities." Essential qualifications for this position are: Master of Library Science degree from an ALA accredited program, demonstrated post-MLS administrative experience in an academic library, extensive knowledge of information technology and its role in an educational institution, ability to work collegially and communicate effectively with internal and external constituencies. Strongly desired qualifications include: Ph.D. in a theological or allied discipline, classroom experience and interest in teaching and research, active participation in professional associations

The successful candidate will be charged with overseeing a staff that presently includes 6 professional librarians, 4 support staff, and several student staff; administrative oversight of a collection of 220,000 volumes, 31,000 microforms, 800 periodical subscriptions, a rare book collection of pre-1800 monographs, and the Lutheran Brotherhood Foundation Reformation Research Library; improving the library's physical facilities; managing the transition from a predominantly print to an expanded electronic environment; collaborative leadership of the Minnesota Theological Library Association; building, preserving, and providing access to the general collections that support the academic priorities of the seminary and its external constituencies; providing education and assistance in the use of library services; and enhancing access to special collections reflecting the heritage of Luther Seminary.

Salary dependent on qualifications and experience. The position begins summer or fall 1997.

Luther Seminary is the largest of eight seminaries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, with over fifty full-time faculty members and over 700 students in various degree programs. Most students are studying for the M.Div. degree in preparation for service as Lutheran pastors. Another one hundred or so are in the two-year M.A. program that has many different areas of concentration (Youth and Family Ministry, Islamic Studies, Ministry with the Aging, Cross Cultural Ministry, Religious Education, and Sacred Music, as well as classical theological disciplines). Advanced degrees, including the in-residence Th.D. program as well as the M.Th. and the D.Min., are also offered. Approximately 10% of the students are from Christian communions other than Lutheran and perhaps 5% are from outside the U.S.

Applications and nominations will be received until the position is filled by Dr. Marc Kolden, Academic Dean, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN 55108; tel. (612) 641-3217; fax (612) 641-3425; E-mail [mkolden@luthersem.edu](mailto:mkolden@luthersem.edu) 

### **Curator of Special Collections**

Bridwell Library of Southern Methodist University seeks a Curator of Special Collections to oversee and manage a large and diverse collection of rare books and manuscripts. Bridwell Library is the theological research library serving the Perkins School of Theology at SMU. Its holdings number over 350,000 items in the general collection and over 25,000 volumes in its Special Collections. The Special Collections contain printed books dating from the fifteenth to the twentieth century. Most of the printed works are in the fields of theology, church history, scripture, and philosophy. Particular strengths are: the largest collection of incunabula in Texas and the southwest; monuments of Bible printing from the fifteenth and sixteenth century; works by and about St. Augustine, Savonarola, and Martin Luther; the history of books and printing; first editions and manuscript material by John Wesley and other important figures in early Methodism; hundreds of fifteenth- to twentieth-century editions of the devotional

genres known as the Dance of Death and the Art of Dying; the first British private presses, including the archives of the Ashendene Press and other fine presses; historical and design bindings from the fifteenth through twentieth century; livres d'artiste; and early illustrated books.

Reporting to the Library Director and with wide latitude for independence, responsibilities include:


1. Managing the Special Collections department, including supervising student assistant and staff member, and overall maintenance of the Special Collections and Special Collections Reference material.
2. Reference services for Special Collections and supervision of the Special Collections Reading Room. Offering public presentations on the collection for SMU courses and outside groups, and in-depth research assistance for local and visiting students and researchers.
3. Active participation in Library's public relations programs, lecture series, exhibition program, and workshops, including planning, researching, and serving as registrar for exhibitions in the Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Galleries of Bridwell Library, working with guest curators, and assisting in the administration and implementation of Bridwell's Visiting Research Fellows' program.
4. Grant writing and other fund raising activities for improving research and access to Special Collections.
5. Overseeing collection development and making acquisitions recommendations in consultation with the Library Director and other specialists on the staff.
6. Cataloging Special Collections acquisitions and maintaining reference files on each item.
7. Working with the Director of Conservation to identify Special Collections material in need of conservation and enhanced bibliographic description, and serving, with the Director of

Conservation, as consultant on preservation issues for the general collection.

8. Other duties as required.

Qualifications: ALA-accredited M.L.S. or its equivalent; advanced degree in theology, history or related field—Ph.D. preferred; good knowledge of Latin, German, and French required; knowledge of Greek and/or Hebrew preferred; thorough understanding of the history of books and printing; experience with Special Collections in an academic or research library, preferably with fifteenth-to eighteenth-century imprints; excellent writing skills; rare book cataloging experience and knowledge of DCRB, MARC formats, and national bibliographic databases; supervisory experience and a demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with colleagues, patrons, and benefactors; experience in planning and mounting book exhibitions preferred; knowledge of preservation and conservation issues necessary.

Salary: Commensurate with experience. Send letter of application, c.v. and the names and addresses of at least three references to: Special Collections Curator Search, c/o Dr. Valerie R. Hotchkiss, J. S. Bridwell Foundation Endowed Librarian, P. O. Box 232, Dallas, Texas 75275-0232 Applications deadline: September 15, 1996.

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