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# ATLA Member News

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## President's Message



Dear Colleagues:

How well are the academic disciplines essential to ATLA members being served by emerging technologies and the public policies that are being developed to regulate them? At the dawn of the age of printing during the Renaissance/Reformation, religious and theological thought and Biblical scholarship were pivotal to driving the development of printing conventions and publishing practice. Scholars like Erasmus and books such as the Complutensian Polyglot Bible stretched the new medium and led innovation.

Not so today. Most of the infrastructure and public policy related to intellectual property and technology are driven by applied technology businesses and the entertainment industry. Even pure research in physical and social science seems to be valued according to how readily it can be applied to marketable consumer products. The rest of us mostly tag along. If a successful portable electronic text reader makes it to the market, it will be because of the potential sales of Danielle Steele, not Jacob Neusner.

This isn't necessarily bad. It could be that technologies and conventions developed elsewhere will serve us well, and that adapting technology and techniques vetted by disciplines with more development resources will save us time, money and frustration. However, we may also be

constrained not only by those technologies but by the public policies intended to foster the disciplines we borrow from.

While attending AAR/SBL this year, I found myself trying to take a non-librarian's eye view of scholarly communication behavior in the range of fields represented by AAR and SBL jointly. Several facts struck me as significant:

- There were a bewildering number of sessions and topics. (This is nothing new for AAR/SBL conferences.)
- There were many, many scholars and graduate students present who appeared to be younger than 35.
- Almost every presenter I heard had some sort of media aid (PowerPoint slides, projected images, music, web pages and sites).
- Every presenter I heard referred to, commented on, or argued against someone else's work.
- With only one exception, every exhibitor was a publisher or publication vendor of some sort and jointly they were displaying hundreds of books.

To me, these seemed to indicate a fundamental health in the disciplines where most ATLA members work. Clearly, there is no shortage of questions to attract scholarly attention and there are significant numbers of new scholars eager to take them on. And despite obvious interest in other media and forms of expression, those new scholars are continuing to read, write, and publish books. Of course, not all the books on display in the vast hall were new, but most appeared recent. They ranged from the relatively popular to the unfathomably scholastic, conservative to liberal to everything-in-between, classical to avant garde, but there they all were in print.

No surprise. Book culture is alive and well at AAR/SBL. Those publishers who offered journals were marketing print subscriptions to individual scholars. Any electronic version

was a footnote on the form. Of course, there were some software vendors, particularly those serving Biblical scholarship. Valuable as those tools are, they represent a niche use of technology. Logos Bible Software was present and they continue to partner with publishers primarily for reference works and commentary series. None of that was new.

There were a few signs of digital chinks in the print armor. Among the vendors and a few customers, there was some buzz about the Sony Portable Reader: Who had actually seen one? Was it any good? How much would it cost? How would content be delivered and managed? I don't think I imagined the nervousness in the questions, nor a certain relief as they were answered rather dismissively: Good display, too slow, too expensive, content far too limited. Clearly this was not the paradigm shift for books that the iPod has been for music, so everyone could go about their business . . . for now.

Yet there was an undercurrent of expectation that things would inevitably change. Nearly all the vendors were willing to talk about electronic books. Some eagerly, some critically, some with resignation, but it was clear they were thinking of them as inevitable. Two things struck me: Among the print publishers, no one seemed to have a plan for ebooks (at least not one that they were willing to discuss in the exhibits at AAR/SBL). They all seemed to expect that someone else would create the infrastructure and they would fall in line. Also, they seemed to feel it would be pretty much the same-old-same-old in a new package so long as they could prevent people from making unauthorized copies.

I also attended several sessions. Some were fairly dry, but others produced a fair amount of energy. At one in particular, a panel of speakers gave brief individual presentations related to the session theme, then embarked on a fairly freeform discussion among the

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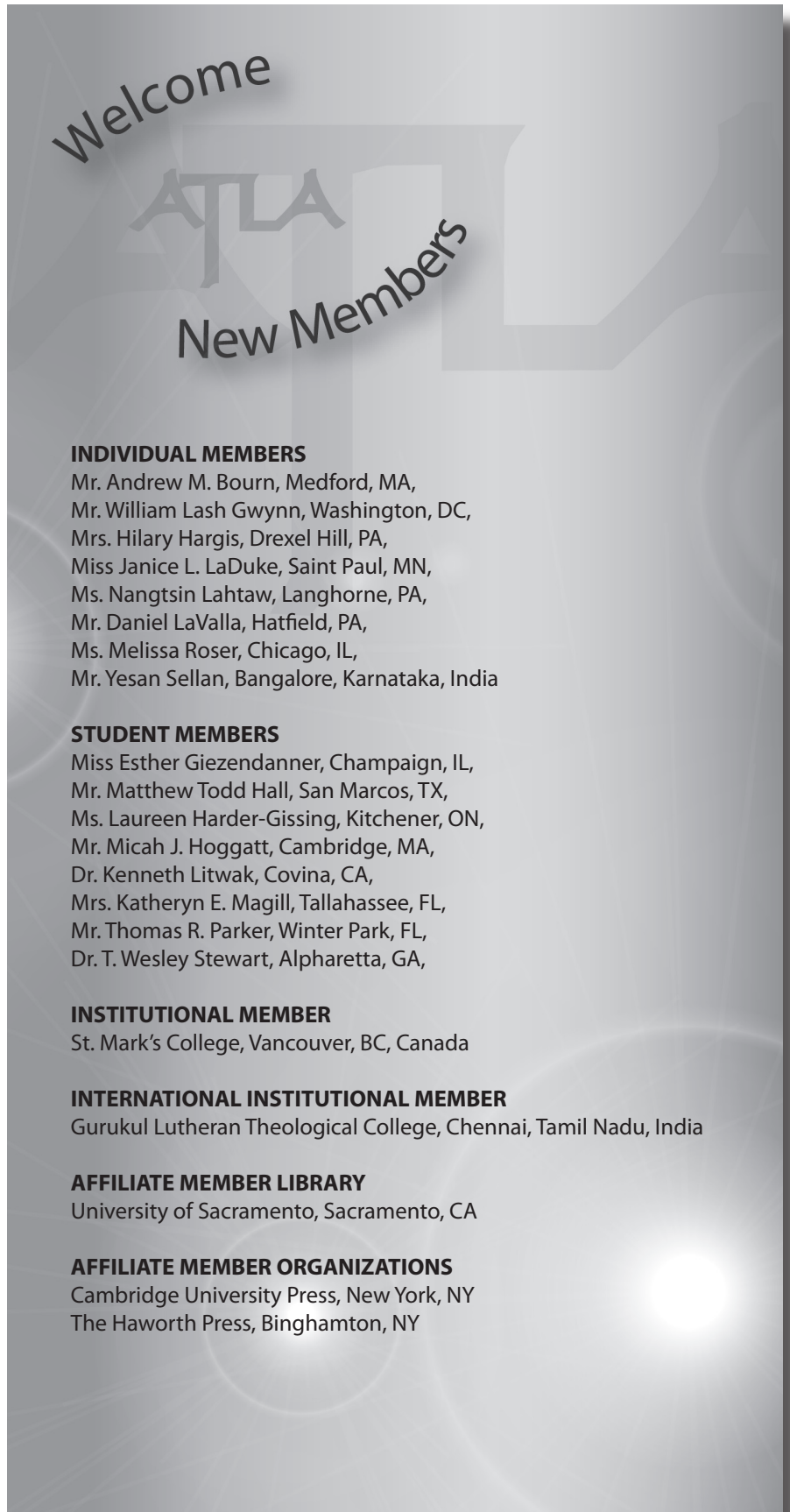
panel members that included comments and questions from the audience. It was a lively and wide-ranging exchange of considerable erudition mixed with serious questions, spiced with pointed humor, and tempered by admissions of substantial though intriguing ignorance. It was fun and stimulating.

Afterward, I felt that these lively and vigorous disciplines deserve better than being at the end of the technological food chain. Since they are inherently dialogical in process, they have great potential for innovation. Their predilection against profit as an end in itself should be a strength, not a limitation. But this leaves any number of unanswered questions: What are the opportunities for technological innovation? Who has the expertise and other resources to move forward? What are the forums for discussion and debate? Should we try to re-imagine the scholarly enterprise in new paradigms, or should we attempt to adapt and translate existing paradigms to new media and new social constructs? And so many more.

These questions have come up in different forms within ATLA before, but we have talked about them primarily as librarians and examined the aspects that are most relevant to libraries and librarians. Likewise, working scholars and teachers have talked among themselves, and I'm certain that religious and theological publishers have talked among themselves about the future of publishing. Perhaps librarians and publishers talk with individual scholars. However, to the best of my knowledge, there have been few opportunities that allowed scholars, publishers, and librarians all to share a conversation together. Perhaps that is what is needed to make progress now. It's worth thinking about.



*Duane Harbin  
ATLA Board President  
Perkins School of Theology, SMU*



**Welcome**  
**ATLA**  
**New Members**

**INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS**  
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Mr. William Lash Gwynn, Washington, DC,  
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Mr. Micah J. Hoggatt, Cambridge, MA,  
Dr. Kenneth Litwak, Covina, CA,  
Mrs. Katheryn E. Magill, Tallahassee, FL,  
Mr. Thomas R. Parker, Winter Park, FL,  
Dr. T. Wesley Stewart, Alpharetta, GA,

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St. Mark's College, Vancouver, BC, Canada

**INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONAL MEMBER**  
Gurukul Lutheran Theological College, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

**AFFILIATE MEMBER LIBRARY**  
University of Sacramento, Sacramento, CA

**AFFILIATE MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS**  
Cambridge University Press, New York, NY  
The Haworth Press, Binghamton, NY

### Board Meeting Highlights

#### Summary report of the ATLA Board of Directors Midwinter Meeting, January 11–13, 2007.

The ATLA Board of Directors met at ATLA Headquarters for its semiannual Board meeting. The following summary highlights the business conducted. Full minutes will be posted on the Board's website, available to all ATLA members, at: [www.atla.com/board/newboardhome.html](http://www.atla.com/board/newboardhome.html).

#### Financial Education

On Thursday afternoon Pradeep Gamadia, ATLA Director of Financial Services, led an educational session on the organization's budget and financial reports. This session has become a very valuable annual event.

#### On-Site Inspection of Personnel

Three Board members met with each staff member at ATLA Headquarters. They found that personnel policies and procedures are being followed appropriately. Concerns expressed primarily related to technological issues as some software systems utilized are aging and quite slow. Overall, the staff expressed the views that their ideas are encouraged and respected and that ATLA is a great place to work.

#### Electronic Balloting

Barbara Kemmis met with the Board to discuss the upcoming Board election—the first to be conducted by electronic ballot. Survey & Ballot Systems was the company chosen to work with ATLA on the new system and has proven to be a very good company to work with throughout the process. One effect of this change is that for the first time the Tellers Committee will not meet in person at ATLA Headquarters as the election results will be provided in electronic form.

#### Institutional Dues

A report on the results of the first year of the institutional dues increase was given by Barbara. After discussing her report the Board made two recommendations: 1) that any future dues increases will be implemented one year following the vote; 2) that dues continue to be based on ATS statistics and libraries may contact Barbara to discuss issues related to interpretation of those statistics.

#### Interest Group Handbook

A revised Interest Group Handbook was presented for Board approval. The revisions were primarily based on bringing the handbook up to date on current practices and removing duplicate information. The revised handbook will be linked from the Interest Group web page as well as appear in the Board Policy Manual.



*ATLA Board of Directors, left to right: seated, Christine Wenderoth, Roberta Schaafsma (Secretary), Duane Harbin (President), Martha Lund Smalley (Vice-President); standing, Carrisse Mickey Berryhill, M. Patrick Graham, James C. Pakala, David Stewart, Eileen Crawford, Cait Kokolus, Ann Hotta, and Allen W. Mueller*

*Roberta A. Schaafsma, ATLA Board Secretary, Duke University Divinity School*



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*Left to right: (seated) Stephanie Kaceli, Jeff Brodrick, Cait Kokolus, Sandy Finlayson, (standing) Daniel LaValla, Marsha Blake, Gerald Lincoln, Karl Krueger, Steve Crocco, Debbie Stern (not pictured: Jonathan Riches).*

## The Southeastern Pennsylvania Theological Library Association

*Baptist Bible College and Seminary  
Bethel Seminary of the East  
Biblical Theological Seminary  
Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary  
Center for Advanced Judaic Studies  
Evangelical School of Theology  
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Lancaster Theological Seminary  
Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg  
Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia  
Moravian Theological Seminary  
New Brunswick Theological Seminary  
Palmer Theological Seminary  
Philadelphia Biblical University  
Princeton Theological Seminary  
Reconstructionist Rabbinical College  
Reformed Episcopal Seminary  
Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary  
Saint Joseph's Seminary  
Saint Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary  
Westminster Theological Seminary*

## *Welcome to Philadelphia*

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Theological Library Association (SEPTLA) and ATLA welcome you to Philadelphia, "A City of Firsts." While Philadelphia is best known for its role in developing our nation's political foundations as the home of the First Continental Congress, the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and the first capital of the United States, Philadelphia is credited with many other firsts in our nation's history. Here are just a few more firsts that have a historical significance for theological librarians: (1698) our nation's first public grammar school, (1706) the first Presbytery was organized by seven Presbyterian ministers, (1731) the Library Company of Philadelphia became our nation's first public circulating library, (1779) the University of Pennsylvania was founded as our nation's first university, (1796) the first Unitarian church was established, and (1943-1946) the Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer (ENIAC), considered to be the world's first functional all digital computer, was created in Philadelphia.

As you travel to the Doubletree Hotel, you will be experiencing one of the United States' firsts, because the Doubletree is located in the heart of the first "planned city" in North America, originally designed by Philadelphia's founder, William Penn, in 1682. The section of Philadelphia between South and Vine Streets and the Delaware and Schuylkill (pronounced *school-kill*) Rivers was intentionally laid out with its streets in a grid pattern, including five public squares.

The opening reception will be held at The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, "one of the largest family history libraries in the nation." The building is located at 1300 Locust Street and is listed on the City of Philadelphia's Register of Historical Places. It has more than 20 million holdings of local, regional, and national significance. We encourage you to check out its online exhibits ([www.hsp.org](http://www.hsp.org)) before you arrive and the items on exhibit when you are there. Please note that the Historic Society of Pennsylvania is located next to The Library Company of Philadelphia. The banquet and entertainment will provide a relaxing atmosphere, perfect for catching up with your long-distance colleagues.

Another great aspect of the conference's location at the Doubletree Hotel is that it is also in the heart of the section of Philadelphia known as the "Avenue of the Arts," offering a variety of top entertainment and cultural venues. Much of the Avenue has been recently redeveloped; it runs along Broad Street between Glenwood and Washington Avenues and also extends east and west of Broad to 15th and 13th Streets. Before you arrive, we encourage you to visit and explore the website of The Avenue of the Arts, Inc. ([www.avenueofthearts.org](http://www.avenueofthearts.org)) so that you can plan to take advantage of the opportunity of being just a walk away from world class restaurants, museums, galleries, and other premier venues for music, dance, theatre, art, film, and much more.

We hope you will be able to experience some of these attractions and the tours planned for Thursday and Friday. Please refer to the Hosted Excursions webpage prior to your arrival for planning your itinerary. You will find information about restaurants, signing up for tours, and descriptions of the many excursions planned by the members of SEPTLA and the ATLA Local Host Committee. As usual, the Local Host Committee table will also be able to help you with these matters once you arrive.

On Saturday, the conference will provide bussing to Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania for the scheduled workshops, roundtable and panel discussions, and closing banquet. We hope you will join in the celebration of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary's 175th anniversary and encourage you to tour the beautifully renovated Ryan Memorial Library while on campus.

We look forward to your arrival and hope you have a wonderful time!

*—The Local Host Committee, 2007 Conference*

# A City of Firsts



Theological librarians, paraprofessional staff, directors, academic administrators, and theology and library school students will gather June 13-16 to network, learn, teach, and discuss matters affecting theological libraries and librarianship.



## Conference Highlights

### Plenary Speakers

#### **Eleanor Jo (Joey) Rodger • Thursday, June 14**

Joey Rodger is the Executive Director of the Pendle Hill Peace Center in Wallingford, Pennsylvania. She is the former Executive Director of the Urban Libraries Council (ULC) in Evanston, Illinois.

#### **Ingrid Mattson • Friday, June 15**

Dr. Ingrid Mattson is Director of Islamic Chaplaincy and a professor at the Macdonald Center for Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations at Hartford Seminary in Hartford, CT. From 1987–88, she lived in Pakistan, where she worked with Afghan refugee women.

### Conference Excursions

- Walking Tour of Old Philadelphia
- Historic Churches of Philadelphia Walking Tour
- The Conservation Center for Arts and Artifacts Tour
- Bartram's Garden
- Lunch at the Reading Terminal Market
- Mural Arts Tour
- An Evening of Dinner and Jazz
- Philadelphia Museum of Art Excursion
- Take Me Out to the Ballgame: Phillies vs. Tigers
- An Evening at World Cafe Live
- Excursion to Congregation Rodeph Shalom



photo: Jim McWilliams, Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau

### For more information

Information about the conference, including descriptions of all programming, is posted on the ATLA website at [www.atla.com/member/conference/conf\\_2007/conference\\_home.html](http://www.atla.com/member/conference/conf_2007/conference_home.html).

Please visit often to see updates as they become available.

### Important Dates

**March 1 Registration Opens**

**May 11 Early Bird Deadline**

**May 11 Housing Deadline:** Conference rates at both hotels—the Doubtree and the Club Quarters—expire after this date! Reserve your room before May 11, or expect to pay \$200+ per night.



## Planning the Plan

### Developing an ATLA Strategic Plan for 2007–10

Fiscal year 2005–06 was remarkable in many aspects. Those of you who attended the 2006 Annual Conference and visited the new ATLA Headquarters experienced the fruits of some of those labors. The 2006 *Annual Report* provides more details about this busy year.

While productive in many ways, last year was not the time for the careful deliberation and research needed to develop a strategic plan. In preparation for this process, the Directors and I reviewed the previous strategic plans we had followed during my tenure here (1996–97, 1998–2000, 2000–03, and 2003–06). I also reviewed all of the biographical statements of board candidates for the past five years. These statements are an excellent source for ascertaining the hopes and dreams of those chosen to lead the association.

The directors and I met for two days in August 2006 to begin developing the new plan. We met at the Cenacle Retreat & Conference Center so that we could direct our full attention to the planning process.

We met again for two days of deliberations in September, October, and December.

At the January midwinter meeting of the board, I presented the outline of the plan to the ATLA Board of Directors. This plan differs from previous strategic plans in several ways. Instead of starting with the Association's four organizational ends and trying to fit various projects under each of them, we began by looking at themes that cut across all of the things we do. These themes derive from what we see happening in electronic publishing and in the world of libraries.

We found six areas of concern that impact all of our products and services—legal issues, infrastructure, research, communications, product development, and sustainability. Each of these areas presents challenges and issues for us to address in the next strategic plan.

We developed definitions for what issues needed to be addressed in each area, outlined the specific actions we would take in each area for member services and for products, and, finally, established benchmarks that we could use to insure that we had reached our goals in each area.

The overview builds on ATLA's past success by implementing an enterprise-wide solution to support the Association's infrastructure and secure ATLA's position for the future. We are confident that it will serve as an important guide for us in the next three years. The directors and I are continuing our research on a number of these topics, establishing priorities for the order in which we engage the issues, and creating a timeline to insure that we accomplish our objectives in the next three years. Our goal is to have the completed plan ready for implementation by the beginning of the FY2008 fiscal year—September 1, 2007.

I would welcome your comments and suggestions and would be happy to respond to any questions you may have about this plan.

*Dr. Dennis A. Norlin*  
*ATLA Executive Director*



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ISSUE / FUNCTION	DEFINITION	ATLA MEMBER SERVICES	ATLA PRODUCTS	BENCHMARKS
Legal Issues	Follow advice from competent legal counsel and risk management professionals for all association products, processes, and programs in view of the growing complexity and significance of legal issues in publishing and governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+Create legal counsel guide for ATLA members</li> <li>+Create privacy policy for member information</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+Develop copyright policies and procedures manual</li> <li>+Implement confidentiality policies and procedures for partners and affiliates</li> <li>+Establish digital rights program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+Seek professional counsel on intellectual property and licensing issues</li> <li>+Conduct annual review of all contracts and agreements</li> </ul>
Infrastructure	Pursue automation and integration of common functions and systems. Restructure staff to accommodate those processes and efficiencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+Pursue integration of financial and member software and redesigned website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+Redesign production process</li> <li>+Comprehensively review hardware, software, and personnel</li> <li>+Seek funding for additional infrastructure</li> <li>+Plan to insure the integrity of programs and processes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+Insure data security and integrity</li> <li>+Reduce duplication of effort</li> <li>+Increase productivity and staff satisfaction</li> <li>+Insure that systems are responsive to changing environment</li> <li>+Periodically review all backup systems</li> </ul>
Research	Utilize proven research tools as preparation for changes in member programs, products, and/or development of new products and services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+Develop regular schedule to survey members</li> <li>+Benchmark ATLA against other associations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+Create strategies for gathering and analyzing user feedback</li> <li>+Develop systematic competitive intelligence and market monitoring program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+Reach informed and market-sensitive decisions that are defensible and timely</li> </ul>
Communication	Direct targeted messages to known and relevant audiences using a variety of effective modes of communication (including print, email, web, and new technologies), and test them for effectiveness, timeliness, and cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+Review member communications</li> <li>+Redesign ATLA website</li> <li>+Create target audience lists and schedule</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+Review and develop customer communications</li> <li>+Analyze customer base</li> <li>+Redesign customer portion of website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+Achieve consistency, efficiency, and clarity</li> <li>+Target audiences for intended results</li> </ul>
Product Enhancement and Development	Develop a specific set of criteria, including mission-fit, financial and human cost, and market analysis for designing new products, services, and programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+Develop online journal, Theological Librarianship</li> <li>+Create criteria for member-initiated projects on website</li> <li>+Determine the future of CDRI</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+Develop ATLA Online</li> <li>+Create plan to insure data integrity</li> <li>+Implement plan for preserving ATLA intellectual property in all formats</li> <li>+Explore potential new digital products</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+Employ research results in product enhancement and design</li> </ul>
Sustainability	Determine expectations, criteria for projecting revenue, and systematically evaluate them	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+Plan strategy for recruitment and retention</li> <li>+Increase MS revenue</li> <li>+Increase ATLA charitable giving</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+Develop new business plan</li> <li>+Implement cost accounting program for evaluating enhancements and new products</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+Develop criteria for insuring sustainability</li> </ul>

## Member Notes

### Endowment Committee January Meeting

Members of the Endowment Committee met at ATLA Headquarters on January 11, 2007 to discuss their future plans.



*Endowment Committee members, left to right: M. Patrick Graham, Elmer O'Brien, Roger Loyd (Chair), and Mary Bischoff.*

### In Print

The Fall issue of *Company*, a quarterly magazine for American Jesuits and those who work at Jesuit institutions, features an article about Gregory XV by **Anthony Amodeo**, Reference Librarian and Instruction Coordinator for the Charles von der Ahe Library, Loyola Marymount University. You can view his article online at [www.companysj.com/v241/popegregory.pdf](http://www.companysj.com/v241/popegregory.pdf).



### CATLA Fall Conference

The Chicago Area Theological Library Association (CATLA) held its Fall Conference on October 20, 2006 at the offices of Primera, an engineering firm specializing in “green” solutions, located just two blocks north of ATLA headquarters.

The firm’s 30-seat instruction room was filled to capacity with CATLA members, captivated by a daylong program entitled “A Week in the Life of ATLA.”

Barbara Kemmis, Director of Member Services, welcomed us to the Loop and wished us a happy “Theological Libraries Month!” She then discussed the many activities that engage the member services’ staff in the course of a week, ending with forthcoming member services’ priorities.

Margot Lyon, Director of Business Development, distributed a pop quiz as a way of introducing us to the work of her office! She discussed how staff work with aggregators, subscribers, and publishers and respond to industry trends.

After lunch in the Loop, Dennis Norlin, Executive Director, welcomed us back together and addressed us briefly on this watershed year in the life of ATLA. He noted specifically the move to the new headquarters, the record attendance (as well as number of papers) at the annual conference, the announcements that the CD-ROM would be discontinued and that ATLA Online would be launched, and the work that is underway by the Board on the 2007–10 strategic plan.

Cameron Campbell, Director of Indexes, presented highlights of the triennial report of the Department of Indexes, including the work of the Index Advisory Committee with staff to explore the difficult issues of maintaining a viable database with high quality indexing while addressing members’ expressed desires for expanded coverage and currency.

Tami Luedtke, Director of Electronic Products and Services, discussed the procedures related to the ongoing development of *ATLASerials*®. In addition to the digitization of a growing number of titles, she outlined the technical process that will deliver articles that are in PDF and ultimately that are searchable.

The presentations were all enlightening and as varied in style as the presenters. As with

the public services and technical services areas of a library, where most patrons see only the public services, so also with ATLA! Most of us see ATLA through the Annual Conference and the products and services. The day of presentations took us behind the scenes and gave us a glimpse of how the products are produced and the services are provided. We left with a sense of the next big things that ATLA will be achieving and great appreciation for the work our association does on behalf of its members.

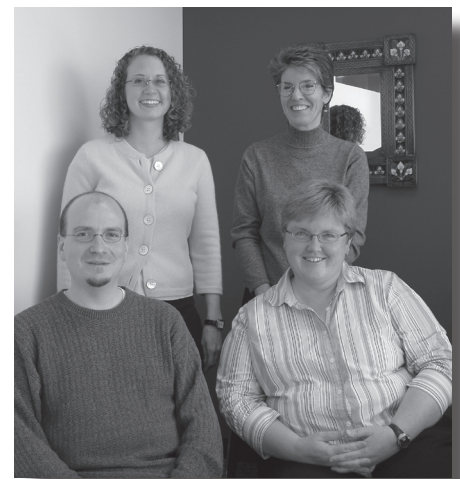
The CATLA Spring Conference is planned for April 20, 2007, at Concordia University Chicago.

*Robert Roethemeyer*  
*CATLA Past-President*



### Professional Development Committee

Members of the Professional Development Committee (PDC) met at ATLA Headquarters November 9-10, 2006 with a full agenda of items related to the continuing education of theological librarians.



*Professional Development Committee members, left to right: Eric Friede, Laura C. Wood (chair), Kris Veldheer, and Angela Morris.*

## Member News

### Publications Committee

The ATLA Publications Committee met November 9-10, 2006 at ATLA headquarters in Chicago to discuss the direction of ATLA's publication endeavors.



*Publications Committee members are (clockwise from upper left): Douglas Gragg, Andy Keck (chair), Jack Ammerman, and Teresa Jerose.*

### Staff Changes at Yale Divinity Library

In January 2007, **Amy Limpitlaw** left her position as Public Services Librarian at Vanderbilt Divinity Library to assume new responsibilities as Research and Electronic Services Librarian at Yale Divinity Library. Amy is responsible for coordinating the Divinity Library's electronic services, including preparing documentation and coordinating digital projects. She also provides reference services in collaboration with Suzanne Estelle Holmer, Reference and Instructional Services Librarian.

**Martha Smalley**, who served as Research Services Librarian and Curator of the Day Missions Collection since 1996, continues to serve as Special Collections Librarian and Curator of the Day Missions Collection. In addition, she has assumed new responsibilities as the Principal Investigator for the Mellon-funded Collections Collaborative, an innovative project that seeks to enhance access to and the use of

the museums, galleries, and library special collections at Yale University (see [www.yale.edu/collections\\_collaborative](http://www.yale.edu/collections_collaborative)).



### Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Names Sharon Taylor as Library Director

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary has named **Sharon Taylor**, Ph.D. as the Donald G. Miller Librarian and director of the Barbour Library. Taylor will begin at the Seminary March 1, 2007.

"I am thrilled to be able to join the faculty and administration of Pittsburgh Seminary," said Taylor.

The Rev. Dr. William J. Carl III, president of the Seminary, said, "Sharon Taylor is one of the outstanding theological librarians in the nation, and we are truly fortunate to have her joining our administration and faculty."

Taylor has served for the past 17 years as the director of the Franklin Trask Library, Andover Newton Theological Seminary. A native of Virginia, she received her bachelor's and master of library science from Florida State University, her master of divinity from Reformed Theological Seminary, her master of theology from Princeton Theological Seminary, and her doctorate from Boston College.

Recognized for her wisdom, experience, and leadership skills, Taylor served as president of the American Theological Library Association. Her other professional activities include American Academy of Religion, American Society of Church History, and Association for Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, among numerous others.

Taylor has given a number of presentations, faculty lectures, and workshops and has written articles and book reviews for a variety of publications. Her article recently appeared in *A Broadening Conversation: Classic Readings in Theological Librarianship*,

a collection of works written for the ATLA Publications Series. Her recent faculty responsibilities at Andover Newton took her to China in 2004.

Her ecclesiastical service includes serving on a number of committees, being an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) since 1997, and being a member of the Newton Presbyterian Church, Newton, Massachusetts.

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is a graduate professional institution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Founded in 1794, the Seminary is located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and approximately 380 students are enrolled yearly in the degree programs. The Seminary has nurtured men and women in their faith in God while preparing them for pastoral ministry and lay leadership in all phases of the Church's outreach. The Seminary is rooted in the Reformed history of faithfulness to Scripture and commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In keeping with our tradition, we continue our mission to be a caring and ecumenical community, to nurture personal faith and corporate worship, to promote global consciousness and service, and to encourage students and faculty to relate their studies to the numerous styles of ministry emerging today.

*Melissa Logan  
Communications Coordinator  
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary*



### 2007 Colloquy on The Role of the Theological Librarian in Teaching, Learning, and Research

ATLA and the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning are sponsoring the second colloquy, The Role of the Theological Librarian in Teaching, Learning, and Research. We are grateful for the efforts of dedicated members **Laura C. Wood**

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(Harvard Divinity School), **Ann Hotta** (El Cerrito, CA), and Roger L. Loyd (Duke University), who are serving as faculty.

Congratulations to the following ATLA members selected to participate in the 2007 Colloquy:

**Jennifer Bartholomew**, Luther Seminary; **Beth Bidlack**, University of Chicago; **Kelly Campbell**, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary; **Deborah Creamer**, Iliff School of Theology; **Anthony Elia**, McCormick Theological Seminary; **Maria Garcia**, Oblate School of Theology; **Tolonda Henderson**, New Brunswick Theological Seminary; **Teresa Lubinecki**, Christ the King Seminary; **Rachel Minkin**, Graduate Theological Union; **Matthew Ostercamp**, Trinity International University; **Mayra Gloria Picos-Lee**, Palmer Theological Seminary; **Thomas P. Power**, Trinity Colleges, Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto; **Patricia "Joan" Pries**, Regent College; **Danielle Theiss-White**, Emory University/Candler School of Theology; **Jennifer Ulrich**, Eastern Mennonite University.

The colloquy will take place April 18-23, 2007 in Crawfordsville, IN at the Wabash Center. For more information about the goals and purpose of the colloquy go to: [www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/programs/details.aspx?id=8446](http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/programs/details.aspx?id=8446).



#### Upcoming Newsletter Submissions

The deadline for submissions for the May issue of the *ATLA Newsletter* is April 1, 2007. Please send news items, announcements, etc., to Sara Corkery, Communications Specialist, at [newsletter@atla.com](mailto:newsletter@atla.com). For submission guidelines see the newsletter home page: [www.atla.com/member/publications/newsletter.html](http://www.atla.com/member/publications/newsletter.html).



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Checklist of Reference Tools

**Checklist of Reference Tools of Interest to Theological Librarians, 2005-2006**

Compiled by Seth Kasten, The Burke Library, Union Theological Seminary

This bibliography is the twenty-third annual supplement to the "Checklist" that appeared in the February 18, 1984 issue of the *ATLA Newsletter*. Its entries were selected from 2005 and 2006 imprints acquired by The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, New York, during the 2006 calendar year. (Several pre-2006 imprints omitted from previous Checklists are included in an "Addenda" section following the main sequence of this year's list.)

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*Encyclopaedia of Midrash : Biblical interpretation in formative Judaism* / edited by Jacob Neusner & Alan J. Avery Peck. 2 v. Leiden ; Boston : Brill, 2005.

*Encyclopedia of new religious movements* / edited by Peter B. Clarke. Abingdon [England] ; New York : RoutledgeCurzon, 2006.

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Renard, John, 1944- *Historical dictionary of Sufism* / John Renard. Lanham, Md. : Scarecrow Press, 2005. (Historical dictionaries of religions, philosophies, and movements ; no. 58)

Swain, Joseph Peter. *Historical dictionary of sacred music* / Joseph P. Swain. Lanham, Md. : Scarecrow Press, 2006.

Trompf, G. W. *Religions of Melanesia : a bibliographic survey* / Garry W. Trompf. Westport, Conn. : Praeger Publishers, 2006. (Bibliographies and indexes in religious studies, no. 57)

World Council of Churches. *A handbook of churches and councils : profiles of ecumenical relationships* / compiled by Huibert van Beek. Geneva : World Council of Churches, c2006.

**Addenda**

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Guiley, Rosemary. *The encyclopedia of angels* / Rosemary Ellen Guiley ; foreword by Lisa Schwebel. 2nd ed. New York : Facts on File, c2004.

Hall, Timothy L., 1955- *American religious leaders* / Timothy L. Hall. New York : Facts On File, c2003. (American biographies)

*Holy people of the world : a cross-cultural encyclopedia* / Phyllis G. Jestice, editor ; foreword by Lionel Rothkrug. 3 v. Santa Barbara, Calif. : ABC-CLIO, c2004.

*The IVP dictionary of the New Testament : a one-volume compendium of contemporary biblical scholarship* / editor, Daniel G. Reid. Downers Grove, Ill. : InterVarsity Press, c2004.

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*Religions of the world : a comprehensive encyclopedia of beliefs and practices* / J. Gordon Melton, Martin Baumann, editors ; David B. Barrett, world religious statistics ; Donald Wiebe, introduction. 4 v. Santa Barbara, Calif. : ABC-CLIO, c2002.

York, Michael, 1939- *Historical dictionary of New Age movements* / Michael York. Lanham, Md. : Scarecrow Press, 2004. (Historical dictionaries of religions, philosophies, and movements ; no. 49)



## Reference Reviews

*Creeeds and Confessions of Faith in the Christian Tradition*, edited by Jaroslav Pelikan and Valerie Hotchkiss (New Haven: Yale University Press, c2003).

At the 2003 ATLA Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon, I led a roundtable on book reviewing. In my prepared remarks on reviewing ethics, I said the following (edited for space):

“Conflicts of interest are those that occur whenever a reviewer allows selfish interests to influence his or her judgment, whether the conflict arises from personal relationships, academic competition, or intellectual passion. Among other things, that means one should not review works by good friends, current or former colleagues . . . [etc.]. In certain small communities (e.g., theological librarianship) where everyone knows everyone else, it may be impossible to avoid such conflicts. If that should be the case, ethical practice dictates that you acknowledge the relationship when accepting and writing the review.”

I hereby acknowledge that I had a collegial relationship with Valerie Hotchkiss for many years. Although presently employed as Head of the Rare Book and Special Collections Library at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Valerie was for many years Library Director at Austin Presbyterian Seminary and then the Bridwell Library at the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. She and I served together on the ATLA Board from 1993 to 1996. I did then, and do still, admire her intellect and professionalism. Still, I do not believe I would have written a different review if she had been a total stranger. The credentials of the authors to compile such a resource are, of course, impeccable. Is there anyone in theological education at any level who does not know the name Jaroslav Pelikan (1923-2006)? Sterling Professor of History and Religious Studies at Yale University since 1972, he was the author of numerous works, including the standard work of historical theology, *The Christian Tradition: A History of the Development of Doctrine* (University of

Chicago Press, c1971-1989) and served as general editor of the first 30 volumes of the *Works of Martin Luther*. Valerie Hotchkiss herself, besides holding the MLS degree, holds a Ph.D. degree in Medieval Studies from Yale University, and held several library positions at Yale before pursuing her doctorate. Among her other publications are *Clothes Make the Man: Female Transvestism in Medieval Europe* (Garland, c1996) and *The Reformation of the Bible/The Bible of Reformation*, co-written with Jaroslav Pelikan and David Price (Yale University Press, c1996).

That there is even a need for a work of this sort is ironic, given that the Council of Ephesus anathematized anyone who dared produce a creed other than the Nicene. Still, every generation of Christians (even those, like the Orthodox, who subscribe to the Nicene Creed as definitive) have had a need to summarize what Christian faith means for its own time and cultural context. In times of conflict (such as the disagreements between East and West in the first millennium, or between Catholic and Protestant during the Reformation), summaries of doctrines assume paramount importance.

Prior to the publication of this work, the definitive collection of Christian creeds had been Philip Schaff's classic work, *Creeeds of Christendom* (1877), a collection of 97 translated texts. By comparison, Pelikan and Hotchkiss have gathered nearly three times as many works, from biblical confessions (such as The Shema) up to the 1999 Lutheran-Roman Catholic *Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification*. Many (e.g., the *Masai Creed* and *The Doctrines of the Church of North India*) derive from non-Western churches.

In addition to the texts of the creeds themselves, each section contains substantial essays that place the creeds in their context. Hence, for example, the section on biblical and pre-Nicene creeds is introduced with a 24-page essay on the Rules of Faith in the Early Church. These introductory essays

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are supplemented with introductions to the individual creeds themselves. Moreover, following the conclusion of each creed, information is provided about the scholarly edition of the text of the creed, from whence came the translation (whether it was previously published or prepared for this work), and a brief bibliography.

Beyond these aids, each volume contains a substantial bibliography and several useful indexes. Among these are a Name Index, a Scripture Index, and two particularly useful and unusual indexes. The first is the Creedal Syndogmaticon, wherein each of the creeds in the work are indexed in terms of the clauses and phrases of the Nicene Creed, allowing the serious researcher to compare and contrast how each creed in the volume treats the concept. So, for example, under "One Baptism for the Forgiveness of Sins," the relevant sections of Luther's Smaller Catechism, the Smalcald Articles, and the Statement of Beliefs of the North American Baptist Conference (among other documents) are cited, so the researcher can compare how each document treats the doctrine under discussion.

Still another useful index is the Ecclesiastical Index, wherein each of the creeds are indexed, citing where the creeds of a church body may be found, or where various churches, heresies, councils, and other creeds and confessions are cited in another's confession. So, for example, looking in the index under Islam in volume three, we find reference to *The Confession of Faith of Gennadius II* as well as *The Second Helvetic Confession* (among other resources).

As if that weren't enough, the three volumes of creeds are preceded by a fourth volume, entitled *Credo*, in which Pelikan himself provides an "historical and theological guide to creeds and confessions." The work traces the beginning of creed-making within the Church, the history and development of creed-making, the authority creeds have for Christians, and the role of creeds in the modern world. And last, but not least, there is a separate CD ROM containing all the credal texts in their original languages.

If the description above sounds weighty and exhaustive, it is. If the authors set out

to supersede Schaff for the twenty-first century, they have! Is the work without flaw? Hardly, but the peccadilloes are small enough to be mere quibbles. Whether many of the included texts qualify as creeds in the formal sense may be questioned by some. What value for the faith "once delivered to the saints" does a personal statement have, such as St. Patrick's Profession of Faith? Also, some will question the inclusion of statements from bodies whose allegiance to the Christian tradition they might regard as marginal, such as the Jehovah's Witnesses or the Unitarian-Universalists. The authors are well aware of the critique. Their observation is that they chose the "Noah's Ark principle;" that is, to strive to include as many as would fit (although not always in pairs)!

Furthermore, the authors noted in their address to the ATLA 2004 Annual Conference that they set out "to aid students, ministers and scholars in their studies," but it could be argued that their key audience was the academy, not the practitioner. Many of the citations for further reading are non-English language texts that students and most ministers would be incapable of reading. For example, two of the five works cited on Pope Pius IX's *Syllabus of Errors* (1864) include volume 14 of *Dictionnaire de Théologie Catholique* (Paris: Libraire Letouzey et Ane, c1903-1950) and Clemens Schrader's *Pius IX als Papst und als Koenig* (Vienna: C. Sartori, c1865). It is clear that the CD-ROM of original language texts was designed for this audience as well.

Speaking of the CD-ROM, I suspect many of our students may find the CD clunky to use. Users familiar with Google will miss any kind of search box. One must click through a progression of screens to find the sought-for creed. The texts are keyed to the various parts described in the table of contents (the enumeration of parts is continuous across the three main volumes), not to the volume in which they appear or the document names. So, for example, those seeking the Dogmatic Constitution from Vatican I, which appears in Part 5 of Volume 3 of the printed text, must know that it is Part 5 that is the appropriate link to click. Then the user must scroll through the Table of Contents to click on the document name. However,

given that most students and pastors these days are monolingual, it is unlikely the CD will receive much use.

Still, as noted above, these are quibbles in what is without doubt one of the great theological reference works of our time. It is a tremendous achievement, the culmination of Jaroslav Pelikan's work as a historic theologian, and one for which he will be remembered years from now. It should be in every Christian theological library.

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*Writing Your Dissertation with Microsoft Word: A Step-By-Step Guide.* Vincent Kiernan. Alexandria, VA: Mattily Publishing, 2005. 190 pp. \$29.95 ISBN: 0976186802

Academic writing can often be a long and involved undertaking. After hours and hours of research and writing, a writer must then tie it all together to create an error-free, format-specific finished product. Vincent Kiernan's *Writing Your Dissertation with Microsoft Word* aims to help dissertation writers produce that coveted finished product.

Kiernan completed his Ph.D. dissertation in 2002. He is currently a senior writer at *The Chronicle of Higher Education* with expertise in science and technology journalism. If anyone is qualified to write such a book, Kiernan has more than enough experience and working knowledge to do it.

*Writing Your Dissertation with Microsoft Word* is written for use with Microsoft Word 2002 and 2003. Those using newer versions of Word will still find much that is applicable. It is structured not so much as a reference book as it is a guide to be used from beginning to end. Chapter 1 helps the reader prepare a template for a dissertation. Chapter 2 leads the reader through creating the various chapters for a dissertation. Chapters 3-5 help the reader add tables, figures, and equations to a dissertation. Chapters 6-7 show the reader how to prepare

the back matter and preliminary pages of a dissertation. Chapter 8 tells the reader how to pull all the pieces of a dissertation into a single document. And lastly, Chapter 9 provides the reader with helpful “words to the wise,” such as the benefits of antivirus software and how to make use of Word’s AutoRecover feature.

This book definitely fills a unique niche in the style guide and writing handbook universe. Most such books are organized under the LC subject heading of “dissertations, academic – authorship,” or “academic writing,” or both. When you throw in the additional heading “word processing,” the results drop drastically. Out of the three remaining results, one is in German, one is in Norwegian, and then there’s Kiernan’s book. *Writing Your Dissertation with Microsoft Word*, at least at this point, is a one-of-a-kind tool for the dissertation writer.

One of the best things about this book is the liberal use of examples from the dissertation formatting requirements at various institutions across the United States. For example, did you know that Cornell University forbids orphans and discourages widows (for definitions of these terms, look on page 22)? Shocking, I know. Kiernan includes many such examples from a variety of institutions, like University of California at Berkeley, University of Minnesota, and University of Alaska at Fairbanks.

Other positives include the bolding of particular Word commands to make them easier to see, good cross-referencing, and several screenshots from Word. Kiernan also has no problem mentioning other software programs, like EndNote and ProCite, when they might be more effective than using Word.

On the negative side, I found myself wanting the various sets of instructions to be bulleted or numbered lists rather than paragraphs. I also thought that a larger, spiral-bound volume rather than the smaller paperback format would better serve readers. Some of the graphics bothered me, too. For example, the book cover has a picture of a CD or DVD at the bottom, which I found a little

deceptive—to me, it looks as if the book comes with a CD or DVD, which it doesn’t. Also, some of the screenshot graphics were blurry and/or distorted. And lastly, the URL on the back of the book that will help readers “get answers to [their] problems and the latest tips” goes to a “future” site that isn’t up and running yet (as of November 14, 2006).

All things considered, I think this book is very useful for not only dissertation writers, but also the writers of theses and books. Kiernan manages to strip away the mystery of Microsoft Word in a way that will benefit both the computer-savvy writer as well as the technologically clueless one. When used with a particular style guide and/or an institution’s formatting guidelines, I think a writer will have all the tools he or she will need to produce a high-quality dissertation. I definitely recommend this volume for academic library collections.

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*Encyclopedia of Women and Religion in North America*. Edited by Rosemary Skinner Keller and Rosemary Radford Ruether. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2006. 1464 pages in 3 volumes. \$325.00, ISBN: 0-253-34685-1; ISBN-13: 978-0-253-34685-8.

The *Encyclopedia of Women and Religion in North America* is a three-volume set of major essays written by 147 authors and edited by noted feminist theologians Rosemary Skinner Keller and Rosemary Radford Ruether. The editors state that theirs is a non-traditional encyclopedia and that they “wanted to portray women’s history through the lens of religious history, a viewpoint that has been widely overlooked.” They have included “150 longer essays that enable major themes to be developed . . .” and “focus on institutions, movements, and ideas.”

The work starts with an introductory essay with sections on “Methodologies in Writing Women’s Religious History,” “Women

in Native American, Aframerindian, and African Caribbean Religious Traditions,” “Women in the Protestant Christian Tradition,” and “Women in Catholic and Orthodox Christianity, and in Jewish, Muslim, Asian, and Newer Religious Movements.” This seems a rather odd arrangement; as a woman who has spent half a life in the Protestant Christian tradition and half in the Catholic tradition, I feel rather sure that as a Catholic I have more in common with Protestant Christians than with Jewish, Muslim, Asian, and Newer Religious Movements, although I have friends in each of those groups. The editors mention that this is problematic, and cite the “cultural predominance of Protestantism, especially mainstream Protestantism in religious scholarship” as one reason for their grouping in the introductory essays.

Following the introduction, the first volume includes eight essays on “Approaches to the History of Women and Religion,” six essays on “Women in Indigenous and African Traditions,” ten on “Catholicism,” and thirty-one on “Protestantism” (the editors state in the introduction that this preponderance is due to the fact that “most of the work to date has been done in this area”). Volume Two includes multiple essays on “Women in Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox Traditions,” “Judaism,” “Islam,” “Asian Religions,” “Newer Religious Movements,” and “Multidenominational Movements.” Volume Three has a number of essays on “Women, Religion, and Social Issues,” “Women-Centered Theology,” and “Contemporary Women’s Issues in Religion.”

In the introduction, the editors emphasize that they believed that this must be an interpretive encyclopedia and that the “interpretive frame” is a “feminist perspective, the view that society should be transformed to include full participation of women.” The choice of perspective is of course the prerogative of the editors. But here is an instance where influence of this choice results in a different work than what is implied by the title. As librarians, we prefer to see reference books that are balanced, possibly with a point of view, but

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not to the detriment of balance. The editors say that readers will use the encyclopedia to “gain data and analysis,” to get an “overview” of this subject. They state that “women need to accept their religious experience as gendered, while rejecting the inherited sexism of submission and second-class status culturally assigned to women.” However, while they point out many issues that are valid to many women, the editors’ tone is hostile to those women who remain (for their own reasons) in groups the editors feel do not aspire to the same kind of participation they desire. For example, the introduction contains harsh criticism of what they term “conservative forces,” which includes the “ideology of the new Religious Right and the neo-evangelical sub-culture today.” Included in these groups would be women who home school, women who do not press for inclusive language in worship, women who do not seek to make women’s ordination a primary objective, women who choose to remain faithful to their churches’ teachings on birth control, women who participate in Catholic Marian devotion, etc. The editors, to some extent, put their own critique in a tenuous position, stating that “drawing younger women into mainline church membership is increasingly difficult,” and “the extent to which traditional religions can be either renewed or reformed to overcome sexist discrimination fully in theology and practice remains in doubt at the beginning of the twenty-first century.” (Lest I be instantly labeled anti-feminist, please note that I stood in line for hours to view Judy Chicago’s *The Dinner Party* and participated in a practicum at a Roman Catholic seminary in the role of a priest wearing vestments.)

The editors state that they believe that this work will be used to get an “overview,” but the overview article on “Women in North American Catholicism” contains no mention of the most important Catholic women in North American history. One has to follow up in the index to find the articles that include Elizabeth Seton, Katherine Drexel, and Frances Cabrini. Yet this article mentions by name Sr. Blandina Segale—cited because she was famous for her friendship with Billy the Kid. I have no

trouble believing this; my own great-aunt, who was much loved by her family, ran with Bonnie and Clyde. For a reference work with the ambitions of this one, there is no plausible rationale for including marginal figures while excluding persons of far greater historical import. Other omissions include Rose Philippine Duchesne, the recently canonized Theodora Guerin, and other Catholic women who endeavored to bring healthcare, better housing, and education to the women (and men) of North America. Articles on Catholicism discuss the tension between “feminist” and “anti-feminist” groups, but even this labeling is provocatively biased. It is the “conservative Catholic women” whose expressions of their views are termed “unusually hostile.”

In the essay “Women in Pentecostalism,” the author provides a great deal of interesting historical information about the early years of the Pentecostal movement, but spends an inordinate amount of time on negative examples of family neglect and sexual misconduct. When the author writes about the Assemblies of God in this vein, a thoughtful reader might reasonably expect some mention of the fact that (according to reputable sources) this is one of the fastest-growing denominations in the United States. This in turn raises the intriguing question of what might be the climate among the women who *still* choose to join or remain in this denomination. The article ends rather abruptly with a 1935 decision that discouraged women’s ordination and remarks that “Assemblies of God women generally seemed contented and fulfilled in service.” Do they *still* feel so contented and fulfilled? If so, is this one reason why the Assemblies of God is such a fast-growing denomination? A reader is simply left to wonder. Whether such selectiveness is another example of editorial bias or reflects merely the limits of the author’s research interests isn’t all that important. What’s clear is that this coverage on one major topic is completely inadequate, a neglected opportunity.

The article on “Women’s Freedom and Reproductive Rights: The Core Fear of Patriarchy” is by Frances Kissling, the

president of Catholics for a Free Choice. Kissling’s statement in a 1991 issue of *Mother Jones* is often quoted: “I spent twenty years looking for a government that I could overthrow without being thrown in jail, I finally found one in the Catholic church.” Her article in this encyclopedia is equally full of anti-Catholic polemic. She also comments that “within the Jewish community...support for abortion rights was the highest in the nation.” This makes it appear as if all segments of the Jewish community support abortion rights, yet Orthodox and Conservative Jews have a much more nuanced position, generally accepting that abortion is permitted only if there is a direct threat to the mother’s life. A more balanced contributor might have provided information about other groups such as Feminists for Life and the numbers of young college women who annually travel to Washington, D.C. for National Right to Life marches.

Lastly, the editors say that this encyclopedia is “non-traditional in the audiences for whom it is written,” then go on to list its first audience, libraries. I find this odd; libraries do not function principally as readers or end users. Libraries are made up of librarians and patrons of libraries, and in the case of most of us, students and professors. The editors add that they hope non-academics will use the work, as well as college and seminary students, teachers, and scholars. To say that the primary audience is libraries suggests to me the dubious concept that libraries will buy anything with the word “Encyclopedia” in the title, an assumption which (if it ever had any credence) is highly questionable.

It is true that there is a wealth of historical information in these volumes, which makes it all the more regrettable that its bias diminishes the value of this information. For my mother, daughter, grandmothers, aunts, sisters-in-law, friends, colleagues, students, and companions in worship who have thoughtfully and prayerfully remained or become Baptists, Assemblies of God, Roman Catholics, Greek Orthodox, Orthodox Jew, among other denominations or religions—in an *Encyclopedia of Women and Religion in North America*, their stories

should be told and heard with the respect they deserve.

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*Dictionary for Theological Interpretation of the Bible.* Edited by Kevin J. Vanhoozer (general editor) and Craig G. Bartholomew, Daniel J. Treier, and N. T. Wright (associate editors). London: SPCK; Grand Rapids: Baker, 2005. 896 pages. \$54.99 cloth. ISBN: 0-8010-2694-6.

This is *not* just another Bible dictionary. It is a major new reference work that attempts to combine articles on some of the things one finds in a traditional Bible dictionary (like individual books or themes of the Bible) with articles on some of the things one finds in theological dictionaries (like hermeneutics or doctrines) or historical dictionaries (like interpreters and schools of interpretation). The attempt is made in aid of what the general editor, Kevin Vanhoozer, calls “theological interpretation,” and he has written a very helpful essay to begin the volume. In this essay, he disavows any notion that the book is likely to “change the world,” but I am hopeful that it may begin to bridge some of the divisions in the world—at least, that part of the world that calls itself Christian.

For this is a decidedly *Christian* book. As Vanhoozer says in his opening essay, he and his editorial colleagues “believe that the time is ripe for a resource that combines an interest in the academic study of the Bible with a passionate commitment to making this scholarship of use to the church,” aiming to assess available approaches to theological interpretation, “in particular, their value for reading Scripture in and for the community of the faithful” (19). He is quite clear that no one approach will do. “One purpose is to heal the debilitating breach that all too often prevents biblical scholars and theologians from talking to each other, or even from using the same reference books . . . And this leads to the second purpose:

to provide a resource for scholars in other disciplines” (23). After all, “[t]heological interpretation of Scripture is as important for scientists and sociologists as it is for exegetes and theologians proper” (23). To be sure, but only given the presupposition that all concerned are Christians. Two questions, therefore, arise for the user: a) To what extent can one find in this volume trustworthy guidance to the Bible and its theological interpretation? and b) To what extent can one find in this volume trustworthy guidance to what Christians think about the Bible and its theological interpretation?

How one answers both questions depends on how the editors have understood their task, whom they have chosen as authors, and whether those authors’ articles in fact share the editors’ understanding. All one can do in reviewing so large a volume is to assess the overall credentials of the roster of authors and to take soundings in a selection of articles.

Of 170 contributors, a sizable majority either have their doctorates from evangelical Protestant institutions (mostly in the United States) or are now affiliated with such institutions, or both. Some clearly are not, however. For example, there are quite a few Anglicans (both English and North American), of whom some but not all are evangelicals. (My Sewanee colleague Christopher Bryan, for example—an Anglo-Catholic—has written superb pieces on passion narratives, Romans, and Sermon on the Mount.) There are several Roman Catholics or people teaching at Roman Catholic institutions. There is at least one Greek Orthodox. Further, there are several European scholars and at least one South African. There are at least one Hispanic surname and at least two Asian surnames, and at least seventeen are women. My conclusion is that, although the roster is substantially evangelical Protestant, male, and Anglophone, a substantial effort has been made to include other voices. The editors’ intention is certainly not to produce an evangelical book but rather a Christian book, representative of the richness of Christian diversity. Many of the scholars

are of considerable eminence—for example, Bruce Chilton, John de Gruchy, the late Stanley Grenz, Howard Marshall, Alister McGrath, Mark Noll, Geoffrey Wainwright, Nicholas Wolterstorff, N. T. Wright, Frances Young. In short, the contributors’ list seems, at least in some measure, designed by the editors to actualize their stated intentions. Now, did they succeed in doing so?

Yes, I think they did. I have used this volume in my own study and teaching for several months, and I am delighted with what I have found. For example, the article “Parables” by Stephen Wright (Spurgeon’s College) is superb as a brief introduction to parable *interpretation*; of course, one will use the standard commentaries and works on parables for the exegetical detail. Wright summarizes the chief approaches to parables by scholars past and present over the whole range of (western) Christianity, and neither his bibliography nor his summaries play favorites. What better guide than Frances Young (Birmingham) for “Patristic Biblical Interpretation” in little more than four pages? Kent Harold Richards, long-time executive secretary of the Society of Biblical Literature, writes on “Societies, Scholarly.” Anthony Thiselton (Nottingham) whets the appetite with his brief introduction to “Hermeneutics,” and then there are separate articles on (e.g.,) “Allegory,” “Anthropomorphism,” “Authorial Discourse Interpretation,” “Deconstruction,” “Gnosticism,” “Literal Sense,” and so on—all listed at the end of Thiselton’s piece. Anthony Lane (London School of Theology), writing on “Justification by Faith,” points to recent developments in ecumenical relations as well as to New Testament theology, and his bibliography helpfully indicates the character and approach of the items he lists. “Liturgy” is addressed by Bryan Spinks (Yale) and “Worship” by Jeremy Begbie (Ridley Hall, Cambridge); each has a cross-reference to the other.

At the end of the volume, there is a marvelous triple gift: a list of articles by category (e. g., biblical texts, Christianity and Judaism, doctrines/themes, hermeneutics),

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a topical index, and a Scripture index. These indices make the book much more useful than it would be without them. There are some puzzles and some shortcomings, as is inevitable in such a collaborative undertaking. While Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant biblical interpretation each have an article devoted to them, there is not one on Anglican or Lutheran or Reformed biblical interpretation. Under “Evangelical Biblical Interpretation,” one finds only references to articles on charismatic biblical interpretation, the Princeton School, and Protestant biblical interpretation. (Happily, “Jewish Exegesis” does get its own article.) There are articles on Luther and Calvin but none on Wesley, though Aquinas and Augustine are treated. Bonhoeffer gets a short piece, but Bultmann is in “Hermeneutics: and “Hermeneutical Circle,” while Dodd does not appear at all. Each article on a book in the Bible, regardless of genre, is titled (e.g.) “John, Book of” or “Romans, Book of.” There is a long article “Gospels,” but nothing on “Letters” or “Epistles,” a serious omission in light of the important work on letter form done over the past century. (There is Grant Osborne’s article on “Genre,” which focuses on the general rather than the specific, and on contemporary rather than historical discussion of the topic.) Perhaps these can be considered for a second edition, which I very much hope this book will get.

One can only be grateful for the great riches that are afforded us here, and for the very reasonable price at which they are provided to us. Even more, one must be thankful for the spirit in which this work has been planned and carried out. I hope it will prove to be a model for future collaborative endeavors across the dividing lines of specialties, methodologies, denominations, and ideologies.

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## Healing the World—With Libraries???

*Illiff School of Theology Chapel Service, Ira J. Taylor Library 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, October 18, 2006*

What do *you* do when it seems that the whole world is crashing down around you and civilization itself is threatened? Soak in the tub? Hug your pet? Pray? Watch *Desperate Housewives*?

During the early part of the sixth century, not long after the Roman empire in the west had dissolved, Italy was experiencing one of the worst collapses in ancient civilization. Various barbaric armies had all been tearing the country apart for generations, competing for land and in the process destroying the institutions and culture of Italy.

Into this period of devastation came a man named Cassiodorus, who had been born in southwest Italy. At the age of 21, in spite of being a Catholic, he was appointed to a court position in the administration of the Goths, who at that time ruled Rome. Over the next 40 years, he worked his way up in the administration. His hope was to preserve his society’s values and institutions by working within the power structures of the barbarians.

When Cassiodorus was about 53, having received many honors, he left office. He had succeeded in all the positions he had held. He had served well. He had done his very best to teach his barbarian masters the ways of civilized Romans by writing letters in perfect Latin and sprinkling his correspondence and speeches with gems of ancient wisdom. But year by year, conditions in his beloved Italy had just gotten worse and worse.

His dream had been to facilitate the creation of a strong Italian state that would incorporate both Gothic and Roman heritage. But this dream was now shattered. Some people might say he sold out.

A few years later, the Byzantine Emperor Justinian conquered Rome. Cassiodorus and other members of the Gothic administration were sent into exile in Constantinople. Here

Cassiodorus decided that if he lived long enough to return to Italy, he would found a monastery. Why a *monastery*?

In about the year 552, as an old man of 65, Cassiodorus was indeed allowed to return to his homeland. There, on his beautiful and scenic family estate between the mountains and the sea, he founded the monastery of Vivarium. And he began to build an extensive collection of both sacred and secular manuscripts. Since his efforts to save Italian institutions and culture through political means had totally failed, he would now try to preserve as much knowledge and culture as possible through a library and a community of learned monks.

To instruct the monks, Cassiodorus wrote an extraordinary book explaining the contents of this library he had created, the principles behind his collection decisions, and how the manuscripts should be arranged. He wanted to make them accessible to anyone inside or outside the monastery who wanted to come and read them. This book thus contained the first library catalog and the first library manual in the history of Western civilization.

Cassiodorus understood that the purpose of a library is not only to collect and preserve materials but *to facilitate their use*. Furthermore, a library exists to reveal the gaps in literature and learning and thus stimulate the production of new writing and learning. A library is also a *place* for learning together in community.

And so he had his monks do more than just copy manuscripts. Cassiodorus had them study the books and learn how to interpret and understand them. He had them write texts themselves.

To that end, Cassiodorus wrote a book on how to read and understand both sacred and secular literature. We have a translation of this book in Taylor Library. Perhaps when peace was once again restored to Italy, these monks could use their knowledge and wisdom, and all of the Christian and Roman intellectual culture preserved in the contents of the library, to help heal their land.

The monastery survived for several more centuries, but was taken over by the Greek church. And unfortunately, the library so lovingly created by Cassiodorus vanished within a hundred years of his death. Many of the manuscripts were destroyed or stolen by plunderers. But some of the writings had already been distributed around Europe. And references to his library and writings are found in later authors.

Perhaps most important of all, the book he had written to instruct his monks was the only major book of its kind for centuries and influenced those who organized libraries for generations to come.

After Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans and the Gulf coast, many people certainly must have felt that their world had ended. Did you know that one of the first city services to be restored was the opening of temporary public libraries? Companies that sell books, furnishings, computers, and subscription databases to libraries pitched in and equipped trailers to provide some basic library services.

People could come and get online to check lists of survivors, contact family members, begin completing insurance and government forms, and get all kinds of other information. But most of all, they could find some sense of community and support—and order in the midst of chaos. These libraries were islands of civilization in the midst of horrific destruction. What an amazing ministry!

So the next time you feel the world descending into chaos and you need to find some sense of order, if soaking in the tub or hugging your pet or watching *Desperate Housewives* doesn't quite do it for you, you might try—well, if not *starting* a library—at least going to a library.

You might even reflect on what might be done with that little church library. We obviously can't heal the world *just* with libraries, but can we heal the world *without* them?

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## Perspectives on Professional Development

### Would You Like Some Cheese with That Whine?

I was raised not to complain. This was not acceptable behavior at home. Plus, I remember distinctly the ways my schoolmates discouraged certain kinds of whining (mocking, ostracism, sniggers, and/or general disdain). My nearly-adolescent nieces are robust whiners, perfecting the art. They are particularly adept at using whines to highlight the injustices they have inflicted upon each other. My typical response is to ask if they'd like cheese with their whine, which tends to generate eye-rolling but also usually gets us a little respite.

In general, I tend to approach my life and my work thinking the glass is half full. But I am beginning to recognize that a stubborn persistence in optimism is not always good for my health. As a matter of fact, on the way to work one morning, I heard some advice that challenged my anti-whine stance. Lucy Kellaway, workplace columnist for the *Financial Times* was interviewed on September 13, 2006 for NPR's *Morning Edition*. (The full piece can be heard online at: [www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=6066543](http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=6066543).) Ms. Kellaway, with a delightful accent, extolled the virtues of whining—or “moaning,” as they say in Great Britain.

“I think moaning is great. The trick, though, is to getting it right. A little bit of whining is

a bit like having a little salt in your food. It helps you taste the rest of your day, really.”

But she also quickly explained that there are rules to follow:

- 1) Quantity: you mustn't whine too much (annoying) or too little (untrustworthy). “I have come to think that between 2-5% of every working day should be spent moaning.”
- 2) Recipient: don't moan to your boss or to supervisees. Find someone at about your level in the hierarchy for a *mutual moan*. “Now a mutual moan's very pleasurable; you moan and they moan back. Very good.”

I had a good laugh about this that morning. But the truth is, the story stayed with me. Perhaps I really had undervalued the benefits of whining. I began to watch those around me to see what kinds of whining behavior I could observe. It became clear to me that, in response to excessive whining by some people, I was denying myself my proper 2-5%! And in turn, others were not seeking me out for those pleasurable mutual moans.

Now before you become thoroughly convinced that I'm off my rocker, let me explain what this has to do with ATLA and professional development. There are two messages here:

- 1) Professional development is a deeply personal process. We all need different things at different times. Fortunately,

however, there are bits of wisdom to be found in so many places. Sometimes it is an all-day workshop, but sometimes it is a three-minute radio story.

- 2) One of the great benefits of ATLA membership is the opportunities for mutual moans. When we meet together for conferences, when we visit with colleagues in our local area, or even sometimes through ATLANTIS posts, we have the opportunity to complain and commiserate. The process allows us to gain perspective on our woes, to have a laugh over problem patrons, or just vent a little bit. It is a process of renewal. And it can be extremely validating.

Don't wait until June to get some moaning in. Keeping in mind the rules mentioned above, you may need to look outside your institution for opportunities. Professional development events are terrific venues for a mutual moan. If no events are planned in your area, the PDC Continuing Education Grants are available to help you set one up on the topic of your choice. Check our page on the ATLA site for more details ([www.atla.com/prof\\_dev/prof\\_dev\\_grant.html](http://www.atla.com/prof_dev/prof_dev_grant.html)).

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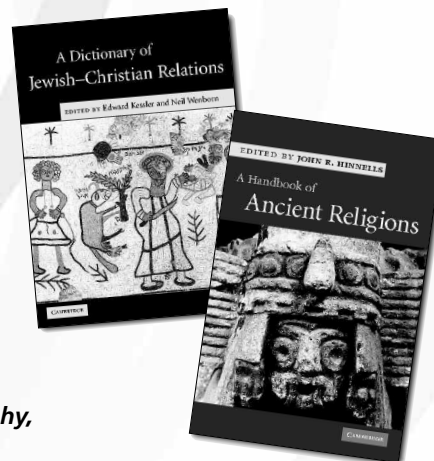
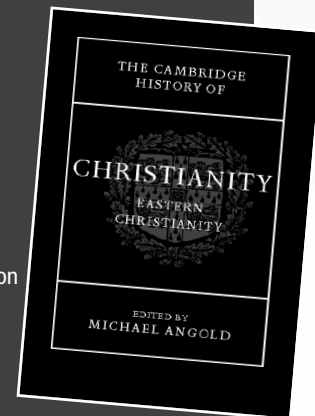
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### Conferencing

Conferencing (holy and otherwise) has been around for a while. Conferencing, even at ATLA's Annual Conference, demonstrates what the Oxford English Dictionary describes as a "bringing together" of the membership along with all of our ideas, solutions, and problems. "Conferencing" among members also occurs between annual conferences through smaller gatherings but also through a number of mediating technologies such as phone, email, listservs, and blogs.

A critical distinction in conferencing is whether it is *one-to-one*, *one-to-many*, or *many-to-many*. A one-to-one relationship is where an individual tries to conference or communicate with another individual either in person or through technologies like telephone, email, or chat. A one-to-many relationship is where an individual tries to "broadcast" his or her message to a wide audience through public speaking, publishing, media, or an email list. Finally, the many-to-many relationship is where a group attempts to dialogue and conference among each other personally or through interactive blogs, listservs, or chat rooms. These various forms of conferencing can morph—as a one-to-many can quickly turn into a one-to-one or many-to-many—if the technology allows individuals the opportunity to respond to one another.

### Web Conferencing

Web conferencing typically includes a suite of tools including a basic message board, application sharing, file sharing, remote control, instant polling, voice, and video, plus a mechanism for recording the entire conference. While each of these capabilities can be known outside of a web conferencing package (for example, a number of these features are available in most instant messaging or courseware clients), the package itself tries to optimize and integrate these tools for the purpose of conferencing.

### How it works

Usually a web conference is announced well ahead of time for a specific date and time. Interested persons will sign up for the web conference and be given a special username and password to access the conference at the appointed hour. Before the web conference begins, everyone will log into the web conference website and/or download special software. Once the web conference begins, participants will be able to view PowerPoint slides or other visuals as well as have the ability to hear each person's voice (or, with a microphone, to add their own voice). Questions for the speaker or other participants can also be submitted via a chat interface or through speaking into one's microphone. In a larger gathering, a speaker or participant might take an occasional "poll" to make sure everyone understands a particular concept or to elicit quick feedback. Video, files, or specific webpages can also be sent out to each participant.

### Possible Uses

A popular one-to-many form of web conferencing is known as the *webinar*—a new compound word for a web seminar. Although there are some facilities for feedback and interactivity, the format for a webinar tends to be more lecture oriented. The presenters will typically do their sales pitch, instruction, or lecture as participants follow along—listening to the speaker and watching the PowerPoint presentation through their individual computers. The presenter has control over the interactive functions and can allow or disallow specific interactive features. A webinar or a similar one-to-many conference can potentially be used as library instruction, with the webinar recording being contributed to a library's online instruction materials.

Web conferencing can be used for a many-to-many exchange such as committee meetings or group projects. The chat feature is often used for group discussion, although some software includes the capability

for people to raise their "virtual hands" and audibly speak in turn. The ability to share screens, websites, and files make this particularly handy for committee meetings or small groups wanting to have a focused discussion.

A one-to-one web conference provides a significant amount of functionality to conduct job interviews, reference interviews, or provide remote technical support. The sharing of screens and applications can be helpful in troubleshooting a technical problem or working through database searching strategies. In the case of a job interview, the applicant and search committee can all be available to each other through voice and webcam. While on-site interviews may be preferable, a web conference may be a good second choice for a candidate that is out of the country or otherwise unable to attend an on-site interview within a particular timeframe.

### Participating in a Web Conference

The basic requirement for participating in a web conference is a computer with speakers connected to the internet. Although most vendors support a dial-up connection, a broadband connection to the internet is always preferred—especially for video or interactive application sharing. Depending on your web conference provider, you may have a software client that must be installed (which may or may not be available for non-Windows machines). Often the web conferencing works through a web browser and may require a certain browser, installation of a Java client, etc. Most web conference hosts allow you to "pre-test" your computer well before the beginning of the conference.

While the basics can be covered with an internet-connected computer with speakers, you may want to contribute your own voice or video to the conversation. In order to do that you will need a microphone and/or webcam. The basic challenge in using a microphone with a web conference is the potential feedback loop between the

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microphone and your speakers. While there are some stand alone microphones that have noise-canceling features, the more common solution is to use a headset with a microphone connected to your computer via a USB connection.

### Hosting your own web conference

While institutions can buy web conference software to install on their own servers and infrastructure, web conferencing is usually sold as a service where you would pay an outside company to host your web conference. A web conference host will set up your conference, manage your invitation list and send reminders, process any fees, and typically charge you per participant, per minute, or at a fixed rate. As with anything, there may be problems: from simple misunderstandings about the “time zone” of the web conference, to an overloaded network, to a bad microphone.

### Conclusion

Also worth watching in this area is IP Video Conferencing. Video conferencing has a long and expensive history using specialized room and equipment, rented ISDN lines, and specialized staff to run everything. A new model of video conferencing done through the internet can involve networked computers, web cameras, microphones, and some simple software. While IP web conferencing is an emerging technology, its technological standards and features may begin inform and work within web conferencing technology.

ATLA and its members will continue to conference in multiple ways: in person, or by phone and email, listservs and blogs, or newsletters and journals. Web conferencing is one more way for us to instruct, assist, and conference together.

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## Make Sure You're "Passport-Ready"

Are you coming to Ottawa for the ATLA Annual Conference in June of 2008? If so, now is the time to plan ahead for new government travel requirements.

Recommendations made by the 9/11 Commission, which Congress subsequently passed into law in the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, led to new travel document requirements as part of the State and Homeland Security Departments' Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI). The goal of the Initiative is to strengthen border security and facilitate entry into the United States for U.S. citizens and legitimate foreign visitors by providing standardized, secure and reliable documentation which will allow the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to quickly, reliably and accurately identify a traveler.

The plan will be implemented in two phases. As of January 23, 2007, citizens of the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Bermuda must present a passport to enter the United States when arriving by air from any part of the Western Hemisphere.

More information is available on the State Department's consular web site, [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) and on the DHS web site, [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov). According to a State Department press release:

A separate proposed rule addressing land and sea travel will be published at a later date proposing specific requirements for travelers entering the United States through land and sea border crossings. As early as January 1, 2008, U.S. citizens traveling between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda by land or sea could be required to present a valid U.S. passport or other documents as determined by the Department of Homeland Security. While recent legislative changes permit a later deadline, the Departments of State and Homeland Security are working to meet all requirements as soon as possible.

The Department has dedicated additional resources and personnel to meet the increased demand for passports generated by these requirements. In Fiscal Year 2006, the Department issued a record 12.1 million passports to American citizens, and anticipates issuing 16 million passports in Fiscal Year 2007. U.S. citizens can find information about how to apply for a passport at [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) or by calling 1-877-487-2778.

In addition to a U.S. Passport, used when traveling via air, sea, or land borders between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda, travelers may also soon have access to the Passport Card (also referred to as the PASS Card), a limited-use passport in card format. Currently under development, the card will be available for use for travel only via land or sea (including ferries) between the U.S. and Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda. Similar in size to a credit card, it will fit easily into a wallet.

The State Department and DHS also anticipate that the following documents will continue to be acceptable for their current travel uses under WHTI: SENTRI, NEXUS, FAST, and the U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Document. As proposed, members of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty traveling on orders will continue to be exempt from the passport requirement.

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# Product News

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## ATLASerials®(ATLAS®) Quarterly Report Technical Updates

Plans are progressing toward the goal of delivering ATLAS content in PDF format by the summer of 2007. Staff implemented and began tweaking settings of the software that will perform Optical Character Recognition (OCR) on copies of TIFF images from the SAN to generate searchable PDFs for ATLAS. Testing is underway to confirm the optimal PDF configuration settings within the software's parameters. The ATLAS team members were particularly excited to use the accessibility features of a recent PDF reader to listen to the text of a test ATLAS PDF article produced with the OCR software.

ATLAS team members also recently implemented our second Linux replacement server.

### New and Forthcoming Titles

In November 2006, four titles were added to the ATLASerials (ATLAS) online collection of major religion and theology journals:

*Cuadernos de Teología*, published by ISEDET (first Spanish language journal accepted for inclusion in ATLAS). Full English and Spanish versions of the related press release are available online at [www.atla.com/news/press.html](http://www.atla.com/news/press.html).

*Lutheran Quarterly*, published by Lutheran Quarterly, Inc.

*Journal of Religious Thought*, published by Howard University Press

*Religion East and West*, published by the Institute for World Religions

In addition, the following six journals have been accepted for inclusion in a forthcoming release of ATLAS:

*Baptist History and Heritage*, published by Baptist History and Heritage Society

*Discipliana*, published by Disciples of Christ Historical Society

*Exchange*, published by Brill

*Ex Auditu*, published by Wipf and Stock

*Nova Religio*, published by University of California Press

*Religion and American Culture*, published by University of California Press

### Publisher Relations

Gregg Taylor, Database Manager for Acquisitions and Bibliographic Control, worked on ATLAS publisher relations activities, which includes recruiting new journals, negotiating and maintaining licenses with publishers, overseeing the acquisition of ATLAS backfiles for digitization, and managing the publisher royalties process.

At the AAR/SBL conference in November, Gregg met with numerous publishers and networked with them at the ATLA reception. This year ATLA distributed more than \$250,000 in royalties to publishers.

### ATLAS for Congregations and Clergy

ATLA continues its development of ATLAS for Congregations and Clergy. In January, the team began analyzing hundreds of survey responses with CZ Marketing, our outside consulting firm. Future newsletter articles will report on what we learned and development plans. We have seen a dramatic increase in the number of individual ATLAS subscribers, as a direct result of the partnership with *The Text This Week* ([www.textweek.com](http://www.textweek.com)) and other initiatives.

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ATLA Director of Products & Services,

Gregg Taylor

ATLA Database Manager for Acquisitions  
and Bibliographic Control,  
and Margot Lyon

ATLA Director of Business Development



## Spotlight on the ATLA Religion Database®

More than 15,900 essay collections and more than 100 electronic resources

In addition to currently indexing more than 500 serial titles, the ATLA Religion Database® also indexes more than 15,900 essay collections and more than 100 electronic resources. Essay collections include:

- *African women, religion, and health: essays in honor of Mercy Amba Ewudziwa Oduyoye*
- *Christian beginnings and the Dead Sea Scrolls*
- *The encounter of eastern Christianity with early Islam*
- *Jesus and archaeology*
- *Religion, media, and the public sphere*
- *Spiritual direction in context*
- *Beyond idealism: a way ahead for ecumenical social ethics*
- *The dawn of religious freedom in South Carolina*
- *Faith, morality, and civil society*
- *Grace in abundance: Orthodox reflections on the way to Porto Alegre*
- *Hinduism in modern Indonesia: a minority religion between local, national, and global interests*
- *Interpreting the Psalms: issues and approaches*
- *Islamic art in the 19th century: tradition, innovation, and eclecticism*
- *Late ancient Christianity*
- *Marriage, sex, and family in Judaism*
- *Orthodox and Wesleyan Scriptural understanding and practice*
- *The Quaker Bible reader*
- *Theological education as mission*

Electronic resources include:

- ABZU: a guide to information related to the study of the ancient Near East on the web
- CESNUR, Center for Studies on New Religions

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- Divining America: religion and the national culture
- IslamOnline.net
- Spirituality in higher education: a national study of college students' search for meaning and purpose
- Bibliotheca religiosa IntraText
- Center for Barth Studies
- Digital Library of Appalachia
- Digital scriptorium
- Institute for Theology and Peace
- Into his own: perspective on the world of Jesus
- The Jewish Roman world of Jesus
- The Joseph Sittler Archives
- Monastic Matrix: a scholarly resource for the study of women's religious communities from 400 to 1600 CE
- Scrolls from the Dead Sea: the ancient library of Qumran and modern scholarship
- A Synoptic Gospels primer: parallel texts in Matthew, Mark & Luke
- The Tertullian Project

The *ATLA Religion Database* also actively indexes all sites listed in the ATLA Selected Religion Web Sites Project (ATSRW) located at [www.atla.com/tsig/atlrw/projectdescription.html](http://www.atla.com/tsig/atlrw/projectdescription.html)

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*ATLA Director of Business Development*



## Preservation Products

New Phases completed in NEH preservation grants: *African American Religious Serials, Christianity's Encounter with World Religions*

ATLA has completed Phase II of *African American Religious Serials, 1850-1950*, and Phase IV of *Christianity's Encounter with World Religions, 1850-1950*, two microfilm preservation grants funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

### AAR/SBL Activities in Washington, DC

ATLA staff enjoyed constant traffic at the well-attended exhibits booth, where we promoted our products and services. Since ATLA recently announced its plans to cease delivery of products via CD-ROM in 2008, we fielded many inquiries regarding the roll-out timeline, features, and pricing of ATLA's own online version of the *ATLA Religion Database*. Many subscribers expressed their eager anticipation of searchable PDFs in *ATLAS*. The steady addition of new *ATLAS* titles along with our new lowered pricing for individual *ATLAS* subscriptions generated favorable feedback. Gregg Taylor, database manager for acquisitions and bibliographic control, welcomed several current and forthcoming *ATLAS* publishers.



Phase II of *African American Religious Serials, 1850-1950*, contains 133 titles on 110 reels of microfilm and covers African-American religious periodical literature, African-American church annuals and reports, and African-American social service agency reports.

Examples of periodicals included in Phase II are annual reports from the regional conferences and the general conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Protestant Colored Church, and the Primitive Baptists. Periodicals preserved from educational institutions include reports and catalogs from Gammon Theological Seminary, Institute of Colored Youth, Christiansburg Institute, and Institute for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Colored Youths of the State of Texas. Reports from social service agencies include, among others, Home for Aged and Colored Infirm Persons (Philadelphia, Pa.), Asylum for the Colored Insane of North Carolina, Industrial Home for Colored Girls of Baltimore City, House of S. Michael and All Angels for Young Colored Cripples (Philadelphia, Pa.), and Colored Woman's League of Washington, D.C. A variety of African-American religious periodicals have

also been preserved, such as *The Southern dial, The Non-slaveholder, Southern Christian recorder*, and *The Richard Allen monthly*.

Phase IV of *Christianity's Encounter with World Religions, 1850-1950*, contains 73 titles on 126 reels of film. This collection is representative of non-Christian, missionary, and syncretistic religious journals documenting three areas: (1) the dramatic commitment to missions that North American churches demonstrated at the turn of the nineteenth century; (2) the initial journals available in North America representing the theological viewpoint of non-Western religions; and (3) titles that represent experimental and syncretistic religious movements, incorporating elements of both Western and non-Western religions.

Preserved in Phase IV include periodicals relating to missions in the Baptist, Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches. Titles published by other religious bodies include, among others, *American Theosophist, The New Californian*, and *The Star* (theosophical titles), and *The Sufi (Southampton, England)*. The periodicals in Phase IV were published in or included

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missions to China, Korea, Bengal, India, the Congo, and Rhodesia; Germany, the Netherlands, and Poland; England and the United States. Texts are in English, German, Polish, Swedish, and Danish.

Phase II of *African American Religious Serials* and Phase IV of *Christianity's Encounter with World Religions* are immediately available for purchase through Thomson Gale. Two new and final phases from these two NEH grants will become available in 2007.

### **Serials newly preserved through NEH grant**

#### **Religious Periodical Literature of the Hispanic and Indigenous Peoples of the Americas, 1850-1985**

*The following serial titles were microfilmed as part of the preservation grant, "Religious Periodical Literature of the Hispanic and Indigenous Peoples of the Americas, 1850-1985." The preservation of these serials has been funded by the office of preservation of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).*

#### Hispanic

##### ***The workers' exchange***

Lutheran mission to Mexicans. "News of the Commission on Mexican Missions of the American Lutheran Church." Published by Alvin H. Koehler in San Juan, Tex. **ATLA no.: 2006H-S011**, 1 reel (1947-1956).

##### ***El Testigo*** (San Juan, P.R.)

Periodical of the United Lutheran Church in America, in Puerto Rico. Published in San Juan, P.R. Text in Spanish. **ATLA no.: 2006H-S015**, 4 reels (1917-May 1962).

#### Indigenous peoples

##### ***Ganado news bulletin***

Presbyterian mission to Navajo Indians. Published in Ganado, Arizona, by the Ganado Mission. The Mission was owned and operated by the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and, later, by the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. **ATLA no.: 2006I-S006**, 1 reel (1929-1969).

#### **Methodist Church (U.S.). Indian Mission of Oklahoma:**

***The ... minutes of the Indian Mission of Oklahoma, the Methodist Church*** (1939/40-1950)

***Annual session*** (1951-1959)

#### **Methodist Church (U.S.). Oklahoma Indian Mission:**

***Minutes*** (1960)

***Proceedings*** (1961-1963)

***Journal*** (1964-1967)

**United Methodist Church (U.S.). Oklahoma Indian Mission: *Official journal of the Oklahoma Indian Mission, the United Methodist Church*** (1968-1971)

**United Methodist Church (U.S.). Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference:**

***Official journal of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference*** (1972-1998)

***Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church, ... journal*** (1999-2000)

***Annual conference journal*** (2001-2003)

***Conference journal*** (2004)

Conference reports of the Methodist Church and United Methodist Church mission to the Indians of Oklahoma. **ATLA no.: 2006I-S011** through **2006I-S020**, 12 reels (1939/40-2004).

#### **Indian Aid Society of Rhode Island:**

***Annual report of the Indian Aid Society of Providence*** (1874-1877)

**Episcopal Church. Woman's Auxiliary. Rhode Island Branch: *Annual report of the Rhode Island Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, with the ... annual report of the Indian Aid Society of Rhode Island*** (1878-1898)

Annual reports of the Indian Aid Society of Rhode Island. Reports from 1878-1898 are included in the annual report of the Episcopal Church's Rhode Island Branch of the Women's Auxiliary. "The object [of the Indian Aid Society] will be to aid in the missionary work among the Indian tribes throughout the land, especially those within the jurisdiction of Niobrara." -from *Constitution, 1898 Annual report*, p. 33. Published in Providence, R.I. **ATLA no.: 2006I-S028** through **2006I-S029**, 2 reels (1874-1898).

#### ***Haimanava no ta oihana Katolika ma Hawaii nei***

Catholic Church in Hawaii; History, Chronology. Published in Honolulu by Pai-palapala Katolika. Text in Hawaiian. **ATLA no.: 2006I-S034**, 1 reel (1858-1859).

#### ***Hooiiliili Hawaii***

Religion in Hawaii. "He mau hana, olelo, manao, e pili ana i to Hawaii nei," by Kepelino. Published in Honolulu by Pai-palapala Katolika. Text in Hawaiian. **ATLA no.: 2006I-S035**, 1 reel (1858-1860).

#### ***Na Helu Kalavina***

Catholic Church, controversial literature. Published in Honolulu by Pai-palapala Katolika. Text in Hawaiian. **ATLA no.: 2006I-S036**, 1 reel (1859-1860).

#### **African American Religious Serials, 1850-1950**

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#### **Texas Deaf and Blind Institute for Colored Youths:**

***Catalogue and announcement of the Texas Deaf and Blind Institute for Colored Youths*** (1919/20)

**Texas Deaf and Dumb and Blind Institute for Colored Youths:**

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### ***Catalogue and announcement of the Texas Deaf and Dumb and Blind Institute for Colored Youths*** (1923/24-1933/38)

Institutional care for blind and deaf children in Texas. Catalog of the Texas Deaf and Dumb and Blind Institute for Colored Youths and its predecessor body. Published in Austin, Tex. **ATLA no.:** 2005-S130 through 2005-S131, 1 reel (1919/20-1933/38). *Note: reel also contains 2005-S132.*

### ***Freedman's friend*** (Philadelphia, Pa.)

Education of African-American freedmen, Society of Friends. Published in Philadelphia by the Friends' Association of Philadelphia and Its Vicinity for the Relief of Colored Freedmen. **ATLA no.:** 2005-S132, 1 reel (contains one issue: Fourth month, 1866). *Note: reel also contains 2005-S130 and 2005-S131.*

### **Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia. Grand Lodge Colored Knights of Pythias of Texas:**

#### ***Report of the Grand Keeper of Records & Seal at the ... annual session of the Grand Lodge Colored Knights of Pythias***

Report of the Grand Lodge of Texas of the Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, commonly known as the Colored Knights of Pythias. Published in Texas. **ATLA no.:** 2005-S134, 1 reel (1931, 1934). *Note: Reel also contains 2005-S133.*

### **Methodist Protestant Church (U.S. : 1830-1939). Alabama Colored Conference:**

#### ***Minutes of the ... annual session of the Alabama Colored Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church***

Minutes of the Methodist Protestant Church, Alabama Colored Conference. Report also contains minutes of the 51<sup>st</sup> annual session of the Colored Methodist Protestant Sunday School Convention. Published in Selma, Ala. **ATLA no.:** 2005-S133, 1 reel (contains one issue: 1931). *Note: reel also contains 2005-S134.*

### **Home for the Destitute Colored Children (Philadelphia, Pa.):** ***Annual report of the Home for Destitute Colored Children*** (1856-1925)

#### ***Report of the Home for Destitute Colored Children*** (1927/1929)

Institutional care for African-American children. The Home for Destitute Colored Children Home was founded in 1855 by Mary Jeanes in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It relocated to Cheyney, Pa., in 1922. The Home was a Hicksite Quaker women's charity which provided shelter and education for African-American children. Published in Philadelphia. **ATLA no.:** 2006-S004/2006-S005, 1 reel (1856-1929).

### **Gammon Theological Seminary:**

#### ***Annual catalog*** (1922-1926)

#### ***Bulletin, annual catalogue*** (1927)

#### ***Announcements ..., annual catalogue ...*** (1928-1932)

#### ***Bulletin of Gammon Theological Seminary and School of Missions, announcements ...*** (1933-1941)

#### ***Bulletin of Gammon Theological Seminary, announcements ...*** (1942-1958)

Gammon Theological Seminary's catalog. Founded in 1883, Gammon is an African-American, Methodist theological seminary.

Published in Atlanta. **ATLA no.:** 2006-S010 through 2006-S014, 5 reels (1922-1958).

### **African Methodist Episcopal Church. Virginia Conference:** ***Virginia Conference Annual, A.M.E. Church, containing the journal of proceedings of the ... session of the Virginia Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church*** (1923-1948)

***Official journal and minutes of the Virginia Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in its ... session*** (1952)  
Minutes of the Conference of the Virginia Conference, African Methodist Episcopal Church. **ATLA no.:** 2006-S048 through 2006-S049, 2 reels (1923-1952).

### **Christianity and the Encounter with World Religions, 1850-1950**

*The following serial titles were microfilmed as part of the preservation grant, "Christianity and the Encounter with World Religions, 1850-1950." The preservation of these serials has been funded in part by the office of preservation of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).*

### **American Baptist Missionary Union in Japan. Conference of the Missionaries:**

#### ***Report of the Conference of the Missionaries of the American Baptist Missionary Union in Japan*** (1905-1909)

#### **American Baptist Foreign Mission Society in Japan. Conference of the Missionaries:**

#### ***Report of the Conference of the Missionaries of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society in Japan*** (1910-1912)

#### ***Annual report of the Conference of the Missionaries of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society in Japan*** (1913-1917)

#### ***The Japan Baptist annual*** (1918-1940)

Annual report of the Conference of the Missionaries of the American Baptist Missionary Union in Japan (1905-1909) and the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society in Japan (1910-1932). Later issues also published by the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, East Japan Baptist Missionary Group, and East Japan Baptist Convention. Published in Japan. Text in English. **ATLA no.:** 2005C-S083 through 2005C-S086, 5 reels (1905-1940).

### **Shanghai Baptist College and Theological Seminary:**

#### ***Liber Shanghaiensis*** (1915-1919)

#### ***The Shanghai*** (1920-1926)

Yearbook of the Shanghai Baptist College and Theological Seminary. Published in Shanghai, China. Text chiefly in English, some in Chinese. **ATLA no.:** 2005C-S096 through 2005C-S097, 2 reels (1916-1926).

#### ***Glimpses from Central Honan*** (1922-1923)

#### ***Honan glimpses*** (1923-1927)

Lutheran mission to China. Edited by Gustav Carlberg. Published by the Augustana Synod Mission in Hsuechow, Honan, China. Text in English. **ATLA no.:** 2006C-S002 through 2006C-S003, 2 reels (1922-1927).

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***Luthersk tidskrift för bednamission och diakoni***

Lutheran mission, associated with the Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod of North America. "Published in the interest of Foreign Mission and Deaconess work," in St. Paul Minn., by the Foreign Mission Society. Text in Swedish. **ATLA no.: 2006C-S004**, 1 reel (1903-1908).

***Kina missionären*** (1908-1925)

***The Augustana foreign missionary*** (1926-1938)

***The Augustana foreign missionary (Swedish ed.) = Augustana bednamissionstidning*** (1927-1938)

Lutheran Church mission to China. Published by the Foreign Mission Society, the China Mission Society, and the Augustana Synod. Published in St. Paul, Minn. and Rock Island, Ill. Text in Swedish and English. **ATLA no.: 2006C-S005** through **2006C-S007**, 6 reels (1908-1938).

**Shadyside Presbyterian Hospital (Wei Xian, Shandong Sheng, China):**

***Report of the Shadyside Presbyterian Hospital*** (1927)

**Shadyside Presbyterian Hospital (Wei Xian, Shandong Sheng, China):**

***Annual report of the Shadyside Presbyterian Hospital*** (1928-1929)

Annual report of the Shadyside Presbyterian Hospital in Weih sien, Shantung, China. The Hospital received support from the Shadyside Church in Pittsburgh, Pa. Published in China. Text in English and Chinese. **ATLA no.: 2006C-S011/S012**, 1 reel (1927-1928/29).

**Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Shantung Mission. Weih sien Station:**

***Report of the Weih sien Station, Shantung Mission, China***

Report of the mission to Shandong Sheng, China, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Text in English. **ATLA no.: 2006C-S017**, 1 reel (1922/23-1925/26).

**American Evangelical Lutheran Mission (Guntür, India):**

***Report of the American Evangelical Lutheran Mission in India*** (1870)

***Quinquennial report of the American Evangelical Lutheran Mission for ...*** (1875-1880)

***The report*** (1880-1885)

***Statistics of the Am. Evan. Luth. Mission at the close of ...*** (1887)

***Report of the Am. Evan. Luth. Mission for ...*** (1888-1897)

Mission reports of the American Evangelical Lutheran Mission in Guntür, India. Published in Madras and Guntür, India. **ATLA no.: 2006C-S018** through **2006C-S022**, 3 reels (1870-1897).

***L'ami d'Israël***

Christianity and Judaism. "Nouvelles relatives a la propagation du régime de dieu parmi les Israelites." Published in Strasbourg by the Société des amis d'Israël de Bâle. Text in French. **ATLA no.: 2006C-S053**, 5 reels (1836-1907).

***Serials Newly Available on Microfilm***

ATLA has received written permission from the publisher(s) to duplicate and sell microfilm copies of the following titles for preservation purposes and for the advancement of theological and religious research and studies. In all other cases the materials have passed into the public domain.

***The Reformed Presbyterian advocate*** (Philadelphia, Pa.)

Periodical of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America. Published in Philadelphia, Pa., by the General Synod. Also includes the Minutes of the General Synod. **ATLA no.: S0890** (1877-1887, 3 new reels). *Note: Five microfilm reels covering 1867-1876 were previously available through ATLA; these three additional reels are now also available.*

***Christian standard and home journal*** (1874-1889)

***Christian standard and national association holiness journal*** (1890-1892)

***The Christian standard and international holiness journal*** (1892-1895)

***Christian standard*** (1895-1909)

***Christian standard and Pentecostal evangel*** (1910-1911)

***Christian standard and guide to holiness and Pentecostal evangel*** (1911-1912)

***Christian standard and guide to holiness*** (1912)

Holiness. Published in Philadelphia by the National Publishing Association for the Promotion of Holiness and, later, in Chicago by the Christian Standard Co. **ATLA no.: S1077** through **S1083**, 21 reels (1874-1912).

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## From the Executive Director

### Twelve Year Chapters

Having been born and raised in South Dakota, I left following my graduation from college in 1964 and for the next twelve years we lived outside the state, attending seminary (Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota) and graduate school (University of Iowa School of Religion in Iowa City, Iowa), serving as a faculty member in the Philosophy Department at Purdue University, and as a parish pastor (one year) and as a hospital chaplain (two years), both in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

In 1976 we returned to South Dakota where for the next twelve years I taught philosophy and religion at South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota.

In 1988 it was time to leave again, and we moved to Champaign, Illinois, where I attended the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science, earned my MLS in June 1989, joined the University of Illinois undergraduate library staff, and served a small parish on a part-time basis.

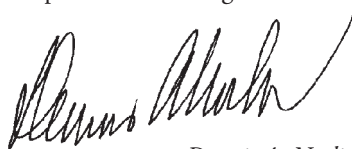
February 1st marks my twelfth anniversary at ATLA. I arrived in January, 1995, in time to attend the midwinter board meeting, but officially started work on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Before I moved to Chicago I stopped to see my 83 year old mother who said to me, "Now, are you going to keep this job?" Well, Mother, I did keep this job, and I'm most grateful for the opportunities it has presented me. What an exciting journey

it has been, and what wonderful new opportunities lie ahead! There is little time to be nostalgic about the past because there are so many things to anticipate. I'm looking ahead to

- The second colloquy for new theological librarians to be held at the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion in April;
- The selection of an editor for *Theological Librarianship*, the new online journal for the Association;
- The conversion of the more than 1,000,000 pages of the ATLAS collection from TIF files to fully searchable PDF format;
- Our 61<sup>st</sup> annual conference, to be hosted by SEPTLA in Philadelphia next June;
- Completion and implementation of the strategic plan for 2007-2010.

Our Association has an impressive history, and it is important for us to safeguard and treasure that history and those memories. It's even more important, however, for us to take the steps we need to take to insure our future as an Association. I am confident that we are doing just that as we all—board, members, staff, partners, and friends—plan the next chapter of our life together.



Dennis A. Norlin  
ATLA Executive Director



## From the Editor

As I write from the chilly depths of a typical January in Chicago, the Member Services Department is in the thick of planning for the summer meeting ahead of us in Philadelphia. To get a taste of what's in store, I encourage you to visit the annual conference web pages ([www.atla.com/member/conference/conf\\_2007/conference\\_home.html](http://www.atla.com/member/conference/conf_2007/conference_home.html)). The new design means that more comprehensive information is readily available to you online—and more quickly—than ever before; this will better assist you as you organize your conference experience.

The new interactive schedule not only gives you the ability to see the entire roster of events laid out chronologically, it also provides you with speedy access to detailed descriptions of those activities of special interest to you.

Be sure to stop by the local host page and follow the link to excursions. The members of this year's local host committee (see page 6) have been notably creative and energetic in devising ways to heartily welcome visitors to their neighborhood. They offer no less than eleven hosted excursions to area attractions, ranging from baseball to music to visual art to horticulture. While their enthusiasm means that you will face some pretty tough choices, there is plenty of linked information to help you evaluate the abundance of options.

Sara Corkery  
ATLA Communications Specialist



### Staff Addition

Welcome to Nicholas Weiss, who joined the staff in January as an indexer-analyst. Nicholas received his degree in the History of Religion, Indo-Tibetan Buddhism, and Sanskrit from Naropa University. He has also studied in Thailand. Nicholas is currently working on his MLS.



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- 15 Martin Luther King holiday, office closed
- 31 ATLA 2007 Annual Conference Poster Session proposal deadline
- 31 *Theological Librarianship* editor application deadline
- 31-February 1 Meeting with EBSCO in Ipswich, MA (staff: Dennis Norlin and Margot Lyon)

### February

- 12-13 ATLA Publications Committee meeting in Chicago, IL
- 26-March 2 NACO Workshop in Chicago, IL

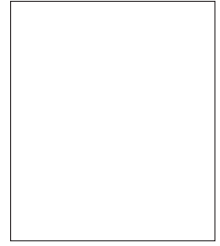
### March

- 1 ATLA Annual Conference Registration opens; early bird rates apply until May 11, 2007
- 1 ATLA Board of Directors election closes
- 2 Survey & Ballot Systems tabulates and delivers ATLA Board election results to Nominating Committee
- 22-23 ATLA Professional Development Committee Meeting in Chicago
- 29-April 1 ACRL National Conference in Baltimore, MD (staff: Margot Lyon, Lavonne Jahnke, Timothy Smith)

### April

- 1 Content due for May issue of *ATLA Newsletter*

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