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From the President In Praise of Creativity, Big and Small, by Design

Submitted by Timothy D. Lincoln, ATLA President

I think that the creativity of theological librarians often falls under the radar. As librarians, we strive to make finding information seem simple, even when it isn't. In the jargon de jour, we want to give patrons a good user experience.

We are creative in big and small ways. Here's an analogy.

Recently I have started drinking more milk. My current favorite is falrlife. (I am just a fan, not a spokesperson.) I like the milk for two reasons. First, the milk itself has been filtered so that it contains a better mix of the good stuff (protein and calcium) and less of the stuff that a person like me doesn't need (the fat).

Second, the bottle should win a design award. Unlike regular cartons, which have straight sides, the bottle has a waist and some indentations along the walls. This subtle change in shape means that the bottle fits the hand wonderfully when you are taking it out of refrigerator.

Both the liquid and the container enhance my milk-drinking experience.

Theological librarians, in countless ways, creatively solve problems in ways that clear away the clutter for our patrons. We design maps to help students navigate the stacks. We write code that makes the discovery service interface talk nicely with the online catalog and databases. We design tutorials to help patrons effectively find information.

ATLA values creativity, cooperation, and transformation. As theological librarians at many institutions prepare to welcome a new crop of students and to initiate them into the joys and challenges of studying theology and religion, I raise my glass to you, my colleagues, and toast your creativity.



From the Executive Director

Association Update: A Look at ATLA's Past Year

Submitted by Brenda Bailey-Hainer, ATLA Executive Director

Each year at the ATLA Annual Conference I provide an association update. The update provides highlights of the year's activities and

a look at ATLA's finances. This year's session was a little challenging. It was essential for members to have ample time to discuss the proposed bylaws revision, so I gave up the majority of my session time and agreed to provide a "lightning" association update limited to 5 or 10 minutes. The result was an Infographic (<http://www.atla.com/Members/conference/Documents/Association%20Update%20FY16.pdf>) with a quick verbal overview. Since only about 25 - 30% of ATLA members normally attend the conference, I want to share the information from the association update with everyone.

ATLA's membership remains relatively stable, with 826 members as of June 1. The breakdown by membership category was:

• Individual	377
• Student	45
• Lifetime	91
• Institutional	241
• International Institutional	11
• Affiliate	61

The ATLA Consortial Purchasing Program enables members to obtain reduced pricing for various products. Last year's participation in the three primary consortial programs included:

• EBSCO Group	82 libraries
• OCLC WorldCat Discovery Services/FirstSearch Group	39 libraries
• OCLC WMS Group	23 libraries

The Reciprocal Borrowing Program (<https://www.atla.com/Members/programs/Pages/Reciprocal-Borrowing-Initiative.aspx>) has been gaining in popularity and the number of participating libraries in the U.S. and Canada has grown to 70. I encourage you to consider joining. You can find out where participating libraries are located using the map on the ATLA website (<https://batchgeo.com/map/bd1ab19ef812bd0d7c2fc57e5eb28f7d>).

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ATLA continues to expand its open access publishing program. In addition to publishing *Theological Librarianship* (<https://www.atla.com/Members/benefits/Pages/Theological-Librarianship.aspx>), ATLA now serves as the host to ANZTLA *E-journal* (<http://ejournal.anztl.org/anztla>), an open access publication of the Australia and New Zealand Theological Library Association. Another open access monograph was added this year, Melody Layton McMahon's *An Enthusiasm for the Word: The Life and Work of Fr. Simeon Daly, O.S.B.* (<https://books.atla.com/index.php/atla/index>).

New staff member Andy Carter (Digital Projects Manager) (<https://newsletter.atla.com/2015/welcome-andy-carter-digital-projects-manager/>) presented at the conference about ATLA's upcoming digital projects program. Roger Morales (<https://newsletter.atla.com/2016/welcome-roger-morales-atla-member-programs-librarian/>) became ATLA's new Member Programs Librarian as of June 13, the same day he flew to Long Beach to attend the conference. Many of you met him in Long Beach and he has already visited several member libraries during his short tenure. Most notably in staff news Judy Knop (<https://newsletter.atla.com/2016/judy-knop-retires-from-atla/>) announced her retirement effective June 30. Judy served in many different capacities at ATLA in her nearly 30 year career, including spearheading the ATLANACO and CONSER Funnel Program. She was honored at the TSIG meeting on Tuesday night at the conference.

ATLA couldn't move forward without the help of the many member volunteers who serve on committees. Last year the Diversity Committee (<https://www.atla.com/Members/divisions/committees/Pages/Committee-Diversity-Equity-Inclusion.aspx>) changed its name and adopted a new charge. Now called the Committee for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, chaired during the year by Lucy Chung and Nic Weiss the committee hosted an all-conference luncheon to discuss diversity. The Professional Development Committee (<https://www.atla.com/Members/divisions/committees/Pages/Professional-Development-Committee.aspx>) has been quite active and in addition to also rewriting its charge, ramped up continuing education opportunities for members throughout the past year. This included holding 11 webinars serving 86 attendees. In addition, they approved \$1,335 in grants to four regional groups for continuing education programs. The Conference Committee (<https://www.atla.com/Members/divisions/committees/Pages/Conference-Committee.aspx>), under the leadership of outgoing chair Pat Graham, also played a significant role in the professional development of ATLA members. 78 proposals were submitted for consideration for the 2016 conference and 65 were accepted. Many thanks to the Conference Committee – along with the Local Host Committee (especially LHC reps Michelle Spomer and Liz Leahy) and ATLA staff – for putting together an outstanding conference.

The Endowment Committee (<https://www.atla.com/Members/divisions/committees/Pages/Endowment-Committee.aspx>) continued its efforts to help increase ATLA's Endowment Fund to ensure that ATLA is able to continue supporting its mission in the future. As of June 7, the value of the Fund was \$479,121.

On the product side, ATLA staff made good use of the efficiencies offered by the new production system that was implemented last spring. During the course of the past year, a number of new titles and issues were added to each of ATLA's products:

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| • <i>Religion Database</i> ® | 95 new titles |
| • <i>Catholic Periodical and Literature Index</i> ® | 34 new titles |
| • ATLAS® | 1,729 new issues |

The inclusion of many of these titles was made possible through the addition of new staff with specific subject expertise and language skills. New staff hired to support products in the past year included Iskander Bcheiry (Metadata Analyst) (<https://newsletter.atla.com/2015/welcome-iskandar-bcheiry-atla-metadata-analyst/>), Su Hyeon Kang (Metadata Analyst) (<https://newsletter.atla.com/2015/su-hyeon-kang-joins-atla/>), and Annie Banfich (Licensing and Business Development Specialist) (<https://newsletter.atla.com/2016/welcome-annie-banfich-atla-licensing-and-business-development-specialist/>). Collectively staff now covers 34 languages – everything from Classical Hebrew to Korean to Swedish to Farsi to Syriac to French.

In 2015, ATLA announced a new program, the Developing Countries Initiative (<https://www.atla.com/products/support/Product-Support-FAQs/Pages/Affordability-for-Developing-Countries.aspx>), which allows eligible countries to subscribe to selected ATLA products at a special rate. As of June, there were 115 libraries in 29 developing countries with an ATLA product subscription.

The *ATLA Alum* (https://www.atla.com/products/Pages/ATLA_ALUM_Product_Offerings.aspx) programs continue to grow, with 131 institutions subscribing. Through these subscriptions, an estimated 390,000 alumni are being served!

A draft budget for fiscal year 2017 was distributed at the conference, but which will not be finalized until mid-August. A balanced operating budget of \$7,420,388 was presented. Following recent trends, it demonstrates a continued commitment to research and development as well as increased spending on governance, committees, and programs and services for members. This increased spending was ably illustrated through support of member attendance at the conference. The Member Product Loyalty Grants (<https://www.atla.com/Members/programs/Pages/Member-Loyalty-Program.aspx>) provided \$15,400 to 87 attendees to assist with their conference expenses, a new grant program gave \$2,000 to two attendees from Croatia so they could experience their first ATLA Conference, and 21 members received a total of \$14,000 in Travel Grants.

This is just a brief recap of some of the many accomplishments in which ATLA members and staff were involved during 2015-2016. Watch for announcements of new programs and services during the coming year. It promises to be an exciting one!

Annual Business Meeting of the Membership, 16 and 17 June 2016

Submitted by Steve Perisho, ATLA Secretary

The Annual Business Meeting of the membership opened at 2:33 p.m. PDT on Thursday, 16 June 2016, with the establishment of both quorum and the number of votes needed for a majority. President Campbell then introduced Chair of the Bylaws Committee Andy Keck, who read the following statement and motion:

Ms. President, the [Bylaws] Committee appointed to revise the *Bylaws* has agreed upon the draft distributed to the membership on May 26, 2016 and has directed me to move its adoption. This [draft was available to the membership online](#) and member input was received via various methods including an email address specifically set up for this process, three webinars, conversations over ATLANTIS, and other methods of communication. The Board met yesterday, June 15, 2016, and endorsed the proposed Bylaws with a number of Board-endorsed amendments, [including a reinsertion of the category of Lifetime Membership]. The Board-endorsed amendments were [distributed to eligible voting members via email](#) on June 15, 2016 and are available in printed form at this meeting in addition to copies of the proposed Bylaws. Ms. President, by the direction of the [Bylaws] Committee and the Board, I move the adoption of these proposed *Bylaws* with the Board-endorsed amendments.

President Kelly Campbell presiding over the Business Meeting President Campbell noted that “Since the motion is from [the Bylaws] Committee, no second is needed”; that “Discussion will be handled article by article”; that “If there is an amendment, [whether Board-approved and –distributed, or emanating from the floor,] a [n institutional and a separate individual] vote will be held on the amended language for that article only”; and that “Once the vote is counted, we will move on to the next article” (completing the process on Friday, 17 June, if necessary), and, on 17 June, “vote on the proposed Bylaws as amended” considered as a *whole*.

Chair of Bylaws Committee Keck then introduced each article in order, including those amended by the board, fielding questions, comments, and, as it happened, a single amendment from the floor. After each introduction President Campbell led the Association through the voting process. Time ran out after the discussion of Article 5 (of 13).

President Campbell suspended the Meeting at 3:22 p.m. PDT

President Campbell resumed the annual Business Meeting of the membership at 3:34 p.m. PDT on Friday, 17 June

2016, with a request that the Secretary report on the voting of the previous day. Secretary Perisho reported that the one amendment from the floor (to Article 2.04, as moved by John Weaver) had failed by a vote of 108 in the negative, 49 in the affirmative, and 7 abstentions, but that all of the articles discussed the previous day, as amended by the Board, had passed overwhelmingly. Once quorum and the number needed for a majority had been reestablished, Chair of the Bylaws Committee Andy Keck introduced an amendment to 3.06 (moved by Matthew Collins and Evan Boyd), which passed unanimously. He then walked the meeting through Articles 6-13, and President Campbell, through the vote on each one. These articles, too, all passed overwhelmingly.

President Campbell then called for a vote on the amended Bylaws as a whole.

Among institutional representatives, there were 51 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0 abstentions.

Among individual members, there were 101 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative, and 0 abstentions.

With a total of 152 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative, the Bylaws as a whole passed.

President Campbell therefore announced that “The affirmative have it and the motion is adopted. The proposed Bylaws go immediately into effect.” [The new Bylaws are available on the ATLA website](#).

Secretary Perisho announced the results of the January election, and President Campbell introduced new Board members Jayeon “Lucy” Chung (appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of David Stewart), Brad Ost, Stephen Sweeney, Christina Torbert, and Jennifer Ulrich. She then thanked outgoing members Steve Perisho, Andy Keck, Amy Limpitlaw, David Stewart, and Eileen Saner, as well as outgoing officers Timothy Lincoln (Vice President) and Steve Perisho (Secretary), and announced the board officers for 2016-2017, namely Timothy Lincoln (President), Matt Ostercamp (Vice President), and Tracy Powell-Iwaskow (Secretary).

Incoming President Timothy Lincoln then thanked outgoing President Kelly Campbell, and called for a motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

For a more detailed account of the 2016 annual Business Meeting of the membership, the complete minutes will be made available in the [Community section of the ATLA website](#) once they are approved by the Board of Directors.

Board of Directors Meets in Long Beach

Submitted by Steve Perisho, ATLA Secretary

The Board meeting on Wednesday, 15 June 2016 (at which the five new members of the Board were present, having been oriented by staff and the Governance Committee the afternoon before), was devoted to an extensive discussion of member feedback on the proposed new Bylaws, and to the approval of a series of Board-endorsed motions-to-amend the draft submitted to the membership on 26 May 2016 (the series of Board-endorsed motions-to-amend that were subsequently distributed to and passed by that portion of the membership present at the Association Business Meetings at the Annual Conference in Long Beach, California).

The Board also heard from and advised the committee tasked with revising the Organizational Ends, and instructed the Executive Director to return to reporting on the current Organizational Ends and Executive Limitations (rather than the new Strategic Plan) in the meantime. Member Programs staff/Board activity associated with the communication of the new Strategic Plan was reviewed, and committee assignments were made. In addition to all of that, a lot of routine business (for example the evaluation of the Executive Director) was taken care of on Wednesday as well.

ATLA Member Renewals 2016-2017

ATLA membership renewal season is upon us! A message from ATLA Board President Timothy D. Lincoln was e-mailed to all current members the first week of August. All Individual and Student members and member representatives of Institutional, International Institutional, and Affiliate members should have received this first e-mail notice regarding membership renewals. If you did not receive a renewal notice, please contact memberrep@atla.com.

At the Annual Conference in June, the ATLA membership [voted to adopt new Bylaws](#) and this may affect your institution's type of membership. If applicable, the e-mail sent to the member representative of your institution provides details on how the new Bylaws affect your institutions' membership type. If you have any questions regarding these changes please contact memberrep@atla.com.

The ATLA membership year runs from September 1 through August 31. [Renew today](#), so you don't miss out on benefits and programs available to your membership type.

Thank you to those members who have already renewed their memberships. Members will receive a second reminder in September. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your membership, feel free to contact memberrep@atla.com.

ATLA Calendar

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

As a reminder, routine maintenance will be performed on ATLA systems on Monday, September 12. You may encounter a brief interruption of service between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. (CDT). Services that will be affected include ASE, listservs, the ATLA website, and member community sections. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

Attend IFLA RELINDIAL SIG Meeting, August 12

We are excited for the IFLA RELINDIAL SIG Meeting (Religions: Libraries and Dialogue Special Interest Group) this month, Friday, August 12, 2016, from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at Ohio Dominican University in Columbus, OH. This event will precede the 82nd IFLA General Conference and Assembly, though registration or attendance of IFLA is not required to attend the RELINDIAL meeting.

This meeting's theme will focus on *Fostering Global Communication Among Religions and Libraries*. Registration includes lunch and breaks, networking opportunities, two keynote speakers, three invited papers, and one panel. [View the full program](#).

The panel is focused on Fostering Interfaith Dialog and People Learning Other Religions, with four people representing four faith traditions: Baha'i, Islam, Jewish, and Christian. This should be an inspiring and beneficial discussion for those attending, especially theological librarians.

Three invited papers will be presented along with two keynote speakers, Jamie LaRue, Director, American Library Association, Office of Intellectual Freedom and Dr. Nancy Arnison, Director, Theological Book Network. [View the full program](#).

Registration or attendance of IFLA is not required.

Space is limited, [so register now!](#)

Date: Friday, August 12, 2016

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Ohio Dominican University, Columbus, OH

Registration: \$50 (includes lunch and breaks)

For more information, visit: <https://events.atla.com/rsm/rsm2016>.

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ATLA Staff Presenting at ARCHIVES* RECORDS 2016

Are you attending [ARCHIVES*RECORDS 2016](#)? The Joint Annual Meeting of the the Society of American Archivists (SAA) and Council of State Archivists (CoSA) will take place July 31-August 6 in Atlanta, GA, and two of our very own staff members will be presenting on topics facing archivists, including relationships with institutional powers and archiving religious materials.

If you are attending Friday, August 5, we recommend adding these two sessions to your schedule:

Andy Carter, ATLA Digital Projects Manager, will be co-presenting on *Religious Materials Toolbox for Archivists: Solutions to Problems Facing the Profession*.

Selecting terms that succinctly represent materials in religious archives and enable users to locate pertinent information is a critical mission, but establishing a standard vocabulary for religious archives is challenging. Panelists discuss the development of a subject thesaurus, creating tools to improve the information retrieval process, and (from the small archive perspective) a tool to standardize practices through a web-based manual.

[Read the full description here.](#)

Adam Paradis, ATLA's Metadata Librarian, will be co-presenting on Archives and Institutional Power: A Critical Perspective.

Our presentation is a panel of archivists and archivist/librarians engaging the topic of institutional power and the role of archives in perpetuating or underwriting such power. We're looking to interrogate the notions of institutional power, from abuses and missuses to the more benign, while trying to sketch the relations among power, archives, and so-called activism. We're using a live polling technology to bring the audiences' diverse view points to bear on the discussion to work towards an understanding of activism as it relates to (or does not) to the production and maintenance of an archive.

[Read the full description here.](#)

[Learn more about this conference.](#)

ALCTS Web Course: Fundamentals of Preservation

The Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), is offering a four-week online course from August 15-September 9 on the Fundamentals of Preservation.

This course introduces participants to the principles, policies and practices of preservation in libraries and archives. It is designed to inform all staff, across divisions and departments and at all levels of responsibility. Provides tools to begin extending the useful life of library collections.

For non-ALCTS members the cost is \$139.

[Learn more](#) about this course and [register here](#). We recommend registering early as space is limited and will sell out.

ATLA Exhibits at the International Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature

Margot Lyon, Director of Business Development, and Su Hyeon Kang, Metadata Analyst, exhibited at the International Meeting of the [Society for Biblical Literature](#) from July 4-7 in Seoul, Republic of Korea. There were more than 550 attendees and 55% of the attendees came from Asia or the Majority World.

Margot and Su Hyeon fielded questions about ATLA's product offerings, often making title and other content suggestions. In addition, they promoted [ATLA for ALUM products](#) and the [Developing countries Initiatives](#).

Monsters in the Stacks: Pokémon GO and the Theological Library

Submitted by Keegan Osinski, Public Services Assistant, Vanderbilt University Divinity Library

Much of theological librarianship lies at the intersection of church and library. And as of July 8, 2016, something else has popped up at that intersection: the mobile gaming app Pokémon GO. Based on the popular video game and anime from the late 90's and early 00's, Pokémon GO is a location-based game that uses Google maps to bring Pokémon into the real world. Players explore their neighborhoods and cities looking for monsters to catch and battles to fight. The important landmarks in the game—PokéStops and Gyms—are often located at public art, historical markers, and churches and libraries. Both libraries and houses of worship are finding that Pokémon GO can be a fun way to interact with their communities.

Here are some ideas for engaging with your Pokémon trainer patrons, whether your library is a stop or not:

1. Lure students to office hours. If your library is a PokéStop, you can use a “Lure” to draw Pokémon to the stop for 30 minutes. A flurry of pink petals signals to players that a Lure is active, and they'll congregate nearby to take advantage of it. Then chat them up: ask what they're catching, who's in their Pokédex, and what classes they're taking and what they're working on.
2. Encourage friendly competition. If your library is a gym, set up a leaderboard of sorts. Post which team is in control of the gym, and keep it updated as it changes hands.
3. Crowdfund a library Poké Put out a white board or piece of butcher paper and markers and have patrons write down what Pokémon they've caught in the library. Even if your library isn't a PokéStop or a gym, it probably has Pokémon roaming about. Help patrons share their intel.

The key here is not the old “Pizza, pizza, book” scheme, by which librarians use programs and gimmicks to trick people into using the library. Rather, it's about participating in the life of the community, building relationships, and creating points of access for further engagement. Our students (and, let's be real, probably faculty too) are playing Pokémon GO, and showing genuine interest in their interests is not just a mark of relevance but of real relationship.

This past Wednesday, a student I previously had only had passing interactions with came into my office. We talked about Pokémon for about ten minutes — which ones we'd seen around campus, which ones were the strongest on our roster — and then he asked me, “So what exactly do you do here in the library?” He left with a little more knowledge about the library and how it works, and made a connection so that next time he has a library-related need, he knows whom to ask. All because of Pikachu.

Digital Spotlight: The Vatican Apostolic Library

Submitted by Andy Carter, ATLA Digital Projects Manager

The Vatican Apostolic Library, founded in 1451 AD, is digitizing over 80,000 works from their archives. These scanned works – including manuscripts, prints and drawings – are being made available to the world at <http://digi.vatlib.it/>.

Most recently, the Vatican has scanned and made available a 1,600 year-old manuscript that contains portions of the “The Aeneid” and “Georgics” by the poet Virgil. The manuscript consists of seventy-six pages and fifty illustrations from “The Aeneid.” You can view the full manuscript, and download individual images, at http://digi.vatlib.it/view/MSS_Vat_lat.3225.

Digitizing ancient texts is difficult: “To digitize the Vatican Virgil, as well as 3,000 other manuscripts, Digita Vaticana joined forces with Tokyo-based information technology firm NTT DATA. They used a specialized scanner to prevent damage to the delicate, ancient manuscript: It uses ultraviolet-free rays and cradles the book so that individual pages can be scanned without fully opening the book binding. The scans are then uploaded into the library's database alongside metadata about the images and story.”

You can read more about the manuscript and its scanning process at <http://hyperallergic.com/310911/vatican-digitized-a-1600-year-old-illuminated-manuscript-of-the-aeneid/>. The Vatican expects it will take fifteen years to scan its archival collections.

Chris Anderson Appointed Associate Dean of Libraries, Drew University

Dr. Christopher (Chris) Anderson has been appointed as Associate Dean of Libraries at Drew University.

Chris has served as Head of Special Collections, Archives and Methodist Librarian at the Drew Library for the past ten years. He has also worked as a Librarian for the General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church. Recently, he has served as Interim Dean of Libraries and then Acting Associate Dean of Libraries. Chris has also served as a volunteer Assistant Coach for Drew's baseball team for the past three years.

Chris holds a PhD from Drew University in American Religion and Culture and an MLIS from Syracuse University. He has written two books, several book chapters, and multiple journal articles in the areas of library and information science, religious studies, media studies and popular culture studies.

Chris been an Individual Member of ATLA since 2010 and has served in many leadership roles, including Chair on the International Collaboration Committee, Special Collections Interest Group, and Methodist Denominational Group.

Please join us in congratulating Chris on his new position.

[Read more from Drew.](#)

Dr. Beth Bidlack Named Associate Academic Dean, Union Theological Seminary

Dr. Beth Bidlack, member of the ATLA Board of Directors, joins the Union Theological Seminary as Associate Academic Dean beginning August 1.

Beth has served as the Director of the Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary in New York since February 2013. She has held professional positions at the Dartmouth College Library, the University of Chicago Library, Bangor Theological Seminary, and the Episcopal Divinity School/Weston Jesuit School of Theology Library. Beth received an MS in Library and Information Science and Certificate in Special Collections from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; a PhD in Religious and Theological Studies from Boston University; an MTS from Boston University School of Theology; and a BA in Religion and Philosophy from Urbana University.

Beth has served on the ATLA Board of Directors since 2011 as Vice President in 2012 and then as President in 2013 and 2014. She previously served on the former Publications Committee and Collection Evaluation and Development Interest Group. Her service to ATLA and to Theological Librarianship cannot be quantified and we are so grateful for her years of service. We invite you to join us in congratulating Beth on her new role at Union Theological Seminary.

[Read more about her new position from the Union Theological Seminary Press Release.](#)

Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger Announces Retirement

Longtime ATLA Member Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger is retiring from his position as Director of the Krauth Memorial Library at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia after 17 years of service.

He joined ATLA in 2001 and has since then served on the Public Services and Special Collections Interest Groups and the Lutheran Denominational Group.

He received his BS, Cairn University, 1974; MDiv, The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, 1980; MA, Russian and East European Studies, University of Michigan, 1987; PhD, History, University of Michigan 1992; and MLS, Drexel University 1996.

He has published articles in the *Lutheran Quarterly*, *Church History*, and the *ATLA Proceedings*.

Karl is a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and has served congregations in Pennsylvania and Ontario, Canada. [Watch his Farewell Lecture](#), "Not for Our Eyes: Readers Talking to Themselves and Sometimes God," and read more about his contributions to [theological librarianship](#).

We are thankful for all of Karl's contributions and are pleased to announce his Lifetime Membership status.

Please join us in congratulating Karl on his retirement in the comments below.

ATLA Job Board

- Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, MA, is looking for an Archives Project Manager (9 month appointment) [https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Archives-Project-Manager-\(9-month-appointment\).aspx](https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Archives-Project-Manager-(9-month-appointment).aspx)
- ATLA, Chicago, IL, is looking for a Digitization Specialist <https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Digitization-Specialist.aspx>
- ATLA, Chicago, IL is looking for a Metadata Analyst, Biblical Studies <https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Metadata-Analyst.-Biblical-Studies.aspx>
- Drew University Library, Madison, NJ, is looking for a Head of Special Collections and Archives and Methodist Librarian <https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Head-of-Special-Collections-and-Archives-and-Methodist-Librarian.aspx>
- Fresno Pacific University, Fresno, CA, is looking for an Information Literacy Instruction-Distance Learning Librarian <https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Information-Literacy-Instruction-Distance-Learning-Librarian.aspx>
- Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL, is looking for a Systems Digital Services Librarian <https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Systems-Digital-Services-Librarian.aspx>
- Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL, is looking for a Technical Services Head Librarian <https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Technical-Services-Librarian.aspx>
- Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX, is looking for a Manager 3 (Access Services Manager) [https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Manager-3-\(Access-Services-Manager\).aspx](https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Manager-3-(Access-Services-Manager).aspx)
- The Roling Memorial Library, Trinity International University, Deerfield, IL, is looking for an Interlibrary Loan Supervisor <https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Interlibrary-Loan-Supervisor.aspx>
- Western Seminary, Portland, OR, is looking for an Assistant Director of the Cline-Tunnell Library <https://www.atla.com/Members/development/jobs/Pages/Assistant-Director-of-the-Cline-Tunnell-Library.aspx>