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President's Message

On January 17 and 18, the ATLA Board met at the headquarters in Chicago to do the business of the Association. Guided by the values and priorities of the members, the Board focused on two areas: long range planning for the Association's products and member services and evaluating the work of the organization through the performance of its Executive Director.

Although the days were long, it was a delight to work with eleven other librarians committed to operating within the framework of policy governance that was established in the early 1990s. (Members who are not familiar with ATLA's use policy governance are encouraged to read Past President Sharon Taylor's description in the May 2002 ATLA Newsletter.) Executive Director Dennis Norlin and other members of the ATLA staff brought regular reports and supplied information as requested by the Board.

Since its June meeting, Board members have been working as individuals and in subcommittees to address areas needing improvement in how the Association functions. Reports from this preliminary work enabled the entire Board to move toward action on a number of issues, including regularizing the review of member dues, support for international theological libraries, honoring retired members and improving the archiving of Board documents. We will continue to work through the winter and spring. Watch for reports in the May *Newsletter* and at the Annual Conference in June.

As we discussed various issues, it became clear that the current Board mirrors the diversity of the ATLA membership: small libraries, large libraries, divinity school libraries, denominational seminaries, university libraries, Catholic, Protestant, evangelical, liberal. This diversity is critical for achieving our fundamental task, representing the "moral ownership" of the Association.

We are blessed by having two members who had previously served on the Board in the early 1990s. They remind us of priorities which guided earlier decisions. Half of the ATLA Board members are in their second term of service. Their experience provides continuity and historic perspective. Six of the members are in their first term on the Board. They bring fresh approaches to ongoing problems and are quick to challenge unwarranted assumptions.

To fulfill its responsibility of representing the values of the members, the Board is committed to listening. We participate in sessions at the Annual Conference and read conference evaluations carefully. We welcome member comments and represent them

in our deliberations. Much the Board's is prompted by concerns and suggestions for improvement that are expressed by the members.

Insuring this level of representation and diversity on the Board is dependent on the work of the Nominating Committee, three individuals who serve overlapping three-year terms. The 2002 Nominating Committee was D. William (Bill) Faupel, Carisse Berryhill and John Dickason. Elsewhere in this issue you will find the slate of nominees for the class of 2003–2006. From this slate, four individuals will be elected to fill positions being vacated in June. Watch for the ballot that will come in late February.

The Association is deeply grateful for each individual who has agreed to be on the slate. Their candidacies represent a willingness to commit significant time for the health and future of ATLA. Providing a slate of seven candidates means that voters will have to make difficult choices. Three highly qualified individuals will not be elected this year. I hope this will not prevent them from standing for election in the future.

The 2002 Nominating Committee has completed its work in presenting the slate for the 2003 election. The Board acted to constitute the 2003 Nominating Committee by naming Board Member Sharon Taylor to join Carisse Berryhill (chair) and John Dickason. According to the ATLA Bylaws, one person on the Nominating Committee must be a Board member. Policies and procedures that guide the work of the Committee may be found in the Nominating Handbook for Board of Directors. (http://atla.com/board/nomination_handbook/nominating_handbook.html)

The Nominating Committee welcomes suggestions from ATLA members as it prepares to invite individuals to be candidates. Its goal is to present a slate that is representative of the diversity of the membership. The Committee typically begins to work in earnest at the Annual Conference. If you are asked to be a candidate, please take this as an affirmation of your gifts for creative leadership. Serving on the ATLA Board is a rare privilege and an intense learning experience. 📖

Eileen K. Saner
ATLA President

News of ATLA Members & Member Libraries

MTLA Holds Workshop

On November 15, 2002, **Duane Harbin** presented a workshop on the topic "Copyright: Concepts and Misconceptions" for twenty-two librarians and staff members of the Minnesota Theological Library Association (MTLA). The workshop, held at **United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities**, was funded by a continuing education grant from the ATLA Professional Development Committee. We identified Duane as our workshop leader from the Speakers Bureau list provided by the committee.

Duane began the session by reviewing the purposes of copyright, and the constitutional and legal history of copyright in the U.S. He addressed the uses and limits of guidelines and discussed in some detail the parameters of Fair Use in non-profit educational settings. He reviewed more recent developments, including the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, the TEACH Act, which had just been signed into law the previous week, and the pitfalls of licensing agreements. The TEACH act was so new that Duane had not had a great deal of time to study it, but it does provide limited ability for non-profit educational institutions to transmit some course materials via distance education that were previously only permitted in face-to-face teaching, provided the online teaching is done synchronously. Duane made a strong case for the importance of up-to-date institutional copyright policies and programs to educate faculty and students on the topic, and he provided much information that would be helpful in formulating or revising such policies, though he was careful to provide a disclaimer that he does not provide legal advice. The MTLA staff at the workshop can testify that what Duane does very well is to take an incredibly complex subject and present key elements of it in an interesting and accessible way. MTLA is grateful to the Professional Development Committee, to the ATLA members who signed on to the Speakers Bureau, and to Duane for the careful preparation and presentation. 📖

*Susan Ebbers
United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities
New Brighton, MN*



Bruce Keisling Changes Positions

On August 1 the **Southern Baptist Theological Seminary** named **Bruce Keisling** as Associate Vice President for Academic Resources and Seminary Librarian. He replaces **Ronald Deering**, who retired from Southern after forty years of service in the library. Bruce is not new to Southern, having served as Associate Librarian since 1998. Prior to moving to Louisville Bruce served as librarian from 1995 to 1998 at the Center for the Ministry of Teaching on the campus of **The Virginia Theological Seminary** in Alexandria, Virginia. He is a 1995 MLS graduate of the **Catholic University of America** in Washington, DC. 📖



David Wartluft to Teach Course in Spring

This spring semester retired member **David Wartluft** will be teaching a course in Comparative Spiritualities at the **Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia** looking at the similarities and variation in piety and spirituality among the ecumenical partners of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, namely, the Moravian Church, the Episcopal Church, and certain branches of the Calvinist tradition. 📖

Idea? Article? Suggestion?

Why not submit it to the *ATLA Newsletter* for consideration?

E-mail: newsletter@atla.com

Board Meeting Highlights

Highlights from the January 17–18, 2003, meeting of the ATLA Board of Directors

In order to reflect its true assets, ATLA (in consultation with its independent auditor) has begun to capitalize the ATLA religion and ATLAS databases. The value is calculated on the basis of the cost of creating the database, offset by depreciation.

Board members Christine Wenderoth, Paul Schrodt, and Bill Faupel visited ATLA Headquarters January 16 to review products and services. Their report indicated general satisfaction with the current state of products and services. The implementation of the CuadraSTAR indexing software resulted in three months of lost productivity. On the other hand, since implementation was completed, the software has shown promise to increase productivity dramatically. The Board discussed the desirability of current plans for ATLA to develop its own online database for distributing its products.

Eileen Saner appointed a task force on membership bylaws changes (Christine Wenderoth and

Susan Sponberg). The Task Force will focus on changes in the membership structure, including the creation of new categories for “lifetime members” and “international institutional members.” The bylaws changes will be presented to the 2003 Annual Conference in Portland.

The Board voted:

- To hold the 2006 Annual Conference in Chicago, hosted by ATLA.
- To review the dues structure every three years in conjunction with member services on-site inspection.
- To approve the creation of a members-only, password-protected, portion of the ATLA web site, in order to assure the confidentiality of member information. 📖

Respectfully submitted,
Paul F. Stuehrenberg, Secretary



top row (left to right): Sharon Taylor, Joe Coalter, Bill Faupel, Christine Wenderoth, Herman Peterson, Sara Myers; bottom row (left to right): Susan Sponberg, Secretary Paul Stuehrenberg, President Eileen Saner, Vice-President Paul Schrodt, Mary Martin; missing is Anne Womack

Announcements

Annual Report Completed

The ATLA Annual Report for fiscal year 2002 (September 1, 2001–August 31, 2002), is being sent to all ATLA Individual and Institutional Members. The annual report reports on the year's activities and includes the audited financial statements for the year. In this year's report we revised our auditing procedures to count the *ATLA Religion Database* and the ATLA Serials database as capital assets for the first time. If you did not receive your copy of the 2002 Annual Report, please notify Jonathan West, editor of member publications, to receive your copy. 📖



MARC Update Released

The January release of ATLA's MARC data features indexing from *The Retrospective Indexing Project (RIP)*. ATLA is indexing 100+ periodical titles that predate the beginning of *Religion Index One (RIO)* in 1949. *RIP* has completed indexing for *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* (1939–1948), *Ecumenical Review* (1948–1949), *Hebrew Union College Annual* (1924–1948), *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* (1947–1948), and *Journal of Pastoral Care* (1947–1948). *Journal of Biblical Literature* and *Worship (Orate Fratres)* will be added in the August update.

The Methodist Reviews Index and the Andover collection, previously available only in the *ATLA Religion Database* CD, now appear for the first time in the MARC data provided to the database aggregators that produce online versions of the *ATLA RDB*. The addition of these titles extends ATLA indexing back to the early 19th century. These titles include: *Andover Review* (1884–1893), *Methodist Quarterly Review* (1847–1930), *Methodist Review* (1818–1931), *Quarterly Review* (1980–2000), *The United Brethren Review* (1890–1908), and *Religion in Life* (1932–1980). 📖



New Bibliography Series Editor Selected

Jack Ammerman has been named the new editor of the ATLA Scarecrow Bibliography Series, effective in January 2003. He replaces retiring editor Kenneth Rowe, who has guided the bibliography series for many years. The Publications Committee, chaired by Andy Keck, received four very strong applications for the position from ATLA members. Jack is currently completing his tenure as director of the Hartford Seminary Library and will be assuming his new position as director of the Boston University School of Theology Library in January 2003. ATLA expresses its profound gratitude to Ken for his years of leadership and service in the publication field and congratulates Jack on his new appointment.

Don Haymes, Christian Theological Seminary, continues to serve as editor of the ATLA Scarecrow Monograph Series and recently guided to press the newest addition to the monograph series: *To Defend the Constitution: Religion, Conscientious Objection, Naturalization, and the Supreme Court*, by Ronald B. Flowers, ATLA Monograph Series #48. 📖



New Committee Members Appointed

Two ATLA members have accepted appointments to ATLA committees. Howertine Farrell Duncan will become the newest member of the ATLA Education Committee in June 2003, for a three-year term. She is a librarian at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. She replaces Sandra Lipton, who will be completing her term in June.

Kris Veldheer has accepted a two-year appointment to the Annual Conference Committee (ACC), beginning in June 2003. She will serve as vice-chair of ACC 2003–2004 and will become chair of the committee for the 2004–2005 year. Roger Loyd, current chair of ACC, will rotate off the committee in June. Current vice-chair Eileen Crawford will serve as chair 2003–2004. 📖



Professional Development Committee Meets at ATLA Headquarters


ATLA's Professional Development Committee (PDC) met Wednesday–Friday, November 6–8, in Chicago for their fall meeting. On Wednesday the committee met to review their grant program for regional groups and Institutional Members, discuss the possibility of a seminar preceding the Annual Conference in June, and plan for professional development offerings from ATLA's Interactive Conference Facility (ICF).

On Thursday the committee learned about the pedagogical and technical issues in asynchronous (distance) education from Heidi Hoerman, an instructor from the library school at the University of South Carolina, a longtime provider of distance education. On Friday there were practice teaching sessions using the equipment in the ICF.

The members of PDC are David Stewart, chair; Laura Wood; Laura Olejnik; and Jeff Siemon. 



RIP Titles Now on Web

A list of periodicals that are being indexed in *The Retrospective Indexing Project (RIP)* is now available on the ATLA web site in the title lists section of Products and Services. ATLA is indexing 100+ periodical titles that predate the beginning of *Religion Index One (RIO)* in 1949. All of these titles are currently or have been indexed in *RIO*. The goal of *RIP* is to provide comprehensive coverage of these journals all the way back to the initial publication date. Funds for the project have been provided by generous donations from ATLA members. 

ATTENTION

ATLA Regional Groups

Get the word out! Submit your meetings for inclusion in the ATLA Calendar and/or the Announcements portion of the *ATLA Newsletter*.

E-MAIL: NEWSLETTER@ATLA.COM

The Library and the Educational Enterprise

2003 ATLA Professional Development Seminar
Portland, OR
Tuesday, June 24, 2003
preceding the Annual Conference

featuring Dr. Stephen L. Peterson, Associate Academic Dean at Trinity College, Hartford


registration information forthcoming at
http://www.atla.com/prof_dev/prof_dev.html

Endowment Fund

Academic institutions across North America have been forced to adjust their budgets as a result of drastically reduced income from endowment investments. The ATLA Endowment Fund has also been affected. In spite of cautious investing, losses in the past two years now cancel out the gain of the previous year. As a result, there is no money to spend on the projects that ATLA members have identified as high priority: conference travel grants and programs to encourage underrepresented minorities and graduate students to enter theological librarianship.

The ATLA Board received this information during its midwinter meeting in Chicago on January 17 and 18. We reluctantly agreed that the programs that had been funded by the Endowment would not be available for the coming year. We expect to resume these programs when the Endowment Fund is again producing revenue.

The market value of the Endowment is still well over \$100,000. Recent gifts to the Fund are being kept in a money market account until other options for investing can be expected to produce steady income.

The Board is thankful for all gifts to the Endowment, more than \$4,200 since September 1, 2002. Any questions regarding the Fund may be addressed to Dennis Norlin, executive director, at dnorlin@atla.com or Eileen Saner, ATLA president, at esaner@ambs.edu. 

Eileen K. Saner
ATLA President

Regional Continuing Education Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

April 1
July 1

ATLA regional groups and ad hoc groups of Institutional Members may apply.

http://www.atla.com/prof_dev/prof_dev_grant.html

Endowment Fund, August 31, 2002
Gifts and Earnings

Gift of Stock

FYE 93	\$11,600.00
Total	\$11,600.00

Gifts To Endowment Fund—Cash

FYE 92	\$100.00
FYE 93	\$300.00
FYE 94	\$2,005.00
FYE 95	\$3,690.00
FYE 96	\$4,400.00
FYE 97	\$3,660.00
FYE 98	\$1,380.00
FYE 99	\$3,847.50
FYE 00	\$3,247.50
FYE 01	\$4,307.01
FYE 02	\$6,059.75
Total	\$32,996.76

Capital Fund Matching Program

FYE 92	
FYE 93	
FYE 94	\$4,010.00
FYE 95	\$7,380.00
FYE 96	\$8,800.00
FYE 97	\$7,320.00
FYE 98	\$2,760.00
FYE 99	\$7,565.00
Total	\$37,835.00

Interest, Dividend, and Gains on Invest.

FYE 92	\$1.22
FYE 93	\$219.14
FYE 94	\$1,001.36
FYE 95	\$6,656.35
FYE 96	\$4,153.97
FYE 97	\$15,485.87
FYE 98	(\$3,445.40)
FYE 99	\$28,321.34
FYE 00	\$22,838.96
FYE 01	(\$15,213.01)
FYE 02	(\$7,710.97)
Total	\$52,308.83

Endowment Grants/Expenses

Nov-99, Luncheon at AAR/SBL	(\$1,871.05)
Jun-00, Grants-ATLA Conference Participants	(\$5,000.00)
Jan-01, Minority Scholarship	(\$1,000.00)
Jun-01, Grants-ATLA Conference Participants	(\$5,500.00)
Nov-02, Luncheon at AAR/SBL	(\$3,605.26)
Jan-02, Minority Scholarship	(\$1,000.00)
Jun-02, Grants-ATLA Conference Participants	(\$4,500.00)
Total	(\$22,476.31)

Market Value @ 08/31/02	\$112,264.28
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CDRI Phase Two Grants

Supported by a three-year grant from the Luce Foundation, the ATLA/ATS Cooperative Digital Resources Initiative (CDRI) is developing a freely available, web-searchable, central repository of digital resources contributed by participating ATLA member libraries. Phase One of the Initiative focused on visual materials, including digital images of woodcuts, photographs, slides, papyri, coins, maps, and manuscripts. It is expected that these materials will be available on-line by May 2003.

CDRI Phase Two (January–December 2003) focuses on both visual and textual materials. The ATLA/ATS Digital Standards and Project Committee reviewed a number of interesting proposals submitted for the second phase of the Initiative and awarded grants ranging from \$1,500 to \$10,000 to nine projects representing eleven libraries. In making these awards the Committee sought to add to the broad base of CDRI resources covering a range of formats, subjects, and time periods. Phase Two projects will provide digital access to early manuscripts and publications, Thanksgiving Day sermons, shape-note tune books, coins, scarab seals, oil lamps, papyri, scenes from the Holy Land, church sites in Italy and France, and portraits of church leaders. These images will support teaching and research in the areas of biblical studies, church history, hymnology, and denominational history.

Recipients of the Phase Two awards are:

Andover-Harvard Library (Harvard Divinity School), Pitts Theology Library (Emory University), Princeton Theological Seminary Libraries (\$10,000)

Thanksgiving Day Sermons

This joint project will digitize 500 American Thanksgiving Day sermons printed between 1801 and 1900 and issued as individual publications. Thanksgiving Day sermons are of particular interest for scholars in the fields of homiletics, rhetoric, the history of biblical interpretation, and systematic theology. The sermons selected for this project will also shed light on the development of church-state relations in an especially formative period in the history of the United States. This digital corpus is expected to find use among theologians, historians, and others interested in what Robert Bellah has called “civil

religion.”

United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities (\$8,000)

Slides of the Holy Land

United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities will digitize a collection of 700+ slides chosen to support teaching biblical studies. Dr. Arthur L. Merrill, Emeritus Harry C. Piper Professor of Biblical Interpretation, took the slides during numerous trips to the Holy Land and surrounding areas from 1962 to 1996. Professor Merrill’s collection includes photographs of the land, archaeological sites and tells, artifacts, maps, holy sites, and modern cultural, political, and religious scenes from Israel and Palestine. The artifacts and archaeological sites that Merrill has captured date from 10,000 BCE to modern times, with a focus on the biblical era.

Kathryn Sullivan Bowld Music Library, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (\$7,500)

Shape-note tune books

The tune books selected for this digitizing project come from the Robert S. Douglass Treasure Room of Bowld Music Library, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and include psalm and hymn tunes, fusing tunes, songs for Sunday schools, public schools, and homes, as well as music of the Lowell Mason school, children’s songs, folk hymns, anthems, and music with secular texts. Most of the tune books selected are in four-shape notation with oblong format, while a few selections are in seven-shape notation. Conversion of seven tune books, a total of almost 2,000 images, into electronic format will allow access to these important materials by users, including students, teachers, professors, historians, researchers, and those interested in the fields of religion, musicology, folklore, and hymn study.

Concordia Seminary Library (\$5,000)

Selected manuscripts

The manuscript codices in the library of Concordia Seminary are an eclectic grouping of documents (theological, historical, medical, musical, artistic) of potential interest to mediaevalists, theologians, and art historians. Digitizing will begin with the following three items:

- Hausbuch. Germany, ca. 1429. Profusely illustrated in water colors with signs of the Zodiac and miniature paintings showing activities of the seasons and other scenes of daily life. A layman's "medical manual"—one of seven of the genre known to remain, the only one in the United States.
- Thomas à Kempis. *Libellus consolatorius . . . De Imitatione Christi*, 1484. Ms copy stamped with the seal of the Agnietenberg monastery, where Thomas lived, and possibly copied from the original.
- *Passio Domini*. Netherlands, ca. 1500–1520. A collection of twenty-four miniature paintings of the Passion of Christ, with facing-page text in gold and red ink.

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (\$5,000)

Ancient coins, artifacts, and scarab seals

This project will digitize materials from the Morton Collection of Biblical Artifacts, which contains over 1,000 coins, seals, oil lamps, and ceramic pieces. Dr. William H. Morton, professor of biblical archaeology at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (1958–1984), assembled most of the artifacts during the '40s and '50s. The digital sample from the Morton Collection will represent the following:

- 100 coins (largely Jewish coins from the Holy Land)
- 10–15 lamps (Including Herodian and Maccabean)
- 47 Seals from Jericho with glyptic art carving. The seals were used to validate ancient documents.
- 10–15 ceramic artifacts (Including juglets, pots, and cultic figurines)

Vanderbilt Divinity School (\$3,000)

Images of religious and theological iconography

Utilizing born-digital images taken at historic sites and museums by Vanderbilt Divinity School faculty members Patout Burns and Dale Johnson and librarian Anne Womack, this project will analyze and describe a total of 300 images:

- 50 ivory carvings of early Christian iconography from Prof. Burns

- 50 modern European Christianity images from Prof. Johnson
- 200 biblically and theologically inspired works of French medieval painting and sculpture from Ms. Womack.

Each of these images will be fully described by theological concept, personage, or biblical passage.

Mercer University (McAfee School of Theology) (\$2,500)

Portraits of Baptist leaders

This project will digitize portraits of prominent Baptist leaders who lived from 1600 to 1900. The portraits will be selected from works in the Special Collections of the Monroe F. Swilley, Jr. Library and the Jack Tarver Library of Mercer University. Students and researchers of church history and Baptist heritage will benefit from the use of the portraits in classroom lectures and presentations. The portraits and associated biographical information will also be of interest for Christian education in churches and for the broader public.

Reeves Library, Moravian College and Theological Seminary (\$2,500)


Early Moravian text

This project will digitize, transcribe, and translate into English the 1757 edition of a German work, whose title in English is *Short and faithful report of the Church known under the name of the Bohemian and Moravian Brethren, stemming from the Unitas Fratrum, [including their] teaching, outward and inner Church order and customs, derived from true documents and accounts from one of their Christian, unbiased, friends, and illustrated with sixteen copper images*. Scholars are very interested in the copper plates in this work that illustrate rites and ceremonies; however, the German text (fraktur) is difficult to translate and therefore limits the understanding of the illustrations. By providing a digital reproduction of the source documents with a German transcription and English translation, access and understanding will be greatly enhanced for scholars exploring the history of religious practices, 18th-century German-American culture, as well as the history of emotions.

United Theological Seminary, Dayton (\$1,500)

Oxyrhynchus Papyri

The digitization of Oxyrhynchus papyri fragments held at United Theological Seminary will complement the collection of Oxyrhynchus papyri digitized by Ambrose Swasey Library in CDRI Phase One. The eight fragments that United Theological

Seminary will be digitizing include a fragment of I Peter 5:6–12 that has several variants from the standard text. 

Professional Development Perspectives

**The Library and the Educational Enterprise:
2003 ATLA Professional Development Seminar
Tuesday, June 24, 2003**

“Supportive?” “Disconnected?” “Passive?”
“Pedagogical?” “Visionary?” “Innovative?”


If asked, how would we describe the library’s role in our institution’s educational mission? The way we are able to answer this tells us something about our place in the administrative “Big Picture,” and about what contribution we are able to make to overall learning objectives. All of us would readily agree that this is an important, even critical, issue, yet it is difficult to find the time or guidance to give it the consideration it deserves.

Recognizing the strategic importance of the library’s role in teaching, the Professional Development Committee is pleased to announce its third Professional Development Seminar, scheduled as a full-day event for Tuesday, June 24, 2003 (preceding the annual ATLA conference). Our speaker for the morning plenary session will be Dr. Stephen L. Peterson, formerly librarian at Yale

Divinity School and Trinity College, Hartford. Currently serving as Associate Academic Dean at Trinity, Dr. Peterson is well known in ATLA circles for his work in collection development strategy and for his 1984 work “Theological Libraries for the 21st Century: Project 2000 Final Report,” which endeavored to anticipate the changing role of the library, educationally and otherwise.

The afternoon will consist of selected topical sessions, treating different aspects—administration, reference, etc.—of the library’s educational mission.

The Professional Development Committee has been extremely gratified by the strong response to its seminars in the first two years they have been offered (The Library Budget, Instructional Design, Personnel Management) and looks forward to another timely, terrific event.

More detailed information regarding program and cost will be available, on the PDC web site (http://www.atla.com/prof_dev/prof_dev.html) and elsewhere, in February. 

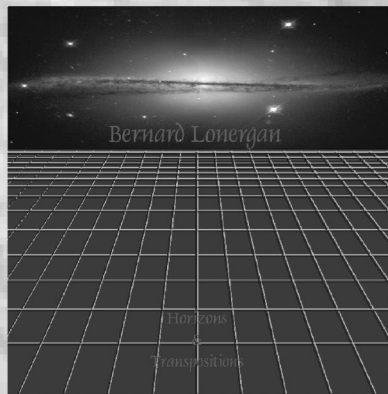
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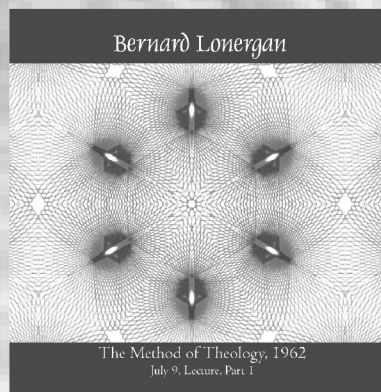
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Conference News & Information

Welcome to Portland!

Your Local Host Committee welcomes you to the City of Roses—City of Fountains—City of Bridges—River City. Nestled along the banks of the Columbia and Willamette Rivers you'll find that Portland does not have everything you have come to expect in a major metropolis—sales tax, gridlock, smog. It is a large city that has managed to maintain its small-town charm. Packed into a convenient natural environment, Portland is accessible and complete.

Wandering from your hotel, you'll discover Portland's downtown area is scaled to human dimensions. It is "foot friendly" and was recently named among the Top 10 American Walking Cities by *Walking Magazine*. The visitor who explores downtown is never overwhelmed, but rather intrigued and amused. The blocks are short—just 200 feet long. Cafes, restaurants, bookstores, galleries, and specialty shops are waiting around every corner. Words of wisdom from famous thinkers are carved in the brickwork under one's feet. Bronze sea lions and bear cubs frolic among award-winning architecture.

The conference is designed with you in mind. From preconference workshops to interest group meetings to roundtable discussions to plenary speakers, we want you to be involved. Your profession is moving rapidly into the future and your conference planners want to engage you professionally, spiritually, and socially. There is something to stretch your thinking through a multitude of opportunities. Peruse the program and find where you can grow and contribute.

The opening reception will be at the beautiful World Trade Center sky bridge plaza with a view of Mt. Hood, the Willamette River, and the lights of SE Portland. Saturday p.m. takes us to the Mount Angel Abbey for an afternoon of roundtable talks, library tours (check out those illuminated manuscripts), an organ concert before evening vespers, a reception, and the closing banquet. The peaceful setting on the Abbey hill, the stunning views of God's handiwork, and the reflection of evening vespers will revive your spirit.

Here in the Pacific Northwest we live a casual life style. So, *business casual* is the suggested dress for

receptions and banquets. But don't forget your umbrella!

We urge you to bring the family and spend a few extra days vacationing. The beach is but 90 minutes away and the Cascade mountain peaks a mere one hour drive. Evening activities are designed for family participation as well.

We hope you'll learn by firsthand experience that Portland's greatest asset has nothing to do with mountains, oceans, parks, roses, bronze bears, or economics. Portland's greatest asset beats in the hearts of everyone who lives here. Portland's spirit is its people. "Quality of Life" is not a buzzword in Portland, it is a philosophy that has endured since the city's founding. Part old west pride, part entrepreneurial spirit, the character of Portland pays homage to the hearty individuals who first traveled here in wagon trains along the Oregon Trail. From the very beginning, Portland has been a place of opportunity—a place where neighbors understand the value of combined effort—a place to work—a place to grow—a place to play.

We're looking forward to your visit. 📖

*Local Host Committee
2003 Conference*

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Conference Highlights

2003 ATLA Annual Conference

To be held at Portland Marriott Downtown (Riverfront)

Hosted by George Fox Seminary, Mount Angel Abbey,
Multnomah Biblical Seminary, and Western Seminary

June 25–28, 2003

The 2003 Annual Conference will bring together theological librarians, directors, and academic administrators to network, learn, teach, and discuss matters that affect library professionals.

Conference Highlights

(subject to change)

PLENARY ADDRESSES: Father Paschal Cheline, OSB, Sub-Prior of Mount Angel Abbey, faculty at Mount Angel Abbey, St. Benedict, OR; Randy L. Maddox, Paul T. Wells Professor of Wesleyan Theology, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA

Mary E. Hess, Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN

Conference Sessions will address, among other topics, Curricula and Congregational Resources in the Theological Library; Managing E-Journals; Weeding Library Collections; Distance Learning and Theological Education; Rise of Rome: The Emergence of a New Mode for Exploring the Context of the Fourth Gospel; Bringing Technology into the Classroom; Wanted: A Literature of Theological Librarianship; Parchment, Paper, PDF: Toward a Renewal of the Literature of Theological Librarianship; The Librarian's Role in Theological Course Development; Discovery at the Reference Desk: Heuristic Questions for the Reference Interview; Hiring the Best; Connecting Laptops to the Library Network; Shopping for a New ILS. . . . There are 8 papers and 18 roundtables from which to choose.

Preconference Workshop topics will include Not Your One Shot Deal!: Instructional Design for Credit Information Literacy Courses; Tackling the Foreign Language Backlog; ATLA to Zed: Searching the Web; The Art of Supervision; OCLC Connexion Workshop; What You Need, When You Need It: The Discovery and Delivery of Overlooked Religion and Theology Resources; Managing Citations Using Bibliographic Management Software.

On Saturday all afternoon sessions and the banquet will be held at Mount Angel Abbey. Be sure to see the letter from the Local Host Committee (p. 14) for some more conference highlights.

For More Information

Information about the 2003 Conference is posted on the ATLA web site at <http://www.atla.com/member/conference>. Please visit often for updates as they become available.

You may also send e-mail to atla@atla.com, call ATLA toll-free at (888) 665-ATLA (2852) or at (312) 454-5100, fax (312) 454-5505, or write to Conference Information, ATLA, 250 South Wacker Drive, Suite 1600, Chicago, IL 60606-5889.

Conference programs & registration will be available in March 2003. 

Checklist of Reference Tools

A Checklist of Reference Tools of Interest to Theological Librarians, 2001–2002

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

This bibliography is the nineteenth annual supplement to the “Checklist” that appeared in the February 18, 1984, issue of the *ATLA Newsletter*. Its entries were selected from 2001 and 2002 imprints acquired by Union Theological Seminary, New York, during the 2002 calendar year. (Several pre-2001 imprints omitted from previous checklists are included in an “Addenda” section following the main sequence of this year’s list.)

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ATLANTIS Reference Reviews

August Reference Review

Finkelman, Paul, ed. *Religion and American Law: An Encyclopedia*. Garland Reference Library of the Humanities, vol. 1548. New York: Garland Publishing, 2000 (ISBN 0-8153-0750-0, \$135.00).

Even a cursory glance through *Religion and American Law: an Encyclopedia* surprises one with the vast array of issues and controversies that have been generated by the sixteen simple words that begin the Bill of Rights—"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Of course, the simplicity of this phrase is an illusion; the precise meanings of both "establishment" and "free exercise" have bedeviled American courts and policy-makers ever since ratification of the Bill of Rights in 1791. So from adoption to zoning, civil religion to snake handling, this volume offers detailed analysis of the issues, cases, people, and ideas that have shaped the debate about the place of religion in American public life. As interesting as the issues it covers are, however, this encyclopedia suffers from some serious problems both with the choices made about what to include and with the means provided to access the information that is included.

Religion and American Law contains about 200 articles, written by more than 90 contributors. It is, in many ways, a research tool for legal scholars rather than a volume aimed at the general public (or theological students, for that matter). Almost 2/3 of the authors are identifiable as lawyers or law professors, while I recognized only a couple of religion scholars among the contributors. Also, about 40% of the articles are about specific cases, and can only be located if one already knows the case name (e.g. *Lemon v. Kurtzman*). The remaining articles deal with topics (such as "religious garb" or "tax law and American religion"), religious and ethnic groups (such as the Jehovah's Witnesses, whose impact on American constitutional law is immense, or native Hawaiians), influential people (both legislators and jurists), and legal theories. A great deal of historical material is included. The articles are uniformly well researched and well written, with substantial bibliographies and lists of cases cited. Those that deal with specific cases are extremely helpful in explaining the reasoning on

which the decision was based, as well as the arguments raised in both concurring opinions and dissents.

For all its good qualities, however, it is difficult to know just who, outside of the small community of legal scholars, would be the intended users of this book. Perhaps a lawyer who is confronted with a previously unconsidered legal problem dealing with religion, such as free exercise for a prison inmate, would start her research here. If so, she will find an excellent basic analysis, as well as discussion of all the foundational cases regarding that issue. But members of the general public, including seminarians and theological scholars without legal training, will encounter herein substantial obstacles to their research, and even the lawyer will be stymied if she does not guess correctly about the title of an article dealing with her issue.

Odd choices about what to include is one difficulty that is obvious upon the most casual browse through this encyclopedia. Amazingly, no article on abortion is included, nor is any discussion of *Roe v. Wade* found under the case name. To find any substantive treatment of this most controversial issue in religion and law one must page through the short article on "Privacy Rights and Religious Influences." Needless to say, only a few researchers will think to look there. Yet while abortion receives but cursory notice, there is an article on "Bestiality and Sodomy Prosecutions in Early America." Such esoterica might provide an exciting find for some interested specialist, but it does little to help the general reader. Likewise, there is no article on the "wall of separation" between church and state, and only a passing mention of the phrase in the article on Jefferson. Someone interested in the origin of the idea and the appropriateness of its use in interpreting the First Amendment will be out of luck.

To counter these, and other, odd omissions, the volume includes some odd duplications as well. There is an article on "School Prayer" and, immediately following, an article on "School Prayer and American Politics." Likewise there is an article on "Flag Salute Cases" and one on the "Pledge of Allegiance." These latter two articles largely consist of discussions of the same cases, such as *Gobitis* and *Barnette*—two seminal cases involving Jehovah's Witnesses. The

same cases are discussed again in the article on Jehovah's Witnesses. While it may be interesting to include all of these different approaches, written by different scholars, the repetition seems out of balance with what has been left out.

Furthermore, many of the articles have been given very odd and unintuitive titles, which increases the difficulty in finding the information sought. "History and its Role in Supreme Court Decisions on Religion" is one such title. This is actually the article in which a substantial discussion of the idea of the "wall of separation" is to be found, but how is one to know that? And how would one ever find the material hidden in an article entitled "The Lynch and Allegheny Religious Symbols Cases and the Decline of the Lemon Test" except by pure serendipity? It should be added here that the encyclopedia contains no cross references to other articles, nor is there any way to tell from within one article which cited cases have entries of their own.

The absence of cross-references is only the most egregious flaw in this encyclopedia's access apparatus. Given how unintuitive many of the entry titles are, the volume would probably have benefited from a table of contents. Although its alphabetical arrangement would seem to make a table of contents unnecessary, a synoptic view of all the titles would be of great benefit to someone who is otherwise unable to guess under what obscure entry the information she seeks might be secreted. Unfortunately, all this book offers is an index in which only a bare list of page numbers appears under each word, with no subdivisions to help supply context. Under the topic "public schools," for example, eighty-six separate page numbers are listed. The number of articles to which they refer is clearly much smaller, and the index would have been more useful and more efficient if subtopics had been used to differentiate the references. The index also suffers from some obvious carelessness in matters of spelling, capitalization, and even typeface.

It is hard not to compare *Religion and American Law: an Encyclopedia* with *Religion and the Law: A Dictionary*, a similar reference tool published by ABC/CLIO in 1999. The latter tool has fewer entries, considerably less depth, no bibliographies under the specific topics, and is the work of a single author. In spite of these drawbacks, it is probably the better place for casual researchers to begin their

research because it is far easier and more intuitive to use. The ABC/CLIO volume has a table of contents and uses much shorter, more straightforward entry titles (like "Abortion") to guide its arrangement. While few readers will exhaust their interests in its pages, it does offer a much more accessible starting point for research, perhaps even providing some background clues that will make Finkelman's volume less daunting.

In the end, Finkelman's *Religion and American Law: an Encyclopedia* strikes me as a frustrating book. If one takes the time to read deeply in it, the information and opinions one encounters are both fascinating and important. But it is frustrating to realize just how few people will get that far, how effectively hidden the material is from all but the most intrepid readers. For libraries where in-depth research into religion and law is likely, it is a tool of such quality and depth as to be indispensable. But even there, most users will need to be guided by a very knowledgeable reference librarian in order to find all the information available within it on any given topic. For libraries that need a reference tool for the casual researcher, however, a researcher whose time is limited and who wants to look up a basic topic quickly, some other volume will better fill the bill. 📖

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November Reference Review

Fenn, Richard K., ed. *The Blackwell Companion to Sociology of Religion*. Oxford, UK, and Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishers, 2001.

Following the tradition of the Blackwell Companions to Religion series, Fenn has brought together an elegant collection of essays about the sociology of religion. One could not say that this collection adheres to a particular sociological theory or a well-defined scope. However, one theme that is present throughout the work is that of secularization. Along with this goes an awareness of a trend toward individualism. Not one of the contributors strays too far from acknowledgement of these realities, although their interpretations about the causes and implica-

tions of secularization and individualism vary widely.

Fenn organizes the essays into three major sections. For each section, Fenn provides an editorial commentary that introduces each section and ties the various contributions together into a higher discussion of their implications for the sociology of religion. The first major section, entitled “Classical and Contemporary Theory: Recycling, Continuity, Progress, or New Departure?” follows a theme of re-examining methodologies and assumptions in sociology of religion. The second section, entitled “Contemporary Trends in the Relation of Religion to Society,” primarily addresses the phenomenon of secularization and related trends and attempts to make predictions about the future of religiosity. The third section, entitled “The Sociology of Religion and Related Areas of Inquiry,” which explores the fuzzy boundaries of the field, takes an interdisciplinary approach to miscellaneous topics.

The essays range in length from 13 to 28 pages, though most are 15–20 pages. All essays are signed and each provides a complete bibliography. A few of these bibliographies are quite extensive. Essays are quite readable and would be appropriate for researchers at the undergraduate level and beyond.

The work has a thorough index of names and subjects, which includes numerous “see also” references. Curiously, the index does not include “see” references. This could be a nuisance in a few cases; for example, to look up “religious right,” one would have to find “right, religious.” There is no “see” reference at “religious right.”


One weakness of the work is that it slants heavily toward western culture and provides only a minimal number of diverse viewpoints. Out of the 25 essays included in the work, only three explicitly address topics dealing with other cultures: one dealing with African-American culture, one with Chinese culture, and one with Latin American culture. Otherwise, the work is devoted to trends in western Europe and North America.

The work does include two essays that deal with women’s issues, both written by women. However, both writers remain detached from feminist methodology and are often as critical of feminist interpretations as they are of patriarchal structures. While these essays most certainly warrant inclusion in the work, one might want to see a feminist perspective included as well.

While the book is not truly a reference work in the sense of a dictionary or encyclopedia, it probably belongs more appropriately in the reference collection than in the circulating collection. The book could do an excellent job of introducing current discussions in sociology of religion. Therefore, this work might be useful for students who are browsing for a topic, or just beginning research.

The book is also an excellent bibliographic source. As such, it could be useful to someone beginning a research project or even to a collection development librarian. The bibliographies alone are probably worth the purchase price of the book.

While this book is not truly a textbook, one could imagine the work being used as a primary text for a course in sociology of religion, perhaps at the undergraduate level, or at the master’s level if supplemented by other readings. This would be particularly true for a course dealing with secularization. However, it could also work for a general course entitled something like “Special Topics in Sociology of Religion.”

The book is a single, substantial cloth-bound volume. It is printed on acid-free paper. The binding is plain but dignified. The spine print is silver on dark purple, which is quite visible. Interior fonts are probably comfortable to read for most persons. The book does not provide illustrations or plates. 

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December Reference Review

Balmer, Randall. *Encyclopedia of Evangelicalism*. Louisville, KY, and London: Westminster John Knox, 2002. 654 p. Cloth. \$29.95. ISBN 0664224091.

If asked to title this review, I would be tempted to call it “Encyclopedia of Evangelicalism: Postmodernism Meets the Reference Work.” The subtitle is apt because this “encyclopedia” seems at times to display typical postmodern contempt for such “pretentious” academic notions as “objectivity,” the ideal of an “error-free” text, and even the idea of “scholarly research.” Balmer could have set “Ency-

lopedia” in quotations to cue readers to the intended irony.

This, at least, is one take on what Balmer is doing in this “reference work” on evangelicalism. The other likely interpretation is less flattering: that his personal biases sometimes overwhelm his sense of scholarly duty to be fair to his subjects, that the work was rushed to market with little copy-editing, that his research assistants relied almost entirely on other reference works or on dated sources for their information.

The work has high aspirations. Balmer, or the authorial persona that presents itself by that name, wants this to be an encyclopedia in the traditional sense of providing comprehensive coverage of a field of study. And it does, in fact, include articles on a broad range of evangelical topics: Canadian, Latin American, and British personalities and subjects, as well as the varieties of evangelical types, such as fundamentalists, neo-evangelicals, the holiness movement, pentecostals, and charismatics. He also aims to acknowledge African-American and Hispanic variations and diverse denominational expressions of evangelicalism. But he also wants to give readers “a glimpse into evangelical mores and folkways”—hence such entries as “Altar Call,” “Fellowship,” “Testimony,” and “Sword Drill.” And, finally, he tries to recognize the importance of contemporary Christian music in the evangelical scene by including articles on a considerable number of evangelical bands and artists. To give all these their due in an encyclopedia of reasonable size with apparently limited resources is a tall order indeed.

Too tall, I’m afraid. To take just the Mennonite-related articles (I confess: I’m a Mennonite), the entry on Mennonite Brethren Churches does not refer to a single scholarly monograph on MB history and offers no compelling reason why this denomination should be included in this encyclopedia: none of its “evangelical” activities (e.g., its missions endeavors) is described. Moreover, the denomination’s seminary in Fresno (Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary) fails to receive an entry, unlike Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, which is affiliated with the less-overtly evangelical Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada. Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas, is said to house “the” Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies when it houses just one of three centers with that name. (There is also one

in Fresno, California, and one in Winnipeg, Manitoba.) Neither the Evangelical Mennonite Conference nor the Evangelical Mennonite Mission Conference (both based in Canada) is recognized with an article. Amazon.com reviews of *Encyclopedia of Evangelicalism*, if they are even partially accurate, suggest that Mennonites are not the only victims of misinformation. Presbyterians also suffer through cross-references that seem to confuse the Presbyterian Church (USA) with the Presbyterian Church in America.

Bibliographies listing the best studies on a topic would have gone some distance toward redeeming many of the less than substantial articles that appear here. But, too frequently, they list only other reference works. Mead and Hill’s *Handbook of Denominations in the United States* (1996) and Melton’s *Encyclopedia of American Religions* (1993) are cited with dismaying regularity in denominational entries. In the case of “Anabaptism,” the bibliography lists works that are seriously dated. In the case of many articles on evangelical schools and colleges, only their academic catalog is listed as a source.

Typographical errors that should have been caught by a competent copy-editor spread a fog of doubt over other information. David Livingstone is reported to have made his first trip to Africa 72 years before he was born. And the funeral for poor Aimee Semple McPherson was held 50 years after her death in 1944.


Too many cross-references refer to entries that simply refer the reader to still other entries. Readers directed to the article on Speaking in Tongues will be redirected to Glossolalia. Numerous articles, including the one on Liberalism (!), have a cross-reference to Modernism, which directs the reader (back) to Liberalism. Even for postmodern readers who may be amused by such self-referential exercises (signs that only point to other signs or back to themselves), this is only funny three or four times.

But it is the sardonic tone of many articles that will be most disturbing to those of us who still think scholarship means keeping your biases in check. We may smile at the comment that the “gift of xenolalia was especially sought after [...] by prospective pentecostal missionaries who wanted to preach the Gospel abroad without taking the time or the trouble to learn a foreign language,” but does it accurately reflect the depth of the religious sentiments of those

who experience or seek this phenomenon? I suspect there is more to it, but Balmer doesn't tell us much about it or where to go to learn more. Instead, he refers the reader to a single scientific study of glosso-lalia.

More seriously, Balmer occasionally toys with defamation. The article on Promise Keepers (an organization for which I have no personal affection) ends with the statement that it is now kept afloat by "a grant from the Castle Rock Foundation, a politically conservative organization controlled by the Coors brewing empire." Such innuendos are completely inappropriate in a scholarly reference work. For the record, the Castle Rock Foundation's 2001 Annual Report (<http://castlerockfoundation.org/CR2001AR.pdf>) does not list Promise Keepers as a grant recipient for that year, which contradicts Balmer's suggestion that it receives continual support from the Foundation. The Report does, however, show that the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts received \$500,000, the largest single grant awarded to any applicant, and that other grant recipients include the Boy Scouts of America/Denver Area Council and the College Fund/United Negro College Fund. Do we still want to dwell on who controls the Foundation?

Not that the encyclopedia does not include much valuable data. The most substantial articles are those written by Balmer himself (not his research assistants), based on his original research. The biographical articles in particular are rich in information. When his subject is especially colorful (see the articles on Bakker, Falwell, and Swaggart), Balmer can write with the elan of a wry gossip columnist. But in the end, this remains a very personal "encyclopedia," as much a document of Balmer's intellectual and emotional engagement with American evangelicalism as a reference work in the classical sense. It is distantly reminiscent of another "personal" reference work, Jaroslav Pelikan's *The Melody of Theology: A Philosophical Dictionary* (Harvard U. Press, 1988). Pelikan, however, never disguised the fact that his book was really an intellectual autobiography (p. ix), and gave the work an appropriately ambiguous title. Balmer was not so considerate. By simply calling this collection of alphabetically arranged facts and opinions an "encyclopedia," he led us to expect a work of scholarly reference pure and simple. It behooves us as reference librarians to urge patrons with pre-

postmodern academic expectations to use this work with more than the usual caution. 

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Western Seminary

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ATLA Serials Exchange Update Schedule

In the next year, new ASE offerings will be made available for claiming on the following dates:

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Diktuon

More Sound, Less Fury: Digital Audio

In the past *Diktuon* has often focused on digital image files, but has rarely covered other digital media. So in this column we turn our attention to digital audio. Many libraries have audio sources in their collections, or they are being pressed to add audio materials. Except for music librarians, academic librarians have tended to resist adding audio materials. Phonodisc and audiotape are fragile media, easily damaged by misuse, inadequate storage and environmental controls, and simple wear. The audio compact disc, though not invulnerable by any measure, proved more durable than its predecessors, and has rapidly supplanted them. Until recently, however, audio CDs were strictly a commercial medium, not available for capturing sound records of local events except at relatively high cost. Messy, fragile audiocassettes remained the medium of choice for non-professional sound recording.

Not so any longer. The tools for capturing and storing digital audio files are readily available and easily affordable. In fact, it is possible to convert and improve existing analog recordings, removing background noise and audible hiss from the sound. In most instances, this can be done from an average personal computer. The recordings can then be transferred to CD for preservation, compressed and placed on network servers for easy access, or both.

Elementary Anatomy of Sound

Sound occurs when vibrations cause minute changes in the pressure of the surrounding air. These changes in air pressure move through the air as ripples or *waves*. To reproduce sound waves, you must record two characteristics of these waves: *frequency* and *amplitude*.

Frequency is the speed at which sound waves *cycle*. That is, how quickly the wave makes one complete oscillation from one peak to the next. For example, the sound wave forming the A that orchestras typically use to tune completes 440 cycles per second. Thus its frequency is 440 cycles per second, or 440 *Hertz* (abbreviated *Hz.*). The human ear is capable of hearing sound between 20 and 20,000 Hz. (Most of us cannot hear the complete range, but it provides a simple standard basis for calcula-

tion.)

Amplitude is the height or depth of the sound wave at any given point and *peak amplitude* is the highest amplitude represented in a given sound wave. Amplitude is a measure of the intensity of sound and is related to how we perceive loudness, but the relationship is complex. For example, we can hear low frequencies at lower amplitudes than we can hear high frequencies. We are much more sensitive to the amplitude of frequencies between 300 and 7000 Hz., possibly because speech falls within that range.

While a full explanation of the relationship between the amplitude of sound and the perception of loudness is not necessary for this article, it will help to clarify somewhat the units used to measure sound level, *decibels* (abbreviated *dB.*). Decibels are not a fixed, linear form of measurement like meters. Decibels are a logarithmic measure of the difference in intensity between two sounds. Therefore, when a measurement in decibels is stated, it represents the difference from some fixed point. When noise levels are cited, the fixed point is usually the *threshold of audibility*, the softest sound that humans can hear. This becomes the fixed point of reference, 0 dB., so the sound of a jackhammer then measures about 105 dB. in relationship to that fixed point.

Manufacturers of recording equipment cause further confusion because, by convention, they calibrate their level meters to indicate 0 dB. at the particular recorder's optimum input level. So when you record, you try to set the level so that the loudest sound will peak out just at 0 dB. on the meter and you want to avoid *exceeding* 0 dB. because the sound will be distorted. This is particularly true with digital recording, because digital has no *overhead*, or capability of capturing sound a bit outside its optimal range without distortion.

Quality in Digital Recording

The quality of a digital recording is determined by the *sampling rate* used to capture the sound and the *dynamic range* of the samples. Sampling rate determines the frequencies that are recorded. You must sample at a rate twice as fast as the highest frequency you wish to capture. While the math for this is complicated, the actual concept is quite intuitive. Remember that sounds are waves and a wave has two

parts, the highest and the lowest point in the wave. In order to capture both halves of the frequency wave, you must have at least two samples taken for each complete cycle. Since humans cannot hear frequencies above 20,000 Hz., a rate of 40,000 samples per second is sufficient to satisfy most listening needs. The sound recorded for audio CDs is sampled at 44,100 Hz., and that is the *de facto* standard for digital audio recording. Because the frequency of speech tops out at 7,000 Hz., a much lower sampling rate of about 14,000 Hz. is sufficient. Digital voice recorders take advantage of this to leverage the amount of material they can record, as we will see later.

However, digital recording requires another precaution to prevent distortion. Frequencies outside the recordable range of the sampling rate will be captured, but as very different frequencies from the original. The frequency captured would be the Sampling Rate minus the Original Frequency. For example, if you are recording at 44,100 Hz. (which allows you to record frequencies up to 22,050 Hz.) and the actual frequency of the sound is 28,100 Hz., you will record the sound at 16,000 Hz. This will appear as audible noise and distortion in the recording. To avoid this, digital recording systems incorporate a *low pass filter* that eliminates frequencies beyond the recordable range from the sound wave before it is sampled.

For each instantaneous sample, the digital recorder stores a numerical representation of the amplitude of the sound. The device that actually quantifies the amplitude is called an *Analog to Digital Converter* or ADC. The accuracy of this number controls the dynamic range of the recording and is critical to the quality of the reproduced sound. The human ear is capable of discerning a range of about 120 dB. For each binary digit (bit) used to record the individual samples improves the resolution of the recording by about 6 dB. Early computer sound cards offered eight bits of resolution, or a range of about 48 dB. Audio CDs deliver 16 bits of resolution, a major improvement at 96 dB.

File Size and Compression

If the human ear can perceive a dynamic range of 120 dB., why not use ADCs capable of 20 or even 24 bits of resolution? The tradeoff is file size. Every eight bits of resolution per digital sample represents one byte to be stored. At CD quality, each

second of audio requires:

$$44,100 \text{ samples} * 2 \text{ bytes per sample} * 2 \text{ channels for stereo} = 176,400 \text{ bytes per second}$$

As you can see, high-resolution audio files quickly become very large. One minute of CD quality stereo digital sound takes up more than 10 megabytes of storage space. Adding one more byte per sample would increase the dynamic range to 144 dB., more than humans can perceive, but it would also increase the file size of the recording by 50%.

There are a number of file formats for digital audio files. Windows uses a file format called WAVE for uncompressed audio files, while Macintosh applications use Audio Interchange File Format (AIFF). CD audio files can easily be converted back and forth to these formats, but they do tend to be very large. Therefore, a great deal of effort has gone into trying to compress audio files. By far the most popular is the Motion Picture Experts Group Audio Layer 3, better known as MP3.

MP3 uses a “lossy” compression scheme. In the process of compression, data is discarded so that the original file cannot be reconstructed from the compressed file. Therefore, MP3 is probably not a good choice for archiving files of complex sounds such as music. However, because the compression scheme selectively chooses to remove sound that we are unlikely to hear, the perceived quality of the reproduction is largely unimpaired. The other advantage to MP3 is that it is a public standard and widely supported. MP3 can compress WAV files a factor of 10 to 14 times, so the resulting files are small enough for efficient transfer over the Internet, and can be downloaded to compact portable devices for playing. Although the early portable MP3 players were somewhat expensive, they are quickly becoming easily affordable.

However, MP3 is not the only compressed audio format available. Companies such as RealNetworks, Inc. (www.real.com) have developed proprietary compression formats. One format of possible interest to librarians is Digital Speech Standard (.DSS). DSS files take advantage of the narrower frequency band required for speech recording along with compression algorithms to produce files 13 to 28 times smaller than WAV files. Digital voice recorders utilize DSS and speech recognition pro-

grams such as IBM's ViaVoice will work from the stored files. DSS files are not yet as widely supported as MP3 files. Olympus provides a free player program for both Windows and Macintosh (www.olympusamerica.com).

In future *Diktuons*, we will look at methods of converting analog recordings to digital, capturing digital audio live and using software to manipulate audio files.

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Preservation News

Promotions and Changes in Preservation

Two members of the Preservation Team have received promotions. Additionally, one has retired, and a member of Sales/Marketing has assumed new responsibilities in preservation.

Diane Shannon, former Preservation Assistant, has been promoted to Preservation Specialist. In addition to her involvement with the microfilm preservation grant *Christianity and the Encounter with World Religions*, her new responsibilities will include working as ATLA's archives liaison to Yale Divinity Library, the official repository for ATLA's archives; working in the Preservation Microfilm Center as a part-time filmer and processor; and involvement in ATLA's On Demand program, collating materials and seeking replacements.



Russell Kracke at Iron Mountain

Kevin Stephens, former apprentice to Sang Sul, has been promoted to Microfilm Specialist. In addition to running the Preservation Microfilm Center, he will train other staff in the craft of preservation microfilming.

Sang Sul, former Coordinator of Preservation Microfilm Center, retired on December 31, 2002. Sang was the head of the Photoduplication Department of the University of Chicago from 1978 until he founded Preservation Microfilming Co. in 1994, becoming the primary filmer for ATLA's On Demand microfilm preservation program. In view of his approaching retirement, ATLA purchased Sang's equipment in 2001 and hired him as a full-time employee to train an apprentice as his replacement.

Chuck Slagle, Sales/Marketing Associate, has assumed responsibilities for ATLA's preservation sales and marketing. All orders for microfiche and monographs on microfilm should be directed now towards Chuck. His e-mail address is cslagle@atla.com. Chuck has taken over these responsibilities from Rick Adamek, who had held them since 1996.

Preservation to Acquire Larger Vault at Iron Mountain

Russell Kracke, Coordinator of Preservation Services, visited Iron Mountain in Boyers, Pennsylvania, on December 10 to look into the acquisition of a larger vault for the storage of ATLA's microfilm camera masters. The current vault at Iron Mountain, a 715-cubic-foot vault, is filled to capacity and now holds 339 boxes of 35mm microfilm and mi-

crofiche camera masters. ATLA anticipates that space for a minimum of 97 additional boxes will be needed for the short-term alone. A decision on which size vault to acquire, either a 1,143 or 1,416 cubic foot vault, will be made in January or February 2003.

A Summary of the Second Third of the NEH Preservation Grant

The second third of *Christianity and the Encounter with World Religions* has been completed. This ATLA project funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) preserves 124 titles on 330 reels of microfilm. The project documents three areas: 1) the dramatic commitment to missions that North American churches demonstrated at the turn of the 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.

Below is a description of those titles by general subject.

The second third of the collection provides a look at Christianity in the East with titles such as Calcutta's *Light of the East*, Germany's *Geist des Ostens*, and the Netherlands' *De Macedoniër*. Also preserved are the annual reports of various Christian missionary societies such as those of the Korean Religious Tract Society, India's Christian Vernacular Education Society, and the Allgemeiner Evangelisch-Protestantischer Missionsverein (*Jahresbericht der Ost-Asien Mission*). The Methodist Church documents its presence in the East with *Malaysia message* and the MEC South's *Minutes of the annual meeting of the Japan Mission*. *Christian education* was published by the Council of Education of the MEC Church in India and Burma. Other relevant titles are the Catholic Church's *Clergy monthly* and its supplement *India missionary bulletin* from Madras, India, and the Lutheran Church's *China news-letter*.

The Hindu religion is represented by *Brahmacharin* and *The Vedantin*, both published in India. Philadelphia produced the Buddhist *Golden lotus*, and the Buddhist movement in India was documented in *Journal of the Maha-Bodhi Society*. The Islamic faith is represented by Great Britain's *Muslim India and Islamic review*, Germany's *Moslemische*

revue, and Calcutta's *Muslim review*. The influence of Eastern religion on the West is captured in periodicals such as Theosophy's *The Vahan* (published in Great Britain), *Theosophical news* (published in Boston), and the Baha'i faith's *Bahai news*, *Star of the West*, and *Bahai magazine* (published in Chicago). Judaism has a voice in *Jewish review*, published in London.

The study of religion and theology are covered in titles such as Germany's *Protestantische Monatsblätter für innere Zeitgeschichte*, *Beiträge zur Assyriologie und vergleichenden semitischen Sprachwissenschaft*, and *Bonner Zeitschrift für Theologie und Seelsorge*; France's *Etudes byzantines*, *Mana: introduction à l'histoire des religions*, and *Echos d'Orient*, published in Bucharest; and Sweden's *Kyrklig tidskrift*. History of the church in the Netherlands is found in *Studiën en bijdragen op 't gebied der historische theologie*. Published in England and the United States, respectively, are the *Church quarterly review* and Columbia University Press's *Review of Religion*. *Covenant quarterly*, another theological magazine, was published by the Evangelical Covenant Church.

Annual reports and mission conferences include the annual reports of the influential American Tract Society, *Year book* of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, *Popular report of the British and Foreign Bible Society*, *Reports and minutes of the Annual Conference* of the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland, and the annual reports from the Foreign Christian Union and the National Bible Society of Scotland. Also preserved are Switzerland's *Jahresbericht der Pilgermission auf St. Chrischona bei Basel* and the annual reports of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Missionary magazines from various denominations are also available: *The Missionary* (published by the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, Presbyterian Church); *Missionary tidings* (published by the Christian Woman's Board of Missions [Disciples of Christ]); Germany's *Evangelische Missions-Zeitschrift*; the Netherlands' *Katholieke missiën*; and representing Latin America, the Church of England's *Magazine of the South American Missionary Society*. The Catholic Church published *Neue Zeitschrift für Missionswissenschaft*, and from the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions came

Dayspring for ministers. *Courrier missionaire* from Switzerland was a journal on missiology.

Publications from special niche missions include *Little wanderers' advocate*, a magazine about church work with orphans, and the Unitarians' *Dayspring*, a missionary magazine for juveniles. *Marnix* was a controversial Protestant publication from the Netherlands in defense of attacks from "Rome." *Mission hospital* was a record of medical missions of the Church Missionary Society.

In addition, various denominational serials have been preserved. These include the Disciples of Christ's *Disciple of Christ* and *The Disciple* (published in Ohio); Congregationalism's *The Volunteer, Congregationalism in Maine*, and *Maine Christian Pilgrim*; Universalism's *Herald of salvation, Free Church record, Gospel communicator, or, Philanthropist's journal*, and *Universal religion*; the Unitarians' *Every other Sunday*; the Brethren in Christ Church's *Handbook*; and the Remonstrant Brotherhood's *Uit de Remonstrantsche Broederschap. Green quarterly* was an Anglo-Catholic magazine. *Christian's pathway to power* was an evangelical magazine in Great Britain.

The titles described above were listed in previous issues of the *ATLA Newsletter*. Below in the "Serials Newly Preserved through NEH Grant" section are listed titles that have been microfilmed since that period. The last third of the *Christianity and the Encounter with World Religions* collection will be completed in December 2003.

New Dissertations Available on Microfilm

Dissertations on microfilm are available to Institutional Members for \$75 per reel. To purchase, please contact Chuck Slagle (888-665-ATLA, cslagle@atla.com).

Understanding the mind of God : John Owen and seventeenth-century exegetical methodology, by Henry M. Knapp, submitted to Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2002. The author writes: "*The biblical exegesis of the seventeenth century has been criticized for (1) serving only to proof dogmatic, polemic works; (2) reverting to the scholasticism of medieval times, ignoring the vitality of the Reformers' humanism; and (3) being academically inferior due to the neglect of scientific advances in biblical studies. John Owen's interpretation of the Epistle to the*

Hebrew is used to evaluate the legitimacy of this criticism. Seventeenth-century orthodox exegetical techniques reflect (1) precritical assumptions about Scripture . . . , (2) developments of Renaissance humanism . . . , and (3) orthodoxy's scholastic heritage. . . . Contrary to the dogmatic proof texting criticism, Owen's commentary on Hebrews 1:1-3 reflects a reluctance to speak on theological issues not directly flowing from the text, while still showing how classical theological constructions concerning the Godhead naturally flow from a careful analysis of Scripture. . . . John Owen's exegetical work so completely defies the traditional assessment of seventeenth-century biblical studies as to call into question the validity of the conventional scholarship on this issue." ATLA no.: D00004, 1 reel.

Serials Newly Preserved through NEH Grant

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).

Serials on microfilm are available to ATLA Institutional Members for \$75 per reel. To purchase, please contact Scholarly Resources (800-772-8937, sales@scholarly.com).

Free Methodist Church of North America. General Missionary Board. Annual report
Free Methodist Church of North America. Commission on Missions. Annual report
Free Methodist Church of North America. Quadrennial and Quinquennial report

The annual reports of the Free Methodist Church of North America's missionary board. Includes quadrennial and quinquennial reports from 1951 to 1974. ATLA no.: 2002-S026 through 2002-S030, 5 reels (1899-1979).

Divre ha-yamin (London, England)

"Eyn zshargonishes blat fir Yuden tsur ervakung un belehrung in inyene ha-emune." A mission to the Jews. Published in London. Text in Yiddish. ATLA no.: 2002-S061, 1 reel (1897-1909).

Katholische missionsärztliche Fürsorge : Jahresheft (1924-1951)

Missionsärztliches Institut Würzburg. *Jahrbuch* (1964)

Missionsärztliches Institut Würzburg. *Jahresbericht* (1965)

Heilung und Heil (1972)

Weil wir Menschen Lieben (1997)

Annual report of the medical mission Missionsärztliches Institut Würzburg. The Missionsärztliches Institut Würzburg, a Catholic organization for international health work, was founded in 1922 as an initiative of Christian laymen. Since then it has trained medical specialist staff for operation in tropical lands. Published in Würzburg. Text in German. Film includes two monographs covering the Institute's history. ATLA no.: 2002-S062 through 2002-S065A-B, 4 reels (1924–1997).

Jewish missionary magazine (1921–1952)

Messianic witness (New York, NY) (1952–1970)

"A missionary magazine in the interests of Jewish Evangelization." A missions to the Jews. Published by the New York Jewish Evangelization Society and the New York Messianic Witness. ATLA no.: S0483 and 2002-S066, 8 reels (1921–1970).

Brahmavâdin (Madras, India)

A Hindu journal. "To us, therefore, belongs the duty of placing before the world our ancient Vedântic ideal of life—an ideal so true and full of promise to humanity even to-day—clothed in language suited to the understanding of modern man. With this object in view the Brahmavâdin shall always boldly adopt the critical, the comparative, and the historical methods of looking at things in understanding and publishing about the truly philosophic development of religion in India." Published in Madras, India. ATLA no.: 2002-S067, 6 reels (1895–1912). Note: later title, Brahmavâdin (Bangalore, India), also available on ATLA film S0462.

Jahrbuch der vereinigten nordostdeutschen Missionskonferenzen (1900–1912)

Jahrbuch der vereinigten deutschen

Missionskonferenzen (1913–1922)

Die deutsche evangelische Mission im Jahre . . . (1923–1924)

Die deutsche evangelische Heidenmission (1925–1941)

The yearbook of the Vereinigten Deutschen Missionskonferenzen. German mission, Lutheran Church. Published in Germany. Text in German. ATLA no.: 2002-S068 through 2002-S071, 4 reels (1900–1941).

Egypt Inter-Mission Council. *Minutes*

Egypt Inter-Mission Council. *Annual General Conference*

Egypt Inter-Mission Council. *General Conference* Founded in 1921, the object of the Egypt Inter-Mission Council included "a view [toward] promoting harmonious cooperation and comity between the organisations in Egypt in all our evangelistic, educational, medical, charitable, and philanthropic work." Eligibility for membership in the Council was "any Christian mission confessing the uniqueness and deity of Jesus Christ engaged in a permanent evangelistic work in Egypt supported by an organised body abroad. . ." Members of the Council included the American Mission, Church Missionary Society, Egypt General Mission, British and Foreign Bible Society, Nile Mission Press, and the YMCA, among others. Published in Cairo by Nile Mission Press. ATLA no.: 2002-S073A-C, 1 reel (1921–1940).

Missions, séminaires, écoles catholiques en Chine

Missions, séminaires, œuvres catholiques en Chine

Annuaire des missions catholiques de Chine

Yearbook and directory of Catholic missions, seminaries, schools, and organizations in China. Published in Shanghai by the Bureau sinologique de Zikawei. Text in French. ATLA no.: 2002-S074 through 2002-S076, 3 reels (1922/23–1941).

Zeitschrift für Buddhismus und verwandte Gebiete

Periodical on Buddhism includes articles such as "Das Ich und die Wiedergeburt," "Buddhismus und die Ehe," "Die irdische Erscheinung des Buddha," and "Die Bedeutung des Körpers in der Meditation." Published in Germany by the Bund für Buddhistisches Leben. Text in German. ATLA no.: 2002-S078, 2 reels (1913–1931).

Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society. *Record of a . . . year*

The annual record of the Bible Churchmen's Society. A recognized society of the Church of England, the Society was founded in 1922 "by a band of loyal

Churchmen who wished to maintain their Church's belief in Holy Scripture, and consequently to exclude those modern views of the Bible which undermine its Authority and therefore its effectiveness at home and overseas." The Society, today known as Crosslinks, had missionaries in the Arctic, Africa, Burma, Canada, China, Ethiopia, India, Persia, and Somalialands. Published in London. **ATLA no.:** 2002-S079 through 2002-S081, 3 reels (1922–1945).

Litterarischer Anzeiger für christliche Theologie und Wissenschaft überhaupt

"Literary informer for Christian theology and scholarship." Published in Germany. Text in German. **ATLA no.:** 2002-S079, 4 reels (1830–1849).

Darkness and light (Oak Park, Ill.)

Published by the Ceylon and India General Mission (1943–1967), the Pakistan Christian Fellowship (1956–1967), and the International Christian Fellowship (1968–1988), the missions were an "Evangelical Faith Mission working on an international and undenominational basis. As Evangelicals, we hold and declare 'the faith which was once for all delivered unto the Saints' in both South and North India, among both Hindus and Muslims, seeking to save the lost and establish indigenous churches." Mission later expanded into Nepal and Seychelles. Published in Oak Park, Ill. **ATLA no.:** 2002-S083, 2 reels (1943–1988).

Bulletin of the Children's Advisory Group of the Greater America Plan

Mother's bulletin

A magazine for mothers from the Children's Advisory Group of the Theosophical Society in America. An excerpt from the first issue reads: "It seems that Theosophists have something to offer along the lines of child study which modern educators do not recognize: such as differences of children due to different states of evolution, or of understanding children better through the knowledge of Astrology, or of a study of the characteristics of the New Race as set forth in our literature. As we are in a research group, it seems that our prime work is to find out what Theosophy says about children, child training, and motherhood, and to send results of all findings with references, to the director of this group." Published

in Ojai, California. **ATLA no.:** 2002-S084 through 2002-S085, 1 reel (1935–1946).

Blessed be Egypt

This quarterly paper on missions to Muslims was originally published in connection with the Prayer Union for Egypt and the Egypt Mission Band. It was "intended to supply a long-felt need of information to our Prayer Union members. We would invite communications from missionary friends in the Nile Country; accounts of mission statements; and all branches of the work . . . and records of unanswered prayers." *Blessed be Egypt* later became the organ of the Nile Mission Press, a Christian press in Egypt that was founded in 1905. Published in London. **ATLA no.:** 2002-S086, 3 reels (1899–1947).

Ons zendingsblad : zendings-tijdschrift voor de jeugd

Translated as "Our mission paper : mission magazine for the youth," this Dutch periodical provided articles and photographs of interest to young people on missionary efforts in Indonesia and the region. Published in Hoonderloo, Netherlands. Text in Dutch. **ATLA no.:** 2002-S087, 2 reels (1911–1940).

Mission to Lepers in India and the East. Annual report (1893–1912)

Mission to Lepers. Annual report (1913–1960)

A mission to lepers founded in 1874, the object of the Society was "to preach the blessed Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Lepers, and as far as possible to relieve their dreadful sufferings, and provide for their simple wants. The Society also provides homes for the untainted children of leprosy parents." The society had work in India, Burma, Ceylon, China, Japan, and Africa. Published in London and Edinburgh. **ATLA no.:** 2002-S088 through 2002-S091, 3 reels (1893–1960).

Serials Newly Available on Microfilm

ATLA has received written permission from the publishers to duplicate and sell archival 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.

Serials on microfilm are available to ATLA Institutional Members for \$75 per reel. To purchase,

please contact Scholarly Resources (800-772-8937, sales@scholarly.com).

The Methodist preacher, or, Monthly sermons from living ministers

Sermons from preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church. One of the reasons that led to this publication: "It was believed that the gospel, as preached by the ministers of our church, had been the glorious instrument of the awakening conversion and salvation of many thousands of souls, and that those sermons in print would be attended with as good effects—effects equally as disheartening to our enemies as they are encouraging to our friends." Published in Boston. ATLA no.: S1024, 1 reel (1830–1833).


Monographs Newly Available on Microfilm

Each title is contained in one reel, unless otherwise specified. Monographs on microfilm are available to ATLA Institutional Members for \$75 per reel. To purchase, please contact Chuck Slagle (888-665-ATLA, cslagle@atla.com).

Ezechiel. Commentary on the Book of Ezekiel from the series *Kommentar zum Alten Testament*. By Johannes Herrmann. Published in Leipzig, 1924. Text in German. ATLA no.: B0655.

Schematismus der Geistlichkeit des Bisthums Eichstätt für das Jahr 1480 : Programm des bischöflichen Lyceums in Eichstätt. Published by the Catholic Church Diocese of Eichstätt. Published in Eichstätt, 1879. Text in German. ATLA no.: B00656.

Einführung in die Geschichte der theologischen Literatur der Frühscholastik. A bibliography of scholasticism and theology in the Middle Ages. By Artur Michael Landgraf. Published in Regensburg, 1948. Text in German. ATLA no.: B00657.

Die Kanzelberedsamkeit Luther's : nach ihrer Genesis, ihrem Charakter, Inhalt und ihrer Form. The pulpit eloquence of Martin Luther. Published in Berlin, 1852. Text in German. ATLA no.: B00658. 

JOB LISTINGS WANTED!

ATLA is soliciting job listings for both professional and paraprofessional positions. Send position open announcements to newsletter@atla.com, and they will be posted on the web site promptly and in the next *Newsletter*. If you need a librarian, a circulation supervisor, or administrative assistant, we can help you find one!

Job listings are free for ATLA member institutions

Non-member institutions will be charged as follows:

\$50 per ad for *Newsletter*

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Membership Directories

Note: the use of ATLA's member directories on the web for commercial or mailing purposes without the express written consent of ATLA's executive director is strictly forbidden.

From the Executive Director

In January the ATLA Board of Directors meet in Chicago to plan the work of the Association and to review the work of the past year. In accordance with the Carver Policy Governance that ATLA follows, the Board each year inspects one of three specific aspects of ATLA's operations: (1) Products and Services, (2) The Member Services Department, and (3) Personnel Policies and Procedures.


The Board's midwinter meeting provides staff the opportunity and responsibility to prepare for a thorough review of one of these three areas. This year's focus was on Products and Services. A Board subcommittee spent an entire day looking carefully at all of the products ATLA produces—print, CD-ROM, online, and microfilm. We received many helpful suggestions and a number of creative ideas that will be helpful as we develop new products and services and improve those currently being produced.

One of the helpful suggestions the Board made was that I spend more time describing the issues and challenges we face as we develop new products and improve old ones, giving more detail about product development decisions and choices. That suggestion is one that we will take seriously, and, beginning with the May 2003 *Newsletter*, we will have a section of each newsletter dedicated to exploring the standards and policies and issues we encounter in product development.

As an introduction to that practice I would like to suggest some categories for discussion that we will explore more fully in the future.

- Firewall/Internet security issues
- Designating structure for searchable text
- Document Type Definition (DTD) vs. schema for defining XML structure
- MARC 21 and Z39.50 standards
- Issues in linking MARC to XML
- Multiplication of Internet browsers
- Authentication schemes and issues
- Data protection—watermark
- Backup/format
- Image issues: TIF, GIF, PDF, JPEG
- Standards for printing & exporting data
- Implementing Unicode

- Including in the *ATLA Religion Database* bibliographic records for new types of data, beyond articles, essays, and book reviews

None of these topics were issues when I arrived at ATLA eight years ago; now these issues represent the major challenges we face as we design new products and seek to improve and enhance the products we currently produce. We will begin exploring these issues with you in the May 2003 issue of the *ATLA Newsletter*. 

Dennis A. Norlin
ATLA Executive Director

Submit Your Position Opening to the ATLA Newsletter

Deadlines

Vol. 50, No. 3—May issue
April 1, 2003

Vol. 50, No. 4—August issue
July 1, 2003

Vol. 51, No. 1—November issue
October 1, 2003

Vol. 51, No. 2—February issue
January 1, 2003

Send submission to

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newsletter@atla.com

Please note: position openings are free to ATLA member institutions. Non-member institutions will be charged \$50 per ad (web posting is additional). See http://www.atla.com/member/job_submission_guidelines.html for more information.

ATLA Calendar

January

January 1	Office closed for New Year's holiday
January 16	Board on-site inspection: products
January 17–18	Board Midwinter meeting
January 24–28	Whittlesey at ALA meeting
January 31	Norlin at Donors Forum of Chicago

February

February 4	Slagle at Illinois State Library Electronic Resource EXPO
February 6–7	Norlin and Shannon at Yale
February 14	Publications Committee
February 24–26	Norlin at NFAIS in Philadelphia
February 25	All-staff meeting
February 27–28	Task force on course on Theological Librarianship

March

March 3–6	Norlin at accreditation meeting in Atlanta
March 10–11	Strategic planning (ATLA directors)
March 25	All-staff meeting

April

April 1	Board election ballots being returned must be postmarked
April 3–4	Digital Standards meeting
April 10–11	Professional Development Committee
April 22	All-staff meeting


News from ATLA Staff

Index Department Reorganizes

As of January 1, 2003, the ATLA Index Department has a newly organized management team. Erica Treesh, formerly *RIT* Editor, is now Database Manager for Authority Control and is responsible for all authority control. Heidi Arnold, formerly Acquisitions Manager and now Database Manager for Acquisitions and Bibliographic Control, is responsible for overseeing the acquisitions operation and for quality control and bibliographic control. In keeping with these realigned duties, Eric Knapp's title has changed from Acquisitions Assistant to Acquisitions Specialist.


The department also started the year with two new indexers. Ben Butler joined the *Retrospective Indexing Project* indexing staff on January 6. Ben has his MA in Religious Studies from the University of Chicago's Divinity School with a BA in Theology/Biblical Studies (and a minor in music) from Wheaton College. Ben's areas of expertise are historical theology and knowledge of German and Latin.

Oleg Medvedev joined the regular indexing staff on January 13. Oleg received his BA/MA in Archives and History at the Russian State University of Humanities. He also has an MA in Religious Anthropology from the Sorbonne. He has worked as a cataloger at university libraries in France and at the Cen-

ter for Research Libraries in Chicago. Oleg's expertise is in Tibetan paleography and work with other ancient documents. He also brings knowledge of Russian, French, Spanish, Tibetan, and Sanskrit. 




University of Chicago Magazine Features ATLA Department

In the December 2002 issue of the University of Chicago Magazine Julie Englander wrote an article on ATLA's Department of Indexes. If you are interested in the reading the article, see <http://magazine.uchicago.edu/0212/features/canon.html>. 




Campbell Teaches Class at Dominican University

ATLA Director of Indexes Cameron Campbell is teaching a class for Dominican University's Graduate School of Library and Information Science. The course, called Organization of Knowledge, covers the "organization of all types of library materials and information" and introduces students to AACR2R, MARC, classification systems, etc. The class runs from January to May. 




Norlin to Make Presentation At NFAIS Conference

Dennis Norlin, ATLA's executive director, will participate in a panel presentation at the annual meeting of the National Federation of Abstracting and Information Services (NFAIS) on Sunday, February 23, in Philadelphia. Dennis will be part of a three-person panel (with Sally McCallum of the Library of Congress and Tim Ingoldsby of the American Institute of Physics) examining the adoption of out-of-the-box technology to content delivery within specific areas of research. 



Norlin and Shannon Visit Yale


ATLA Executive Director Dennis Norlin and Preservation Specialist Diane Shannon visited Yale University February 6-7 to examine the ATLA Archives and to develop a plan for systematic growth of the archives with ATLA Archivist Martha Smalley. Diane will serve as the processing archivist at ATLA headquarters, gathering and organizing materials to send to Martha for inclusion in the ATLA archives. Dennis will also be speaking to SCOPA, a standing committee of the Yale University Library system, about future developments with the *ATLA Religion Database*. 



Carol Jones to Become Assistant Director of Member Services

The Member Services Department is pleased to announce the appointment of Carol Jones to the newly created position of Assistant Director of Member Services. Carol has worked at ATLA since 1991, most recently as manager of member relations. Previous job titles included editorial assistant for the Ethics Index, customer representative, and member representative. In this latter position Carol worked with members to launch the ATLA Serials Exchange (ASE), a member-initiated online duplicates exchange program. She was also instrumental in the creation of the ATLA/OCLC FirstSearch consortium of more than 20 member institutions who enjoy benefits of consortial pricing for online reference materials.

Before coming to ATLA, Carol was employed in libraries at Northwestern University in Evanston and the University of Michigan, where she received a BA in history.

In her new position, which begins February 24, Carol will assist Karen Whittlesey, director of member services, in working directly with member committees and ATLA staff to plan, develop, produce, and monitor member programs and services, including professional development, the Annual Conference, awards, and elections. 

ATLA Welcomes New Members

Individuals

Paul M. Dobberstein
Elmhurst, KY

Tim Elston
Wycliffe College
Toronto, Canada

Diane Lewis Fisher
Bethlehem, PA

Alicia Johnson
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Theological Seminary
Jacksonville, Texas

Hing Choi Lo
Fremont, CA

Hua Lu
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Mars Hill Graduate School
Bothell, WA

Julia O. Sathler
McFarland Institute Library
New Orleans, LA

Sandra Stogsdill
Central Baptist Theological Seminary
Kansas City, KS

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St. Mary's College
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Wesleyan Christian Advocate
Stone Mountain, GA

Positions Open

Chief Librarian

The University of St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario

Introduction

The University of St. Michael's College (www.utoronto.ca/stmikes), one of three federated universities within the University of Toronto, is one of Canada's leading English-speaking Catholic universities. The University's John M. Kelly Library develops and maintains collections and services in support of the teaching and research needs of the undergraduate division of the University of St. Michael's College, graduate programmes in the Faculty of Theology, and programmes of the Continuing Education Division. The book collection numbers more than 275,000 volumes, while the journal collection includes almost 500 current subscriptions.

Position Summary


Reporting to the President, the Chief Librarian assumes a leadership role in determining library policy, developing and monitoring budget, and long-range planning. He/she manages all aspects of library operations, including personnel, public services, cataloguing, collection development, automation, facilities, purchasing, advancement, and internal and external relations. The position involves leadership of a staff of twenty, including seven professional librarians.

Qualifications

Candidates should hold an ALA-accredited Master of Library Science degree or an accepted equivalent and have successful experience in progressively more responsible management positions within an academic research library. St. Michael's seeks applications from those who would be supportive of the Catholic mission of the University. Although all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply, Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority.

Application Information

Consideration of applications will begin immediately, and the position will remain open until filled, ideally by February 1, 2003. The starting date for

the position will be July 1, 2003. Candidates should forward their application and curriculum vitae as soon as possible to: The Chairman, Search Committee for the Chief Librarian, Office of the President, University of St. Michael's College, 81 St. Mary Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 1J4. They should also arrange for three letters of recommendation to be submitted directly to the Search Committee by their referees. No e-mail applications will be accepted. 



Head of Circulation

St. Mark's Library, The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, New York, New York

The General Theological Seminary, an Episcopal institution called to educate and form leaders for the Church in a changing world, invites applications for the position of Head of Circulation.


Responsibilities

The Circulation Head plans and organizes library hours and the staff schedule; hires, trains, and supervises part-time and work study circulation desk staff; conducts library tours and orientations for new patrons and seminary guests; collects and maintains faculty-requested course reserves.

Qualifications

- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent library experience
- High attention to detail
- Computer literacy and comfortable in learning new software systems (familiarity with Innopac system preferred)
- Flexibility to adjust to organizational changes

Applications

Interested qualified candidates should forward resume, as soon as possible, listing accomplishments and other occupational interests with a cover letter to Hero Doucas, Human Resources Administrator: Fax: (212) 727-3907. 

Archivist

*Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives,
Nashville, Tennessee*

Archivist sought for the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee, a national collection for the study of Baptist history and life. Archivist will report to the Director and be responsible for archival collection and preservation microfilming program. The archivist will assist in providing research and reference services for users.


Requirements

MA in History or related discipline or MLS degree with concentration in archives from an ALA-accredited library school. Working knowledge of standard archival principles and procedures required. Prefer candidate with knowledge of Baptist history and organization and prior work in archival setting.

Salary/Benefits

Beginning salary \$36,000 plus Christmas bonus. Fifteen days annual leave and excellent benefits, including medical, dental, life insurance, and retirement provided. Excellent work environment in a small staff setting.

Application Requirements

Application letter, resume, with names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three references. Anticipated start of position is April 1, 2003. Will accept applications until position is filled. Apply to Bill Sumners, Director and Archivist, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, 901 Commerce St., #400, Nashville, TN 37203-3630. Telephone: 615-244-0344. FAX: 615-782-4821. E-mail: bill@sbhla.org. 

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