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Member News

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President's Message



On the Move!

Dear Colleagues,

As I write this, our ATLA staff are frantically boxing and packing their professional lives away in preparation for their move next week to their new quarters across the street. As someone who has moved four times in the last year and a half, "Ah feel their pain." Unless you are very young and very possession free, the prospect of moving is usually one of inconvenience, frustration, hard work, and possibly some grieving. ATLA's move was thrust upon it by a change in landlord. Dennis & Co. did not seek out this change. Yet it appears that the move, while hard in the short run, may bring good changes—a more advantageous lease, staff all on one floor, the elimination of "fat"—spaces and programs no longer serving ATLA but "taking up space." And it was clear from the bins marked "shred" that I saw when I visited 250 Wacker Drive last week, that the moving process forced some overdue housecleaning. So the changes, while annoying in the short term, are in the long run useful to ATLA's mission.

Change, we all know, is hard, especially when it is thrust upon us and when we were quite content with the way things had ["always"] been. Our profession is changing at a pace and in ways we can barely comprehend. Consider, for example, the

changes that took place under our very noses this past summer during the ATLA Annual Conference in Austin:

When students wander in to the former University of Texas undergraduate library this fall, gone will be the "Quiet Please" signs, the ban on cheeseburgers or sodas, the sight of solemn librarians restocking books. The fact is, there will be no more books to restock. The UT library is undergoing a radical change, becoming more of a social gathering place (the "place to be"), more akin to a coffeehouse than a dusty, whisper-filled hall of records. And to make that happen, the undergraduate collection of books had to go. This summer, 90,000 volumes were transferred to other collections in the campus's massive library system. [Kris Axtman, "Academic Libraries empty stacks for online centers," *Christian Science Monitor*, Aug. 23, 2005]

Yes, at the UT they took the radical step of dispensing with the books in order to dispense coffee and the Internet, and keep their patron base. This story caught my eye because my last employer took a similar step: boxed up most all of the library's books and transferred them to another collection in an adjacent "campus's massive library system." The stated motive behind the UT's move was a vision of library mission. "Libraries are about information, and books were simply a way that information was packaged," says Judy Ashcroft, director of the Instructional Innovation and Assessment division at UT. "But more information is being packaged online, and we have a duty to provide access to [it]." Libraries, in other words are (a) not buildings that warehouse stuff or serve as second offices, or (b) collections of stuff, more specifically books, or even (c) a fine bevy of "solemn" librarians. Libraries are a service, a way of connecting students and faculty with the resources they need to pursue their scholarly work, resources which are increasingly on-line rather than in print. To deliver that service, libraries are resorting to luring patrons into their spaces with Barnes

and Noble type amenities. UT's library will, for example, "be filled with colorful overstuffed chairs for lounging, barstools for people watching, and booths for group work. In addition to almost 250 desktop computers, there will be 75 laptops available for checkout, wireless Internet access, computer labs, software suites, a multimedia studio, a computer help desk and repair shop, and a cafe." And while some folks at UT have been "grieving the passing of the book as the means of scholarly communication," most have been "hugely supportive" of this new change in their library.

My former administration's motive for dispensing with their books was a little more basic: economic survival of the school. This is not a bad motivation, actually, and no one begrudges attempts to salvage a fine, venerable institution. Yet rarely was the rhetoric of bailing used. Conveniently, administrators in the mold of those librarians at UT were there to supply the seminary community with more high fallutin' language. And so there was talk of libraries as conduits of information, of information packaged online, our duty to provide access to that digital information, and the increasing inconvenience and irrelevance of printed tomes with a more mobile, less campus-oriented student body. Getting rid of the books was billed as an *improvement* of library services, not a diminution.

Shoot, I too have been heard to wax eloquent over such a vision. My radical decision to allow coffee in the JKM Library last year (gasp!) was one tiny baby step toward that kind of vision. I have uttered the word "café" in the same breath as the word "library," and lamented the spine killing chairs and toe numbing HVAC system of our reference room as not conducive to patron satisfaction. I've mentioned laptops for checkout, encouraged and gotten wireless Internet access, and have lobbied for group workspaces. (Somehow the barstools for people watching

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escaped me, but I'll suggest it and see where we get.) The point is, I don't get my knickers in a twist about some of the innovations libraries are going through. I think they're kinda fun, and more to the point, effective, if they bring folks into spittin' distance of good librarians and good resources.

But. Somewhere along the line somebody told me that Christians, Jews and Muslims were "people of the *book*." I'm not exactly known for literalist, inerrant exegesis in my preaching, so one could with justice say, "Wenderoth, since when did 'book' mean 'book' to you?" I get the point: seal, tablet, scroll, book, disc, whatever. But *text*. We are people of texts. Not information, or not just information, but the contemplation, study, discussion, and even reverence of texts. *Context*, presentation, duration (not speed), and community of interpretation are crucial components of what we do. It's not that we don't benefit from the digitized media so good at crossing space and time: we do benefit. But it's not clear that these innovations take care of all we do. We are, still, people of the *book*. Or as some ancient

sage once declared, "The medium *is* the message."

OK, so what? Well, among other things I think it means we must be prepared to live in paradox. We must be both/and, neither/nor and not try to collapse the tension. We must change with the times as those changes benefit us, but also keep what is essential to our identity as theological libraries and librarians—and we must debate and discern what that identity is *before* schlepping 90,000 or 300,000 volumes off to dungeons for safekeeping (or parts unknown).

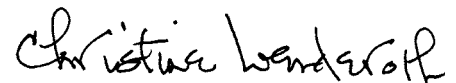
We theological librarians are not strangers to paradox. For example, one of our most profound Christian texts says: Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. (Matthew 10:39) We've been working on the meaning of that one for some time—but not discarding it from our canon either.*

But in the end, when change is thrust upon us, we have choices. We can simply succumb to the inevitable and go to the next new thing. We can try to replicate or extend the past, as though the way we've been is

the point. Or we can look again (and again and again) at our reason for being, our mission, and engage in the hard work of expressing that mission in new ways. Easy to say: wicked hard to do.

Which is why I have enormous admiration for ATLA staff as they shoulder the burden of the move, the change they face. They are discarding and removing, yes, but retaining and redesigning as well—based on their mission. Well done!

Christine Wenderoth,



*ATLA Board President
JKM Library*

*Alas, the text that stays with me on this topic is a smidge less sublime: "A paradox! A paradox!/A most ingenious paradox!/We've quips and quibbles heard in flocks,/But none to beat this paradox!/Ha ha ha ha! Ha ha ha ha!" - W.S. Gilbert, *Pirates of Penzance* (One can only laugh.)

Board Members Elected for 2006-2009

The following candidates have been elected to serve a three year term (2006-2009) on the ATLA Board of Directors, subject to confirmation by the membership of the Board Secretary's report at the 2006 Annual Conference:

Carisse Mickey Berryhill

Ann Hotta

Cait Kokolus

Alan W. Mueller

The Nominating Committee and the Board of Directors express their thanks to all candidates for the Board and for their many efforts on behalf of the Association.

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



Above: The Tellers Committee met in April at ATLA Headquarters to count the ballots: (l to r): Gregory Morrison, Al Caldwell, Barry Hopkins

Member News

Member Notes

The ATLA Publications Committee met Monday, February 20, at ATLA headquarters in Chicago to discuss the direction of ATLA's publication endeavors. Committee members are **Lynn Berg** (chair), **Andy Keck**, **Douglas Gragg**, and **Jack Ammerman** (*ex officio*).



In March, the Membership Advisory Committee (MAC) held its annual meeting with the ATLA Member Services Department to offer counsel on a variety of issues.



MAC in Chicago: **Alice Runis** and **Bill Faupel** (not pictured: **Joanna Hause** and **Al Caldwell**).



The ATLA Professional Development Committee met on April 21 and 22 at ATLA headquarters in Chicago to discuss the direction of ATLA's publication endeavors. Committee members are **Laura C. Wood** (chair), **Jan Malcheski**, **Eric Friede**, and **Mikhail McIntosh-Doty**. (pictured l. to r. below)



Annie May Alston Lewis, the founding librarian at Harding University Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, Tennessee, died Thursday, March 9, 2006, in Memphis. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Jack Pearl Lewis. Funeral services were held in Memphis at the White Station Church of Christ on Tuesday, March 14. Burial was at the Poplar Grove Cemetery in Henning, Tennessee. The family has requested donations to Harding University's scholarship program in lieu of flowers.

A pioneer in bibliographic instruction, Annie May taught a required course in theological research to every student at Harding Grad School during her tenure as librarian. She was a truly great lady with a Barnabas-like gift for encouragement.

Carisse Berryhill
Special Services Librarian, Brown Library,
Abilene Christian University



The JKM Library of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and McCormick Theological Seminary has recently filled its two vacant librarian positions.

Anthony Elia has accepted our call to be our Librarian for Academic Technology. Anthony holds two masters degrees in theology, one from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the other from the University of Chicago Divinity School. In addition, he has studied at the University of Nairobi, the Pontificia Universitas Gregoriana in Rome and Charles University in Prague. He comes to us from employment at the American Theological Library Association as an indexer, and is currently completing his M.S. in Library and Information Science at UIUC. The AT Librarian position is a reconfigured one, designed to manage the JKM on-line environment, as well as to provide instruction to faculty, staff and students on how to develop, evaluate and use instructional technology.

Additionally, JKM has hired a new Reference Librarian, **Chad Pollock**, to fill **Marty Breen's** shoes. Marty resigned as of January 13, 2006 after ten years of providing

JKM exceptional reference service to go to Concordia University in River Forest, IL. Chad holds the M.Div. degree from Baylor University and the M.A. in Library Science from The University of Missouri-Columbia. He began working with JKM on March 1st. We welcome both Anthony and Chad aboard!

Christine Wenderoth
Director, The JKM Library



FTLA Sponsors Regional Conference

The Florida Theological Library Association (FTLA) conducted its annual conference on January 5, 2006 at Reformed Theological Seminary in Oviedo, FL. Librarians from south and central Florida attended the day long program.

The main speaker was Dr. Allen Reesor, assistant professor of theology and director of ministerial formation for graduate students at Barry University in Miami. Dr. Reesor's presentation, "Practical Theology: an Interdisciplinary Approach to Theological Formation and Ministry," focused on factors involving decision-making and included suggestions for collection development in the area of practical theology.

John Muether, library director at Reformed Theological Seminary, hosted the event. FTLA will continue to plan and organize regional conferences.

Arthur G. Quin
St. Vincent de Paul Seminary



The Orthodox Research Institute is pleased to announce the publication of *The Church's Identity Established through Images* according to Saint John Chrysostom, by Protopresbyter Gus George Christo. Since the topic of ecclesiology is central to current theological dialogues, the rich ecclesiological doctrine of St. John Chrysostom provides an invaluable contribution to such discussions. This work establishes Chrysostom's conception of the Church through various human, social,

and natural images. The unquestionably scriptural nature of Chrysostom's imagery offers a clear perception of the Church's origins, connections with the Old Testament, and its relationship to the Triune God, the Saints and Martyrs of both Covenants, humanity, and creation in general. All things are renewed in the unconquerable Church of God. This new creation embodies the apostolic faith in Jesus Christ, the correct manner of worshipping God and interpreting Scripture, and has christological and apostolic roots. Furthermore, the Church's blameless, virtuous, orderly and sacramental character, its oneness, nobility, heavenly setting and way of life, its exclusion of all sin, heresies and the devil, and its positive and saving effects upon people and the cosmos, are all concretely revealed and experienced in the local Church under the oversight of a canonical, orthodox bishop. (To order this book and other publications by the Orthodox Research Institute, please visit our website at <http://www.orthodoxresearchinstitute.org/store/oripress.htm>.)

Daryle Lamoureux
Orthodox Research Institute



In the August 2005 issue of the ATLA Newsletter (pages 5-6), the Nominating Committee, which is a Standing Committee of the Board, provided a lengthy explanation of how the nominating process works and how various members of the Association become members of the Board. That explanation is essential background to what we, as fellow ATLA members currently serving on the Committee, now say here by way of clarification and invitation.

Besides the ten-signature petition whereby members may nominate someone to be added to the slate of candidates announced in the fall, ATLA members also have the opportunity to suggest names to the Nominating Committee in the spring prior to the first full day of the Conference, June 22, 2006. The procedure for doing so is to review the criteria and other information we presented in the August Newsletter, and

to enumerate the reasons that the suggested person or persons would be good to have as board members. E-mail is the preferred means of contacting us. We may phone you thereafter or speak with you at the Conference, if necessary.

As explained in the August newsletter article, only one of the Committee members is on the Board. Although each of us is keenly interested in ATLA, none of us "campaigns" to serve on the Nominating Committee! We do take our service very seriously, and we seek to identify potential candidates as best we can, trying to keep foremost in mind the long-range good of the Association. This has become increasingly challenging as ATLA has developed into a multi-million-dollar organization with a headquarters and impressive staff.

Thank you.

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James Pakala,
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Former ATLA President Named Sixth President of Claremont School of Theology

Claremont School of Theology's Board of Trustees recently announced the appointment of a **Dr. Jerry D. Campbell** as the institution's sixth president. Campbell currently is chief information officer and university librarian at University of Southern California, where he leads the university's planning and delivery of services related to library resources and technology infrastructure.

Active nationally in higher education, Campbell has served on accreditation review teams for the Association of Theological Schools, as well as review visits to New York University, Boston University and Howard University, among others. He also serves on the accrediting commission of the Senior Colleges and Universities division of the

Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Campbell has published nearly 40 articles and book chapters and has given over 70 invited addresses on educational, administrative and theological topics. He has served as president of the American Theological Library Association and the Association of Research Libraries, and he serves currently on the board of EDUCAUSE, a national non-profit organization focusing on educational technology.

Before joining USC in 1996, Campbell served for ten years as vice-provost for library affairs and professor of the practice of theological bibliography at Duke University. He previously served as the library director at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University and The Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colo.

Campbell earned the Ph.D. in American History from University of Denver in 1982 with an emphasis in Methodist studies. His dissertation is entitled "Biblical Criticism in America, 1858-1929: The Emergence of the Historical Critic." He graduated *summa cum laude* with the M.Div. from Duke Divinity School in 1971, and the M.S. in Library Science from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1972. He graduated *cum laude* with the B.A. from McMurry College (Abilene, Tex.) in 1968.

Dr. Campbell is an ordained elder in the North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church and currently is a member of Pasadena First United Methodist Church, in Pasadena, Calif. He and his wife, LaVeta Campbell, plan to move to Claremont this spring. They have one adult daughter.

Campbell will succeed Philip A. Amerson, the current president at Claremont School of Theology. Amerson served for nearly six years before accepting the presidency of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL.

Jon Hooten
Director of Communications and
Public Relations, Claremont, CA



Endowment Committee Updates

The Endowment Committee is continuing to help the Association celebrate its 60th birthday this summer by asking you to make a special gift to the ATLA Endowment Fund. Our goal is to add \$6,000 to the fund by the time of the Annual Conference in Chicago this summer. To help meet this goal, please send your check (any amount is fine) to ATLA, marking it "Endowment Fund." Thank you for helping our "Happy Birthday" have an enduring meaning for member services at ATLA. <http://www.atla.com/endowment.html>

In April, a mailing went out to all individual and lifetime members with information about making planned gifts to the Endowment Fund, whose purpose is "to secure the future of ATLA as a membership organization."

ATLA Endowment Committee members are **Roger L. Loyd**, Chair, Duke University Divinity School Library; **Mary Bischoff**; **Elmer O'Brien**; **M. Patrick Graham**, Emory University, Pitts Theology Library.



Upcoming Newsletter Submissions

The deadline for submissions for the August issue of the ATLA Newsletter is July 1, 2006. Please send news items, announcements, etc., to Sara Corkery, Communications Specialist, at newsletter@atla.com. For submission guidelines see the newsletter home page <http://www.atla.com/member/publications/newsletter.html>.



Errata

Corrections to the February 2006 newsletter: ATLA Board Secretary **Roberta Schaafsma** is affiliated with Duke University, not Vanderbilt. New affiliate business member, Adam Matthew Publications, was listed incorrectly as Pelham House in the new member notices. We regret the errors.



Conference Updates

Choir Participation Invited

The ATLA Singers is a small volunteer choir that sings at one of the conference worship services (this year at the Catholic worship service on Saturday, June 25). The choir is looking for new members to swell its ranks, particularly individuals with some choir experience, blending voices (and the technique to control vibrato, if any), and some ability to read music. The music is sent out to singers so that they have the opportunity to learn it ahead of the limited rehearsal time at the conference. If you would like to join, please contact the choir director, **Seth Kasten**, at skasten@uts.columbia.edu. (No need for those who participated last conference to contact him; they will automatically receive the music by e-mail.)

ATLA to Acknowledge New Retirees

Are you an Individual Member who has retired since our last conference in June 2005? Do you know of an Individual Member at

your institution who has retired? We would like to recognize this milestone at our Annual Conference. Please send any information you have to Tim Smith, membership associate, at tsmith@atla.com.

Job Placement Service Featured

At the conference registration desk there will be a book of job openings submitted by employers. Job seekers will be welcome to look through the book and make mutually convenient arrangements to meet with the hiring employer. If you will be hiring at that time and want your position to appear in the book, please send your information to Tim Smith, membership associate, at tsmith@atla.com.

Conference Memorial

Every year we take time at the conference to remember ATLA members who have died in the preceding 12 months. If you know of any ATLA members who have passed away since June 2005, please let Tim Smith know at tsmith@atla.com.



Dear ATLA Members

The Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza looks forward to hosting ATLA's Annual Conference, June 21-24, 2006.

There are still rooms available for you. And to assist in successfully making your reservations, please call our hotel direct at 312-836-5000, ask for reservations. You also have the option to book reservations on line by logging into www.martplaza.com; go to group bookings. The group code for call-in or online reservations is **ATL**.

We hope that this helps in clarifying any of your concerns. We look forward to having you as our valued guests.

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ATLA Board Proposes Revised Institutional Member Dues

The Board of Directors will ask the membership to ratify a revision to the dues paid by Institutional, International Institutional and Affiliate Members at the Annual Conference business meeting on Saturday, June 24, 2006. There is no change proposed for individual dues. Prior to that vote, there will be a question and answer session regarding the proposal during the business meeting on Thursday, June 22, 2006. In order to provide the membership with ample opportunity to consider the proposal, the Board has attempted to anticipate questions and provide answers in this document.

What is the proposed change to the dues?

In accordance with the bylaws, the Board places before the membership for ratification, the following revised scale for Institutional, International Institutional and Affiliate Member dues. Based on the current membership distribution, the proposal will generate an additional \$20,000 in dues income per year (see table at right).

Why is an increase necessary now?

All dues income is assigned to the Member Services budget to provide for the professional activities of the association, particularly publications, committee and interest group activities, and the consultant program. Because revenue from all available Member Services sources is not sufficient to cover the cost of professional activities, support for professional programs and activities has become increasingly dependent upon the transfer of funds from proceeds generated by the sale of ATLA products. ATLA must maintain a balanced approach to funding to ensure that sufficient resources are available for research and development of its products. An increase in the dues is one means for Member Services programs to generate more of their own support independently, though it is not anticipated that the member dues will ever fully provide for the professional activities of ATLA.

Services to Institutional Members have changed more significantly than those to Individual Members, including the added value of discounts to new products such as *ATLASerials* (*ATLAS*) and access to new services such as ATLA Serials Exchange (ASE). The purpose of a tiered scale based on annual expenditures is to minimize the impact on smaller institutions. The increases are intended to be moderate and to continue to represent good value for all institutions while allowing a broad range to participate.

When were dues last changed?

At the 1997 annual conference in Boston, the membership voted to accept a new institutional dues proposal, but rejected a proposal to increase individual dues. The current scale of institutional dues is the one that was adopted at that meeting. In conjunction with its January 2005 on-site inspection of ATLA member programs and services, the ATLA Board of Directors established a task force to study the current dues structure. The current proposal was developed by that committee and approved by the board at its June 2005 meeting.

Operating Expenditures		Current Dues	Current Distribution of Members*	PROPOSED Dues	Estimated Distribution of Members
Low	High				
	\$ 25,000	\$ 75**	101	\$ 100**	101
\$ 25,001	\$ 50,000	\$ 110	26	\$ 150	26
\$ 50,001	\$ 100,000	\$ 150	40	\$ 200	40
\$ 100,001	\$ 200,000	\$ 225	50	\$ 300	50
\$ 200,001	\$ 300,000	\$ 325	54	\$ 400	54
\$ 300,001	\$ 400,000	\$ 425	26	\$ 500	26
\$ 400,001	\$ 500,000	\$ 525	11	\$ 600	11
\$ 500,001	\$ 600,000	\$ 625	7	\$ 700	7
\$ 600,001	\$ 700,000	\$ 750	30	\$ 800	5
\$ 700,001	\$ 800,000	\$ 750		\$ 900	4
\$ 800,001		\$ 750		\$ 1,000	21
		TOTAL Revenue (FY05)	TOTAL Members (F05)	TOTAL anticipated revenue (FY07)	TOTAL Estimated Members (FY07)
	TOTAL	\$88,935	345	\$ 111,700	345

* Institutional, International Institutional and Affiliate Members
 ** Dues for Affiliate Members of any budget size

How is the Member Services budget determined?

Revenue: The Director of Member Services anticipates expected revenue from all relevant sources and submits the revenue budget to the Director of Financial Services. These figures are based on a comparison of the actual revenue with the previous year's budgeted revenue history and known changes in sources of revenue. Dues income represents approximately 56% of all Member Services revenue at this time. Revenue from the following sources is assigned to the Member Services Department budget (see table at left):

Member Services Revenue	FY05
Dues (includes individual member dues)	\$120,366
Subscriptions to member publications	\$581
Advertisements in the newsletter	\$4,018
Sale of the mailing list	\$5,705
Conference Registrations, Exhibits, Sponsors, Advertisements	\$82,167
TOTAL	\$212,837

Expenses: The Director of Member Services plans the expenses for the coming year, in part based on history and in part on knowledge of expected new expenses. Adding items from the department's wish list, the director forwards the department's anticipated expenses for the new fiscal year to the Director of Financial Services for inclusion in the preliminary master budget.

When all departments have submitted their expense budgets and Member Services, Business Development, and Preservation Products and Services have submitted their revenue expectations, the Director of Financial Services creates a preliminary budget for the fiscal year, noting the initial shortfall or net revenue. All directors review this budget and, if there is a shortfall, make changes and suggestions for creating a balanced budget.

Dues income supports approximately 14% of all Member Services expenditures at this time.

These expenses are assigned to the Member Services Department budget:

Member Services Expenditures	FY05
Member Publications and Marketing: <i>Newsletter, Proceedings of the Annual Conference, Annual Report</i> , conference program book, ballot, TCB, website membership administration, recruitment and retention campaign, marketing at library/theology conferences, member receptions, including AAR/SBL, iMIS software and training, Consultant Program	\$44,506
<i>Committees:</i> Annual Conference Committee, Education Committee, Professional Development Committee (including regional grants budget), Publications Committee (including bibliography grants budget), Membership Advisory Committee, Special Committee of the Association for International Collaboration, Tellers Committee <i>Interest Groups:</i> (Collection Evaluation and Development, college and University, Judaica, Lesbian and Gay, OCLC Theological User Group, Public Services, Special Collections, Technical Services, World Christianity and World Religions)	\$42,519
Annual Conference	\$64,143
Staff Salary and benefits, Professional development*	\$400,523
Overhead, Rent, utilities, telecommunications**	\$315,290
TOTAL	\$866,981

*Services to members are not the exclusive domain of the Member Services Department. Here is a breakdown by percentage of how non-Member Services salaries are allocated to services to members:

Executive Director	20%
Director of Financial Services	5%
Accounting Clerk	5%
Director of Information Services	10%
Database Analyst	10%
System Administrator	10%
Programmer Analyst	5%
Administration Assistant	15%

**For administrative expenses, the share attributed to Member Services ranges from 20% of telephone charges to 100% of the depreciation on our video conferencing equipment, and includes overhead (rent, electricity, and office supplies), maintenance of computer software, depreciation of computers and software, postage, legal and audit fees, and the like.

Dues Income in Relation to Member Services Revenue & Expenses:

Fiscal Year	Dues Income	MSD Revenue	% Revenue	MSD Expenses	% Expenses
98-99	\$89,617	\$209,351	42.8%	\$532,844	16.8%
99-00	\$94,000	\$212,760	44.2%	\$591,000	15.9%
00-01	\$101,000	\$179,715	56.2%	\$594,293	17.0%
01-02	\$110,429	\$212,574	51.9%	\$708,254	15.6%
02-03	\$112,912	\$207,892	54.3%	\$763,568	14.8%
03-04	\$118,679	\$204,604	58.0%	\$799,676	14.8%
04-05	\$120,366	\$212,837	56.5%	\$866,981	13.8%

How have member services increased over the years and at what cost?

Staff: From only 1.5 FTE several years ago, the department grew to five FTE in FY2005. This represents a significant increase in the department's ability to work with and for members as well as higher expenses for salaries and benefits.

Website: Website management has moved from Information Services to Member Services, leading to a vastly expanded member-oriented site and much more involvement by members as they create their own pages for committees, interest groups and regional groups which requires increased staff support.

Publications: With the hiring of a communications specialist and the strategic outsourcing of certain projects, the quality of our print and web materials has blossomed. The department now designs member publications, ballots, conference materials, product and membership brochures, advertisements, membership recruitment materials, interfaces, web pages, pamphlets and flyers for Member Services and for other departments. The number of Member publications and related printing has increased slightly over the past years. Many of these publications are also published electronically and posted on the website. A challenge for staff will be to balance the workload of producing publications in print and electronically.

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Annual Conference: Until the 1990s, members had sole responsibility for the annual conference, including all logistical, contractual, and programmatic aspects, while ATLA paid the bills. At the 1995 annual conference attendance exceeded 300 for the first time, and has exceeded that total each year.

As the annual conference has grown and become increasingly more complex, members have looked to the Member Services department to manage more of the conference arrangements. Members continue to perform local host duties and to plan the programmatic content.

Membership: Total institutional membership in ATLA has risen from 178 in 1995 to 349 in 2005.

	98-99	99-00	00-01	01-02	02-03	03-04	04-05
Institutional	246	248	253	267	269	261	264
Affiliate Members			42	48	61	74	71
International Institutional						11	14
Total	246	248	268	315	330	346	349

Since the last institutional dues increase in 1997, ATLA has added many services for its institutional members: a consortial agreement for subscription to OCLC FirstSearch, negotiations for publisher discounts, development and maintenance of the ATLA Serials Exchange, development and support for an ATLA Union Catalog through OCLC. Increased financial and staff resources are needed to support these services to institutional members.

How does the need to help fund the professional services with product revenue affect product pricing and product development?

The budget is determined by reconciling the revenues, expenses, and wish lists from all departments. The ATLA staff increases revenues and decreases expenses where they reasonably can. The Member Services Department does not set the pricing for products or determine the budget for product development, nor are the prices set with consideration for supporting services to members financially.

How do ATLA dues compare with other similar organizations?

This question is impossible to answer except in the broadest terms. No other association comparable in size to ATLA has a similar combination of professional participation and products. Not all have both individual and institutional member categories. Many have sub-groups that also charge dues and fees. Some have tiered scales while others do not. It does not seem that ATLA's dues are out of line with other professional library associations overall. What is most important is that ATLA's dues reflect both the value offered by membership and the principles of the members.

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New Headquarters

At last year's annual conference in Austin, the staff and I were pleased with the recent news that our headquarters building had been purchased by a new owner who planned to renovate it. We had been in limbo for nearly two years with the building up for sale and no one to whom we could turn for things that went wrong, like leaky ceilings, inoperative elevators, and temperature control.

I was surprised to learn, upon my return, that the new building owners did indeed plan to renovate the building but also wanted to sell space to people as business condos and wanted everyone to vacate the premises while they conducted the renovation.

That notice set in place an urgent need for ATLA to find a new home. I turned to the same team that had helped us move from Evanston to Chicago in 2000—Leonard Lickerman, realtor; Robert Isaac, architect; Joyce Brothers movers.

After an intensive and extensive search we settled for the building closest by—300 S. Wacker. We are pleased with this choice and think we have improved our situation in several ways. The new site is newer, larger, and better-equipped than our previous site. The 35 story building (we're on the 21st floor) has great views of Lake Michigan and the Chicago River, an outstanding infrastructure, a comprehensive fire safety system, and a professional staff.

ATLA negotiated a 15 year-lease with the building owners at 300 S. Wacker, with the option of reducing our space by 50% half-way through the lease if financial conditions warrant that reduction. We are pleased with the terms of the lease—the build out allowance covers the cost of the renovation, and the first year of rent and fees is free. After that time, the rent is approximately the same rate as the old space.

Our new 15,000 square foot space is the reverse of our layout at 250 S. Wacker, which had all interior offices. Now we have 22 offices, all with outside views, tall windows, and lots of light.

We have recycled all the old office furniture, including cubicle furniture, shelving, and chairs. We have employed the same color scheme—soft white, crimson red, yellow accent, and cherry finish furniture—so the new space feels very much like home to us.

We have added significant new shelving throughout the space. The largest single room is the new server room—separate air conditioning unit, four complete racks of servers, the large storage device (SAN), a tape backup system and Internet redundancy.

Kudos to Tami Luedtke, Karl Frantz, and Jim Butler for engineering the server room move, selecting and working with consultants, etc., and to Beverly Thompson for keeping track of all contractors and issues and meetings related to the move.

We hope you will join us for the Grand Opening of our new headquarters during the annual conference: June 22nd at 5:30 p.m. We'll have a 60th anniversary cake and refreshments and cut the ribbon on our wonderful new headquarters.

Dennis A. Norlin
ATLA Executive Director



Opposite page- 1 and 2: ATLA staff work in tight quarters on the 15th floor as the move proceeds on the floor above; 3, 4, 5: boxes, orange crates, and chairs await transport across the street.

This page- 6: Dennis Norlin moves into his new office with assistance from Membership Associate Timothy Smith; 7: Business Development staff (Director Margot Lyon and Representative Lavonne Jahnke) find a home for many boxes; 8: the new index area takes shape; Timothy Smith settles in at his own desk; 10: looking down on the roof of 250 from the north windows of 300.

Issues In Publishing

What exactly do we want the future of scholarship to look like?

The *New York Times Magazine* recently published an interview with Markos Moulitsas Zúniga, the founder of the political blog, Daily Kos (<http://www.dailykos.com>) about the release of his first book, *Crashing the Gate: Netroots, Grassroots, and the Rise of People-Powered Politics*. The interviewer asked if it was hard for a blogger to write a real book. He responded:

It was brutal. There came a point where we literally sat around for a day trying to figure out how to tell our publisher there would be no book.... When bloggers make an argument, we can add a link to support our premises. You cannot link with books.¹

Of course, as a librarian I suggest that a footnote is just such a link. Scholars have for years constructed arguments based on the published work of others. Particularly in recent decades, footnotes, endnotes, or in-text citations have been used to point the reader to their sources. As a blogger, though, I understand the desire for immediacy that is possible with a link that isn't with a footnote. I just finished writing a document that will probably exist only in the print world. It carries all the affordances and limitations of a print document. And, even the essay you are now reading, though it will be available electronically on the ATLA Web site, won't be born initial, and consequently, will bear the stylistic constraints of the print world.

Kathleen Fitzpatrick, an associate professor of English and Media Studies at Pomona College in Claremont, California, posted an article on *The Valve: a literary organ*, in response to the report and recommendations² of the MLA task force on the evaluation of scholarship for tenure and promotion. In response to the issues raised in the task force report, she calls attention to an important question: "What exactly do we want the future of scholarship to look like?"³

Librarians normally focus on the post-publication processes associated with scholarly communication that are required to make

it accessible to our users. Fitzpatrick is focused on the scholarly communication itself, setting aside for a moment issues of publication. She asserts that scholarly communication, so shaped by the assumption that print is the normative means of scholarly communication, need not be bound by that assumption. If one were to step back from normative assumptions about format, what do we want the future of scholarship to look like?

An advocate of born-digital monographs, Fitzpatrick suggests that blogging may have much to share. I rather immediately assumed she was referring to the media enriched documents that can be created. Addition of sound and images, both still and moving, is relatively easy and inexpensive. Fitzpatrick is more interested in less obvious attributes, like "track back," "versioning," and "comments."

In the blogging world, track back is a means of tracing a conversation by seeing who has referenced the current document in a document written later. We generally think of a link being created to an existing document. Track back is a kind of forward linking that enables one to follow a trail to all the documents that have linked to the original document. Bibliographies are limited in that they can only point to documents that have been written prior to the current document and upon which it is based. They only look backward. Fitzpatrick imagines scholarly communication in the future being able to use something similar to a track back mechanism to trace a conversation forward as well. She wants a bibliography that allows one to move in either direction. Certainly, the citation indexes used primarily in the sciences already do this to some extent, but she envisions something more immediate and automated, and particularly, something that is more readily used in the humanities.

Fitzpatrick sees versioning (the ability to easily modify an electronic document), comments, and trackback as tools that allow a shift in scholarly communication from the present model in which peer and editorial review take place prior to publication to a more collaborative model in which scholarly communities engage in conversation

and refinement of ideas over time. The significance of a scholar's contribution, in her vision, would have less to do with the author's ability to get a book published than with the impact it has on scholarly conversation over time.

And here, we again see her real agenda. She asks a second question: "What do we have to do in order to persuade our senior colleagues, our departments, and our institutions—all of which tend, if unconsciously, toward an obstinate luddism—that such a future is not only acceptable but necessary?" Her proposition that radical change is required in the way tenure and promotion is handled, including "decentering the book as the gold standard⁴ of scholarly production," is in service to the earlier question, "What exactly do we want the future of scholarship to look like?"

In an earlier essay, I suggested that the future of E-books was less dependent on technology than on the way users read. Fitzpatrick suggests that the future of scholarly communication depends on E-books, or perhaps electronic documents, for our concept of an E-book is probably still shaped too much by the norms for a print book to suit her. She recently announced an alliance with the Institute for the Future of the Book:

We're working together to establish an all-electronic scholarly press, to be hosted by the Annenberg Center for Communication at USC (where the Institute is likewise housed). We imagine that this press will, for the time being, focus in the area of media studies; the projects that the press will publish will take many forms, many different lengths, and many different structures, but all will be "born digital," and all will be rigorously peer reviewed — though through a newly reimagined peer review system that will make use of the network in its process.

We are now in the thick of imagining how this press might be structured, how it might function, and, most importantly, how it might transform scholarly communication. We're trying to think both idealistically and pragmatically,

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puzzling through how we can create a publishing system that allows for the greatest possible range of innovation while still maintaining a broad level of acceptance within current academic structures.⁵

Fitzpatrick's questions are important for libraries as well. What exactly do we want the future of scholarship to look like? What do we have to do in order to persuade our senior colleagues, our departments, and our institutions—all of which tend, if unconsciously, toward an obstinate luddism—that such a future is not only acceptable but necessary? If we were to take seriously these two questions, what new thing might we do?

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Reference Reviews

Encyclopedia of Midrash: Biblical Interpretation in Formative Judaism. Edited by Jacob Neusner & Alan K. Avery-Peck. 2v. Leiden & Boston: Brill, 2005.

This two volume work is arranged alphabetically by topic and is continuously paged from volume one to two. The essays give an historical overview of a topic and the topic's scholarly treatment in secondary literature. Thus, each essay has a depth of research, including extensive footnotes. The editors also present a thematic outline in the preface (x-xi) that will be indispensable for those concerned with broader issues in Rabbinics or those looking for specific research in a general area, such as the following: General Introduction to Rabbinic Midrash and its Traits; Rabbinic Reading of Biblical Books; The Theology of Rabbinic Midrash; Rabbinic Midrash in Historical Context; Privileged Translations: The Targumim and Rabbinic Midrash; Formative Rabbinic Midrash in Synchronic Context; Special Topics. Gary G. Portion presents the overview essay on *Midrash, Definitions of* as undoubtedly the first stop for students totally unfamiliar with the literature, language, and theology of Midrash. Another excellent feature of the encyclopedia is the "Index of Ancient Sources" which includes not only the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament, but also Septuagint Apocryphal works, Pseudepigraphal works, Classical works and authors including early Eastern Church fathers, Rabbinic works, and Qumran materials. Some features a user/librarian might expect: (1) Individual Rabbis are not treated in a biographical manner customary in encyclopedias. (2) There is no philological or linguistic overview of Aramaic and Hebrew; though, some articles do discuss certain Aramaic and Hebrew vocabulary within the context of a particular Midrashic work. The essay *Language and Midrash* by David H. Aaron examines the language of Midrash from the point of view of literary theory, primarily discussing hermeneutics. Although he does discuss key Hebrew and

Aramaic words integral to defining certain genres, he does not outline any features of the languages themselves or linguistic characteristics of individual Rabbis. The student wanting to find information on these languages will have to turn to standard grammars and lexicons of these languages. Of greatest importance to those students in Christian Seminaries tradition or scholars and researchers interested in Jewish-Christian relations are the following essays: *New Testament Narrative as Old Testament Midrash* by Robert M. Price; *Church Fathers, Rabbinic Midrash and* by Adam Kamesar. Other topics pertaining to Christianity which have been curiously overlooked include Saint Paul (a self-proclaimed Pharisee and early exemplar of "Christian Midrash") who is not listed in the subject index; Jesus Christ is apparently only cited once. Since this work includes some of the best known and most excellent national and international scholars of Midrash it is an essential tool for a research library or the seminary offering a curriculum in Biblical and Jewish studies.

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Rengstorf, Karl, ed. *The Complete Concordance to Flavius Josephus; study edition.* 2vols. Leiden: Brill, 2002. ISBN 90-04-12829-8.

In all of history there is only one author whose information and reputation has gained his works a place, certainly not on the same level but on the same shelf, near to the Bible and that person is Josephus ben Matthias. His works are of such a depth and precision as to have been (and continue to be) an indispensable resource in the understanding of biblical times. The preface to this work rightly notes that "The significance of the works of Josephus as a source for our understanding of biblical history and of the political history of Palestine under Roman rule can scarcely be overestimated." At once an historian, bibli-

cal commentator and apologist, Josephus is our most important and most complete source of background information for the intertestamental period, the New Testament period (he is the source of our information on Herod the Great) and for the time of the fall of Jerusalem in A.D. 70. He stands in the tradition of the earliest historians—first the Jewish biblical historians and then Herodotus and Thucydides.

As with the Bible, there are two indispensable tools that those who would seek to know an author's work well need for that endeavor, a good lexicon and a good concordance derived from the original language of the work(s) under study. Unfortunately for those studying Josephus a lexicon of his works begun by Josephus' most important modern translator, Henry St. John Thackeray was never finished due to the death of Thackeray. So too the continuation of the work by Ralph Marcus was never finished owing to the fact that Marcus died before the work could be completed, extending it only to *εμφιλοχωρει*. The Perseus project has pretty much abrogated the need for a print version of a Josephus lexicon.

The introduction to *The Complete Concordance to Flavius Josephus* notes that "the preparation of a dictionary, if it were to rest on a firm basis, must proceed from the preparation of a complete concordance . . ." This excellent introduction goes on, in great detail, to explain the history of the compilation of Josephus' words through the centuries. It also does an good job of explaining the problem of producing a concordance from a body of work that did not enjoy "inspired" status, thereby allowing scribes to be less careful in their reproductive methodologies and thus introducing variant readings to the collection of manuscripts of the writings of Josephus. It is to their great credit that the text critical issue was not only addressed but also discussed and explained.

Concerning the arrangement of the concordance, the introduction notes that it "includes all the words found in the editions mentioned above or listed in their

text-critical apparatuses as noteworthy variants or conjectures.” The Concordance handles the listing of these words depending on their frequency and function. “Words which occur very frequently, but have no characteristic value... have simply been listed in the Concordance with the notation *passim*.” Words in this category include those like $\gamma\epsilon$, $\kappa\alpha\iota$, the articles and others. Prepositions, conjunctions, pronouns, etc. are listed with their place of occurrence but no context. All other words are listed with all of the passages in which they appear along with their context.

With any concordance, though one would assume a general convention concerning the listing of words, a note needs to be made as to the precise procedure followed. So the introduction notes that “The order or sequence of words corresponds to the procedure which is customary in modern lexicography, as for example in the Greek-English dictionary by Liddell and Scott. Accordingly, verbs used by Josephus only in the middle voice are listed in their active form.”

As mentioned above, the Concordance has a lexical use in that it does provide definitions at the beginning of the citations of the words. In doing so, to the editors “it seemed appropriate to register the meanings of the words not merely in German, but also in English, thereby providing linguistic assistance for English readers as well.” They go on to note that “the definitions are not specified for each citation; rather a general definition is stated. . . . The entries are meant to offer assistance for interpretation, rather than to present definitive interpretations in themselves.” A word from Josephus’ *Antiquities* book 10 (Josephus’ recount of the book of Daniel) ought to suffice to illustrate this. Much debate continues as to what version of the biblical text Josephus used and this word helps to illustrate the discussion. In Daniel 1, Nebuchadnezzar “ordered Ashpenaz, the chief of his officials to bring some of the sons of Israel.” The word used of those whom Ashpenaz was chief (רַב) over is סַרִּיס, translated in the LXX as $\epsilon\upsilon\upsilon\omicron\upsilon\chi\omicron\varsigma$. Jose-

phus does an odd thing here and translates רַב with $\epsilon\kappa\alpha\omicron\mu\iota\alpha\varsigma$ instead of $\epsilon\upsilon\upsilon\omicron\upsilon\chi\omicron\varsigma$. The importance of this point is that both סַרִּיס and $\epsilon\upsilon\upsilon\omicron\upsilon\chi\omicron\varsigma$ have a range of meaning that does not necessitate castration. It is debated to this day, based on these words and their context, whether the Hebrew boys were castrated or not. Josephus, in his use of $\epsilon\kappa\alpha\omicron\mu\iota\alpha\varsigma$, leaves no doubt as to what he considers the state of the Hebrew boys. Unfortunately the Concordance provides the ambiguous English transliteration, eunuch, as the definition of Josephus’ very specific word. In this they follow both Whitson and Marcus. Josephus had the more ambiguous words at his disposal and could easily have followed the LXX but rather chose to pick a totally different word (which is used in the LXX to translate נֶטֶק and not סַרִּיס) apparently trying to make a point to his Roman audience. The German word provided as a definition, Verschnittener, follows Josephus as an unambiguous word. Schnitt has a quality about it that eunuch does not.

One last mention on this work. A companion volume in an earlier edition of this work was the *Namenwörterbuch zu Flavius Josephus* by Abraham Schalit. In this newer edition this last work has been appended to volume two, much as Muraoka’s volume was added to Hatch and Redpath. It is an important and welcome inclusion and serves as an extremely valuable index.

This work is a must have reference tool for those seriously interested in the intertestamental period and Josephus’ coverage of it. So too for those vitally interested in the New Testament times and history. It is a bit expensive, \$299.00 but its worth far exceeds its cost.

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The Golden Jubilee ABTAPL Conference in Prague, Czech Republic, April 6-10, 2006

For its 50th Anniversary, the Association of British Theological and Philosophical Librarians (ABTAPL) chose Prague as the destination. The sense behind this decision became evident as the conference progressed. Initially, it made financial sense, as the combination of Czech accommodation prices plus current inexpensive flights between the UK and the Czech Republic was every bit as affordable as accommodation plus transportation within the UK. Getting into the conference, we found that Prague provided a breathtaking experience for librarians touring the city's library treasures. Using public transit, the group of nearly 60 attendees visited the Czech National Library, the Nostiz Library, Charles University's Protestant Theological Faculty Library, and theological and philosophical

libraries at Strahov Monastery. While lighting conditions and regulations prevented photography in some situations, fortunately that was not always the case.

Our banquet was hosted in a restaurant atop the city that afforded a wonderful view of nighttime Prague as well as Prague Castle. To get to the restaurant, we used a funicular railway. The conference itself was hosted at International Baptist Theological Seminary, which cleverly encompasses both a seminary and a three-star hotel, the latter helping fund the former. We were told that during WWII the buildings had been Gestapo headquarters in the area.

At the first gathering, I was given opportunity to read greetings to the conference in a letter from Dennis Norlin. There was genuine appreciation of Dennis' thoughtful recollection of ABTAPL's contribution to theological librarianship in the UK and beyond. A table of ATLA literature was available, and many were grateful for the month's trial of ATLA's *ATLASerials*®, made available to ABTAPL members.

In addition to the association's usual business meeting, we had presentations on *Biblia Sacra*, a marvellous Dutch database of Dutch and Belgian Bibles, and on an everyman's approach to digitization (spelled 'digitisation' in the UK) of frail textual documents. There was an open forum where various issues were discussed, including things like

external borrower regulations, librarians' salary standards, using patron's (readers' in the UK) borrowing records to alert them to things that might be of interest (along the lines of Amazon), with the privacy ramifications raised by such a scheme, and options in the eventuality of the demise of the *ATLA Religion Database*® on CD-ROM when a number of member libraries would find online access unaffordable.

The smaller size of the association and the seeming stability of membership made for a group where there was evident enjoyment in being together once again. I appreciated visits with many from the group, when there would be one-to-one conversations over a meal or while riding to or from the next tour. Among the guests was one librarian from the Ukraine, an attendee from New Zealand, and representation from BETH. Whereas in ATLA our conferences are the product of many people working together for a specific year's conference—and that changing each year—in ABTAPL, librarian Alan Linfield shoulders pretty much all of the planning and execution for each conference over a several-year term. The 2007 conference will be in Edinburgh Scotland.

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*Left.: Inside the theology library at Strahov Monastery
Below: International Baptist Theological Seminary*



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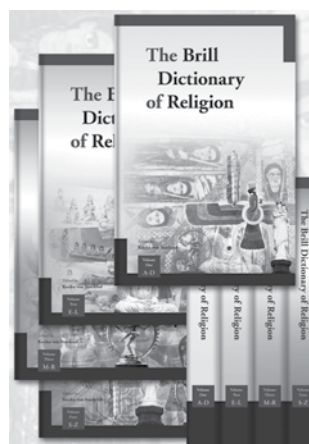
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Who We Are: Focus on ATLA's Institutional Members

Founded 60 years ago by a diverse group of theological librarians representing 50 institutions, ATLA is unique in many ways. One of our most unusual features is the composition of our membership: we're comprised of both organizations and individuals. This means that in order to best accomplish our organizational mission and goals, we must offer a range of benefits distinctly tailored for each type of membership.

In an effort to evaluate the needs of each group of members, staff have analyzed the usage of member benefits. The *ATLA Newsletter* will present a series of articles providing facts and figures to describe our members and delineate the benefits they use. This first article is devoted to institutional members. The spotlight will fall on individual members for the August 2006 issue, followed by affiliate members in November 2006.

There are two categories of full membership for institutions: 1. institutional, 2. international institutional. Based on 2004 statistics, gathered in collaboration with ATS from 199 respondents, ATLA members serve 104,233 students with 7,693 faculty and 2,680 staff. Member annual expenditures total \$147,859,442, representing 9% of their parent institution's annual expenditures. Salary and wages represent 52% and library materials and binding 32% of expenditures. Member libraries hold 36,602,654 bound volumes, 17,951,771 microforms, 1,083,874 audiovisual materials, 211,829 periodical subscriptions and 4,475,333 other holdings. Members share their knowledge through 461,138 ILL transactions and 6,210,417 circulation transactions reported.

A glance at the highlighted benefits below demonstrates the multitude of ways in which institutional and international institutional members have accessed member benefits (for a complete list of benefits and instructions on how to access them, see the article on p.34 or visit the ATLA website, www.atla.com).

Benefits Of Institutional Membership:

Leadership

- **Professional Activism**

Raising the profile of theological librarianship is an essential component for enhancing the prominence of the profession. By representing you at national and international library conferences, ATLA staff and volunteers draw attention to the important work you do. As a professional organization, we are able to reach out to potential new theological librarians through scholarships and other recruitment efforts, thus planting seeds for future growth.

- **Enfranchisement***

You are empowered to direct the work of the association through the vote of your institutional representative. 327 votes were cast in the 2005 election and institutional representatives attending the conference vote on by-laws and other association matters.

- **Networking and Benchmarking**

Whether it's through a consultancy grant or the ability to pick up the phone and call a colleague across the globe, our ATLA institutions have confidence that they can rely on each other to learn and share information. Available online through www.atla.com, the membership directory is a wonderful tool to connect with librarians at similar institutions around the world. The *Summary of Proceedings* provides the ATLA member subset of the annual ATS statistics, ensuring that you'll have the information you need to compare your institution with its peers across a number of criteria—an invaluable tool for strategic and budget planning. ATLA is pleased to make this information available to members online (www.atla.com/member_restricted/publications/proceedings/summary_of_proceedings_content.aspx#statistics) in Excel format. The 2005 ATS statistics are available now and the survey for non-ATS members is in the field.

* Benefit not included with International Institutional Membership category.

Learning

- **Collegiality**

ATLA convenes theological librarians around the world through moderating ATLANTIS, linking to your websites, and providing numerous networking opportunities.

- **Conference Registration Savings**

You receive discounted rates for all ATLA professional development offerings, including the Annual Conference. In 2005, 108 member institutions sent 198 staff to the ATLA Annual Conference in Austin, Texas. All received significant savings on registration fees. The remaining third of conference participants comprised exhibitors and individual members unaffiliated with a member institution.

- **Member Publications**

In addition to the *Annual Report*, which provides a summary of major association events and finances, the *ATLA Newsletter* is a timely source of information about ATLA activities, and membership and product news. The *Summary of Proceedings* includes full text or summaries of Annual Conference sessions, a membership directory, and ATS statistics. The *Theology Cataloging Bulletin* is a member published newsletter for catalogers.

Management Resources

- **Product Discounts**

Whether purchasing directly through ATLA or through aggregators, nearly 100% of institutional members are also customers. We strive to make your job easier and help you stretch your budget further.

- **Job Openings**

Your opportunity to fill open positions by communicating directly with a targeted audience on our website—a free service for our institutional members!

• Consortial Opportunities

Collaborate with other theological libraries and receive access to a range of products, such as OCLC's FirstSearch Consortium and ATLA Group Catalog. ATLA negotiates consortial and group pricing, and you save!

• Consultant's Program

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• ATUG

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• NACO and CONSER Funnel Projects

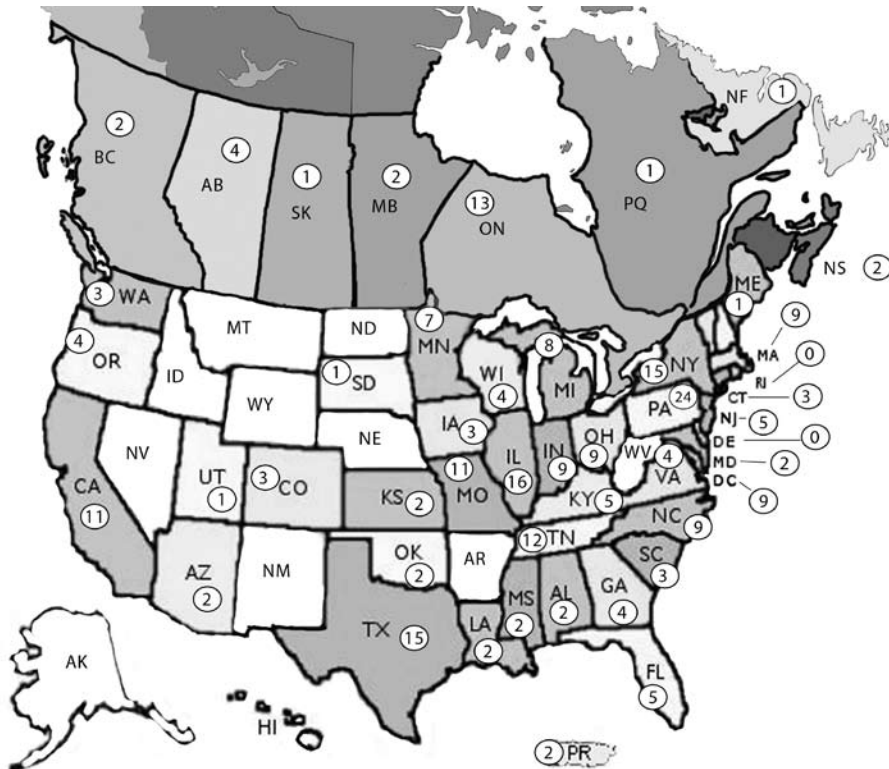
National programs coordinated by the Library of Congress with trainings offered locally through ATLA.

*Barbara Kemmis
ATLA Director of Member Services*



Institutional Member Profile

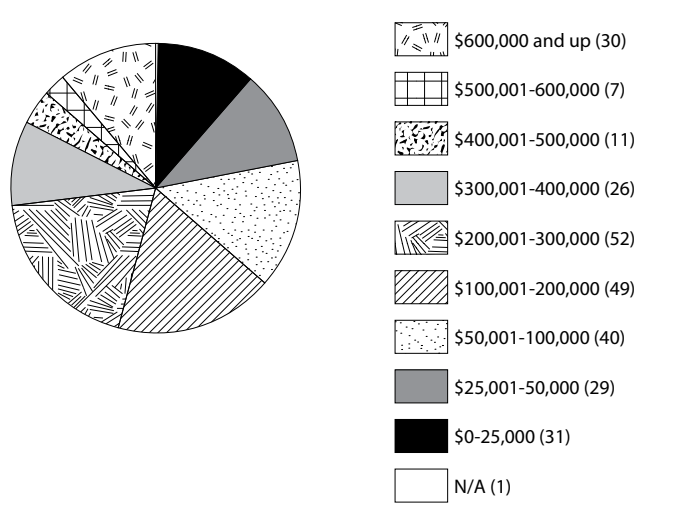
ATLA institutional members are a diverse and vibrant community of theological libraries serving a broad geographic area and cross section of denominations and religions.



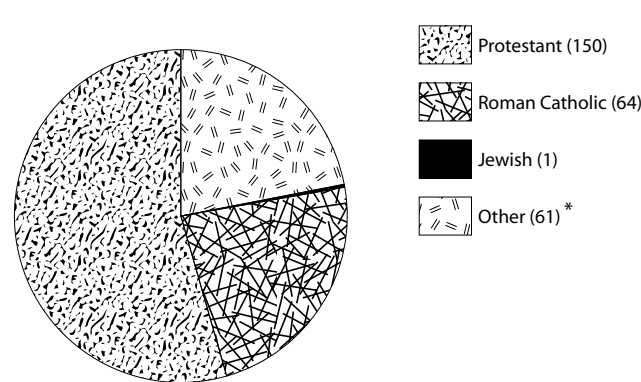
Institutional and International Institutional Members Outside North America by Country

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Italy	1
Ghana	1
Mexico	1
Netherlands	3
Philippines	1
Singapore	1
Switzerland	1
Taiwan	2
United Kingdom	1
Vatican City State	1
Total	18

Institutional Members in North America by State/Province • Total: 257



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Institutional Members by Denomination • Total: 276

**multi-denominational, non-denominational, other*

Perspectives on Professional Development

My reading habits are unstable. I'm comfortable enough in my "librarian-hood" that I can admit that. I read in fits and starts. And while I feel like I read a lot, I know I could read more. I recognize that the reading I do for work has become an essential source of nutrition for me. However, sometimes I like junk food better than whole grains or I get in a rut and consume the same kinds of things for a while. So I am trying to make sure I get a balanced diet.

I've begun to think of reading as my primary professional development tool. I don't have to travel, stay in a hotel, or worry about institutional support for my reading. There is plenty of material (too much in fact) and most of it is cheap or free. Each article is like a conference talk; each book like a plenary or workshop. However, as most ATLA members know, the value of a talk or plenary has a great deal to do with the conversations that follow. Whether it is a roundtable or a coffee break to chat about what was said, the community of participants sharing responses adds tremendous value. I don't always get that when I read.

There has been some ATLANTIS chatter about blogs (aka weblogs), especially those that amuse and cheer us at the end of a long day. Blogs are curious twenty-first century online diaries and public forums. They can be wonderful and horrible; enlightening and irritating; classy and crass; silly and stimulating. And a single blog can be all of those things in any given day. But unlike reading an article, magazine, or monograph, most blogs will provide community space for comments. Conversations emerge on blogs, sometimes spilling across blogs of similar subjects. I can observe or participate. It is not the same as a conference, by any means, but it has some interesting dynamics that can be similar.

For me, blogs have become an interesting new "food" in my reading life. Blogs point me to new resources and ideas, to new voices and alternative perspectives on the various library issues we face. I find that I learn about library news items sooner. And the format allows me to read when I can without feeling like I am drinking from a fire hose.

I don't always stick with the same blog for long (the author may have an axe to grind or my taste buds may crave some new flavors).

I find that many blogs are a complete waste of time: they may be high in calories (lots to say) but low on protein. One of my favorites, Lorcan Dempsey's Weblog, is often so rich that I find it hard to make enough time to digest it. And yet the format is compelling and sometimes just plain fun. Increasingly, companies are creating blogs as communication tools. I occasionally check out the Google Blog (<http://googleblog.blogspot.com/>). Others might be interested to know that Blackboard has a blog (<http://www.educateinnovate.com/blackboard/>).

I have always found it interesting to learn what other people read and blogs are no exception. So I have asked a few ATLA members to share some of their favorite library related blogs along with some of mine. Perhaps you will find some of our selections interesting (*see box below*). My thanks to Joanna Hause, Kevin Smith, Kris Veldheer, and others for these recommendations.

By the way, I also use an RSS aggregator to monitor my favorite blogs. The one I use is Bloglines (<http://www.bloglines.com>). It is easy to set up an account and add new feeds to your list. This tool gives me one place to go to see what blogs have new entries (so I don't have to check each blog). And since I sometimes go for long stretches between checking, it also keeps track of all the new entries since I last looked. This is a great time saver for me.

For those of you still reading, these blogs certainly won't substitute for the ATLA conference. I hope I will see you there. As always, the PDC is eager to hear from you about your year-round professional development needs and interests. If you have an idea or a request, I hope you will find me and let me know. In the meantime, happy reading and good luck with your balanced diet.

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ATLA Professional Development Committee
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Harvard Divinity School*



Some Favorite Blogs

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- BlogJunction • <http://webjunction.listhost.org/>
- Catalogablog • <http://www.catalogablog.blogspot.com>
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Content Management Systems

Wouldn't it be great if you could update your website without worrying about HTML and "breaking" the design? Wouldn't it be great if you could update the library hours or staff information in one place and have that information automatically updated everywhere on the website? Wouldn't it be great if there was a system in place for assigning individuals permission to develop and modify specific web content? Wouldn't it be great if a second person could review and approve web content before it went "live?" Such is the sales pitch for a content management system.

A content management system (or CMS for short) is a software application for creating and managing digital content. The name "CMS" can be applied to a variety of applications from e-commerce solutions to website management to publication management. For the purposes of this article, CMS will refer to software applications devoted to website management.

How it works

The basic idea is that the website design is established by a set of templates. A template is simply a standardized layout for displaying information on a webpage. Looking at a template would be like looking at the layout for a blank newspaper that didn't yet have any pictures or text. A newspaper might have different templates for different pages depending on whether it was the front page, section title page, inside page, comics page, sports scores page, etc. A typical website might have a number of templates: one for the front page, one for a sub-page, one for presenting photo essays, one for presenting links, etc.

With the design largely set by templates, content must be developed to fill in all of the empty boxes. One of the advantages of a content management system is that one is able to reuse certain content "chunks" at different places within your website. If one wants to have a place at the bottom of each page for the library's name and address, enter in the text once and design it to be included

on the bottom of each page. Should the address of the library change, one could simply change the content "chunk" and the change would automatically occur on all of the pages. Similar effort could be applied to other content that appears on multiple pages, such as navigation, search boxes, title banners, contact information, etc.

Once the website is built within a CMS, website maintenance can be handled in variety of ways. Most content management systems have a special web client that can be configured to assign privileges to certain individuals to update certain content. For example, one could assign a staff person to update a list of new reference resources. The staff person would login to the web client and use a word processor-like interface to enter the information. The CMS administrator could allow this staff person to make these changes "live" on the website or require another staff person to first review and possibly modify these changes.

Implementation of a CMS

One of the biggest challenges to using CMS is the initial implementation. Templates can be difficult to design in a way that is acceptable for the variety of uses on the website. An additional challenge is breaking existing content into appropriately sized "chunks." This work should be based upon how the content will be updated or used in other parts of the website. For example, a single database or a list of databases could be a content "chunk." If the list of databases was simply going to be repeated in different contexts, one might choose to establish it as a list. If one wanted to group different databases in different ways, then perhaps each database should be considered a content chunk.

A level of technical work must be completed. Servers have be purchased and set up. The CMS software must be installed and configured. Beyond the templates and chunking content, most CMS applications have additional features for automatically creating navigation, transforming content into different formats (PDF, for printing, for mobile phones), and the ability to automatically update content based on a specific

factors (to automatically change the library hours when the semester is over). While one may not use all of the features that a CMS offers, the features add to the choices that can be made and the work involved in implementation.

While there are challenging technical aspects of implementation, the largest challenge will be the people aspects. The introduction of a CMS often prompts changes to the design and information architecture of the site. Individual and department responsibilities for maintaining web pages may also change. Administrations need to approve changes in cost, design, and staff responsibilities. Staffs within the organization need clear timelines and ample training. All of the website stakeholders need to be a part of managing the process of change and receive regular communication as those changes occur.

Should we use a CMS?

The CMS provides the greatest advantage when the content is developed by many different people and used in many different ways. However, the work of implementing and maintaining a Content Management System increases with the number and complexity of design templates. Larger organizations often adopt a hybrid approach—using the CMS where it makes the most sense to do so but also allowing standard HTML pages in other areas.

The decision to move a website or content area to a CMS should not be considered lightly. The implementation process, transferring the old content, and establishing future workflows can be time-consuming and expensive. While a CMS can allow more rapid update of content, there are limitations, especially to the freedom and ability to quickly adjust layout and design. As with any large decision, be sure to fully investigate your CMS vendor and talk with other organizations that have implemented that particular Content Management System.

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Product Notes

ATLA Religion Database MARC Data Posted

The April 2006 update of the *ATLA Religion Database* in MARC format was posted to ATLA's ftp site on April 14th. Included in this update are 26,300+ new indexing records and the reissue of 75,000+ corrected records consisting of article, book, essay, issue, multimedia, serial, and review record types. The list of changes to the *ATLA Religion Database* thesaurus has been updated as well.



CDRI Database Updated

The ATLA/ATS Digital Standards and Projects Committee is happy to announce that the Cooperative Digital Resources Initiative database (<http://www.atla.com/digitalresources>) was updated on April 14th with new materials from Phase 4 projects. The new material includes (among many others) a collection of Churches of Christ Baptistery paintings from the collections of Abilene Christian University; a collection of images of mainline Protestant children and families in the U.S. from the Duke University Divinity School collections; and a collection of postcards of Methodist Churches in the United States from the Yale University Divinity School collections. Please visit the database for a full listing of new materials in the repository.



February TCB Online

The February issue of *Theology Cataloging Bulletin* (TCB) is now posted on the ATLA website. Members may subscribe to the publication for free; the cost for non-members is \$55 per year. See the TCB web page for more information (<http://www.atla.com/member/publications/tcb.html>).



ATLA's Presence at Recent Conferences

ATLA was represented at the SBL Midwest Regional Conference in Madison, Wisconsin, February 10-12 by Lowell Handy, Indexer Analyst. **Chris Beldan**, ATLA member from Schaff Library, Lancaster Theological Seminary, attended the ABTAPL Golden Jubilee from April 6-10 in Prague, Czech Republic as a representative of the ATLA Special Committee of the Association for International Collaboration. (See *Chris' report on page 16.*)



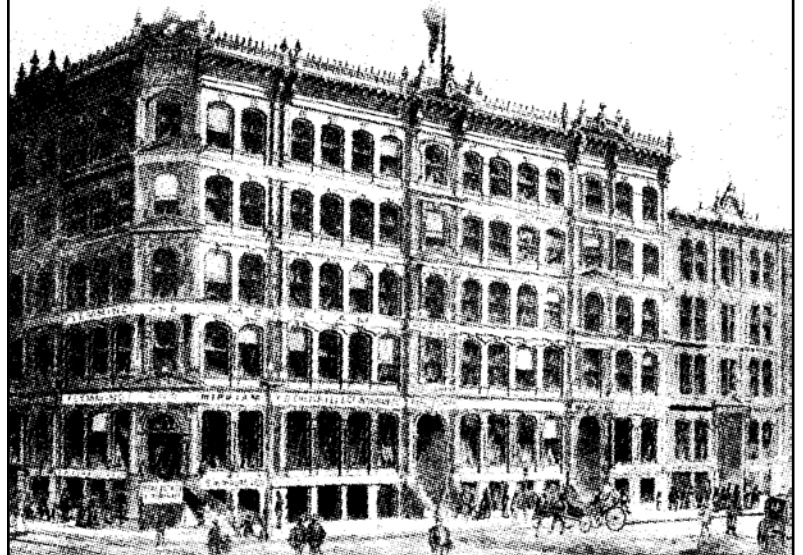
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New Testament Abstracts Online Review

New Testament Abstracts Online was reviewed in the March 2006 issue of *Choice*, receiving a "recommended" rating. For the full review, go to ftp://ftp.atla.com/public/NTAO_review_0206.pdf.



ATLA Partners with *The Text This Week*

ATLA is pleased to announce a new partnership with *The Text This Week*, available at <http://www.textweek.com>, a popular ecumenical web site for clergy and congregations that features a wide variety of resources for scripture study, reflection, and liturgy based on the three-year Revised Common Lectionary cycle.

This joint endeavor will focus on enhancing content from *ATLASerials*® (*ATLAS*®), an online collection of more than seventy major religion and theology journals selected by leading religion scholars, theologians, and clergy. Future product offerings and enhancements will include *The Text This Week's* expert *ATLAS*® article recommendations and summaries, based on the liturgical calendar. This new initiative is a direct result of feedback generated from a clergy focus group organized by ATLA through the Indianapolis Center for Congregations (ICC). "ATLA is proud to partner with *The Text This Week*. Through the focus group and related market research, *The Text This Week* emerged at the top of our list as a highly respected and well-known resource for clergy. We are delighted with Ms. Jenee Woodard's expertise and scholarly approach to managing the site," commented Dennis A. Norlin, ATLA's Executive Director. For more information, contact Margot Lyon, 312.454.5100 or mlyon@atla.com.



ATLASerials® (ATLAS®) Efforts—Quarterly Report



Karl Frantz (center) and Tami Luedtke (right) oversee work in the new server room at 300 South Wacker Drive.

During this quarter, the *ATLAS* Team has been busy with many initiatives. The move, although across the street, took a tremendous amount of logistical maneuvering and fine-tuning. We are happy to report that the servers were moved successfully, with minimal downtime.

ATLAS highlights:

- Judy Knop, Digitization Coordinator, and Catherine Eilers, EPS Assistant, are continuing the loading of TIFFs from CDs to our SAN. As of the end of March, Judy and Catherine had loaded and consolidated TIFFs from 66 of 81 *ATLAS* journals onto the SAN. They also are working to restore and/or re-scan any corrupted files they identify as each journal is loaded onto the SAN. In addition, Jack Liu, Programmer Analyst, has written a script that utilizes an image program to check for basic structural problems in the TIFF images loaded on the SAN.
- Jack Liu and the rest of the EPS staff finished the implementation and testing of our first Linux replacement server in time for that server to be rolled out just prior to our move. This new server provided access to *ATLAS* while the rest of the server room equipment was moved from our old location to our new location.
- Jack Liu worked to ensure that we had recent back-up tapes of our images and database files off-site during our move, while Tami Luedtke worked on the logistics of the SAN and server move along with the configuration of the new server room.
- We continue to diligently pursue publishers to add more journals to the collection. This quarter, five new licenses were finalized as titles to be added to the *ATLAS* Collection:
 - * Exchange
 - * Journal of Empirical Theology
 - * Religion East & West
 - * *Tradition*
 - * Vigiliae Christianae
- John Meeks joined ATLA and the *ATLAS* team as the new *ATLAS* Indexer-Analyst. He has a M.Th. from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago (Philosophical Theology) and a M.A. from the Maryknoll School of Theology (Culture and Religion).
- A strategic partnership agreement was signed with *The Text This Week*, <http://www.textweek.com>, a popular ecumenical web site for clergy and congregations that features a wide variety of resources for scripture study, reflection and liturgy. (See related article, column one on this page.)
- Momentum also continues in developing plans for *ATLAS for Congregations and Clergy*. In addition to working with ATLA Member institution on *ATLAS* for Alumni/ae grants, Margot Lyon, Director of Business Development, will be traveling to the East Coast in April to meet with the Alban Institute and various other groups about *ATLAS* marketing efforts.

Continue watching the weekly updates for further details and look for quarterly reports on *ATLAS* updates in the Newsletter.

Tami Luedtke
ATLA Director of Electronic Products & Services



Product News

Journal Inclusion in the ATLA Religion Database

The *ATLA Religion Database*[®] currently indexes 594 journal titles and approximately 250 polygraphs each year, and considers new titles for evaluation based on member, publisher, and scholar recommendations. The Department of Indexes is responsible for maintaining the title list for *ATLA Religion Database*, and one important part of that work is evaluating the journals recommended to us. The department places a premium on maintaining currency in the journals indexed; evaluation of recommended titles, therefore, is not simply an evaluation of the overall quality of a given journal. The department seeks to provide a database that reflects the ever-changing publishing and scholarly world, and bringing new titles into *ATLA Religion Database* is an essential part our mission. The department's resources, however, require that great care go into the selection of titles to be added, since it is not in a position to add every title worthy of inclusion.

Journal evaluations are done annually. The index management team makes an initial review of the journals in the evaluation queue. The primary goal of this initial evaluation is to create a subset of journals that can realistically be considered for addition to the database given current staffing levels, previous departmental commitments, and appropriateness for inclusion. The management team evaluates candidate publications to determine whether they are academic, peer-reviewed journals with an established publishing record. Then the management team checks to see whether they are abstracted and/or indexed elsewhere. For example, ATLA holds a partnership agreement with the Catholic Library Association. This agreement stipulates that ATLA will not index journals included in the *Catholic Periodical and Literature Index (CPLI)*. The department gives special consideration to small-press titles and titles not indexed elsewhere, although a title that is indexed elsewhere is not by policy excluded. The

management team also looks at the format and content of the journal, specifically, if a publication contains or consists primarily of abstracts, bibliographies, book reviews, devotions, dissertation abstracts, documents, feature articles, obituaries, opinion pieces, reprints, research articles, and/or sermons. *ATLA Religion Database* does not generally include current-awareness publications, newsletters, and the like, so these are typically removed from consideration. The goal of this initial review is not to evaluate the quality or merit of the journals being evaluated; rather, it is to identify those journals that meet the criteria for inclusion *and* to identify those journals that the department can reasonably consider adding without compromising commitments to titles presently on the list.

In the second phase, a knowledgeable team of indexers with an array of language skills and subject expertise considers several recent issues of each title. The indexers examine several recent issues to see if the subject matter is within the scope of *ATLA Religion Database*; i.e., the primary focus is on comparative studies, historical studies, missions, ministerial studies (counseling, liturgy, homiletics), scriptural studies, and/or theological studies (Christian, Jewish, Islamic, etc.). They also look for secondary foci as they relate to religion and theology such as: anthropology, education, nature, archaeology, ethics, philosophy, art, languages, politics, current events, law, psychiatry, ecology, literature, psychology, economics, medicine, and sociology.

Indexers also consider the intended audience; i.e., whether it is chiefly aimed at theology school faculty and students, researchers in college and university religious programs, religious leaders, laity, and/or the general public. The indexers' primary concern is to evaluate the content, not only for fit, but also for quality.

The management team then reviews all recommendations and makes the final decision, taking into account current staffing levels, the department's other work commitments, and the overall contribution a given title

would make to *ATLA Religion Database*. Any individual title may be rejected, added, or waitlisted. ATLA hopes to keep the waitlist to a very select group of titles that we can commit to adding in a reasonable amount of time. Publishers are then notified of the final decision.

The time and effort that this evaluation process requires guarantees that ATLA adds true value to the database while husbanding its resources responsibly.

To recommend a journal for evaluation, please send the title of the journal with ISSN and publisher information to Gregg Taylor (gtaylor@atla.com), database manager for acquisitions and bibliographic control.

ATLA has recently accepted the following titles to begin indexing:

Title	ISSN
Apocrypha: revue internationale des litteratures apocryphes	
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Black Theology: an international journal	1476-9948
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The Department of Indexes



Preservation News

Preservation Department to Manage CDRI

As the Cooperative Digital Resources Initiative (CDRI) project nears completion, the Preservation Department is preparing to take responsibility for maintenance of the database and supervision of any potential future related initiatives. The transition will take place between March and October 2006 as Russell Kracke, Director of Preservation, is trained as liaison. The current CDRI committee will continue to oversee the outstanding projects. The project should be completed in October 2006.

With the support of the Luce Foundation, the ATLA Cooperative Digital Resources Initiative provides a freely available, web-searchable, central repository of digital resources contributed by participating libraries (www.atla.com/digitalresources). The CDRI project enables member libraries both to create digital resources and to benefit from the digital projects of other libraries. Phases 1-3 are currently available. Part of Phase 4 has recently been posted; the remainder will be added in October 2006.

Russell Kracke
ATLA Director of Preservation



Preservation Products

Serials newly preserved through NEH grant

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

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

Indigenous peoples

Annalen der Katholischen Indianer-Missionen von America

Periodical of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions (U.S.). Published in Washington, D.C. by the Bureau der Katholischen Indi-

aner-Missionen. Text in German. ATLA no.: 2005I-S001, 1 reel (contains one issue: July 1877).

Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Destitute Settlers and Indians in Lower Canada:

The ... report of the Society for Propagating the Gospel Among the Destitute Settlers and Indians in Lower Canada

Church of England mission to the Indians in Canada. Published in Quebec. ATLA no.: 2005I-S500, 1 reel (contains one issue: 1839/1840).

African American Religious Serials, 1850-1950

The following serial titles were microfilmed as part of the preservation grant, "African American Religious Serials, 1850-1950." The preservation of these serials has been funded by the office of preservation of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

The Southern dial (1857)

The Southern dial and African monitor (1858)

Slavery; African Americans. "A monthly magazine devoted mainly to a discussion of African slavery and the interests, moral, social and political which it involves." —from Nov. 1857 issue of *Southern dial*. Published in Montgomery, Ala., by William F. Sanford, and in Wetumpka, Ala., by Rev. J.D. Williams. ATLA no.: 2005-S112/S113, 1 reel (contains two issues: Nov. 1857 and Dec. 1, 1858).

African American Primitive Baptist Association Minutes:

Minutes of the ... annual session of the Primitive Baptist Antioch Association (1905)

Minutes of the ... annual session of the Mount Calvary Primitive Baptist Association (1907)

Proceedings of the organization of the General Primitive Baptist State Convention of Texas (1906)

Minutes of the ... annual session of the Chestnut Knob District Primitive Baptist Association (1907)

Minutes of the ... annual session of the Providence Primitive Baptist Association (1907)

Minutes of the ... annual session of the Sinai Primitive Baptist Association (1907)

Piedmont District (Colored) Primitive Baptist Association : [minutes] (1907)

Minutes of the ... annual session of the Middle Baptist Association of North Carolina (1906)

Annual session / Cypress Creek Association of Primitive Baptists (1906)

Annual session / Big Creek Association (Tenn.) (1906)

Minutes of the ... annual session of the Mississippi River United Primitive Baptist Association (1906)

Minutes of the ... annual session of the Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Association (1906)

Minutes of the ... annual session of the New England Baptist Missionary Convention (1906)

Minutes of the ... annual session of the Beulah Baptist Association (1906)

Minutes of Country Line Primitive Baptist Association (1907)

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Minutes of various African American Primitive Baptist associations. **ATLA no.: 2005-S114-S128**, 1 reel (contains 15 titles).

Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America. Missionary Board:

[Reports of the Missionary Board]

Lutheran Church, mission to African Americans. Name of issuing bodies vary, but constitute the Missionary Board of the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America. 1st-25th report in German; 26th-51st in English. **ATLA no.: 2005-S135**, 1 reel (1877/78-1962/64).

Asylum for the Colored Insane of North Carolina:

Report of the board of directors and superintendent of the Asylum for the Colored Insane of North Carolina (1880)

State Hospital (Goldsboro, N.C.):

Report of the State Hospital at Goldsboro, N.C. (1902/04-1916)

Reports of the board of directors and superintendents of the state hospitals for the insane at Raleigh, Goldsboro and Morganton, North Carolina (1918-1920)

Report of the psychiatric hospital for African Americans in North Carolina and its successor hospitals. **ATLA no.: 2005-S136** through **2005-S138**, 3 reels (1880-1920).

Colored Teachers State Association of Texas:

Proceedings of the ... annual session of the Colored Teachers' State Association of Texas and the Principals' Division (1898-1904)

African American education in Texas. Excerpt from the Advisory Council's public address, p. 29 of 1904 issue: "1. We believe in the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man and in the unity and divine origin of the human species as set forth in the sacred Scriptures, and verified by science and philosophy. 2. We believe in the divinity of Jesus Christ of Bethlehem and Nazareth and in the universality of his mission as the Teacher and Saviour of all races and nations of the world, and we believe that the Spirit of Christ is the inspiration of all that is true and good in modern organized life, including educational systems and institutions. 3. We believe that the educational impulse is an innate tendency, an attribute of the divine image transplanted in Eden, and that hence the process of true education is a voluntary outgrowing of this innate tendency in view of the enviroing influences. And we believe that this tendency to be common in varying degrees among all races of men." Published in Marlin and Houston, Tex. **ATLA no.: 2006-S001**, 1 reel.

Christianity and the Encounter with World Religions, 1850-1950

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

Lutheran woman's work

Lutheran Church periodical. "A monthly magazine in the interest of world-wide missions." Published for the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, General

Synod, 1908-May 1919; Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America, June 1919-Apr. 1956; United Lutheran Church Women, May 1956-1960. Published in Philadelphia, Pa. **ATLA no.: 2005C-S069**, 4 reels (1908-1922).

Murzynek

Catholic Church, Polish mission to Africa; children. Published by the Sodalicja Sw. Piotra Klawera. Text in Polish. **ATLA no.: 2005C-S074**, 1 reel (1913-1919).

Echo zu Afryki

Catholic Church, Polish mission to Africa; children. "Pismo miesieczne ilustrowane dla popierania zniesienia niewolnictwa i dla rozszerzenia misji katolickich w Afryce." Published by the Sodalicja Sw. Piotra Klawera. Text in Polish. **ATLA no.: 2005C-S076**, 2 reels (1894-1914).

Lutheran Church of China. General Assembly:

Proceedings of the ... General Assembly of the Lutheran Church of China (1920-1924)

Lutheran Church Council:

Report of the ... annual meeting of the Council of the Lutheran Church of China and of the ... General Assembly (1928)

Lutheran Church of China. General Assembly:

Proceedings of the ... General Assembly of the Lutheran Church of China (1934)

Lutheran Church of China. General Assembly:

Minutes of the ... General Assembly of the Lutheran Church of China (1937)

Proceedings of the General Assembly, Lutheran Church Council and Lutheran Board of Publication of the Lutheran Church of China. Published in Hankow. **ATLA no.: 2005C-S088** through **2005C-S091**, 4 reels (1920-1937).

Gospel witness (Guntūr, India)

Lutheran Church mission to India. "[*The Gospel witness's*] aim shall be first to maintain before the Hindu host that form of sound words and that conception of our Christian faith and life, which we have received and hold from our fathers... More than this, we believe that our conception of the truth as it is in Jesus Christ—our concept of Christology—is one which India needs for her awakening and for her spiritual life... Nor shall we in this our declared aim ignore the truth Hinduism has for those who have been born within her."—excerpt from p. 2 of Sept. 1905 issue. Published in Guntur, Rajahmundry, and Madras, India, by the Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India. **2006C-S001**, 2 reels (1905-1919).

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.

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Weekly pilgrim (James Creek, Pa.) (1872-1874)

The pilgrim (Huntingdon, Pa.) (1875-1876)

Periodicals of the German Baptist Brethren (U.S.). Published in James Creek and Huntingdon, Pa. **ATLA no.:** S1065 through S1067, 3 reels (1870-1876).

Christian family companion and Gospel visitor

Periodical of the Church of the Brethren. Edited by James Quinter. Published in Meyersdale, Pa. **ATLA no.:** S1071, 1 reel (1874-1875).

Christian family companion

Periodical of the Church of the Brethren, edited by H.R. Holsinger. "The design of this work is to advocate truth, expose error, and to encourage the true Christian on his way to Zion. It assumes that the New Testament is the will of God, and that no one can have the promise of salvation without *observing all its requirements*; that among these are Faith, Repentance, Prayer, Baptism by trine immersion, Feet Washing, the Lord's Supper, the Holy Communion, Charity, Non-conformity to the world, and a full resignation to the whole will of God as he has revealed it through his Son Jesus Christ. So much of the affairs of this world as will be thought necessary to the proper observance of the signs of the times, or such as may tend to the moral, mental, or physical benefit of the Christian, will be published, thus removing all occasion for coming into contact with the so called Literary or Political journals." —from p. 8 of Jan. 3, 1865 issue. Printed in Tyrone City, Pa. **ATLA no.:** S1073, 4 reels (1865-1873).

Times of refreshing, or, Crumbs of truth, and records of Christian work (1869-1872)

Times of refreshing, or, Records of Christian life and Christian testimony (1872-1884)

Faith periodical. "[The *Times of Refreshing's*] object is to present Jesus as a full and perfect Saviour—that his precious blood 'cleanseth from all sin'; to give facts and incidents relative to the work of God in various places, and urge believers to be 'followers of God as dear children.'" —from p. [15] of June 1882 issue. Edited by G. C. Needham and Charles Cullis; published in Boston by the Willard St. Tract Repository. **ATLA no.:** S1084A-B, 1 reel (1869-1884).

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New Dissertations Available on Microfilm

The decree of redemption is in effect a covenant : David Dickson and the covenant of redemption / by Carol A. Williams, submitted to Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids Michigan, 2005. The author writes: "*While a significant amount of study has been devoted to the twofold system of the covenants of works and grace, development of the threefold covenant system in Reformed theology of the seventeenth century that includes the pactum salutis has not been thoroughly researched. The doctrine of the intratrinitarian covenant between the Father and the Son concerning the whole work of redemption has been characterized in some secondary literature as speculative, unbiblical, the result of faulty exegesis, crassly contractual, a deviation from the pure teaching of the Reformers, and of dubious value. However, these claims of discontinuity and questionable origin of the pactum salutis have not been adequately considered, nor has the early development of federal theology after the Reformers and prior to the Westminster Confession of Faith and Johannes Cocceius been sufficiently investigated. Writers of the seventeenth century whose works would support grounds for arguing either continuity or discontinuity have not been examined in depth. This dissertation examines the works of one of the under-investigated seventeenth-century theologians whose work illustrates development of the doctrine of the pactum salutis. Despite the prominence of David Dickson (1583-1662) in the history of the Scottish church and his contributions to the trajectory of federal theology, his work has not been adequately explored. Although discussion of the three covenants can be found in print before Dickson, he appears to be the first to precisely formulate the doctrine in the context that became accepted as orthodoxy. He is also a significant mover in arguing that God's gracious condescension to humanity in the prelapsarian state is evidenced by Scripture, and teaching the highly practical significance of the pactum salutis to healing sin-sick consciences. To place Dickson's work in the context of ongoing dialog regarding federal theology, primary texts from the 1580s to 1695 by his near predecessors, contemporaries and successors in which divine covenants are mentioned have been considered, including catechisms, dictionaries, sermons, systems of divinity, commentaries and treaties on various subjects. This study focuses primarily on development of the pactum salutis in seventeenth-century British theology. However, because the development of federal theology involved the international Reformed community, a few prominent continental theologians whose works were in circulation in Britain during the seventeenth century are also included. The continental theologians are: Amandus Polanus, Jerome Zanchi, Gulielmus Bucanus, Lucas Trelcatius Jr., Johannes Wollebius, Jacob Arminius, John Cameron and Moyse Amyraut.*" **ATLA no.:** D00011, 1 reel.

John Calvin, the Geneva Reformation, and godly warfare : church and state in the Calvinian tradition / by Mark James Larson, submitted to Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids Michigan, 2005. The author writes: "*Contemporary scholarship still has a tendency to portray the Protestant reformer John Calvin as a bellicose tyrant, harsh and autocratic in his iron-fisted rule over the city of Geneva. Historians allege that the Republic of Geneva was a creeping theocracy and that Calvin advocated holy war in continuity with Israel in the Old Testament, and that he even entertained the radical idea of*

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private resistance theory. For some, Calvin was one, or even all of the above—so that these categories are viewed as interrelated in discussions of Calvin's politics. Against such an interpretation, this dissertation argues that Calvin the pastor was a balanced church leader who set a high value on order, discipline, and legal process in relationship to the call to the ministry and the use of church courts, like the Geneva consistory. As to his doctrine of church and state, it demonstrates that Calvin opposed autocratic government in each sphere. He established the consistory to govern the Geneva church, a body which distributed ecclesiastical authority among pastors and lay elders. He insisted upon a separation of church and state in terms of their distinct jurisdictions, a situation in which the pastors only had an advisory role in relationship to the civil government. Calvin preferred a republic, a mixed government with democratic and aristocratic elements. Thus, the common thread that united the pastor, the churchman, and the jurist was Calvin's sensibility of due process in the governing assemblies of both church and state—where duly elected church elders or civil magistrates decided issues in a legal and orderly way. An aspect of Calvin's teaching on the state relates to his position on war. This study shows that Calvin positioned himself in continuity with the medieval just war tradition established by Augustine of Hippo. He did not believe in either element of what constituted a holy war—authorization by the church of the prosecution of war without restraint. He stood within the mainstream tradition when it came to both the *jus ad bellum* and the *jus in bello*. He always insisted that the private indi-

vidual may only offer passive resistance to a ruler's ungodly commands. A parliamentary body alone is authorized by God to resist a tyrannical prince. The methodology employed in this work includes three commitments. First, it endeavors to avoid an exclusive focus upon the Institutes. It recognizes that an accurate understanding of Calvin's theology on any given doctrine depends upon the examination of his entire theological production—most significantly his commentaries and sermons, and in the case of this study on church and state, the Ecclesiastical Ordinances. Secondly, one must study Calvin against the background of the medieval doctrinal tradition. Such an approach demonstrates that Calvin stood in harmony with the traditional teaching of the church on the just war. Calvin was by no means strikingly original on this subject. In the third place, this study examines Calvin's doctrine on the war-making authority of the state in terms of the teaching of several sixteenth-century Protestant contemporaries. This includes Martin Luther and three major Reformed theologians—Theodore Beza, Henry Bullinger, and Peter Vermigli. A contextual approach casts additional light upon Calvin. It shows that Calvin stood in fundamental continuity with the just war teaching of Luther, and it demonstrates that Calvin produced the most conservative doctrine of the just war among the dominant Reformed thinkers in Geneva and Zurich." ATLA no.: D00012, 1 reel.




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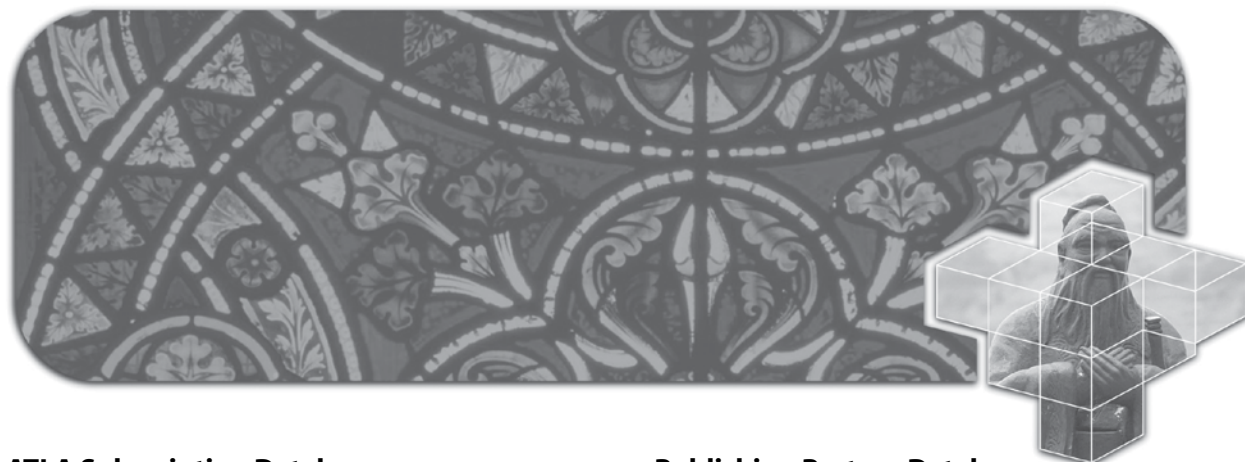
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From the Executive Director

Adding Charm and Encouragement: Celebrating 60 Years of the American Theological Library Association

At its biennial meeting in Chicago on June 12, 1946, the American Association of Theological Schools (ATS) passed a resolution that led to the creation of the American Theological Library Association:

Whereas, there is a growing recognition among colleges and universities of the value of a closer integration of the library and the educational program of the institution, and

Whereas, some of the presidents, deans, and librarians of the schools of this Association believe this library development has equal significance for theological education, and

Whereas, the Association has voted to study library work during the biennium, 1948-1950, and

Whereas a conference on theological library work seems to be desirable,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Executive Committee be requested to consider the matter of calling a conference of theological librarians and others interested, and to arrange for such a conference, if in their judgment this seems wise.¹

Later that year, (December 13, 1946) the ATS executive committee passed a resolution authorizing the call for the conference and appointed the following committee to arrange the conference:

- Dean Eugene B. Hawk, Perkins School of Theology, Dallas
- Dr. A. F. Kuhlman, Joint University Libraries, Nashville
- L. R. Elliott, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth

The executive committee added four other people to the committee somewhat later:

- Sanford Fleming, President, Berkeley Baptist Divinity School
- Kenneth S. Gapp, Librarian, Princeton Theological Seminary
- Robert F. Beach, Librarian, Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston
- Lucy W. Markley, Librarian, Union Theological Seminary, New York

Despite their inability to arrange a meeting together the committee corresponded (667 letters!) and succeeded in planning the first ATLA conference, held the next summer – June 23-24, 1947, at Louisville Theological Seminary. Eleven of the thirteen invited speakers attended the first meeting.

The first explanation of the meeting's (and consequent association's) purpose still obtains:

The basic purpose of this and future conferences is the continuing improvement of library services to theological education. The immediate objective is to define problems and seek solutions. This program makes a beginning in defining the problems. The organization to be here set up will seek the solutions.

An important and stimulating by-product of this and succeeding conferences will be the personal and professional friendships it affords. . . . A growing atmosphere of comradeship will add charm to the organization and encouragement to all its efforts.²

The topics of that first meeting are remarkably relevant for our association today:

- The Library and Instruction
- Accreditation – What is Adequacy?
- Religious Periodical Indexing
- Cataloging and Classification
- Our Experiment with Theological Bibliographies
- Cataloging and Classification of Religious Books at the Library of Congress
- The AATS Booklist
- Reference Work
- Cooperative Procedures of Libraries

We meet this summer 60 years after our parent organization (ATS) set in motion the inspiration and initiative that led to the first ATLA annual conference in 1947. It is most appropriate that one of our 60th anniversary plenary speakers will be Daniel Aleshire, Executive Director of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS).

From the beginning our organization has grown dramatically, to a combined membership of 1,000+, but our mission statement and organizational ends (adopted in 1991) echo the commitment of the founders at that first conference in 1947:

The mission of the American Theological Library Association is to foster the study of theology and religion by enhancing the development of theological and religious libraries and librarianship. In pursuit of this mission, the association undertakes:

1. to foster the professional growth of its members, and to enhance their ability to serve their constituencies as administrators and librarians;
2. to advance the profession of theological librarianship, and to assist

¹ Summary of Proceedings. Conference of Theological Librarians (Louisville Presbyterian Seminary), Louisville, Kentucky, June 23-24, 1947. Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois.

² *Ibid.*, p. 2.

theological librarians in defining and interpreting the proper role and function of libraries in theological education;

3. to promote quality library and information services in support of teaching, learning, and research in theology, religion, and related disciplines, and to create such tools and aids (including publications) as may be helpful in accomplishing this; and
4. to stimulate purposeful collaboration among librarians of theological libraries and religious studies collections, and to develop programmatic solutions to information-related problems common to those librarians and collections.

As we approach our sixtieth anniversary we celebrate the foresight, commitment, and inspiration of our founders, and we acknowledge with thanksgiving our debt to them.

We also prepare to celebrate our sixtieth in some special ways – instituting a theological libraries month in October and publishing a new anthology of scholarship about our profession.

Led by the Membership Advisory Committee, Barbara Kemmis (Director of Member Services) and committee members are planning a variety of ways that ATLA members can celebrate our profession this coming October—Theological Libraries Month. By sponsoring special events on each of our member campuses, we hope to raise awareness of and appreciation for the contributions and missions of our theological libraries on every ATLA member campus.

I'm also delighted to announce the publication of an important new book in June: *A Broadening Conversation: Classic Readings in Theological Librarianship*, edited by Melody Layton McMahon and David R. Stewart (Lanham, Maryland, Toronto, Oxford: The Scarecrow Press, Inc., 2006.) Dedicated to two of ATLA's important pioneers—Julia E. Pettee and Raymond P. Morris—this volume enlists some of the

Association's most articulate and experienced members to select and introduce the most important contributions to the ATLA Proceedings in the last 60 years. Thirty-nine essays are included in 6 sections:

Part 1: The Distinctive Character of Theological Librarianship, introduced by Anne Richardson Womack;

Part 2: Theological Librarians at Work, introduced by Monica Corcoran;

Part 3: The Theological Librarian as Educator, introduced by Roger L. Loyd;

Part 4: Theological Libraries: Contexts and Constituencies, introduced by Michael Bramah;

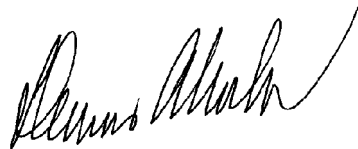
Part 5: The American Theological Library Association: Reflections and Reminiscences, introduced by John A. Bollier;

Part 6: Changes and Challenges, introduced by Eileen K. Crawford.

This new volume, planned for our sixtieth anniversary, is one that every ATLA member and friend will want to purchase. We sincerely thank David Stewart, Melody McMahon, and their colleagues for producing this wonderful volume to celebrate our 60th anniversary.

Be sure to come to Chicago June 21-24 to join in the celebration and to visit our new headquarters. A sixtieth anniversary is definitely worth celebrating, and we need you all here to join in the festivities.

After all, it's your presence that adds the charm and encouragement that our founders anticipated.



Dennis A. Norlin
ATLA Executive Director

Staff Notes

New Information Services Assistant Hired

We are pleased to report the appointment of Jim Butler as IS Assistant. Jim began work part-time at ATLA; he became a full-time employee before the move to the new headquarters. He has a B.S. in Information and Decision Sciences from the University of Illinois at Chicago, where he is also currently enrolled in the MIS graduate program. As IS Assistant, Jim will be the first line of internal user technical support from IS for workstation hardware and software problems.



Syed Zaidi resigns

Systems Administrator Syed Zaidi has resigned his position to seek other employment. We are thankful for his contributions to ATLA and we wish him well in his future endeavors.



New Staff in the Index Department

The month of March brought several changes to the Department of Indexes. Tracie Guy resigned her position as ATLAS indexer to accept a position as Outreach Manager of the Division for Public Education at the American Bar Association. Her last day was March 3. Please join us in wishing her well in her new job.

On March 2, Cass Fisher joined ATLA as an Indexer Analyst to fill the vacancy left by Anthony Elia's departure. Cass has a Ph.D. in Philosophy of Religion from the University of Chicago and did his undergraduate work in Philosophy, Literature, and Religion at the Pitzer College at Claremont. We look forward to working with him.

John Meeks also accepted a position as an indexer. He has a M.Th. from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago (Philosophical Theology) and a M.A. from the Maryknoll School of Theology (Culture

and Religion). John replaced Tracie Guy as the ATLAS indexer. His first day was March 13.



E-Mail to ATLA Business Development Department from South Africa Reunites Old Friends Over 8,000 miles apart

When I was a graduate student at the University of Michigan, School of Information, I was blessed with the opportunity to spend part of the summer of 2001 at the University of Fort Hare in Alice, South Africa. I spent a few weeks learning about rural elementary school and distance education projects, along with working with a women's craft collective on e-commerce initiatives. Although it has now been five years since my time in South Africa, I remember the time fondly.

You can imagine my delight when an e-mail from a librarian at the University of Fort Hare recently popped into the ATLA sales in-box with a question about our products! I responded right away, and this e-mail exchange resulted in allowing me to reconnect and correspond with my old friends and colleagues. We quickly caught up, and since then we have been sending photos, video clips, and e-mails back and forth.

Some days we all feel like we are on the path of information overload, with too many e-mails, phone calls, and electronic intrusions. However, when tools like e-mail and online video enhance personal connections across the world, they help make my days brighter.

Margot Lyon

ATLA Director of Business Development



Member Services Department Staff, l to r: Timothy Smith, Barbara Kemmis, Sara Corkery

At Your Service: A Guide to your Member Services Department (MSD)

As the ATLA department with the primary responsibility for serving you, the ability of Member Services to quickly and effectively respond to your needs is vital. Recently, MSD has undergone a number of staff and organizational changes to better accomplish this goal.

The department now operates under the direction of Barbara Kemmis. She oversees two staff members: Sara Corkery, Communications Specialist, and Timothy Smith, Membership Associate/Exhibits Coordinator.

This team of three reflects an intentional restructuring of past staff configurations. Its size represents a responsible use of your dues, creating the flexibility to bring in outside experts to boost in-house capacity as needed. Already this fiscal year, staff has utilized the talents of a designer to create the *2004-05 Annual Report*, a professional to advise on website improvements, and a strategy consultant to help shape and advise the creation of Theological Libraries Month.

In addition to outside expertise, Member Services staff relies upon colleagues within ATLA for their experience in technology, marketing, and a host of other relevant topics. The input of seasoned ATLA veterans such as Dennis Norlin and Judy Knop is invaluable. But most importantly, it is members, through the board of directors and the various committees, such as the Membership Advisory Committee, who guide all of our efforts.

ATLA exists to serve you and is pleased to offer a variety of benefits to members. Given the changes in the staff of the Member Services Department, you may wonder whom to contact for what. We have developed the following quick reference guide to better enable you to access your member benefits or direct your questions.

Membership Logistics

Annual Conference

The Annual Conference represents the most highly valued benefit of ATLA membership, according to the 2003 membership survey. Staff works closely with members throughout the year to create an informative and meaningful experience for theological librarians each June.

Barbara meets with the Annual Conference, Education, and Local Host committees to plan conference content and logistics. She also oversees the presenters and other contributors and directs conference publications. Timothy Smith oversees exhibits, registration, housing, and ATLA Travel Grants. Sara Corkery designs and produces all conference printed and electronic materials and coordinates submissions to the *Summary of Proceedings*.

Address Changes, Membership Status, and Renewals

Timothy handles the renewal process with the help of Financial Services. Please contact him regarding changes to your mailing address or other contact information, for your preferred mailing address, and/or online member directory listing.

Benefits

ATLA Serials Exchange

If your library is an Institutional or International Institutional member, it may participate in the ATLA Serials Exchange. To activate an ASE account for your library, please contact Timothy. He can also help current ASE member participants by providing log in information for the database.

Member Publications

Throughout the year, Member Services produces and distributes the *Newsletter*, *Theology Cataloging Bulletin*, *Annual*

Staff News

Report, and *Summary of Proceedings*, as well as promotional brochures and the ATLA website. Sara is the primary contact for any submissions to these print and electronic publications, including Member News and Job Openings. She is able to provide technical assistance to those interest groups and denominational groups in posting their pages on the ATLA website.

Timothy handles claims and coordinates delivery options for publications. Staff welcomes submissions and feedback to improve ATLA publications.

Grants

ATLA is pleased to offer a variety of grants to support professional development and scholarly publication, and subsidize travel and study for members. These grants are funded by revenue generated from the Scholarships and Grants Annual Fund, Endowment Fund, and ATLA products. See website for more information.

ATLA/OCLC FirstSearch Consortium and ATLA Group Catalog in WorldCat

Timothy manages these consortial arrangements with OCLC on behalf of the participants. These arrangements are open to institutional, international institutional, and affiliate member libraries.

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Leadership

Enfranchisement

Individual, Lifetime, and Institutional members have the right to vote on ATLA by-law changes and for candidates to the board of directors. These activities shape the future of ATLA and the field. Contact Barbara with any questions on this topic.

Committees

ATLA relies upon the volunteer contributions of members to advise and direct the course of ATLA activities. Barbara acts as staff liaison for the Professional Development, Publication, Annual Conference, Education, and Membership Advisory committees. A full list of ATLA committees, their members, charges, and contact information can be found in the Member section of the ATLA website.

ATLANTIS and other ATLA hosted electronic discussion lists

Although access to it is not a specific member benefit, ATLA is pleased to host and support ATLANTIS, an essential tool for theological librarians. Over 527 individuals subscribe to ATLANTIS, 74% of whom are ATLA members.

Other ATLA hosted lists have different moderators managing new subscriptions. The ATLA website has more detailed information on subscribing to the electronic lists.

Contact Timothy Smith to subscribe to ATLANTIS, set up a new electronic discussion list for your denominational or interest group, troubleshoot issues with Lyris, or change your e-mail address for any of your subscriptions to any ATLA hosted lists including ATLANTIS.

While Member Services may represent your immediate contact, every staff person at ATLA is committed to providing the highest quality member service in an efficient and effective manner. We look forward to welcoming you at the 2006 Annual Conference in Chicago.

ATLA Member Services Department



From the Editor

There is always something compelling about old photographs. Whether or not we are personally familiar with the faces, events, or landscapes they depict, the examination of these artifacts from times gone by provides a fascinating window into another world. Yet, even as we recognize that "The past is a foreign country; they do things differently there¹," we are comforted by discerning in these images echoes of the patterns or rituals that still enrich our lives today.

Even though I have only recently become acquainted with ATLA and its history, I truly enjoyed scrolling through Martha Lund Smalley's special 60th Anniversary webpages. She's made terrific use of a range of materials to document the core activities of ATLA over the past decades (you'll find a link to Martha's webpages at <http://www.atla.com/>).

As I pored over the old snapshots and formal portraits that form an essential portion of the archival record of the association, I was struck by a sense of the recurring, mission-affirming rhythm of the organization's activities. Clearly, ATLA's members respectfully honor the traditions of their past even as they eagerly embrace the flow of new technology that radically affects the day-to-day operations of their professional lives.

With the assistance of both Martha and ATLA Executive Director Dennis Norlin, I was able to use many of these photos when assembling the special program book for this year's annual conference. We hope you take pleasure in these opportunities to review the many contributions of ATLA as you anticipate what its future may hold.

Happy 60th anniversary to you all.

*Sara Corkery
ATLA Communications Specialist*



¹Hartley, L. P. *The Go-between*. New York, Knopf, 1954.

ATLA Newsletter

Calendar

April

- 1 Deadline for postmarking Board election ballots being sent to ATLA headquarters
Deadline for May newsletter submissions
- 15 Deadline for Regional Grant Applications
- 18 Dennis Norlin at Catholic Library Association Board Meeting, Atlanta

May

- 1-3 Dennis Norlin meeting with Old Testament Abstracts (OTA), Washington, D.C.
- 15 Early Bird Conference Registration Deadline
- 29 Memorial Day, ATLA office closed

June

- 12-15 Lavonne Jahnke and Deana Dorsey exhibiting at the Association of Christian Librarians Annual Conference, Marion, IN
- 20-24 ATLA 60th Anniversary Conference, Chicago, IL

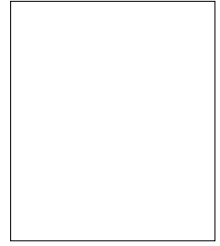
July

- 1 Deadline for August newsletter submissions
- 4 Independence Day, ATLA office closed
- 10-13 Dennis Norlin at RLIT, Argentina
- 15 Deadline for *Summary of Conference Proceedings* submissions

August

- 15 ATLA Membership Renewal Notices distributed
- 31 ATLA fiscal and membership years end

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