



Above: ATLA Executive Director Brenda Bailey-Hainer on a recent visit to the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia Library. Photo courtesy Michelle Y. Spomer.

Upcoming Board Nominations

Do you know someone who has the skills and dedication necessary to become a successful member of the ATLA Board of Directors? If so, the Nominating Committee for the ATLA Board would appreciate your suggestions. Information on the process and a list of qualifications for board members may be found in the Bylaws of the Association (see Article 4) and the ATLA Board Policy Manual (pp. 29-32). Be sure to review this information (<http://www.atla.com/community/Pages/default.aspx>) before forwarding your suggestions to the committee. There is no need for you to contact the person(s) you are recommending, as committee members will do so if they are interested in selecting this person as a potential candidate. Please send your suggestions by June 1, 2011 to Ellen Frost (efrost@smu.edu), chair, H.D. Sandy Ayer (sayer@ambrose.edu), or Joanna Hause (samkimo@hotmail.com).

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Thoughts of June



As signs of spring emerge with increasing determination in New England, my thoughts turn toward summer and my excitement for the June ATLA conference grows. Every year at the conference, whether through sessions, plenaries, or conversation, I discover new reading to pursue (books, articles, blog entries, project sites, etc.). And in some cases, I wish I had known in advance. These reading lists form part of a shared conversation in the field.

At my university, the librarians were recently invited to submit reading recommendations for our new governing board. If I may adapt the exercise for ATLA: what do you recommend other ATLA members read in advance of the conference? Put another way, is there something you've read recently that has helped inform your understanding of some aspect of theological librarianship?

I plan to post this question to the ATLANTIS listserv this week and invite you to share a recommendation there or email me directly (laura_wood@harvard.edu) and I'll summarize to the list.

I hope your anticipation for the conference is growing. I know there are many colleagues working hard to make this conference a success. I look forward to seeing you soon!

- Laura C. Wood



From the Executive Director

The First 120 Days

My first four months as ATLA's Executive Director have zipped by. During my interview, I was asked what I hoped to accomplish during the early days of my tenure. My response: develop a good working relationship with Board members, learn about the internal operations and finances of the organization, begin meeting members, get to know ATLA's staff, and meet business and collaborative partners, too. In the first 120 days, I've managed to make a start on each of these goals.

The opportunity to interact with Board members came soon – at the January Board meeting just two weeks after I started. Since then I've gotten to know them better through ongoing virtual interactions, attending Carver Policy Governance training with some, and a few individually by visiting their libraries.

The most challenging task has been getting a grasp on the internal workings of the organization itself. I've received numerous and ongoing briefings from ATLA's Directors – thankfully all experienced experts in their areas --and have absorbed as much as possible about the current situation while putting it in the context of the history of the organization.

I've visited stand-alone seminaries, divinity schools at universities, and a couple member organizations that are neither. Among them many different denominations and faiths are represented. I've met individuals at airport restaurants and at the meetings of other library associations as well as virtually through webinars. The dedication and energy of everyone I've met so far is astounding.

One of my most enjoyable tasks, however, has been to get to know ATLA's talented staff. The expertise and scholarly knowledge of our indexers is humbling, the creativity of those who serve our members and customers is boundless, and we are blessed to have talented staff that supports our technology, production and finances.

ATLA's reach out to business and collaborative partners is extensive. Some I've had long-standing relationships with from previous work in the library and information industry. Others in the theology and religious studies field are new to me. But all of them have been universally welcoming and all value ATLA's partnerships with them.

I am over the steepest part of the learning curve now, but it has a long tail that extends infinitely. However, in these rapidly changing times, you can't always sit back and wait for the fullness of knowledge to come to you. It's already time to put the knowledge I've gained so far to good use as ATLA's leadership plans for the coming year.

If you're attending the ATLA Conference in Chicago next month, please join me for the ATLA State of the State Address on Friday, June 10, from 3:30 to 4:15 pm. You can learn more about my observations, where the organization stands now, and our plans for the coming year.

--Brenda Bailey-Hainer

We welcome your submission of news, photos, and other items of interest for the *ATLA Newsletter*. All submissions are due on the first business day of the month preceding publication. Contact Sara Corkery (scorkery@atla.com) with any questions or concerns or if you are interested in sponsoring an issue of the newsletter.

Member News

New Committee Members Needed for PSIG

The Public Services Interest Group is seeking to add two new members to its Steering Committee. This is a good opportunity to become more involved in ATLA and the Annual Conference. This position is a four-year term, offering the opportunity to meet and work with interesting people and to have a voice in determining the program for the Public Service Interest Group's meeting at the Annual Conference. The Committee meets after the group's interest session at the Annual Conference. Any additional work throughout the year is conducted via email or phone. You can read more about the PSIG at <http://www.atla.com/Members/divisions/interest/Pages/Public-Services.aspx>.

Rare Book Exhibit at Morton Library

From now through June, The William Smith Morton Library at Union-PSCE will be exhibiting a special display of rare books printed at Philadelphia between 1745 and 1845, including books printed by Benjamin Franklin and a magnificent, hand-colored world atlas (1814). Detailed information is available on the Morton Library news page: <http://library.union-psce.edu/Pages/NewsPage.html>.

New Librarian at Pitts Theology Library

The Pitts Theology Library is pleased to announce that



Dr. Meredith B. Hammons will become its new reference and systems librarian. She completed the BA in Religion at Davidson College, the MA in English at Wake Forest University, and the PhD in Religion (Dissertation: *Beyond Joan of Arc: Masculine Metaphor and Gender Identity in Ancient Near Eastern Birth*

Rituals) at Vanderbilt University and is pursuing an MLIS at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Her experience includes service on the staffs of three libraries: the San Mateo County Central Library (California); the McHenry Library, UC Santa Cruz; and the Divinity Library, Vanderbilt University.

Research Strategies Lives On

Congratulations to William Badke, Associate Librarian at Trinity Western University, whose book, *Research Strategies: Finding your Way Through the Information Fog* has just gone into a fourth edition. The book will also be appearing as an epublication for Kindle, iPad, and other devices later this spring. Look for more information at <http://www.iuniverse.com/Bookstore/BookDetail.aspx?BookId=SKU-000453164>.

2011 IFLA/OCLC Fellows Visit ATLA Office

On Monday, April 18, several of ATLA's staff met with librarians from five different countries. Participants in the Early Career Development Fellowship Program, these librarians visited ATLA headquarters as part of their two-week stay in the United States. Jointly sponsored by OCLC and IFLA, the program offers early career librarians an opportunity to sample a variety of library and information science sites and to make connections with their American counterparts.



OCLC IFLA 2011 Fellows Standing, left to right: Miss Tian Xiaodi, (China) and Mrs. Khumo Dibeela (Botswana); Seated: Mr. Milan Vasiljevic (Serbia), this year's ATLA Fellow, Miss Geanrose Lagumbay (Philippines), and Mr. Fiskani Ngwira (Malawi).

To view the PowerPoint presentation prepared by Ms. Lagumbay, please look in the Member Publications library in the Community section of ATLA's website.

Visit <http://www.oclc.org/community/careerdevelopment/fellows/default.htm> for more information about the Fellows and the program.

2011 ATLA Annual Conference

News and Updates



Early Bird Registration and ATLA Housing Block Deadlines Extended

In order to keep conference attendance available and affordable for the largest number of people, we have decided to extend the early bird rate and the special ATLA hotel rates. You now have until **Monday, May 23, 2011** at midnight to register for the conference without incurring the \$50 late registration fee. ATLA's discounted hotel rates are available until **Tuesday, May 17, 2011**.

Exhibitors

As you make your final plans to join your fellow attendees in Chicago, be sure to check the conference website for updates. With over 50 tables representing nearly 45 different exhibitors, you can plan your trip to the exhibit hall in advance by checking the handy list of exhibitors and the schedule of exhibit hall events.

As always, ATLA thanks the generous sponsors whose support helps make the Annual Conference possible. This year's sponsors are:

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Many popular exhibitors will be returning to the 2011 conference, including **Abingdon Press, Baker Publishing Group, BRILL, Casalini Libri, De Gruyter, EBSCO Publishing, Editorial Verbo Divino, Eisenbrauns, Fortress Press, IVP Academic, OCLC, The Scarecrow Press, The Scholar's Choice, Theological Book Network, and Westminster John Knox.**

We also welcome six new exhibitors and four exhibitors who are returning after a few year's absence:

- **Church Health Reader** - offers online and print resources that focus on health and wellness for you and your church
- **Congregational Resource Guide of the Alban Institute** - connects congregations and their leaders with resources for effective ministry.
- **Continuum** - is a leading independent academic publisher of around 600 books each year, focusing on the Humanities, Education, and Religion.
- **Equinox** - a London-based independent academic publisher of religious studies, theology, and biblical studies textbooks, anthologies, monographs, reference books, and journals.
- **Franciscan Institute Publications** - the Franciscan Institute of Bonaventure University gained international prominence through its research on the great intellectual figures of the Franciscan tradition, resulting in the publication of the critical editions of their works.
- **Hendrickson Publishers** - provides premium scholarly publications to the academic biblical studies community.
- **H.W. Wilson** - is a publisher of web, CD-ROM, and print references for librarians and researchers.
- **The Association of Religion Data Archives (ARDA)** - strives to democratize access to the best data on religion through free sharing of resources
- **The Official Catholic Directory** - is the authoritative guide to the Catholic Church in the United States and abroad. Each edition provides complete information on the Church's hierarchy, its institutions schools, special care centers, and affiliated facilities.
- **Tyndale House Publishers** - provide a full line of Bibles, Bible reference, and Bible studies resources. Some of their brand names are the New Living Translation and Life Application Materials.

Visit the list on our website for the schedule of showcases and the most complete and up-to-date list of exhibitors and sponsors.

Showcase of Products: Featured Products and Services

Several of our conference exhibitors will provide an in-depth look at what they have to offer during this year's "Showcase of Products and Services."

On Thursday, June 9, from noon to 12:45, the **Association of Religion Data Archives** (theARDA.com) will host a session about its open access information on religion. You can learn about the features and benefits of **Copyright Clearance Center's** Annual Copyright License or hear about the offerings of **Equinox Publishing**. You can view the newly published facsimile edition of the Codex Sinaiticus with **Hendrickson Publishers**, while **EBSCO Publishing** will offer a light lunch along with its presentation on EBSCO Discovery Service. **OCLC** will talk about how to "Manage Your Library, Not Your Technology," and **Oxford University Press** will showcase its suite of award-winning online resources.

The second series of presentations will take place from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. on Friday, June 10. Enjoy a light lunch as you attend **ATLA Products and Services'** interactive discussion led by key ATLA directors and staff members. Come hear more about updates and enhancements to ATLA's products. You can discover America's first Bible commentary, *Biblia Americana*, with **Baker Publishing**, or hear about the Christian Periodical Index with the **Association of Christian Librarians**. **SIL International Publications** will present unique exegetical tools designed to aid exegetes and Bible students. You can also explore the mission and work of the **Theological Book Network**, which supports developing world theological libraries. **Westminster John Knox Press** will focus its presentation on several of its new, best-selling series.

Invitation: Participate in the Conference Choir

The ATLA Singers, a small volunteer choir that sings at one of the conference worship services, 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 sek26@columbia.edu. Past singers, please be sure to resubmit your name to insure that you'll receive the music ahead of time.

Memorials and Retirees

Every year we take time at the annual conference to honor retiring members and to remember ATLA members who have died in the preceding twelve months.

This year's memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, following the worship service. If you are retiring or if you know of any ATLA members who have passed away since June 2010, please inform Barbara Kemmis, Director of Member Services, bkemmis@atla.com.

Job Placement Services

A book of job openings submitted by employers will be available at the conference registration table. Job seekers will be welcome to look through the book and make mutually convenient arrangements to meet with the hiring employers. If you will be hiring at that time and want your position to appear in the book, please send your information to Denise McFarlin, Meeting Specialist, at dmcfarlin@atla.com.

Member Loyalty Program--Free Conference Registrations

The American Theological Library Association is proud to support the Member Loyalty Program to thank our current Institutional, International Institutional, and Affiliate members for your involvement in ATLA as members and customers. -- member libraries have registered and are sending -- staff to Chicago.

During these challenging economic times, we hope this program will allow you to attend the upcoming 2011 Annual Conference if cost has been holding you back.

We have extended the member loyalty program registration until the conference to accommodate members who would like to attend and are managing tight budgets--all you need to do is complete the form available at <http://www.atla.com/Members/benefits/projects/Pages/Member-Loyalty-Program.aspx>. Your registration will be confirmed and you will be invited at that time to redeem the loyalty benefit of your choice. Please note that loyalty benefits are not transferable.

As always, we appreciate your feedback. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Barbara Kemmis at 888/665-2852 or bkemmis@atla.com. Thank you for your dedication to ATLA as a member and as a subscriber. We are pleased to be able to provide you with a range of products and services.

So--don't wait! You can register for the conference, the sessions, and the excursions through the official conference website.

ATLA Consortia Update

ATLA is pleased to offer member benefits that save libraries money. Negotiations for the three ATLA consortia are underway, but we can still include more libraries.

Visit the links below for more information about the consortia:

ATLA/OCLC Consortium - <http://www.atla.com/Members/benefits/projects/Pages/OCLC-Consortium.aspx>

ATLA/EBSCO Publishing Consortium - <http://www.atla.com/Members/benefits/projects/Pages/EBSCO-Publishing-Consortium.aspx>

ATLA/Wilson Consortium - <http://www.atla.com/Members/benefits/projects/Pages/ATLA-Wilson-Consortium.aspx>

If you are interested in participating in one or more of the ATLA consortia, please review the rules of participation and let consortia@atla.com know.



New ATLA/Wilson Consortium

Designed to enhance ATLA Member Libraries' database collections, this new consortium offers consortial pricing on OmniFile Full Text, Select Edition via WilsonWeb (http://www.hwwilson.com/Databases/omnifile_select.cfm). This consortium replaces and expands Wilson content formerly available via the ATLA/OCLC Consortium. Participants must be an ATLA Institutional, International Institutional or Affiliate member in good standing.

Current participants in the ATLA/OCLC Consortium have already been contacted with access information to explore the WilsonWeb platform and ease the transition. Additional ATLA member libraries interested in trial access should write to consortia@atla.com to request the URL, ID, and Password. A request should include answers to the following questions:

- Would your library like access to the trial and preliminary pricing to participate in the ATLA/Wilson Consortium?
- How many campuses will have access?
- What is your most current FTE (preferably this term's figures)?

Wilson has generously agreed to honor past pricing and cap any price increases through 2013 to a maximum of 3%. We hope this will allow ATLA members to budget better and realize the advantages of this new benefit.

OCLC offers Group Discount on EasyBib.com

OCLC recently announced a partnership with Imagine Easy Solutions, LLC, creators of EasyBib.com, one of the most popular citation sites on the Web. EasyBib is an automatic bibliography composer, used by more than 24 million unique visitors in the past year. More than 500,000 new citations are added each day during peak periods of use, such as at the end of university terms. Users simply search or enter bibliographic data of a particular source and EasyBib formats the citation, alphabetizes the works cited list and exports it to word-processing software. Users can also use EasyBib's notebook feature to dynamically organize their research information associated with their citations.

The new Library Edition of this service will provide libraries with the opportunity to reach students at point of need, and will include a variety of features designed specifically to extend library reach and usage. The Library Edition will allow libraries to add their own branding to the EasyBib.com site, as well as their library search box, virtual reference tools, customizable links and more.

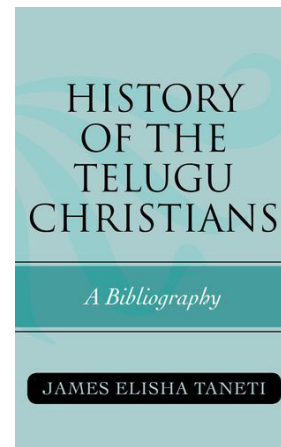
Since ATLA is a partner with OCLC, ATLA Institutional, International Institutional and Affiliate Library Members are eligible for a 10% discount should five or more libraries participate. Please contact Barbara Kemmis, bkemmis@atla.com to indicate interest and receive pricing.

ATLA Member Book Receives ALA Honors



Here at ATLA we are celebrating the continued accolades received by *The Wilderness, The Nation, and The Electronic Era: American Christianity and Religious Communication 1620-2000: An Annotated Bibliography*. Authored by ATLA lifetime member Elmer O'Brien (above, with wife Betty), the book was named one of the Best Historical Materials in the American Library Association's most recent annual list, published in *Reference and User Services Quarterly*. The book was selected for its value to academic libraries and scholars of American religious and cultural studies by members of the ALA Historical Materials Committee from amongst recently published print and electronic resources. *The Wilderness, The Nation, and The Electronic Era* is an innovative and authoritative guide to the role of communications methods and technologies in shaping American religious identities.

Mr. O'Brien is a retired library director, professor and former president of ATLA. Justin Travis, Editor of the ATLA Book Series, said, "Mr. O'Brien's book, published by ATLA in partnership with The Scarecrow Press as part of the ATLA Bibliography Series, furthers the association's commitment to fostering the study of theology and religion. We hope you join us in congratulating Mr. O'Brien for his well-deserved recognition and his remarkable contribution to the scholarship of religion in America."



ATLA publishes *History of the Telugu Christians: a Bibliography*

To paraphrase Walt Whitman, "Global Christianity contains multitudes." Before our eyes seminaries and religious studies departments across the continent are embracing the complexity inherent in the diverse religious experiences of over two billion persons alive today with growing awareness, appreciation and enthusiasm.

In that spirit, the American Theological Library Association is proud to announce the recent publication of the next volume in the ATLA Bibliography Series, *History of the Telugu Christians: a Bibliography*, by James Taneti. This bibliography is the sixtieth published by ATLA in conjunction with The Scarecrow Press.

Focused on the history of Christianity amongst the Telugu-speaking peoples of India, including their interactions with Western missionaries, this reference work serves as a roadmap to the evolution of Telugu Christianity into a unique religious community, describing and classifying the available English and Telugu primary and secondary sources. As with all books in the ATLA Book Series, we believe it may be of considerable value to the communities and institutions served by our member libraries.

-Justin Travis, Editor, ATLA Book Series

Special Committee of the Association for Diversity



LEEP Scholarships

Since the Theological Librarianship course will be offered in the spring of 2012, rather than in the fall, as has been the tradition, applications for the LEEP Scholarship will be available in the fall of 2011. Dates of application have not yet been determined. More information on the application process will be forthcoming in a fall issue of the *ATLA Newsletter*.

2011 Conference Programming

The Special Committee on Diversity of the ATLA is sponsoring two programs which I hope you will plan to attend. A panel discussion entitled "Racial Diversity Among Library Staff: Experiences and What We Learned Along the Way" will be offered on Friday, June 10 from 1:30 - 3:00 pm. Diana Brice, Serials and Acquisitions Librarian, JKM Library, Daniel Flores, Library Assistant/Faculty, Westwood College, and Tammy L. Johnson, Technical Services Librarian, Columbia Theological Seminary, will discuss their experiences as librarians of color and its impact upon their career development. This will be an interactive presentation and questions are expected and invited.

On Thursday, June 9, from 7:30-10:00pm, the Diversity Committee is sponsoring our second annual Movie Night. The film "Spinning into Butter" (rated R) is about a vicious hate crime on the campus of an elite New England college and its impact on the dean of students, faculty, and students. The movie is based upon a critically acclaimed play of the same title. Come and participate in what should be a lively and provocative discussion. Snacks will be served.

Another program of interest is a paper by Susan Ebertz, Director of the Reu Memorial Library, Wartburg Theological Seminary. "Sixty-Five Years of Racial Ethnic Diversity in ATLA" will be presented on Thursday, June 9 from 2:00-3:00pm. I encourage all of you who have an interest in diversity at ATLA to attend.

Looking forward to seeing you in Chicago.

- Diana Brice, Chair



ATLA Calendar

May

- 1 Submissions for June/July ATLA Newsletter due on first business day of this month
- 5 Early bird conference registration ends/Housing block closes
- 20 Conference on Information and Religion in Kent State, OH - Richard Rybak attending
- 30 ATLA Office closed for Memorial Day holiday

June

- 8-11 ATLA 65th Annual Conference in Chicago
- 17-22 Association of Jewish Libraries Conference in Montreal, Canada - Barbara Kemmis attending
- 23-28 ALA Conference in New Orleans, LA - Brenda Bailey-Hainer attending

July

- 4 ATLA Office closed for Fourth of July holiday
- 10 Content for Proceedings of the Annual Conference due
- 15 Membership renewal invoices and reminders distributed