

Newsletter



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From the President “June is Bustin’ Out All Over.”

As the song from the Rogers and Hammerstein musical *Carousel* proclaims, “June is Bustin’ Out All Over.” It’s June, but I am still struggling to accept this fact. Where did the academic year go? For many of us, commencement is over (or fast approaching). We are shifting into summer mode, which often includes working on all those projects we did not finish during the academic year. While we have fewer students in our libraries, we are often busier in the summer. I am getting ready to welcome a new staff member and to restart several major projects. I have also been busy preparing for the upcoming ATLA Board Meeting and Annual Conference.

The Local Host and Annual Conference Committees and the ATLA staff have been working hard to provide us with a terrific conference experience. I hope to see many of you throughout the conference - at the opening reception on Wednesday, at the Business Meeting on Thursday, at the State of the Association address on Friday, and at the Closing Memorials on Saturday. During the Business Meeting I will provide an update on what the Board has been working on this year and what we will work on next year. Here is a teaser: we are drafting a “BHAG” (a “big, hairy, audacious goal”) and are envisioning the future of ATLA. We also want to hear from you - the membership - so we will devote some time during the Business Meeting for conversation about the proposed membership dues increase and other topics you would like to discuss. Please bring your comments, questions, and suggestions. I will summarize our conversation in a future newsletter column. Meanwhile, best wishes for the summer!

Beth Bidlack
President



2014 Annual Conference News

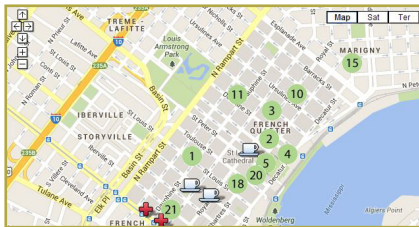
ATLA Annual Conference Program Book

The 2014 ATLA Annual Conference Program Book is available in both digital and print. [Click here for your digital copy](#) and pick up your print copy in New Orleans.



Browse the Conference Schedule

The 2014 ATLA Annual Conference is on Lanyrd. [Feel free to browse the conference schedule and learn more about Lanyrd.](#)



Explore NOLA

We are excited for you to explore New Orleans! We have created an [Attendees' Guide](#) with a list of must-eat restaurants and important information on getting to the conference location.

ATLA Products Showcase at the Annual Conference

Wednesday, June 18 at 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Join the ATLA products leadership team after the opening reception for a brief and informal discussion of ATLA's products, followed by Q&A and discussion. Come meet and greet Maria Stanton, ATLA's new Director of Production, and other product team representatives.

Maria, along with Margot Lyon, Director of Business Development, and Gregg Taylor, Licensing Manager, will discuss current and future developments and opportunities for ATLA products. You are welcome to e-mail your questions ahead of time to products@atla.com, or you are welcome to schedule a personal meeting at the conference with Margot Lyon (mlyon@atla.com), Maria Stanton (mstanton@atla.com) or Gregg Taylor (gtaylor@atla.com). A light dessert will be served. The presentation will be brief, allowing you time for your evening plans. We look forward to seeing you there.

Opening Reception: The Perfect Starter

The Opening Reception will be held at the conference location, InterContinental New Orleans, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Please enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and drinks and reconnect with colleagues before exploring New Orleans. Be sure to check out the [Dining Guide](#) for helpful recommendations on places to eat.

ATLA Welcomes Seven Titles to *ATLASerials*® (*ATLAS*®)

ATLA is pleased to welcome seven titles to be available in forthcoming releases of *ATLASerials*® (*ATLAS*®), ATLA's online full-text collection of more than 260 major religion and theology journals. These titles manifest ATLA's objective to enhance and diversify the languages, perspectives and international coverage in *ATLAS*.

- *Annali di storia dell'esegesi*, by Edizioni Dehoniane Bologna
- *Hamdard Islamicus*, by Bait al-Hikmat at Madinat al-Hikmat
- *Der Islam*, by Walter de Gruyter
- *Journal of Religion in Africa*, by Brill
- *Kerygma und Dogma*, by Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht
- *Muqarnas*, by Brill
- *Recherches Philosophiques*, by Institut Catholique de Toulouse

Gregg Taylor, ATLA's Licensing Manager, commented, "It's a compellingly global selection of titles in this update. These journals hail from France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands and Pakistan. The diversity in content is also wide, including Protestant, Catholic, traditional African religion, and three titles on Islam."

[Read the full press release here.](#)

New Issue of *Theology Cataloging Bulletin* Now Available

The May 2014 issue of [Theology Cataloging Bulletin](#), a benefit of membership, is now available in the member community section of the [ATLA website](#).

ATLA Accepting Applications for Scholarships to Promote Diversity in Theological Librarianship — Deadline Extended

The deadline for completed applications for the two scholarships to help promote diversity in Theological Librarianship is being extended to July 15.

Scholarship for a Theological Librarianship Course

The American Theological Library Association will provide one scholarship for \$1,200 to a student from an underrepresented population to attend a Theological Librarianship course at any ALA-accredited master's program in library and information studies, including the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's LEEP course, Theological Librarianship (LIS 590TL).

- Applicant must be from an underrepresented population (religious, racial, ethnic, or gender).
- Applicant must be an ATLA member in good standing.

ATLA Diversity Scholarship

The American Theological Library Association will provide one scholarship for \$2,400 to a student from an underrepresented population enrolled in an ALA-accredited master's program in library and information studies.

- Applicant must be from an underrepresented population (religious, racial, ethnic, or gender).
- Applicant must be an ATLA member in good standing.
- Applicant must secure a letter of recommendation from the director of an ATLA Institutional Member library.
- Applicant must enroll and complete at least 6 credit hours in the 12 months following notification.

Applications for both scholarships must be received by July 15 . Applicants will be notified of results by August 1.

Scholarship funds are supplied by generous ATLA members who donate to the Scholarships and Grants Annual Fund. For more information and to support this fund, please visit [the ATLA Scholarships and Grants Annual Fund web page](#).

Special thanks to the ATLA Diversity Committee for their support of this scholarship program.

Member News

From Inventory to Fox News

While doing an inventory of rare materials in the special collections of the Christian Theological Seminary Library, Rev. Dr. Scott Seay, Associate Professor of the History of Global Christianity, and Anthony Elia, Director of Library and Educational Technology, came upon items that would receive quite a bit of coverage from the Indianapolis Star and Fox News.

Elia and Seay identified several 16th and 17th century Bibles, which had significant historical, cultural, and religious value. Some of these items had not been identified or catalogued, and some were fairly rare and even unique, with only a few copies in North America. The provenance of acquisition goes back to the 1920s and 1930s, when CTS was the Butler School of Religion, and its first dean, Dr. Frederick Kershner helped to build up the religion, theology, and biblical studies collections. Elia and Seay believe that many of the purchases were done through Nathaniel Schmidt (1862-1939), a pacifist politician, Baptist preacher, and orientalist scholar at Cornell University.

Seay and Elia decided to put up the exhibit for the CTS graduation ceremonies a couple weeks ago, and it has been a success both at the seminary and in the broader Indianapolis community.

The curator of the special collections, Seay, is also one of the co-authors and managing editor of the recent "The Stone-Campbell Movement: A Global History" (Chalice Press, 2013), the first global and inclusive approach to the denomination's history.

Please check out the [Indianapolis Star](#), [IndyStar](#) and [Fox News](#) for photos and video footage of this special collection.

Job Openings

Are you in the market for a new position? Be sure to check the ATLA [web listings](#) to see who is hiring now.

Positions posted this month:

- American Theological Library Association, Chicago, IL, is looking for a [Digitization Specialist](#).
- American Theological Library Association, Chicago, IL, is looking for a [Metadata Analyst](#).
- American Theological Library Association, Chicago, IL, is looking for a [Lead Metadata Analyst](#).
- Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL, is looking for a [Theological Reference Librarian](#).
- Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL, is looking for a [Technical Services Head Librarian](#).
- North Park University, Chicago, IL, is looking for an [ILL Coordinator \(Part-time\)](#).
- Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, TX, is looking for a [Library Director](#).
- St. Patrick's Seminary & University, Menlo Park, CA, is looking for a [Library Technical Assistant](#).
- The Office of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Louisville, KY, is looking for an [Executive Director/Associate for Records and History of the Presbyterian Historical Society](#).
- Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO, is looking for a [Library Director](#).

Continuing Education Grant Awarded to SEPTLA

As many of the institutions of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Library Association (SEPTLA) are currently beginning or updating distance/online courses, the association felt that it was time to address the issue and look at ways in which our libraries can better support and bolster online education. Hence, Carisse Mickey Berryhill, associate Dean for Digital Initiatives, Special Collections, and University Archives at Abilene Christian University (ACU) was invited to speak at our Spring meeting. Dr. Berryhill is well-known among ATLA members for teaching the popular online University of Illinois course, "Introduction to Theological Librarianship," for which she has received the WISE Excellence in Online Education Teaching award three times in the nine years she has been teaching the course. Beginning with her maxim of "mission drives policy drives practice," Dr. Berryhill proceeded to address purpose, praxis, and presence in online education. Her insights on stewardship, hospitality, and wisdom were enlightening and inspirational. After lunch, Dr. Berryhill joined a panel of SEPTLA members Lynn Berg and Donna Campbell to discuss practical initiatives at New Brunswick Theological Seminary (NBTS) and ACU as well as the [ATLA E-book Lending Project \(ELP\)](#). Comments regarding the presentation and day's events were overwhelmingly positive.

Thank you to the [Professional Development Committee](#) and their work with the [Grants for Continuing Education](#). To learn more please visit the [ATLA website](#).

Submitted by Karla Grafton

FTLA Conference and Meeting Update

March 27, 2014, the regional group of ATLA, [Florida Theological Library Association \(FTLA\)](#), had a meeting and conference at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach. Speakers included Jonathan Harwell from Rollins College, and Dr. Marc Lavalley, Ximena Valdivia, and Philip O'Neill all of Barry University. Topics presented included research on Quakers, practical theology, Catholic archival resources, and Spanish collection development.

Submitted by Arthur Quinn, President of FTLA

Routine Maintenance Reminder

Routine maintenance will be performed on ATLA systems on Monday, July 7, and Monday, August 4. You may encounter a brief interruption of service between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. (CDT). Services that will be affected include ASE, listservs, the ATLA website, and member community sections. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

Staff News

Justin Travis Departs ATLA



Justin Travis

Justin Travis joined ATLA as an indexer for the *ATLA Religion Database® (ATLA RDB®)* in January of 2009. He later received additional responsibilities for the oversight of *Research in Ministry® (RIM®)* and assisted with data review for *Old Testament Abstracts*. He also participated in the ATLA Annual Conference programs as ATLA Book Series editor. Justin played a key role in helping integrate the *Catholic Periodical and Literature Index® (ATLA CPLI®)* into ATLA's product family, assisting with development of documentation, mentoring new indexers, and helping to identify efficiencies in indexing procedures. Because he was familiar with the indexing policies and data structure across such a wide range of our products, he was also instrumental in explaining our workflow and software needs to our partners at many different stages in the process of developing new production software. Justin will continue to serve in his role as ATLA Book Series Editor. Please join us in thanking him for his services to ATLA, and in wishing him all the best in his future endeavors.

Valerie Rogers Departs ATLA



Valerie Rogers

Valerie Rogers resigned her position as Digitizations Specialist after one year of working with ATLA. Her contributions to ATLA have included her reorganization and labeling of the ATLA Serials Exchange holdings and hardcover bound journals borrowed from other libraries. Her friendly attitude, flexibility, and her strength in hauling heavy journals and up and down step ladders will be greatly missed.

ATLA Calendar

June

- 17- ATLA Board of Directors Meeting, New Orleans, LA
- 18- 21 - ATLA Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA
- 21 - THATCamp: A Religion & Theology and Technology Unconference, New Orleans, LA
- 22-24 - Association of American University Presses (AAUP), New Orleans, LA - Margot Lyon attending

July

- 2-5 - Australian and New Zealand Theological Library Association (ANZTLA), 29th Annual ANZTLA Annual Conference, Melbourne, Australia - Brenda Bailey-Hainer attending
- 4 - ATLA office closed in observance of Independence Day
- 7 - Routine Maintenance Performed on ATLA Systems
- 26-29 - Catholic Biblical Association of America (CBA), 77th International Meeting, Providence College, Providence, RI - Margot Lyon and Gregg Taylor attending



From the Executive Director Speak Out!

One of ATLA's Organizational Ends refers to advocacy: *1.2.1 Librarians are effective advocates for their libraries and the profession. Advocacy can be defined in several ways* — active support of a cause or proposal, or pleading or arguing in favor of something. What all of these definitions have in common, however, is the idea that action is taking place.

Within the field of librarianship, much of the advocacy that takes place relates to publicly funded institutions. ALA sponsors a Legislative Day each year when delegations of librarians, trustees, and library supporters from all 50 states and U.S. territories visit members of Congress in Washington, D.C. Each delegate has a list of carefully crafted talking points that use facts to show how libraries make a difference in the lives of the citizens who live in their district. And along with those facts, is a list of bulleted requests for legislation, funding, or other action.

An initiative of ALA, lovelibraries.org provides a set of steps you can take to advocate for your library. Some of them are:

- **Set goals** - Determine what you want to accomplish.
- **Get organized** - Define your goals and objectives.
- **Deliver your message** - Set a communication plan with clearly defined key messages.
- **Target your audience** - Determine who can help you achieve what you want.
- **Identify communication strategies** - There are three primary types: outreach to groups, personal contact and the media.
- **Speak out** - All advocacy campaigns must have spokespeople who are knowledgeable and skilled in delivering their message.

Even when librarians are dedicated and passionate about their work, they may be uncomfortable being outspoken about it. Consequently, although there is a lot of talk about advocacy, often what actually takes place is marketing. It's always good to host events to draw people into the library, but visitors need to leave with a message that's more than learning that libraries are friendly places that serve cookies on special occasions. Challenge yourself. Go outside your comfort zone. Set a goal, craft a message, target the appropriate decision maker, and speak out!

During the coming year, watch for opportunities through ATLA to learn more about how to become an effective advocate for your library and the profession. You can speak out and make a difference.

Brenda Bailey-Hainer
Executive Director

Contact Information

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 newsletter@atla.com with any questions or concerns or if you are interested in sponsoring an issue of the newsletter.

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