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## From the President Creating a Firm Foundation



*Submitted by Kelly Campbell, ATLA President*

The February ATLA Board meeting was held in Chicago. The main items on the agenda dealt with assessing ATLA's organizational ends and considering its bylaws. These documents helped finalize the steps for creating a firm foundation for ATLA. As I

reflected on my time since I joined the board in 2000, I was struck by how much foundation work has taken place. As the February meeting started, I shared the various foundation pieces that have been updated, created, or enhanced during the past five years. Crucial pieces put into place include Core Purpose, Core Values, New Vision Statement, and a current strategic plan. As members, each of you has seen or will see these crucial pieces through a variety of ways.

While the external foundation pieces are important, the Board has worked on maintaining a firm internal foundation as well. For example, all new Board members intentionally attend Carver governance model training in order to keep the governance foundation in place. The Board's policy manual, another foundational piece, has been revamped and edited. The Board receives regular monitoring reports from the Executive Director. These reports serve two purposes: making sure the Executive Director is operating the association within stated Board guidelines and allowing the board to assess forward momentum of the association in reaching the strategic plan and organizational ends. With these final two pieces in place (organizational ends and bylaws revision), the association is on a firm foundation and ready to go into the future!

## From Staff Leadership Wanted: Working Volunteers



*Submitted by Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Executive Director*

ATLA, like other professional membership associations, is really a group of people who voluntarily come together to solve common problems, meet common needs, and accomplish common goals. Members play an important role in contributing their time and expertise for the betterment of the

association and the profession.

What does volunteering with ATLA offer you in return?

- Working on issues that matter to you.
- Making a positive difference to the association and the profession.
- Honing your collaborative and leadership skills.
- Meeting and working closely with other members.

ATLA is actively recruiting right now for volunteers to serve on committees, task forces, and working groups, with terms to begin July 1, 2016. As a member of one of ATLA's working volunteer committees you can expect to attend one in-person meeting in the fall (travel expenses covered) and conduct work throughout the entire year via e-mail and regularly scheduled conference calls. Task forces and working groups may conduct all of their work via e-mail and conference call. Working volunteers on all of these groups will help ATLA achieve its mission and organizational ends and assist with assessing progress toward them as well as to help fulfill ATLA's new vision and strategic plan.

Currently there are four active committees:

- Conference Committee
- Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Endowment Committee
- Professional Development Committee

In addition, several task forces and working groups will become active during the coming year. Some of the possible work areas include statistics, international theological librarianship education, and scholarly communication.

ATLA committee appointments will be made in April; task force and working group appointments will be made as needed

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throughout the year. Individual Members in good standing are eligible to be appointed, and must maintain their Individual Membership throughout their term of service. There may not be slots for everyone immediately, but you will be retained as a potential volunteer for any new committees or task forces that are formed during the year. [Please fill out the volunteer form available on the ATLA website](#) by April 8.

Whether it's through creating an association educational plan, raising money for the Endowment Fund, focusing on increasing member diversity, or planning the annual conference, your contributions make a difference. Volunteer today!

### Digital Spotlight: Rosa Parks Papers

The Library of Congress has digitized the papers of Rosa Parks. The archive spans the years of 1866-2006, with the bulk of the material dating from 1955 to 2000. This collection includes roughly 7,500 manuscript items and 2,500 photographs, including Park's first-hand recollections of the Montgomery bus boycott and personal correspondence with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This online archive is free and available for the next 10 years on loan from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation.

"The impact of seeing Park's own words allows for a fuller understanding of her legacy. We can learn so much more about her life and her activism thanks to the Library of Congress providing online access to her archive," said Andy Carter, ATLA's Digital Projects Manager.

The image selected by Andy Carter:

Image 27 of Rosa Parks Papers: Writings, Notes, and Statements, 1956-1998; Accounts of her arrest and the subsequent boycott, as well as general reflections on race relations in the South, 1956-circa 1958, undated; Folder 2.

[For the full collection, please go to the Library of Congress website.](#)

### ATLA Board Members Elected for 2016-2019

Brad Ost, Stephen Sweeney, Christina Torbert, and Jennifer Ulrich have been elected to serve on the American Theological Library Association's (ATLA) Board of Directors. ATLA members elected the four candidates to serve a three-year term, 2016-2019, on the ATLA Board of Directors, subject to confirmation by the membership of the Board Secretary's report at the 2016 Annual Conference. Exactly 48.28% of the membership voted.

Brad Ost is currently the Theology Librarian at the Woodruff Library, Atlanta University Center, Atlanta, GA. Ost served on the ATLA Publications Committee.

Stephen Sweeney is currently the Director of the Cardinal Staff Library, Saint John Vianney Theological Seminary, Denver, CO. Sweeney previously served on the World Religions, World Christianity, and Emerging Technology Interest Groups, and the Conference, Diversity, and Local Host Committees.

Christina Torbert is currently the Head of Continuing Resources and the Bibliographer for Philosophy and Religion at the J.D. Williams Library, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS. Torbert has served on the Steering Committee for the Technical Services Interest Group, the Education Committee, and the Professional Development Committee. She was also a member of the most recent cohort of the Creating Leaders of Tomorrow program.

Jennifer Ulrich is currently the Technical Services Librarian at the Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA. She has served on the Education Committee and Professional Development Committee.

The Nominating Committee and the Board of Directors express their appreciation to all of the candidates who agreed to be on the slate and for their many efforts on behalf of the Association.

[Read full press release.](#)

## The New ATLA Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Charge

Submitted by *Shanéé Yvette Murrain, DEI Committee Member*

One of the most exhilarating things about attending the *2015 Parliament of The World's Religions* was the sensory stimulation marking every square foot of meeting space in Salt Palace Convention Center. The vivid sounds of choral music, flutes, chanting, and snippets of oral histories being recorded for the *Life Story Library* spilled into the Grand Ballroom from the exhibit hall and past the reception foyer to tease my ears which were already straining to keep focus on whatever shared session I'd chosen to spend the hour in. For the eyes, there was live Mandala Sand Painting, Palestinian-Israeli *Healing Quilt*, interactive art installations and the traditional religious dress of the Sikhs, Tibetan Buddhist Monks, spiritual leaders of the First Nations, and 50 or so other traditions in attendance to behold. While my nostrils were teased by the smells of sweet incense and savory spices wafting over from prayers services and the Daily Langar meal, my heart was the most invigorated by witnessing attendees engaging in interfaith dialogue. I saw practitioners of African indigenous religions and Rabbi's squeezed tightly on benches while Wiccans sat at their feet, all deeply engrossed in conversation about the state of our world. Interfaith dialogue in praxis looked a lot like the task set before the committee as we revised our charge, findings ways to invite all ATLA members to sit together, using formats that beckon us to the table or bench in an inclusive way.

After three days of attending *Parliament Sessions* and staffing the "ATLA Ask a Librarian" booth in the exhibit hall, members of the committee traveled together to the Salt Lake City Public Library for our Fall Planning Meeting. The session began with reflection time, where we processed our takeaways from the Parliament together. A review of [ATLA's Strategic Plan](#) — particularly, in relation to diversity and inclusion, guided our focus on the direction of the committee for 2015-16. We spent much time thinking about who experiences voice-less-ness in our association or the profession, lifting up stories of alienation and othering we'd witnessed <http://www.coalitiontoadvancelearning.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Call-for-Applicants-Collective-Wisdom.pdf> and discussing how not to propagate those experiences in the language of the new charge. We thought about how to name those who don't prescribe to a faith tradition but have spiritual practices. We were inspired to examine how we need to verify and validate language with members who represent a particular viewpoint. With a whiteboard, Expo markers, and five hours on our side, we outlined the eight concrete ways the committee will endeavor to advance a culture within the association and the profession that affirms the intrinsic value of all. In addition to updating the charge, we recommended the committee name to be updated to the ATLA Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

### ATLA Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Charge

In order to realize and live the core value of hospitality, inclusion, and diversity as outlined in the ATLA Strategic Plan, the Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is committed to advancing ATLA's culture that affirms the intrinsic value of all members regardless of racial, cultural, age, career stage/professional experience, sexual orientation, gender expression, expression of faith tradition, disabilities, or socio-economic differences by:

- identifying, acknowledging, and deconstructing barriers to diversity, equity, and inclusion
- welcoming, valuing, and celebrating multiple perspectives and cultural vantage points
- increasing awareness and sensitivity toward issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion
- modeling meaningful exchange and full community participation
- creating and maintaining a welcoming and respectful environment
- embedding diversity, equity, and inclusion into the work and outcomes of the association
- providing members with resources, tools, and best practices they can use at their own institutions as appropriate
- transforming ATLA's composition to reflect the diversity of members' institutions and communities

At the invitation of Dr. Carisse Berryhill, members of the DEI Committee were invited to join ATLA's University of Illinois Theological Librarianship students during their February 3rd, live session about the topic "Contexts: Diversities and Dogmas." The questions asked by students including "What does diversity in theological librarianship look like? What is the vision you have for diversity?", "Has the committee sponsored a forum that highlights diverse religious resources for dealing with hate, bigotry, and terror?", and "Can you please share with me an example of how you have worked on the charge of "modeling meaningful exchange and full community participation" as mentioned on ATLA's website?" continue to challenge the committee and guide our conference session planning and recruitment activities.

## Welcome Annie Banfich, ATLA Licensing and Business Development Specialist

ATLA welcomes Annie Banfich as the Licensing and Business Development Specialist, a new position in the Business Development department. Annie will be part of the team responsible for the licensing of new content and maintaining existing publisher relationships. Annie has significant experience in the academic publishing world, having previously worked at Penguin Group and Artstor, with some early time at Indiana University Press.

Annie brings a passion for international licensing work, having negotiated deals and creatively solved problems across multiple continents. Annie recently completed Columbia University's executive Masters in Strategic Communications program. She loves coaching and was the captain of her collegiate lacrosse team.

Please join us in welcoming Annie to ATLA!

## Resource Review Advisory Group – Call for Volunteers!

Throughout the year, ATLA is approached by vendors and other organizations interested in promoting their product or service to the ATLA membership and possibly offering a discount or special offer for ATLA members to acquire or subscribe to a specific resource. ATLA is working more closely with SCELCLC to make compelling offers available through the [ATLA/SCELCLC Affiliate Program](#) and we need your assistance.

In order to help us determine if a particular resource or offer is something we should make available to members to ATLA members, we are forming a Resources Review Advisory Group. This group will collaborate with ATLA Member Programs staff to explore and evaluate resources and offers and help ATLA determine if a particular resource or offer may be of interest to other ATLA members. We are looking for volunteers who are active in making decisions about resources at their library — reference librarians, collection development librarians, library directors. Approximately once every 2-3 months members of the Resource Review Advisory Group will receive information about a resource or offer from and be invited to share their feedback via email, phone, or conference call. Volunteers can join or leave the group at any time

If you are interested in volunteering to participate on the Resource Review Advisory Group, or have any questions, please send an email to [memberrep@atla.com](mailto:memberrep@atla.com).

## Travel and Hotel Information Available for the 2016 ATLA Annual Conference

The ATLA Annual Conference is returning to the West Coast in Sunny Southern California.

Registration and the official schedule for the 2016 ATLA Annual Conference will be open and available late march. Until then, we have hotel, pricing, and travel information available for you on [the conference website](#).

The Hyatt Regency Long Beach (200 S Pine Ave, Long Beach, CA 90802) is the official hotel and meeting space for the 2016 ATLA Annual Conference, including sessions, exhibits, and keynotes. The hotel is conveniently located near world-class attractions, cutting-edge museums, and a thriving, multi-faceted arts and culture scene. [The discounted rate is \\$169 per night](#) (plus applicable taxes).

Long Beach is centrally located in Southern California and is within driving distance of three airports. On our site we have given a description of these airports, including directions to the conference location by taxi, shuttle, and public transportation, if available.

We also recommend going to the [2016 ATLA Annual Conference Events Facebook page](#) to ask questions of fellow attendees and members of the Local Host Committee. It's also a great place to find a travel companion to share a ride to/from the airport or roommate to cut the cost.

Please return to the [2016 ATLA Annual Conference](#) site late March for more information on the conference, including the official schedule and registration link.

We are excited to see you in Long Beach!

## Two New Webinars Added to the ATLA Winter/Spring Webinar Series

The Winter/Spring webinar series is underway and we are excited to share two new webinars that have been added to the schedule. This free webinar series is focused on professional development and vendor topics.

### The Religion, Philosophy, & Theology Subject Collection from Taylor & Francis

Gillian Howcroft & Stacy Sieck, Taylor & Francis

Wed, April 13, 2pm ET

Taylor & Francis Group, a world-leading publisher of academic and professional content, is delighted to offer ATLA members, through SCELIC, a specialist subject package, "Religion, Philosophy & Theology." Interested in learning more about how to access or trial the package on our online content platform, Taylor & Francis Online? Need a refresher on how to run your own usage reports? Then join us for an overview of all the great features that Taylor & Francis is offering for 2016!

During the webinar, you will learn about:

- New functionality and updates to Taylor & Francis' state-of-the-art content platform and mobile site, Taylor & Francis Online and Taylor & Francis Online Mobile ([www.tandfonline.com](http://www.tandfonline.com))
- Find news and offers on Religion and Philosophy
- How to navigate the Taylor & Francis Online admin portal to track usage, access entitlements, and more
- The Taylor & Francis Group LibSite, keeping librarians "in the know" about Taylor & Francis news and updates

Register here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3645830297127321089>

### Preparing for a Linked Data Future – The Importance of ATLA's NACO and CONSER Funnel Projects

Richard Lammert, Technical Services and Systems Librarian, Concordia Theological Seminary, Anna Appleman, Cataloger, Columbia Theological Seminary, and Judy Knop, ATLA NACO/CONSER Funnel Coordinator

Wed, May 25, 2pm ET

As linked data becomes a reality, authority records will increase in importance since they will be the source for the record identification numbers that will replace the text strings in bibliographic records. Record identification numbers are critical because they provide an unchanging link between the authority record and the bibliographic record. Moving forward, a minimal authority record, consisting of the entry and the bibliographic citation on which it is based, may be created for every entry on a bibliographic record. NACO funnel members will play a critical role in this process since they would be the ones primarily responsible for identifying and enhancing these bare-bones authority records.

Join Judy Knop Member Programs Librarian at ATLA to learn about the NACO (Name Authority Cooperative Program) and CONSER (International Cooperative Serials Cataloging

Program), both component parts of the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC), and how they function. She will share information about the ATLA NACO and CONSER Funnel Project and the requirements for membership, opportunities for training, and describe the review process for participants in these projects to create and modify name authority records in the Library of Congress Name Authority File (NACO) or master serial records in the OCLC database (CONSER). Joining Judy will be a long-time participant in the ATLA NACO Funnel, Richard Lammert, Technical Services and Systems Librarian, Concordia Theological Seminary, as well as Anna Appleman, Cataloger, Columbia Theological Seminary, a new participant, who will share their unique perspectives on the benefits for technical services professionals, their institutions, and the greater cataloging community of the funnel projects. Metadata librarians and catalogers interested in joining one of the projects as well as administrators looking to learn more about an important professional development opportunity for their technical services staff as well as a benefit to their institution are encouraged to attend.

Register here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4399957835315114244>

### Register for More Webinars

#### De Gruyter's Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception Online (EBR)

Sebastian Fuhrmann, De Gruyter editor for the Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception (EBR) Online  
Wednesday, March 16, Noon ET

Register here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1930249110012491010>

#### Succeeding in the Library Job Market

Jennifer E. Knievel, Director of Arts & Humanities at the University of Colorado Boulder

Wednesday, March 23, 2 pm ET

Register here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7773820259619824385>

#### Work-Life Balance of Women Leaders in Association of Theological School

Kelly Campbell, Associate Dean of Information Services and Director of the John Bulow Campbell Library

Tues, April 5, 2 pm ET

Register here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3114480307775365890>

#### Developing a Mutually-Enriching Library Volunteer Program

Rebekah Bedard, Reference Librarian and Outreach Coordinator, Pitts Theology Library

Tuesday, May 3, 2 pm ET

Register here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5736160231047455746>

## Professional Development Opportunities for Technical Services Librarians

In every issue of *Theology Cataloging Bulletin* (TCB), Leslie Engelson compiles a list of professional development opportunities that would be beneficial to librarians in technical services.

Please check out this quarter's professional development opportunities:

### Metadata Design Library Juice Academy

This course provides the tools needed to design metadata to support the needs of users and collections. Students are introduced to metadata expression using XML and RDF.

April 4-29, 2016 \$175

<http://libraryjuiceacademy.com/105-metadata-design.php>

### Mastering Excel® Formulas and Functions American Management Assoc.

Discover how to use an extensive array of tools to validate and analyze data in Excel®.

April 5, 2016 \$149

<http://www.amanet.org/training/webcasts/mastering-excel-formulas-and-functions.aspx>

### Fundamentals of Cataloging ONLINE: RDA vs. AACR2 OhioNET

Learn the key differences in cataloging vocabulary and workflows brought about by the implementation of RDA. Attendees will learn how to identify RDA and hybrid records in MARC format as well as practice a sample workflow for copy cataloging monographs.

April 19, 2016 \$35-\$65

<https://www.ohionet.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=316>

### Fundamentals of Cataloging ONLINE: Serials OhioNET

This workshop will cover the issues, fields, and elements to be considered when cataloging both print and electronic serials. Free resources and tools for cataloging serials will be explored along with how to utilize examples of national standards to simplify cataloging.

May 17, 2016 \$35-\$65

<https://www.ohionet.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=317>

### Coaching Techniques to Drive Employee Engagement American Management Assoc. and Motivation

Learn how to use a variety of communication strategies to boost employee focus, impact, and engagement; listen actively in order to engage and motivate, and explore the science behind the five essential coaching questions.

May 18, 2016 \$149

<http://www.amanet.org/training/webcasts/the-coaching-habit.aspx>

### What is TCB?

TCB is a quarterly publication of the Technical Services Interest Group of ATLA and contains information about new and changed Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) and Library of Congress Classification (LCC) numbers compiled from the Library of Congress's monthly lists of newly approved additions, deletions, and changes in subject headings and classifications. Also, upcoming training opportunities, a bibliography of recently published articles, as well as other information of interest to religion/theology catalogers are also included.

This publication is available to all ATLA members. If you would like to receive a quarterly email notification please contact [memberrep@atla.com](mailto:memberrep@atla.com). [You may access TCB here.](#)

Join ATLA to receive complimentary quarterly issues of *TCB*. Learn more.

## Events

## Call for Papers: Religions, Libraries in Dialogue (RELINDIAL)

The organizers of the Religions, Libraries in Dialogue (RELINDIAL) satellite meeting are issuing a call for papers (CFP). The theme of this year's RELINDIAL satellite meeting is "Fostering Global Scholarly Communications among Religions and Libraries." The satellite meeting will take place on August 12, 2016, on the campus of Ohio Dominican University in Columbus, OH.

The American Theological Library Association (ATLA) is sponsoring and hosting the satellite meeting. The satellite meeting is prior to the start of the 82nd IFLA General Conference and Assembly August 13-19, 2016, in Columbus, Ohio. The IFLA RELINDIAL Satellite Meeting is held under the aegis of IFLA but is a separate meeting not requiring IFLA registration.

We invite proposals from librarians, scholars, students, and others. We especially encourage first-time presenters (papers will be 20 minutes with 10 minutes for questions) on topics related to RELINDIAL's general theme. Proposals may address a wide range of topics, including, but not limited to:

- Making global knowledge exchanges in theology and religious studies more efficient;
- Identifying explicit and tacit barriers to access in theology and religious studies;
- Intellectual property protection for traditional religious knowledge;
- The state of open access publication in the field of theology and religious studies;
- Differences in open access practices between religious communities.
- Advancing digital humanities in theology and religion

To apply, please email a proposal of 250 words (with title of presentation) or less by March 31, 2016 to [jyounger@nd.edu](mailto:jyounger@nd.edu). Please include your name and institutional affiliation in your email, but not on your proposal itself. Proposals will be double-blind peer-reviewed. Notifications of accepted papers will be sent by April 15, 2016. If you have questions, please contact [mmcmahon@ctu.edu](mailto:mmcmahon@ctu.edu) or [clifford.anderson@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:clifford.anderson@vanderbilt.edu) for additional information.

The "Fostering Global Scholarly Communications among Religions and Libraries" is a Satellite Meeting of the Religions, Libraries in Dialogue (RELINDIAL) Special Interest Group on August 12, 2016, organized under the aegis of The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and hosted by the American Theological Library Association (ATLA)

## ATLA Calendar

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

As a reminder, routine maintenance will be performed on ATLA systems on Monday, March 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.

## Notes from the Road: A Winter of Wonder Visiting ATLA Members

*Submitted by Gillian Harrison Cain, Director of Member Programs*

How did I spend the winter months? Finding space in the overhead bins on airplanes for my heavy winter coat as I traveled to the East Coast.

The weather may have been a bit chilly in Boston in early January, but the welcome was warm at the two member institutions that Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Andy Carter and I were able to visit while in town for ALA Midwinter.

[The Congregational Library](#) is a unique ATLA Institutional member in that it is a library that maintains a collection of theological, religious, or ecclesiastical materials that are primarily for research purposes rather than a library is not one that supports theological and religious studies primarily on the graduate level at an accredited institution. We enjoyed several hours of lively discussion with the staff, learning more about them and their collections and projects, and greatly enjoyed a tour which ended in the Pratt Room, which was originally known as the "Biblearium," which contains S. Brainard Pratt's internationally known collection of Bibles, as well as relics from the Scrooby church in England (former home of the Plymouth Pilgrims), and a piece of Plymouth Rock.

Despite a rash of typical winter illnesses, most of the staff at the [Boston University School of Theology Library](#) were on hand to greet us and share information about their programs and projects. We enjoyed a tour of their library, including the closed stacks, and a lengthy discussion about their digital projects including the [motive magazine project](#) and the interesting [Flipping Book](#) technology used for the project.

Three visits in three days was the plan for the second week of February and that week's snowstorm decided to be kind to us and stay north of our planned stops.

Brenda and I started the week with a visit to Drew University where we toured the [Library](#), and the Drew University Special Collections which encompass the [Methodist Library](#), the [University Archives](#), and a number of distinctive [Special Collections](#). It took us quite a while to wrap our heads around all the organizations and collections at Drew and how they're all connected. At the end of the day, the library and archives staff kindly spent time with us, amidst a great number of John Wesley statues, to discuss their different roles and share details about their technology projects.

Tuesday found us still in New Jersey at [Princeton Theological Seminary](#) where the James Lenox Librarian Don Vorp graciously took us on an extended tour of their amazing new

library. We were inspired at how open and inviting it was and wowed by the state of the art technology available within such a grand and warm space. We spent an hour with most of the staff getting to know more about them and the work they do and were able to join several of them for a lively lunch where we learned more about their go to sources of professional development.

With the promise of snow in the air we proceeded apace from New Jersey, through New York, and on to Connecticut and for our Wednesday visit at the [Yale Divinity Library](#). After sharing stories over a tasty lunch, Steven Crocco and Suzanne Estelle-Holmer generously spent the afternoon showing us all the nooks and crannies of their library. It was interesting to see the creative ways they've made adjustments in their beautiful spaces to accommodate for the way that students work and conduct research today.

We greatly appreciate the library and archives staff of The Congregational Library, Boston University School of Theology Library, Drew University, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Yale Divinity Library for the warm welcome and being willing to answer our endless questions.



## Member News

## Jeff Brigham Retires from Andover Newton Theological School

Jeff Brigham is leaving his position as Co-Director and Technical Services Librarian at Andover Newton Theological School on March 18.

He shared, "... I'm privileged to have been associated with ATLA since my days at the Nyack College-Alliance Theological Seminary libraries, and to have been able to attend the annual conferences since Columbus in 1989. Indeed, I've counted it as my main source of professional development. Even more so, I will miss the camaraderie of my fellow librarians each June, and the 'constant contact' by e-mail and listserv during the year. I've enjoyed many dear friendships in the group."

Jeff has made a lasting impact on the association. He chaired the Education Committee, chaired the United Church of Christ denominational group, and was a steering committee member of the Technical Services Interest Group. He has qualified as a Lifetime Member and we thank him for all of his years of service.

Please join us in congratulating Jeff on what he calls his "semi-retirement."

## ATLA Job Board

- ATLA, Chicago, IL, is looking for an [Editor-in-Chief, Theological Librarianship](#).
- Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA, is looking for an [Acquisitions and Collection Management Librarian](#).
- Concordia University Irvine, Irvine, CA, is looking for an [Assistant Librarian/ Archivist](#).
- David Allan Hubbard Library, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, is looking for a [Reference Librarian and Spanish Language Specialist](#) and [Electronic Resources Librarian](#).
- Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Ontario, is looking for a [Cataloging Services Librarian](#).
- Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, St. Louis, MO, is looking for a [Systems/Cataloging Librarian](#).
- P.H. Welshimer Memorial Library, Milligan College, TN, is looking for a [User Services Librarian](#).
- Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, is looking for [James Lenox Librarian](#).
- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Forth Worth, TX, is looking for a [Public Services Librarian](#).
- St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, CA, is looking for a [Library Director](#).
- The University of the South, Sewanee, TN, is looking for a [School of Theology Librarian](#).
- Trinity International University, The Rolfing Memorial Library, Deerfield, IL, is looking for a [Theological Librarian](#).
- Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, OH, is looking for a [Director of Library Services](#).

## Dr. Patricia Lyons Retires from St. John's Seminary

Dr. Patricia Lyons will be retiring from her post as Library Director of St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, CA, at the end of the term.

According to their website:

Dr. Lyons oversees the theological and religious studies collections of St. John's Seminary. She holds M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in history of religions from Princeton University and an M.S. degree in library science from Simmons College, Boston. Previously, she served as librarian at the Swedenborg School of Religion, Newton, Massachusetts; director of the Graduate Theology Library at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, Michigan; and director of the Library at Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio. Dr. Lyons has particular interest and experience in instructional technology, collection development, and the planning and design of library buildings.

Please join us in congratulating Patricia on her retirement.

## Programs and Projects

## Mapping The Landscapes: Survey Seeks Insights about Continuing Education/Professional Development Needs

*Submitted by the Professional Development Committee*

Libraries, archives, and museums have long histories of valuing continuing education and professional development (CE/PD). However, little common data across the three fields is currently benchmarked, collected, or circulated regarding professionals' CE/PD needs. This has created gaps in knowledge and documentation, leaving some potential collaborative CE/PD opportunities unknown.

*The Mapping the Landscapes* project is the first comprehensive effort to rectify this gap in our understanding of CE/PD needs and opportunities. Spanning across America's library, archives, and museum sectors, this project seeks to establish a national dataset of professional competencies and benchmarks, attitudes toward CE/PD, engagement patterns, and drivers and barriers for participation. Mapping the Landscapes is funded through a federal grant from the Institute of [Museum and Library Services](#) (IMLS), and is a joint effort of the [Coalition to Advance Learning in Archives, Libraries and Museums](#), the [Educopia Institute](#), and [TrueBearing Consulting](#).

As a professional who relies on CE/PD resources, this is an opportunity for your voice to be heard! The information collected through this project will advance efforts to make CE/PD more relevant, accessible, and effective in supporting the professional development of you and your colleagues. Please take about 20 minutes to complete the survey (individually — or personally — identifiable information will not be published, or shared outside the project research team).

To participate in the survey, just click the following link any time through March 24:

[Take the Mapping the Landscapes Survey](#)

If you want to learn more about this project, see the Frequently Asked Questions at this link:

[Mapping the Landscapes FAQs](#)

## The Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Invites Applications for Diversity Scholarships

The Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI Committee) invites applications for the [Diversity Scholarship](#) and [Scholarship to Promote Diversity in Theological Librarianship](#).

Completed applications must be submitted no later than June 1, 2016.

The DEI Committee will provide funds to assist a student from an underrepresented population in their enrollment in an ALA-accredited master's program in library and information studies or to take a course in Theological Librarianship at an ALA-accredited school.

Applications will be reviewed by the [DEI Committee](#). For more information about the committee's composition and work, please visit the [Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion webpage](#).

More information, including eligibility and application process, can be found on the [scholarship's webpage](#).

The 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](#).

Please direct questions to [memberrep@atla.com](mailto:memberrep@atla.com).

## 2015 ATLA Summary of Proceedings Available

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This year's *Proceedings* is available in EPUB and PDF versions and [can be found here](#).

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All Individual, Student, and Lifetime Members and Institutional, International Institutions, and Affiliate Member Representatives will receive a copy of the *Proceedings*. Printed editions were mailed out the first week of March. Non-members may subscribe for the printed edition at \$60 domestic and \$80 international per volume. [Contact a membership associate](#) for more information on subscribing.

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## Theology Cataloging Bulletin Available

The February 2016 issue of *Theology Cataloging Bulletin* (TCB), a benefit of membership, is now available. [Please click here to access](#) this issue in the member restricted section of the ATLA website.

Section one of each issue lists new and changed subject headings and genre/form terms and section two lists new and changed classifications. Both are selected and compiled by Ann Heinrichs (Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, Illinois). Section three includes general information, including professional development opportunities, and is edited by Leslie Engelson (Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky).

Thank you to the [Technical Services Interest Group](#) (TSIG) for their work on this publication.

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## ATLA Merges Vocabularies in *ATLA RDB*® and *ATLA CPLI*®

During the 2016 fiscal year, ATLA will be merging the vocabularies used in indexing the *ATLA Religion Database*® and the *ATLA Catholic Periodical and Literature Index*®.

Where possible, *ATLA RDB*® subject heading conventions will be applied to the *ATLA CPLI*® data.

During this process, however, some *ATLA RDB*® subject headings will be modified as well. We will be posting the current list of significant changes [on our website](#).

Please direct questions to [support@atla.com](mailto:support@atla.com).

## Announcing Additions to *ATLA Products* – March 2016

The American Theological Library Association (ATLA) is pleased to announce the addition of titles now available in *ATLA Religion Database*® (*ATLA RDB*®) and the *ATLA Catholic Periodical and Literature Index* (*ATLA CPLI*®).

### New indexing titles in *ATLA RDB*

- *Journal of Africana Religions* by Penn State University Press

### New indexing titles in *ATLA CPLI*

- *Revista de Teologia e Ciências da Religião da UNICAP* by FASA Editora ; Universidade Católica de Pernambuco

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