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From the President Legacy Musings



Submitted by Kelly Campbell, ATLA President

With the New Year fresh and the holidays behind us, sometimes we reflect on people that were not with us during the holidays in 2015 and who will not be with us as we encounter the “firsts” throughout 2016, as the year of the “first without....” These

individual’s legacies were valuable to us in the past and will be missed in the future. Webster’s Dictionary defines legacy as “something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past.” As ATLA enters the future, I looked back at two resources which encouraged and reminded me of ATLA’s legacy.

In 1996, ATLA published the following book, “The American Theological Library Association: Essays in Celebration of the First Fifty Years” edited by M. Patrick Graham, Valerie R. Hotchkiss, and Kenneth E. Rowe. Just flipping through the pages reminded me of why I became a theological librarian and how important ATLA is to future theological librarians. ([You can find a digital copy on the ATLA Press.](#)) In addition, I browsed through “A Broadening Conversation: Classic Readings in Theological Librarianship” edited by Melody Layton McMahon and David R. Stewart which was published in 2006 in celebration of ATLA’s 60th anniversary.

As we enter 2016 (another ten years by the way), I challenge each of us to find something from ATLA’s past to remember, to build upon, and to take with us into the challenging future.

From Staff Leadership ALA Midwinter 2016: A Brief Report



Submitted by Brenda Bailey-Hainer, ATLA Executive Director

The ALA Midwinter Conference was early this year — so soon after the holidays that I barely had time to refocus my attention on association work again before heading off to Boston.

The Top Ten Tech Trends panel organized by LITA included some new faces this year. Participants on the panel included Jason Griffey (Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University), Jamie Hollier (Anneal Inc. and Commerce Kitchen), Alex Lent (Millis Public Library), Rong Tang (Simmons College), Jim Hahn (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), and Ken Varnum (University of Michigan). A wide range of trends were suggested. Just a few intriguing ones were artificial intelligence based personal assistants that help you set up meetings ([x.ai](#)), workflow simplification ([Kanban](#)), and cryptocurrency-based applications using [blockchain](#).

One of the most striking sessions I attended was one sponsored by ALA’s Center for the Future of Libraries. “Libraries Transform: Understanding Change” was based on John Kotter’s well-known 8-step process for leading change. The most important step is the first one: Establishing a sense of urgency. Libraries, like many other organizations, can become complacent. Many times in my past life actively working as a librarian I heard, “Why fix it if it isn’t broken?” The session was based on a lighter allegory version, *Our Iceberg Is Melting: Changing and Succeeding Under Any Conditions* (John Kotter and Holger Rathgeber, 2006), which illustrates the methodology and techniques that can be used to change an organization.

Mergers and acquisitions were on the minds of many, particularly with the completion of the [ProQuest acquisition of Ex Libris](#) in December. RMG consultants hosted their 26th Annual Presidents’ Seminar in which they invite global ILS companies and other library industry executives to discuss initiatives and trends that impact libraries. Unfortunately, this year moderator Rob McGee’s questions focused on the financial and legal aspects of mergers and acquisitions

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and literally nothing substantive was revealed about future directions in the industry.

Although it also focused on the business side of the information industry, a much more useful session was organized by the Publisher/Vendor/Library Relations Interest Group of ALCTS (Association for Library Collections and Technical Services). "Working Together Through Mergers and Acquisitions: Impacts and Best Practices for the Library Market" featured presentations by high level executives at OCLC, ProQuest, and Penguin Random House as well as the Head of Resource Acquisition and Discovery at the University of Alabama.

ICOLC (International Coalition of Library Consortia) held a breakfast and networking event where information about consortia activities throughout North America was shared. One interesting initiative underway is [Library Simplified](#), a project jointly funded by IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services) and New York Public Library. NYPL has built a new open source app designed to improve the eBook borrowing and reading experience for users of any library that deploys it. They are also investigating and prototyping a new shared platform to support libraries in providing access to e-content. There is talk among several library consortia about starting a Library Simplified based project that will better support seamless user access to collections shared among consortia members.

ACRL (Association of College and Research Libraries) provided an update on the 2014-2015 ACRL Academic Library Trends and Statistics Survey. This is something that ATLA is monitoring as we begin to consider what the next generation statistical survey for ATLA members should look like.

ATLA staff members Gillian Harrison Cain and Andy Carter also attended the conference, taking in an entirely different set of programs and events and spending time in the exhibits identifying products and services that might be of interest to ATLA members. We are always on the lookout for potential exhibitors and speakers for our own conference. Expect to see some of the larger trends from ALA Midwinter that affect academic libraries reflected in the 2016 ATLA Annual Conference in Long Beach, California, in June.

2016 ATLA Board of Directors Election

The 2016 ATLA Board of Directors Election will open on January 7. The election will be performed via electronic ballot by Survey & Ballot Systems.

Ballots and candidates' biographical statements will be posted on a customized website hosted by Survey & Ballot Systems and can also be found on the [ATLA Newsletter site](#).

Personalized access codes to the voting site will be sent via e-mail to eligible voting members (Institutional Member Representatives, Individual Members, and Lifetime Members) in good standing as of January 1, 2016. The e-mail will come from ATLA Election Coordinator and the displayed e-mail address will be noreply@directvote.net. You may wish to add this address to your address book or alert your IT staff to allow it through your institution's firewall.

The election will close on Friday, February 1, 2016.

If you are an Individual members who also serves as an Institutional Member representative, you will receive two distinct ballots with different access codes in order to fulfill your voting opportunities as articulated in the ATLA Bylaws.

If you have any questions about voting procedures or your membership status, please contact a membership representative at memberrep@atla.com or Gillian Harrison Cain, Director of Member Programs, at gcain@atla.com.

Theological Librarianship Seeking Editor-in-Chief

Submitted by Dan Kolb

ATLA is seeking applications and nominations for the position of Editor-in-Chief of the ATLA sponsored online journal *Theological Librarianship*. The journal is entering its ninth year of publication.

Responsibilities of the Editor-in-Chief (EIC) include overseeing the selection and work of all Section Editors, personally selecting content and editing one of the sections, and convening and providing the agenda for all editorial board meetings, both those held online and those held in-person. The EIC also coordinates, in conjunction with the Editorial Board, long term planning for the journal and makes recommendations as appropriate to the Director of Member Programs for new initiatives, programmatic changes, editorial stipends, and any other matters relating to the provision of journal content. The EIC reports to the Director of Member Programs and serves a three-year (renewable) term.

The complete notice for the position is posted on the [ATLA Job Board](#).

Anyone wishing to apply or nominate someone for the position should consult application and nomination procedures in the position notice. Applications are due by January 15, 2016.

Welcome Andy Carter, Digital Projects Manager

We are excited to introduce Andy Carter, our new Digital Projects Manager in the Member Programs Department.

Andy will be responsible for developing collaborative digital projects to support expanded access to digital collections at religious and theological libraries.

Andy comes to us from Athens, GA, by way of Tennessee and originally hails from Kansas. His previous positions include Digital Projects Archivist for the Digital Library of Georgia at the University of Georgia Libraries and Digital Projects Librarian at Memphis Public Library. Andy became a Certified Archivist in 2011 and holds an MLS from Emporia State University.

Please join us in welcoming Andy to ATLA.

New Appointment to Endowment Committee

Committees play a large part in making ATLA a thriving association. We appreciate the work and dedication from our committee members and are excited to announce one new appointment for the 2015-2016 year.

- Eric Benoy, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
- Endowment Committee

Five Places to See in Long Beach

The 2016 ATLA Annual Conference will be held in Long Beach, CA, on June 15-18. The Local Host Committee, SCATLA (Southern California Theological Library Association), has been working on organizing fun excursions for your stay in California.

SCATLA has been using [#atla2016 on Twitter](#) and posting on the [Facebook Event's Page](#) their favorite and must-see spots throughout Southern California.

Here are some of our favorites:

[Griffith Observatory](#)

Griffith Observatory is a facility in Los Angeles, California sitting on the south-facing slope of Mount Hollywood in Los Angeles' Griffith Park. The observatory is a popular tourist attraction with an excellent view of the Hollywood sign, and an extensive array of space and science-related displays. We recommend renting a car or taking an Uber or taxi.

[Getty Museum](#)

The Getty Center is well known for its architecture, gardens, and views overlooking Los Angeles. The museum features pre-20th-century European paintings, drawings, illuminated manuscripts, sculpture, and decorative arts; and 19th- and 20th-century American, Asian, and European photographs. We recommend renting a car or taking an Uber or taxi.

[The Queen Mary](#)

The Queen Mary is a full-service Long Beach hotel, historical landmark, and entertainment venue featuring award-winning restaurants, historical attractions, numerous special event salons and 346 staterooms. The Queen Mary gives a unique glimpse into an era when steamships were the most regal way to travel. This location is walking distance from the conference hotel.

[Aquarium of Pacific](#)

The Aquarium of the Pacific is a 5-acre aquarium with 500 species and walking distance from the conference hotel.

[Shoreline Village](#)

Quirky shops, souvenir stores and restaurants line this popular waterfront boardwalk, which also features a carousel and fun zone for kids, live entertainment, beautiful views of the city and dynamite sunsets. This is walking distance from the conference hotel.

Attendees can check the [ATLA 2016 Conference event page](#) on Facebook, a [Pinterest board](#) at ATLA 2016 Long Beach, and use [#atla2016](#) and [@YourATLA](#) to find more posts to help them plan their time during their stay in California.

ATLA and Open Access

Submitted by Timothy D. Lincoln, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Note: This is the first of a series of feature articles written by ATLA Board members that talks about how ATLA's new Strategic Plan resonates with them personally in the context of their own institutions.

One of the goals of ATLA's Strategic Plan, approved by the Board of Directors in February 2015, is to facilitate "open access publishing in the study of religion and theology." Open Access (OA) reflects a shift in business practice about who pays which costs for producing scholarly content in a digital environment. In the traditional subscription model, subscribers who pay a fee are able to use content. In OA, the cost for producing and maintaining content is paid for up front by a sponsoring institution. The content is available to readers at no direct cost to them.

This strategic goal directly affects my library for two reasons. First, my library patrons want excellent library collections and broad access to relevant information. These are core values of ATLA's Strategic Plan. Facilitating OA publishing promotes both excellence in scholarly publishing and broader access to scholarly literature in theology and religion.

I'm all for it. I want patrons to have access to high quality information.

Second, although OA may seem like a nerdy issue for accountants, I see OA as a helpful approach to put a brake on the rising costs of journal subscriptions. As you know, large commercial publishers are taking over production of niche journals that your faculty and students care about. The difficulty here is that new management often raises subscription prices, sometimes dramatically. I'm sure each of you has her favorite example. As a librarian, I worry about the stewardship of my acquisitions budget. I know prices affect the access that my patrons have to the literature they want for teaching, learning, and research. I have dropped

subscriptions to some journals because I was unwilling to pay the price, even though the journal was in an area that is important to teaching and learning at my school.

If our association can use OA approaches to combat higher journal prices, I'm all for it.

To make progress on this strategic goal, the board has approved an implantation plan with five objectives related to OA publishing in the study of religion and theology. The ATLA staff is exploring the OA publishing landscape, seeking collaborators for OA publishing, and increasing OA content in ATLA offerings. The staff is also examining the infrastructure needed to support OA publishing.

There is a role for you, as well: to help identify "at-risk" content which members hope will continue to be available to our patrons through OA publishing. As implementation of our Strategic Plan unfolds, you will have opportunities to identify such content.

The goal about facilitating open access is one of four goals in the Strategic Plan. In future newsletter articles, board members will talk about how these 50,000 foot-level goals impact your work and your patrons.

ATLA flourishes because members, leadership, and staff are committed to our common calling of promoting scholarly communication through the work of libraries and related information providers. I am proud to be a partner with you in this good work.

Member News

New Members: Antiochian Village, Living University, God's Bible School and College, Oklahoma Baptist University

Please join us in welcoming four new members to the American Theological Library Association:

Affiliate Member The Antiochian Heritage Library, Antiochian Village, Bolivar, PA

The Antiochian Heritage Library houses approximately 25,000 volumes relating to early Christianity, the theology of the Orthodox Christian Church, Middle Eastern culture, Syriac, Syrian-Arabic and Aramaean Christian history and culture, and Christian-Muslim relations. In addition to the scholarly collection, the library offers resources for families, educators, and those interested in learning more about Eastern Orthodox Christianity. [Learn more.](#)

Affiliate Member Living University, Charlotte, NC

The mission of the University Library is to provide professional library and information sciences services to help meet the information needs of Living University students, faculty and staff and the Living Church of God international headquarters workforce by acquiring and providing access to materials in appropriate formats and in sufficient quantity, depth and diversity to support teaching, learning and basic research, and by preserving the textual tradition of the Living Church of God and its antecedent fellowships both in print and in electronic forms in an Archive and Special Collections Repository. [Learn more.](#)

Affiliate Member R. G. Flexon Memorial Library, God's Bible School and College, Cincinnati, OH

God's Bible School and College founded over 100 years ago, offers 25 programs of study in Bachelor of Arts, Associate of Arts, and Associate of Applied Science. The R.G. Flexon Memorial Library was completed in 1990 and is named after the distinguished pastor and educator who was a member of the college faculty. The collection of the library contains 50,000 volumes. The library circulates 14,097 items per year. [Learn more.](#)

Institutional Member, The Mabee Learning Center, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, OK

Oklahoma Baptist University is a small Christian liberal arts university in Shawnee, 30 minutes east of Oklahoma City. The Mabee Learning Center contains a collection of 39,233 volumes. The library circulates 20,108 items per year. The university provides 10 bachelor's degrees in 87 areas of study. Five master's degrees, eight certificate programs and an Intensive English Program for international students. [Learn more.](#)

Columbia University Accepting Applications for Libraries Research Awards

Submitted by Beth Bidlack, Director of The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary

[Columbia University Libraries/Information Services](#) invites applications from scholars and researchers to its annual program designed to facilitate access to Columbia's special and distinctive collections, the [Libraries Research Awards](#).

The Libraries will award ten (10) grants of \$2,500 each on a competitive basis to researchers who can demonstrate a compelling need to consult Columbia University Libraries/Information Services holdings for their work. The award was established in 2011 and supports scholars and researchers who may benefit from access to Columbia's special and unique collections. Participating Columbia libraries and collections include those located on the Morningside Heights campus: the [Avery Architectural & Fine Arts Library](#), the [Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary](#), [Butler Library](#), the [Lehman Social Sciences Library](#), the [Rare Book & Manuscript Library](#), the [C. V. Starr East Asian Library](#), and the [Libraries' Global Studies Collections](#).

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs). Persons holding J-1 or F-1 exchange, student, or visitor visas are not eligible for this grant. Preference will be given to those applicants residing outside the greater New York metropolitan area who need to travel to New York City to conduct their research.

Applications will be accepted until February 29, 2016. Award notifications will be sent to applicants by April 30, 2016 for research conducted at Columbia during the period July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017.

For more information and application materials, please visit the [Libraries Research Awards page](#)

ATLA Job Board

- ATLA, Chicago, IL, is looking for an [Editor-in-Chief, Theological Librarianship](#).
- ATLA, Chicago, IL, is looking for [Licensing and Business Development Specialist](#)
- Calvin College and Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI, is looking for a [Dean of College and Seminary Library](#)
- Perkins School of Theology/Bridwell Library, Dallas, TX, is looking for a [Librarian 3 \(Rare Books and Manuscripts Librarian\)](#)
- Trinity International University, The Roling Memorial Library, Deerfield, IL, is looking for a [Theological Librarian](#)

Programs and Projects

Taylor & Francis Journals Offer

World leading publisher, Taylor & Francis is delighted to offer its deeply discounted specialist subject package, "Religion, Philosophy & Theology." This package includes most of the former Maney titles in this subject area and replaces the former Maney package.

This collection of 14 journals forms a significant body of original, peer-reviewed research spanning the subjects of bioethics, ecclesiastical history, philosophy, theology, and spirituality. Society affiliations include the British and Irish Association of Practical Theology; Society for Pastoral Theology; Society for Reformation Studies; The Tyndale Society; Rural Theology Association; The Eckhart Society; Society for Chinese Religions; Baptist Historical Society and the European Pentecostal Theological Association. The titles are:

- *Baptist Quarterly*
- *Black Theology: An International Journal*
- *Critical Horizons (A Journal of Philosophy and Social Theory)*
- *Journal of Chinese Religions*
- *Journal of Pastoral Theology*
- *Journal of the European Pentecostal Theological Association*
- *Medieval Mystical Theology*
- *Medieval Sermon Studies*
- *Political Theology*
- *Practical Theology*
- *Reformation*
- *Reformation & Renaissance Review*
- *Rural Theology (International, Ecumenical and Interdisciplinary Perspectives)*
- *Theology & Sexuality*

ATLA institutions that place an order by March 31, 2016 receive a 15% discount off the package list price of \$1250.

The total individual list price for these 14 journals is \$3968, so the SCEL C discount provides a 73% savings.

To order individual titles from this collection, please contact your subscription agent. (There is no discount on individual titles).

For more detail and to order please see: <http://scelc.org/offers/taylor-francis-journals-religion-philosophy-theology-package>

HeinOnline: Featuring More Than 1,500 Titles!

HeinOnline's Religion and the Law features more than 1,500 titles and 750,000 pages of material related to the intersection of religion and the law. From books and periodicals, to bibliographies, this collection provides a research platform for the development, history, organization, and fundamental principles of various world religions.

Since the collection was released in May of 2015, nearly 50,000 more pages of material have been added to the collection and we will continue to add even more in the coming months! HeinOnline also recently released our enhanced interface. The enhanced interface features color PDFs, multipage view, a fresh look, reorganized search options, and more!

ATLA members will receive a 10% discount on their purchase from HeinOnline! For more information please contact our Marketing Department at marketing@wshein.com or 800-828-7571.

SCEL C Offers Complete Chicago Journal Package

SCEL C and the University of Chicago Press are pleased to offer the Complete Chicago (Journal) Package at deep consortium-only discounts to American Theological Library Association members.

At least 15 institutions qualify to upgrade to the complete package of 68 journals for no additional fee (including two OA journals), and at least an additional 20 can upgrade for less than \$1,000 per year.

This offer also includes title by title upgrade pricing for individual UCP journal backfiles. Most SCEL C members or affiliates that have one or more subscriptions to Chicago Journals have received a custom quote, others will find instructions for requesting one in the full offer details below.

ATLA members are eligible for this offer except those already subscribing to the product.

The order form is due Tuesday, August 30, 2016.

For full offer details, please visit <http://scelc.org/offers/complete-chicago-journal-package>.

ACLS Digital Extension Grants Program

ACLS (American Council of Learned Societies) invites applications for the [ACLS Digital Extension Grant program](#) in support of digitally based research projects in all disciplines of the humanities and related social sciences.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 9 p.m. EST, February 2, 2016.

ACLS Digital Extension Grants will support teams of scholars as they enhance existing digital projects in ways that engage new audiences across a range of academic communities and institutions.

To this end, projects supported by these grants may:

- Extend existing digital projects and resources with content that adds diversity or interdisciplinary reach;
- Develop new systems of making existing digital resources available to broader audiences and/or scholars from diverse institutions;
- Foster new team-based work or collaborations that allow scholars from institutions with limited cyberinfrastructure to exploit digital resources
- Create new forms and sites for scholarly engagement with the digital humanities. Projects that document and recognize participant engagement are strongly encouraged.

ACLS will award up to six Digital Extension Grants in this competition year. Each grant will provide up to \$150,000 in funding, which may support a range of project costs, including, where necessary, salary replacement for faculty or staff; software; equipment; travel; or consultant fees. Institutional indirect costs will not be covered. ACLS grants may not support creative works (e.g., novels or films), textbooks, straightforward translations, or purely pedagogical projects.

[Click here for more information on eligibility, requirements, and how to submit your application.](#)

Announcing Additions to ATLA Products – January 2016

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

ATLA RDB

The indexing for the following titles is being restarted after a gap in coverage:

- *Lucas* by Evangelical History Association
- *Process Studies* by Process Studies at the School of Theology at Claremont
- *Philosophy East and West* by University of Hawai'i Press

ATLA CPLI

- *Contemplação* by Faculdade João Paulo II

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