

Newsletter



Reformed Theological Seminary-Florida in Oviedo, Florida

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From the President Moral Ownership



If you think about ATLA, there are a number of stakeholders who contribute to or benefit from the work of the Association: theological librarians, theological libraries, ATLA staff, theological students and faculty, theological seminaries, departments of religion, religious studies students and faculty, universities and colleges, alumni, denominational archives, donors, business partners, suppliers, sponsors, exhibitors, authors, readers,

publishers, peer associations, global partners, library science students and faculty, congregations, religious organizations, clergy, laity, and even more!

The nature of our networked society suggests a significant and global impact for our Association. However, within the long list of stakeholders the membership of ATLA are the “moral owners” of ATLA and who give ATLA legitimacy as an organization. Without members ATLA simply does not exist.

As recently concluded, you have elected (and re-elected) Board members who are to represent your interest in governing the Association. The Board of Directors is a subset of the membership who has been elected to act on its behalf. While we work closely and have interest in the ATLA staff, we are ultimately accountable to you -- the members as moral owners.

In addition to establishing governing policies and assuring satisfactory organizational performance, a major task of the Board is linking to the moral ownership. What does that linking look like? For Board members, it starts with realizing that we don’t simply represent our own careers and institutions but all the diverse membership of ATLA.

Beyond that, we need to pay attention in both formal and informal ways about what is happening in the professional lives of our members and the institutions they serve.

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ATLA Publications Committee Awards Three Publication Grants

The ATLA Publications Committee awarded three [Publication Grants](#) to ATLA members. Recipients and projects include:

- Dr. Carisse Mickey Berryhill, Associate Dean of Digital Initiatives, Special Collections, and University Archives, Abilene Christian University, for her project “Conversations with Theological Librarians”
- Saundra Lipton, Anthropology, Archaeology, Philosophy and Religious Studies Librarian, University of Calgary, for her project “Simone Weil Bibliography”
- Dr. John B. Weaver, Dean of Library Services and Educational Technology, Abilene Christian University, for his project “Christian Theology in Digital Culture”

ATLA wishes to thank Publications Committee members Dan Kolb (chair), Lisa Gonzalez, and Miranda Bennett for their work in reviewing grant applications.

ATLA Publication Grants aid in the development of a scholarly work that advances some aspect of theological librarianship. The purpose of Publication Grants is to facilitate the creation and/or organization of scholarly resources and primary source materials in areas related to theological librarianship. Publications resulting from funded projects are expected to be disseminated through a channel of professional publication, such as a professional journal, a monograph, or a presentation with published proceedings.

ATLA at ACRL 2013

ATLA staff will be hosting an exhibit booth and reception at the ACRL 2013 Conference in Indianapolis. Stop by.

ATLA Reception, April 11, 2013, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Please R.S.V.P. to rybak@atla.com.

For assistance on the day of the event, call 312.775.9435.

Canterbury Hotel
123 South Illinois Street, Suite 1204
Indianapolis, IN 46225

ATLA Exhibit Booth #326, April 10-12

ATLA staff will be available to offer information and cool giveaways. Non-registered visitors can obtain free ACRL exhibit-hall-only badges for Thursday, April 11, or Friday, April 12, at the attendee registration kiosk.

Indiana Convention Center
100 South Capitol
Indianapolis, IN 46225

[Click here for more details about our reception and booth.](#)

Endowment Fund Matching Dollars Still Available

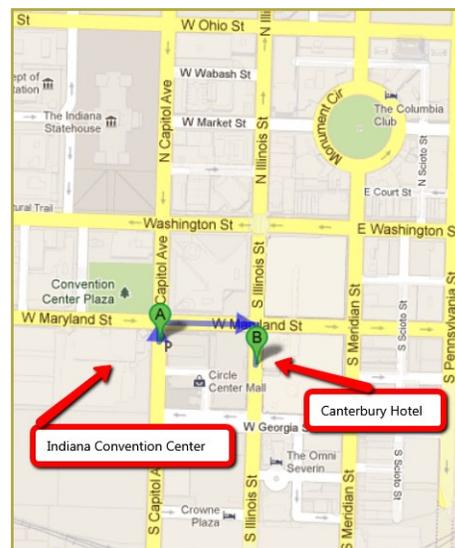
Earlier this year, the Endowment Committee announced that ATLA will be matching, dollar for dollar, all donations made between June 1, 2012, and May 31, 2013, up to a total amount of \$7,500. As of early April, \$5,531 in donations has been received. ATLA has matched this amount, leaving \$1,969 still available in matching funds. Please consider making an additional contribution to the [Endowment Fund](#) before May 31 to help make this a record year of contributions.

From the President Continued...

As noted elsewhere, we plan to have a lunchtime conversation at the ATLA Conference where we can get at these questions directly. But I'd also encourage you to drop any of us a note, call a board member, or find us at the Conference (or other venues) -- help us continue to be informed so that we can use that knowledge to set the future agenda of ATLA.

Sincerely,

Andrew Keck
President



2013 Annual Conference News



Register Today!

[Registration opened](#) on March 4 for the 2013 ATLA Annual Conference.

Members received the Conference Preview e-brochure highlighting conference events, plenary speakers, pre-conference workshops, hotel accommodations, and other important information. [Click here to view the Conference Preview e-brochure.](#)

Conference Exhibitors

The ATLA Annual Conference provides a unique opportunity to meet with representatives from leading publishers and providers of library services and resources. Make the most of your time in the exhibit hall by learning more about the confirmed exhibitors for the 2013 Conference.

ATLA is excited to announce the list of over 25 confirmed exhibitors from the latest and greatest organizations in the library, theological, and publishing industries.

Please check out the list of the [2013 ATLA Annual Conference Exhibitors here.](#)



Reserve your Room Today

This year's conference will be hosted downtown at The Westin Charlotte. Hotel rooms are offered at a discounted rate.

[Reserve your room today.](#)

Conference Travel Grants Available

ATLA is pleased to offer grants of up to \$500 each to support attendance at the 2013 ATLA Annual Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, June 19-22. ATLA Student or Individual Members who receive no financial assistance from their institutions to attend the conference are eligible to apply. You may apply for a travel grant until April 19, 2013.

Fill out the [Annual Conference Travel Grant Request form](#) to apply. Grants will be awarded on a first come, first served basis and approved recipients will be notified on or before Wednesday, April 24, 2013. Recipients must register for the conference before May 1, 2013, and will be required to stay at the conference hotel.

Stay Connected

Please head over to the [2013 ATLA Annual Conference Events Page](#) on Facebook and let us know that you're attending.

By indicating that you are attending, you can view up-to-date information and insider news.

Keynote Speaker Spotlight: William H. Willimon

Friday, June 21,
from 9 a.m. to 10
p.m.



William H. Willimon is the former Dean of the Chapel at Duke University and a retired bishop in the United Methodist Church, most recently serving in the North Alabama Conference. He is considered by many as one of America's best-known and most influential preachers. He has written more than 50 books, including *Sinning Like a Christian: A New Look at the 7 Deadly Sins* (2013), *A Will to Lead and the Grace to Follow* (2011), and *Why Jesus?* (2010). He is Editor-At-Large of *The Christian Century*.

New Member Consortium Offer: ACLS Humanities E-Book Consortium

The American Theological Library Association is pleased to share a new consortium offer from [ACLS Humanities E-Book \(HEB\)](#) to provide accessible pricing to ATLA Institutional, International Institutional, and Affiliate Member libraries.

[ACLS Humanities E-Book \(HEB\)](#) is an online collection of nearly 4,000 cross-searchable books in the humanities selected by scholars for their continuing importance for research and teaching. These titles are offered by the American Council of Learned Societies in collaboration with over twenty-five learned societies, over 100 contributing publishers, and the MPublishing Division of the University of Michigan Library.

For pricing and participation information, please visit the [ACLS Humanities EBook Consortium page](#).

Cooperative Preservation for Archives and Libraries (CPAL) Interest Group

The Cooperative Preservation for Archives and Libraries (CPAL) Interest Group notified ATLA staff this month of their decision to disband.

Interest groups sponsor sessions at the annual conference and in some cases year-round activities. An interest group may choose to disband upon a simple majority vote of those present at the interest group's business meeting at an annual conference. Notification of the disbandment should be sent to the ATLA executive director.

Interest Groups play an important role in the work of the association. This year saw the formation of the [Emerging Technology Interest Group](#). If you are interested in organizing or contributing to an ATLA Interest Group, please visit the [Interest Group page](#).

Submit to *Research in Ministry*®

This graduation season, please invite your graduating DMin, DMiss, or DEdMin students to submit abstracts for their dissertations and other research projects to [ATLA's *Research in Ministry*® \(RIM®\) database](#).



Graduates in these programs from all ATLA member schools are invited to add their scholarship to this important resource in pastoral education.

To submit abstracts of DMin, DMiss, and DEdMin projects from any ATS-accredited school, go to [Research in Ministry® \(RIM®\) Submission](#).

ATLA Welcomes Nominations for Catholic Content Advisory Group

In an effort to gather valuable ideas, suggestions, and input from a variety of knowledgeable and vested constituents toward the development, improvement, and enhancement of the *ATLA Catholic Periodical and Literature Index*® (*ATLA CPLI*®) and other potential projects, ATLA is forming a product advisory group of librarians and scholars from our global customer base. We are writing to invite nominations for librarians and scholars to be a part of the group.

The *ATLA Catholic Content Product Advisory Group* will be composed of ten to fifteen individuals who will commit for a minimum of one year. The group will first convene in an online web meeting format by mid-May 2013 for approximately one hour, date and time to be determined. Following the outcome of the initial meeting, ATLA will schedule a series of two to three webinars and/or in-person gatherings. We may offer opportunities to meet in our Chicago offices and allow international participants to attend via webinars. All meetings will be conducted in English.

Tentative schedule:

- May - webinar
- Summer 2013 - day long meeting at ATLA HQ with some international remote participants
- September, December 2013 - webinars

ATLA will offer a modest honorarium, as well as travel reimbursement when applicable, in exchange for your commitment to be on the *ATLA Catholic Content Product Advisory Group*. Time expectations in a given year are as follows: two or three webinars of ninety minutes duration, with approximately one hour of pre-webinar preparation, plus one longer meeting of five to six hours duration, with two to three hours of pre-meeting preparation.

Please respond to Margot Lyon (mlyon@atla.com) to indicate your preliminary interest or to nominate someone else. She will follow-up to answer additional questions and provide a formal agreement. ATLA is eager to select the founding members of the group. Please respond no later than April 26, 2013.

Theological Librarianship seeking new Section Editor for Columns



Theological Librarianship, an online journal of ATLA, is seeking a new Section Editor for Columns for appointment in July 2013.

According to the Journal's bylaws (2011) the Section Editor, Columns, is responsible for developing, soliciting contributions, and managing the editorial process for columns. The journal currently publishes columns on the use of technology (Diktuon), Web Reviews, Profiles, and Information Literacy.

As a member of the Editorial Board, the section editor will also help to develop an advisory board and network of peer-reviewers, contribute to the overall direction and structure of the journal, and help to oversee the general editorial process.

A small stipend is paid to the editor with the publication of each issue.

A commitment of three years (renewable) to the position is strongly desired. All of *TL*'s editors are required to be Individual Members of ATLA.

Basic qualifications include:

- Basic experience in editing.
- Capacity to work collegially with authors and editors.
- Proven ability to meet deadlines.
- Familiarity with *TL*, and of its function within and beyond the ATLA community.

Further questions about this opportunity may be addressed to *TL*'s Managing Editor, David Stewart (Phone: 651/638-6225; E-mail: d-stewart@bethel.edu). You may also visit the [TL website](#) for more information.

To apply for this position please send a current CV, cover letter, and contact information for three professional references to Miguel Figueroa at mfigueroa@atla.com.

ATLA Wants To Tell Your Story!

Here at ATLA we desire to foster a community between our members. One way in which we can do this is by highlighting your library or institution through the *ATLA Newsletter* and/or Facebook.

If you have a special event at your library or institution, an exciting anecdote, news or updates, please e-mail newsletter@atla.com.

You may find your story in the monthly newsletter or through [Facebook](#).

Be sure to "Like" us on [Facebook](#) so that you can learn more about the people that make up ATLA or to see your own story showcased.

Please note that all articles will be edited for length, grammar, content, and style.

Routine Maintenance Reminder

Routine maintenance will be performed on ATLA systems on Monday, May 6, 2013. You may encounter a brief interruption of service between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. (CST). 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.

ATLA Calendar

April

- 2-4 - Catholic Library Association (CLA) Annual Convention / National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) 2013 Convention and Expo, Houston, TX - Brenda Bailey-Hainer attending
- 8-13 - 2013 Teaching and Learning Colloquy on The Role of Theological School Librarians, Wabash Center, Crawfordsville, IN - Miguel Figueroa attending
- 10-13 - Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) 2013 National Conference, Indianapolis, IN - Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Margot Lyon, Lavonne Cohen, Gregg Taylor, Veronica Simms, Rick Rybak attending
- 19 - Travel Grant Request form deadline for the 2013 ATLA Annual Conference
- 25 - Minnesota Theological Library Association Meeting, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN - Miguel Figueroa attending

May

- 27 - ATLA office closed in observance of Memorial Day

Member News

Call for 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.24-29).

Be sure to review this information before forwarding your suggestions to the committee. You will not need to contact the person(s) you are recommending. Committee members will assess all potential nominees and will contact those who appear to show the greatest promise. Please send your suggestions by June 1, 2012, to Joanna Hause (jhause@seu.edu), Armin Siedlecki (asiedle@emory.edu), or Carrie Hackney (chackney@howard.edu).

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:

- Moody Bible Institute, Spokane, Washington, is seeking a [Branch Librarian](#).
- Pitts Theology Library, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, is seeking a [Reference and Systems Librarian](#).
- Pacific Islands University, Mangilao, Guam, is seeking a [Library Director](#).
- Colorado Christian University, Lakewood, Colorado, is seeking an [Outreach and Instruction Librarian](#).
- The Paul Becthold Library at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, Illinois, is seeking a [Metadata Librarian/Cataloger](#).
- American Theological Library Association, Chicago, Illinois, is seeking a [Digitization Assistant](#), Part-Time.

ATLA Staff Publications and Papers

Many scholars knowledgeable about a wide range of subject matter in theology and religion are among the ATLA staff. Their recent publications and conference papers include:

- Lowell Handy attended the Midwest Society of Biblical Literature regional meeting in February and presented a paper, "Before the Fall: Notes for the Laity before 1900 on Canticles 3." Other recent works include the entry for "Divine Assembly: Hebrew Bible and Old Testament" published in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2011) and the entry for "Tarshish" in *Lexham Bible Dictionary* (Dellingham: Logos Research Systems, 2012; online resource).
- Steven W. Holloway authored a chapter in the *Hebrew Bible/Old Testament: The History of Its Interpretation, Volume III From Modernism to Post-Modernism (The Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries), Part 1 -The Nineteenth Century - a Century of Modernism and Historicism*. His work is Chapter Four on "Expansion of the Historical Context of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament." (Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht: in press).
- Virginia W. Landgraf's article, "La réception d'Ellul en terre américaine," appeared in *Réforme* no. 3446 (January 5, 2012): 9. She also authored a chapter, "Truth, Reality, and the Ten Commandments: Not for Theology Alone," in the soon to be released *Jacques Ellul and the Technological Society in the 21st Century*, ed. Helena Mateus Jerónimo, José Luís Garcia and Carl Mitcham (Springer : in press).
- John Meeks attended the 2012 Annual Conference of the International Social Theory Consortium and presented a paper, "Hegel's Kantian Palimpsest: *Phenomenology of Spirit* as 'Extension' of Kant's Religion."

Member Named Director

Dr. Matthew S. Collins, PhD, MLIS, has been named director of the Ernest Miller White Library and associate professor of bibliography and research at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He will join the Seminary on August 1, 2013.

[See the full press release.](#)

Member Receives Award

Dr. Carisse Berryhill, professor of library science and associate dean for Digital Initiatives, Special Collections and University Archives, is the winner of the WISE Excellence in Online Teaching Award for the third year. She received this award for her online course on Theological Librarianship at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

[Read more about it here.](#)

Annual Proceedings Now Available

The *Summary of Proceedings* of the Sixty-Sixth Annual ATLA Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona, was shipped April 4.

All 2011-2012 Individual, Student, and Lifetime Members and Institutional, International Institutions, and Affiliate Member Representatives will receive a printed copy of the *Proceedings*.

Proceedings is also available in Kindle (.mobi) and e-Book (ePub) versions and can be found [here](#).

From the Executive Director

Reaching a Digital Civilization



[The Catholic Library Association](#) (CLA) held its Annual Convention in early April in conjunction with the [NCEA](#) (National Catholic Educational Association) Annual Convention and Expo. I had not attended NCEA/CLA since 2011, and was struck by the extent to which technology and media permeated the conference.

NCEA opening speaker Father Robert Barron, Rector/President of Mundelein Seminary/University of Saint Mary of the Lake, talked about how his [Word on Fire](#) program began and his experiences filming the documentary series [Catholicism](#). He stressed the ability of new media such as YouTube to reach younger generations.

Another keynote speaker, Sister Angela Ann Zukowski, Director of the [Institute for Pastoral Initiatives](#) at the University of Dayton, talked of her long involvement with technology and her current work with the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation, which now includes 9,000 students in over 40 countries. She referred to the digital age as more than a culture -- it is a new civilization and a new way of living that religious educators need to come to terms with. Teachers now need to assist students with learning social media literacies such as critical consumption, network awareness, and collaboration.

CLA had an excellent roster of programs as well, including ones on patron-driven acquisitions, library advocacy, 21st Century students and how to serve them, and using mobile devices for instruction.

Even the exhibits this year seemed more technology oriented. Vendors represented online programs for advanced degrees, online student tracking systems, online school bookstores, online information systems for schools, online student assessment systems, new media, and library automation systems.

An optional CLA event was a tour of the [Houston Metropolitan Research Center](#), located in the Julia Ideson Building at Houston Public Library. The HMRC focuses on materials related to Houston's history, and includes 4 million photographs, flood insurance rate maps, architectural drawings, aerial maps, and oral histories as well as archival collections from businesses, religious institutions, cultural and civic organizations and other groups that played a role in the development of Houston. They have an impressive digitization program with specialized equipment and have made many items from their collection available through the [Houston Area Digital Archives](#).

I came away from this event impressed with the progress that our educational institutions and leaders have made in using technology and media to reach a new digital civilization.

Sincerely,

Brenda Bailey-Hainer
Executive Director



Julia Ideson Library that houses the HMRC.

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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