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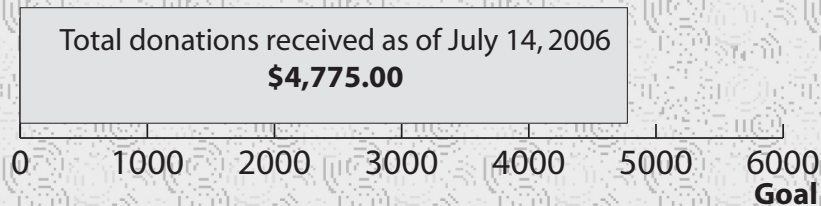
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Member News

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President's Message



Dear Colleagues,

I have been contemplating 60 years of the work of ATLA; or more accurately, 60 years of the work of ATLA members. I was launched on this contemplation by the annual conference, but it has been greatly abetted by *A Broadening Conversation: Classic Readings in Theological Librarianship* edited by Melody Layton McMahon and David R. Stewart (Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2006). In this collection, David and Melody have given our profession a rare gift, drawing together both history and wisdom about our roots and encapsulating the foundation on which we build the future.

It's a thick read and I confess to "dipping" rather than cover-to-cover reading. It is wonderful to hear again the voices of legendary theological librarians such as Raymond P. Morris, Julia Pettee, and Decherd Turner. (If there are people who are surprised to learn that there's an association of theological librarians, imagine how they would feel learning that there are *legendary* theological librarians!) As I warmly recalled the privilege of having known some of these good people, I was stunned to realize that I have been a member of ATLA for more than a third of its existence. That places me at the edge of the "bridge" generation. I met, but didn't get to work with, some of the founding generation of ATLA members. Those who actually worked with the founders are now retired or approaching retirement.

This means that we are at a critical point in the life of ATLA. Before many more

years pass, the association will belong to a generation of librarians with no living link to those who founded ATLA and shaped its identity, character, and purpose. The primary legacy they will receive is the association itself, with its organizational documents, its products and publications, and its character and reputation. But there are other, less tangible things, only hinted at in reports and proceedings, that I hope will be sustained into the future as well. As John Bollier says in his introduction to the "Reflections and Reminiscences" section of *A Broadening Conversation*:

Certainly the warm interpersonal relationships and close friendships that ATLA has fostered through the years helps explain the members' loyalty to the organization, their willingness to serve in its wide-ranging programs, and their ability to attract a constant flow of new members. (p. 234)

At a fundamental level, ATLA is about forming collegial, professional relationships that will foster both individual and corporate growth in leadership. When I first began attending ATLA conferences, I referred to them as "my chance to talk with the 200 people in the world who actually understand what I do." This year, Linda Corman's excellent roundtable, "ATLA Whence & Whither," demonstrated that making these connections remains an integral part of what ATLA is all about.

It is a lot harder to foster these interpersonal connections at a conference of 400+ than it is at a conference of 50. The Board, the Conference Committee, the Education Committee, the local hosts, and the conference staff all work hard to make sure that it can happen. In particular, we are concerned that new members and first time attendees are welcomed and receive the guidance they need to profit from the conference. We rely on the Interest Groups to bring new people into leadership roles, though that certainly is not the only path. Proposals for roundtables and conference papers can come from any member, newbie, or veteran. The regional

groups exist at least in part to ensure that folks who cannot attend annual conferences regularly can still participate and contribute to our common professional life.

Ultimately, however, it falls to individuals to make connections. Nowadays, I find myself looking forward to meeting people who have contributed to ATLANTIS but whom I have never seen in person, or getting to know the students who had so many good questions and ideas during my online "visit" to the Theological Librarianship course. It really comes down to realizing that someone in ATLA that you haven't met yet has a great idea you can use, a solution to the problem you've been butting your head against, knowledge of a fascinating subject you've always wanted to know more about, or at least an excruciating pun that will give you a good laugh. These are the kinds of things that enable us to make progress and address problems.

Today I wonder if many of the problems that we face are either as new or as tough as we think. I look at L.R. Elliott's review of the first six years of ATLA in *A Broadening Conversation* with a distinct sense of *déjà vu*. The "limited resources" of many member institutions has clearly been a concern from the beginning of the association, but it seems to have been regarded merely as a regrettable fact and never as an excuse for pursuing anything less than the best possible professional work. The Project Committees of the association in 1953 had many familiar themes: periodical indexing, cataloging and classification (read: metadata and information retrieval), standards and accreditation, personnel, the periodicals exchange, extension loan service (read: distance education and service to alumni/ae), audio visual and micro materials (read: new media and conversion), and so on. The jargon has changed, but the basic concerns stay the same.

I am frankly in awe of what that first generation of ATLA librarians accomplished. They created a national association at a time when cross country travel took days,

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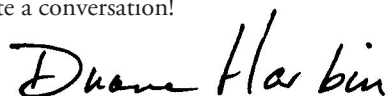
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not hours. They collaborated on complex projects via postal mail when the cost of long distance telephone calls would have severely strained their institutional budgets. They created *Index to Religious Periodical Literature* with notecards, pencils, manual typewriters, and the determination to get the copy to the cheapest printshop before it went broke. The membership grew, and conference attendance in 1953 was nearly double that of the first conference only six years earlier.

These folks shared a common spirit and high ideals. Elliott says:

One of the chief ideals has been the professional quality of the work of the Association. This has been regarded not as an end in itself but as the means of the constant improvement in service to theological education in the several libraries. Thorough scholarship is recognized as the liege man of both sound theological instruction and effective piety. (p. 247)

In 2006, ATLA is a broader, more nuanced organization than it was in 1953. Besides having members who represent not only a wider spectrum of Christianity but other faiths as well, we have members who serve in secular institutions and members who do not work directly in education. The stress lines within and between the communities we serve are different. Can we still claim that scholarship is accepted as the loyal servant of both instruction and piety, or has the relationship become more complex and perhaps strained? How are our spirit and our ideals the same as those of past generations of ATLA members and how are they different? What can we learn from the past and what must we create anew for ourselves? What do we want our legacy to future generations of librarians, educators, and students to be? This should indeed be quite a conversation!



Duane Harbin
ATLA Board President
Perkins School of Theology, SMU

Report of the Secretary of the Board of Directors

ATLA Annual Conference, 2006, Chicago, IL

Business Meeting I.

In the absence of the Board President, the first business meeting was convened by Board Vice President Duane Harbin at 2:05 p.m., Thursday, June 22, 2006.

Roberta Schaafsma presented the Secretary's report. The Teller's Committee was comprised of Alva Caldwell, Barry Hopkins (chair), and Gregory Morrison and they received 326 valid ballots and 1 invalid ballot. The membership elected the following persons to the Board of Directors for the 2006-2009 term of office: Carisse Mickey Berryhill, Ann Hotta, Cait Kokolus, and Allen Mueller. The Secretary's report was accepted.

Duane Harbin recognized and thanked departing Board members William Badke, Howertine Farrell Duncan, Paula Hamilton, and Paul Stuehrenberg.

Vice President Harbin introduced three items that would be voted upon at the second business meeting: a change in institutional dues, amendments to Bylaws Article 4 related to Board elections, and amendments to Bylaws Article 8 related to Interest Groups. The floor was opened to discussion on the three topics and no additional revisions to the proposals were offered.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Item 1: Institutional and International Institutional Member Dues Change

Operating Expenditures		CURRENT Dues	PROPOSED Dues
Low	High		
	\$ 25,000	\$ 75**	\$ 100**
\$ 25,001	\$ 50,000	\$ 110	\$ 150
\$ 50,001	\$ 100,000	\$ 150	\$ 200
\$ 100,001	\$ 200,000	\$ 225	\$ 300
\$ 200,001	\$ 300,000	\$ 325	\$ 400
\$ 300,001	\$ 400,000	\$ 425	\$ 500
\$ 400,001	\$ 500,000	\$ 525	\$ 600
\$ 500,001	\$ 600,000	\$ 625	\$ 700
\$ 600,001	\$ 700,000	\$ 750	\$ 800
\$ 700,001	\$ 800,000	\$ 750	\$ 900
\$ 800,001		\$ 750	\$ 1,000
		TOTAL revenue (FY05)	TOTAL anticipated revenue (FY07)
	<u>TOTAL</u>	\$ 88,935	\$ 111,700

** Dues for Affiliate Members of any budget size

Member News

Business Meeting II.

The meeting was convened by President Christine Wenderoth at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, June 24, 2006 and opened with her Presidential Address.

President Wenderoth presented the three items for final discussion and vote: a change in institutional dues, amendments to Bylaws Article 4 related to Board elections, and amendments to Bylaws Article 8 related to Interest Groups. A voice vote was taken on each item. The change in institutional dues was approved by majority vote and the amendments to Articles 4 and 8 were unanimously approved. (*see accompanying boxed items 1, 2, and 3 for more detailed information.*)

The Professional Development Committee report was given by Laura Wood. The Theological Librarianship course and the Wabash Colloquy on the Role of the Theological Librarian in Teaching, Learning and Research will be held again in the next year. NACO training and regional grants are also available.

Margaret Tarpley reported on the work of the Special Committee of the Association for International Collaboration. A listing of over 400 free journals will be available on the committee's web page. Information on an international collaboration grant was provided.

The Endowment Committee report was presented by Roger Loyd. ATLA's 60th Anniversary campaign has raised a total of \$3,745 toward the \$6,000 goal. The total amount in the Endowment Fund is about \$112,700. Members were encouraged to remember ATLA in their planned giving.

Pradeep Gamadia presented the 2006-2007 budget for the association. Revenue from products continues to increase. The move of ATLA headquarters offices went smoothly and it is anticipated there will be cost savings due to electrical use changes and the new rental agreement.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Board of Directors Meetings.

Board discussions included the new Board member orientation process, changes to the Board Policy Manual, and the Nominating Committee process. Suggested changes to Bylaws Article 8, relating to Interest Groups, resulted in a motion to bring the amendment to a discussion and vote of the membership in the conference Business Meetings. Reports were received from ATLA's Executive Director and the Directors of Business Development, Financial Services, and Electronic Products and Services. The Board discussed the ideas related to studying research behaviors of theological educators and students presented in Christine Wenderoth's Presidential Address and formed a task force to investigate the issues. Formal recognition was given to a new interest group named World Religions.

*Roberta A. Schaafsma
Secretary, ATLA Board of Directors
Duke University Divinity School*

Item 2: Amendments to Article 4 (*Board Elections*)

Article 4. Board of Directors

4.3 Nomination and Balloting. The nominating committee shall report to the secretary of the association by October 1 of each year a slate of at least six (6) nominations for the four (4) places to be filled on the board of directors. These nominations shall be reported in writing by the secretary of the association to the membership, ~~postmarked~~ no later than the next following October 15. Nominations other than those submitted by the nominating committee may be made by petition signed by no fewer than ten (10) individual members of the association and shall be filed with the secretary of the association, ~~postmarked~~ no later than the next following ~~January~~ December 1. These nominations shall be included on the ballot with the nominees presented by the nominating committee. No nomination shall be presented to the membership of the association without the express consent of the nominee. Ballots, including biographical data on the nominees, shall be ~~mailed~~ sent by the secretary of the association to all institutional and individual members of the association, ~~postmarked~~ no later than the next following ~~February~~ January 15. Ballots shall be returned to the secretary of the association, ~~postmarked~~ no later than the next following ~~April~~ March 1.

4.4 Teller's Committee and Election. A teller's committee, appointed by the secretary of the association, shall meet during ~~April~~ March to count the ballots and report the result to the secretary of the association by the next following ~~May~~ April 1. The secretary of the association shall immediately inform the president of the association of the result of the balloting. Each institutional member of the association shall be entitled to one (1) ~~vote ballot~~, and each individual member of the association shall be entitled to one (1) ~~vote ballot~~. ~~The method of preferential voting and ballot counting specified in the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be employed in this election: Candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the number of vacant positions shall be declared elected. If a tie occurs, the teller's committee shall select from among the tied candidates by lot.~~ The acceptance by the membership of the secretary of the association's report to the next annual meeting of the association of the result of the balloting shall constitute the election of the new directors.

Item 3: Amendments to Article 8 (*Interest Groups*)

Article 8. Interest Groups

8.2 Organization and Program. Each interest group shall attract its own members, develop its own agenda, and establish a suitable organizational structure as documented in its bylaws, including a rotating steering committee composed of individual members of the association and having an elected chairperson. The steering committee shall oversee the work of the group; and the chairperson of the steering committee shall serve as the liaison between the interest group and the association's board of directors.

8.3 Recognition. Provided it has established appropriate by-laws, selected a steering committee and elected a chairperson, an interest group may petition the board of directors for formal recognition.

2006/2007 Committees of the Association

Each ATLA committee is listed below with a brief description and a roster of members with their terms and current offices held.

Annual Conference Committee: the strategic and long-range planning agent for annual conferences. (*Committee Appointed by the Executive Director*)

Sandra Oslund (05-07), Chair
Bruce Eldevik (06-08), Vice-Chair
Stephen Crocco (05-07)
Cait Kokolus (05-07)
Andre Paris (05-08)
Eric Stancliff, (06-09)
Barbara Kemmis, Ex officio

Education Committee: identifies and responds to needs for continuing education of ATLA members at the Annual Conference. (*Committee Appointed by the Executive Director*)

Christina Torbert (04-07), Chair
Carrie Hackney (05-08), Secretary
Blake Walter (05-09)
Sandy Ayer (06-09)
Stephen Crocco and Cait Kokolus
(06-07) Local Host Liaison
Barbara Kemmis, Ex officio

Endowment Committee: informs the membership of the purpose of the Endowment Fund, the cultivation of donor relationships, and the solicitation of major gifts through planned (estate) gifts and other funding sources. (*Committee Appointed by the Board of Directors*)

Roger Loyd (05-10), Chair
Mary Bischoff (05-10)
M. Patrick Graham (05-08)
Elmer O'Brien (05-10)
Dennis A. Norlin, ATLA Staff Liaison

Index Advisory Committee: explores, documents, and evaluates trends in the Abstracting and Information industry as they might apply to ATLA's Religion Database (RDB); monitors developments in scholarly publishing as they might affect secondary publishers; monitors standards developed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), and the National Information Standards Organization (NISO) as they might apply to ATLA's RDB; monitors emerging standards as they might apply to ATLA's RDB; monitors curricula trends in theological and religious studies programs so that ATLA's RDB

will continue to support fully research and teaching in these areas in the future; advises the Department of Indexes on possible Research and Development projects for ATLA's RDB. (*Advisory Committee*)

Jack Ammerman (04-07), Chair
Laura Harris, (06-09)
Richard Lammert, (06-09)
Cameron J. Campbell, Director of
Indexes, Ex officio

International Collaboration, Special Committee of the Association for: coordinates the Association's activities regarding international theological librarianship, supports efforts of individual libraries and librarians to participate in international theological librarianship activities; serves as a liaison with international theological library associations; and plans ATLA conference activities related to international theological librarianship. (*Special Committee of the Association*)

Margaret Tarpley (03-07), Chair
Chris Beldan (05-09)
Mariel Deluca Voth (04-08)
Paul Stuehrenberg (05-09), Board Liaison
Dennis A. Norlin, ATLA Staff Liaison

Membership Advisory Committee: a permanent committee whose objective is to enhance and develop methods and programs to improve membership, recruitment, and retention. (*Advisory Committee*)

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Emily Knox (06-09)
Gerald Truman (06-09)
Barbara Kemmis, ATLA Director Liaison

Nominating Committee: nominates candidates for election to the Board of Directors. (*Standing Committee of the Board*)

Marti Alt (04-06) Chair
James C. Pakala (05-07)
Susan Ebertz (06-08)

Preservation Advisory Committee: charged with responsibility for developing a proposal for the future of ATLA's preservation programs. (*Advisory Committee*)

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Myron Chace (05-08)
Donald Vorp (05-08)
Russell Kracke, ATLA Director Liaison

Professional Development Committee: determines the continuing education needs of members and provides appropriate opportunities for members to obtain this professional development outside the context of the Annual Conference. (*Committee Appointed by the Executive Director*)

Laura C. Wood (05-07), Chair
Eric Friede (05-08)
Angela Morris (06-09)
Kris Veldheer (06-09)
Barbara Kemmis, Ex officio

Publications Committee: serves as a catalyst within the Association for encouraging and supporting scholarly publication; serves as an advisory committee to editors of each ATLA Scarecrow series, to the ATLA Member Publications Editor, and to the ATLA Web Editor; develops a strategic plan for publishing critical tools for use by members of the profession in keeping with the Mission and Organizational Ends of the Association; and consults with the Professional Development Committee, the Annual Conference Committee, the Membership Advisory Committee, and the Education Committee to develop and promote workshops and programs related to scholarly publication. (*Committee Appointed by the Executive Director*)

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Douglas Gragg (05-08)
Teresa Jerose (06-09)
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Barbara Kemmis, Ex officio

Technology Advisory Committee: a permanent committee that will help focus and direct ATLA's technology-related issues. (*Advisory Committee*)

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Cheryl Adams (03-09)
Charles Bellinger (04-07)
Dennis A. Norlin, ATLA Director Liaison
Tami Luedtke, ATLA Director Liaison



Member News

Member Notes

ATLA Board Nominations

In the August 2005 and the May 2006 issues of the *ATLA Newsletter*, the Nominating Committee described the guidelines for the Committee's activities and the process of developing a slate of candidates for election to the ATLA Board of Directors. In this article we wish to re-cap for you that process and alert you to the information you will be receiving in the next few months.

During the conference in June, the Nominating Committee contacted several individuals about their interest in being a candidate for the Board. By October 1 of this year, Marti Alt, as Nominating Committee chair, will present to the ATLA Secretary, Roberta Schaafsma, the names of those who have consented to have their names included on the slate for the Board. By mid-October the ATLA membership will receive a letter from Roberta letting them know the names on the slate of candidates as well as a description of the process of making petition

nominations to the Secretary. By February 15, more detailed information about the candidates will be sent to the membership along with the ballots.

Only those who are individual members of ATLA are eligible for nomination. In all cases, nominees must expressly consent in order to become candidates. Except for the Board's standing committees, no ATLA Committee or Interest Group chairperson may simultaneously be a Board member (though they need not step down unless elected, nor until the time of the annual Conference). The same holds true for all members of Advisory Committees to the Board (Index, Preservation, Technology, and Membership). Board members may serve two consecutive three-year terms. Unless they decline, those completing one term normally are nominated for re-election.

The Bylaws specify a procedure for additional nominations that anyone may use. A petition signed by at least ten individual

members may be submitted to the ATLA Secretary. This procedure has been used in the past, and in at least one relatively recent case, the nominee was elected. The Director of Member Services both deals with any later (petition) nominees and requests from all candidates both biographical information and candidacy statements related to ATLA and its mission, needs or the like.

So how does the composition of the Board turn out the way it does? What factors weigh in?

Regarding the Board aggregately, the Nominating Committee must seek representation of libraries whose collections, staffs, and budgets differ in size. Both library directors and those in technical services, reference, and so on should be represented on the Board. More subtle is the ratio of college or university-aligned divinity schools to self-standing seminaries, or the presence of members who are not at specifically

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theological libraries. Geographic (including Canadian), ethnic, racial, gender and denominational balances also demand serious consideration.

Regarding individual nominees, these are some factors: 1) demonstrated commitment to the Association, especially when combined with experience that can contribute to one's potential to be an ATLA officer; 2) appropriate continuity of experience on the Board, as well as enlistment of those who have not served before but seek leadership opportunities; 3) Committee and Interest Group participation; 4) propensity to think in terms of Association mission, context, systems, and harmonious advancement; 5) ability to deal with values, vision, and the long term; 6) ability and willingness to participate assertively in deliberations; and 7) willingness to delegate and share decision-making authority with others.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact any of the members of the Nominating Committee:

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Graduate Theological Union Announces New Library Director

Robert Benedetto has been selected as the director of the Graduate Theological Union Library, one of the most comprehensive theological libraries in the world. Mr. Benedetto has served as the director of special collections at Princeton Theological Seminary since 2002. In July 2006, he joins the Graduate Theological Union (GTU) to take the reigns of a renowned library that serves as a global village for current and future parish ministers, seminary educators, scholars, and community leaders.

Mr. Benedetto's extensive experience includes serving as associate librarian and associate professor of bibliography at Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education (VA) from 1991 to 2002. He has also worked as an archivist and deputy director of the Presbyterian Historical Society. Mr. Benedetto

holds a master's degree in library science from the University of Hawaii and a master's degree in church history from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He earned his bachelor's degree from San Francisco State University.

The Graduate Theological Union is the largest partnership of seminaries and graduate schools in the United States. The institution's Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, based on the original drawings by famed architect Louis I. Kahn, reflects the ecumenical and interreligious collaboration that takes place on "Holy Hill." Together with its branch at San Francisco Theological Seminary, the library's holdings are valued at over \$40 million and include over 450,000 volumes and more than 292,000 microforms, audio and videocassettes, and other media. It has an extensive collection of rare books and is recognized as an established and reputable institution for special collections and archives donations. The library works closely with the University of California, Berkeley Library, particularly through reciprocal borrowing and the Cooperative Collection Agreement.

"We are pleased to welcome Robert Benedetto to the Graduate Theological Union and the Flora Lamson Hewlett Library," said James A. Donahue, president and professor of ethics at the Graduate Theological Union. "At the crossroads of interdisciplinary scholarship, the library is the geographic and spiritual heart of the GTU. Robert's administrative expertise and his outstanding critical and creative scholarship fit perfectly with our mission to develop and maintain resources of superior quality for teaching, research, ministry, and service."

Mr. Benedetto brings to the GTU his background as a librarian and as a scholar. A prolific writer and editor, he has published books, articles, and reviews on Presbyterian history. He has taught a doctoral student research seminar and a course on "Transforming Texts of the Christian Tradition," has served as archives consultant for the Moravian church, and has helped to run archival and library programs at Union Theological Seminary (VA), the Presbyterian Historical Society, and Bishop Museum in Hawaii.

The past president of the Society of North Carolina Archivists, Mr. Benedetto has been a member of the editorial advisory board of Geneva Press and a trustee with the Moravian Church Archives and Moravian Music Foundation.

Mr. Benedetto said, "I look forward to leading the library program of the Graduate Theological Union with enthusiasm and in partnership with the member schools, along with their faculty and students. The Flora Lamson Hewlett Library is a national treasure that not only binds together the GTU community and its scholarship, but seeks to expand the boundaries of that scholarship through its collecting and programmatic activities. It is an honor to join an exemplary library staff in carrying out the mission of the GTU library."

Mr. Benedetto replaces Bonnie Hardwick, library director and convener of the GTU's Arts and Religion area since 1999, who has relocated to Santa Fe.



Inauguration Day at Drew University, April 28, 2006

It was a privilege to be the officially designated representative of ATLA at the inauguration of Robert Weisbuch as eleventh president of Drew University, on Friday, April 28. ATLA shared space in the program with other learned societies and professional associations, including the American Academy of Religion, the American Historical Association, and the American Antiquarian Association. Drew owes its university status to an unusual amalgam of only three schools: an undergraduate liberal arts college, a graduate school in the humanities, and a (Methodist) theological school. Theological themes wove through the ceremonies of the day, beginning with an interfaith chapel service in which prayers were prayed in Hebrew, Korean, Spanish and Malawian. But the keynote word of the day, for me, was "beauty." The weather itself prepared the way for that word. It was a sunny spring day, that set off the campus' flowering trees, but cool enough for wearing

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weighty academic robes. A Navajo blessing spoken at the chapel service enjoined us to walk in beauty, and to have it always before, behind, above and below us, "for you were made in beauty." The word figured again in the inaugural address, by Earl Lewis, Provost of Emory University, who creatively exegeted the fable "Beauty and the Beast" as a metaphor for academe today. And the President himself, a scholar of nineteenth century poetry, drew from the famous Keats verse, "For beauty is truth, truth beauty" to reflect on the practical implications of lofty ideals. But perhaps the most eloquent of all to tribute this ideal was a lone songbird, a cardinal, whose whistle, emanating from a nearby treetop, accompanied the outdoor ceremonies from start to finish—nature's benediction on a new chapter in the life of Drew University.

*Ernie Rubinstein
Theological Librarian
Drew University*



CATLA Spring Conference Report

April 21, 2006, Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana

The Concordia campus was designed by modernist architect Eero Saarinen fifty years ago and attendees were treated to a beautiful spring day to tour the campus, to experience worship in Kramer Chapel, and to learn more about Eero Saarinen.

The presenter for the day was Mr. Jay R. Carow, A.I.A., Principal and Design Architect at the Chicago-based firm of Carow · Architects Plus, L.L.C. Winner of the 2000 design competition for a new library at Concordia, Mr. Carow made a masterful presentation in the morning on Eero Saarinen's life and on his design of the Concordia campus. In the afternoon, he led attendees through an interactive presentation on Trends in Library Design, focusing on three broad areas: green buildings and energy savings; technology; aesthetics, comfort, and ease of use.

In the morning business meeting, Matt Ostercamp, Technical Services Librarian at Trinity International University in Deerfield, was elected vice-president/president-elect and Sylvia Pongener, Cataloger at Northern Seminary in Lombard, was elected treasurer. In June, Yana Serdyuk, Director of Library Services at Concordia University in River Forest, completes three years of leadership in the various roles of the presidential cycle; Robert Roethemeyer, Director of Library and Information Services at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, moves to past-president; and Terry Robertson, Seminary Librarian at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, takes the helm as president. Martin Breen, Reference Librarian at Concordia University in River Forest, completes his term as treasurer, and Ruth Gaba, Access Services Librarian at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, continues into her second year as secretary. Gregory Morrison, Head

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of Reference at Wheaton College, serves as communication officer.

Anthony Heacock, Associate Librarian at Meadville Lombard Theological School, received the CATLA ATLA Scholarship. This award will help to support Anthony's attendance at his first ATLA conference this June. In his application, Anthony wrote: "Given that I am relatively new to the profession, I would really like to attend the ATLA conference for the first time in order to meet and interact with fellow theological librarians. By means of networking and attending roundtables, discussions, papers, meetings and exhibits at the conference, I will be able to reflect on my role as a (predominantly sole) librarian in the wider field of theological librarianship."

*Robert Roethemeyer
CATLA President*



New Scarecrow Press offering

Now Available—*The Wesleyan Holiness Movement: A Comprehensive Guide*, 2nd Edition, by Charles Edwin Jones. ATLA Bibliography Series, 50 Lanham, Md, Toronto, Oxford: Scarecrow Press & ATLA, 2005. 2 volumes: 1831 pages

This thoroughly revised edition of the Wesleyan Holiness tradition bibliographical reference work, #50 in the ATLA series, contains in volume one a wealth of names (with dates where available) of those who wrote in (and about) the movement. As the listings are by topic and by region, the 106 page index in volume 2 will be useful. The second volume also contains the names of schools and institutions founded by or associated with the movement.



ATLA offers NACO training in 2007

NACO training takes place February 26 - March 2, 2007 in Chicago Illinois. Judy Knop, ATLA Digitization Coordinator is the instructor. This is the fifth such train-

ing in the past ten years. There are currently eight active participants, and we hope to add additional participants to increase our contribution to the national Name Authority File in the area of religion. One of the main benefits to the local library is the reduction in catalog maintenance.

The underlying principle of the NACO program is that participants agree to follow a common set of standards and guidelines when creating or changing authority records in order to maintain the integrity of a large shared authority file. During the week of NACO training, these standards and guidelines are discussed and built upon with a view to streamlining processes while building a consistent and predictable file that will reduce the duplication of efforts of the global library community and maximize its resources.

The workshop consists of a study of the standards and guidelines in the morning, with time for practice in the afternoon. Participants will create authority records and will contribute them to the national Name Authority File during the week of training.

Requirements include institutional or personal membership in ATLA; 1-2 years cataloging experience; a letter of support from your supervisor or library director indicating a willingness to permit ongoing time for authority creation.

To register, send an email to jknop@atla.com containing your name, title, institution, address, phone, fax, email, a statement summarizing your cataloging experience, a statement indicating what type of records you anticipate creating, and an indication of how many you might realistically expect to create in a given time period.

Financial assistance may be available. For more information, contact Barbara Kemmis, Director of Member Services at bkemmis@atla.com or 888.665.ATLA (toll free US/Canada).



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ATLA is pleased to announce a new benefit for Institutional, International Institutional, and Affiliate Members. ATLA, in collaboration with Brill Academic publishers is pleased to offer consortial pricing for *New Pauly Online* and *The Encyclopaedia of Islam*. Interested ATLA members should contact Ellen Endres, North American Sales Manager, Brill Academic Publishers, eendres@brillusa.com, 518.226.0285, <http://www.brill.nl>, for information about pricing. The deadline for participation is August 15, 2006 for the fall subscription and December 15, 2006 for a full 2007 subscription. ATLA members with subscriptions to either product may still be eligible to participate in the consortium.

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Call for Papers and Ideas

The Annual Conference Committee cordially invites members and friends of the American Theological Library Association (ATLA) to make proposals for papers, presentations, or special sessions for the ATLA 2007 Annual Conference. The conference theme is "A City of Firsts" and will take place in Philadelphia, June 13-16, 2007. The Committee will consider proposals for papers on theological librarianship, the academic disciplines of theology, and general librarianship.

Proposals should include a title that captures the scope of the paper, an abstract of no more than 200 words giving the significance and focus of the paper, and the name(s) and the institution(s) of the presenter(s). The abstract might include the following elements: 1) Why should people listen to this paper and what is the context of the problem addressed? 2) Definitions of any terms that might not be understood. 3) A summary of the main points of the paper. 4) A demonstration of the presenter's track record – how the paper builds on one's professional experience, previous publications, or research.

Proposals must be received by September 15, 2006. Submit to: Sandra Oslund, Chair, ATLA Annual Conference Committee, Bethel Seminary Library, 3949 Bethel Drive, St. Paul, MN 55112, 651.638.6127, fax 651.638.6006 • email s-oslund@bethel.edu



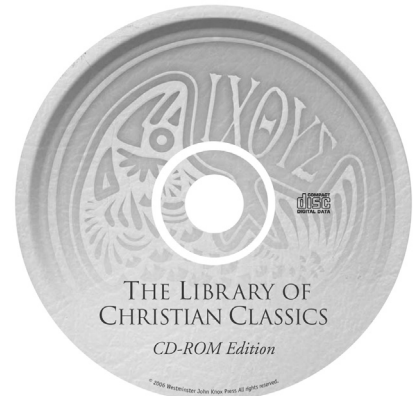
The Education Committee invites members and friends of ATLA to make suggestions for Pre-Conference Workshops and for Roundtables at the ATLA 2007 Annual Conference. The conference theme is "A City of Firsts," and it will take place in Philadelphia, June 13-16, 2007.

Pre-Conference Workshops, offered on Wednesday before Annual Conference, should be practice-oriented and should include some hands-on element for the participants. Workshops are offered in a half-day (3 1/2 hours) and a full-day (7 hours) format. When making a suggestion, please indicate which format the workshop would take, and what topics and activities would be included. Ideally, you would suggest a workshop you are willing to lead, but ideas and leader suggestions are also welcome. If you have attended an excellent workshop and think other ATLA members would benefit from it, please call it to our attention.

Roundtables consist of a brief presentation that should begin a discussion about a specific topic. Roundtables can cover a wide range of topics but should be more practice-oriented than theoretical. When suggesting a topic, please include what questions could be considered and who would be a good leader for the discussion. Again, it would be ideal if you suggested a session you are willing to lead, but this is not a requirement for making suggestions.

Suggestions need to be received by September 15, 2006. Submit to: Christina Torbert, Chair, ATLA Education Committee, University of Mississippi, P.O. Box 1848, University, MS 38677, 662-915-7059, fax 662-915-6744 • email caltheat@yahoo.com

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Conference Summary

Greetings from Chicago! It seems lonely at the ATLA headquarters without the 200+ members mingling with staff and each other, exploring the new office space and enjoying the views. This was just one of the many highlights experienced at the 2006 Annual Conference. Your conference evaluation responses also mention the Opening Reception as an exceptional kick-off event. One of the more common complaints about the conference was that there were too many choices between paper, panel, roundtable, and interest group presentations. From the presenters', staff, and committees' perspective this is high praise, as much thought and planning went into crafting the conference program and finalizing all of the logistics. The *2006 Summary of Proceedings* will be a particularly valuable resource when it is published and distributed this fall.

I was one of 57 first time attendees at the ATLA 2006 Annual Conference, an all time high. This conference turned out to be the largest in ATLA history with more than 400 participants, exhibitors, spouses, and guests (including ATS deans) taking part in all or a portion of the conference. Overall, you've rated the conference as 4.5 out of 5 and the staff serving as local hosts and working at the conference 4.8 out of 5.

We are also pleased to announce that the many wonderful photos taken at the conference will be available to members to download and/or print via Shutterfly.com (see page 15 for instructions on how to access the images).

Thank you to everyone who contributed to make this conference a wonderful success: Annual Conference and Education committee members, the board of directors, speakers, presidors, regional, denominational and interest group members, ATLA staff, and other ATLA members who fielded my myriad questions. The conference was truly the high point of my first year at ATLA. I experienced a steep learning curve this year and look forward to implementing these lessons as my energies turn toward Philadelphia, June 13-17, 2007. See you then!

Barbara Kemmis
ATLA Director of Member Services

Report of the ATLA Birding Passion Group

Since we don't qualify as an interest group, we thought it would make sense for the four of us ATLA birders (and I know there are more of you out there!) to classify ourselves as a "passion group," since our love of things avian goes beyond mere "interest." (Maybe some of the interest groups would be interested in following our onomastic lead). At any rate, the four of us—Paul Friesen (Winnipeg, MB); Lynn Berg (New Brunswick, NJ); Eric Friede (New Haven, CT); and I (Calgary, AB)—were eager to exploit the opportunity to sample the "exotic" avifauna of this year's ATLA conference site. To this end, we managed, through the ILBirds discussion list, to contact a birder from Downer's Grove, Bob Fisher, who graciously agreed to take us to Waterfall Glen Park—about 40 km. (25 miles) southwest of the Loop off I55—for a crack at Henslow's Sparrow, a bird that none of the four of us had ever seen before. Henslow's Sparrow is quite unremarkable in both appearance and voice—definitely not the bird to target if you wanted to get your "significant other" interested in birding, but lest I muddle passions and lose my narrative thread...

We rendezvoused with Bob just after 6:30 a.m. on Thursday, 22 June, at a parking lot just off Cass Ave. South, piled into his SUV, and headed to the west end of the park. After unlocking one of the seven padlocks on the park gate, we made our way to a parking lot by an overgrown weedy field (read prime Henslow's habitat) next to a landing strip for model airplanes.

While Bob was assembling his gear, he alerted us to the sound of a Sedge Wren, and we managed to get a brief glimpse of it as it clung spread-legged to two stalks of grass. Making our way east along the jogging path, we halted after 150 meters or so. "I think I hear a Henslow's," said Bob. It took us a while, but we eventually caught its nondescript insect-like "tsillik" song. At very least, we now each had it as a heard bird. Bob then (judiciously) played a tape of its call once on three separate occasions over the next five minutes, getting a stronger response from the bird each time. Eric was the first

to see it pop up onto a blade of grass about 20 meters away, and we all got good, long, satisfying looks at the olive shoulders and the other fieldmarks of this epitome of the "little brown job." Soon a second Henslow's emerged in the distance. The first bird was still singing from its perch, its voice carrying a remarkable distance, when we departed about 15 minutes later. Everything from here on in would be gravy.

Further down the path we spotted a couple of ground-foraging sparrows. We'd been hearing the bouncing-ball song of the Field Sparrow for several minutes, and when these two birds finally perched on some dead branches, we managed to get a good look at their light faces and pink bills, to the particular delight of Paul, for whom Field Sparrow was a life bird. As we approached a clump of bushes, Bob discerned the call of a Yellow-breasted Chat. The bird was quite far off, but it eventually responded to a taped call, although it never showed itself. It was, nonetheless, another heard lifer for Paul.

This was Paul's first experience of birding in the East, and he was particularly enthralled with the vocalizations of the Northern Cardinal, which he'd seen in Winnipeg but never really had a chance to hear well. At each bend in the trail the bird seemed to give a new call or song from its vast repertoire, and the rest of us got a lot of enjoyment out of pointing these out to the ever-enthusiastic Paul.

Our next significant bird was an Eastern Towhee, which was followed by a Red-bellied Woodpecker that gave its churring call before obligingly alighting on a nearby tree trunk.

We then headed across a grassy track in search of Blue-winged Warbler and Eastern Bluebird. Bob was the only one who managed to hear the latter, and the former never did reveal itself. What we did hear, though, was a song that resembled that of a robin with a sore throat—Scarlet Tanager, another heard lifer for Paul. Three Brown Thrashers, an Orchard Oriole, a Green Heron, a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, and a Willow Flycatcher

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(another lifer for Paul) rounded out the significant sightings of the day, as we made our way back to the parking lot under increasingly ominous scalloped stratus clouds and distant thunder and lightning. The rain began as we got into Bob's SUV. As we drove away, I picked off the last of three wood ticks that had found my aging body (or was it just my white pants?) irresistible. It had been a productive and enjoyable morning, thanks to Bob's skill and generosity. As we headed back to the hotel, the four of us began to prepare for the following evening's sortie. This time our quarry would be Monk Parakeet, (a non-native species that has established a breeding population in several cities in the U.S. and is therefore "countable,") a bird I'd missed at last year's conference in Austin, TX, and a potential lifer for all of us but Eric.

After an execrable meal of Chinese take-out (and such small portions!) from a food court in our hotel complex, we headed south on Lakeshore Drive to 53rd Street, to a location described as "can't miss" by a number of the birders on the ILBirds list who had responded to my RFI re Monk Parakeet in Hyde Park. Immediately after exiting, we found the nearest parking spot, which happened to be under the huge oak trees across from the tennis courts—the very place where the parakeets were said to nest. We heard their shrieking immediately upon emerging from the car, and Paul quickly located one that was perched high up on a dead branch. Not a great look, so we waited around under the oak trees, marvelling at the half dozen or so huge domed nests of twigs (with entrance holes on the underside) that the birds had constructed at the intersection of limbs and trunks. Soon birds emerged from the nest, and we were able to see clearly the contrast between their grey heads and chests and the yellow and green of their wings, backs, and underparts.

Great fun, but there was still about an hour-and-a-half of daylight left, and so we decided to check out other birding spots in the area. One of our conference hosts (Todd Ferry), knowing our passion, had

thoughtfully provided us with a brochure entitled "Chicago's Birding Trails," and after consulting it we decided on the Jackson Park Nature Sanctuary, which lay only six blocks to the south of where we were parked. "What a great place to bird during spring migration!" we thought as we walked through the Chinese garden, with its great diversity of vegetation, and scanned the edge of the adjoining pond. Here we saw a number of species we'd failed to see at Waterfall Glen, among them Eastern King-

bird, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Purple Martin, Baltimore Oriole, and Wood Duck. A fitting ornithological dessert after, again, seeing our target bird early on in the outing; and we drove back to the hotel wondering what avian delights might await us during next year's conference in Philadelphia.

*H. D. (Sandy) Ayer
Alliance University College/Canadian
Theological Seminary*

Trip List

Lifers for at least one of us are shown in upper case. (h)= heard only

Double-crested Cormorant	Black-capped Chickadee
Great Blue Heron	White-breasted Nuthatch
Green Heron	House Wren
Black-crowned Night-heron	Sedge Wren
Canada Goose	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Wood Duck	Eastern Bluebird (h)
Mallard	American Robin
Red-tailed Hawk	Gray Catbird
Ring-billed Gull	Brown Thrasher
Rock Pigeon	European Starling
Mourning Dove	Cedar Waxwing
MONK PARAKEET	Yellow Warbler
Chimney Swift	Common Yellowthroat
Red-bellied Woodpecker	YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT (h)
Downy Woodpecker	SCARLET TANAGER (h)
Northern Flicker	Eastern Towhee
Eastern Wood-pewee (h)	FIELD SPARROW
WILLOW FLYCATCHER	HENSLOW'S SPARROW
Eastern Kingbird	Song Sparrow
Red-eyed Vireo (h)	Northern Cardinal
Warbling Vireo (h)	Indigo Bunting
Blue Jay	Red-winged Blackbird
American Crow	Brown-headed Cowbird
Purple Martin	Orchard Oriole
Tree Swallow	Baltimore Oriole
Cliff (?) Swallow	American Goldfinch
Barn Swallow	House Sparrow

*New President Duane Harbin ➤
cuts the ribbon at the new ATLA
Headquarters reception*



*◀ Seth Kasten leads the
ATLA choir in song during
Saturday worship.*



*Enjoying Chicago's stunning
architecture during the
▼ ATLA/CAOS cruise*



*International ➤
Attendees Luncheon*



*▲ Dennis Norlin and
Duane Harbin shake
hands with Francis
Cardinal George after
Saturday Worship*

*◀ A rapt audience of
members listens intently to
a conference presentation*



*Boarding the bus for the ➤
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New members, first-time conference attendees, and board members gather for the President's Invitational Welcome



Participants gather in the hotel atrium prior to taking a tour of Hyde Park and the Oriental Institute led by Steven Holloway and Lowell Handy (both front row, center)



Mary Oyer (left) and Eileen Saner lead worship in the Mennonite tradition



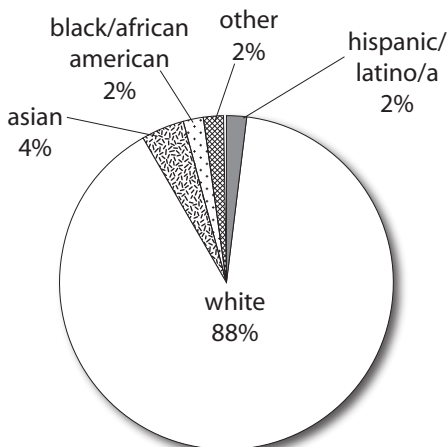
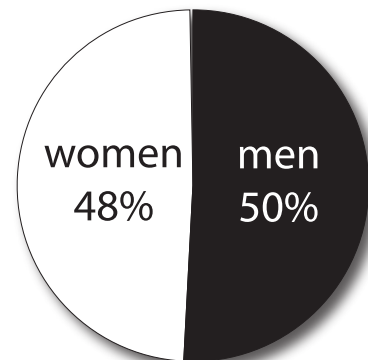
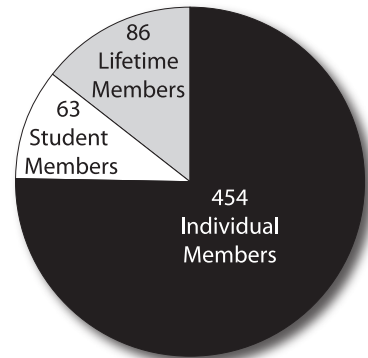
President Christine Wenderoth (right) prepares to introduce plenary speakers Martin Marty (left) and David Heim

The audience is entertained by Chicago gospel performers from the group "Spirit" at the closing banquet on Saturday

Who We Are: Focus on ATLA's Individual, Student and Lifetime Members

In the second in our series of articles focusing on ATLA members, we turn our attention to individual members. Individual members have been the backbone of ATLA membership and we currently represent 603 individual, student, and lifetime members.

Member Demographics¹



(Totals less than 100% reflect the fact that some respondents did not answer all questions.)

All categories of individual members are characterized by their interest in theological librarianship. While most maintain their membership while working in a theological library, many retain their membership after moving to a different library setting or leaving the field altogether. Individual membership in ATLA is a personal matter. Benefits are important, but the personal connections are what bring people back year after year.

"I have been a member of ATLA for over a decade and have deeply appreciated the friendships that I have made through the Association, the professional development opportunities that membership in the Association has afforded, and the specialized products that ATLA has produced over time. I am truly a better theological librarian as a result of this wonderful organization."
—Cindy Derrenbacher, Regent Carey Library Director, Regent College.

Benefits fall into the categories of professional collaboration and development and member publications and include:

- Discounted rates for ATLA professional development offerings, including the Annual Conference
- Interest Groups - Nine groups interested in specialized fields of theological librarianship
- NACO and CONSER Funnel Projects - National programs coordinated by the Library of Congress
- *Summary of Proceedings* - Full text or summaries of sessions of ATLA's Annual Conference
- *Newsletter* - The primary source of information about ATLA activities and membership news published quarterly and available in electronic and print format.
- *Theology Cataloging Bulletin* - Member-published newsletter for catalogers

Networking is the most important reason people join ATLA and renew their membership and the Annual Conference is the event most prized by ATLA members.²

The most highly cited reason for attending the 2006 Annual Conference was "I never miss a conference if I can help it" (61.6%³). With roughly a third of individual members attending the conference each year, they comprise more than half of the total conference registration. 82% of members have attended an annual conference over the years, but some are able to attend the conference every other year or every third rather than annually. (I have since learned that this is to allow for others at their institution to attend or the necessity of difficult choices between conferences as institutional and personal budgets can only support so much.)

"Having been a member of ATLA for the last 40 years, I can truthfully say that ATLA has had a profound influence on my life. I was fortunate to have attended almost all of the annual meetings from 1966-2006. To have visited so many places in the United States and Canada has been both an exciting educational and rewarding personal experience. I tell my friends, "I've seen America through ATLA!" Where else could an introvert, such as I am, have been so warmly received and made to feel so welcomed?"—Dorothy Gilliam Thomason, Union-PSC, Richmond, VA

The demographic shifts impacting the general population are reflected in ATLA's membership, with 20% of members belonging to ATLA for more than twenty years and 33% for less than five. In recent years, ATLA has focused on recruiting new theological librarians through partnerships with AAR/SBL, and collaborating to develop a semester-long course on theological librarianship with the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. It was offered for the first time in the fall of 2005 and will be offered again in 2006 (see p. 19 for more details.)

ATLA is also concerned with advancing the profession through supporting mid-career and seasoned librarians as well. The work of

¹ 2003 Individual Member Survey, conducted by MemberSurvey.com, a division of Readex

² Ibid

³ ATLA 2006 Annual Conference online evaluation

the Professional Development Committee has resulted in a strong partnership with the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion. The colloquium offered by the Wabash Center has proved useful to the first class from 2004 and will result in a new offering in the spring of 2007 (p. 23). Additionally, Judy Knop will offer NACO training in February 2007 (see *Member Notes* on p.10).

ATLA members are increasingly diverse, representing institutions of almost every theological tradition throughout the world.

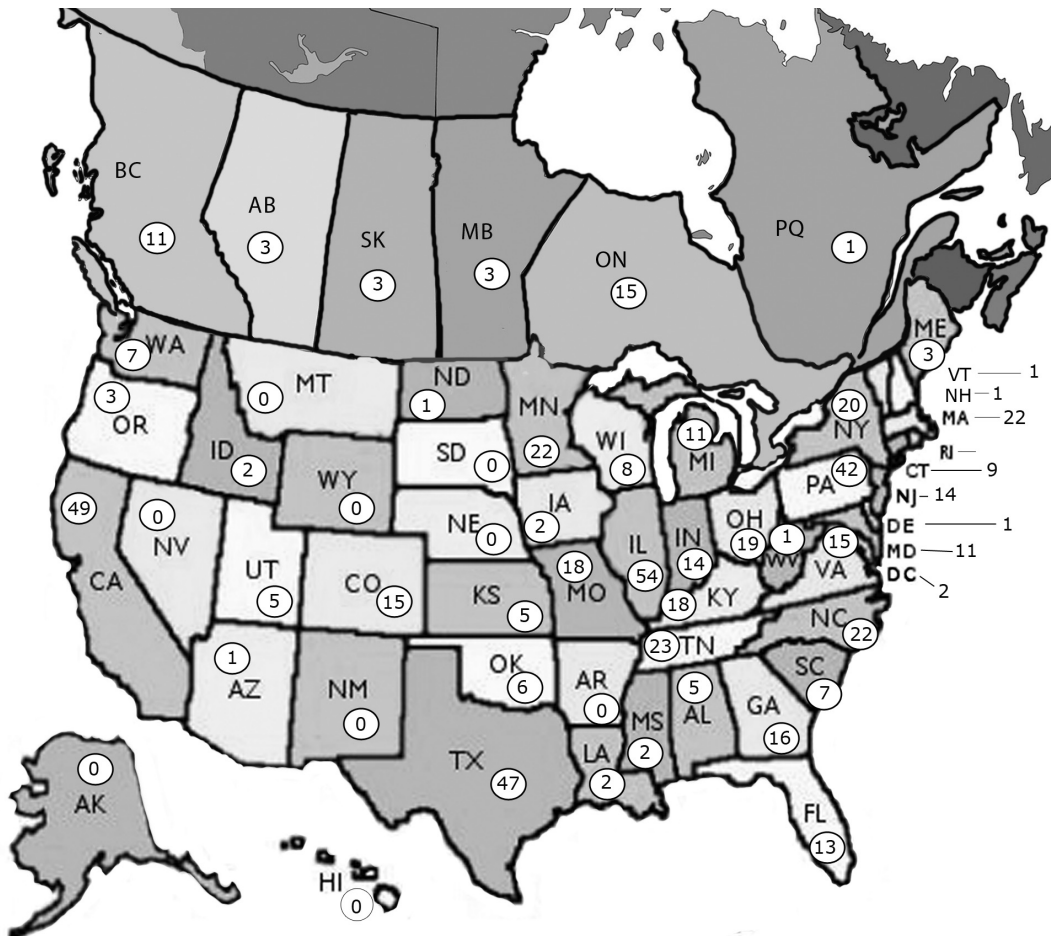
The maps and lists accompanying this article help to illustrate some of this diversity.

Shortly you will receive an invoice from ATLA asking you to renew your membership. I certainly hope that you will continue your affiliation with this vital community of theological librarians and that you will share your story of why you joined and continue to belong to ATLA.

Barbara Kemmis
ATLA Director of Member Services



Member Geographics



Individual Members in North America by State/Province • Total: 573

Individual Members Outside North America by Country

Australia	3
Brazil	2
China	1
Costa Rica	1
Egypt	1
Germany	3
West Indies	2
Ghana	1
Hong Kong	1
Indonesia	1
Philippines	1
Russia	1
Sierra Leone	1
Singapore	1
Slovakia	1
South Korea	1
Switzerland	1
Ukraine	1
United Kingdom	5
TOTAL	29

From a cupboard full of surprises to an archival repository: the records of the Church of Uganda



Outside the Archives (l to r): Frederick Mukungu (UCU Librarian), Paul Stuebrenberg (Yale Divinity Library), Christine Byaruhanga (UCU Archivist), Dorothy Woodson (Africana Curator, YUL), and Frans Havekes (IDC Publishers)

The rapid growth of Christianity in Africa is one of the most amazing, and unexpected, phenomena of our time. As David Maxwell notes, there were some 75 million African Christians in 1965, compared to approximately 351 million in 2000.¹ To understand this phenomenon, scholars must, for the most part, rely on documents preserved in Western repositories. Some few dedicated scholars with the necessary time and resources visit repositories in Africa. Some of those repositories follow accepted archival practices. Many, however, are in less than optimal conditions. This story is about one collection of records that has, over the past several years, gone from being a closet collection at church headquarters to a collection with appropriate environmental conditions, appropriate archival arrangement, and plans for preservation microfilming. This story can be instructive in how North American institutions can helpfully collaborate with institutions in Africa and elsewhere.

In an article published in 2001, Caroline Howell reports on a one-month trip to Uganda (year not specified) to explore archival resources. Besides using the well-

established archives at Makerere University Library and the Uganda National Archives, she gained access to the archives of the Church of Uganda. Tellingly, the title of her article is “A cupboard full of surprises.”² The archives were kept at the Provincial Offices of the Anglican Church on Namirembe Hill, Kampala, where they were intended to be consulted by church officials, not by historians. She notes that she was “grateful for the complete trust that was shown” to her by the church authorities. Every day she would return to pick up the key to the cupboard where the records were stored and was left undisturbed “to rummage through the boxes.” Photocopying was permitted, provided the material remained on site. However, there was no designated space to use the material. The archive/cupboard had no desk or table and very poor lighting. As a consequence, she spent her first two days camped outside on the grass, consulting the archive, until she was lent an office by a missionary couple. For any who might want to consult the archive, she advised against delay, since the cupboard itself was insecure and could provide only limited defense against the termites. She observes: “I fear

that this unique archival depository might not survive indefinitely. Who knows how many other illuminating files may be sitting undetected in church cupboards elsewhere in Africa.” Indeed.

At the “Consultation on Nondenominational Mission Archives” held at the Billy Graham Center in Wheaton, IL, November 1-3, 2001, Frederick Mukungu gave a report on his work with the Church of Uganda archives.³ Mr. Mukungu’s master’s thesis was an attempt to identify archival resources located in Britain relating to the Church of Uganda.⁴ This experience led him, when he returned to Uganda, to investigate the condition of the Church of Uganda resources held by Ugandan institutions. In 1999 he published a catalogue of the archival resources held at the Provincial Secretariat,⁵ and began laying the groundwork to have those records transferred to the Uganda Christian University (UCU), where he serves as University Librarian.

In 2002 Mr. Mukungu attended a conference on “Rescuing the Memory of our Peoples” in Rome,⁶ a conference also attended by Martha Smalley, Research Services Librarian and Curator of the Day Missions Collection at Yale Divinity Library. Ms. Smalley told the group about the Kenneth Scott Latourette Initiative for the Documentation of World Christianity,⁷ which is a pro-active microfilming program. By December 2004 the archives of the Church of Uganda had been transferred to UCU, and Mr. Mukungu contacted Yale about the possibility of having the archives filmed as a part of the Latourette Initiative. Yale was, indeed, most interested.

On May 31, 2006, Mr. Mukungu welcomed Dorothy Woodson, Africana Curator at the Yale University Library, Frans Havekes, of IDC Publishers, and me to Uganda Christian University. There we met with Christine Byaruhanga, UCU Archivist, and Stephen Noll, UCU Vice Chancellor, to discuss the possibility of establishing a pilot project to microfilm material from the UCU archives. On June 2, 2006, Mr. Noll signed a letter of agreement, which was subsequently signed

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by Ann Okerson, Associate University Librarian at Yale. Filming is expected to begin in September, with IDC managing the project.

In some ways, this project is one of a kind, as few institutions have the resources to engage in large microfilming projects (at Yale we give thanks daily for the foresight and generosity of “Uncle Ken,” who established the endowment that bears his name). At the same time, this project points to much work that needs to be done. Specifically:

- There are, in fact, archival collections in Africa, Asia, and Latin America that are stored in “cupboards.” As such, they are very much at risk—of being thrown away by people who don’t recognize their historical value, of being misused by thoughtless researchers, or of succumbing to poor environmental conditions.
- There is also a need for institutions (schools as well as denominations and other ecclesial agencies) to continue the work of building archival collections. If they do not do so, this period of the rapid expansion of Christianity will end up having relatively little documentation.
- In addition to print resources, oral histories are an excellent way of “preserving the memory of our people.” Jonathan Bonk of the Overseas Ministries Study Center in New Haven has begun a project called “the Dictionary of African Christian Biography,” which is a model for collecting such biographies.⁸ A similar project is planned for Asia.

Even with more limited resources, North American institutions can collaborate with partner institutions abroad to increase awareness of the importance of developing archival collections, as well as to develop collaborative programs to care for them properly.

Developing such collaborative partnerships is precisely the purpose of the Collaborative Grants Program announced by the Special Committee of the Association for Interna-

tional Collaboration at ATLA’s 2006 Annual Conference. We are confident that ATLA members will use their imagination and creativity to develop proposals. If there is sufficient interest, we hope to expand the program in the future.

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Theological Librarianship Course at

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It's Back!

The Theological Librarianship course will be offered at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) once again starting this fall.

Available for either two or four hours of graduate credit, the live sessions will take place Wednesdays from 4-6 p.m., August 23 to December 6. Tuition and fees are generously offered at in-state rates for ATLA members: 2 hours \$821; 4 hours \$1641.

For More Information...

To see last year’s syllabus, go to <http://leep.lis.uiuc.edu/fall05/LIS590TL/index.html>. Marianne Steadley (mailto:steadley@uiuc.edu) will be handling registration for non-UIUC students. While official enrollment won’t open until mid- to late July, Ms. Steadley can accept requests for a space at any time.

Issues In Publishing

Just back from the Annual Conference, I've been thinking about several conversations that took place both formally and informally about publishing. I want to try to reflect what I heard and then propose a publishing model that we might consider.

For a number of reasons, we think that ATLA should have a professional journal. Among other things, we believe it would assist in training new theological librarians, support professional development, and establish a clear professional identity. There also seemed to be a clear preference for publishing such a journal as an online, open access journal; we also prefer to make it widely available rather than limited to those who can subscribe. There was some concern, however, about insuring availability to librarians in countries where Internet connectivity is not always stable.

It was also clear that working with commercial publishers is not always easy or desirable. The rapidly changing business models and priorities of commercial publishers are not always consistent with the goals of the association and its members. Small-run publishers often don't have the marketing resources to effectively market their publications and large-scale publishers are often uninterested in the types of publications we might produce. The ATLA Board has, on more than one occasion, expressed its desire to have its own journal rather than to endorse a journal published by a commercial publisher like the *Journal of Religious & Theological Information* published by Haworth Press.

At the roundtable on *Developing a Theological Library Journal*, it was evident that both readers and authors have varying interests and requirements. Some librarians need to publish in peer-reviewed journals for tenure and promotion. Others are more interested in writing articles that focus on praxis. Readers' interest spans a similar range.

Despite the level of desire for a professional journal, several expressed anxiety about the amount of effort required to start and sustain such a journal. Finding enough

authors who are able to submit and revise articles in a timely manner is a significant issue, particularly for librarians whose job responsibilities rarely include professional writing. Michael Boddy is probably correct that with a few exceptions, we have not developed a culture of writing in our association. I would add that we have not developed an editing culture, either.

After leaving Chicago, I'm less concerned that we couldn't generate enough content for a journal. Thirteen papers were presented at the conference in addition to two plenary speakers, four half-day workshops, and thirty-five panels and roundtables. Not all of these papers and presentations would be appropriate for a professional journal, but we do produce a lot. In addition, each issue of the *ATLA Newsletter* contains two or more columns articles or essays in addition to the monthly reference book reviews. The *Theology Cataloging Bulletin* may be another source of content. And as Andy Keck reminds us, our international colleagues are interested in participating in such a publishing effort.

*Despite what I believe is the potential for enough content to publish a professional journal with at least an annual if not semi-annual frequency, I'm not yet convinced there is sufficient "buy-in" to make it work. I continue to follow the conversations among scholars interested in alternative models of scholarly publishing that will support and enhance scholarly discourse rather than impede it. Among them, Kathleen Fitzpatrick is leading an effort to develop a new scholarly press. In her March 30 polemic, she emphasizes "the importance of collective, cooperative contributions of academic labor to any electronic scholarly publishing venture. For a new system like that we're hoping to build in ElectraPress to succeed," she says, "we need a certain amount of buy-in from those who stand to benefit from the system, a commitment to get the work done, and to make the form succeed."*¹

Using as a comparison the volunteer efforts of open-source programmers, she suggests

So with academics. We are paid, by and large, and whether we like it or not, for delivering certain kinds of knowledge-work to paying clients. We teach, we advise, we lecture, and so forth, and all of this is primarily done within the constraints of someone else's needs and desires. But the job also involves, or allows, to varying degrees, reserving some measure of our time and devotion for projects that are just ours, projects whose greatest benefits are to our own pleasure and to the collective advancement of the field as a whole.

If we're already operating to that extent within an open-source model, what's to stop us from taking a further plunge, opening publishing cooperatives, and thereby transforming academic publishing from its current (if often inadvertent) non-profit status to an even lower-cost, collectively underwritten financial model?²

I don't want to ignore the fact that research and writing is normally expected of faculty in ways that it isn't for librarians. But I reject the notion that they have more time for research and writing. The scholars I know have to work just as hard as I do to make time to read and write. We do what we want to do.

Fitzpatrick goes on to suggest that a "collective publishing system might operate ... like food co-ops: in order to be a member of the co-op—and membership should be required in order to publish through it—everyone needs to put in a certain number of hours stocking the shelves and working the cash register."³ To translate into a publishing model, everyone who wants to publish would take on some of the publishing responsibility as well. Copy editing, proof-reading, peer-review, seeking new articles, and editorial direction all require time. When the load is carried by many, it seems less a burden.

This is obviously far from fully-developed plan. Some one (or small group of people) will need to take the lead in defining the scope of the journal and giving the project enough shape that others can commit to the

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various tasks required. Ultimately, about the best single measure of “buy-in” would be to secure a list of all articles, reviews, contributors and editors for the first 2-3 years’ worth of issues prior to starting.

Starting a new professional journal sounds like a good idea. Before we do, we need to assess the “buy-in” that I think is so far missing in our conversations. The easy part of online publishing is posting to a Web site. The more difficult task is deciding to do it.

*Jack Ammerman
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Perspectives on Professional Development

I give quite a bit of air time to professional development. I talk about it a lot and I think about it even more. But a staff member at my library came to talk to me this spring to ask me about my commitment and support for professional development. The staff at my library has indicated a very high level of interest in a wide range of professional development activities. It makes me exceedingly proud. But institutional funding for those activities in the library has lessened this year, a situation outside of my control. And it’s been a frustrating year in that respect.

How can I foster a spirit of continuing education if I can’t support it financially? How

do I distribute the existing funds effectively? How much professional development is enough? Who is going to benefit the most from which opportunities? Why do we do all of this again?

Professional development, or continuing education, is an amorphous category. It includes training in technical skills, research and scholarship, association memberships, networking, conferences, speaking engagements—and listening ones—committee work, improving management capabilities, and just about anything that helps us demonstrate our commitment to our profession and/or helps us get better at doing what we do.

I know that our library is among the lucky ones. Some of you receive no institutional financial support for professional development. And yet you still make it a priority to attend conferences and participate in a myriad of activities. My institution does provide some financial support, but we have some work to do to bolster that support and ensure consistent opportunities. Our institution is also extremely fortunate to have a wealth of free or inexpensive opportunities nearby. Our university and our region are full of workshops, meetings, conferences, panel discussions, and so on. We’re even near a library school; we’ve celebrated 2 graduations among my staff in as many years, and a third is expected next year.

In the process of writing annual reports, I reviewed the professional development activities of the entire staff. Nearly everyone on staff—85%—engaged in formal professional development! For some, this was a half-day training program on using Excel. For others, it was local programs on new technologies. A few of us attended conferences. And yet, we couldn’t cover the total expenses for all the conference requests received. One two-day workshop on electronic resources was skipped, in the hopes it would be offered again soon, and perhaps closer. And this coming year’s funding is still unknown.

Have we done enough? Too much? Do we have the right balance? In the end, it

isn’t really about any one conference or program. In the end, hopefully it is about each person’s individual growth. Do you and your colleagues have the support you need to grow in your work? Does your institution have the resources to accelerate that growth? These are the important questions.

The ATLA Professional Development Committee can’t necessarily answer these questions. But we are charged with trying to help you find ways to get professional development during the year, outside the annual conference. The PDC includes Eric Friede, Angela Morris, Kris Veldheer, and me. We’re excited by the opportunities that PDC has helped bring to fruition. I hope you’ve heard about the upcoming offerings: Carisse Berryhill’s course in theological librarianship offered through the LEEP distance program at the University of Illinois (*p. 19*), the next Wabash Colloquy for new theological librarians (*p. 23*), and the upcoming NACO training for the ATLA NACO funnel project (*p. 10*). These are very exciting opportunities.

But the PDC is also interested in helping you with other professional development issues. If you want financial help in sponsoring a workshop or program, please apply for one of our Grants for Continuing Education Programs. Or give one of us a call to talk about possibilities to help shape a program. You’ve heard me say this before—but let me beat this drum one more time—all of us on PDC are interested to hear how we can help you with your professional development needs. What types of programs would you like to see? When and how should they be delivered? We’re eager to hear from you. It seems there is always need for additional professional development. Part of our job on this committee is to help you and your colleagues get it.

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iPods in a Theological Library

The iPod and its competitors are ubiquitous on many campuses today, with the tell-tale white earbuds stuck in the ears of students, faculty, and staff alike. One can hardly walk around campus or sit in a library reference room without finding at least one person actively plugged into an iPod.

What's not to like? The latest iPod can hold up to 15,000 songs or 25,000 photos or 150 hours of video. Already have a large collection of music CD's? Rip them onto your iPod. Miss your favorite NPR show on the radio? Try receiving it via podcast. Miss your favorite ABC television show? Buy it from iTunes. With a capacity of 60GB, the iPod can be used as a portable hard drive to take all of your important files with you or transfer large and small files between computers.

How it works

Technologically speaking, an iPod is a very small flash or hard drive that can be run by a long-lasting rechargeable battery. The small, portable unit is then combined with a simple interface and the ability to plug into a computer to receive music, pictures, videos, and any other kind of file. The computer software called iTunes handles purchasing music, images, or video, importing your current CD music collection, and receiving podcasts. Within iTunes, Apple now provides a free hosting service called iTunes U for the educational content at your college or university.

Educational uses of the iPod

A number of educational institutions, including Duke University, have experimented with various ways that iPods could be used to support the curriculum. Several uses have emerged:

Course lectures can be recorded and transferred to a student's iPod manually or through a podcast. Students may appreciate rehearing a lecture in which a lot of new content is presented and explained. Students for whom English is a second language can slow down the playback to better understand individual words and phrases. Similarly, students wanting a quick review can speed up the playback. New services such as Lectopia (developed at the University of Western Australia) automatically record

lectures and provide them to students via podcast, streaming, or download.

With the addition of a microphone, the iPod becomes a simple audio recorder. Students can be assigned to interview community organizers, church members, other students, or experts in a different field. Students can then use the audio to inform their research or include edited clips as a part of a class presentation or project. Similarly, students in language courses can record native speakers—or record themselves for evaluation by their peers or instructor.

iPods can also be used to deliver other audio-visual course content such as music, video of worship, images of religious symbols, or audiobooks. Copyright and licensing become issues when the content has not been generated by the instructor or institution. If each person in a class needs to listen to particular music tracks, the tracks must be purchased and licensed separately for each person in the class. Institutions need to decide if they are willing to cover the licensing costs or if they would rather make it each student's responsibility.

iPods in the Library

If there is a case for using iPods within the educational curriculum, there is a case for having an iPod in the library, largely revolving around our ability to efficiently loan reserve materials. One can put an iPod on reserve loaded with course content, thus making one or more iPods available for checkout instead of requiring every student to own an iPod.

A library iPod can be loaded with course content including lectures, audiobooks, or music—but the key here is that licensed content would only need to be licensed for as many iPods as the library makes available. Rather than the class of 50 students purchasing 30 hymn recordings for analysis at the total cost of \$1500 (assuming \$1 per track), you can license the 30 hymn tracks for \$30 for a single library iPod. This is not unlike the difference between each student purchasing a \$30 textbook versus using the library's copy of that textbook on reserve.

The library could also use the iPod to store audio recordings of special events or lectures within the life of the seminary. Faculty, staff, or students could check out the iPod to lis-

ten to an event that they missed or wanted to hear again. The iPod could serve as a audio archive for the institution that would not involve the continuing burning of CDs or posting audio material on the Internet.

Finally, the library can use the iPod to support library instruction. At Duke, we recorded audio tutorials for *Bibleworks* and the *ATLA Religion Database*. Students could check out the library iPod and follow the tutorial, allowing their hands and eyes to be free to focus upon their own searches. A library could also follow the practice of many museums and include a physical tour of library spaces that would provide instruction and information as users walked around the library.

Challenges

Using iPods in the seminary curriculum or the theological library is not without challenges. The equipment is relatively expensive, with iPods currently selling for between \$149 and \$399 depending on storage capacity and capability for video. They are easily stolen and can be scratched or broken. iPods are tethered to iTunes which means you can be limited to the audio content that is available for purchase. One must also attach the iPod to a computer in order to transfer files or use iTunes.

In the case of the library, staff time will be required to license, load, and organize materials within iTunes and then transfer that content to the iPod. Library staff will need to make sure the iPod is being charged and working properly. Headphones and accessories like chargers or microphones may also need to be purchased and maintained.

Despite the iPod's potential, our own experience with having an iPod available has been underwhelming. The iPod has received very limited use in library instruction. Obtaining new content has been difficult and time-consuming, even when it has been created by our own institution. While there is a certain novelty to having an iPod on reserve, the key to success is making content that people need available in a timely manner.

*Andy Keck, Chair
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2007 Colloquy on the Role of the Theological Librarian in Teaching, Learning, and Research

Description

Theological librarians play an essential role in the educational process. Institutional standards developed by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) highlight the need for librarians to contribute to theological scholarship—teaching, learning, and research—in ways specific both to the profession and to the particular school, its mission, curriculum, and resources. Yet in practice, the means of fulfilling this expectation are not always clear or immediately available to librarians. This colloquy will explore the vocation of theological librarianship and promote the development of strategies and skills for increasing the effectiveness of librarians in the teaching/learning/resource process in their own institutional and professional contexts. The colloquy is sponsored jointly by the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion and the American Theological Library Association (ATLA).

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Application Deadline

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Goals

- To provide an opportunity for theological librarians new to the profession to reflect on the distinctiveness of theological librarianship as a vocation and a profession.
- To assist theological librarians in developing their role as educators and as partners with faculty and students in the task of theological scholarship.
- To explore the future of theological libraries, including the theological librarian's role in implementing change in educational practices related to the impact of new technologies, methods, resources, paradigms, and trends on theological scholarship/librarianship.
- To provide opportunities for participants to consider the collaborative nature of librarianship in theological education and to engage in a community of peers.



Eligibility and Expectations

Participants must be current individual members of ATLA and new to the association, having been an individual member for seven years or fewer.

In keeping with the mission of the Wabash Center, participants must be serving in an ATS accredited library (or a library seeking ATS accreditation) in the US or Canada.

Librarians holding any type of library role (public or technical services, directors, etc.) are encouraged to apply.

Participants will be expected to complete several reading and writing assignments in advance, as preparation for the colloquy.

Stipend and Expenses

For full participation in the Librarians' Colloquy, participants will receive a stipend of \$1,200. All travel (economy airfare or automobile mileage from the participant's school to Wabash College) and room and board during the colloquy will be provided by the Wabash Center and ATLA.

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ATLA to Cease Delivery of Products via CD-ROM in 2008

In June, ATLA Executive Director Dennis Norlin announced that the association will cease the delivery of ATLA products and partner products via CD-ROM format in 2008. This affects CD-ROM versions of:

- *ATLA Religion Database*®
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- *Catholic Periodical and Literature Index (CPLI)*, produced by ATLA in partnership with the Catholic Library Association
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There are three reasons for the decision to cease the delivery of products in CD-ROM format: 1. a dramatic shift by most customers from CD-ROM to online versions; 2. successive versions of MS Windows are proving to be difficult platforms on which to run ATLA's CD-ROM software; 3. moving to an all online production environment enables ATLA to update its databases more frequently and efficiently.

ATLA wanted to give all of its CD-ROM customers adequate notice so that they have time to prepare to move their subscriptions to online versions of the products within two years. Subscribers have been assured that online versions, including the full version of the *ATLA Religion Database*® through ATLA, will be available as subscribers migrate from CD-ROM. Currently the *ATLA Religion*

Database® is available online through EBSCO, FirstSearch, Ovid/SilverPlatter, and CSA. ATLA's partner products are all available online through EBSCO.



ATLASerials® (ATLAS®) Quarterly Report

Planning for ATLAS for Congregations and Clergy

The *ATLAS* team members recently invited consulting experts from Alban Institute's Congregational Resource Guide to Chicago. Ian Evison, Anne Van Dusen, and Claudia Greer facilitated an all-day planning session on June 7th specifically related to planning *ATLAS* for Congregations and Clergy. Topics included reviews of existing electronic tools and resources for congregations, developing *ATLAS* services for this new market, and other strategic marketing initiatives.

ATLAS for alumni/ae grant participants

ATLA member institutions participating in the *ATLAS* for alumni/ae grant program will soon be receiving updates. As a reminder, formal reports will be required twice during the subscription period, at the end of December 2006 and December 2007. By August 2006, ATLA will provide sample questions, a survey template, and suggested topics to be covered in the reports.

ATLAS Team to Visit JSTOR

Tami Luedtke, director of Electronic Products and Services, and Dennis Norlin, Executive Director, will be traveling to Ann Arbor, MI in early September to meet with JSTOR. They will be learning more about JSTOR's production processes and services.

New Titles and Licenses

The August 2006 *ATLAS* update will include the following five new title additions:

- *Biblical Interpretation*
- *Bulletin of the Evangelical Theological Society*
- *Presbyterion*
- *Reconstructionist*
- *Word & World*

Updates PDF roll-out schedule

ATLA is now planning to roll-out PDFs with OCR'd text in *ATLASerials* by June 2007. Although we were originally anticipating an earlier date, we've had to push back the original production schedule due to ATLA's unexpected move to a new headquarters and various related infrastructure upgrades.

Domain Update

ATLASerials will be utilizing the new domain name of search.atlaonline.com beginning with the August 2006 *ATLAS* update. Detailed information to facilitate updating of links, bookmarks, firewalls, or proxy servers will be disseminated to all affected subscribers. ATLA will continue to point all purl.org/atlaonline/ or purl.org/atlaonline/atlas links to the current live server via our IP addresses 63.136.1.22 and 63.136.1.23 during the transition time between August 2006 to February 2007, but it is strongly recommend that you update any links, bookmarks, firewall exceptions, or proxy server configurations to reflect the new domain as soon as possible. In the interim, if you have questions or comments about the new domain name change, please contact ATLA product support at support@atla.com.

Tami Luedtke

ATLA Director of Electronic Products & Services



Preservation Products

Serials newly preserved through NEH grant

Religious Periodical Literature of the Hispanic and Indigenous Peoples of the Americas, 1850-1985

The following serial titles were microfilmed as part of the preservation grant, "Religious Periodical Literature of the Hispanic and Indigenous Peoples of the Americas, 1850-1985." The preservation of these serials has been funded by the office of preservation of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

Hispanic

La libertad cristiana

Catholic Church in Ecuador; Christianity. Published in Quito, Ecuador. Text in Spanish. **ATLA no.: 2006H-S003, 1 reel** (1892-1895).

Indigenous peoples

Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions (U.S.):

Report of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions (1900/01-1901/02)

Report of the director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Mission (1903/04-1910)

Catholic mission to the Indians of North America. **ATLA no.: 2006I-S006 through 2006I-S007, 2 reels** (1900/01-1910).

Rhode Island Women's Indian Association:

Annual report of the R.I.W. Indian Association
Mission to Indians of North America; annual report of the Rhode Island Women's Indian Association. "The object of this Association shall be: First, To strengthen by every means in our power that Christian public sentiment which shall aid our government in the abolition of all oppression of Indians within our National limits, and in the granting them the same protection of law that other races enjoy among us; and, Second, To aid in the educational and mission work pursued by the National Indian Association." —from *Article II of Constitution, p. [5] of 1886 issue*. The Association was the Rhode Island auxiliary of the Women's National Indian Association (U.S.). Published in Providence, R.I. **ATLA no.: 2006I-S008, 1 reel** (1886-1890).

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African American Religious Serials, 1850-1950

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Gammon Theological Seminary:

Circular of the Gammon School of Theology (1885/1886)

Catalogue of the Gammon School of Theology (1888-1891)

Quarterly bulletin (1891-1918)

Catalog ... of Gammon Theological Seminary (1919-1921)

Gammon Theological Seminary's catalog. Gammon is an African-American, Methodist theological seminary, founded in 1883. Published in Atlanta. **ATLA no.: 2006-S006 through 2006-S009, 4 reels** (1885/86-1921).

Home for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons (Philadelphia, Pa.):

Constitution, by-laws and rules of the Home for the Aged and Infirm Colored Persons (1865-1867)

Proceedings of the ... annual meeting of the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons, held ... (1868-1873)

Annual report of the Board of Managers of the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons (1874-1916)

Institutional care for older African Americans; the annual report of the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons. "The objects of this Association shall be the relief of that worthy class of colored persons who have endeavored through life to maintain themselves, but from various causes are dependent upon the charity of others." —from Charter of Incorporation, p. 14 of 52nd report. Published in Philadelphia. **ATLA no.: 2006-S015 through 2006-S017, 3 reels** (1865-1916).

Institute for Colored Youth (Philadelphia, Pa.):

Objects and regulations of the Institute for Colored Youth, with a list of the officers and students, and the annual report of the Board of Managers (1860)

Objects of the Institute for Colored Youth, with a list of the officers and students, and the annual report of the Board of Managers (1861-1866)

Annual report of the Board of Managers of the Institute of Colored Youth (1867-1903)

Institute for Colored Youth at Cheyney:

Annual report (1905-1912)

Cheyney Training School for Teachers:

Annual report of the Cheyney Training School for Teachers (Institute for Colored Youth) (1913-1919)

Training of African American teachers, Pennsylvania. The annual report of the Institute for Colored Youth, Institute for Colored Youth at Cheyney, and Cheyney Training School for Teachers. "The 'Institute for Colored Youth' was chartered by the State of Pennsylvania in 1842. Its objects are the education and improvement of colored youth of both sexes, to qualify them to act as Teachers and Instructors of their own people, either in the various branches of school learning, or in the mechanical arts

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and agriculture...The corporators are exclusively members of the religion 'Society of Friends.'" –from p. 1 of 1860 report. **ATLA no.:** 2006-S018 through 2006-S022, 5 reels (1860-1919).

The ninth annual examination of the classes of the Institute for Colored Youth ... (1861)

Our alma mater / by Octavius V. Catto (1864)

The Fourteenth annual commencement of the Institute for Colored Youth ... (1866)

Annual commencement of the Institute for Colored Youth at Association Hall (1879-1896)

The commencement programs and an address at the Institute for Colored Youth (Philadelphia, Pa.), later known as the Cheyney Training School for Teachers. **ATLA no.:** 2006-S024/024/025 through 2006-S026, 2 reel (1861, 1864, 1866; and 1879-1896).

African Methodist Episcopal Church. Richmond District Conference:

Minutes of the Richmond, Virginia, District Conference and Sunday school convention of the A. M. E. Church

Minutes of the A.M.E. Church, Richmond District Conference; African American Sunday schools. Published in Staunton, Va. **ATLA no.:** 2006-S029, 1 reel (1886, 1895).

African Methodist Episcopal Church. Western North Carolina Conference:

The ... session of the Western N.C. Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

Minutes of the session of Western North Carolina Conference, African Methodist Episcopal Church. Published in N.C. **ATLA no.:** 2006-S051 through 2006-S052, 1 reel (1906).

Christianity and the Encounter with World Religions, 1850-1950

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Der Christliche Orient (Berlin, Germany)

German mission to Turkey; Armenian massacres. Edited by Johannes Lepsius. Published in Berlin. Text in German. **ATLA no.:** 2005C-S093, 1 reel (1897).

The children's missionary magazine


Christian literature for children; Church of England. Contains mission stories, papers by clergymen and the editor, poetry, and

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engravings. Published in London. **ATLA no.: 2005C-S095**, 2 reels (1847-1858).

The English Presbyterian messenger

Presbyterian Church in England; Presbyterian missions. Published in London. **ATLA no.: 2006C-S009**, 2 reels (1846-1847).

American theosophist (Albany, N.Y.)

Theosophy. "While it is the mission of the American Theosophist to do elementary work, and give especial attention to the needs of young students and the general public, it is hoped that it will prove to be of genuine interest to the older students. It will make a specialty of Theosophical news from the different countries and will have articles from time to time from various contributors that will be of value to all who are seeking occult enlightenment." —from p. 1 of Apr. 1908 issue. Edited by L. W. Rogers; published in Albany, N.Y. **ATLA no.: 2006C-S013**, 1 reel (1908-1909).

The Bengal Methodist

Methodist Church in Bengal. **ATLA no.: 2006C-S024**, 1 reel (1882).

American Presbyterian Hospital (Xiangtan, Hunan Sheng, China):

Annual report for ... of the American Presbyterian Hospital, Siangtan

Annual report of the American Presbyterian Hospital in China; Medical missions. Published in Shanghai by the Presbyterian Mission Press. **ATLA no.: 2006C-S024**, 1 reel (contains one issue: 1913).

Lutheran mission worker

Lutheran Church mission. Published by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania <1908>-June 1912 and the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, Sept. 1912-Mar. 1919. Published in Philadelphia. **ATLA no.: 2006C-S026**, 2 reels (1908-1919).

Serials Newly Available on Microfilm

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Lutheran communication directory

Lutheran church directory. Published in Geneva, Switzerland, by the Lutheran World Federation. **ATLA no.: S0997**, 1 reel (1978-1990/91).

Monastic Interreligious Dialogue bulletin

Monasticism and religious orders; Christianity and other religions. Published in Trappist, Ky., by the Monastic Interreligious Dialogue. **ATLA no.: S0931G-H**, 1 reel (2001-2005).

The North American Moravian

"The official journal of the Moravian Church in America, North and South." Published in Bethlehem, Pa. **ATLA no.: S0632**, 4 reels (1970-1988).

New Dissertations Available on Microfilm

Christ and the covenant : Francis Turretin's federal theology as a defense of the doctrine of Grace / by J. Mark Beach, submitted to Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids Michigan, 2005.

The author writes: "*The subject of this dissertation is Francis Turretin's federal theology as a defense of the doctrine of grace. Specifically, it deals with Turretin's exposition of the twofold covenant of God—that is, the covenant of nature and the covenant of grace. In treating this subject, the dissertation has a twofold objective—first, to contribute to an understanding of the theology of Turretin; second, to offer an evaluation regarding the validity of certain trajectories of scholarship pertaining to federal theology.*" **ATLA no.: D00013**, 1 reel.

To comfort the afflicted and upset the secure : Jacobus Arminius and the roots of the Leiden debate over the assurance of salvation / by Keith D. Stanglin, submitted to Calvin

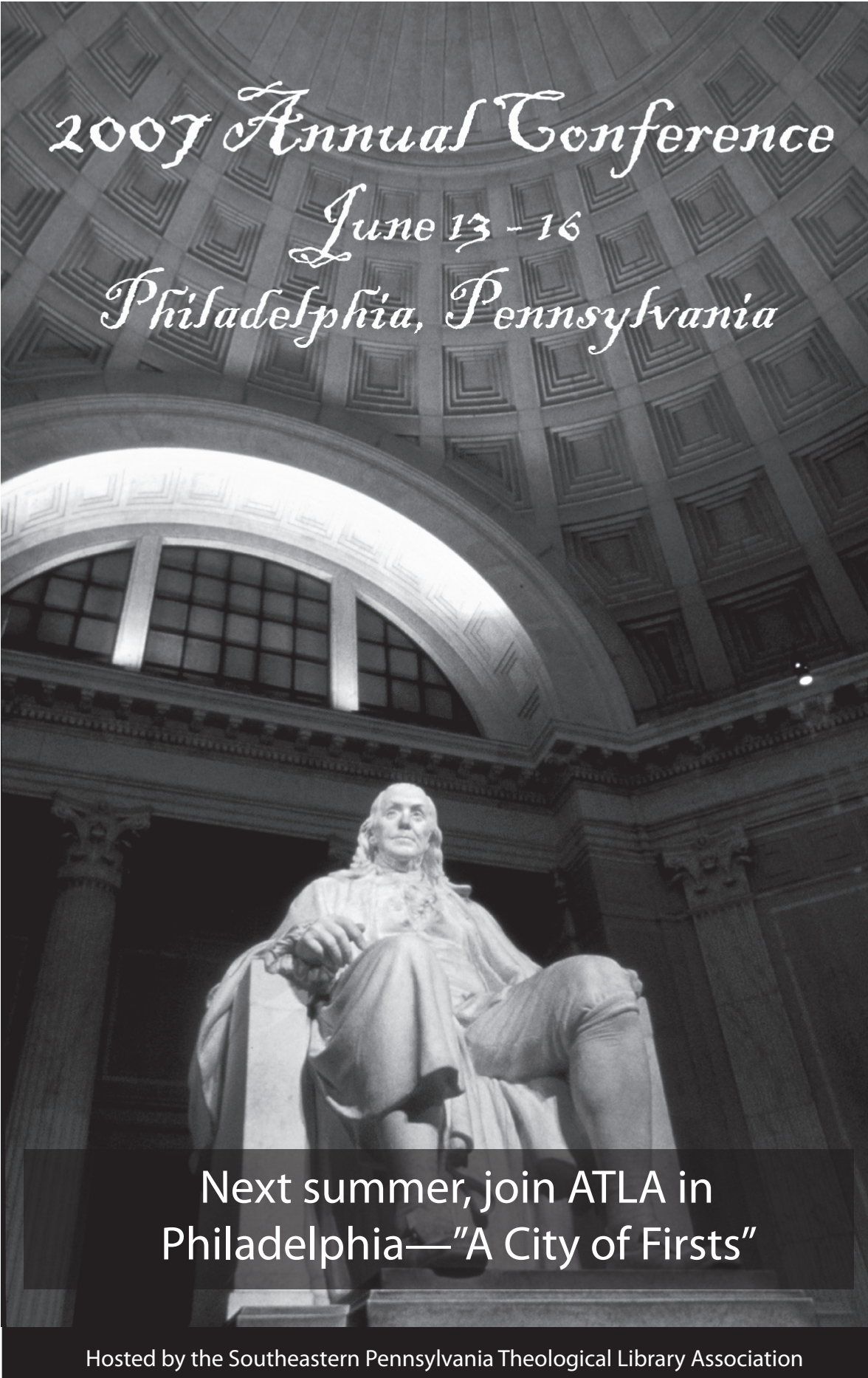
Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids Michigan, 2006. The author writes: "*This dissertation is an examination of the doctrine of the assurance of salvation in the thought of Jacobus Arminius (1559-1609). Although scholarship has treated, on the one hand, some aspects of Arminius's theology, and on the other hand, the doctrine of assurance in the Reformed theologians of early Protestant orthodoxy, nevertheless proper attention has not been given to the intersection of these topics, Arminius's doctrine of assurance. This study seeks to demonstrate that the debate over the assurance of salvation in early Reformed orthodoxy was one of the decisive factors driving Arminius's dissent from Reformed theology.*" **ATLA no.: D00014**, 1 reel.



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From the Executive Director

July 7, 2006

Whew!

We moved the headquarters, prepared for the association's 60th annual conference, hosted the largest conference ever with very few glitches, and had a collective sigh of relief on Sunday evening. At one point I remarked to Roberta Schaafsma, "Doesn't this seem like an unusually long conference, to you?" Her reply was, "That's because you've never been the local host before!"

So now we know how local hosts feel before, during, and after a conference. I also understand why very few members volunteer to host a conference twice (Roger Loyd is a notable exception)! I realized that I'd never had to worry about hors d'ouvres, entertainment, local restaurant recommendations and outings, lining up worship services, and all of the other things that our local hosts do each year.

Believe you me, I now have a new appreciation for and understanding of the extraordinary efforts that local host committees have demonstrated during the annual conferences I've attended since 1995 (Nashville, Denver, Boston, Leesburg, Chicago, Berkeley, Durham, St. Paul, Portland, Kansas City, and Austin).

I do want to issue a special public thank you to the ATLA staff who played roles they don't usually play during the conference (the local host committee chaired by Beverly Thompson and including Lowell Handy, Zhongwen Jin, Cameron Campbell, Todd Ferry, Kristi Terbrack) and the staff that handles the usual member services staff roles at the conference (Barbara Kemmis, Sara Corkery, Tim Smith, Deana Dorsey), three of whom were attending their first ATLA conference.

We are indeed blessed to have a talented and dedicated staff at ATLA, and I'm even more fortunate since I get to work with them every day!

On the Monday after the conference ended (June 26) I attended the business session of ATS at the McCormick Convention Center to receive a letter of commendation and congratulations for ATLA from ATS. It was a fitting conclusion to our association's 60th annual conference, and a harbinger of hope for the future.

In accepting the ATS citation I alerted them to the first ATLA Theological Librarianship Month (October 2006) and urged them to be alert for opportunities on their campus to support and encourage their theological library and library staff. I hope you will all make plans for some special celebration or recognition or attention-attracting event that highlights your facilities and services and role in theological education.

I hope, too, that you will encourage your staff to consider the second edition of the University of Illinois course in theological librarianship (<http://leep.lis.uiuc.edu/fall05/LIS590TL/index.html>).

And, I hope you are already thinking about programs and roundtables and topics you want to address at our 61st annual conference in Philadelphia next June. I'm confident that our future will be every bit as exciting and challenging as our past.



Dennis A. Norlin
ATLA Executive Director

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In 1948, the Executive Secretary of the American Association of Theological Schools (AATS) commented on the formation of the American Theological Library Association in his report for the Biennial Meeting. He noted that AATS "has been of help in the formation of the (American Theological Library) Association, from which we hope great good may come."

After sixty years of providing professional development for theological librarians and extensive efforts in indexing, abstracting, preserving, and digitizing literature crucial to theological research, the ATLA has been fulfilling its promise and causing great good to come. ATLA has contributed to the work of theological education, to the quality of the libraries of ATS member schools, and to the enrichment of the resources available for theological research.

The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada expresses its gratitude for the American Theological Library Association's sixty years of doing great good.



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Staff Notes

Information Services Personnel Changes

Director of Information Services Paul Jensen's last day was June 30. Originally a part-time employee of ATLA as well as a student, Paul dropped out of school and took on full-time duties in order to rescue ATLA's newly emerging CD ROM product in November of 1994. He quite literally saved the day for the Association and has been an incredibly important resource for us the past twelve years. He has decided to return to Loyola University Chicago this fall to complete his BS in Computer Science. It is a testimonial to Paul's generous and supportive nature that he set aside his own plans 12 years ago to help the Association, and we owe him an enormous debt of gratitude.

Dan Pattangi has accepted ATLA's offer of employment and will serve in the newly created position of Systems Manager. Mr. Pattangi has his B.S. in Electrical Engineering (1990) and his M.S. in Computer Science (1999), and for the past 11 years has served as Network Analyst / IT Administrator at the Academic Computing Center of the University of Illinois at Chicago. In that role he has managed the UIC network and network clients and supervised application and deployment and desktop support for more than 4,000 server services clients. Mr. Pattangi will join ATLA staff on August 28th, 2006.



Dennis Norlin Article

An essay on "Career Alternatives for Religious Scholars" by ATLA Executive Director Dennis Norlin appeared in the May issue of Religious Studies News (RSN), Dennis' article is featured in a special new section of the newspaper focusing on the job market in religious studies and theology. RSN is a quarterly publication of the American Academy of Religion.



ATLA Staff Member Attends CONSER Meeting

ATLA Digitization Coordinator Judy Knop traveled to Washington, D.C. for the CONSER Operations Committee meeting, April 27-28, 2006. The agenda included discussion of the PCC Strategic Directions 2010 document, limited latest entry for title variants, aggregator neutral records for integrating resources, RDA, and the latest LC announcement on the ceasing of series authority preparation. The meeting is held in conjunction with the BIBCO Operations Committee meeting; there were some joint sessions.



Kristen Terbrack Resigns as Senior Product Support Analyst

Kristen Terbrack, who provided support to ATLA customers and tested and improved the quality of ATLA products since May 2001, resigned her position in June. She will join the database team of the Center for Research in Security Prices at the University of Chicago. ATLA is grateful for Kristi's contributions over the years and wishes her well in her future endeavors.



Index Staff Change

Please join ATLA in wishing Indexer-Analyst Cass Fisher success in his new faculty position at the University of Southern Florida. Cass' last day was July 21.



From the Editor

As I've worked with ATLA over the past six months (gradually becoming familiar with the intricacies of the association's inner workings and the staggering array of acronyms that comprise the common parlance of theological librarianship), I've been repeatedly impressed with members' commitment to support each other through open channels of communication and respectful dialogue. Whether through conference workshops and presentations, efforts at mentoring, or networking on the various discussion lists, the generosity and willingness of theological librarians to communicate their specialized knowledge to assist each other in rising to the challenges of the profession is heartening.

Because of this commitment, successful searches for obscure citations, creative solutions to knotty problems, and productive brainstorming are routine occurrences on ATLANTIS. Questions are consistently answered by multiple sources with speed, insight, and resourcefulness.

At the recent annual conference in Chicago, I was especially struck by the concerted effort association veterans made to reach out to both new members and those attending the conference for the first time. Not only were there two official events to make these groups feel welcome, but I saw numerous individual acts of random thoughtfulness.

This October, the advent of Theological Libraries Month will provide you with a wonderful opportunity to take this genius for communication beyond your immediate circle and use it to promote your own value to the communities you serve so well.

*Sara Corkery
ATLA Communications Specialist*



Upcoming Newsletter Submissions

The deadline for submissions for the November issue of the ATLA Newsletter is October 1, 2006. Please send news items, announcements, etc., to Sara Corkery, Communications Specialist, at newsletter@atla.com. For submission guidelines see the newsletter home page, <http://www.atla.com/member/publications/newsletter.html>.

Calendar

August

- 5-8 Margot Lyon, Lavonne Jahnke, and Tim Smith exhibiting at the 69th International Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America, Loyola University, Chicago IL
- 15 ATLA Membership Renewal Notices distributed
Thomson Gale meets with ATLA staff at ATLA Headquarters
- 31 ATLA fiscal and membership years end

September

- 4 Labor Day, ATLA office closed
- 6 Dennis Norlin, Margot Lyon, and Tami Luedtke meet with JSTOR in Ann Arbor, MI
- 9-13 Margot Lyon exhibiting at the 35th General Assembly of BETH, Rome, Italy

October

- 9-13 Margot Lyon exhibiting at the 35th General Assembly of BETH, Rome, Italy
- 26-28 Barbara Kemmis travels to Philadelphia for 2007 Annual Conference planning

November

- 18-21 ATLA Staff at the AAR/SBL meeting, Washington, DC
- 23 Thanksgiving, ATLA office closed

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- ATLA will sponsor an alternative career luncheon for students at the 2006 AAR/SBL Conference.

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