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From the President



Hospitality Season

As we enter the holiday season, I was reflecting on one of ATLA's new core values — hospitality. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, everyone seems glad to share with others and welcomes friends and family back together again. The air is crisp, the smells

drifting out of kitchens are wonderful, and people seem to have a smile on their faces.

Dictionary.com defines hospitality as “the friendly reception and treatment of guests or strangers” and “the quality or disposition of receiving and treating guests and strangers in a warm, friendly, and generous way.” The term *friendly reception* struck a chord with me. As a Board member, I have watched the conference’s new member opening reception change for the better in recent years. New members are matched with a mentor and enjoy a time of finding others with particular interests through a game format. *Treating strangers in a warm, friendly, and generous way* caused me to reflect as well. When I joined ATLA, I did not know anyone and was dependent on a few persons who helped guide me through the association. As ATLA “lives into” the new vision, purpose, and values, how can we maintain our honored traditions while welcoming guests and strangers in a warm, friendly, and generous way? Which honored traditions are core to our values, including hospitality? What traditions do we as an association need to “let go” in order for change to happen organically? These are tough questions for sure, and they may make us uncomfortable; however, they are necessary questions that we as members need to ask ourselves in this changing world in which the association exists.

A Major Contribution to the History of Feminism and the Study of Scripture

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From Staff Leadership



Making Connections

During the last several months I've had the privilege of attending three very different international events on three continents. The more I travel, the more I realize how truly interconnected our world is.

The 2015 IFLA Congress was held in Cape Town, South Africa, in August.

I continue to follow the activities of the special interest group on LIS Education in Developing Countries. Prior to the start of the IFLA Congress, they held a Satellite meeting on the campus of the University of Cape Town. The theme of the meeting was “Towards Harmonization of LIS Education in Developing Countries: Strategy and Leadership.” This year’s speakers hailed from Ethiopia, Ghana, Peru, South Africa, Taiwan, and Uganda. Additional sessions on this topic were held during the main IFLA Congress and it is evident that harmonization is an important issue for many faculty in LIS education around the globe. In the U.S. and Canada we are fortunate to have an accrediting body within ALA that helps bring some consistency to the curriculum and degrees offered. This is not the case in the majority world, where there is a bewildering variety of credentials offered.

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Next year's IFLA Congress will be held in Columbus, Ohio. Plans are underway for an IFLA RELINDIAL Special Interest Group Satellite Meeting on August 12, 2016, immediately prior to the start of IFLA. The RELINDIAL group focuses on inter-religious dialogue and the role of libraries. Volunteers from both ATLA and the Catholic Research Resource Alliance (CRRRA) are involved in planning. ATLA is one of over 70 library-affiliated associations that contributed money to a scholarship fund to assist librarians both from North American and worldwide to attend the 2015 IFLA Congress. [Information on how to apply for a scholarship can be found here.](#)

In September, BETH (Bibliothèques Européennes de Théologie) held its annual meeting in Bologna, Italy. This year's theme was "Copyrights and Our Rights." A wide array of speakers offered their perspectives, including ATLA's own Gregg Taylor (Director of Licensing), Clifford Anderson (Director of Scholarly Communication at Vanderbilt University), Isabella Adinolfi (Member of European Parliament), Fulvio Sarzana di S. Ippolito (lawyer from Italy), and Rosa Maiello (Library Director at the University of Naples). Despite the challenges we face with copyright in the U.S., it's clear that the situation in Europe – even within European Union countries – is even more complex. Talking with BETH participants was especially interesting this year because it included increased participation from librarians from Central and Eastern Europe. Representatives from Croatia, Serbia, and Romania were present as were long time participants from Poland and Hungary. ATLA's new Developing Countries Initiative was of particular interest to them. Many of the presentations from the meeting are available at the [BETH website](#).

During the BETH meeting, a task force on International Theological Librarianship Education was launched. ABTAPL, ATLA, BETH, ForATL, and ANZTLA have each appointed representatives to the task force which will benchmark current educational offerings, determine needs at all levels, and jointly develop solutions that build on existing programs whenever possible. The information gathered during the IFLA meetings has already helped to inform these efforts.

Ithaka S+R Partners with ATLA

The American Theological Library Association is serving as lead sponsor for a religious studies project formed by Ithaka S+R.

Broadly defined to include both the religious and secular study of religions across denominations and regions, this project aims to generate a richly illustrated description of the field's practices and needs and make actionable recommendations for how libraries (and others) can best support scholars in the future. Libraries participating in the study will gain a valuable professional development opportunity for their librarians.

The American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature are also supporting the project. Several institutions, including Luther Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, Rice University, and Vanderbilt University, have already formalized their participation and more will do so shortly. According to Roger C. Schonfeld, Director, Libraries and Scholarly Communication Program, "This strong partnership of societies and educational institutions is the model we plan to use for other fields as well."

Ithaka S+R is a not-for-profit service that helps the academic community navigate economic and technological change. Learn more.

By far the most astonishing experience came for me at the Parliament of the World's Religions held in Salt Lake City, Utah, in October. Over 9,800 participants representing 73 countries, 30 major religions and 548 sub-traditions, and 1,800 presenters offering more than 1,000 programs converged at the Salt Palace. ATLA exhibited as did a number of ATLA member institutions. Both the ATLA Board and the Diversity Committee held their fall meetings in Salt Lake City so that everyone could attend sessions at the Parliament. More than 100 programs from the event are available on the Parliament's website at [ParliamentOfReligions.org/Watch](#).

I found the art and cultural events particularly moving. Sacred music and dance performed in a special event held at the Mormon Tabernacle came from many different traditions – Catholic, Baha'i, Sikh, indigenous peoples, Church of the Latter Day Saints, Sufi, Judaism, Jain, Hinduism, and Islam just to name a few. A Cultural Hall featured visual art of different cultures.

One of ATLA's Core Values is hospitality, inclusion, and diversity. The Parliament has much to teach us in this respect. Participants of every age, from all walks of life, from all over the world and from the broadest spectrum of religious beliefs imaginable spent five days together. The atmosphere was marked with energy, joy, and smiles despite the seriousness of the event's themes. Open curiosity about the religious traditions of others was the norm. There was recognition that we are all equal and each have something to offer the world. This was particularly embodied by the daily langar sponsored by the Sikh community – a free vegetarian lunch for all who came, shared while seated on the floor as equals.

As ATLA works toward achieving its goals of becoming recognized globally as a strategic collaborator and serving as a nexus in worldwide scholarly communication, making connections to librarians, other information providers and a diverse range of theology and religious studies scholars and students in venues like these will become increasingly important. We have much to learn.

How Readers Discover Books and Journals Online (ATLA Sponsored Survey)

ATLA, alongside a number of other publishing organizations, is supporting an important study which aims to inform the research community about how readers find and access journals and books online. The survey is being carried out by Simon Inger and Tracy Gardner, consultants to the scholarly publishing community, and follows on from work undertaken in 2005, 2008 and 2012. This study will allow the consultants to report on trends in reader behavior and the main survey findings will once again be made publicly available.

We would really like your help in reaching out to your students and faculty to ask them to take part in this study. We would also appreciate it if you could also participate as we would like to see the difference in user behavior between researchers and information professionals.

At the end of the survey you will be redirected to a separate site where you can optionally enter our prize draw to win one of three \$100 Amazon vouchers and optionally elect to receive by email a copy of the findings of this survey.

We know your time is precious and so this survey is designed to take you no more than 9 minutes to complete. All responses are given anonymously and no tracking devices are used.

[Take Survey](#)

This survey has been supported by the following organizations:

- Annual Reviews
- American Theological Library Association (ATLA)
- The Bone & Joint Journal
- Brill
- Cambridge University Press
- The IET
- The JAMA Network/American Medical Association (AMA)
- OECD
- Publishing Technology
- Sage
- Wiley

Thank you for your interest.

Donate to the Endowment Fund and Invest in the Future

As the days shorten and the end of the year closes in, we often look back and reflect on the people and organizations that we hold dear.

The past year has been a good one in many ways for ATLA. We continue to be the home of professional activities related to theological librarianship. [The annual conference in Denver](#) provided a place for learning and sharing with colleagues, greeting old friends, and making new ones. [The second Creating Leaders of Tomorrow program](#) which wrapped up at the conference helped to foster a new generation of leaders. The new [ATLA Reciprocal Borrowing Program](#) is helping our member institutions support online and distance education programs.

All of us can work together to make sure these and other opportunities are available to future theological librarians and the institutions they serve, and also to ensure that ATLA remains a strong and vibrant association. Whether it's in honor of a retirement, in memory of a cherished colleague whom we recently lost, or simply because ATLA is an important part of your professional life, please consider making a donation to ATLA's Endowment Fund. This year's gifts up to \$10,000 will be matched by ATLA, thereby doubling the impact of your contribution and setting a faster course to our short term goal of a \$1 million Endowment Fund. Donate today and invest in the future of theological libraries and librarianship.

Contribute [online now](#) or mail a check to:
 ATLA Endowment Fund
 300 S. Wacker Dr., Suite 2100
 Chicago, IL 60606

A Brief Report on the Diversity Committee Meeting

Submitted by Jaeyeon “Lucy” Chung (2015-16 chair)

From October 15 to October 19 the Diversity Committee had its annual meeting in Salt Lake City where the 2015 Parliament of the World’s Religions was held. Committee members – Bonggun Baek, Jaeyeon Lucy Chung, Shanee’ Yvette Murrain, Gabriel Ortiz, Nicholas Weiss – and staff liaison, Gillian Harrison Cain, gathered in Utah’s high-elevation capital with a twofold purpose: to experience the diversity and multiplicity in the intercultural and interfaith environment of the Parliament, and to revise the focus and direction of the Diversity Committee within the context of the 2015 ATLA strategic plan.

According to the statistics prepared by the Parliament, the 2015 assembly was the largest one since its first gathering in Chicago in 1893, bringing nearly 10,000 participants from 73 countries as well as representing 30 major religions plus 548 sub-traditions. It was amazing to witness that a multitude of people from different ethnicities, cultures, and faith traditions joined together not only to share the urgent global concerns on income disparity, war and violence, gender inequality, climate change, and education for younger generations but also to work on finding better solutions collaboratively. It was even more amazing to experience a culture of openness, inclusion, and respect in the midst of all differences reflected in plenaries, workshops, exhibits, performances, and workshops. Each Committee member attended a variety of sessions, and we all agreed how eye-opening and mind-blowing our experiences were. We also took turns in providing “Ask a Librarian” service to the conference attendees who stopped by the ATLA booth in the exhibit hall.

Each member’s immersion experience in a multicultural and interfaith setting and the critical reflections on our experience led to richer and livelier discussions when we met to reimagine the future direction and plans of the Diversity Committee. Instead of working on lists of tasks and responsibilities as we had done in the previous years, we spent more time on drawing a bigger picture in the context of the ATLA’s commitment to hospitality, inclusion, and diversity. We speculated if ATLA as a membership institution of theological librarians and libraries has sufficiently reflected the demographic and social context we live in, which is represented by diversity and multiplicity, and how it has responded to the changing reality. Such speculation guided us to evaluate the existing Diversity Committee Charge as well as previous programs and projects from more forward-looking and critical perspectives. The charge is still a work in progress. Conference programs and other projects will need to be newly formulated in the frame of the new charge through upcoming virtual meetings. The committee members look forward to the continuous visioning and the work we are going to do for the next years.

[Learn more about the Diversity Committee.](#)

Scholarships Available for 2016 IFLA Congress in Columbus, Ohio

ATLA is part of a group of over 90 library-related organizations coordinated by the IFLA 2016 National Committee that have committed scholarship funds for librarians to attend the 2016 [IFLA Congress in Columbus, Ohio](#). The application deadline is December 31, 2015.

Two categories of grants are available. The first category will provide up to 100 – \$1,000 scholarships to North American librarians. A portion of these scholarships are funded by an IMLS Laura Bush 21st Century Library Program grant awarded to the American Library Association (ALA). The application form for North American scholarships is available at: http://www.ala.org/cfapps/ifla_cfpa/index.cfm?lang=en&location=US.

The second category will award larger fellowships to librarians from around the world, primarily from developing countries. Up to 50 full fellowships will be given away that will cover travel, accommodation, a per diem food allowance, and conference registration fees. The application form for fellowships for librarians from outside the U.S. and Canada is available at: http://www.ala.org/cfapps/ifla_cfpa/index.cfm?lang=en.

Further information about the North American scholarship program is available in a [press release from ALA](#). Additional information about the program for those outside the U.S. and Canada is available on the [IFLA website](#).

You're Invited to the ATLA Receptions during AAR & SBL

You're invited to the ATLA receptions during AAR & SBL 2015 in Atlanta. Please join us for light fare, spirits, and conversation.

For your convenience ATLA will host two receptions, a short walk from the conference hotel. You are welcome to attend both events if your schedule allows, and feel free to bring a colleague or two.

When?

[Saturday Evening Reception at AAR & SBL](#)

November 21 @ 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

[Monday Morning Reception at AAR & SBL](#)

November 23 @ 7:00 am – 9:00 am

Where?

[The Ellis Hotel](#)

176 Peachtree St NW
Atlanta, GA 30303

RSVP to rrybak@atla.com by November 13, with your name, the name of your guest(s), and the reception(s) you will attend.

Stop By Our Booth #410

Remember to stop by the ATLA Exhibit Booth. Meet the ATLA Staff Leadership Team and our Special Guest, Jenee Woodard.

Schedule:

Saturday November 21

11a-1p Jenee Woodard, founder and editor of ATLA partner The Text This Week
1p-2:30p Gillian Harrison Cain, ATLA Director of Member Programs

Sunday November 22

10a-11:30a Maria Stanton, ATLA Director of Production
1p-2p Brenda Bailey-Hainer, ATLA Executive Director
4p-5p Gillian Harrison Cain, ATLA Director of Member Programs

Monday November 23

1p-2:30p Margot Lyon, ATLA Director of Business Development
Watch for information on "Ask a Librarian" services at the booth.

Book Spine Poetry Contest Winners

Theological Libraries Month has ended and we are overjoyed with the response we received on Twitter and Facebook with institutions tagging #TLM2015 with all of their fun festivities throughout the month of October.

Though the celebrations varied, we celebrated corporately with the 2015 Book Spine Poetry contest. Participants used book titles to create poetry (one person even did a haiku) for a chance to win a \$25 gift card.

Three winners were chosen at random:

- Claire Ackley, MDiv Student, Wartburg Theological Seminary
- Robert Burgess, Digital Resources Librarian, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Marcus Hong, PhD Student, Princeton Theological Seminary Library

Congratulations to the winners!

We recommend searching #TLM2015 for more poetry by the ATLA community.

Join us at the 2015 Charleston Library Conference

Three ATLA staff directors will be at the [2015 Charleston Library Conference](#) this week. Reach out to them to schedule a meeting and plan to attend their informative presentations.

- [Gillian Harrison Cain, Director of Member Programs](#)
- [Margot Lyon, Director of Business Development](#)
- [Maria Stanton, Director of Production](#)

Thursday, November 5, 11:35 a.m. – Part of shotgun sessions Calhoun Room, Francis Marion Hotel (387 King Street, Charleston, SC 29401) *Ethnographic Research in Academia: More Than Just Shadowing Customers*, Margot Lyon and Maria Stanton (ATLA); Kate Lawrence (EBSCO)

The details of ethnographic user research sound complicated, don't they? Distilling findings, synthesizing results, modeling after the Six Sigma method – it can sound overwhelming. But in this session, Kate Lawrence of EBSCO Information Services and Margot Lyon and Maria Stanton of ATLA will break down this research method into digestible bits.

Saturday, November 7, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – Performance Hall, Gaillard Center (95 Calhoun Street, Charleston, SC 29401) ATLA presentation at Charleston Premiers

These sessions are designed to offer publishers and vendors the chance to showcase their newest and most innovative products, platforms, and/or content. Speakers will be organized in a "lightning round" format with 15 companies, each allotted 5 minute presentations, back-to-back.

How YOU Are Celebrating TLM

With one week left of [Theological Libraries Month](#), we wanted to highlight some of our favorite ways our members have been celebrating this month.

[Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Arizona Campus](#) had regular and adjunct professors picking their favorite books (but not in their fields or well-known interests), then having the students guess which faculty member picked which book. One(s) with most correct answers will receive gift card(s).

[Schaff Library at Lancaster Theological Seminary](#) created a fun series, #WhatsNewInTheLibrary, a series that lets their students know what is new in the library since last October.

The question: “What book outside the Bible most influenced you?” has been a popular question to ask professors. Here are some great answers!

- [The Library at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary:](#)
- [Beardslee Library, Western Theological Seminary](#)

[Andover-Harvard Theological Library](#) celebrated with two library book sales! Great use of the design this year, by the way. Andover

[Princeton Theological Seminary Library](#) sponsored a weekly #TLM2015 Book Raffle in which students entered their book spine poetry photos for their chance to win a book each week.

Let us know how you are celebrating by using #TLM2015 and don't forget to create your own Book Spine Poetry for your chance to win! [Details here.](#)

Discussions of Open Access: an Annotated Bibliography of articles found in ATLA Publications

Submitted by Judy Knop, ATLA Member Programs Librarian

To mark [International Open Access Week](#), ATLA's Member Programs Librarian Judy Knop has compiled the following annotated bibliography of articles from ATLA publications. Since its inception in 2008, ATLA's open access journal [Theological Librarianship](#) has been publishing articles which explore the implications of open access for the humanities. In 2014, a panel discussion held at the ATLA Annual Conference discussed the looming serials crisis in theological and religious studies and open access as a way of weathering the storm which was published in the [ATLA Summary of Proceedings](#). We invite you to explore the work ATLA colleagues have been doing in the realm of Open Access.

"The Library as Publisher? Is It Possible for a Small Library?", by Melody Layton McMahan, *Theological Librarianship*, vol. 8, no. 1 (2015)

The author presents the experience of Catholic Theological Union, which has become a small publisher, currently publishing three journals. She discusses the budget, time and personnel required to accomplish this and suggests other libraries and the theological library world would benefit from this approach to solving some of the problems caused by the serials budgetary crisis. ([Access this issue](#))

"Open Access", by David R. Stewart, *Theological Librarianship*, vol. 7, no. 1 (2014)

This article presents a review of the book "Open Access", written by Peter Suber (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2013). ([Access this issue](#))

"Open Access and Authors' Rights Management: a Possibility for Theology?", by Kevin L. Smith, *Theological Librarianship*, vol. 2, no. 1 (2009)

The author considers the benefits of open access in the humanities and the challenges it presents to humanities scholars and then suggests the practical steps necessary to bring open access to the world of humanities scholarship. ([Access this issue](#))

"Open Access Liturgical Resources for Judaism". By Jason D. Nosek, *Theological Librarianship*, vol. 6, no. 2 (2013)

The author documents his search for digital liturgical resources for Judaism which are free of financial barriers.

He then presents a detailed description of the six websites he found which met his criteria. ([Access this issue](#))

"Open Access Source for the Study of Religion and the Law: the Proceedings of the Old Bailey: London's Central Criminal Court, 1674-1913", by Fred Guyette, *Theological Librarianship*, vol. 1, no. 2 (2008)

In this essay, the author uses examples of court proceedings not only to highlight the usefulness of this open source material for understanding the religious mindset of England in the 17th and 18th centuries, but presents suggestions for ways in which the material can enhance students' understanding of the interaction of religion and law. ([Access this issue](#))

"Open Access: Responding to a Looming 'Serials Crisis' in Theological and Religious Studies", *Summary of Proceedings* (2014), p. 165-179. Panel Presentations:

Introduction, by Gary F. Daught

"Establishing Credibility and Assuring Quality of Research", by David R. Stewart

"Sustainability and Funding Models of Open Access", by Ron Crown

"How Libraries can Become Promoters and Publishers of Open Access Journals: a Case Study at Catholic Theological Union", by Melody Layton McMahan

"Just a Click Away: Examining the Wisdom of Open Access Journals", by Lloyd A. Harsch

Serial pricing has risen dramatically in the past few years, as more and more journals are being acquired by the large publishing firms. In 2014, a panel discussion was organized to examine this trend and to consider whether open access might offer a viable alternative to commercial publishers. The panelists presented ideas about how open access can serve as a viable publishing alternative to the looming serials crisis. ([Information on accessing 2014 Summary of Proceedings](#))

Pope visits the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

Submitted by James Humble, Library Director of Ryan Memorial Library, St. Charles Seminary

The rumors began floating around St. Charles Borromeo Seminary several years ago—the Pope had promised to attend the upcoming World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia! SCBS still cherished warm memories of hosting Pope John Paul II during his Philadelphia visit in 1979. Everyone was hoping that we could count another pontiff among our honored guests. Yes, we looked forward to the moment when Benedict XVI would set foot inside our halls.

Of course, by the time the WMOF did take place, a changing of the guard had occurred: Benedict had resigned and was succeeded by Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the first pontiff to take the name Francis. With his worldwide visibility, we anticipated a great amount of preparation. Nevertheless, we were overjoyed when it was confirmed he would indeed be staying at the Seminary during his September visit.

And so we got ourselves ready. Floors were scrubbed, carpets cleaned, doorknobs polished, ceiling cracks spackled, walls painted. Chrysanthemums timed to bloom upon the Pope's arrival were planted along the building. Men and women in dark suits who, it was whispered, were from the Secret Service, were spotted patrolled the hallways. A contingent of students was temporarily displaced as an entire dormitory floor was refurbished to accommodate the Pope's entourage. Mattresses, linens, furniture, plumbing, lighting, Wi-Fi—all amenities were checked, upgraded, and checked again. Special menus for the Pope's meals were drawn up. Security

measures—reduced access to certain areas of the building, the installation of extra fences around the campus—went into effect a week before the big event. By the time Francis arrived, portions of many of the roads leading to the campus had been shut down as well.

Although the Pope's itinerary kept him going from public appearance to public appearance from the moment his plane touched down, SCBS was lucky to have him on campus several times during his weekend stay. Those of us who work at the Seminary were uncertain whether we would be allowed on campus at all, but just when it seemed as though we would have to stay home, the news came down—we would be able to attend the Pope's speech on Sunday morning!

To say it wasn't easy to get inside the venue would be an understatement—we had to pass through several security checkpoints, in which our cars and our persons were subject to search—but we did eventually make it to the chapel in which he would speak. And any perceived inconvenience was instantly forgotten with the cheers and applause that greeted his entrance. We were indeed privileged to be members of an audience of only a few hundred people.

As his speech was drawing to a close, the frenzied whirring of helicopters sounded through the open windows. We knew that, when the Pope exited the chapel, he would immediately be flown away to the next stop on his itinerary. But for us, the excitement of sharing in this intimate address would not wear away from our workplace for a long time.

Robert Benedetto Announces Retirement

Robert Benedetto is retiring from his position as library director of the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California, on March 1, 2016, following ten years of service. He joined ATLA in 1984 and has previously served as Associate Librarian and Associate Professor of Bibliography at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Virginia and as Director of Special Collections at Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey. Robert served as chair of the ATLA Historical Records Committee during the 1980s and has been a participant in the Presbyterian and Reformed denominational group. He will be moving to the Spokane, Washington, area with his wife Ruth.

Please join us in congratulating Robert on his retirement.

Jeff Waldrop Appointed Director

Jeff Waldrop was appointed director of the David Allen Hubbard Library at Fuller Theological Seminary.

Jeff has served in many roles with Fuller, including director of Information Access Services, research librarian, and collection development librarian.

He holds an MDiv and a ThM in Historical Theology from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, and a PhD in Theology and Church History from Fuller Seminary. He teaches at Fuller as an affiliate assistant professor of Church History in both traditional and online classroom formats. From 2012 to 2015 he taught as an adjunct at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. Jeff is pursuing a Masters in Library and Information Science.

For more information, [please go to the Fuller Theological Seminary website.](#)

Please join us in congratulating Fuller Theological Seminary's new director.

ATLA Members Top Newsmax's Top 100 Evangelical Christian Colleges

Congratulations to Liberty University who has been named top evangelical Christian college in the country on [Newsmax's Top 100 Evangelical Christian Colleges](#). ATLA members Biola University (no. 4), Regent University (no. 7), and Baylor University (no. 9) also make the top ten.

Newsmax chose its Top 100 from 600 Christian-affiliated institutions of higher learning in the United States. The ranking was based on several factors, including the average financial needs met, class sizes, student-to-faculty ratio, average ACT scores, and student retention rates.

Congratulations to our Institutional and Affiliate members!

To see the full list, [please click here](#).

New ATLA Members: Liberty University, Olivet University, Calvary Chapel University

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

[Institutional Member Liberty University, Jerry Falwell Library, Lynchburg, VA](#)

As a central training ground for the next generation of Champions for Christ, the Jerry Falwell Library is the "heart of the university." Named in honor of Liberty University's founder, the library will usher in a new era of academic excellence and spiritual strength for students, faculty, staff, and the community. [Learn more.](#)

[Affiliate Member Olivet University, Anza, CA](#)

Olivet University's Ralph D. Winter Library (RDWL) has evolved from a private collection of books donated by former Chancellor Dr. David Jang into a repository of mission resources in hardcopy and digital formats, and multiple languages. Olivet University's library was named after renowned missiologist and the University's Honorary Chairman, Dr. Ralph D. Winter, in July 2007. True to its namesake, the Ralph D. Winter Library at Olivet University is envisioned as a world-premier repository for academic and theological resources in multiple formats and languages in service for world mission. [Learn more.](#)

[Affiliate Member Calvary Chapel University, Fort Lauderdale, FL](#)

Calvary Chapel University offers a variety of degrees through its online educational platform. Calvary Chapel University exists to serve lifelong learners and the ministries of Calvary Chapel churches worldwide by offering undergraduate and graduate programs in a Christ-centered community. [Learn more.](#)

ATLA Members Interviewed for *In Trust* Magazine

ATLA Members Eileen K. Saner, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Myka Kennedy, Lancaster Theological Seminary, and Keith Wells, Denver Seminary, were featured in the autumn issue of *In Trust* magazine. The focus of the article is on the relationship between librarians and their governing boards.

An informal survey of librarians that In Trust conducted earlier this year revealed unsurprising news: Most library directors have very little contact with the board, and many feel that boards are not well informed about issues critical to the library.

To view the issue, [please click here](#).

Member of the Week

We are bringing back Member of the Week. If you would like to be an ATLA Member of the Week, please [fill out this form](#)

Please enjoy our Flashback Friday installments of previous Members of the Week:

- [Andy Keck](#)
- [Amy Limpitlaw](#)
- [Shanee' Yvette Murrain](#)

If you are an Individual, Student, or the Member Rep of your library or organization, we want to honor the work that you are doing by showcasing you as the ATLA Member of the Week. Fill out this form and send your photo to newsletter@atla.com.

ATLA Job Board

- John Bulow Campbell Library, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA, is looking for an [Interim Archivist](#)
- Perkins School of Theology/Bridwell Library, Dallas, TX, is looking for a [Librarian \(2\) Cataloging and Metadata Librarian](#)
- Roling Memorial Library, Deerfield, IL, is looking for a [Collection Management Librarian](#)
- Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, Hales Corners, WI, is looking for a [Director of Library and Academic Support Services](#)
- Toccoa Falls College, Toccoa, GA, is looking for a [Cataloging - Information Services Librarian](#)
- Vanderbilt University, Jean and Alexander Heard Library, Nashville, TN, is looking for a [Subject Liaison for Theology and Religion](#)

ATLA & SCELCL Discounts on Oxford University Press Religion Content

Oxford University Press and SCELCL are thrilled to present this special offer on Religion-focused content especially for ATLA members. This scholarly content from Oxford University Press is considered to be some of the most authoritative and prestigious in the field of theological studies. ATLA members are invited to take advantage of the generous discounts on this comprehensive collection of Handbooks, Journals, and Reference Materials.

For full details on this offer, [please visit its webpage](#).

The discounts in this offer are only available to new subscribers. This special offer also features special pricing for institutions with FTEs below 500, between 501 and 1,000, and between 1,001 and 4,000.

Pricing information is hidden [until you log in](#). You may register for an account here.

ATLA member libraries may contact [SCELCL directly](#) and mention their ATLA affiliation to receive the discount. Members may also contact [Beth Hoskins](#) or call (866) 841-4017.

[View more program benefits on our ATLA website](#).

You are invited to a WorldShare Management Services Webinar Series

OCLC invites you to attend a series of online events for WorldShare® Management Services (WMS), an integrated suite of cloud-based library management applications that can help you more efficiently manage your electronic, digital and physical materials.

[This three-part webinar series](#) will provide you with the following:

- WMS experiences of guest speakers from St. Charles Seminary in Wynnewood, PA, James Humble, Library Director and Chelsea Post, Digital Services Librarian
- Demonstrations with a specific focus on managing e-content and print collection workflows

Please join me and [make your reservation](#) to attend the first session that starts on November 3 at 2:00 pm ET. Even if you can't attend, go ahead and register to receive the event recordings.

Also, members of ATLA have the unique opportunity to be part of an ongoing group purchase of WMS. Today, there are 360 libraries worldwide using WMS, including 25 American Theological Library Association members who are benefiting from a special group offer. If you would like to learn more about how WMS can benefit your library and are interested in receiving a special offer, please contact Paul Cappuzzello, OCLC Senior Library Services Consultant, at cappuzzp@oclc.org. We look forward to your participation.

Bloomsbury Collections Offer

ATLA and Bloomsbury have partnered to offer ATLA member libraries a 30% discount through December 1 on Theology, Religious, & Biblical Studies collections. [Click here to access the full collection online](#).

Bloomsbury Collections is an eBook platform offering institutional access to monographs and supplementary titles across subjects in the fields of Theology, Religious, & Biblical Studies.

Instant access is available to over 700 titles across 15 collections from the fields above. Each year Bloomsbury and the T&T Clark imprint will add new collections to the platform – this is a contemporary resource with lasting value.

Bloomsbury Collections has been designed for undergraduate, postgraduate and research students, offering a user-friendly interface with full personalisation, customization, citation and sharing facilities. The platform has no DRM restrictions.

Bloomsbury Collections: Technical Specifications

For librarians

- MARC records provided by Bloomsbury to all institutions
- DOIs to chapter level
- COUNTER 4 compliant
- Unlimited concurrency – no limit to number of users
- Unlimited access by IP authentication
- Usage statistics available
- Customization and personalisation available, including adding library logos to platform
- Athens and Shibboleth support

For users

- RIS-formatted files available for download
- Search across full metadata and text
- Search results are scored and ranked according to relevance
- Hyperlinked notes and references within full-text
- Downloading in PDF format
- Offline reading available via My Collections feature
- Face-to-face and webinar user training available

ATLA member libraries may contact Bloomsbury directly and mention their ATLA affiliation to receive the discount. Members may contact [James Lingle](#) or call 716-646-248-5668 to discuss ordering, billing, and collecting.

[View more program benefits on our ATLA website](#).

Products

Announcing Additions to ATLA Products – November 2015

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

ATLA RDB

- *Canadian Journal of Buddhist Studies*, by Nalanda College of Buddhist Studies
- *Caminhando*, by Faculdade de Teologia da Igreja Metodista
- *Collectanea Christiana Orientalia*, by Universidad de Córdoba
- *Entangled Religions*, by Ruhr-Universität Bochum
- *Journal for the Cognitive Science of Religion*, by Equinox Publishing Ltd.
- *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus*, by Brill
- *Journal of Religion and Human Relations*, by Nnamdi Azikiwe University
- *Mandrágora*, by Universidade Metodista de São Paulo
- *Review of Ecumenical Studies*, Sibiu, by De Gruyter Open
- *Revista Perseitas*, by Fundación Universitaria Luis Amigó
- *Western Buddhist Review*, by Triratna Buddhist Order

ATLA CPLI

- *The Person and the Challenges*, by The Pontifical University of John Paul II
- *Scientia et Fides*, by Uniwersytet Mikołaja Kopernika w Toruniu

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