

The steps behind the La Maison du Séminaire, scene of the 2010 BETH Conference. Photo courtesy of Margot Lyon. See article below.

The Value of ATLA



There was a new report released last week by ACRL, The Value of Academic Libraries (<http://www.acrl.ala.org/value/>). The report presents multiple assessment perspectives for librarians to adapt for local use. The report "strives to help librarians understand, based on professional literature, the current answer to the question, 'How does the library advance the missions of the institution?'" (p.11)

Those of you who have been involved in an ATS accreditation recently have likely been steeped in a local conversation about assessment, accountability, and value--that of your library and your school.

The ATLA Board of Directors has been wrapped in this conversation as well. By revising our Organizational Ends (http://www.atla.com/about.html#mission_and_ends), the board strove to (re)articulate the value ATLA brings when it is most effective. And our fundamental Organizational End (called the "Global End") is itself a statement about value:

ATLA exists so that:

Libraries and librarians are effective and valued partners in the academic study of religion, theology and ministry.

As we search for a new Executive Director, we are looking for a person who will continue the existing work and develop new initiatives to achieve that objective. ATLA strives to help its members not only demonstrate our contribution, but also articulate our value so that we can be understood as effective partners and recognized appropriately for it. Each October, Theological Libraries Month is just one mechanism for that demonstration and one outlet for that message. I wish you well in your local celebrations!

- Laura C. Wood

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It's Here! TLM--October 2010

Have you ordered your bookmarks? Downloaded your logos? Printed up some posters? Are you planning any special celebrations? Why not join the other institutions who've made their participation official so far?

Be sure to email your ideas, photos, stories, and other items to scorkery@atla.com so we can feature them on the TLM website.

TLM Cartoon Contest

The Cartoon Caption Contest is back. Submit your own caption ideas as well as those of your students and faculty by Monday, November 1, 2010--and you could win \$100. (http://www.atla.com/member/librarians_tools/TLM/TLM_10/tlm_cartoons.html)

Member News

Special Committee of the Association for Diversity

On Thursday and Friday, September 23-24, the Diversity Committee met at the ATLA headquarters.



Committee members participating in the meeting were (above, left to right) Diana Brice, chair, Cait Kokolus, and Susan Ebertz. Mayra Picos-Lee and board liaison Blake Walter participated via conference call.

Professional Development Committee

On Thursday and Friday, September 30-October 2, Members of the Professional Development Committee met in Chicago.



Committee members participating in the meeting were (above, left to right) Christina Torbert, Timothy Lincoln, chair, Eric Stancliff, and Ellen Frost.

Deadline for Annual Conference Proposals Extended

The Annual Conference and Education Committees have extended the deadline for submission of session proposals. Those of you still working on proposals for posters, papers, panels, roundtables, or other special sessions for the ATLA 2011 Annual Conference in Chicago now have until Tuesday, October 12 at 5 p.m. to submit them. (http://www.atla.com/member/conference/conf_2011/presenters_call.html).

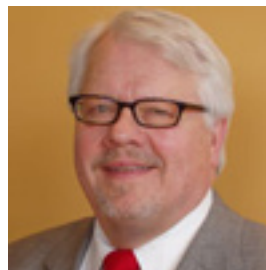
ICC Grant Deadline October 31, 2010

The International Collaboration Committee invites proposals for projects between ATLA institutions or members and partner institutions abroad that foster international collaboration that is mutually beneficial. Projects might include, but are not limited to, improving the documentation of world Christianity or world religions (collection development, exchanges, archives, etc.), professional development, improving the tools of scholarship, and the like. The proposal deemed to have the most potential impact will be awarded up to \$2000. The recipient will be asked to write a report after the project is completed. More information on past projects and a link to the application may be found at http://www.atla.com/international_collab/grantpage.html.

Please direct any questions to:

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Dennis Norlin Honored by NFAIS



The National Federation of Advanced Information Services (NFAIS) Board of Directors has elected Dennis Norlin, former ATLA Executive Director, as an Honorary Fellow of the Federation. This honor is given to a few individuals who have made contributions to

NFAIS over an extended period of time, but who are no longer employed by an NFAIS Member Organization. This distinction will be recognized at the 2011 NFAIS Annual Conference, scheduled for February 27-March 1, 2011 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the Hyatt at the Bellevue. ATLA offers its congratulations to Dennis.

Job Postings Online

Are you in the market for a new position? Be sure to check the ATLA web listings to see who is hiring now: http://www.atla.com/member/job_openings.

Routine Maintenance Reminder

Routine maintenance will be performed on ATLA systems on Monday, November 1, 2010. You may encounter a brief interruption of service between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. (CDT). Services that will be affected include ASE, ListServe and the ATLA Websites. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

Board of Directors Candidate Slate Named

The Nominating Committee of the American Theological Library Association (ATLA) has named its slate of six candidates for the four places to be filled on the Board of Directors. The term of office is three years, 2011-2014.

In accordance with ATLA Bylaws (Article 4.3 Board of Directors. Nomination and Balloting) the membership is to be notified of the names of the candidates in writing no later than October 15. The candidates are (in order drawn by lot):

- Douglas Gragg
- Beth Bidlack
- Kelly Campbell
- Leslie Engelson
- Andre Paris
- Allen Mueller

The Nominating Committee members are: Melody Layton McMahon (chair), Ellen Frost, and H.D. Sandy Ayer. The Secretary of the Association is Carrie M. Hackney.

Nominations other than those submitted by the Nominating Committee may be made by petition signed by no fewer than ten individual members, and filed with the Secretary no later than December 1. Ballots and the candidates' biographical statements will be sent in January to voting members in good standing.

The 2011 election will be performed via electronic ballot and ATLA has contracted with Survey and Ballot Systems, Inc. to administer the web election process. Members will be notified via e-mail when the poll opens and be provided with complete information on the voting process. Members who do not have e-mail addresses on file with ATLA will receive a paper ballot and instructions.

For questions on voting procedures, please contact Barbara Kemmis, Director of Member Services, at bkemmis@atla.com. For questions about your membership status, please contact a Membership representative, at memberrep@atla.com. Barbara can also be reached at (888) 665-2852.

-Carrie M. Hackney, Divinity Librarian
Library, Howard University School of Divinity

Changes to the Board of Directors



After serving on the Board for five years, David Stewart (left) resigned his position on the ATLA Board of Directors this summer. David was elected to the Board in 2005 and most recently served as President of the Board for two consecutive one-year terms in 2008-09 and 2009-10.

In accordance with ATLA Bylaws, the Board selected a replacement to serve on the Board for the remainder of David's term. We are grateful that Douglas Gragg (right) has agreed to join the Board in this capacity. Doug's term on the board is through June 2011. Doug is the Director of Library & Information Technology Services and Associate Professor of Bibliography & Research at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary.

Scholarships and Grants Annual Fund Donors

(October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010)

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ATLA Reception at SBL

Are you attending the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) meeting in Atlanta this November 20-23? (<http://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/annualmeeting.aspx>) The ATLA Board of Directors invites you to a breakfast reception at the Pitts Theology Library of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University on Sunday, November 21 from 9:00 - 11:00am.

Pat Graham and the Pitts Theology Library staff are offering ATLA members and friends a presentation of the library's early printed Bibles and related materials, including the first three editions of the Rabbinic Bible, the first two editions of Erasmus' Greek New Testament, the four great Polyglots, the first edition of Luther's translation of the Pentateuch, and his September Testament.

Enjoy coffee, pastries and good fellowship. ATLA staff will arrange transportation to and from the Emory campus with advance notice. Please RSVP to memberrep@atla.com.

ATLA's Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting booth number is 1007. Exhibit Hall Hours are November 20-23 (Saturday-Monday), 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. The event is located at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis.

New Website Under Construcion

It's Accessible--In Time for TLM!

After three years of construction, the new ATLA website is finally approaching completion. So put on your virtual hard hat and visit <http://dev.atla.com> to explore. We really want to hear your feedback about usability and content migration.

Because the new website is built on a SharePoint platform, you will find enhanced functionality, streamlined content, and an easily accessible members-only section. The site is designed to meet the needs of various audiences (members, customers, students, the public, etc.) and support their interactions with ATLA. We encourage you to visit the site and role-play using the following scenarios:

- You're a new member looking for ways to access your member benefits
- You're a long-time member looking for interest group information or other member content

When you visit, be sure to log in and update your profile under the Community Tab. As you tour the site, please make note of possible enhancements and report any errors. We're counting on you to provide member input. Please note that certain sections of the beta website are under development and therefore marked as "under construction."

For the next few months, ATLA's official <http://www.atla.com> site remains as it is. But on January 1, 2011, the new website will be switched on.

Uploading Content

Are you responsible for updating content on the current site for your committee or interest group? Training will be scheduled this fall to help you access the site, learn about various helpful features in the software, and ensure that the content in your section is accurate.

From the PDC



World Enough and Time

Time is the only evenly distributed asset in academic life. In research that I've been doing with seminary students, a theme that has gotten my attention is the sheer limitation of twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week. Students report, for instance, that they stop looking for information when they run out of time. In some cases, it is

the professor's deadline that pushes them to sit down at the computer and create sentences. Time with children limits time spent reading. No three bonus hours a day for seminarians.

I recently re-read an essay by theologian Bonnie McLemore-Miller, who lamented that time constantly presses her as a faculty member. She uses time to read, to think, to teach. She also needs time to be a parent and spouse. For all of our talk about working smarter, it is simply not possible to sleep faster (because that doesn't work) or listen to our spouse faster (because that really doesn't work).

Our profession seeks, in part, to save library users valuable time by connecting resources to students and faculty as quickly as possible. The time that one cataloger spends cataloging a book well saves time for dozens of users. Pointing students in the direction of high quality sources encourages them to spend time with authors and arguments that matter. And yet: no three bonus hours a day for theological librarians.

And now the preachy part: What would charting your use of professional time for two weeks tell you about yourself?

- Timothy Lincoln, Chair

BETH 2010

Margot Lyon, Director of Business Development, attended the 39th General Assembly of Bibliothèques Européennes de Théologie (BETH) in Nice, France on September 3-8. (<http://theo.kuleuven.be/beth/page/1/>)

There were approximately 40 participants from more than 11 different European associations. Margot prepared a presentation on ATLA's products and services, focusing on new product enhancements, new initiatives, journal inclusion policies, title lists for ATLA's products and partner products, request for feedback and/or introductions to publishers of prospective non-English ATLAS titles, and many general topics.

ATLA also renewed the agreement for BETH members to provide publicity and support for sales of certain ATLA products in return for financial considerations from ATLA.

There were other formal presentations from:

- Centre Informatique et Bible Maredsous
- Ecumenical and Biblical Studies Library (BOSEB) of the Catholic University of Paris
- The Anjou bible
- National Library of France
- University of Lausanne
- Theological Book Network

Have You Heard?

Carnegie-Whitney Awards Deadline Announced

The American Library Association Publishing Committee provides a grant of up to \$5,000 for the preparation of print or electronic reading lists, indexes or other guides to library resources that promote reading or the use of library resources at any type of library.

Funded projects have ranged from popular, general-reader proposals such as "ReadMOre," a reading list for Missouri's state-wide reading program, to more specialized, scholarly proposals such as "Librarianship and Information Science in the Islamic World, 1966-1999: An Annotated Bibliography." Applications must be received by Nov. 5, 2010. Recipients will be notified by the end of Feb. 2011.

For more information and guidelines, contact Mary Jo Bolduc, Grant Administrator, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611; Fax (312) 280-5275; e-mail: mbolduc@ala.org.

Vatican Library Reopens

After three years of renovations, the Vatican Library is receiving visitors once again. Most of the changes involve enhanced security. Each book can be tracked at all times via its own electronic chip, enabling much easier searches for patrons—limited to experts in specialized publications, teachers, or university students pursuing a PhD. There are also two new elevators. (<http://www.romereports.com/palio/The-Vatican-Library-Reopens-its-Doors-english-2680.html>)

Demonstrating the Value of Academic Libraries

The ACRL publication Value of Academic Libraries: A Comprehensive Research Review and Report, a review of the quantitative and qualitative literature, methodologies and best practices currently in place for demonstrating the value of academic libraries, is available online at <http://www.acrl.ala.org/value/>.

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Staff News



New Staff Member for Financial Services

Maryori Farfan joined the Financial Services Department on Monday, September 27 as the Senior Clerk - Accounting. Maryori

comes to ATLA with experience in auditing and accounting. She also served with the National Guard in Iraq. Please join ATLA in welcoming Maryori on board.

ATSRW is Active Again!



ATLA Selected Religion Websites Project (ATSRW) has migrated to ATLA's SharePoint software and is seeking volunteers from across the membership. This is an opportunity for all ATLA members--but especially newer

members--to become involved in a collaborative project that requires a small amount of time from individuals representing the various areas of expertise within our Association. If you are interested in participating in this project in one or more of the following components of the project:

- Selecting Websites
- Cataloging Websites
- Writing Website reviews for an issue of "Theological Librarianship"

Contact Amy Limpitlaw, amy.limpitlaw@yale.edu, or Eileen Crawford, eileen.crawford@vanderbilt.edu. We would like to hear from you even if you are unable to participate at this time, but would like to explore participating in the future. Visit <http://www.atla.com/tsig/atsrw/projectdescription.html> to learn more about the project during its first phase.

Update on the Executive Director Search Process

Tuft & Associates has reviewed the applications for the executive director's position at ATLA, conducted interviews with the most qualified candidates in person, and then forwarded the profiles of the most promising candidates to the Executive Director Search Committee. The Committee has worked through these materials and arranged to interview select candidates in person later this month. The finalists from this process will be forwarded to the full Board for consideration and interviews in early November.

ATLA Calendar

October

25-27 Publications Committee and Theological Librarianship Editorial Board meet in Chicago

November

1 Submissions for inclusion in December ATLA Newsletter due on first business day of this month

4-6 Annual Conference and Education Committees meet in Chicago

11-12 International Collaboration Committee meets at ATLA Office

20-23 ATLA Products and Services exhibits at SBL at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, GA, Booth #1007

25-26 ATLA Office closed in observance of Thanksgiving holiday

December

1 Submissions for inclusion in January ATLA Newsletter due on first business day of this month

23-24 ATLA Office closed in observance of Christmas holiday

31 ATLA Office in observance of New Year's holiday

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