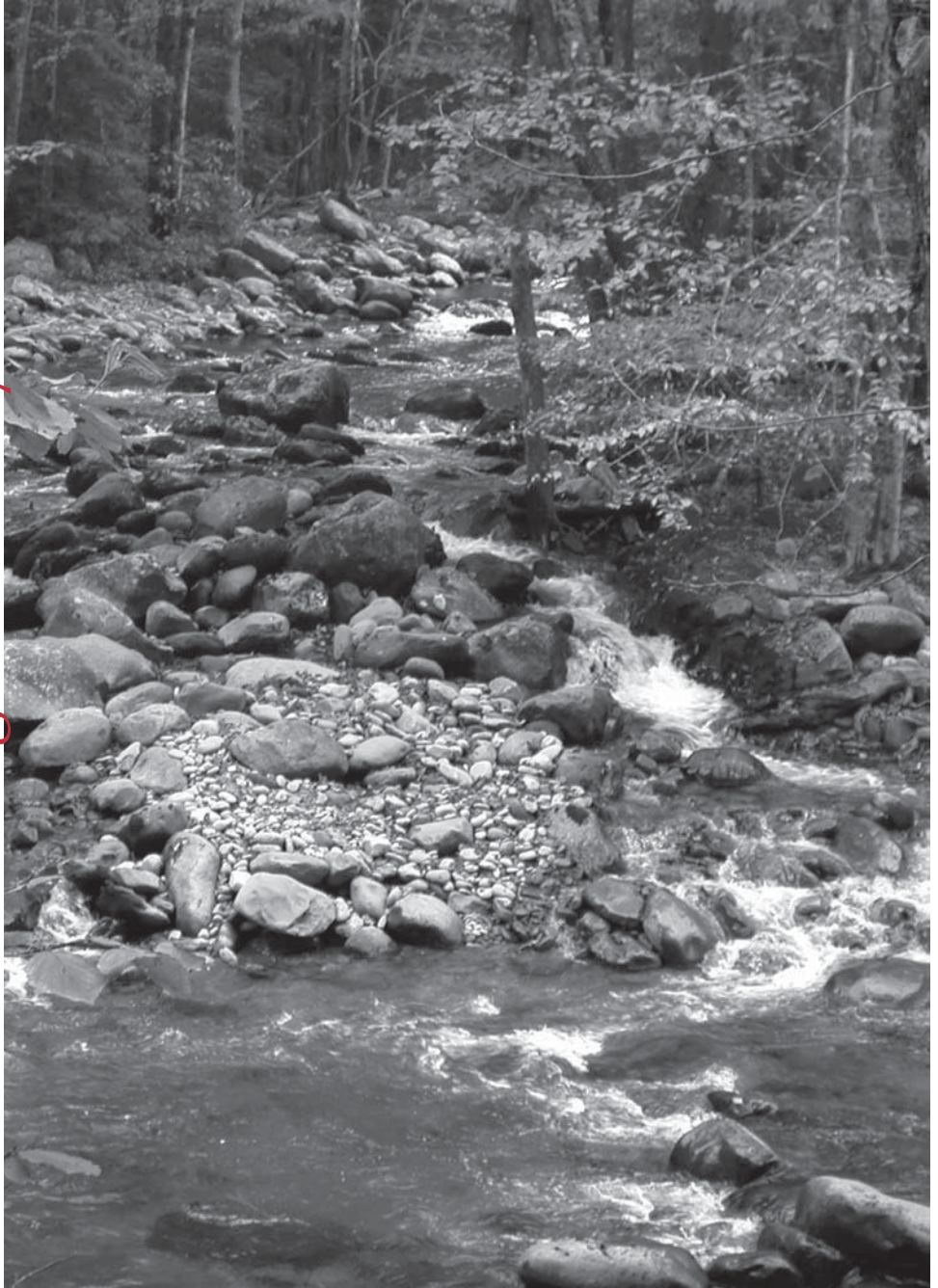


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Member News

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President's Message

On September 4–8, 2004, I had the privilege of representing the American Theological Library Association at the 33rd Assembly of BETH in Lyon, France. The idea of attending was planted at the ATLA conference in June when Pierre Beffa, president of BETH, invited me to come. When I learned that Dennis Norlin would not be attending this year, it seemed appropriate for me to go. Eileen Crawford also attended, representing the ATLA Special Committee on International Collaboration, as did Melody Mazuk, as a guest.

The relationship between BETH and ATLA came about through the initiative of André Geuns, the former president of BETH, who attended five ATLA conferences beginning with Denver in 1996. He was later joined by Penelope Hall, the secretary of BETH. They invited Dennis Norlin to attend the BETH assembly. Subsequently several ATLA members have attended meetings of BETH, often at their own expense.

BETH (Bibliothèques Européennes de Théologie) is an association of associations, with member associations in Belgium, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, and the United Kingdom. It also has “extraordinary” members, a category that includes several libraries with large collections of theology, such as the library of the World Council of Churches. Each member association and institution sends one or two representatives to the annual BETH assembly.

BETH was founded in 1961 as the Comité International de Coordination des Associations de Bibliothèques de Théologie Catholique, and changed its name to Conseil International des Associations de Bibliothèques de Théologie in 1970. It assumed

its present name in 1999 in order to recognize the distinctive European nature of the organization. For more information on BETH, see their website: www.theo.kuleuven.ac.be/beth/.

ATLA has undertaken several collaborative agreements with BETH. For every subscription to the *ATLA Religion Database* a BETH member purchases, ATLA contributes \$100 to BETH and \$100 to the national association. This income has made it possible for BETH to engage a part-time secretary to look after its affairs. The advantage to ATLA is that the arrangement has increased sales of its products. In addition, ATLA has offered to establish a website for BETH members to develop their own serials exchange program.

One of the issues discussed in Lyon was the development of a common listing of periodicals indexed in the *ATLA Religion Database*, showing the holdings of the various BETH libraries (Europe has nothing like OCLC). Such a listing would enable them to identify any titles not held in European libraries. They could then either subscribe, or make arrangements with an American institution holding the title.

The meeting highlighted cooperative projects undertaken by member associations. ABTAPL (Association of British Theological and Philosophical Libraries) has developed a union list of periodicals (see www.le.ac.uk/abtapl/). The German Catholic and Protestant theological library associations have developed a virtual union catalog that enables cross-searching of catalogs, called the Virtuelles Katalog Theologie und Kirche, or VThK (see www.vthk.de).

In Kansas City there was a call for ATLA to consider how it can serve as an advocate for its members. BETH is committed to playing an advocacy role for its members. In Lyon one of the

topics of discussion was how it could do so more effectively.

The BETH assembly was held at the Centre Jean Bosco on the Fourvière Hill overlooking the old city of Lyon with its medieval cathedral (and a very good bookstore!). Across the street from the Centre is the old Roman theater and a museum of Roman antiquities. The conference included tours of area libraries, a printing museum, and l'Institut des Sources chrétiennes. Next year's assembly will be held in Drebecen, Hungary.

ATLA's collaboration with BETH is still in its beginning stages. I believe that continued collaboration will help to strengthen the profession of theological librarianship. We face mutual problems of access to information and the preservation of the literature of theology. By working together we will not only learn from one another, we can seek to achieve common goals.

Paul F. Stuehrenberg
ATLA President



Member Notes

ATLA Group Catalog Still Open

There is still time for Institutional Members to subscribe to the new ATLA Group Catalog. OCLC has been working with ATLA to develop a union catalog that allows ATLA subscribers to search OCLC holdings of ATLA members on WorldCat, with no geographic limitations. All Institutional Members have been notified of this new benefit of membership.

The group catalog is created by extracting libraries' records from WorldCat. As a service to other libraries in the group, subscribers are encouraged to submit their holdings to OCLC if they have not already done so.

For a limited time, OCLC is offering very special pricing for batchloading ATLA subscriber holdings. Contact Carol Jones, ATLA assistant director of member services, at cjones@atla.com for information about the union catalog and pricing.



ATLA Reception to Take Place at AAR/SBL Conference

ATLA is exhibiting at the 2004 Annual AAR/SBL Meeting November 20–23, 2004, in San Antonio, Texas. ATLA's booth number is 567, located in Exhibit Hall C of the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center. ATLA staff members attending AAR/SBL include:

Pradeep Gamadia, Director of Financial Services

Carol Jones, Assistant Director of Member Services

Margot Lyon, Director of Business Development

Dennis Norlin, Executive Director

ATLA will host a reception for members on Saturday the 20th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the ATLA suite. Look in the ATLA News Updates posted Friday the 19th for the room number, or find out at the ATLA booth. We look forward to meeting with our members!



Member News

ATLA Hosts Conference on Religion by Region Book

On October 4 ATLA hosted a daylong conference to celebrate the publication of a new book in the Religion by Region series, a nine-volume Lilly Endowment-funded project of the Leonard E. Greenberg Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. This latest volume is titled *Religion and Public Life in the Midwest: America's Common Denominator?*

Many of the book's authors were at ATLA headquarters in Chicago to make presentations about the project and their chapters. They included Mark Silk, Philip Barlow, Mark Noll, DeAne Lagerquist, Raymond Williams, Rhys Williams, Elfriede Wedam, Lowell Livezey, and Peter Williams. Religion writers from Chicago Public Radio, The Chicago Tribune, The Chicago Sun-Times, and The Milwaukee Sentinel also covered the event.



Kevin Smith Moves to Defiance College

At the end of September, Kevin Smith moved from his position as assistant librarian at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio to become director of library and instructional resources at Defiance College, a small liberal arts college in the Northwest corner of Ohio. In addition to being the director of the Pilgrim Library, he teaches in the area of social sciences, primarily around topics in law and for pre-law students.



ATSRW Updated and Submissions Requested

The ATLA Selected Religion Web Sites (ATSRW) Project has arrived at a new stage in its development. It is now listed on the OCLC web site as a WorldCat Collection Set. The project web site (located on the ATLA Member page under collaborative projects) provides a description and the following links:

1. Form to submit web sites
2. List of web sites under consideration
3. List of cataloged web sites in the collection set
4. Link to OCLC WorldCat Collection Sets

There are currently twelve records in the set. We encourage ATLA members to use the online form to submit web sets to be considered for inclusion in the collection set (the project is limited to freely accessible web sites and does not include subscription databases, e-books, or e-journals). Thank you in advance for your contributions.

*Amy Limpitlaw
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A great deal of ATLA's work is accomplished through the volunteer efforts of members on committees. This year 44 members—nearly 12% of the total membership—are serving on ATLA's 12 committees.

ATLA committees fall into four categories: special committees of the Association, committees of the Board, those appointed by the executive director, and advisory committees to ATLA staff.

Following is a list of all current committees, their charges, their members (with the expiration of their terms), and staff liaisons.

As their charges imply, committees serve to fulfill ATLA's four organizational ends:

1. to foster professional growth
2. to advance the profession of theological librarianship

3. to promote services in support of teaching and learning
4. to stimulate collaboration

ATLA's organizational ends are fully stated at www.atla.com/about.html.

Many, many thanks to all members who have served their colleagues in previous years and who serve now as members of these hard-working committees of the Association!

Karen L. Whittlesey
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Tim Smith
Membership Associate and compiler of the list



GOING TO AAR / SBL?

**ATLA members are invited
to a reception**

Saturday, November 20
5:00–7:00 p.m.
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*Stop by the ATLA booth (#567)
or see the November 20 ATLA News Updates to find out the location.*

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On behalf of the many members new to ATLA, I would like to thank the more seasoned members who welcomed them into the Association. Welcomers provide a warm and friendly contact for the newcomer to call upon with questions about ATLA. If you would like to find out how you may provide this service as a welcomer, please contact Tim Smith, membership associate/exhibits coordinator, at tsmith@atla.com.

Tim Smith
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The Future of Theological Libraries¹

What Are the Issues for the Future of Theological Libraries?

There are limits to this inquiry, for theological libraries do not operate in isolation. While there are certain ways in which theological libraries as a whole and even individual theological libraries can take independent action, there are more ways in which the larger bibliographic and technological contexts define and limit possible actions. In this second sense, the larger question is really, What are the issues for the future of libraries?

The overarching characteristic, in my opinion, is a great fog of unknowing. We know that libraries are undergoing a great sea change. They are also changing a lot faster than most librarians are changing. We don't know where this change is taking us, and we don't know when we will get there, and we don't know what we will find when we do get there.

In the school where I last worked as a librarian, the building was needful of renovation or expansion or both even before I arrived. A decade later, we were no closer either to renovation or to expansion. My dean complained on more than one occasion about the difficulty of raising funds for the library building program. This puzzled me because theological school catalogs and brochures everywhere speak of the library as the center and heart of the institution. Why should it be difficult to raise funds for the center? The heart? My puzzlement led me to the conclusion that the problem was the same fog of unknowing. Givers of big bucks want certainty. For more than a millennium, a donor could be certain of what a library was and that it would continue to be what it was. This was so secure that its accuracy and reliability were never issues. But that confidence is no more. These days, one can hardly imagine what a library should be or look like or even, in a generation or even a decade, if it will be at all.

There are at least three defining areas for library issues: mission, collections, and buildings.

Mission

In the Olden Days, before it was fashionable to speak about mission or vision statements or goals, librarians did have a vision and goals, but they were unarticulated and, in my opinion, often nearsighted. Libraries were resource-based, and the goal of the librarian was to acquire for on-site use the resources the curriculum required. The measure of a good library was how much: how much money, how many books, how many journal subscriptions, and how many professionals. It was that way for a long time. These were the deciding questions going back to the pre-Gutenberg, medieval libraries and even further, to the great library at Alexandria. But the apparent self-evident nature of the question masked the underlying mission of the library, which is to mediate between its constituency and the information resources that constituency needs. While it may appear that the resource question is no longer primary—and I say “appears” because the great fog of unknowing means that all we know is that we don't know—reality is forcing us to recognize that we need to apply the underlying mission, mediation between a constituency and the information resources the constituency needs, in this different environment. But it is the same underlying mission, mediation between a constituency and the information resources the constituency needs.

Change, of course, is never easy, even if it is to recognize what the library really *is*, and to act according to that recognition, rather than what we have imagined it to be. The question for the future of theological libraries is, How to be a mediator rather than a collector? The question is, to be sure, both a psychological as well as a procedural one.

Collections

There are at least two subsections in the general area of collections. The one is, What? and the other, What format? The “what” question was already hard enough when it was merely a matter of determining whether there were sufficient funds to satisfy Professor Smith's curricular needs. The advent of interdisciplinary research and the development of digital resources have completely altered the playing field. In a resource-based frame of reference, the librarian can never satisfy even what Professor Smith

¹ This essay is a revised version of a presentation at a meeting of the Panel of Advisors of the Auburn Center for the Study of Theological Education in New York City, August 2004. The essay will also appear the *Colloquy*, the newsletter of The Association of Theological Schools.

knows she needs, much less what Professor Smith doesn't know that she needs.

The "what format" question is twofold. The first fold is a preservation issue; the second fold is an access issue. For several millennia, preservation was not an issue for libraries. Cuneiform clay tablets, papyri, scrolls, and paper all held up pretty well and, except for the cuneiform clay tablets, could even be recycled. Then progress caught up with the bibliographic media with devastating results. Modern buildings heated up and dried out scrolls, papyri, and books; varying temperatures and humidity caused the salts in the cuneiform tablets to crack the surfaces. Business discovered that it is less expensive to produce paper from wood pulp than from cotton fiber, and librarians discovered, belatedly, that books with this paper become brittle very quickly.

Microform preservation seemed to be the solution, except that it, too, has its own preservation issues and, perhaps more seriously, save for the most desperate researcher, everyone disdains the result.

One thing, however, that all of these formats have in common is that they can all be read. Microforms require some sort of magnifying device, but if they can be preserved, they can all be read. Digitization has changed the terms. In the first place, digital media have a much shorter life span; I am speaking of less than a decade for CD-ROMs. In the second place, even if a file can be preserved by successive and timely refreshing, you cannot be confident that you will be able to read it. The government has data from early space shots that it is unable to read. If you have a sermon that you wrote years and several versions of your word processor ago, and you think you won't be ashamed to read today what you thought was so brilliant then, forget it. You will get an "Unknown Format" message.

The second fold is the access issue. In the Olden Days, when possession was everything, librarians were able to acquire with abandon, confident that what they acquired would be there at least as long as they were. Even books printed on acidic paper did not go brittle ahead of retirement. Texts that the American Theological Library Association put on CD-ROMs for backup not all that long ago the staff can no longer retrieve. A university librarian with whom I recently spoke was very pleased that his administration had just funded a subscription to JSTOR, a vast collection of digitized texts of seventeenth- and eighteenth-century journals. I asked him what made him happy, and his response was that it would enable

him to discard many volumes of some of the JSTOR-retrievable journals, freeing up much needed shelf space. I asked what would happen if his administration were subsequently to remove that funding. Now JSTOR is a non-profit enterprise. What will happen to our digitized backfiles held by for-profit publishers if the profit margin shrinks to unprofitable levels?

Buildings

In the Olden Days, about which I spoke just now, the future of library buildings was to get bigger in order to be able to continue to hold, in an orderly arrangement, all the books and journals that the library had acquired. In a resource-based context, some is good and more is better. As it used to be said, "No purchasing agent ever got fired for buying IBM;" more shelf space was ever a questionable proposal. But just as that time passed for IBM, more shelf space is no longer a safe haven. But what is a safe haven? And it is all literally in concrete. When the contractor at last finishes the building, you discover there are insufficient power outlets. When you have pulled miles of power cable, you discover that you have to pull data lines. When you have pulled miles of data lines, you discover that wireless technology has rendered data ports irrelevant.

Should These Be Studied, and If So, How?

In my opinion and in terms of the three issues—mission, collections, and buildings—the answer to the first question is yes: in order and sequentially. The answer to the second question is, of course, much more difficult. As I suggested at the outset, the shift from a collector to a mediator involves not only an operational change but also, and more fundamental and more dramatic, a change in self-understanding. If we persist in interpreting the role of the library and the librarian as resource and developer or worse, keeper, the consequence will be increased marginalization.

What we need is, for lack of a more felicitous phrase, a bibliographic therapy session, in order to explore the question, without preconceptions, preconditions, and presumptions, What is a library and who is a librarian?

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International Report

At the urging of the Special Committee of the Association for International Collaboration, this year for the first time ATLA participated in the Early Career Development Fellowships awarded by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and OCLC Online Computer Library Center (OCLC).

The Rev. Gillian Wilson, librarian of the United Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI), Kingston, Jamaica, was selected as one of five Fellows. UTCWI is an affiliate member of



ATLA; Rev. Wilson was given a one-year individual membership in honor of her award.

Rev. Wilson received her master of library science from Southern Connecticut State University in 2003 and was appointed UTCWI librarian at that time. She holds a diploma in ministerial studies from UTCWI and a bachelor's in theology from the University of the West Indies. Before going to Connecticut for her MLS, she was a deacon in the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas.

The Fellowship, established by IFLA and OCLC in 1999, provides advanced professional development in the United States for new library and information science professionals from countries with developing economies. Fellows spend four weeks in an intensive program of lectures, seminars, mentoring, and travel to

libraries and cultural heritage institutions “to meet leading practitioners and discuss real-world solutions to the challenges facing libraries today” (www.oclc.org/institute/resources/fellowships/ifla/default.htm, visited October 13, 2004). Upon returning to their countries, the Fellows draw on the learning and experiences of their time here to “guide their continued growth as well as their personal contributions to their home institutions and country of origin” (ibid). The Class of 2005 will visit the United States in May 2005.

With ATLA's support, this is the first year that theological librarians specifically were encouraged to apply. ATLA will continue to support the IFLA/OCLC Fellowship in response to the Association's Organizational End 2: “To advance the profession of theological librarianship, and to assist theological librarians in defining and interpreting the proper role and function of libraries in theological education.” OCLC's vice-president for member services, George Needham, invited Karen Whittlesey, director of member services at ATLA, to participate on the selection jury. With the endorsement of the Committee she accepted the honor of the invitation and the opportunity to network with OCLC and IFLA staff.

Applications will be open for the Class of 2006 on March 18, 2005.

Karen L. Whittlesey
Director of Member Services



The Danish Theology Portal

The aim of this project is to provide searching for scholarly web-based resources. The subject here is theology, and it includes only the area that concerns Christian theology. The portal is primarily directed at researchers and students who specialize in this discipline and covers the subject of Christian theology, defined as the academic discipline carried out at universities in Europe.

Why would we develop “yet another search machine” for the Internet?

The answer lies in the overwhelming number of sites dealing with the Christian religion that can be found on the Internet. The Internet is an excellent and cheap way to communicate. Many institutions—churches, seminaries, universities, missionary societies, etc.—use the Internet as a communication platform. This makes a search via the general search engines for scholarly sites a difficult task, even for information specialists.

Traditional link collections of subject portals are built up with a manual description of the various resources in the form of metadata. Of course this ensures the high quality of these descriptions, but the manual workload is considerable and with it the expense of building up and maintaining these link collections. Especially within small subject areas it is not possible to utilize this method because it demands considerable resources.

In this project we have attempted to find new ways of building up the portal. We have increasingly focused on automated methods to select resources on the Internet that are relevant to the subject area of theology.

The Danish Theology Portal is accessible at www.teologiportalen.dk. It consists of two different sub-portals constructed according to different principles. The Theology Portal gives access to resources on the web. Two different techniques are used to perform automated selection of resources.

Portal 1

In Portal 1 a direct search in Google is performed. The search is delimited by the portal, so that the actual search is a “search within results” in an existing search set. The resulting search string can be seen at the top of the Google page. It is possible to search within the following

categories: Old Testament, New Testament, Church history, dogmatics, ethics, and practical theology (liturgy, homiletics, and pastoral theology).

Within each category a specific number of searches are defined in different languages (English, German, French, and Danish).

Portal 2

In Portal 2 a search is performed in a delimited number of resources on the web, selected by experts.

A body of experts, i.e., PhD students, professors, and library staff, collect high-quality sites and deliver them to a database via a little piece of software that is installed on their PC. When a good site is found, the icon in the URL address line in the Internet browser is dragged and dropped into one of 12 categories in the url-collector. As part of the process the collector must make the choice whether the site shall be indexed, including or not the web pages that the site links to.

A search in Portal 2 performs a search in this harvested and indexed material. The index is renewed every week. The search can be limited to one of the 12 categories. The use of Boolean operators and truncation is possible.

Asking for Collaboration

By now some 400 sites have been harvested and indexed. In our aims to raise the quality of the portal we would like the American theological community to collaborate about the portal. If you or your university staff is willing to collaborate please write to Henrik Laursen, hhl@kb.dk.

I will afterwards give the partners a password and an Internet address form where the software (400 k) and instructions can be downloaded.

Anyone is of course welcome to use the portal!

(The Theology Portal has been developed in a collaboration between The Royal Library in Copenhagen, The State Library in Aarhus, and the Theological Faculty at the University of Copenhagen. The project has been carried out under the auspices of DEF (Danish Electronic Research Library).)

Henrik Laursen
Royal Library, Copenhagen



Professional Development Perspectives

Questions Worth Asking

About a year ago now, in anticipating a job change, I had the good fortune to be interviewed at several theological libraries. An experience like this provides among other things a wonderful opportunity to see other places close up, to get a look at how they operate, and to discern what their priorities are. A search committee, after all, is indicating as it conducts interviews what the library's aspirations and ideals are, and conveys a sense of where a library is headed, as well as of the kind of people it needs to move forward.

Without exception, towards the end of an interview, the opportunity was always given for me to pose some questions of my own. Here's one that I found very helpful—the answers were always instructive:

- “How do decisions get made in this institution?” Or,
- “If the library or librarian were to come up with a really terrific idea, how could it be acted upon?” Or,
- “How are good ideas moved forward in this place?”

It was a question people seemed to appreciate being asked, because it brought to mind aspects both of how things *actually* worked and how they *wished* things worked.

None of us is smart or fortunate enough to have an uninterrupted flow of creative ideas which can be tapped like a spigot. But wouldn't it be good to know that the resources were at hand to “put legs under” a really splendid idea once it materialized?

To frame the question a little differently, I can think of plenty of conversations with ATLA colleagues where someone has wished for better or more plentiful institutional resources with which to support worthy ideas and initiatives. But I can't think of a single instance of the opposite dilemma: “Here we are, surrounded with all these resources. *If only somebody could come up with even a few decent ideas or proposals or projects to help us put all these resources to work.*”

I think of this hypothetical situation occasionally when considering the Professional Development Committee's Regional Grants program. Four times a year we invite proposals. And I have to tell you that in spite of our best efforts (we've done almost everything short of writing proposals for people!), when we meet as a committee we almost always feel the same: not enough proposals, and not *from enough* ATLA regional groups.

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Member News

The last time I checked, ATLA had close to twenty regional groups of some size or degree of organization. You need to know that *some* of our regional groups (I mention no names, but “may their tribe increase”) apply for and receive funding nearly every year. Grants approved in recent months have included

- “Integrating Library Services within Consortia”
- “Grant Proposals: From Conception to Evaluation”
- “Information Literacy in Theological Education”
- “Disaster Preparedness”

I could go on, but let me come to the point: no organization, including ATLA, has unlimited resources. But it’s equally true that no library, or association of librarians, can ever have too many good ideas, and here is *one rare instance* where the money to help a good idea “rise up and walk” need not be a barrier.

Think it over:

- If your regional group is in disarray or has not met for awhile, it might take only a few emails or phone calls to start coalescing again: *why not put together a proposal on how to rejuvenate a regional group?*
- If you and other libraries close by are feeling like you have “missed the wave” on digital projects, *why not write a grant proposal for “Getting Started with Digital Resources.”*
- If the only thing you can think of is that all the theology libraries in your region are short of funds, why not propose a program on grant seeking, grant writing, etc.?

I can assure you that any one of these proposals, especially if originating from a regional group which has not asked for awhile, would be warmly welcomed, and would have a strong chance of approval. What’s more, I can think of absolutely terrific speakers for these and many other topics.

You can find all the information you need on the ATLA website at www.atla.com/prof_dev/prof_dev_grant.html. And you are welcome to contact any of us on the Professional Development Committee (Mikail McIntosh-Doty—

MMcIntosh-Doty@etss.edu, Jan Malcheski—J9MALCHESKI@stthomas.edu, Laura Wood—lwood@hds.harvard.edu, or me, David Stewart—dstewart@luthersem.edu).

We hope to be hearing from you. Really. Soon.

Best wishes,

*David Stewart, Chair
Professional Development Committee*



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Issues in Publishing

Divorcing Form and Content...

In April Dennis Norlin and I met with the publisher and editors of Scarecrow Press to talk about the relationship between ATLA and Scarecrow. Describing the meeting with phrases like “a wide-ranging and productive conversation” make it sound too much like a diplomatic meeting, but the conversation *was* wide-ranging and productive. In the midst of the wide-ranging part I was introduced to Scarecrow’s *Historical Dictionary* series, of which I knew very little. In the midst of a conversation about options for electronic publishing, Edward Kurdyla, the publisher and editorial director, suggested that these series might be interesting to theology libraries. In addition to the expected political material, the dictionaries contain information on economic, social, and cultural changes and reversals, and often the role of religion and ideology.

Niels Peter Lemche’s *Historical Dictionary of Ancient Israel* is the most recent volume from these series that I’ve added to the collection of the Boston University Theology Library. Apart from my pleasure in discovering these series, I was intrigued by Kurdyla’s question about the kind of content theology libraries would find beneficial if delivered in electronic format. As we talked, it was clear that he was not simply thinking about providing page images, or even a full-text (XML) version of the dictionaries. He was exploring the possibility of using the content from the dictionaries to create a database that would contain the dictionary entries from multiple dictionaries, perhaps enhanced with links to even more extensive resources. I want to be clear that he was not sharing a definite plan to publish such a database of dictionary entries. Scarecrow, like many publishers, is still exploring possible business models for electronic publishing. It was striking, however, that he had clearly divorced format and delivery mechanism from content. He was able to ask the question about how this content might best be delivered to the end-user without presupposing what its format or means of delivery might be.

John M. Unsworth relates a similar instance in *Crisis and Opportunities: The Futures of Scholarly Publishing* (Number 57 in the *ACLS Occasional Papers* series, www.acls.org/op57.pdf). *Postmodern Culture* “has always been a free electronic journal, but since the mid 1990s, it has also been available as a licensed journal—you can get it for free or you can pay for it. Most individuals get

it for free. Most institutions pay for it as a part of Project Muse” (p. 42). Clearly one could argue that libraries are buying it only because it is part of the package, but it is the tenth most highly used journal in Project Muse. Unsworth claims that people choose to use it in the licensed Project Muse version because of the searching that is possible in Project Muse. Searching is possible not just within the journal, but in the context of a hundred other humanities journals.

Certainly the inclusion of *Postmodern Culture* in Project Muse is not the same as a decision to create a database of entries from dictionaries. Both instances are, however, striking examples of an ability to envision the delivery of the same content in multiple forms, multiple contexts, and even using multiple business models.

By the time you read this, the libraries of the Boston Theological Institute will have hosted a conference titled “Electronic Publishing and Theological Research: Opportunities and Challenges.” The speakers will, I’m sure, recount their own lists of challenges that result from the rapid changes in scholarly publishing. I’m also confident they will point to new opportunities. Electronic journals and e-books have been around long enough for librarians to have grown familiar with both their advantages and their problems. I hope the conference speakers move beyond simply recounting all of the problems and possibilities. I’m really interested in exploring the impact of information presented digitally on the user. Do people read text on a computer screen the same way they do when it is in print? Do people search for information differently when they believe it is in print than when it is stored digitally? How does the availability of information stored digitally affect the way people learn, the way they perceive the world?

One of the greatest opportunities (and challenges) I see for scholarly publishing and for libraries is the possibility of allowing the information discovery and use patterns of users to drive the form and means of delivery for the content they seek. Librarians have an important role to play here. We are situated to observe the changing information-seeking and use patterns of our patrons. I’m convinced we can learn a great deal about how people search and use information by observing our own library users. What we learn from our users could ultimately enable us to better serve them.

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Boston University School of Theology



Reference Reviews

September

The Westminster Handbook to Patristic Theology. John Anthony McGuckin. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press; ISBN: 0664223966. 416 p.; 9 x 6 Inches. \$39.95.

Patristics, or the study of the early church, covers a wide range of subjects, people, places, and time periods. In light of this, it seems impossible for a 367-page handbook to cover the material in a useful manner. However, the recently published *Westminster Handbook to Patristic Theology (WHPT)* by John Anthony McGuckin has met this challenge.

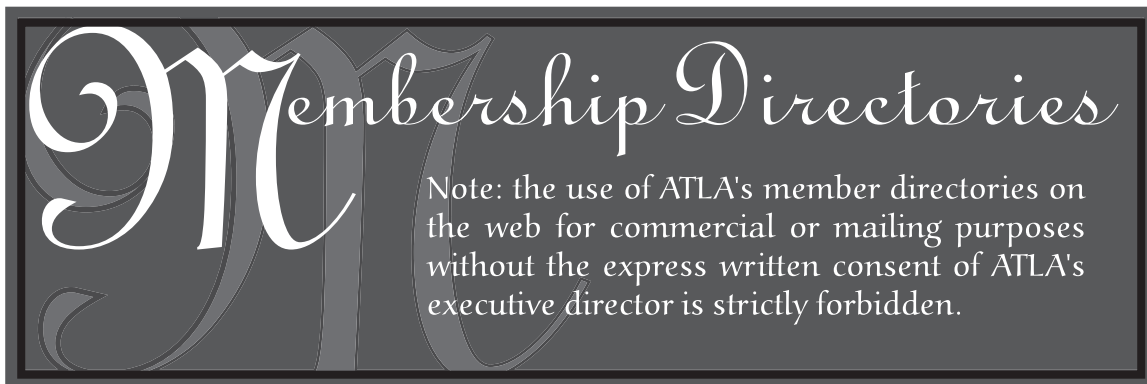
The *WHPT* is the fourth entry in the Westminster Handbooks to Christian Theology. (The first three were on Reformed Theology, Origen, and Evangelical Theology.) McGuckin, who wrote all of the entries, manages to cover a large amount of material thoroughly and concisely. The *WHPT* has a narrower scope than the *Oxford Dictionary of Christian Thought* and, as a handbook, is more compact and accessible (and less expensive) than Di Berardino's *Encyclopedia of the Early Church* or Garland Publishing's *Encyclopedia of Early Christianity*. The *WHPT* explores ideas and people from the late first century to the sixth century. It surveys a wide range of topics of interest. As one would expect, McGuckin includes entries of importance to the early Christians such as the *homoousion* doctrine. However, he also explains early Christian thinking on subjects of contemporary interest like sexual ethics.

The entries are arranged in A–Z format. McGuckin acknowledges in his preface that this is a weakness, as “one has to know what one wants to learn about before one can learn about it.” (x) In order to overcome this flaw, there is a thematic guide that lists major theologians and theological schools chronologically as well as a list of entries by “theological idea.” This later grouping allows the reader to find which entries discuss Christology or heresies. The disadvantage of the A–Z format is further overcome by the use of interconnected references within the entries.

In contrast to a somewhat similar work, *The Concise Dictionary of Early Christianity* published by the Liturgical Press, each entry includes a short bibliography. McGuckin notes that the sources he lists are not necessarily the most up-to-the-minute studies on a particular topic but are the “best and most comprehensive” works. Entries also include scripture citations and page references to various early Christian works.

One of the most surprising aspects of this work is its accessibility. While preparing this review I found myself reading simply to find out more about a topic. Then I would flip through the handbook to find the entries that were referenced. Who knew that reading a handbook could be so enjoyable? The *WHPT* is recommended for libraries and for students, and I am looking forward to new titles in the Westminster Handbooks for Christian Theology series.

Emily Knox
General Theological Seminary



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Technology Briefs

Alternative Internet Browsers

Microsoft's Internet Explorer has taken many hits in the technology press recently because of the numerous patches required to plug newly discovered security holes, for failure to deal effectively with nuisances like popup ads and stealthy adware, and for not keeping up with the times. Internet Explorer certainly has its faults. For one thing, it is next to impossible to get rid of, which can make recovery from corrupted configurations a long and frustrating process. Microsoft has also halted development of Internet Explorer for the Macintosh OS, which doesn't sit well with those who work in a multiplatform environment. In all fairness however, no other browser has been subjected to the sort of hacker scrutiny for weaknesses that Internet Explorer has endured because of its market dominance.

Technology pundits have started asking whether it is time to switch browsers. A good many people cannot ditch Internet Explorer altogether because many Web-based services and corporate systems are tailored to it and don't function reliably with other browsers. Playing musical browsers is also not for the technologically faint of heart because each browser has its own idiosyncrasies. Unexpected glitches can arise in any of them that support folks are probably not going to be anxious to tackle unless the organization has made an institutional commitment to the particular browser.

Nonetheless, there are now several alternative browsers available for both Windows and Macintosh that are worth considering if you are frustrated with Internet Explorer's shortcomings. These browsers offer features such as built-in popup blockers, tabbed browsing, and a smaller footprint than Internet Explorer. Below is a listing of some of the better-known contenders and where they can be downloaded:

Firefox	www.mozilla.org/products/firefox/
Mozilla Suite	www.mozilla.org/products/mozilla.x/
Netscape 7.2	http://channels.netscape.com/ns/browsers/default.jsp
Opera 7.5	www.opera.com

Of these, Netscape, Mozilla Suite, and Firefox are close relatives. They are all developments of the Mozilla core technology. Opera is an independent development. Mozilla and Netscape incorporate features for e-mail, chat, and other services. Opera and Firefox offer options to integrate these services but focus on Web browsing as their central function.

Firefox has garnered most of the attention recently. It is a completely new browser, designed to be sleek, fast, and have a smaller footprint than Internet Explorer, Mozilla, and Netscape. Although officially it is still in prerelease, Firefox has quickly become the favorite contender against Internet Explorer. In testing, I found some glitches, including an as yet unresolved demand for a disk in the A: drive when performing a download and some display peculiarities on some sites (apparently those built with Microsoft FrontPage). Still, there is no question that it is fast, convenient, and generally reliable. Mozilla Suite and Netscape are more Internet client packages than browsers. Netscape suffers in comparison with Mozilla. If you are not interested in e-mail, chat, and instant messaging clients, Firefox is probably a better choice. Opera is a fast, compact alternative to Internet Explorer that I suspect lacks market share primarily because it carries a modest price when its competitors are available for free.

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RSS

What does RSS stand for? It depends on who you ask. Officially, it means “RDF (Resource Description Framework) Site Summary,” but the more descriptive terms “Rich Site Summary” and “Really Simple Syndication” are more popular. In practical terms, RSS is a newswire for the Web. With an RSS client, you can receive summary updates of changes to your favorite Web sites. You can conveniently monitor emerging news from major news outlets such as the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*, from technology, hobby and entertainment outlets such as CNET.com and ESPN.com, and from your favorite blogs. Some RSS readers are freestanding; others integrate into Internet browsers, or even into personal information managers such as Outlook.

Here are some current RSS readers you may want to try out. Some are completely free, others offer free trial periods. More new RSS clients are appearing, so you may want to do some checking around to see the latest offers.

Awasu	awasu.com
FeedDemon	www.bradsoft.com
Pluck	www.pluck.com
RSSReader	www.rssreader.com

All these readers will come with some basic feeds installed. To find others, visit the Web sites of your favorite news sources and look for an orange button marked XML or RSS. These are links to feed services that can be processed by RSS readers. For some library-related feeds, see Gerry McKiernan’s story “Rich Site Services: Web Feeds for Extended Information and Library Services” at www.llrx.com/features/richsite.htm. Want to provide your own RSS services from your Web site? Keep watching *Diktuon*.

Duane Harbin
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Required Qualifications:

ALA-accredited master’s degree in library or information science or doctoral training in theology or history. Reading knowledge of 16th-century German and Latin; familiarity with French, Koine Greek, and Classical Hebrew. Strong written and oral communication skills.

Preferred Qualifications:

Doctoral-level training in theology/religion. Understanding of the principles of cataloging and ability to apply those principles according to national standards, including AACR2, MARC, LCSH, and LC classification. Two or more years of cataloging experience, preferably in an academic setting. Familiarity with rare book cataloging and DCRB.

Environment:

Pitts Theology Library, one of Emory University’s six instructional libraries, is a distinguished collection of theological materials. With over 500,000 volumes, the library provides unusually rich resources for the Candler School

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of Theology and Emory University and has attracted international attention for some of its collections. Roughly 20% of the library's holdings are in special collections with particular strengths in English religious history, the history of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, and English and American hymnody.

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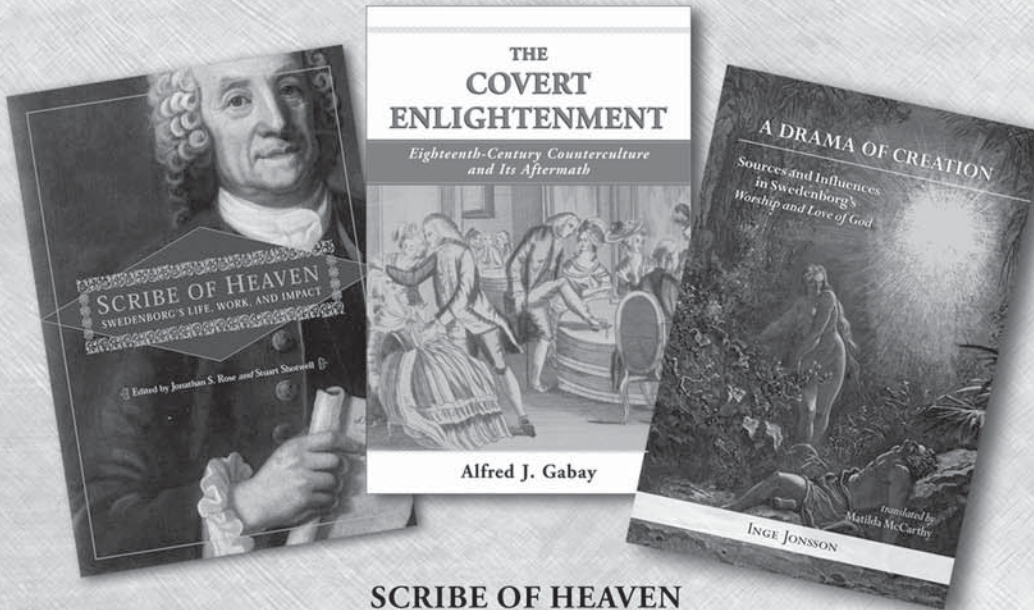
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Retrospective Indexing Project Quarterly Report

July–September 2004

In the course of the summer quarter the *RIP* staff has completed the indexing of two titles: *Orientalia christiana periodica* (1935–1948) and *Theology Today* (1944–1949). Indexing continues on *Evangelical Quarterly* (1929–) and *Christian Century* (1943–).

The training of the *RIP* staff proceeds apace. The quality—and quantity—of records produced by Ginny Landgraf and Anthony Elia exceeds my palmiest expectations, and bodes well for the future.

For those of you with a taste for statistics: the Department of Indexes recently completed a list of active serial titles ranked by percent of ATLA members' holdings in OCLC, based on the 215 member libraries as of July 2004. The *RIP* breakdown, in order of ranking:

ISSN	Journal Title	Members	%
0009-6407	Church History: Studies in Christianity & Culture	146	68%
0021-9231	Journal of Biblical Literature	145	67%
0008-7912	Catholic Biblical Quarterly	144	67%
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0040-5639	Theological Studies	134	62%
0013-0796	Ecumenical Review	133	62%
0009-5281	Christian Century	131	61%
0036-9306	Scottish Journal of Theology	130	60%
0006-1921	Bibliotheca sacra	124	58%
0362-1545	Union Seminary Quarterly Review	122	57%
0043-941X	Worship (Orate Fratres)	121	56%
1094-2076	Near Eastern Archaeology	118	55%
0360-9049	Hebrew Union College Annual	116	54%
0043-4388	Westminster Theological Journal	111	52%
0014-3367	Evangelical Quarterly	110	51%
0042-6032	Vigiliae christianae: A Review of Early Christian Life and Language	106	49%
0010-2601	Commentary	106	49%
0031-0328	Palestine Exploration Quarterly	100	47%
0022-4235	Journal of Religious Thought	99	46%
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0040-5701	Theologische Zeitschrift	86	40%
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0034-3072	Reformed Theological Review	74	34%
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0044-3441	Zeitschrift für Religions- und Geistesgeschichte	58	27%
0030-5375	Orientalia christiana periodica	50	23%
0080-3987	Studia Missionalia	42	20%
0028-212X	Nederlands theologisch tijdschrift	40	19%
0025-8911	Melanges de science religieuse	34	16%
0012-8708	Eastern Buddhist	33	15%
0766-5598	Revue des études byzantines	27	13%
0362-0492	Unitarian Universalist Christian	24	11%

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American Catholic Sociological Review (1940–1948)
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Catholic Biblical Quarterly (1939–1948)
Church History (1932–1948)
Commentary (1945–1948)
Eastern Buddhist (1921–1939 [publication suspended until 1949])
Ecumenical Review (1948–1949)
Estudios bíblicos (1941–1948)
Hebrew Union College Annual (1919, 1924–1948)
Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology (1947–1948)
Journal of Bible and Religion, The (1937–1948)
Journal of Biblical Literature (1881–1948)
Journal of Pastoral Care (1947–1948)
Journal of Religious Thought (1943–1948)
Journal of the National Association of Biblical Instructors (1933–1936)
Mélanges de science religieuse (1944–1948)
Nederlands theologisch tijdschrift (1946–1948)
Orate Fratres (1926–1948)
Orientalia christiana periodica (1935–1948)
Palestine Exploration Quarterly (1937–1948)
Reformed Theological Review (1942–1948)
Revue des études byzantines (1943–1948)
Scottish Journal of Theology (1948)
Studia Missionalia (1943–1948)
Studia Theologica: Scandinavian Journal of Theology (1947–1948)
Theological Studies (1940–1948)
Theologische Zeitschrift (1945–1948)
Theology Today (1944–1949)
Thomist: A Speculative Quarterly Review (1939–1948)
Traditio: Studies in Ancient and Medieval History, Thought, and Religion (1943–1948)
Union Seminary Quarterly Review (1945–1948)
Unitarian Universalist Christian (1946–1948)
Vigiliae Christianae: A Review of Early Christian Life and Language (1947–1948)
Westminster Theological Journal (1938–1948)
Zeitschrift für Religions- und Geistesgeschichte (1948)

Indexing has begun on these 2 titles:

Christian Century (issues in 1943, 1944)
Evangelical Quarterly (1945–48)

Titles from the 2003 summer triage list remaining to be begun:

Covenant Quarterly (1941–)

Indexing has been suspended on:

Bibliotheca Sacra (1856–1948)
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Embracing leer and leven : the theology of Simon Oomius in the context of Nadere Reformatie orthodoxy / by Gregory D. Schuringa, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2003. The author writes: "Scholarship has tended either to brush aside the Dutch Reformed piety of the movement known as Nadere Reformatie (c. 1600–1750) as an aberration from the Reformation, or it has tended, more recently when it has shown interest in the movement, to fail to place the theology of its proponents in its proper orthodox Reformed theological context. This latter failure has resulted, often, in a bifurcation between the Nadere Reformatie and Reformed orthodoxy and scholasticism during the post-Reformation era of Reformed Church history and theology... This dissertation illumines, in theological context, the theology of a yet unexamined pastor and theologian of the Nadere Reformatie, Simon Oomius. Beyond illuminating this relatively unknown figure, this study of Oomius' theology shows that viewing the Nadere Reformatie and Reformed orthodoxy as two mutually exclusive or opposing camps is not tenable." ATLA no.: D00008, 1 reel.

Modified kenotic Christology, the Trinity and Christian orthodoxy / by Thomas H. McCall, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2004. The author writes: "There has been a recent resurgence of interest in the exploration of the resources of kenotic Christology as a way of countering charges that the traditional doctrine of the Incarnation is incoherent. However, John Hick and others have charged the proponents of this strategy with saving coherence at the price of orthodoxy. Some analytic philosophers of religion and philosophical theologians... defend a modified version of kenotic Christology, one that they think does not contradict the major creedal Christological

statements. But to this date no one has produced an extended study of the relation of modified kenotic Christology to classical Christian orthodoxy.... In this dissertation I argue that a modified kenotic Christology need not fall prey to heterodoxy. I argue that this modified kenotic model of the Incarnation does not violate the biblical and traditional standards of orthodoxy insofar as it does not entail either Arianism, Apollinarianism, Monophysitism or tritheism, and I suggest that a modified kenotic Christology may be at once coherent, orthodox and religiously meaningful." ATLA no.: D00009, 1 reel.



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Industrial School for Colored Girls of Delaware (Marshallton, Del.):

Report of the Industrial School for Colored Girls of Delaware (1928)

Biennial report of the Industrial School for Colored Girls of Delaware (1930–1932)

Report of the Board of Trustees and the superintendent of the Industrial School for Colored Girls of Delaware (1934–1942)

Kruse School of the State of Delaware (Marshallton, Del.):

Report of the Kruse School of the State of Delaware (1942/43–1946)

Founded in 1919 by the Delaware State Federation of Colored Women, "the Industrial School for Colored Girls of Delaware is situated near Marshallton, on the Newport Pike. As at present constituted the school has 74 acres of land, on both sides of the road, three buildings, a barn, silo and milk house....The Charter of the School provides that girls between the ages of 9 and 18 may be committed to the institution by the Juvenile Court, or Magistrates of several counties, upon complaint of duly authorized or responsible persons. The girls must be adjudged delinquent by the court or magistrates, or committed upon some more specific charge, or because there is no one responsible for the girl. Girls so committed are kept under the charge of the school until they are twenty-one, when they are automatically dismissed upon coming of age."—from p. 3–4 of Dec. 1928 report. Later renamed the Kruse School. ATLA no.: 2004-S027 through 2004-S030, 4 reels (1928–1946).

African Methodist Episcopal Church. New Jersey Conference:

Journal of the...session (after reorganization) of the New Jersey Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (1886–1889)

Official journal of the...session of the New Jersey Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (1938–1939)

The annual report of the New Jersey Conference, AME Church. The African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME Church) has its roots in eighteenth-century Philadelphia. In 1787, black members of the St. George's Methodist Episcopal

Church were required to worship in “the gallery,” apart from the church’s white members. Continued discrimination caused black members to create the Free African Society, a mutual aid society, out of which the AME Church was eventually formed. Accepting the standards of Methodism, the AME Church was officially established in 1816. ATLA no.: 2004-S044 through 2004-S045, 2 reels (1886–1889, 1938–1939).



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Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche in Bayern. Amtsblatt. ATLA no.: S0414. Reel no. 10: v. 86–88 (1999–2001).

Faith & Form. ATLA no.: S0826. Reel no. 4: v. 337–37, no. 1 (2000–2004).

Living church (Milwaukee, Wis.: 1942). ATLA no.: S1004. Reel no. 3: v. 224–225 (2002).

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This series contains reports, publications, and minutes from the Committee for Foreign Missions (1876–1891). The minutes are in German (1876–1918) and English (1888–1920). The minutes of 1918–1920 deal with the legal transactions needed to transfer the work to the newly formed United Lutheran Church in America (ULCA). It also contains annual and biennial reports from the Committee for Foreign Missions/ Board of Foreign Missions for 1891–1917 and 1903–1917. **ATLA no.: XA0086R**, 3 reels.

General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States. Board of Foreign Missions:

Minutes, reports, and publications, 1850–1922

This series contains handwritten minutes, published biennial reports, and a few pamphlets and publications related to the Executive Committee of the Foreign Mission Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States (1837–1869) and the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States of America (1869–1918). The minutes after 1918 chronicle the legal steps taken to hand the work over to the United Lutheran Church in America. Topics include missionary work in India, Argentina, and Guyana. **ATLA no.: XA0087R**, 5 reels.

Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States. Board of Foreign Missions: Program files, 1910–1930

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Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States. Board of Foreign Missions: Correspondence, 1908–1930

The series comprises handwritten and typewritten correspondence from 1908 to 1930 for officers of the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States (JSO), Board of Foreign Missions (BFM). There is correspondence for the first president, the Rev. Edward Pfeiffer; secretary, the Rev. Joshua H. Schneider; and treasurers, A. W. Werder, W. Altmann, and George L. Conrad. These records are business correspondence and were generated through the course of each officer fulfilling his job duties. Much of the early correspondence offers a glimpse into the difficulties that JSO had in establishing and then staffing its mission field in India. Several pieces are written in German. Subject matter is primarily administrative and concerns the India mission field. Much of the early correspondence pertains to arrangements to acquire two mission stations from the Hermannsburg Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Germany. After the acquisition of those properties, the BFM corresponded regularly with Hermannsburg missionaries administering the field until the JSO could send out its own missionaries. Another topic that generated a great deal of correspondence in this series is a problem during World War I involving the first two JSO missionaries deployed to India but stranded in Colombo, Ceylon, because the Indian government would not let them enter the country. The remainder of the correspondence pertains to financial matters involving the India mission field and its missionaries. **ATLA no.: XA0089R**, 1 reel.

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Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States. Board of Foreign Missions: Financial records, 1914–1915, 1921–1930

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General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States. Board of Foreign Missions:

Incorporation papers, 1911

This series contains an official copy of the incorporation papers for the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States. The first section of this document outlines the act through which the Board of Foreign Missions as an incorporated entity was created, and the second section affirms that the document contains a true and correct copy of the papers originally approved and filed with the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Pennsylvania, on March 28, 1872. ATLA no.: XA0091R, 1 reel.

Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States. Board of Foreign Missions: Minutes, 1910–1929

This series comprises handwritten and typewritten minutes from meetings of the Board of Foreign Missions (BFM) of the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States (JSO) from 1910 to 1929. The frequency of meetings fluctuated, with the board typically meeting at least six to eight times per year. In addition to its regular meetings, it also held many special meetings. The minutes contain a record of persons in attendance, old business and any actions taken regarding it, and new business and actions taken. Subject matter considered at board meetings includes financial matters, the India mission field, and personnel matters regarding missionaries. There are two bound notebooks containing three volumes of handwritten minutes. The first notebook contains volumes 1 and 2, 1910–1922. The second notebook contains volume 3, 1922–1927. Included in the second notebook are additional looseleaf, typewritten pages containing minutes and copies of some correspondence. Of special note, this series includes the minutes from the first meeting of the exploratory committee organized by the JSO to study the creation of a foreign missions board. In addition to these notebooks, this series also includes copies of typewritten minutes from 1925 to 1929. There is a small amount of additional material from 1922. ATLA no.: XA0092R, 1 reel.

General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States. Board of Foreign Missions:

American Evangelical Lutheran Mission files, 1875–1919

In 1873 the missionaries of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America (General Synod) in the area of Guntur, India, organized a Mission Conference (frequently called the General Conference) in order to transact business in the field. The field itself was referred to sometimes as the India Conference of the General Synod, sometimes as the American Evangelical Lutheran Mission. Membership in the conference was open to all male missionaries and single women missionaries. The collection contains general files, including constitutions; printed pamphlets and booklets about the General Synod

work in India, arranged alphabetically; files centering on the controversy between Unangst and the Schnures; and printed report booklets for the American Evangelical Lutheran Mission, the official name of the mission work of the General Synod in India. In addition to the reports of the congregations and institutions, the reports also include missionary rosters and statistics. They are arranged in chronological order. ATLA no.: XA0093R, 3 reels.



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Israel's speedy restoration and conversion contemplated, or, Signs of the times in familiar letters / by Phoebe Palmer. Contains four letters. Jews—Conversion to Christianity; Bible—Prophecies. Published in New York, 1854. ATLA no.: B00720.

Catalogus codicum hagiographicorum Latinorum bibliothecarum romanarum praeter quam Vaticanarum / by Albertus Poncelet. Published in Brussels, 1909. Text in Latin. ATLA no.: B00639.

Theologia moralis / by S. Alphonsi Mariae de Liguori. Christian ethics. Published in Regensburg. Text in Latin. ALTA no.: B00716, 3 reels (v. 1–8, 1879–1881).

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ATLA Staff News

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From the Executive Director

By the time you read this message, I will have visited three of our regional associations: the Tennessee Theological Library Association (TTLA) October 22 in Nashville, the Southwest Area Theological Library Association (SWATLA) November 5 in Tulsa, and the Minnesota Theological Library Association (MTLA) November 23 in Minneapolis.

During that same period of time we will have welcomed three important ATLA committees to ATLA headquarters, with two more coming in December:

- October 13–14, Digital Standards Committee
- October 25–26, Special Committee of the Association for International Collaboration
- October 28–29, Index Advisory Committee
- December 2–3, Professional Development Committee
- December 6, Technology Advisory Committee

There were also committees meeting off-site. The Annual Conference Committee and Education Committee met October 7–9 in Austin, Texas, site of the 2005 annual conference, to plan next summer's conference.

The new ATLA Endowment Committee met October 7 in Austin, Texas. November 4–8 fifteen ATLA members will be present at the first workshop for theological librarians at the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion. The participants will be led by ATLA members serving as workshop staff: Linda Corman, Roger Loyd, and Carrie Hackney, assisted by Wabash Center staff.

Friday, November 19—Tuesday, November 23, ATLA staff and members will be present at the AAR/SBL annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas. ATLA will host the AAR Student Section luncheon for alternative careers, and ATLA member Valerie Hotchkiss will speak about theological librarianship as a career choice.

October and November are full of opportunities for ATLA members and staff to interact, to share ideas, plans, and concerns vital to the life of the Association. In fact it could be said that that interplay and communication *is* the Association. The communication with one another, the assistance and support we give one another, the affection and empathy we feel for one another is what makes our association special and unique.

I'm now in my tenth year at ATLA, and the next annual conference will be my eleventh here. During that time I've had the opportunity to witness the talent and commitment and leadership of our members. We annually have more than one third of the membership actively involved in leadership positions—on the Board of Directors, committees, task forces, regional associations, interest groups, and denominational groups.

Clearly ATLA is not an association of the uninvolved. It's virtually impossible to simply belong to ATLA and not to become part of it, to offer one's talent and time and energy to help the Association move ahead. We are deeply and richly blessed as an association, but we also can take considerable pride in the level of involvement most members have in the Association.

Dennis A. Norlin
ATLA Executive Director



Staff Notes

Staff Hires, Changes, Promotions

Margot Lyon has joined the staff as director of business development. Margot's primary responsibilities are the marketing, sales, and promotion of ATLA and partner products. She can be reached at mlyon@atla.com. (See article to right.)

Kevin Stephens was promoted September 1 to microfilm coordinator of ATLA's Preservation Microfilm Center (PMC). In his new position, Kevin oversees staff and all operations in the PMC. He also operates microfilm cameras and develops, processes, and prints microfilm. He is responsible for quality control of ATLA film and maintains all equipment used in day-to-day operations. Kevin has been with ATLA's Preservation Department since March 2002.

Tracie Guy started at ATLA August 23 as *ATLAS* indexer, having just completed an advanced course in Modern Hebrew in Jerusalem. She is currently working on her PhD at the University of Chicago's Divinity School with a concentration in the history of Judaism. She also has an MA in religious studies from the same school. Tracie has worked as a marketing and sales representative for both Scarecrow Press and the Brookings Institution Press. Her language skills include German, French, and Hebrew.

Tim Smith has a new job title in the Member Services Department: membership associate/exhibits coordinator. Tim was responsible for the exhibits at the Annual Conference in Kansas City and will continue to have these duties. Work on conference exhibits begins in October with a visit to the site of the conference and continues through follow-up in the summer after the conference.

Stacey Schilling joined the Member Services Department in September 2003 to work on design, layout, and production as the member publications associate. Increasingly she has taken on more of the responsibilities of a graphic designer, and her new title of graphic designer reflects this change in her duties.



ATLA Hires Director of New Department

On September 1 Margot Lyon joined ATLA as director of business development, a new position heading the new Department of Business Development.



Most recently, Margot was director of business development and marketing at Probe Group, LLC, a market-research consultancy. In this capacity she directed the sales of IT-related research programs and subscriptions to corporate libraries and senior marketing executives. Margot's career also includes various positions in business development and investor relations at Thomson Financial and Sony Corporation.

Margot holds the MSI, with a specialization in information economics, management, and policy, from the University of Michigan School of Information and a BA from Earlham College. She also has a significant interest and background in religious studies.

The Department of Business Development has responsibility for marketing campaigns, direct sales, and the design and improvement of ATLA's products.



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Calendar

October

- 4 ATLA hosts Religion in the Region Project
- 7 Dennis Norlin meets with Endowment Committee, Austin
- 7–9 Annual Conference Committee, Education Committee, President, and staff at 2005 conference planning meeting, Austin
- 13–14 Digital Standards and Projects Committee, Chicago
- 14–15 Tim Smith and Carol Jones, National iMIS Users' Group conference, Chicago
- 22–24 Nina Schmit, annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Kansas City, MO
- 22 Dennis Norlin meets with TTLA, Nashville
- 25–26 International Collaboration Committee, Chicago
- 28 Carol Jones and Karen Whittlesey, Meetings Quest seminars, Chicago
- 28–29 Index Advisory Committee, Chicago

November

- 4–5 Margot Lyon, University of Michigan School of Information Executive Alumni Board meeting and librarianship career panel, Ann Arbor
- 5 Dennis Norlin meets with SWATLA, Tulsa
- 19–22 AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, San Antonio
- 23 Dennis Norlin meets with MTLA, Minneapolis
- 25–26 Thanksgiving holiday, ATLA office closed

December

- 2–3 Professional Development Committee, Chicago
- 6 Technology Advisory Committee, Chicago
- 17 ATLA staff holiday party, office closed
- 19–21 ATLA exhibiting at Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Chicago (Margot Lyon attending)
- 23–24 Christmas holiday, ATLA office closed
- 30–31 New Year holiday, ATLA office closed

January

- 13 Board of Directors triennial on-site inspection of Member Services, Chicago
- 14–15 Board of Directors midwinter meeting, Chicago
- 17 Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday, ATLA office closed

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