



Display cases featuring the newly donated papers of Robert McAfee Brown helped kick off TLM celebrations at the Graduate Theological Union Library on October 1.

TLM 2010 Recap

By the Numbers

To date, here are some statistics regarding participation in TLM's various programs and activities:

- Forty-one institutions have reported their participation in TLM 2010.
- Eighteen institutions applied for and received TLM Mini-Grants to help fund their TLM activities.
- We received thirty-one entries in the TLM Cartoon Caption Contest.
- At least twenty-eight institutions have submitted plans, photos, and summaries of their campus activities. 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: Time to Vote!

Three finalists have been chosen for each of our two cartoons, and now it's time for you to help select the winning captions. The two finalists will receive \$100 each. Go to http://www.atla.com/member/librarians_tools/TLM/TLM_10/tlm_cartoons.html to vote.



On Reading and Re-reading

Some of us are more promiscuous than others when it comes to reading. But we all tend to have patterns and stick to them. I mostly read fiction and professional literature; I no longer read newspapers and have reduced the number of magazines I read. For you, it might be mysteries and the New York Times. When we break out of the routine, it can be startling, challenging, or just fun. Like the humor book I'm reading. It isn't my normal fare (and it isn't for the easily offended), but in addition to making me laugh, it has also made me think.



Our patterns are even more entrenched when it comes to re-reading. The choice to spend time reading something again (and again) takes us to new places and creates new meaning. Whether it is a reflection on a sacred text, the ritualized repetition of a child's bedtime story, revisiting a favorite novel or reconnecting with a mission statement, some texts get better with repetition. These texts are old friends and the ruts are actually well-worn paths that keep us moving in the right direction.

So if your reading pattern is in a rut, I encourage you to try something new. Unless, of course, what you really need is to get back to a known path and reconnect with a favorite text. In that case, go get in a rut and stick with it!

- Laura C. Wood

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Member News

Publications Committee and Theological Librarianship Editorial Board Meet in Chicago



On Monday and Tuesday, October 25-26, members of the Theological Librarianship Editorial Board met in Chicago. Above are co-editors Ron Crown (front row, left) and David Stewart (back row, right) and section editors Andy Keck (front row, right), Melody Layton McMahon (back row, second from left), and Beth Sheppard (not pictured). The editorial board's meeting overlapped with that of ATLA's Publications Committee, which was at the ATLA office on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 26-27. Publication Committee members are Michelle Spomer (bottom row, center), Chair, Dan Kolb (back row, left) and Amy Limpitlaw (back, second from right).

Walther Library - Video Update, Part 2

Travel along as Professor Robert Roethemeyer, Director of Library and Information Services at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, continues the guided tour of Concordia's impressive Walther Library expansion. (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x41rhPHHHpE>)

Changes at PTS

Betsy Soans and Kate Skrebutenas of Princeton Theological Library's Interlibrary Loan Department sent out an alert about how the razing and rebuilding of Speer Library will affect their operations for the next 26-30 months: "At this point, we do not know the time it will take between request and receipt of an item from the storage facility. We will ask borrowing libraries to use our symbol, PTS, twice in a WorldCat ILL form. This will allow up to nine days for us to retrieve off-site material and then ship it to you. With most of our collection either on-site or in retrievable storage, we do not expect a sizable increase in the number of interlibrary requests from our patrons. We intend

PTS to remain a faithful interlibrary loan partner. Please be patient with us as we learn to work in our changing environment."

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.html)

Routine Maintenance Reminder

Routine maintenance will be performed on ATLA systems on Monday, December 6, 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.

Member Loyalty Program

One Year Later . . .

In November of 2009, the American Theological Library Association proudly introduced a new Member Loyalty Program. We developed this program to thank our current Institutional, International Institutional, and Affiliate members for your involvement in ATLA, subscription to ATLA Products, and to welcome our new members.

During these challenging economic times, it was hoped that this program would allow Individual members to join or rejoin the Association or attend the 2010 Annual Conference if cost was holding them back. Loyalty benefits were based a library's ATLA product subscription level and included:

- Individual membership (17 new members)
- Conference registration (106 attendees)
- Gifts to the Scholarships and Grants Annual Fund (12 gifts totaling \$1,800)

In the coming months, ATLA will offer the 2010 suite of benefits, but as always, we appreciate your feedback. If you have any suggestions, questions or comments, please contact Barbara Kemmis at 888/665-2852 or bkemmis@atla.com. Thank you for your dedication to ATLA as a member and as a subscriber. We are pleased to be able to provide you with a range of products and services.

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Conference Planning Meeting

The Annual Conference Committee and the Education Committee will experience some of Chicago's neighborhood ambience as they are welcomed by the conference local hosts, the Chicago Area Theological Library Association (CATLA). From November 4-6, members of both committees will meet in Chicago with Meeting Specialist Denise McFarlin and Director of Member Services Barbara Kemmis to plan for the 2011 ATLA Annual Conference. The theme for next summer's gathering in the Windy City is "A Theological Block Party."

Annual Conference Committee members are Ken Boyd (Chair), Mitzi Budde (Vice-Chair), Matt Ostercamp, Julie Hines, and David Mayo (substituting for Bob Mayer). The Education Committee includes Kelly Campbell (Chair), Richard Lammert (Secretary), Jenny Bartholomew, Jennifer Ulrich, and Christine Wenderoth (Local Host).

The Annual Conference website is live and can be found here: <http://dev.atla.com/Members/conference/Pages/default.aspx>.

Genre/Form Project Update

In July 2008, the Library of Congress (LC) Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access (ABA) management team approved five new genre/form projects to be undertaken by the Policy and Standards Division (which was then called the Cataloging Policy and Support Office): cartography, law, literature, music, and religion. In addition, LC identified ATLA as the organization through which comments on the religion terms would be centralized.

ATLA is pleased to collaborate with the LC on the Religion Genre/Form Project which kicked off at the ATLA Annual Conference in June 2010. ATLA staff are coordinating the discussion and responses. They are seeking input from all catalogers interested in religion and are working closely with the Catholic Library Association and Association of Jewish Libraries.

Additional information is available here: <http://dev.atla.com/Members/benefits/projects/Pages/Genre-Forms.aspx>.

To register for the project and obtain access to the project wiki, please contact Erica Treesh (etreesh@atla.com)

ATLA Reception at SBL

Are you attending the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) meeting in Atlanta this November 20-23? 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.

The ATLA Board President Laura Wood (lwood@hds.harvard.edu) and four staff will be representing ATLA at the SBL Annual meeting this year. Please feel free to contact any of them directly to set up meetings:

- Lavonne Cohen, Sr. Business Development Analyst (lcohen@atla.com)
- Barbara Kemmis, Director of Member Services (bkemmis@atla.com)
- Margot Lyon, Director of Business Development (mlyon@atla.com)
- Rick Rybak, Business Development Representative (rrybak@atla.com)

Appreciation for Seth Kasten

The Burke Theological Library celebrates the career of Seth Kasten, Head of Reference and Collection Development. Seth will retire this December, after 37 years of distinguished service at The Burke, where many thousands of students and researchers from around the world have benefited from his insights and efforts among the collections of Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University.



A lifelong New Yorker, Seth received his BA from Harpur College at SUNY Binghamton, his MLS from Columbia University, and his Masters of Sacred Music from Union Theological Seminary. Seth has served ATLA as a member of the Board of Directors, the Professional Development Committee, the Public Services Committee, and the Judaica Interest Group Steering Committee. He has also been an important supporter of the New York Area Theological Library Association (NYATLA), including service on its Steering Committee.

An avid musician and former member of the Executive Board of the New York City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, Seth is well known among theological librarians for his years of gifted leadership as conductor of the ATLA choir. As choir member James Dunkly observes, "Seth's own deep love of music, especially choral music from many traditions and periods, has for over a quarter of a century drawn dozens of others into offering anthems and hymns, psalmody and organ music and chant, at annual conference, where the whole group is invited into the focused reflection he elicits from the singers he leads."

Thank you, Seth, for your extraordinary contributions to The Burke Library and to ATLA. We pray for your health and happiness in all your future opportunities for service and adventure!

ATLA/SCELC Affiliate Program Benefit

Following up on the announcement of the ATLA/SCELC Affiliate Program earlier this year, we are pleased to announce the first offer for your consideration. SCELC has an attractive offer for many of the religion and theology electronic reference materials published by Oxford University Press (OUP), and the organization wants to offer ATLA members located within North and South America the chance to add these resources from OUP if they do not already have access to these products.

To read more about this new program, please visit <http://dev.atla.com/Members/benefits/projects/Pages/ATLA-SCELC-Affiliate-Program.aspx>.

ATLA Calendar

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 closed in observance of New Year's holiday

January

- 1 Submissions for inclusion in February ATLA Newsletter due on first business day of this month
- 12 Endowment Committee meeting at ATLA Office in Chicago
- 13-15 ATLA Board of Directors Meeting at ATLA Office in Chicago
- 17 ATLA Office closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

Staff News

Staff on the Move from EPS Department to Business Development



Rick Rybak joined the ATLA Business Development department on November 1 as Business Development Representative. Rick was previously Electronic Products and Services Assistant. Rick's primary responsibilities will include supporting public relations, sales and marketing campaigns for ATLA's products

and services. Be on the lookout for him at our exhibit booth at the SBL, ACRL, and ATLA conferences.

As an undergraduate, Rick majored in English and History and received a B.A. from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. He has an M.A. in Diaconal Ministry from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and an MLIS from Dominican University Graduate School of Library and Information Science. Professionally, Rick has extensive experience in outreach and development from his position as Advancement Officer with a Chicago area nonprofit, social service agency.

From the Publications Committee



Greetings from the Publications Committee! We would like to invite you to apply for a 2011 publication grant. We will award grants of up to \$4000 for reimbursable expenses. The purpose of the grant is to aid recipients in the development of

a scholarly work that advances some aspect of theological librarianship or provides bibliographic access to a significant body of literature within theological or religious studies. We would especially like to encourage those who have never published in these areas to apply.

The deadline for application is January 15, 2011. For more information, please visit the ATLA Publication Grant webpage.

- Michelle Spomer, Chair

Website Update

The SharePoint Communities pages housing the Interest Group, Regional Group, Denominational Group, Special Project and Committee pages have moved. Please visit <http://dev.atla.com/community> to access this information, including past issues of member publications.

Construction continues on the new ATLA website. As committees have met this fall, many suggestions for improvement and new content have been generated. Please add your feedback to the mix. Visit <http://dev.atla.com> today.

Update on the Executive Director Search Process

ATLA's search committee interviewed five candidates for the executive director's position and has forwarded the profiles of three to the ATLA Board of Directors for interviews in early November. The five candidates interviewed brought impressive credentials and great enthusiasm for ATLA's mission, and the committee is pleased with the variety of experience of the candidates that it was able to refer to the Board for review.

We welcome your submission of news, photos, and other items of interest for the *ATLA Newsletter*. All submissions are due on the first business day of the month preceding publication. Contact Sara Corkery (scorkery@atla.com) with any questions or concerns or if you are interested in sponsoring an issue of the newsletter.