



ATLA is officially welcomed to Louisville on the Bats scoreboard during the 2010 Annual Conference. Photo courtesy of Michael Bradford.

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ATLA Opens Search for New Executive Director

ATLA’s Executive Director Search Committee, with the assistance of the national search firm of Tuft & Associates, has been working since early July to find Dennis Norlin’s successor. The Search Committee, appointed by the ATLA Board, is comprised of: Carisse Berryhill, Abilene Christian University; Kelly Campbell, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary; Pat Graham, Emory University (chair); Tammy Johnson, Columbia Theological Seminary; Andy Keck, Duke University; Chris Meinzer, Association of Theological Schools, and Laura Wood, Harvard University.

The Search Committee and Tuft, in consultation with the ATLA Board of Directors, crafted a

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The Challenge of Transitions



As we come to the end of something we know and prepare for the beginning of something less familiar, we can struggle to find our way. The ending may seem premature or cause a sense of loss. The new beginning may seem difficult or signal that change--for better or

worse--is imminent. And in the meantime-which can be very mean!--how do we cope? How do we provide closure on the past? How do we keep things going as we prepare for the new?

Our academic calendars give us structure for times of transition. Students graduate and new ones arrive. The library, like the rest of the school, prepares accordingly. We process last term’s books and reserves and as the new term approaches, we start the cycle anew.

But other transitions are less structured. They’re irregular, infrequent, or unexpected. And since they present greater unknowns, we look to the things we can count on for stability.

ATLA is hiring a new executive director (ED). For many of us (myself included), we have never known ATLA without Dennis Norlin at the helm. And it is strange to imagine the changes a new ED might bring. But there are many important continuities to note, among them:

- the headquarters staff, led by interim ED Cameron Campbell, continue to develop and deliver the services and products we depend on;
- ATLA members in leadership roles continue their committee work on next year’s conference and other important initiatives;
- individual and institutional members contribute to the work of the association through their daily work, their writing and presentations, and their collaborative activities, from ILL, to serials exchange, to ATLANTIS postings.

In these times of transition, knowing what we can count on to continue is important. It helps us know what to expect in the future. And ATLA’s future is bright indeed.

- Laura C. Wood

Member News

Report from an Early Career Development Fellow



Catherine Muriuki of Kenya, ATLA's IFLA/OCLC Fellow for 2010, has written a summary of her experiences in the Early Career Development program.

"As we went round visiting libraries in the developed world, at some point I almost gave up hope, thinking that their standards are too high to even think about implementing in our library. But then again I realize that change comes slowly and one step at a time, it is possible to improve our services," she writes. "I then realized that some of the things do not even require money but just a change of attitude, policies and a supportive team of like minded people."

Login to <http://community.atla.com/> to read the full text of Catherine's report. You'll find it in the member publications section.

Walther Library Expansion Continues

Visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5J3GPiFlygM> for a construction update and video tour with Robert Roethemeyer.

Covenant Theological Seminary Staff Announcement



Covenant Theological Seminary's Buswell Library in late June welcomed Christopher Goodman as full-time Circulation Coordinator. Chris came to us from Washington University, where he worked for four years, the last two at the Chemistry Library. He graduated from Lindenwood University and has his library degree from the University of Missouri. His wife, Sarah, teaches in the Rockwood School District. Chris became interested in theological librarianship partly because of his humanities

background. He plans to take some seminary courses in coming years and attend his first ATLA Conference in June 2011 in Chicago.

New MA Program in Christian Studies

ATLA Member John E. Shaffett, Director of Library Services at the Baptist College of Florida, announced that his institution will offer a thirty semester hour Master of Arts degree in Christian studies beginning in August 2010. "Approval of the program was granted by the action of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools on June 24, 2010. This will be the school's first graduate degree," said Shaffett. "The school has for several years tried to get a graduate degree approved by SACS. As you can guess, our school is very excited about this new program."

Pat Graham Article

The July 16th issue of Church Times, "the world's leading Anglican weekly newspaper," features an article by Pat Graham, Margaret A. Pitts Professor of Theological Bibliography and Director of the Pitts Theology Library. In "Church Guides to Atlanta" Pat traces the history of Pitts' collection of about 2500 English church guides, providing descriptions of several noteworthy items. You can read the article at <http://www.churchtimes.co.uk/content.asp?id=97542>.

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, September 13, 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.

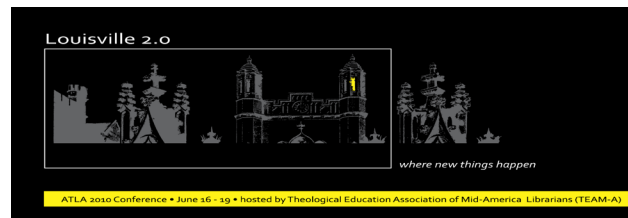
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position announcement and Position Profile that is currently available and being circulated (see p. 10). Tuft is receiving all applications and will be interviewing qualified candidates by phone and in person prior to providing information on the most qualified to the Search Committee. Tuft representatives met with the entire ATLA Board, interviewed Board members and other members individually, and met with ATLA staff in Chicago, to gather significant information as to the qualities and characteristics necessary for this new executive to be successful.

While the position is currently open, and will remain open until filled, preliminary plans call for interviews with the Search Committee and Board to take place in mid-to-late October. Members are invited to contact Carole Badger at Tuft & Associates, czb@sprynet.com, for a copy of the completed Position Profile and to encourage qualified candidates to apply.

ATLA 2010 Annual Conference Summary

Congratulations to the Theological Education Association of Mid-American Librarians (TEAM-A)! As your theme stated, "Where new things happen" describes exactly some of the innovative ideas and events you provided to our conference attendees.



The 2010 ATLA Annual Conference held at the Louisville Marriott Downtown was well planned and organized, creating an excellent conference experience for all members in attendance. Once again, I was delighted to be a part of this international gathering for the premiere ecumenical library association. Our conference attracted a diverse group of librarians who hailed from around the world. TEAM-A did a great job utilizing social media as an additional form of conference communication, trying an alternative to our banquet while at the same time allowing us to continue tradition at a closing reception. Volunteers at the Local Host Table ably filled in all of the blanks that surfaced at the conference, providing a wealth of information to us all as they led various hosted excursions for our members' enjoyment. ATLA's annual conference attracted 350 members, exhibitors, and guests--which is an increase over last year's attendance.

For 2010, we had 39 first time attendees, 26 new members, and 4 international members; forty-six members received travel grants. We experienced the attention to detail, the knowledge imparted, and the enthusiasm displayed by the highly regarded presenters, exhibitors, and staff that played a very important role in the execution of the annual conference. All of the interest groups, panels, papers, and roundtables were well attended. In fact some sessions were viewed as "mini plenaries" due to the high attendance by

members. The highlights of the conference were our two plenary speakers, the taste of Louisville opening reception and, of course, our day on Southern Baptist's and Louisville Presbyterian's campuses.

As usual, the many wonderful photos taken at the conference will be available to members via Shutterfly.com. Click on the link below to download and/or print your favorites (password is atla):

<http://atla2010conference.shutterfly.com/>

2009 Annual Conference Photos can be found here: <http://atla2009annualconference.shutterfly.com/>

2008 Annual Conference photos can be found here: <http://atla08conference.shutterfly.com/>

Photos from 2007 and 2006 are here: <http://atlaconferencepast.shutterfly.com/>

The case-sensitive password for entering each of these sites: atla

Coming soon: videos of the plenary sessions, business meeting, and town meeting will be available on the ATLAOne channel at YouTube.com. Look for an announcement once all of the sessions have been uploaded.

Don't forget to submit your conference evaluation: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ATLA2010AnnualConferenceSurvey>

It is a great way to make your voice heard for next year's planning.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone that contributed to the overall success of our conference: the Annual Conference and Education committee members, the board of directors, our speakers, presidors, regional, denominational, and interest group members, ATLA staff, and all the ATLA members who make me feel extremely proud to be a part of this great association. I am exceptionally fortunate, privileged, and blessed.

As I end this article, my attention has already turned to next year's conference in Chicago. The Annual Conference and Education Committees will soon send out an invitation to members and friends of the American Theological Library Association to submit proposals for pre-conference workshops, in-conference workshops, papers, panel presentations, interest group presentations, roundtables, posters, or other special sessions.

See you in Chicago, June 8-11, 2011.

-Denise AM McFarlin
ATLA Meeting Specialist



ATLA Business Meeting

June 17, 2010

The Business meeting was convened by Board President David Stewart at 1:00pm, Thursday, June 17, 2010.

Eileen Crawford presented the Secretary's report. Members of the Teller's Committee were Joan Blocher, Jill Brown (chair), and Betsy Grant. They received the election results via e-mail from Survey & Ballot Systems and verified that 315 valid ballots were received. The membership elected Andrew Keck, Sandra Lipton, Blake Walter, and John B. Weaver to the Board of Directors for the 2010-2013 term of office. The Secretary's report was accepted.

President Stewart introduced the new Board officers: Carrie Hackney (Secretary), Eileen Crawford (Vice President), and Laura Wood (President).

President Stewart recognized the outgoing Board members, Cheryl Adams, Duane Harbin, Jim Pakala, and Roberta Schaafsma and presented them with gifts.

Vice President Schaafsma briefly explained the six categories for membership outlined in the by-laws and proposed Pradeep Gamadia as a Board nominee for lifetime membership subject to a (2/3) vote from the membership. A motion to accept this nomination was made from the floor by Roger Loyd and seconded by Bill Hook. The motion was carried in a vote by a majority of ayes.

Committee Reports

Slides highlighting the work of each committee were presented by the following committee chairs:

- Endowment Committee
- Roger Loyd, Chair

- International Collaboration Committee
- Maggie Tarpley, Chair
- Diversity Committee -
Diana Brice, Chair
- Professional Development Committee - Tim Lincoln, Chair
- Publications Committee
- Michelle Spomer, Chair

Organization Ends progress

President Stewart reported that the former Ends of the association had been written ten years ago when the Board first adopted the Policy Governance Model of governance. The Ends define the association and have been a focus of the Boards work this past couple of year as they have prepared for selecting a new Executive Director. The Board formed a Governance Committee and has sent two members to a Carver Policy Governance Workshop for the past three years.

Update on Executive Director Succession Planning

President Stewart outlined the work that had been accomplished to prepare for succession. A search firm has been hired and a timetable established to guide the work of the search firm and search committee. An appointment is expected by December 2010.

Board of Directors Meetings

The Board's deliberations included a discussion of the opportunities and challenges as the Board prepares to govern with a new Executive Director; a meeting with two representatives from Tuft Associates, the search firm that has been employed to conduct the Executive Director search; a meeting

with the Directors on reporting, strategic planning, and transition issues during the months of the search process. Cameron Campbell was appointed as the Interim Director. The following reports were received: Policy Governance Committee on the Board member orientation, Oral History Project update, Policy Manual revision progress report, Endowment Committee. The Board engaged in a review of the conference with the Education and Annual Conference Committees. The January Board meeting was set for January 13-15, 2011 at ATLA Headquarters.

-Eileen Crawford, Secretary,
Board of Directors

ICC Grants for 2011

ATLA members are invited to apply for an international collaboration grant for 2011. Grants of up to \$2,000 are available to foster collaboration between ATLA institutions and institutions abroad. More information about the grants, reports from previous recipients, and the application form can be found at ATLA's International Collaboration Committee website: http://www.atla.com/international_collab/grantpage.html. The deadline for applications is October 31, 2010. Please send applications to:

Paul F. Stuehrenberg
Yale Divinity Library
409 Prospect St.
New Haven, CT 06511

Or electronically to: paul.stuehrenberg@yale.edu

2010/11 Committees of the Association

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

Audit Committee: negotiates a contract with an auditing firm for the Association. (Standing Committee of the Board)

Pat Graham, chair
Laura Wood
Saundra Lipton

Annual Conference

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

Ken Boyd (09-11), Chair
Mitzi Budde (10-12), Vice-Chair
Matt Ostercamp (08-11)
Julie Hines (09-12)
Robert Mayer (10-13)
Barbara Kemmis, Ex officio
Denise McFarlin, staff liaison

Diversity, Special Committee of the Association for:

coordinates the Association's activities regarding diversity, reviews and awards scholarships to promote diversity in theological librarianship; serves as a liaison with library associations to learn and apply relevant diversity efforts; and plans ATLA conference activities related to diversity. (Special Committee of the Association)

Diana Brice(08-11), Chair
Cait Kokolus (08-11)
Blake Walter (10-11), Board Liaison
Susan Ebertz (08-11)
Mayra Picos-Lee (08-11)
Dennis Norlin, staff liaison

Education Committee:

identifies and responds to needs for continuing education of ATLA members at the Annual

Conference. (Committee Appointed by the Executive Director)

Kelly Campbell (08-11), Chair
Jennifer Bartholomew (09-12), Secretary
Richard Lammert (10-13)
Jennifer Ulrich (09-12)
Christine Wenderoth (10-11), Local Host Liaison
Barbara Kemmis, Ex officio
Denise McFarlin, staff liaison

Endowment Committee:

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

Roger Loyd (05-12), Chair
Mary Bischoff (05-11)
Marti Alt (10-15)
M. Patrick Graham (05-10), Board Liaison
Marie Jacobsen, Staff Liaison

Governance Committee: conducts the new board member orientation, ascertains that the Board Policy Manual follows the policy governance language and format and assists the board in interpreting the Policy Governance model. (Standing Committee of the Board)

Bill Hook, Chair
Carrie Hackney
H.D. Sandy Ayer

International Collaboration, Special Committee of the Association for:

coordinates the Association's activities regarding international theological librarianship, supports efforts of individual libraries and librarians to participate in international theological librarianship activities; serves as a liaison with international theological

library associations; and plans ATLA conference activities related to international theological librarianship. (Special Committee of the Association)

Paul Stuehrenberg (06-11), Chair
Mariel Deluca Voth (10-12), Vice Chair
Christopher Anderson (08-12)
Terry Robertson (10-14)
Eileen Crawford, Board Liaison
Barbara Kemmis, Staff Liaison

Nominating Committee:

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

Melody Layton McMahon (08-10), Chair
Ellen Frost (09-11)
Sandy Ayer (10-12)

Professional Development

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

Timothy Lincoln (08-11), Chair
Ellen Frost (09-12)
Christina A. Torbert (09-12)
Eric R. Stancliff (10-13)
Barbara Kemmis, Staff Liaison

Publications Committee:

serves as a catalyst within the Association for encouraging and supporting scholarly publication; serves as an advisory committee to editors of each ATLA Scarecrow series and to the ATLA Communications Specialist; develops a strategic plan for publishing critical tools for use by members of the profession in keeping with

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Maximize Your Use of OCLC Services with Free Webinars



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The series of Webinars listed below are free to all members of the OCLC cooperative, and are designed to help you make the most of your investment in OCLC services. Seats are limited--register now!

Have questions? Contact OCLC directly at training@oclc.org.

Maximizing the Value of WorldCat.org, July 28, August 23, 1 - 2pm ET, Register online

Course Overview and Objectives

Worldcat.org is OCLC's public-facing Web portal to the WorldCat database. It is a discovery tool for library-owned materials worldwide and a social networking tool for libraries and their patrons. This course provides a brief introduction to the Worldcat.org platform and illustrates how you can help patrons derive maximum advantage from the service. Upon completing this course, you will be able to maximize the discoverability of your items in WorldCat.org and use the service as a tool to improve your relationship with your users.

Take this class if you are a member of your library's public services team and new to Worldcat.org-or if you just want a refresher so that you can better instruct your patrons on how to use this valuable resource.

This course is also intended for managers or technical services staff who need to know what to do 'behind the scenes,' so your library and your library's patrons can take maximum advantage of WorldCat.org.

Maximizing the Value of Your OCLC Cataloging Subscription, July 22, September 10, 1 - 2pm ET Register online at

Course Overview and Objectives

This course helps cataloging and technical services managers contain costs, improve efficiencies, and use staff resources effectively by helping them take full advantage of the value of their OCLC cataloging subscription. It explains the OCLC cataloging interfaces, activities, and services that are included in the OCLC cataloging subscription. Participants will receive a checklist of next steps to help them select and implement services included in their

cataloging subscription to derive full benefit from the available options.

Take this class if you are a technical services or cataloging manager whether you currently have or are considering an OCLC cataloging subscription. Members with a Group Services agreement that provides full cataloging subscriptions or equivalent are also encouraged to participate.

OCLC 101: A Guide to Your Cooperative, July 15, August 19, 1 - 2pm ET, Register online

Course Overview and Objectives:

This webinar provides an introduction to OCLC as a cooperative membership organization including an overview of the new governance structure and what it means to be a member of OCLC. This course also provides guidance on communicating with OCLC for service and on using the self service tools and resources available to make the most effective use of your OCLC product and service solutions and gain the greatest value from your membership in the cooperative.

Take this course if you are a library director, department head or a staff member of an OCLC member library, or if you are considering becoming a member of the OCLC cooperative.

WorldCat Holdings: Why They Matter and the Tools to Maintain Them, July 20, August 17, 1 - 2pm ET

Register online, Course Overview and Objectives

This course reviews the benefits of having accurate WorldCat holdings, and provides information on the available methods for maintaining those holdings. After completing this Web-based training, managers of cataloging and technical services functions will be prepared to select and implement the holdings maintenance methods most appropriate for your library.

Take this class if you are a cataloging and technical services manager in an OCLC member library, a manager within the library in any role, a staff person performing holdings maintenance functions, or if you are working in a library that is implementing WorldCat Local, WorldCat Navigator, or any other holdings dependent service.

Register online for courses at <http://training.oclc.org/home/>.

Report of the 12th Somewhat Annual Excursion of the ATLA Birding Passion Group

"I'd love to join . . . [the] group if you welcome the novice who can name few birds beyond the robin and red-winged blackbird and simply enjoys the sound of birds." So read one of the responses to my posting on ATLANTIS of our invitation to this year's ATLA birding excursion. This was a first: only seasoned birders had responded to previous years' invitations. "Of course," I wrote back, "we'd be more than happy to include you. Can you scrounge a pair of binoculars for the occasion?" By the end of April I'd received five such requests!

A few days before, I'd Googled "birding Louisville" and found the website for the Beckham Bird Club. I e-mailed the club's contact person, describing our group (which now numbered eight, double the attendance of our last excursion), the species we'd like to see, and the mornings we'd likely be free during the conference. I then asked if any local birders would be willing to pick us up at the hotel, take us on a guided tour of a Louisville-area birding hotspot, and then return us to the hotel. Sounds a bit presumptuous, doesn't it? But birders do this sort of thing all the time. Implicit in the request is "If you're ever in Calgary, I'd be glad to return the favor."

My contact, Carol Besse, put me in touch with Barbara Woerner; and a couple of e-mails later we'd arranged for her to pick us up on Friday 18 June at 5:30 a.m. and return us by about 10:30. That morning, after some brief introductions, we piled ourselves into Barbara's SUV and Armin Siedlecki's rental vehicle and drove about 30 minutes south to the Jefferson Memorial Forest. Carol met us in the parking lot. She, Barbara, and I managed to find enough spare binoculars to outfit

everyone. Then came a quick lesson in sighting in binoculars (getting the basic focus right). Next, Carol and Barbara showed the group how to bring their binoculars into position without taking their eyes off the target bird and how to describe the location of a spotted bird according to the hours on a clock face.

"Peter, Peter, Peter" called a small bird from one of the large deciduous trees bordering the parking lot. "Tufted Titmouse at ten o'clock!" someone called out, and all binoculars were up and aiming at the top left corner of the tree. The titmouse was the first of 45 species we saw or heard that morning.

Barbara then led us across the road to a small rocky creek and played a recording of the song of the Louisiana Waterthrush. Armin couldn't resist supplementing it with one from his I-Phone birding app. "There it is on the rocks in the creek bed just beyond that fallen branch!" called Barbara under her breath, "and listen to its call. Hear it? Sounds like two marbles being struck together." Once almost everybody had seen the bird we set off up a tree-lined road. . . .

"Hear that?" called Carol. It sounded like a robin with a sore throat. "Scarlet Tanager!" The bird came closer, but it was hidden among the dense foliage in the tree tops. Barbara played its song. "There it is on that bare branch!" And all of the experienced birders clustered around the novices to make sure they got a look at the black wings against the scarlet body. Actually, we didn't have to bother, because the newbies were already glued to it. A few hundred meters farther on, a Summer Tanager vocalized. "Sounds like there's more than

one; I see the female!" said someone, "and, look, there's a nest!" Barbara shouted. And sure enough, the drab green mother and pale red father were taking turns bringing food to a nestling whose head we could see poking up above the rim.

We then heard in the distance a slow, heavy drumming that petered out towards the end. "Pileated Woodpecker," I said; and a couple of minutes later a pair of these crow-sized woodpeckers alit on a dead tree and hopped their way up the trunk, their red crests and white zig-zag facial stripe contrasting with their black bodies. Always an impressive bird.

A Pine Warbler sang and, to my considerable relief, perched cooperatively on a bare branch. I'd been concerned that the beginning birders would simply find warblers, with their constant flitting, too frustrating a target. Next up was a Red-bellied Woodpecker that kept bringing billfuls of food to a nest hole in a dead stump. We made our way past the stump to the shore of a pond where Carol spotted a Green Heron poised on a dead branch overlooking the water. Meanwhile, a family of three robin-size Brown Thrashers was foraging on the road in front of us. Unfortunately, we didn't get to hear their goofy repetitious song. A Great Crested Flycatcher appeared briefly on the top of some nearby trees, but we managed only brief views of its brilliant yellow belly and erect crest.

"There's a good place for Worm-eating Warbler just up the hill," said Barbara. This was my only chance for something approaching a "life bird": I've heard Worm-eating Warblers, but have yet to see one. As we

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climbed the hill we began to hear a dry trill--"That's our bird," said Barbara. We emerged just above where the bird had been calling, and Barbara began playing a recording of its song to lure it closer. "I'm on it!" whispered Carol. "Me, too," said Eric and Karla, but the bird dropped down into the undergrowth before any of the rest of us could get even a glimpse of it. Oh well, maybe one day on the Texas coast in April. . . .

We made our way back to the parking lot, where most of us got to see a Yellow-throated Warbler that was singing on a high branch. At that point, three of our party decided to head back to take in the 10:30 conference session, so we took a quick group photo. Those of us who remained drove with Carol and Barbara to a different part of the forest that included some open grassy areas. Here we heard the bouncing-ping-pong-ball-like song of the Field Sparrow, saw a male Eastern Bluebird perched on a wire, and flushed a striking black and rust-colored Eastern Towhee that not only gave its characteristic "drink-your-tea" vocalization but said its name (the "towhee" part, that is).

But our main quarry here was the state's namesake bird: How could we say we'd birded the Louisville area without seeing a Kentucky Warbler? We made our way to a ravine, where we heard its rapid "pretty, pretty, pretty" in the distance. On came the recording. Something dived into a tangle of vines in front of us and then dropped out of sight. A second bird began calling across the ravine. Then nothing. I restrained myself from bursting into a chorus of "Kentucky Warbler, he shines in his own kind of light. . . ." And a good thing, too, because right then the bird burst out of the thicket-showing its yellow head and breast and black mask as it

made for a bare branch just above us. Everyone saw it. Then a cuckoo called: Black-billed or Yellow-billed? We couldn't be sure; but birding wouldn't be birding without a little mystery.

Trip List

Green Heron
Mallard
Turkey Vulture
Red-shouldered hawk (heard only)
Rock Dove
Mourning Dove
Cuckoo species
Chimney Swift
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Pileated Woodpecker
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Eastern Phoebe
Great-crested Flycatcher
Barn Swallow
Blue Jay
American Crow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird
Wood Thrush
American Robin
Brown Thrasher
Cedar Waxwing
European Starling
Yellow-throated Warbler
Pine Warbler
Worm-eating Warbler
Louisiana Waterthrush
Kentucky Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Yellow-breasted Chat
Summer Tanager
Scarlet Tanager
Northern Cardinal
Indigo Bunting
Eastern Towhee
Chipping Sparrow
Field Sparrow (heard only)
Red-winged Blackbird
Brown-headed Cowbird
American Goldfinch

Total species 45

-H.D. Sandy Ayer

John Bollier Dead



John Albert Bollier died on June 27, 2010. He was 82 years of age. In addition to his work as a theological librarian, John was a Presbyterian minister who served congregations in Brogue, Pennsylvania, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, and Chatsworth, California. A funeral service was held on Thursday, July 1 at the First Presbyterian Church of New Haven.

From Paul Stuehrenberg, Divinity Librarian at the Yale University Divinity School Library:

[John's] health had been in decline over the past few months and he died peacefully with his wife Trudy by his side. Notes and cards may be sent to Trudy Bollier, 22 North Lake Drive, Apt. B1, Hamden, CT 06517.

John joined the Divinity Library staff in January 1973 as Public Services Librarian. He retired at the end of June 1991 as Interim Director of the Divinity Library. He was an active member of ATLA over the years, most recently serving as Director of Development, a part-time position from which he retired in 1996.

Please keep John's family in your prayers.

Professional Development Committee



You have probably heard the one about the minister who was so heavenly-minded that he was no earthly good. Or the professor who knew everything about nineteenth-century narrow gauge Welsh railways but couldn't keep track of his house key. To make our way in the world, we need to attend

both to the big and the small.

As theological librarians, we may be most energized by the daily challenges of our jobs. We successfully locate a copy of a hard-to-find article for a faculty member. We notice that Michael Bratman's 1987 book on intention stands in the tradition of analytical philosophy, and so perhaps should not be classed to nestle near psychological studies of planning. We teach a student to navigate the Religion Database and she discovers how to search with more sophistication.

These are laudable achievements in our field, even if nobody wins a MacArthur Foundation genius award for them. At the same time, our profession also requires us to stretch beyond everyday tasks, the things that we learned in library school or taught ourselves to keep up with the latest app. Recently, Hugh Heclo's little book *On Thinking Institutionally* (Boulder Co: Paradigm, 2008) has caused a stir in the world of theological and higher education. Heclo contends that we should rise above our well-founded distrust of institutions so that we who work in them can make them work better. (This is a good book to read and discuss with colleagues.)

So, I commend you to develop yourself professionally, both in the specific technologies of twenty-first information science and in the micro-cultural literacy needed to take part in your school's big story of education, research, and service. Did you hear the one about the librarian who explained the role of the library in the school's mission so well that the board of trustees thought their library mattered?

- Timothy Lincoln, Chair

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the mission and organizational ends of the association; and consults with the Professional Development Committee, the Annual Conference Committee, the Membership Advisory Committee, and the Education Committee to develop and promote workshops and programs related to scholarly publication. (Committee Appointed by the Executive Director)

Michelle Spomer, (08-11), Chair
Amy Limpitlaw (09-12)
Dan Kolb, (10-13)
Barbara Kemmis, Staff Liaison

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.

Position Search: Executive Director

Tuft & Associates invites applications and nominations for the position of Executive Director, American Theological Library Association (ATLA).

Established in 1946, ATLA is a 501 (c) (3) professional association of more than 1,000 individual, institutional and affiliate members providing programs, products and services in support of theological and religious studies libraries and librarians. Headquartered in downtown Chicago, ATLA is led by a twelve-member Board of Directors. The Board appoints and oversees the work of the association's Executive Director who, in turn, oversees a professional staff of 35-40 and a budget of over \$5.5 million.

ATLA provides a wide range of services and products that benefit both individual and institutional members: workshops; an Annual Conference; member publications and discounts; and bibliographic indexes and full-text serials in theology and religion. The ATLA Executive Director is responsible for staff development and administration, oversight of all programs and

services, the production of products, strategic planning, and budgeting.

ATLA seeks a proven leader with the ability to think strategically and successfully direct the operations of the organization. Candidates should have a post-baccalaureate degree and a good, current working knowledge of academic libraries and publishing; solid business acumen; excellent communication and negotiation skills; the ability to develop effective strategies within a rapidly changing environment; and at least five years of senior management experience developing and managing people, plans, and budgets in a medium to large organization. It is desirable that the candidate also have knowledge of copyright and licensing agreements and experience working with, or within, non-profit associations.

ATLA is an equal-opportunity employer. This position is currently open and will remain open until filled. Salary and benefits are highly competitive. Send resume and letter of interest in confidence to Tuft & Associates, ATTN: Carole Badger, JD, CAE at czb@sprynet.com.

ATLA Calendar

August

- 1 Submissions for inclusion in September ATLA Newsletter due on first business day of this month
- 18-20 Barbara Kemmis and Denise McFarlin at ATLA 2010 Annual Conference wrap-up meeting in Lexington, KY
- 20 All-Staff Potluck Lunch; ATLA Office closed at noon

September

- 1 Submissions for inclusion in October ATLA Newsletter due on first business day of this month
- 6 ATLA Office closed for Labor Day holiday
- 6-9 Margot Lyon attends BETH meeting in Nice, France
- 24 Special Committee of the Association for Diversity meets at ATLA Office

October

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

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