

Newsletter



The Paul Bechtold Library at Catholic Theological Union

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From the President Sharing Burdens



One of the great things about ATLA is the sense of caring and camaraderie. At many points in our careers, each one of us has trouble with a building project, an administration, a colleague, an absurdly expensive journal subscription, a changing curriculum, a leaky pipe, technology failures, a shrinking budget, a new Web strategy, etc. We are asked to justify and re-justify the library as a whole, our budgets, and our staffs; and

further to articulate a theological rationale, outcomes, strategies, assessments, and costs.

As members of ATLA, we find ways to share our burdens with each other: through formal papers, panel discussions, discussion groups, and late-night conversations at the ATLA Annual Conference; publicly through ATLANTIS or other listservs; and through private e-mails and phone conversations.

Over the last six months, I've had many conversations with former, current, and prospective students about careers in theological librarianship. While I often share my own story and some resources to learn more about the profession, I always invite them to join ATLA, join ATLANTIS, or other virtual communities, and especially to come to an ATLA Annual Conference. While these are certainly ways of discovering the current topics of interest within the profession, they are also opportunities to directly witness the sense of caring and camaraderie within the eclectic mix of persons and personalities that make up our profession. The burdens and challenges of our work are too great for any one of us to bear alone and we all appreciate the support, understanding, and new ideas that come from our association with one another.

Sincerely,

Andrew Keck
President

2013 Annual Conference News



ATLA Member Product Loyalty Program

ATLA Members can be proud of the distinguished line of resources produced by the Association.

In turn, ATLA is proud to sponsor the [Member Product Loyalty Program](#). This member benefit is designed to recognize and reward our current Institutional, International Institutional, and Affiliate Members who demonstrate their loyalty to ATLA through subscription to both the *ATLA Religion Database® (ATLA RDB®)* and *ATLASerials® (ATLAS®)*.

ATLA reserves a portion of funds garnered from product sales for distribution to eligible member sites. This year a maximum of \$200 per eligible site is available to be re-invested into ATLA Member Programs. Redeemable loyalty benefits include:

- A total of \$200 toward ATLA conference registration (may be divided across a maximum of two registration fees)
- A \$200 gift to the Scholarships and Grants Annual Fund

A message was sent to all Institutional Member Representatives on February 4, 2013. We encourage members to redeem their Member Product Loyalty funds by Friday, March 1, 2013.

The [online Member Product Loyalty Form](#) is available now at the ATLA web site. Members will need their member log-in to complete the form.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact memberrep@atla.com.

Conference Travel Grants Available

ATLA is pleased to offer grants of up to \$500 each to support attendance at the 2013 ATLA Annual Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, June 19-22. Any ATLA Student or Individual Member who receives no financial assistance from their institutions to attend the conference is eligible to apply. You may apply for a travel grant until April 19, 2013.

Fill out the [Annual Conference Travel Grant Request form](#) to apply. Grants will be awarded on a first come, first served basis and approved recipients will be notified on or before Tuesday, April 24, 2013. Recipients must register for the conference before May 1, 2013, and will be required to stay at the conference hotel.

Connect With Us On Facebook



Please head over to the [2013 ATLA Annual Conference Events Page](#) on Facebook. By indicating that you are attending, you can view up-to-date information and insider news through Facebook.

All-Conference Lunch: A Lunch Conversation on Libraries and Librarianship

What does the librarian of the future look like in terms of knowledge, abilities, and skills? What are the opportunities and problems of libraries today? What are the emerging research needs of our users? Your ATLA Board of Directors invites you to join us at lunch for table conversations on these and other questions about developments in theological and religious studies libraries and librarianship. Please sign up (lunch is on us!) and help us think about our shared work together in ATLA.

This free ticketed event is part of the 2013 Annual Conference registration. Please sign up for this luncheon during registration.

ATLA Calendar

February

- 5 - Society for Scholarly Publishing (SSP) Conference, Washington, D.C. - Margot Lyon and Veronica Simms attending
- 8 - New Media Project - Digital Church: Theology and New Media Conference, Union Theological Seminary, New York, New York, Rick Rybak and Veronica Simms attending
- 24-26 - The National Federation of Advanced Information Services (NFAIS) Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Lavonne Cohen, and Veronica Simms attending

March

- 1 - Member Loyalty Program application due

New Issue of *Theology Cataloging Bulletin* Now Available

The February 2013 issue of the *Theology Cataloging Bulletin*, a benefit of membership, is now available. Please click [here](#) to access this issue in the member restriction section of the ATLA website.

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While you are there, be sure to take advantage of opportunities to network with your fellow ATLA members through announcements, calendars, interest groups, denominational groups, and shared member publications.

ATLA Publication Grant Deadline Extended

The deadline for completed applications for the 2013 ATLA Publication Grant is being extended until March 1, 2013. Publication Grants are awarded each year to one or more recipients to aid in the development of a scholarly work that advances some aspect of theological librarianship. The purpose of Publication Grants is to facilitate the creation and/or organization of scholarly resources and primary source materials in areas related to theological librarianship. The ATLA Publications Committee encourages new research projects, especially those that would otherwise lack adequate support. If you have a publication project in any field of theological librarianship or a project, such as a bibliography, that will support the work of theological librarians and that will benefit from the grant, we encourage you to apply.

For more information and a detailed description of the application process visit the [ATLA Publication Grant webpage](#).

ATLA Diversity Committee Meets in Chicago

The ATLA Diversity Committee met January 30, 2013, in Chicago, Illinois. The meeting was chaired by Stephen Sweeney and attended by committee members Lynn Berg and Dan Flores. Committee member Stella Wilkins was unable to attend the meeting.

The committee spent time revisiting their committee charge, especially as they transition from being a special committee to being a committee of the Association, and preparing to align their work with the association's [Organizational Ends](#).

The Diversity Committee will host Diversity Movie Night at the ATLA 2013 Annual Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, and will also host a conversation group.

The Committee will continue discussions and work via e-mail and reconvene for meetings in the spring.

Board of Directors Election Reminder

The 2013 ATLA Board of Directors Election opened January 15. The election is being performed via electronic ballot by Survey & Ballot Systems.

Ballots and candidates' biographical statements are posted on a customized website hosted by Survey & Ballot Systems. Personalized access codes to the voting site were sent via e-mail on Tuesday, January 15, to eligible voting members (Institutional Member representatives, Individual Members, and Lifetime Members) in good standing as of January 1, 2013. The e-mail came from ATLA Election Coordinator and the displayed e-mail address was noreply@directvote.net. The election will close on Friday, March 1, 2013.

A reminder for Individual Members who also serve as an Institutional Member representative, you received two distinct ballots with different access codes in order to fulfill your voting opportunities as articulated in the ATLA Bylaws.

If you have questions about the election or are missing your ballot, please contact memberrep@atla.com.

ATLA International Collaboration Committee Meets in Chicago

The ATLA International Collaboration Committee (ICC) met February 1, 2013, in Chicago, Illinois. The meeting was chaired by Terry Robertson and attended by committee members Christopher Anderson, Cindy Lu, and Tim Erdel.

After deliberation, the committee decided not to award an International Collaboration Grant in 2013. They also revisited their charge, reviewed the grants awarded in past years, and discussed past committee initiatives as part of ensuring that their work aligns with ATLA's current [Organizational Ends](#).

At the ATLA 2013 Annual Conference, the ICC will be moderating a panel related to international theological and library education.

The ICC will continue their discussions via e-mail and reconvene in March to continue their work.

Call for Papers: Religious Libraries in Dialogue Special Interest Group

The IFLA SIG [RELINDIAL](#) is seeking proposals for papers to be presented at a two-hour program to be held at the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Singapore, August 17-23, 2013.

Submissions are requested from libraries in charge of religious collections and involved in the dialogue of these collections with the world. Possible topics include:

- Training for religious information literacy around the world. What about Asia?
- FRBR cataloguing and improvement of the religious literature study
- Religious vocabularies and the semantic web
- Open Access and religious information
- Special databases and full text
- Digitized heritage: World Digital Library, Gallica, Europeana, Hathi Trust, Google Books... how to find a way in all this digitized material?

The existing European common catalogues and how to give them a new life in a world of Google

The full call for papers and complete guidelines are available at <http://conference.ifla.org/ifla79/tools-developed-for-a-better-sharing>. Proposals must be received by February 28, 2013.



ATLA Welcomes Eight Titles to *ATLASerials*® (*ATLAS*®)

The American Theological Library Association (ATLA) is pleased to welcome eight titles that will be available in forthcoming releases of *ATLASerials*® (*ATLAS*®), ATLA's online full-text collection of more than 220 major religion and theology journals.

New historically significant ceased titles include *Occasional Bulletin*, by Missionary Research Library, and *Religious Studies Bulletin*, by the University of Sudbury.

In addition, ATLA welcomes six currently published titles:

- *Christian Education Journal*, by Talbot School of Theology at Biola University in cooperation with the National Association of Professors of Christian Education
- *Jewish Bible Quarterly*, by Jewish Bible Association
- *Journal for Islamic Studies*, by Centre for Contemporary Islam, University of Cape Town
- *Journal of Psychology & Theology*, by Rosemead Graduate School of Professional Psychology, Biola University
- *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care*, by Biola University
- *Ogbomoso Journal of Theology*, by Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary

Gregg Taylor, ATLA's Licensing Manager, commented, "I am proud to welcome titles from Israel, Nigeria, and South Africa to *ATLAS*, as well as to welcome excellent titles published by Biola University. Students, pastors, and teachers will welcome the scholarship to be found in this wide-ranging group of journals."

Read the entire press release [here](#).

Member News

Member Retires

Bill Faupel has announced that he plans to retire as Director of the Library and Professor of the History of Christianity at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC, effective June 30, 2013. Bill began his library career as Reference Librarian at Asbury Theological Seminary (Wilmore, Kentucky) in 1970, moving to Collection Development Librarian in 1972. Asbury appointed him Director of the Library and Professor of Theological Research in 1978, a position he held until 2004. He has been Library Director at Wesley since that time. He is an ordained Priest in the Episcopal Church.

Routine Maintenance Reminder

Routine maintenance will be performed on ATLA systems on Monday, March 4, 2013. You may encounter a brief interruption of service between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. (CST). Services that will be affected include ASE, listservs, the ATLA website and member community sections. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

Member Promoted as Director

James Estes has been named Director of the Library at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC, effective July 1, 2013. James was appointed interim Reference Librarian in 2009 and was subsequently named Information Services Librarian in 2010. Prior to coming Wesley, James worked as Research Associate/Information Resources manager at The George Washington University for ten years and as Reference Librarian at Montgomery College (Takoma Park, Maryland) for one year. He holds a BA degree in Religion from The George Washington University, and master's degrees in Library Science (Catholic University of America), Education & Human Development (GWU), and Theological Studies (Wesley Theological Seminary). He is currently working on his doctoral dissertation in Medieval Spirituality at CUA. He is ordained clergy in the United Church of Christ.

Job Openings

Are you in the market for a new position? Be sure to check the ATLA [web listings](#) to see who is hiring now.

Positions posted this month:

- Concordia University Library, Irvine, CA, is seeking a [Distance Education & Technology Librarian](#).
- American Theological Library Association, Chicago, Illinois, is seeking an [Information Services Assistant, Part-Time](#).
- Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, CA, is seeking a [Reference and Instruction Librarian](#).
- Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, is seeking a [Chief Librarian](#).

Staff News



ATLA Welcomes New Project Manager

Dennis Sage joined ATLA's Production Department as a Project Manager on December 28, 2012. The first major project Dennis will head is the search for a new production system that will meet ATLA's current and future needs. Dennis most recently worked for Seasons Hospice as an IT Manager for customer support. He has also worked at Northwestern University as

Associate Director, Technology Support Services; at ExLibris USA as Manager of Conversion Services; and at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary as Manager of Information Services. He has, in addition, worked in a variety of other positions including a stint at Online Computer Library Center (OCLC). We welcome Dennis and the expertise he brings to this position.

ATLA Welcomes New Members

ATLA welcomes a new Institutional Member, [Mid-America Reformed Seminary](#), and two new International Institutional Members, [Institut Catholique de Paris](#) (Catholic University of Paris) and [Olive Theological Institute](#).



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ATLA Attending ACRL in Indianapolis

If you plan to attend the 2013 ACRL Conference in Indianapolis, April 10-13, please stop by the ATLA exhibit booth #326. We will also host an evening reception at the historic Canterbury Hotel, a short walk from the Indiana Convention Center. Watch the March *ATLA Newsletter* for more details.



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Indianapolis, Indiana

From the Executive Director

E-book Directions



Seattle was chilly, but hot topics at the ALA Midwinter Meeting heated up the rooms. An update from ALA's Digital Content Working Group was of particular interest, especially the forum it included on *E-books: Prospects and Directions for 2013*.

The forum was a panel discussion of leading experts and practitioners from the e-book publishing ecosystem, with George Coe (Baker & Taylor), Matt Tempelis (3M), and Jamie LaRue (Douglas County Libraries, CO). Their remarks revolved around change and experimentation in the e-book marketplace. Some progress has been made and more publishers are now willing to license e-books to libraries. However, no two publishers currently have the same e-book licensing model. The panelists were confident that best practices will evolve over the next couple years.

Several intriguing ideas about the future evolution of e-books were put forth. LaRue talked about books evolving into collaborative publications created online. Coe mentioned that in the past we tended to think of a book being copyrighted as a single complete unit, but the education world is moving toward a need for vendors to provide copyright clearance and authentication at the paragraph level.

LaRue mused about an interesting model that might allow for a secondary market for "used" digital books. If publishers develop a means to cost effectively track the digital ownership of each copy, when a library no longer needs a book, the digital copy could be sold to another institution or individual, with a percentage of the sale going back to the publisher. This could result in a sort of "BlueBook" for digital books and a revenue stream that would assist publishers with the transition from the current print business model to a new one for digital content.

The E-books Forum left no doubt that 2013 will be an interesting year in the publishing world, with digital content at the forefront.

Sincerely,

Brenda Bailey-Hainer
Executive Director



Contact Information

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 newsletter@atla.com with any questions or concerns or if you are interested in sponsoring an issue of the newsletter.

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