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Collectors and Connectors in Religion and Theology

This year the Board of Directors continued its focus on what it means to be a hub for scholarly communication and how we will get there — future directions, expanding our tangible expressions of identity, and connecting more deeply with all whom Atla serves. To that end, the Board worked with Atla staff and a national branding firm, Forum One, to choose a new brand for the association. The rebranding process asked us to examine how we understood the association in past years, process the current landscape, and imagine our future.

Librarians and information professionals continue to see great changes in higher education, our libraries, and in how information is curated and disseminated. The Board deeply appreciates the work of Atla members over the past decades. Throughout the process we tried to imagine how the results of our work would help our profession to flourish. We were very pleased when the process came to completion in late February with a new logo, new colors, a new website, and other bonuses like our current tagline, which notes that we are “collectors and connectors in religion and theology.”

Among other highlights of this past year was the October 2019 Strategic Alignment Meeting when Board members and association committee leaders gathered to discuss common goals and issues for Atla’s mission. Some of the themes from the meeting included a readiness for change and for the association to move forward, an uncertain job climate, the need for advocacy, how to impact scholarly communication economics, and whether “library” and “librarians” are still relevant terms.

The Moral Ownership Committee worked with a consultant to create a three-year plan for engaging with Atla’s moral ownership in different settings. This year we worked with a consultant to conduct focus groups at the annual conference. Future years will have options that allow for input from members who do not attend the conference. Over the course of each three-year cycle, the committee will connect with and listen to diverse groups of members.

The Board deeply appreciates the work of our Executive Director, Brenda Bailey-Hainer, the Atla staff, and our members, whose collective work and wisdom make Atla an exceptional association. We are proud of all that we represent and are committed to living into the future in global scholarly communication.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Bartholomew
Atla Board President
A Fruitful Year

The operational theme of 2019 was Infrastructure Improvement. The staff led ambitious efforts to implement new association management software, a new content management platform, a website redesign, and new conference management software. The most exciting project, however, was the one initiated by the Board — implementing the new Atla brand — which was rolled out in March 2019, simultaneously with the redesigned website.

Alongside the infrastructure work, Atla’s products were improved. We reached and surpassed the milestone of adding the 500th journal to our full-text collections. In addition, the diversity of languages and publication origin in the Atla Religion Database® continued to expand.

Open access publishing is an active part of Atla initiatives. Two new OA monographs for information professionals and religion faculty were published this year. Long-term Atla publications like Theology Cataloging Bulletin and the Summary of Proceedings were made openly available.

Atla continues to play a major role in providing professional development opportunities for members through efforts such as library impact grants, regional grants, and sponsoring members-only events like the ACRL Scholarly Communications Roadshow. Atla Annual returned to Canada for the first time in a decade, with a wide range of outstanding learning events, in Vancouver, British Columbia. Atla’s strength in global collaboration was exemplified by the work of the International Theological Librarianship Education Task Force, which held its first Institute in conjunction with the conference.

Forward movement for any organization requires adequate financial resources to support ongoing initiatives. Atla enjoys continued strong financial health. Earned revenue came in higher than budgeted and expenses under, allowing $100,000 to be added to operating reserve to keep it well within board-required parameters.

Ensuring Atla’s future success means investing in the Endowment Fund to support long term sustainability. Due to its strong financial position, Atla was able to contribute $50,000 to the Endowment Fund. This, combined with donations from members and a strong stock market, led to an end of year Fund value of $780,811, an increase of $100,000 over the previous year.

Even as the Atla Board, members, and staff celebrate the fruits of our 2019 labors, eyes are already focused on the horizon. This momentum leads into 2020 as Atla continues to advance the work of libraries and related information providers in a global environment.

Thank you to all those who have helped Atla to thrive throughout this past year.

Brenda Bailey-Hainer
Atla Executive Director
The mission of Atla is to foster the study of theology and religion by enhancing the development of theological and religious studies libraries and librarianship.

About Atla

Established in 1946 as the American Theological Library Association, Atla is a membership association of librarians and information professionals, and a producer of research tools, committed to advancing the study of religion and theology. Our membership includes more than 800 individuals and libraries at academic institutions from diverse religious traditions and backgrounds. As a community of collectors and connectors, Atla works to promote worldwide scholarly communication in religion and theology by advancing the work of libraries and related information providers.

We provide resources, professional development offerings, collaboration opportunities, and publications for our members. We create trusted research tools for the scholarly study of religion and theology, including the Atla Religion Database® (Atla RDB®), AtlaSerials® (Atlas®), and AtlaSerials PLUS® (Atlas PLUS®). Our association and our members play a critical role in the cycle of scholarly communication as curators, disseminators, and aggregators. Our librarians, libraries, and research tools provide access to and preserve scholarship in religion and theology.

Atla is governed by an elected board of directors, and for the past seven decades, we have built a rich history of excellence in library collections and services, community, collaboration, and innovation.
Atla exists so that:

1. Professionals engaged in librarianship and scholarly communication are advocating and collaborating in order to advance scholarship in theological and religious disciplines.
   a. Librarians and scholarly communication professionals are developing and strengthening connections that lead to innovative solutions for shared challenges.
   b. Librarians and scholarly communication professionals are developing increased capacities to work in diverse and changing environments.
2. Students, scholars, and information professionals have the tools they need for robust scholarly communication in the fields of theology and religion.
3. Students, scholars, and religious leaders skillfully use information resources to create knowledge, grow in wisdom, and share the results of their research.

CORE PURPOSES
To promote worldwide scholarly communication in religion and theology by advancing the work of libraries and related information providers.

CORE VALUES
- Excellence in library collections and services
- Widest possible access to relevant information and ideas
- Hospitality, inclusion, and diversity
- Collegiality and collaboration
- Creativity, innovation, and transformation

STRATEGIC GOALS
- Atla is recognized globally as a strategic collaborator.
- Atla has a solid reputation as a facilitator of open access publishing in the study of religion and theology.
- Atla membership is more diverse and inclusive.
- Atla has a shared understanding of what it means to be a hub.
Atla is recognized globally as a strategic collaborator. This year we made it our goal to meet, collaborate, present, and learn from our community.

**Australia**
1. ANZTLA Conference – Sydney, Australia

**Europe**
2. AKThB and VkwB (German Theo Library Associations) – Germany
3. European Theological Libraries (BETH) – Nuremberg, Germany
4. European Academy of Religion Annual Conference – Bologna, Italy
5. Frankfurt Book Fair – Frankfurt, Germany
6. IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) – Athens, Greece
7. SBL International Meeting – Rome, Italy
Canada
9 FORCE11 Conference – Montreal, Ontario, Canada
10 The International Coalition of Library Consortia (ICOLC) - Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
11 Library Publishing Forum – Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
12 Parliament of the World’s Religions – Toronto, Ontario, Canada

United States
13 AAR and SBL Annual Meetings – Denver, Colorado
14 Academy of Preachers – Atlanta, Georgia
15 ACRL – Cleveland, Ohio
16 ALA Annual Conference – Washington, D.C.
17 ALA Midwinter Conference – Seattle, Washington
18 ASAE Great Ideas – Colorado Springs, Colorado
19 Azusa Pacific University – Azusa, California
20 Biola University – La Mirada, California
21 Charleston Conference – Charleston, South Carolina
22 Claremont School of Theology – Claremont, California
23 CNI Fall Meeting – Washington, D.C.
24 CNI Spring Meeting – San Diego, California
25 Colloquium on Strengthening Christian Preaching – Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan
26 Columbia Theological Seminary – Decatur, Georgia
27 Duquesne University – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
28 DrupalCon – Seattle, Washington
29 Editorial Community Meeting – San Francisco, California
30 Fuller Theological Seminary – Pasadena, California
31 Biola University – La Mirada, California
32 George Fox University – Newberg, Oregon
33 Theological Book Network - Grand Rapids, Michigan
34 Graduate Theological Union – Berkeley, California
35 Grand Rapids, Michigan
36 Holy Wisdom Monastery – Middleton, Wisconsin
37 Loyola Marymount University – Los Angeles, California
38 The Master’s Seminary – Los Angeles, California
39 NFAIS Annual Conference – Alexandria, Virginia
40 NFAIS Open Access Symposium – Washington, D.C.
41 NFAIS Blockchain for Scholarly Publishing – Washington, D.C.
42 NASIG 2019 – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
43 OCLC Americas Regional Council Conference – Chicago, Illinois
44 Pacific Northwest Religious Studies and Theological Library Association Meeting – Saint Benedict, Oregon
45 Pittsburgh Theological Seminary – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
46 Public Knowledge Project (PKP) Sprint – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
47 Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
48 Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology – Franklin, Wisconsin
49 Samvera Connect – Salt Lake City, Utah
50 SCCLCapalooza – Los Angeles, California
51 Trinity International University – Deerfield, Illinois (CATLA spring meeting)
52 University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Wisconsin
53 Western Seminary – Portland, Oregon
54 Wesley Theological Seminary – Washington, D.C.
55 William Carey International University – Pasadena, California
Atla has a solid reputation as a facilitator of open access publishing in the study of religion & theology.

We published original scholarship from theological librarians, scholars, and others.

2 NEW OA MONOGRAPHS

Teaching Religion in a Changing Public University reviews the teaching of religious studies in public universities, with an exploration of the challenges and opportunities for the future.

By Sandie L. Gravett, Appalachian State University

First published in 2006 as a 60th Atla anniversary edition, A Broadening Conversation: Classic Readings in Theological Librarianship is some of the best contributions to the field. This volume was reprinted with a new introduction as an open access publication in 2019.

By editors Melody Layton McMahon and David R. Stewart; new introduction by Carisse Berryhill, Abilene Christian University.

3 ISSUES OF THEOLOGY CATALOGING BULLETIN

Teology Cataloging Bulletin

1 SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

After seventy-two years of publishing and printing Summary of Proceedings, this serial joined our open access publications on the Open Journal Systems (OJS). Atla members may still choose to receive a printed edition.

We hosted two journals.

THE ANZTLA EJOURNAL

Official serial publication of the Australian and New Zealand Theological Library Association.

THE WABASH CENTER JOURNAL ON TEACHING

The Wabash Center Journal on Teaching is an online, open-access, peer-reviewed, quarterly journal on teaching in the fields of religious and theological studies in higher education.
STRATEGIC GOALS IN ACTION

We increased open access titles in our Subscription Databases.

Atla Religion Database
79 – added 52

Atlas
10 – added 3

Atlas PLUS
25 – added 3

2 ISSUES OF THEOLOGICAL LIBRARIANSHIP

475 libraries list Theological Librarianship in their holdings*

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*Data collected from WorldCat

Libraries in the following countries list Theological Librarianship:

US, Canada, UK, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Australia, Austria, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Spain, Ireland, Netherlands, Taiwan, South Africa, Switzerland

Atla membership is more diverse and inclusive.

I welcome you to the traditional, ancestral, unceded lands of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓-speaking Musqueam people. ALEC DAN
STRATEGIC GOALS IN ACTION

Atla Annual in Vancouver, Canada, allows for a greater diversity of attendees and sessions

- 1,000 Women in Religion — a Wikipedia Edit-a-thon
- Building Inclusive Spaces: Vancouver Public Library’s Trans, Gender Variant, and Two-Spirit Inclusion Initiative
- Disruption and Depth: Pacific Northwest Religiousness, Faith Traditions, and the Quest for Wisdom in Our Time
- First Nations/Native Americans and Religion: Bibliographic Conversation and Recommendations
- Global Learning and the Myth of Borders: Examining Theological Education and Librarianship through World-Systems Theory
- Global Theological Librarianship
- Safe at Home: Co-curricular spaces for generative, (un)safe conversations
- Spiritual Care in a Multicultural and Interfaith Environment
- So Your School is Becoming More Religiou...}

THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INITIATIVE

We also believe that our database subscriptions should be more affordable in developing countries.

| 338 | subscriptions to Atla databases at institutions in developing countries |
| 38  | total developing countries served |

6 attendees outside of the US and Canada were awarded travel grants totaling $6,000

23 international attendees from 15 countries
Atla has a shared understanding of what it means to be a hub.

We supported a digital repository that contains metadata from Atla member libraries and archives and collections of other libraries and institutions.

These libraries joined the Atla Digital Library

- Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary
  Elkhart, Indiana
  1,015 items

- Trinity International University Rolfling Library
  Deerfield, Illinois
  2,063 items

- Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary Styberg Library
  Evanston, Illinois
  1,567 items

- Union Presbyterian Seminary Library
  Richmond, Virginia
  207 items

- Graduate Theological Union
  Berkley, California
  417 items

- University of Divinity
  Victoria, Australia
  125 items

- Duke University Libraries
  Durham, North Carolina
  157 items

- CLIR Grant (Philadelphia Congregations Early Records Project)
  Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
  227 items

50+
We connected people to jobs and helped institutions find the right employees by posting 50+ job openings

We produced trusted research tools for the study of religion and theology

1,033
Indexed titles in Atla Religion Database

351
Full-text journals in religion and theology in Atlas

500
Full-text journals in religion and theology in Atlas PLUS
The Work of the Association

Committees & Task Forces

Atla’s committees and task force work to achieve Atla’s Mission and Organizational Ends. They are appointed by the Executive Director and are an integral part of the Association. Here are some highlights of their work this year.

Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

In order to realize and live the core values of hospitality, inclusion, and diversity as outlined in the Atla Strategic Plan, the Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) is committed to advancing Atla’s culture that affirms the intrinsic value of all members regardless of racial, cultural, age, career stage/professional experience, sexual orientation, gender expression, expression of religious tradition, disabilities, or socioeconomic differences.

Committee Members

Evan E. Boyd  United Lutheran Seminary, Chair
Drew Baker  Claremont School of Theology
Ondrea Murphy  Delaware State University
Lee Staman  Center for Action and Contemplation
Alice Song  Fuller Theological Seminary
Donna Wells  Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
Christine Fruin  Staff Liaison
Committee Awards Diversity Scholarship to Tomoko Shida

A first-generation Japanese Canadian Anglican, Tomoko has seen firsthand the harm that can be done when discourse surrounding theological doctrine and praxis fails to grapple with the social, cultural, and political realities of Indigenous and diasporic communities, as well as those outside of the global West. Tomoko is currently pursuing a Master of Information degree at the University of Toronto’s iSchool.

“Diversity is an ideal that is well worth striving for, but one that will require not only an addition of people and ideas but also a great deal of humility and an often-painful shifting of traditional structures and power dynamics.”

TOMOKO

Thank you to the generous Atla Members who donated to the Atla Scholarships & Grants Fund (see page 39) to help make this generous scholarship possible.
Conference Committee

The Conference Committee is the strategic and long-range planning agent for the Association’s annual conferences. This committee also identifies and responds to needs for continuing education of Atla members at Atla Annual.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Erica Durham  John Bulow Campbell Library, Columbia Theological Seminary, Chair
Cindy Aalders  John Richard Allison Library, Regent College, 2019 Local Host Committee Representative
Robert Burgess  Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Gerone Lockhart  Gardner A. Sage Library, New Brunswick Theological Seminary
Robert Roethemeyer  Kroemer Library, Concordia Theological Seminary, 2018 Local Host Committee Representative
Christopher Spilker  Cardinal Szoka Library, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2020 Local Host Committee Representative
Paul Tippey  B. L. Fisher Library, Asbury Theological Seminary
Megan Welsh  Norlin Library, University of Colorado Boulder
Miranda Bennett  University of South Carolina Thomas Cooper Library, Editor in Chief of Atla Summary of Proceedings, ex-officio
Gillian Harrison Cain  Ex-officio
Denise McFarlin  Staff Liaison

ATLA ANNUAL 2019

200+ attendees
77 sessions
68 proposals submitted
116 speakers
[Front, left to right] Cindy Aalders, Gerone Lockhart, Miranda Bennett,
[Back, left to right] Megan Welsh, Erica Durham, Chris Spilker, Robert
Roethemeyer, Robert Burgess (not pictured: Paul Tippey)
Endowment Committee

The 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 MEMBERS

Sharon Taylor  Chair
Eric Benoy
Pat Graham
Craig Kubic
Dennis Swanson
Brenda Bailey-Hainer  Staff Liaison
Marie Jacobsen  Staff Liaison

[Front, left to right] Dennis Swanson, Craig Kubic, [Back, left to right] Eric Benoy, Sharon Taylor, Pat Graham
Professional Development Committee

The Professional Development Committee (PDC) fosters the development of librarians and related information professionals who serve theological and religious studies scholarship and study.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Martha Adkins  University of San Diego - Copley Library, Chair

Michael Bradford  Harvard Library, Secretary

Yasmine Abou-El-Kheir  Chicago Theological Seminary - Lapp Learning Commons

Justin Lillard  Harding University

Warren Watson  Payne Theological Seminary - Ransom Memorial Library

Karen Clarke  Pacific Rim Christian University - Library

Gillian Harrison Cain  Staff Liaison

The PDC sponsored four webinars, three of which focused on content from popular conference programs. The webinars included:

- Orientation for Atla SACO Catalogers
- “The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up”: The Art of Decluttering and Organizing Library Collections
- The Meaning of Innovation in Theological Libraries 2.0
- Zotero for Librarians

Fiscal Year 2019

33 individuals made
73 donations totaling $7309

Atla matched these gifts and contributed an additional $42,691 for a total contribution of $50,000.

Thanks to a strong market this year, as of August 31, 2019, the fund had a balance of $780,811, an increase of $100,314 over last year’s total.
International Theological Librarianship Education Task Force

The mission of the International Theological Librarianship Education Task Force (ITLETF) is to strengthen and connect theological and religious studies librarians worldwide by identifying resources, creating educational opportunities, and developing skill enhancement materials through collaborative efforts.

**TASK FORCE MEMBERS**

- **Sandy Ayer**  Ambrose Seminary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
- **Kelly Campbell**  Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia, U.S.
- **Yasmine Abou-El-Kheir**  Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.
- **Carisse Berryhill**  Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas, U.S.
- **Kerrie Burn**  Catholic Theological College, University of Divinity, Melbourne, Australia
- **Matina Ćurić**  Berlin, Germany
- **Seoyoung Kim**  World Mission University, Los Angeles, California, U.S.
- **Griselda Lartey**  Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia, U.S.
- **Ephraim Muldave**  Africa International University, Nairobi, Kenya
- **Cynthia Peleña**  Central Philippine University, Iloilo City, Philippines
- **Álvaro Pérez**  Universidad Bíblica Latinoamericana, San Jose, Costa Rica
- **Yesan Sellan**  South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies (SAIACS), Bangalore, India
- **Brenda Bailey-Hainer**  Staff Liaison
WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION

[Front, left to right] Cynthia Peleña, Seoyoung Kim, Yasmine Abou-El-Kheir, Griselda Lartey, Yesan Sellan. [Back, left to right] Ephraim Muldave, Matina Ćurić, Kerrie Burn, Kelly Campbell, Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Carisse Berryhill [Not pictured: Sandy Ayer, Álvaro Pérez]
Task Force Sponsors Inaugural Atla International Theological Librarian Leadership Institute

The Inaugural Atla International Theological Librarian Leadership Institute took place at Atla Annual in Vancouver, BC, Canada. The leadership team provided a week of seminars, conference attendance, and library tours sharing best practices in theological librarianship with three librarians from around the world who were seeking training in theological librarianship.

THE THREE AWARDED
Arnel Faller (Philippines)
Nalini Premadish (Fiji)
Roman Shvetz (Ukraine)

Carisse Mickey Berryhill (Abilene Christian University - Brown Library), Kelly Campbell (Columbia Theological Seminary - John Bulow Campbell Library), Arnel Faller (Philippines), Nalini Premadish (Fiji), and Roman Shvetz (Ukraine).
Committee Sponsors ACRL Roadshow

A major effort of the committee and Atla staff was sponsoring the ACRL Scholarly Communication Roadshow on Friday, February 22, 2019. The event served forty attendees and offered a number of generous travel scholarships for those outside of the greater Chicago area.

This day-long interactive workshop guided participants through scholarly communication fundamentals, including publishing, copyright and library outreach, as well as providing deep dives into text and data mining issues for humanities research and open access and open education topics that are most relevant to the institutions served by Atla member libraries.
Atla produces trusted research tools for the study of religion and theology.

A look back on the year, including milestones and advances in our offerings.

Growth in Atla’s Global Full-text Catholic Content

One area of recent focus for Atla has been scholarship about the study of global Catholicism, a particular growth area supported by the integration of the Atla Catholic Periodical and Literature Index® (Atla CPL®) into the Atla Religion Database.

Atlas and Atlas PLUS now includes fifty-six full-text titles supporting Catholic scholarship in multiple languages.

50+ Years of “Methodist History” Now Available!

Atla is excited to announce the journal Methodist History has been added to Atlas PLUS. A long-running chronicle of the Methodist Church, this peer-reviewed journal has been produced quarterly since 1962 and is considered the authoritative source on subjects relating to the Wesleyan and Methodist heritage and history.

Atla is thrilled to have the complete fifty-six year run of Methodist History available online for scholarly research and looks forward to continuing full-text coverage of all future issues. This is an important publication, not only for the institutional history it has chronicled, but the times and changes inherent in such long-running coverage.

We are glad to make this chronicle of the Methodist tradition digitally accessible to our subscribers around the world.
Atla Celebrates Addition of 500th Full-Text Journal

At Atla Annual, we proudly shared the news that more than 500 full-text titles have been licensed for inclusion in Atlas PLUS.

Atlas PLUS, launched in late 2017, offers full-text journals in many diverse areas of religion and theology, with full-text content in more than 20 languages from 35 different countries. Atlas PLUS includes all the titles in Atla’s original full-text product, Atlas, as well as 150 additional full-text titles.

Launched in 2001, Atlas began with a core group of 50 journals curated by staff and a diverse group of accomplished and respected religion scholars. This collection grew steadily, and Atla celebrated the 250th title milestone at Atla Annual 2013 in Charlotte. With the launch of Atlas PLUS, combined with efforts to continue to add titles to Atlas over the past six years, Atla has doubled the number of total journals from 250 titles to 500 titles.
Our research tools are made available to students, scholars, researchers, faculty, and religious leaders by thousands of libraries in more than 65 countries.*

*We periodically take steps to clean and update our serial records. This may effect accurate reporting from year to year.
Atla Religion Database

Atla Religion Database is the premier index of articles, reviews, and essays in all fields of religion and theology, and offers significant breadth and depth of subject areas and languages covered.

Global reach of coverage in our index expanded to 59 countries

- Argentina
- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Canada
- Chile
- China
- Colombia
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Ghana
- Guatemala
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- Russia
- Serbia
- Singapore
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- South Africa
- South Korea
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom
- United Republic of Tanzania
- United States
- Vatican City
RESEARCH TOOLS

FY19 Newly Appearing Titles in Atla Religion Database

Afkār
Al-Qalam
Archivo teológico granadino.
Arys: Antigüedad, religiones y sociedades
AXIS: Journal of Lasallian Higher Education
Azusa: Revista de Estudios Pentecostais
Berkeley Journal of Religion and Theology
Bilimname: Düşünce Platformu
Bogoslovskaya Smotra
Brill Research Perspectives in Biblical Interpretation
BTSDK Insight
Bulletin (Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture)
Bulletin of Ecumenical Theology
Cahiers d’Études du Religieux
Caminhas
Conspектив
Crístianesimo Nella Storia
Croatica Christiana Periodica
Dinî Araştırmalar
Edinost in Dialog
Estudios Marianos
Forum Exegese und Hochschuldidaktik: Verstehen von Anfang an
Gema Teologika
Gnosis
Ijtima‘yya: Journal of Muslim Society Research
Insights Journal for Global Theological Education
International Journal of Jaina Studies
Interreligious Studies and Intercultural Theology
Journal for the Study of Christian Culture
Journal of Analytic Divinity
Journal of Cognitive Historiography
Journal of Disability & Religion
Journal of Ihlahiyat Researches
Journal of Indian and Buddhist Studies
Journal of International Buddhist Studies
Journal of Islamic Thought and Civilization
Journal of Septuagint and Cognate Studies
Journal of Sikh & Punjabi Studies
Journal of Welsh Ecclesiastical History
Kościół i Prawo
Manuscripta
Marriage, Families & Spirituality
Mental Health, Religion & Culture
Müttefekkir
Native American and Indigenous Studies
Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin
Obnovljeni Život
Ondokuz Mayıs Üniversitesi İlahiyat Fakültesi Dergisi
Prajñā Vihāra: Journal of Philosophy and Religion
Quest: Studies on Religion & Culture in Asia
Rahat-ul-Quloob
Reflexus
Reformed Faith & Practice
Religiovedenie
Rivista di Teologia dell’Evangelizzazione
Rivista Teresianum
Scottish Church History
Scrinium
Slovène: International Journal of Slavic Studies
Spirituality Studies
Stellenbosch Theological Journal
Studia Patavina
Studia z Prawa Wyznaniowego
The Journal of Interreligious Studies
The Saint Anselm Journal
Theological Reflections
Turkish Journal of Religious Education Studies
Valley View University Journal of Theology
Verbum Vitae
Vincentian Heritage
Zeitschrift für Altorientalische und Biblische Rechtsgeschichte
Zeitschrift für Neues Testament
Наукові записки Українського католицького університету
캐논앤컬처 [Canon & Culture]
복음과 실천신학 [Journal of Evangelical Practical Theology]
長神論壇 [Korea Presbyterian Journal of Theology]
Atlas and Atlas PLUS are online full-text collections of major religion and theology journals used by libraries, librarians, scholars, students, and religious leaders.

**FY19 Newly Appearing Titles in Atlas & Atlas PLUS**

- Anglican and Episcopal History
- Antonianum
- Archivo Teológico Granadino
- Australian Biblical Review
- British Catholic History
- BTSK Insight
- Canon & Culture
- Chinese Theological Review
- Concordia Theological Journal
- Die Welt des Orients
- Encounter
- Etudes arabes
- European Journal for Philosophy of Religion
- Indonesian Journal of Islam and Muslim Societies
- Insights
- Journal of Biblical Theology
- Journal of Inklings Studies
- Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies
- Journal of the International Qur’anic Studies Association
- Methodist History
- New Testament Studies
- Politics and Religion
- Puritan Reformed Journal
- Quarterly Review
- Religious Studies
- Revista Bíblica
- Revue des Études Juives
- Scottish Journal of Theology
- Teresianum
- The Journal of Bahá’í Studies
- The Journal of Ecclesiastical History
- The Journal of Markets & Morality
- The Way
- Verbum Vitae

**Full-Text Products Now Include Journals Covering 21 Languages**

- Afrikaans
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Czech
- Danish
- Dutch
- English
- French
- Greek
- Hebrew
- Italian
- Korean
- Latvian
- Norwegian
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Spanish
- Swedish
- Tagalog
- Turkish
We foster premier programs and initiatives for members to learn and collaborate on librarianship and scholarship in religion and theology.

The Atla Serials Exchange (ASE) allows Atla’s Institutional Members and Affiliate Candidate Libraries to freely exchange duplicate serials by listing materials offered in a shared database where others can view and claim materials.

172 Institutional Members and Affiliate Candidate Libraries participated in ASE.

Consortial Purchasing Program

We offer discounted purchasing of several products and services.

- Atla/EBSCO – 93 subscribers
- Atla/OCLC – 34 subscribers
- OCLC WMS Group – 34 libraries
- OCLC SCS – 14 libraries
- Atla/SCELC – 49 institutions with products from 18 vendors

Conference Travel Grants

We provide funds that supports attendance at Atla Annual.

- How many grants and totaling how much?
  - 29 attendees received Conference Travel Grants totaling $19,000
Funnel Projects

The Funnel Projects, including NACO (Name Authority Cooperative Program), SACO (Subject Authority Cooperative Program), and CONSER (Cooperative Online Serials Program), are component parts of the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC). The Funnel Projects are sponsored by the Professional Development Committee.

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<th>NACO</th>
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The program creates an arrangement between participating North American Atla Institutional Members and Affiliate Candidate Libraries to grant check-out privileges to each other’s patrons/students.

109 libraries took part in the program.
Atla Library Impact Grant

Grants are available annually to institutional members for up to $1,000, for the purposes of raising awareness of the importance of theological libraries and serving the communities that Atla represents.

Atla offered two libraries the Atla Library Impact Grant.

- Bloomfield College Library of Bloomfield, New Jersey, created a makerspace for their students! As a recipient, they used the resources provided to further develop the makerspace concept at their institution.
- The David Allan Hubbard Library at Fuller Theological Seminary created an Escape Room within the library for its patrons.

Member Product Loyalty Program

This program recognizes and awards our current Institutional Members and Affiliate Candidate Libraries who demonstrate their loyalty to Atla by subscribing to our subscription products.

- 85 attendees received $14,475.00 discounted funds from conference registration
Consultation Grants

We provide funds for library consultations designed to help theological libraries and their administrations to assess library operations and facilitate planning.

Four grants totaling $3,200 were provided to the following libraries:

- **Chicago Theological Seminary**
  - In support of developing plan for special books collection
- **Catholic Theological Union**
  - In support of evaluating rare books collection
- **Catholic Theological Union**
  - In support of evaluating archives and documentation
- **JKM Library**
  - In support of evaluating archives and finding aids

Webinars

We host webinars to foster the exchange of ideas within the theological librarianship profession and share information about important resources.

Atla’s On Demand Learning is a collection of free professional development webinars.

10 webinars

400+ registered attendees

1,386 total views

Regional Grants

The Professional Development Committee provides regional grants to support locally developed and hosted continuing education programs.

Pacific Northwest Religious Studies and Theological Library Association received a grant in support of their spring meeting.

Twenty-six individuals representing thirteen different institutions traveled to the Mt. Angel Abbey Library in St. Benedict, Oregon, for a gathering held on May 13, 2019.
Board of Directors

Atla is governed by an elected board of directors, and for the past seven decades, we have built a rich history of excellence in library collections and services, community, collaboration, and innovation.

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[Front, left to right] Michelle Spomer, Jennifer Ulrich, Suzanne Estelle-Holmer, Matthew Thiesen, Ellen Frost, Shaneey Yvette Murrain, (back, L to R) Jennifer Bartholomew, Stephen Sweeney, Christina Torbert, Matthew Ostercamp, Armin Siedlecki, Brad Ost
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Maria Stanton

[Front, left to right] Gillian Harrison Cain, Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Margot Lyon; (Back, left to right) Jim Butler, Marie Jacobsen, Maria Stanton
Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors
American Theological Library Association

Report on the Financial Statements
We have audited the accompanying financial statements of American Theological Library Association which comprise the statements of financial position as of August 31, 2019 and 2018, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion
In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of American Theological Library Association as of August 31, 2019 and 2018, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
Emphasis of a Matter
American Theological Library Association adopted Accounting Standards Update 2016-14, Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities, during the year ended August 31, 2019. The adoption of this standard resulted in additional footnote disclosures and significant changes to classification of net assets and the disclosures related to net assets. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

BHM US LLP

Chicago, Illinois
January 23, 2020
American Theological Library Association

Statements of Financial Position
August 31, 2019 and 2018

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<td>Accounts receivable</td>
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<td>Prepaid expenses and deposits</td>
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<td>Investments</td>
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<td>Property and equipment, net</td>
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<td>932,013</td>
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<td>Intangible assets, net</td>
<td>7,007,423</td>
<td>6,914,476</td>
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<td><strong>Total Assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>$18,640,588</strong></td>
<td><strong>$18,191,797</strong></td>
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<td>Accounts payable and accrued expenses</td>
<td>$778,676</td>
<td>$799,218</td>
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<td>Deferred revenue</td>
<td>5,153,043</td>
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<td><strong>Total Liabilities</strong></td>
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<td>9,999,001</td>
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<td>With donor restrictions</td>
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<td>472,333</td>
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<td><strong>Total Net Assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>$16,580,586</strong></td>
<td><strong>$16,471,334</strong></td>
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**See notes to financial statements:**
American Theological Library Association

Statements of Activities
Years Ended August 31, 2019 and 2018

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<td><strong>Revenue:</strong></td>
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<td>Association’s subscription databases</td>
<td>$6,829,760</td>
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<td>$6,414,630</td>
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<td>Partner subscription databases</td>
<td>343,574</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>343,574</td>
<td>352,758</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>21,236</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>21,236</td>
<td>144,265</td>
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<td>Membership (conference and dues)</td>
<td>238,388</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>238,388</td>
<td>248,737</td>
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<td>Contributions and grants</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>10,000</td>
<td>10,000</td>
<td>20,000</td>
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<td>Net investment return</td>
<td>138,769</td>
<td>4,477</td>
<td>143,246</td>
<td>117,556</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>53,463</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>53,463</td>
<td>30,809</td>
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<td>Net assets released from restrictions</td>
<td>20,613</td>
<td>(20,613)</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>27,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total revenue</strong></td>
<td>7,477,819</td>
<td>(49)</td>
<td>7,477,770</td>
<td>7,390,843</td>
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| **Expenses:**        |                                 |                              |                                 |                              |
| Salary and benefits   | 2,461,836 | - | 2,461,836 | 2,548,309 | - | 2,548,309 |
| Royalties to publishers and partners | 932,150 | - | 932,150 | 967,011 | - | 967,011 |
| Information and telecommunication | 271,114 | - | 271,114 | 219,043 | - | 219,043 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 1,681,838 | - | 1,681,838 | 1,480,604 | - | 1,480,604 |
| Travel                | 379,008  | -   | 379,008 | 270,004 | - | 270,004 |
| Occupancy             | 651,080  | -   | 651,080 | 508,575 | - | 508,575 |
| Office expenses       | 85,198   | -   | 85,198 | 123,075 | - | 123,075 |
| Professional services | 562,508  | -   | 562,508 | 605,506 | - | 605,506 |
| Educational services  | 5,485    | -   | 5,485 | 14,097 | - | 14,097 |
| Conference             | 46,275   | -   | 46,275 | 58,083 | - | 58,083 |
| Audiovisual            | 39,867   | -   | 39,867 | 28,324 | - | 28,324 |
| Awards                 | 46,797   | -   | 46,797 | 53,132 | - | 53,132 |
| Other                  | 5,321    | -   | 5,321 | 11,075 | - | 11,075 |
| **Total expenses:**   | 7,369,457 | (49) | 7,369,467 | 7,241,570 | - | 7,241,570 |

| Increase (decrease) in net assets | 108,362 | (49) | 108,313 | 111,173 | 100,587 | 219,760 |

| Net assets:           |                                 |                              |                                 |                              |
| Beginning of year     | 9,398,001 | 472,353 | 10,871,324 | 9,873,826 | 371,746 | 10,251,574 |
| End of year           | 10,107,365 | 472,353 | 10,579,867 | 9,999,001 | 472,323 | 10,471,324 |

See notes to financial statements.
Donations

Thank you for supporting Atla with your generous donations this year!

Endowment Fund

The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to provide long term sustainability for the Association.

- Marti Alt
- Brenda Bailey-Hainer
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- Miranda Bennett
- Eric Benay
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- M. Patrick Graham
- Shirley Gunn
- William Hair
- Roberta Hamburger
- Paula Hamm
- Wm. T. & Kathyn Henderson
- Suzanne Estelle-Holmer
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- Roger Loyd
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- Dennis Swanson
- Stephen Sweeney
- Sharon Taylor
- Mary Ann Teske
- Jay Tomlinson
- Christina Torbert
- Jennifer Ulrich
- Kristine Veldheer
- Donna Wells
- Jennifer Woodruff Tait
- Patricia Yang

Scholarships & Grants Annual Fund

The purpose of the Scholarships & Grants Annual Fund is to provide regular support for continuing education and diversification of the theological librarianship profession.

- Anthony Amodeo
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- Julia Foster
- Ellen Frost
- Carrie Hackney
- William Hair
- Tammy Johnson
- Amy Limpitlaw
- Gerone Lockhart
- Roger Loyd
- Matthew Ostercamp
- Russell Pollard
- Armin Siedlecki
- Michelle Spomer
- Stephen Sweeney
- Christina Torbert
- Jennifer Ulrich
- Donna Wells
- Megan Welsh
- Brian Wright
- Patricia Yang
- Coe College - Stewart Memorial Library