

# atla Annual Report



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Collectors & Connectors  
in Religion & Theology

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Together, we will continue to advance the knowledge within our field, foster community growth, and encourage collaboration for the betterment of our membership.

As we reflect on the 2023-2024 fiscal year, I note our journey has been marked by both challenges and opportunities. The Atla Board of Directors navigated these changes with determination and resilience, driven by a commitment to serving our members and advancing our organizational mission.

Shifting landscapes, including onboarding a new Executive Director were among some of the unique situations presented to the Board. With each challenge, we found opportunities for growth and innovation, especially with the leadership and creativity of our new Executive Director. We recognized the imperative of realigning ourselves with our members, ensuring that their voices are not only heard but also integrated into our strategic decisions. In response, we embarked on a journey to redefine our Organizational Ends (OE's), shaping a roadmap that reflects our collective aspirations and values.

The process of refining our OE's was not merely an exercise in semantics, but a profound recommitment to our mission and core values. The work included in-depth and intense activities during which the Board reflected on the comments of our members and recognized their concerns, needs, and goals. Working together, we emerged with a renewed sense of purpose and clarity, strengthening our dedication to meeting the diverse needs of our community.

Central to our strategic realignment was the onboarding of our new Executive Director, John Kutsko. We welcomed a seasoned leader, whose vision, experience, and passion align closely with our organizational ethos. The onboarding plan crafted and implemented by the Board set the stage for the Executive Director's first year in office, creating groundwork for seamless integration and impactful leadership.

The arrival of John heralded a new chapter in our organizational journey. Under his guidance, we embarked on a path of revitalization and renewal, introducing new perspectives and innovative strategies to propel Atla forward. His leadership has been instrumental in fostering a culture of collaboration, transparency, and excellence within our organization, empowering every member to contribute meaningfully to our shared mission. I hope that many of you have had the time to meet John and engage with him, as he is very passionate about our community and furthering its interests.

Looking ahead, there are still many challenges that lie ahead, as well as many opportunities. As we navigate this dynamic landscape, we remain steadfast in our commitment to our members, our mission, and our collective vision for the future. Together, we will continue to advance the knowledge within our field, foster community growth, and encourage collaboration for the betterment of our membership.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you, our esteemed members, Atla staff, and volunteers for your unwavering support, dedication, and partnership. It is through your passion and dedication that Atla thrives, and it is with your continued involvement that we will chart a course to even greater heights in the years to come.

Thank you for your trust, your belief, and your unwavering commitment to our shared vision.

Most sincerely,  
Jérémie LeBlanc  
Atla Board President

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The Atla Annual Report reminds me of Simon Sinek's Golden Circle—three concentric circles of What, How, and Why. Why is in the middle. The center. An organization's purpose.



In the pages that follow you will read about the how, or more precisely, the who: the members, the volunteers, the committees, the editorial boards, the Board of Directors, and the staff. Membership engagement makes that happen. In other words, you make that happen. The staff serve with and for you. And this year, the who includes colleagues from the Catholic Research Resources Alliance (CRRA). Welcome!

You will also read about the what: the programs, products, and services. My first year as Executive Director of Atla has amazed me with what Atla does. At the Atla Annual in June, I was asked what surprised me most about the first six months. I said that many organizations provide a major service or event during the year. Atla literally has something 24/7, 365 days a year: resources for professional development, continuing education programs, self-paced online courses, interest groups, grants and scholarships, books and journals, programs and services for your library (from serials exchange, to reciprocal borrowing, to an institutional repository). And this year, Atla's resources include CRRA programs integrated into Atla: the Catholic News Archive and the Catholic Portal.

Finally, you will read about the why. It is the why that matters most: mission. Imagine a world where every individual, every team, and every organization would operate from a place of clarity about their why. The Atla Board regularly asks this question on behalf of Atla's members. This year culminated with the board's revision of Atla's organizational ends: Atla exists so that libraries, librarians, and information providers in theology and religion connect and grow professionally in an equitable, supportive, diverse, and global community at a cost that demonstrates good stewardship of resources. We do this through opportunities for professional development, institutional resources and tools, the advancement of theology and religion libraries, and the production of resources that support the research and teaching of religion and theology.

The good stewardship of your resources is a fundamental part of our mission. Budgets set priorities for an organization, and faithfulness to a budget demonstrates commitment in fulfilling those priorities. This year (FY2023) total Current Assets amounted to \$11,489,739, an increase of \$560,267 over the previous year. Cash & Cash Equivalents decreased by \$3,022,678 over last year. Total Assets reached \$19,342,863, an increase of \$1,077,501. Atla finished FY2023 with product revenue 6.8% higher than budgeted and product expenses 22.0% under budget. In total, revenues achieved 85.7% of budget after factoring in all revenues and the unrealized gains on investments, and total expenses also came in at 78.8% of budget through August 31. The Statement of Activity yields an overall surplus of \$663,697 for the fiscal year.

While not all this increase is a cash surplus (for example, total assets include a valuation of Atla's databases), we will continue to strive to grow the reserves and the endowment in order to set a sustainable and thriving course for the future.

Sincerely,  
John F. Kutsko  
Atla Executive Director



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## 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.



## We exist so that:

Librarians and information providers in theology and religion are connected in a sustainable and diverse global community at a cost that demonstrates good stewardship of resources.

This is further defined to include but not limited to the following:

1. Users have access to quality academic and professional resources.
  - 1.1 Open access resources and special collections are available and discoverable by librarians and information professionals.
2. Institutional leaders have an awareness of the trends impacting the religion and theology library ecosystem.
3. Librarians and information providers are growing in their competencies and skills.
  - 3.1 Librarians and information providers demonstrate competencies in diversity, inclusion, equity, and antiracism.
  - 3.2 Information professionals are able to successfully navigate the changing landscape.
  - 3.3 Librarians and information providers have access to professional development in technical and digital skills.
  - 3.4 Information professionals have opportunities to innovate.

# Committees & Task Forces

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Atla's Committees and Task Forces 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, & Inclusion

In order to realize and live the core values of hospitality, inclusion, and diversity and to fulfill the Atla Mission and Organizational Ends, 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

*David Kriegh, Chair*

*Elli Cucksey*

*Kenneth Litwak*

*Daniel Smith*

*Jennifer Ulrich*

*Alexis Weiss, Staff Liaison*



# Committee Publishes DEI Series on the Atla Blog

The committee published articles to the Atla Blog highlighting different diversity, equity, and inclusion themes and how members can bolster their collection and meet the needs of various constituencies in their institutions.



**I Was Wrong: A Personal Reflection**  
by Elli Cucksey



**Juneteenth**  
by David Kriegh



## Committee Awards Diversity Scholarship

TWO DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS WERE AWARDED IN FY2023:

Adam Howard, Library Assistant, Hamma Library,  
Columbus Ohio - 09/23

Shirley Delorme Russell, Indigenous Librarian Intern,  
University of Manitoba Libraries - 01/24



Thank you to the generous Atla members who donated to the Atla Scholarships & Grants Fund (see page 39), helping make this generous scholarship possible.



# Conference Committee

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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**

Vance Thomas, *Chair*

Jessica Boyer

Michael Bradford

Jude Morrissey

Oliver Schulz

James Estes, *Editor in Chief, Atla Summary of Proceedings*

Gillian Harrison Cain, *Ex-officio*

Denise McFarlin, *Staff Liaison - Logistics*

Jamie Lin, *Staff Liaison - Content*



**ATLA  
ANNUAL  
2023**

**124**

in-person attendees

**111**

virtual attendees

**36**

sessions

**2**

plenary sessions

**4**

post conference workshops

This year, the Atla Annual Conference made its way to Fort Worth, Texas, where we were joined by over 100 in-person attendees, along with many others participating virtually in the hybrid event. Here, attendees had access to sessions, meetings, receptions, and two plenary speakers who addressed issues facing libraries and the religion and theology space at large.

Opening plenary speaker and ALA President Emily Drabinski provided a thorough analysis of the many ways in which the role of librarians has been politicized in recent years, giving real-world examples of how libraries have faced book-banning, budget cuts, and even threats to the physical safety of library workers thanks to the efforts of certain actors within the political sphere. These efforts have made the job of the librarian more difficult than ever. Drabinski provided ideas for how professional associations can combat these efforts by defining the change that needs to be made and creating the organizational structure to build a coalition of resistance against them. The closing plenary speaker, Dr. Walter Earl Fluker, discussed the Eurocentrism that has guided Christian thought since the time of Constantine, in which the European hegemony has historically decided the path of the Church. He called for a “reimagined Pentecost” that democratizes the Church by



allowing voices in from other parts of the world and not just those who have historically dominated. Both plenary addresses reflected our community’s commitment to both empowering librarians and amplifying the voices of diverse and underrepresented communities.

In addition to these addresses, attendees accessed presentations of papers, panel discussions, and in-depth conversations, along with in-person worship services and an outing to a baseball game, where they were treated to seeing MVP Shohei Ohtani pitch and hit a home run for the LA Angels against the eventual World Series Champion Texas Rangers. The result was a conference that provided thought-provoking exchanges of ideas and revitalizing interpersonal connections with our friends and colleagues in the world of theological librarianship.

**ATLA ANNUAL 2023 SPONSORS**

Thank you to our sponsors for making this conference possible!





# 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

*Pat Graham, Chair*

*Eric Benoy*

*Craig Kubic*

*Sharon Taylor*



**21**  
donations totaling  
**\$1,231.25**

### **Endowment Fund Total**

The Endowment Fund received  
40 donations totaling

**\$37,539**

As of August 31, 2023,  
the fund had a balance of

**\$1,190,713**

# Remembering Kathryn Luther Henderson and William T. Henderson



**Kathie and Bill Henderson were long-time members of the American Theological Library Association.**

In July, Atla was informed that the estate of Kathryn (Kathie) Luther Henderson and William (Bill) T. Henderson bequeathed a \$125,000 partial distribution to Atla. Kathie passed away on August 18, 2022 and was predeceased by her husband Bill. Both finished their careers as faculty in the School of Information Sciences at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

They were long-time members of Atla and supported Atla with annual gifts. This last gift is just the final testimony to how important Atla was in their lives.

They were devoted to several causes in librarianship. In 2001, the Alpha Chapter of Beta Phi Mu established the Kathryn Luther and William T. Henderson Award in recognition of the high esteem in which they were held and to inspire future generations with their example (Kathie was a founding member and the first national secretary of Beta Phi Mu). They were also committed to the iSchool at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign,

where Kathie received her AB in History and English and a BS and MS in Library Science. In 2019, the Mildred M. Luther and Kathryn Luther Henderson Professorship in Preservation and Technical Services was established by her sister Mildred Luther.

At the start of Kathie's career in library science, she served as a serials cataloger from 1950 to 1953 at the University of Illinois Library. She then moved to Chicago, where she was a circulation librarian (1953-1956) and head cataloger (1956-1965) at the McCormick Theological Seminary. In 1956, she and Bill returned to Urbana.

Despite that relatively short period of their lives in theological librarianship, Atla became their home and a place for community — both personal and professional. They were lifelong members of Atla, joining in 1958 and continuing their membership through 2020. During their early years as members, Kathie served as Consultant on the ALA Catalog Code Revision Committee and on

the Cataloging and Classification Standing Committee. They both regularly attended the Atla Annual Conference, their first being the 1958 conference held at Boston University School of Theology, and continued to attend long past their retirements. You might say that while they moved on from a professional context in theological libraries, they never moved out.

That is the role Atla has played in many lives and careers. Atla is not just a professional association. It is an organization where relationships are established with opportunities to serve the organization and each other.

**Words by:** M. Patrick Graham  
**Image Credit:** University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign School of Information Services

To read more about Kathie's life and legacy, please visit <https://ischool.illinois.edu/news-events/news/2022/08/kathryn-luther-henderson-passes-away>



## Professional Development Committee

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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

*Becky Givens, Chair*

*Andy Loftus*

*Kellie Barbato*

*Megan Welsh*

*Robert Burgess*

*Jamie Lin, Staff Liaison*

*Timothy Lincoln*



## Scholarly Communication & Digital Initiatives Committee

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The Scholarly Communication & Digital Initiatives Committee (SCADIC) advances collaboration and good practice in scholarly communication and supports the development and furtherance of Atla member capacity in digital initiatives in theology and religious studies.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Matt Davis, Chair*

*Ann McShane*

*Melissa Chim*

*Greg Murray*

*Erica Pye*

*Christine Fruin, Staff Liaison*

*Brad Ost*

*Christy Karpinski, Staff Liaison*

## Consultation Grant

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A Consultation Grant was awarded to St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary - Oscar C. Schorp Library to assist in the development of a philosophy collection to support their new Master of Arts program.

## Library Impact Grant

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A Library Impact Grant was awarded to Saint Peter's University for a lecture, workshop, and consultation entitled [Islamic Calligraphy: The Spirituality of a Sacred Scribal Art](#)



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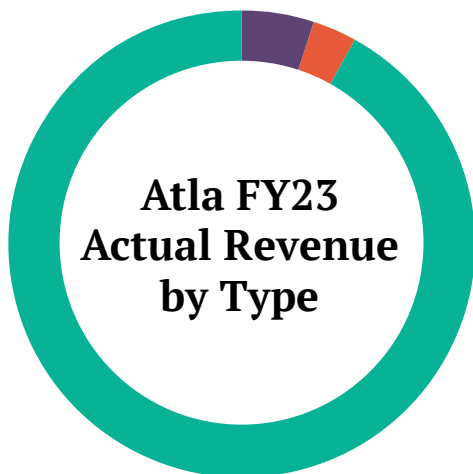
## Digitization Grant Program

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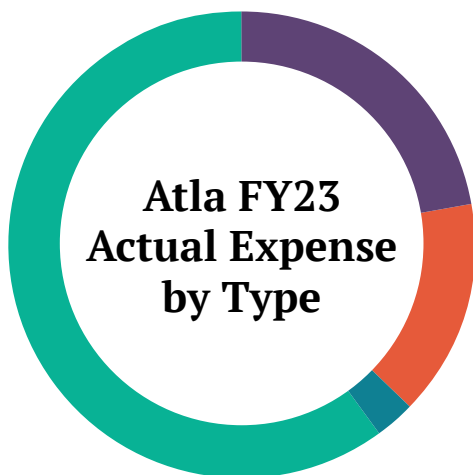
In the second year of Atla's Digitization Grant Program, the Committee awarded four institutions digitization grants to support Atla's member institutions in their efforts to digitize and describe their special collections and archives for wider access and use. The collections that are covered under these four grants explore resources from around the globe:

- **Capturing Inuit Cultural Heritage Through Anthropological and Missionary Recordings in the Canadian North** (Saint Paul University)
- **Liturgical Literature of the Lviv Dormition Brotherhood - Editions of the 17th-18th Centuries** (Ukrainian Catholic University)

We provide programs and resources for members to learn and collaborate on librarianship and scholarship in religion and theology.



- Products
- Member Programs
- Administration
- Governance



**22** institutions have submitted **209** abstracts to RIM

**15,430** lifetime total abstracts in RIM



**155 Member Libraries** participated



Interest Groups, Committees, Denominational Groups, and Atla staff produce subject resource guides for librarians, staff, and students at religious and theological libraries and archives.

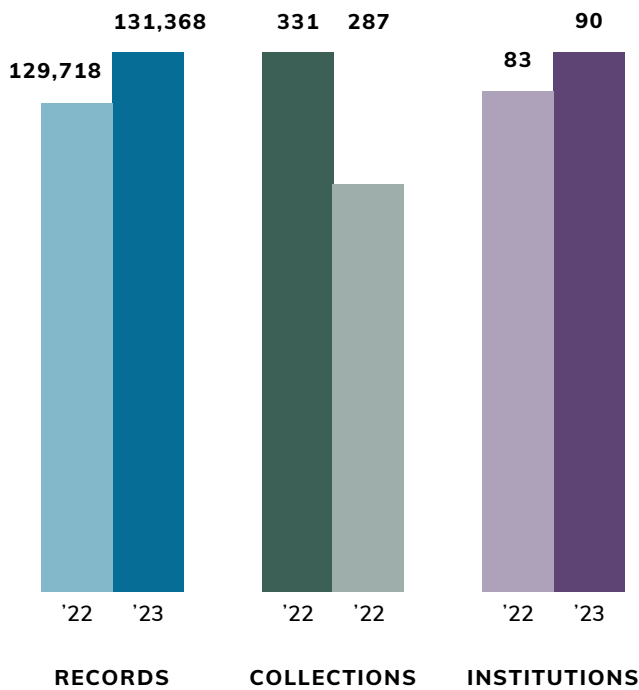
**15** guides with **168,820** views in FY23

**200,643** lifetime views





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



### MEET THE NEWEST CONTRIBUTORS

Seminario Evangélico de Puerto Rico

Columbia Theological Seminary  
John Bulow Campbell Library

World Council of Churches

## Atla Digital Library Exhibitions

The Atla Digital Library, utilizing Omeka, now hosts online exhibitions featuring works found in the Atla Digital Library. Atla Digital Library Exhibitions offer anyone with interest to further discover, engage, explore and promote the collections in the Digital Library by bringing together and highlighting resources from across institutions by incorporating individual works from multiple contributors to the Digital Library into a cohesive and centrally themed exhibit.



[VIEW EXHIBITIONS](#)

# Consortial Purchasing Program

We offer discounted purchasing of several products and services.

**atla**  
EBSCO

ATLA/EBSCO

**100**  
libraries

 OCLC®

OCLC WMS GROUP

**47**  
libraries

**atla**  
 OCLC®

ATLA/OCLC

**31**  
libraries

 OCLC®

OCLC SCS

**12**  
libraries

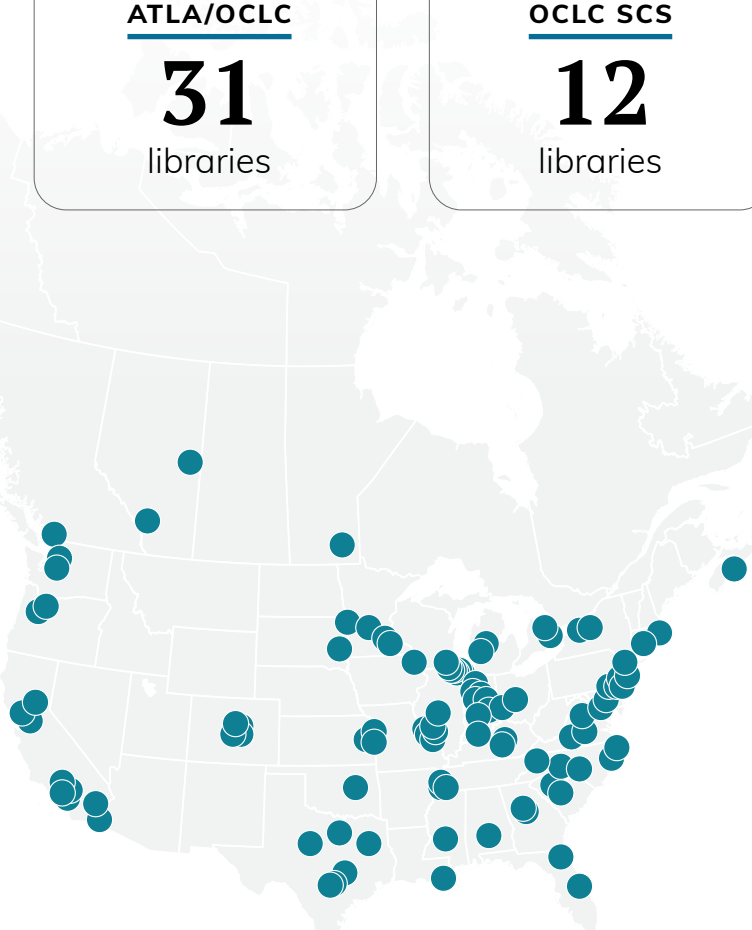
## Grants

### Conference Travel Grant

13 individuals received Conference Travel Grant funds to support their attendance at Atla Annual.

### Member Product Loyalty Program

68 individuals from 36 institutions took advantage of Member Loyalty Grants to subsidize or reduce their registration fees.



## atla

Reciprocal  
Borrowing Program

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.

**145** libraries took part in the program.



We publish and host original scholarship from theological and religious studies librarians, scholars, and others.

## Our Top 3 Downloads

### Qualitative Research: A Field Manual for Ministry Students

ed. Timothy D. Lincoln



**1262**

Downloads in FY23

### Collection Development in Theological Libraries

(volume 3 of The Theological Librarian's Handbook series)

ed. Carisse Berryhill



**1157**

Downloads in FY23

### Bivocational and Beyond: Educating for Thriving Multivocational Ministry

ed. Darryl W. Stephens



**1518**

Downloads in FY23

**9,375**

FY23 downloads of back catalog content

## Editorial Boards

The editors and members behind our publications.

**ATLA OPEN PRESS ADVISORY COUNCIL** / Elkie Burnside / Douglas Gragg / Derek Rieckens / Myka Kennedy Stephens / Garrett Trott / Christine Fruin, Staff Liaison **BOOKS@ATLA OPEN PRESS** / Myka Kennedy Stephens / Kelly Campbell / Evan Kuehn **THEOLOGICAL LIBRARIANSHIP** / Garrett Trott / Richard Manly Adams, Jr. / Jesse Mann / Kaeley McMahan / Denise Nelson / Romulus Stefanut **THEOLOGY CATALOGING BULLETIN** / Christa Strickler / Anna Appleman / Brinna Michael

# Atla Open Press Serials

**2 ISSUES OF  
THEOLOGICAL  
LIBRARIANSHIP**

**2,907**  
article downloads  
for two latest issues

**28,016**  
article downloads  
for all issues

[April 2023](#)



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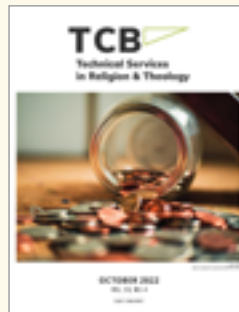


**4 ISSUES OF  
TCB: TECHNICAL SERVICES  
IN RELIGION & THEOLOGY**

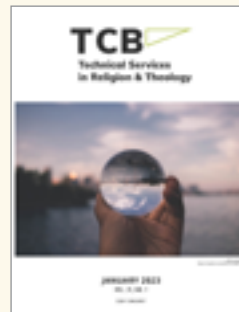
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article downloads for four latest issues

**12,807**  
downloads for all issues

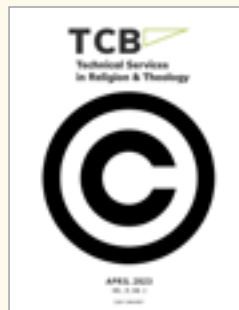
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**SUMMARY OF  
PROCEEDINGS**



**ATLA ANNUAL  
YEARBOOK**



## Professional Development & Education

**56** unique users attended  
**78** courses through Library Juice Academy  
**87** Skilltype user accounts

In addition to webinars, Atla introduced two new education programs through Library Juice Academy (LJA) and Skilltype.

# Atla produces trusted research tools for the study of religion & theology

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

## We increased open access titles in our subscription databases.

### ATLA FOR ALUM SUBSCRIBERS

198

### ATLA RELIGION DATABASE

1305

1005

300

### ATLAS

406

288

63

### ATLAS PLUS

709

517

122



# Atla Research Tools

New titles have been added to our research tools, which are made available to students, scholars, researchers, faculty, and religious leaders by thousands of libraries in more than 75 countries\*

## Overall Products

1,305 titles in *Atla Religion Database*

406 titles in *Atlas*

709 titles in *Atlas PLUS*

73,500 records in *Old Testament Abstracts*

86,000 records in *New Testament Abstracts*

**10,000,000+** pages in *Atla EBSCO Historical Digital Archives*

### LICENSING TEAM COLLABORATES WITH PUBLISHERS WORLDWIDE

We currently have more than 400 full-text publisher relationships, with 50% being publishers established outside of the U.S.

### DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

177 Subscribing institutions as of 8/31/2023 from 37 developing countries

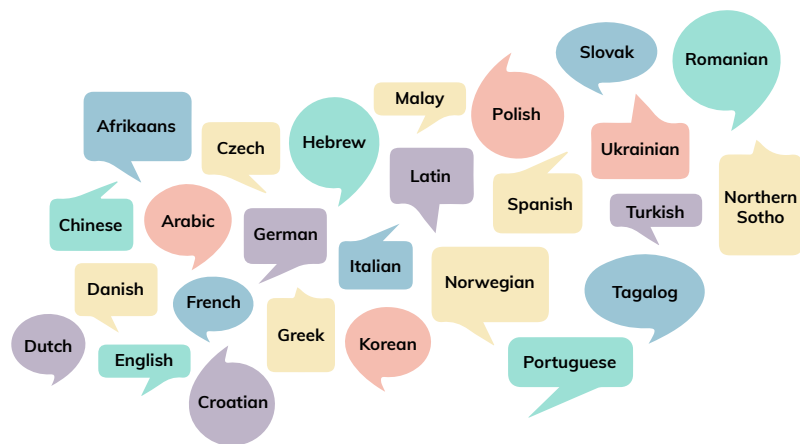
### ATLA RESEARCH TOOLS

New titles have been added to our research tools, which are made available to students, scholars, researchers, faculty, and religious leaders by thousands of libraries in more than 75 countries\*

\* We periodically take steps to clean and update our serial records. This may affect accurate reporting from year to year.

# Atlas Atlas PLUS

Atlas and Atlas PLUS are online full-text collections of major religion and theology journals used by libraries, librarians, scholars, students, and religious leaders.



**Full-Text Products  
Include Journals  
Covering 30 Languages**

## Atla Religion Database

### Index Coverage Expands to 72 Countries

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.

- |               |           |             |                  |                |
|---------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|----------------|
| Argentina     | Estonia   | Israel      | Norway           | South Korea    |
| Australia     | Fiji      | Italy       | Pakistan         | Spain          |
| Austria       | Finland   | Jamaica     | Papua New Guinea | Sweden         |
| Belgium       | France    | Japan       | Peru             | Switzerland    |
| Bolivia       | Germany   | Kazakhstan  | Philippines      | Taiwan         |
| Brazil        | Ghana     | Kenya       | Poland           | Thailand       |
| Canada        | Greece    | Lebanon     | Portugal         | Turkey         |
| Chile         | Guatemala | Lithuania   | Romania          | Ukraine        |
| China         | Hong Kong | Malaysia    | Russia           | United Kingdom |
| Colombia      | Hungary   | Malta       | Samoa            | United States  |
| Côte d'Ivoire | Iceland   | Mexico      | Serbia           | Vatican City   |
| Croatia       | India     | Myanmar     | Singapore        | Zimbabwe       |
| Czechia       | Indonesia | Netherlands | Slovakia         |                |
| Denmark       | Iran      | New Zealand | Slovenia         |                |
| Ecuador       | Ireland   | Nigeria     | South Africa     |                |

## FY23 Newly Appearing Titles

Advances in Ancient, Biblical, and Near Eastern Research	Journal for the Study of Spirituality	Spiritual Care
Advenimiento	Journal of Abhidharma Studies (对法雜誌)	Sponsa Regis
American Religion	Journal of Biblical Pentecostalism	Studies in Judaism, Humanities, and the Social Sciences
Annuario historiae conciliorum: internationale Zeitschrift für Konziliengeschichtsforschung	Journal of Black Religious Thought	Syriac Annals of the Romanian Academy
Aries: Journal for the Study of Western Esotericism	Journal of Chinese Philosophy	Tenri Journal of Religion
Ars Judaica	Journal of Christian Studies	The Caecilia
Australian Journal of Liturgy	Journal of Islamic Manuscripts	The Gregorian Review: Studies in sacred chant and liturgy
Bulletin of KazNU, Religious Studies Series	Journal of language, religion and culture	The Other Journal
Catholic Southwest: A Journal of History and Culture	Journal of Philosophical Theological Research	Vatican Library Review
Conexión Queer: Revista Latinoamericana y Caribeña de Teologías Queer	Journal of Religion, Media and Digital Culture	Western States Jewish History
Contemporary Religions in Japan	Journal of the Council for Research on Religion (JCREOR)	Yachay: Revista de cultura, filosofía y teología (first from Bolivia)
Contemporary Research of the Islamic Revolution	Journal of the Philosophy and Religion Society of Thailand	Zeitschrift für Indologie und Südasiastudien
Daoism: Religion, History and Society	Levinas Studies	Zeitschrift für Pädagogik und Theologie
Discernment: Theology and the Practice of Ministry	Nicholai Studies	Zutot: Perspectives on Jewish Culture
Images: A Journal of Jewish Art and Visual Culture	Offerings	Τέλειος/Teleios: A Journal to Promote Holistic Christian Spirituality
Interdisciplinary Journal for Religion and Transformation in Contemporary Society	Oxford Journal of Law and Religion	Наукові записки НаУКМА. Філософія та релігієзнавство (NaUKMA Research Papers in Philosophy and Religious Studies)
International Journal for Religious Freedom	Oyasato Institute Annual Report	신종교연구 (Journal of New Religions)
International Journal of Asian Christianity	Pastoral Care in Education: An International Journal of Personal, Social and Emotional Development	한국무속학 (Korean Shamanism)
International Journal of Evangelization and Catechetics	Philosophia reformata: International Philosophical Journal of Christianity, Science, and Society	한국이슬람학회논총 (Annals of Korean Association of the Islamic Studies (KAIS))
Inter-religio	Salt: Crossroads of Religion and Culture.	中国基督教研究 (Journal of Research for Christianity in China)
Jewish Film & New Media	Samoa Journal of Theology (first from Samoa)	南山宗教文化研究所 所報 (Nanzan Shūkyō Bunka Kenkyūjo Kenkyūshohō)
Journal for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies	Seelsorger	
	Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies	
	Southern Jewish History: Journal of the Southern Jewish Historical Society	



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## American Theological Library Association

### Statement of Financial Position

August 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 914,395	\$ 3,937,073
Investments (Note 3)	9,141,790	5,798,732
Accounts and pledge receivable - Net	1,219,065	969,356
Prepaid expenses and other assets	214,489	224,311
Intangible contract costs - Net (Note 5)	7,585,818	6,999,763
Property and equipment - Net (Note 4)	267,306	336,127
	<u>\$ 19,342,863</u>	<u>\$ 18,265,362</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 115,865	\$ 197,904
Contract liabilities	5,417,503	5,073,532
Accrued liabilities and other:		
Accrued compensation	322,306	295,239
Accrued royalties	1,017,442	892,637
	<u>1,339,748</u>	<u>1,187,876</u>
Total accrued liabilities and other		
Total liabilities	6,873,116	6,459,312
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Without donor restrictions:		
Undesignated	11,179,466	10,672,876
Board designated	718,277	540,578
	<u>11,897,743</u>	<u>11,213,454</u>
Total without donor restrictions		
With donor restrictions	572,004	592,596
	<u>12,469,747</u>	<u>11,806,050</u>
Total net assets		
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 19,342,863</u>	<u>\$ 18,265,362</u>

## Statement of Activities

Years Ended August 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023			2022		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
<b>Revenue, Gains (Losses), and Other Support</b>						
Subscription databases	\$ 7,528,620	\$ -	\$ 7,528,620	\$ 7,362,946	\$ -	\$ 7,362,946
Membership (conference and dues)	180,166	-	180,166	218,760	-	218,760
Contributions	168,086	1,231	169,317	17,505	55,835	73,340
Foundation grants	45,306	-	45,306	-	-	-
Other	21,731	-	21,731	22,806	-	22,806
Investment income (loss) - Net	272,851	11,227	283,878	(84,834)	(72,503)	(157,337)
Net assets released from restrictions	33,050	(33,050)	-	15,750	(15,750)	-
Total revenue, gains (losses), and other support	8,249,610	(20,592)	8,229,018	7,552,933	(32,418)	7,520,515
<b>Expenses</b>						
Program services:						
Products	3,754,928	-	3,754,928	3,829,416	-	3,829,416
Member programs	1,521,145	-	1,521,145	1,419,551	-	1,419,551
Total program services	5,276,073	-	5,276,073	5,248,967	-	5,248,967
Support services:						
Management and general	2,279,113	-	2,279,113	2,315,925	-	2,315,925
Fundraising	10,135	-	10,135	10,083	-	10,083
Total support services	2,289,248	-	2,289,248	2,326,008	-	2,326,008
Total expenses	7,565,321	-	7,565,321	7,574,975	-	7,574,975
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>	684,289	(20,592)	663,697	(22,042)	(32,418)	(54,400)
<b>Net Assets - Beginning of year</b>	11,213,454	592,596	11,806,050	11,235,496	625,014	11,860,510
<b>Net Assets - End of year</b>	<b>\$ 11,897,743</b>	<b>\$ 572,004</b>	<b>\$ 12,469,747</b>	<b>\$ 11,213,454</b>	<b>\$ 592,596</b>	<b>\$ 11,806,050</b>

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Statement of Functional Expenses

Year Ended August 31, 2023

	Program Services			Support Services			Total
	Products	Member Programs	Total	Management and General	Fundraising	Total	
Salaries and benefits	\$ 835,532	\$ 811,490	\$ 1,647,022	\$ 1,434,059	\$ 9,914	\$ 1,443,973	\$ 3,090,995
Royalties to publishers and partners	1,238,394	-	1,238,394	-	-	-	1,238,394
Information and telecommunication	232,571	60,532	293,103	25,488	-	25,488	318,591
Depreciation and amortization	1,175,505	289,851	1,465,356	144,925	-	144,925	1,610,281
Travel	90,272	168,656	258,928	280,764	-	280,764	539,692
Marketing	23,578	7,890	31,468	15,783	156	15,939	47,407
Occupancy	42,018	9,258	51,276	19,941	-	19,941	71,217
Office expenses	1,277	1,531	2,808	23,991	-	23,991	26,799
Professional development	20,459	21,663	42,122	13,422	-	13,422	55,544
Professional services	84,694	13,190	97,884	305,040	-	305,040	402,924
Educational services	-	5,213	5,213	-	-	-	5,213
Conference	-	22,593	22,593	-	-	-	22,593
Awards	-	57,767	57,767	1,900	-	1,900	59,667
Audiovisual	-	41,889	41,889	9,529	-	9,529	51,418
Other	10,628	9,622	20,250	4,271	65	4,336	24,586
<b>Total functional expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,754,928</b>	<b>\$ 1,521,145</b>	<b>\$ 5,276,073</b>	<b>\$ 2,279,113</b>	<b>\$ 10,135</b>	<b>\$ 2,289,248</b>	<b>\$ 7,565,321</b>

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Statement of Functional Expenses

Year Ended August 31, 2022

	Program Services			Support Services			Total
	Products	Member Programs	Total	Management and General	Fundraising	Total	
Salaries and benefits	\$ 685,290	\$ 691,382	\$ 1,376,672	\$ 1,504,534	\$ 7,675	\$ 1,512,209	\$ 2,888,881
Royalties to publishers and partners	1,274,172	-	1,274,172	-	-	-	1,274,172
Information and telecommunication	207,672	54,052	261,724	22,757	-	22,757	284,481
Depreciation and amortization	1,571,058	408,906	1,979,964	172,171	-	172,171	2,152,135
Travel	28,058	125,078	153,136	92,523	2,338	94,861	247,997
Marketing	2,480	6,677	9,157	36,296	-	36,296	45,453
Occupancy	34,881	7,688	42,567	16,554	-	16,554	59,121
Office expenses	420	1,580	2,000	28,384	70	28,454	30,454
Professional development	5,966	3,812	9,778	19,071	-	19,071	28,849
Professional services	17,932	32,483	50,415	345,912	-	345,912	396,327
Educational services	-	2,356	2,356	-	-	-	2,356
Conference	-	17,748	17,748	-	-	-	17,748
Awards	-	28,479	28,479	15,855	-	15,855	44,334
Audiovisual	-	31,255	31,255	1,652	-	1,652	32,907
Other	1,487	8,057	9,544	60,216	-	60,216	69,760
<b>Total functional expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,829,416</b>	<b>\$ 1,419,551</b>	<b>\$ 5,248,967</b>	<b>\$ 2,315,925</b>	<b>\$ 10,083</b>	<b>\$ 2,326,008</b>	<b>\$ 7,574,975</b>

## American Theological Library Association

### Statement of Cash Flows

Years Ended August 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$ 663,697	\$ (54,460)
Adjustments to reconcile increase (decrease) in net assets to net cash and cash equivalents from operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	1,610,281	2,152,135
Unrealized (gain) loss on investments	(431,927)	144,613
Additions to contract cost assets	(2,061,418)	(1,840,639)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities that (used) provided cash and cash equivalents:		
Accounts and pledge receivable	(249,709)	112,839
Prepaid expenses and other assets	9,822	86,478
Accounts payable	(82,039)	29,626
Contract liabilities	343,971	(174,496)
Accrued liabilities and other	151,872	62,714
Net cash and cash equivalents (used in) provided by operating activities	(45,450)	518,810
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>		
Purchase of property and equipment	(66,097)	(34,453)
Purchases of investments	(6,036,349)	-
Proceeds from sales of investments	3,125,218	2,514,824
Net cash and cash equivalents (used in) provided by investing activities	(2,977,228)	2,480,371
<b>Net (Decrease) Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	(3,022,678)	2,999,181
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of year</b>	3,937,073	937,892
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of year</b>	<b>\$ 914,395</b>	<b>\$ 3,937,073</b>

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