

Annual Report

2014-2015



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Board of Directors
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Strategic Plan

At the February 2015 ATLA Board of Directors Meeting, the Board continued its work with consultant Paul Meyer, President and co-CEO of Tecker International. In the course of the conversation on strategic thinking and direction setting, they revisited ATLA's core ideology, including the core values and purpose statement. They adopted the following:

Core Purpose

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.

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 www.atla.com	Creativity, innovation, and transformation

From the President

Dear ATLA Colleagues and Friends,

During the past year, once again the theme of the ATLA Board of Directors' work was "envisioning the future of our Association." With the support of our consultant Paul Meyer (President and Co-CEO of Tecker International), we wrote a core purpose statement, a list of core values, and a vision statement for our Association. In February 2015, the ATLA Board and staff directors met together with Paul to review these foundational documents and to discuss a draft of our strategic plan. In June 2015, the board met again with Paul to discuss another important question for our Association — how should ATLA expand to be more diverse and inclusive?



Beth Bidlack
ATLA Board
President

Throughout the year, the Board has continued to listen to the needs and concerns of members. At the 2015 Annual Conference, Brenda Bailey-Hainer and I led an open forum on the future of our Association, which outlined our core purpose statement, our core values, our vision for the future, and elements of our strategic plan. The forum was well attended and inspired some great discussion. I hope the thoughtful dialogue continues.

As I mentioned last year, one aspect of strategic thinking is securing funding for our future. This year, our Executive Director again kept our Association financially healthy and designated funds for research and development. After much conversation and deliberation, the Board proposed an increase to individual and student membership dues, the first such increase in nearly twenty years. We are grateful that our membership re-affirmed its commitment to the Association by voting to increase individual and student membership dues.

While much of the Board's work during the past year was focused on the future, we continued to create and revise policies and procedures that will assist us in our day-to-day work. For example, we revised our conflict of interest policy and disclosure form. We continued to document carefully the rationale for our decisions via "whereas" statements in our formal motions so that the decision-making is more transparent to members and to future board members.

We look forward to continuing our conversations with the ATLA membership during the coming year. Members of the ATLA Board and staff plan to visit members to discuss the future of the Association by sharing our foundational documents — our core purpose statement, core values, vision for the future, and strategic plan. In addition, during the upcoming year, the Board will be reviewing our Association's Bylaws so that they are more aligned with our current context.

On behalf of the Board, I would like thank our members, our donors, the leaders of our committees and interest groups, and the ATLA staff for your ongoing support and engagement in the work of our Association!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Bidlack". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

From the Executive Director



Brenda Bailey-Hainer
ATLA Executive Director

Dear ATLA Colleagues and Friends,

One of the most important responsibilities I have as Executive Director is to ensure that ATLA is financially stable and has the ability to fund its mission. ATLA is fortunate to have a continuing revenue stream from royalties from the databases we create. These databases serve a dual purpose as our members also rely on these scholarly research tools to support the work of their students, faculty and graduates.

Fiscal year 2015 was financially strong for ATLA. Financial performance was better than budget with revenue coming in within 1% of projections and total expenses at 12.26% less than budgeted.

The majority of ATLA's revenue continues to originate in its online information products, with additional income from annual membership dues, conference registrations and sponsorships, and interest on investments. Excess revenue from 2015 will be carried over into fiscal year 2016 to support R&D efforts.

FY2015 saw the culmination of a major project to replace the underlying technology that helps us produce *ATLA Religion Database*[®], *ATLASerials*[®], and *ATLA Catholic Periodical and Literature Index*[®]. Under the leadership of Director of Production Maria Stanton, the final phase of this multi-year project was completed in April 2015. Achievement of this critical goal was needed to ensure future continuity and stability of ATLA's primary source of income. It has allowed ATLA both to improve internal productivity and to improve products. We moved from quarterly to monthly updates for our core databases beginning in late spring. The new system supports non-Roman languages, a development we celebrated in late April by accepting for indexing our first journal published in Cyrillic. In addition to better supporting current products, the new system will also give ATLA more flexibility in designing and delivering future products.

Efforts are being made to assure there is supplemental revenue available for future use in supporting the mission. The Endowment Committee continued its efforts to reach a short term goal of an Endowment Fund valued at \$1 million. At year end the value of the Endowment Fund was \$433,395.

Product revenue is not a goal unto itself; it is used to underwrite programs for members that enhance the development of theological and religious studies libraries and librarianship. Throughout the year money was re-invested in the Association in various ways — by matching gifts to the Endowment Fund, through Member Product Loyalty Program support for annual conference attendance, with grants for regional continuing education programs and diversity scholarships, and through support for *Theological Librarianship*. ATLA also expanded its exploration of open access initiatives. The first book in an open monograph series was published by the new ATLA Press.

Many ATLA members came together for learning opportunities at the 2015 Annual Conference in Denver, hosted by the Theological Librarians and Libraries of Denver / Rocky Mountain Region. The second cohort in the Creating Leaders of Tomorrow program completed their year-long program during the conference. Many attendees who may not have been otherwise able to afford it were able to attend due to Travel Grants provided by the Scholarships and Grants Annual Fund.

Fiscal year 2015 was marked by some staffing changes. Most significantly, Gillian Harrison Cain was hired as the new Director of Member Programs. Since she arrived in December 2014, she has been proactively attending regional theological library group meetings and visiting individual member institutions.

During the past year we made significant investments in R&D and market research studies. On the product side, these included an ethnographic study of research habits of religion and theology students and faculty. On the member side, demographic data about personal and organizational members was collected, a salary survey conducted, data about special collections gathered to support grant applications, and a survey about the readership of *Theological Librarianship* was completed.

The strategic planning work that consultant Paul Meyer conducted with the board and staff leadership was very successful. The resulting strategic plan will serve as a guiding document for developing future programs, products, and services.

With a solid financial base, a new strategic plan, a new production system, a fully staffed leadership team, and the support and dedication of its members who serve on the board and committees, ATLA is well positioned for the future. Together we can solve information problems and help ATLA members become an even more integral part of their institutions.

Sincerely,



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2015 ATLA Annual Conference



Local Host Committee (left to right, front): Laura Harris, Stephen Sweeney, Nicholas Weiss (left to right, back) Denise McFarlin (staff liaison), Lisa K. Grover, Megan Welsh, Gayle Gunderson, Peggy Keeran (not pictured)

The 2015 ATLA Annual Conference was held in Denver, Colorado, June 17-20. Bringing together over 300 members, exhibitors, and guests from around the world, the conference provided a wealth of ATLA educational programs, interest group meetings, excursions, and events set in the city where 300 days of sunshine, a thriving cultural scene, diverse neighborhoods, and natural beauty combine for the world's most spectacular playground.

The Local Host Committee, Theological Librarians and Libraries of Denver/Rocky Mountain Region, planned several opportunities for attendees to explore Denver, including a tour of the University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology Libraries, a visit to the Radha Krishna Temple and Tri-State Buddhist Temple, and a workshop at the Denver Bookbinding Company.

Under the theme of "Mining the information landscape" the conference featured over 100 papers, conversation groups, workshops, interest group meetings, panels, posters, worship sessions, denominational group meetings, and more. Plenary speakers included Kathryn Reklis, Assistant Professor of Modern Protestant Theology at Fordham University in New York City; Jamie LaRue, author of the award-winning book, *The New Inquisition: Understanding and Managing Intellectual Freedom Challenges*; and an Interfaith Panel moderated by Brian Savage, Development Associate for the Parliament of the World's Religions.

95.9% of respondents indicated that the ATLA conference is very important or important for helping librarians at all career stages and specializations have increased knowledge, abilities, and skills, thereby enabling them to address professional challenges effectively and find satisfaction at work. **73.5%** of attendees indicated that this year's conference did an excellent or good job in achieving this end.

84.3% of respondents indicated that the annual conference is important or very important for developing collegial relationships locally, regionally, and throughout the world to enhance the profession. **70.2%** of attendees indicated that this year's conference did an excellent or good job in achieving this end.



Conference Committee:
 Stephen Sweeney, Suzanne Estelle-Holmer, M. Patrick Graham, Lisa K. Grover, Michelle Y. Spomer (chair), Miranda Bennett, Tracy Powell Iwaskow, Elizabeth A. Leahy (not pictured), Denise McFarlin (staff liaison)



Conference Travel Grants

ATLA was pleased to provide 15 travel grants of \$600 each, a total of \$9,000 to support member's participation in the ATLA Annual Conference. Travel grants are supported by the ATLA Scholarship and Grants Annual Fund, which is made possible by the generous donations of ATLA members, institutions, supporters, and partners.

2015 Conference Sponsors

- ATLA Products & Services
- Brill
- CBIZ Benefits & Learning
- EBSCO
- First Bank & Trust
- OCLC
- SCELIC

Member Product Loyalty Program

ATLA's Member Product Loyalty Programs benefits Institutional, International Institutional, and Affiliate Members that subscribe to *ATLA Religion Database*® and *ATLASerials*®. ATLA reinvested \$10,325 to provide participants with free or discounted registration for the 2015 ATLA Annual Conference.

The institutions who benefited from the Member Product Loyalty program include:

- Abilene Christian University
- Andover Newton Theological School
- Andrews University
- Athenaeum of Ohio / Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
- Bethel Seminary
- Biola University Library
- Brite Divinity School Library
- Calvin Theological Seminary
- Canadian Reformed Theological Seminary
- Catholic Theological Union
- Columbia Theological Seminary
- Concordia Theological Seminary
- Covenant Theological Seminary
- Eastern Mennonite University
- Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary
- Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary
- Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary; Pacific Northwest Campus
- Graduate Theological Union
- Harding School of Theology
- Harding University Graduate School of Religion
- Hood Theological Seminary
- Iliff School of Theology
- JKM Library
- Logos Evangelical Seminary Library
- Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- Luther Seminary
- Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary
- Mercer University
- New Brunswick Theological Seminary
- North Park Theological Seminary
- Oklahoma Christian University
- Pitts Theology Library
- Princeton Theological Seminary Library
- Regent University
- Saint Meinrad School of Theology
- St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
- St. John Vianney Seminary
- St. Louis University
- St. Patrick's Seminary
- Union Presbyterian Seminary — Charlotte Campus
- University of Notre Dame
- University of St. Mary of the Lake / Mundelein Seminary
- Virginia Theological Seminary
- Wake Forest University
- Wartburg Theological Seminary
- Western Seminary
- Western Theological Seminary

Committees of the Association

Diversity Committee

Annual Report by Lynn Berg (chair)

Diversity Committee:
Shanee' Yvette Murrain,
Lynn Berg (chair),
Jaeyeon Lucy Chung,
Gabriel Ortiz (not
pictured)



The Committee is charged to recommend practices and programs related to recruitment, retention, development, and advancement of diverse members; receive applications, evaluate and select recipients for the ATLA Scholarships to Promote Diversity; encourage collaborative relationships with communities of diverse professionals; ensure diverse perspectives in programs at the ATLA Annual Conference and other activities of the association; promote research that supports diversity in theological and religious studies libraries; and share resources and services related to issues of diversity.

On November 11, 2014, the Committee met at ATLA headquarters in Chicago to plan programming for the annual conference in Denver, consider potential webinar offerings, advertise and promote the two ATLA Scholarships to Promote Diversity, recommend new members to the Committee, and address issues and activities related to communication, relationship building, and recruitment. In addition to this meeting, the Committee conducted business frequently by e-mail, phone, and Skype meetings. Committee documentation of available diversity resources and contacts was updated.

Three events were organized for the ATLA annual conference in Denver in June 2015, which included the participation of Committee members. The Committee pursued the ambitious project of a full-day pre-conference event on the topic of “Racial Equity in Theological Librarianship” in an effort to foster the development of ways to increase racial equity in our profession so that it better represents and serves the increasingly diverse constituencies of our organizations. The morning session consisted of training provided by Adrienne Mansanares of The Denver Foundation Inclusiveness Project and Emily Braucher of ReFresh Communication. They were tasked to design a curriculum to help participants appreciate the value of inclusiveness, identify steps necessary to create diversity, and realize the impact of racism as well as what actions can be taken to counteract it. The afternoon session included a panel of ATLA members and guests who were asked to share their personal experiences with racial equity issues and discuss how to address these issues in the context of theological librarianship. The panel consisted of Warren Watson, Center for Research Libraries; Susan Ebertz, Wartburg Theological Seminary; Martin Garnar, Regis University; and Lynn Berg, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. The panel discussion was moderated by Shaneè Yvette Murrain, Payne Theological Seminary. The second event was a Conversation Group entitled “Keep Your Eyes on the Prize: The Continuing Work for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.” This session included a presentation by Martin Garnar, Reference Services Librarian/Professor, Regis University Library, and Co-Chair of the ALA Task Force on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. The Conversation Group was moderated by Gabriel Ortiz, St. Patrick’s Seminary & University. It was followed by the third event, which was an enjoyable informal dinner gathering of diversity-minded folks at a nearby local restaurant. The Committee was pleased to observe that diversity-related engagements other than those sponsored specifically by the Diversity Committee were prevalent at the annual conference in Denver through conversation and presentations as well as in ATLA *Newsletter* contributions by Executive Director Brenda Bailey-Hainer, indicating that issues related to diversity are beginning to receive the attention they deserve.

The Committee was honored to provide diversity scholarships to three individuals this year. Warren Watson and Connie Song each received a \$1,200 Scholarship for a Theological Librarianship Course to support their enrollment in the Theological Librarianship course at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Kathryn Flynn was awarded the \$2,400 ATLA Diversity Scholarship in support of her studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill’s School of Library and Information Science. We congratulate Warren, Connie, and Kathryn, commend them for their devotion to theological librarianship and diversity, and wish them success in their future endeavors.

Endowment Committee

Annual Report by Dennis Swanson (chair)

The committee reaffirmed its short-term goal of a \$1 million fund within the next five years and a long-term goal of \$13.5 million. Both the November 2014 end of year appeal letters and the solicitation that was part of the spring 2015 annual membership renewal process saw good responses. The Endowment Fund continues to demonstrate slow but steady growth and had a balance of \$433,395 as of the end of the fiscal year. During the year, 61 individuals and 1 institution donated a total of \$6,275. ATLA contributed an additional \$20,000, making this ATLA's largest contribution in recent years.

Endowment Committee includes Dennis Swanson (chair) and Marti Alt.

Professional Development Committee

Annual Report by Jennifer Ulrich (co-chair)

The Committee met first in Denver for its annual face to face meeting. James did not join us until later in the year so was not present at that meeting. Brenda Bailey-Hainer joined us as the ATLA staff person present at the meeting.



Professional Development Committee: Nicholas Weiss (co-chair), Megan Welsh, Denise McFarlin (staff liaison), Jennifer Ulrich (co-chair), Martha Adkins, James Estes (not pictured)

We spent time discussing the professional development needs of the organization as well as reviewing some of the survey data that had been collected from ATLA members.

During the year the committee received a number of requests for Continuing Education grants. While both regional groups and institutional members may ask for funds to support programming, it is regional groups that typically request funds. In order to get the word out about Continuing Education grants Jennifer wrote a short article for the monthly newsletter and Nicholas created a poster for the annual conference.

The committee completed work at updating the grants application. We are now asking for goals and objectives and learning outcomes as part of the application.

Typically the committee has met face to face once a year and then had one phone meeting as well. This year we met every other month via web conferencing software.

PDC suggested that ATLA provide more information on the two Funnel programs, so Judy Knop, Metadata Curator at ATLA, did a webinar entitled NACO and CONSER Funnels: Background and Benefits for ATLA Members.

The PDC continues to brainstorm about opportunities to provide more professional development to members outside of the annual conference. There have been suggestions about taping some programming at the Annual Conference for rebroadcast or asking some presenters to revamp a presentation for a webinar.

Publications

Theological Librarianship
Editorial Board: David R. Stewart (Managing Editor), Daniel Kolb (Section Editor for Bibliographic Essays), Ronald W. Crown (Section Editor for Peer-Review Articles), Miranda H. Bennett (Section Editor for Critical Reviews), Gary F. Daught (Section Editor for Columns)



Theological Librarianship

Theological Librarianship is the Association's open-access journal providing essays, columns, critical reviews, bibliographic essays, and peer-reviewed articles on various aspects of theological librarianship and its contribution to theological education.

Theological Librarianship published two editorials, six columns (two web reviews, two profiles, two Diktuon/tech columns), seven essays, three peer-reviewed articles, three bibliographic essays, and fifteen critical reviews.

Libraries in the following countries included *Theological Librarianship* in their holdings: US, Canada, UK, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Australia, Austria, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Spain, Ireland, Netherlands, Taiwan, South Africa, and Switzerland.

397 libraries list *Theological Librarianship* in their holdings (compared to 355 in 2014).

Trends this year:

- Continued growth in the pool of authors, including a mix of experienced and first-time authors.
- Better understanding of readership, through a Reader Survey and more adept use of analytics.
- Facebook “likes” more than doubled in 2015.
- Increase in known citations of *Theological Librarianship* content in Google Scholar — 317 (aggregate) up from 280 the previous year

Top 5 Most Viewed Content Published in 2015

1. **The Best Cataloger is a Frustrated Library User: Cataloging Failure and the Underutilization of Library Resources** by John W. Thompson
2. **There is Nothing New Under the Sun?: “New Librarianship” and the Theological Library** by Keegan Osinski
3. **Working Virtually on the Text and Manuscripts Behind the Document: Doing New Testament Textual Criticism on the Web** by Thomas E. Phillips and Drew Baker
4. **Expertise and Service: A Call To Action** by -Rebecca Butler
5. **In Search of a “Culture of Writing”** by David Stewart

Summary of Proceedings

The 68th *Annual Summary of Proceedings* is a historical record of the ATLA Annual Conference. The *Proceedings* includes the annual reports of ATLA committees, interest groups, and regional consortia; summaries of the pre-conference professional development workshops; reports of business meetings, interest group meetings, denominational sessions, and conversation groups; texts or programs from worship meetings; as well as the full text or abstracts of plenary sessions, papers, posters, and workshops presented during the conference. *Proceedings* is accessible in both ePub and Kindle formats and is available to the public. Individual, Student, and Lifetime Members and Institutional, International Institutional, and Affiliate Member Representatives had the option of receiving a printed copy of the *Proceedings*.

Theology Cataloging Bulletin

Theology Cataloging Bulletin (TCB), a quarterly newsletter of the Technical Services Interest Group, was published November, February, May, and August. It contained listings of new and changed subject headings and classification numbers in appropriate subject areas as well as other information of interest to religion/theology catalogers. Editors included: Ann Heinrichs, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, IL, and Leslie A. Engelson, Murray State University, Murray, KY.

ATLA Press



In 2014 the ATLA Press launched an initiative focused on open access publications. The Press published its first monograph, *Subdivisions for Biblical Studies, Theology, and Ministry: Making Search Terms Do the Work* by Leslie A. Engelson.

The book highlights subdivisions that are of value to those studying for or actively involved in Christian ministry.

530 views

160 downloads

Reciprocal Borrowing

The ATLA Reciprocal Borrowing Program was implemented after a group of representatives from ATLA Institutional and Affiliate Member institutions began discussion at the 2014 ATLA Annual Conference during the conversation group session, “Network for Religious Studies at a Distance,” led by Thomas Phillips (Claremont School of Theology). Conversations continued virtually, resulting in guidelines and an agreement that is helping the group to formally cooperate.

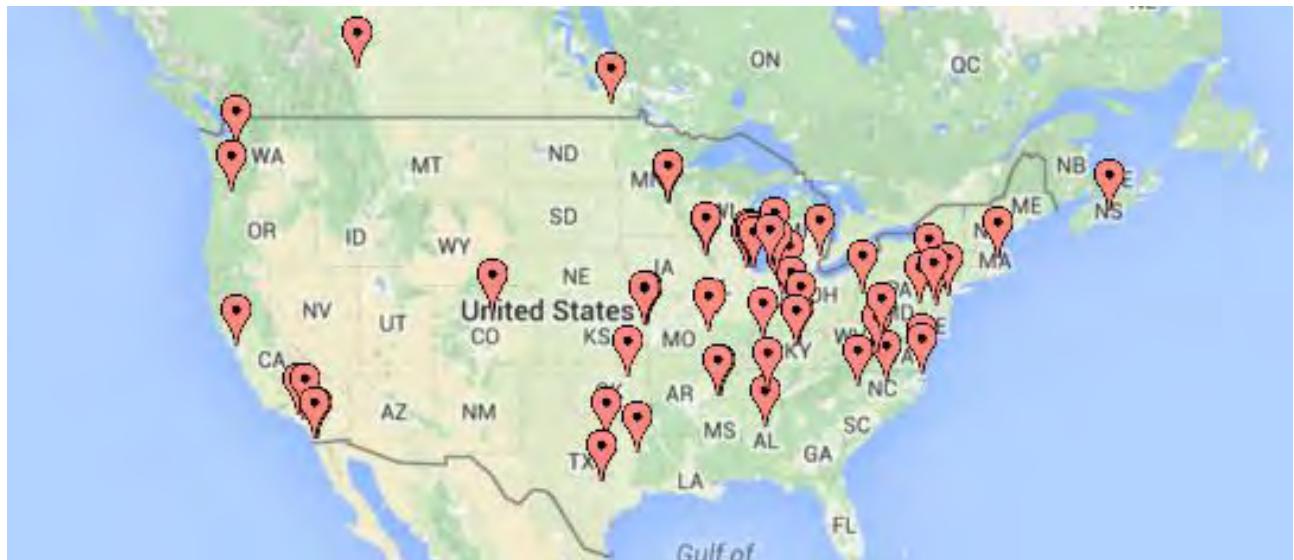
The program creates an arrangement between participating ATLA members to grant check-out privileges to each other’s patrons. The user simply walks into a participating library, shows proof of current enrollment at another participating library, and checks out materials based on the library’s local lending policies. Many reciprocal borrowing groups are geographically centered or share the same ILS.

Since its inception, the program has grown to

54 libraries

22 states

3 provinces



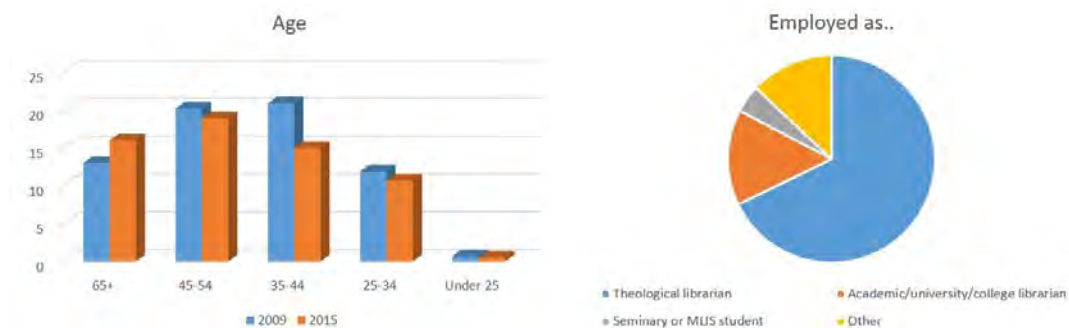
Libraries Include:

- Ambrose Seminary
- American Congregational Association
- Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary Library
- Andrews University
- Asbury Theological Seminary
- Athenaeum of Ohio
- Atlantic School of Theology Library
- Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary
- Bethany Theological Seminary
- Bethel Seminary
- Bethel Seminary San Diego
- Biblical Theological Seminary
- Boston University School of Theology Library
- Catholic Theological Union
- Central Baptist Theological Seminary
- Claremont School of Theology
- Concordia Theological Seminary
- Covenant Seminary Library
- Denver Seminary
- Earlham College
- Earlham School of Religion
- Eastern Mennonite University
- Emmanuel Christian Seminary
- Fuller Theological Seminary
- Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
- Grace Theological Seminary
- Graduate Theological Union
- Harding School of Theology
- Hood Theological Seminary
- Hope International University
- Indiana Wesleyan University
- JKM Library
- Lancaster Theological Seminary
- Lexington Theological Seminary
- Liberty University
- Life Pacific College
- Luther Seminary Library
- Meadville Lombard Theological School
- Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary
- Mid-Atlantic Christian University
- Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Library
- Multnomah University
- Nazarene Theological Seminary
- New Brunswick Theological Seminary
- North Park University
- Northern Seminary
- Phillips Theological Seminary
- Providence University College and Seminary
- Regent University Library
- Sacred Heart Major Seminary
- Saint John Vianney Seminary
- Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology
- Seminary of the Southwest
- Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Southeastern Bible College
- Southern California Seminary
- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Libraries
- Summit University
- The Seattle School of Theology & Psychology
- Trinity International University
- Trinity School for Ministry Library
- United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities
- University of Dubuque
- Wartburg Theological Seminary
- Western Theological Seminary
- Westminster Theological Seminary

Demographic Surveys

In January 2015, ATLA issued two brief demographic surveys in order to compare the characteristics of the 2015 membership against the results of earlier surveys conducted in 2009. As of January 31, 2015, there were 336 Individual, 62 Student, and 89 Lifetime members. The results reported below reflect 208 respondents in 2015 (42.1% of ATLA personal members); 277 responded in 2009.

- 91.7% live in the U.S., another 5.3% in Canada, and 2.9% elsewhere, with every continent (except Antarctica) represented
- 89.8% are white, compared to 89.4% in 2009
- 86% are currently employed in a library
- 83.2% hold a Masters in library/information science; 52.9% hold a Masters in theology
- 59% plan to retire in 10 or more years; 33.7% in less than 10; 7.2% are already enjoying retirement
- 54.8% are female, up from 46.2% in 2009
- 27.9% have been ATLA members for 20 years or more; 21.2% have been members for 2 years or fewer
- 16% are over age 65 compared to 13% in 2009; respondents in all younger age groups declined
- 14% are ordained



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ATLA'S Product Line

Rick Rybak,
Senior Business
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Representative,
and Gregg
Taylor, ATLA
Licensing
Manager
at the 2015
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ATLA offers a comprehensive product line of electronic resources to support the scholarly study of religion and theology. These resources include the *ATLA Religion Database*® (*ATLA RDB*®), *ATLASerials*® (*ATLAS*®) and the *ATLA Catholic Periodical and Literature Index*® (*ATLA CPLI*®). *ATLA RDB* is the premier online index of citations covering journal articles, book reviews and essay collections in all fields of religion. *ATLAS* is an online full-text collection of major religion and theology journals. *ATLA CPLI* provides indexing of periodicals, essay collections, and church documents expressly addressing the practice and intellectual tradition of Roman Catholicism.

Thematic Series of ATLA Historical Monographs Collection™

In March 2015, ATLA and EBSCO announced the availability of new archival collections that provide researchers with specialized content focused on religious thought and practice. The content spans from the 13th century through 1922, with the majority of documents originating in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Researchers can view all of the typography, graphics and drawings as they were originally presented, which provides context and perspective to religion in American and World History.

The following 11 thematic series are available:

- *Biblical Research Perspectives, 1516 – 1922*
- *Catholic Engagements with the Modern World, 1487 – 1918*
- *Christian Preaching, Worship, and Piety, 1559 – 1919*
- *Global Religious Traditions, 1760 – 1922*
- *Global Theological Perspectives, 1322 – 1922*
- *Islam in the Modern World, 1804 – 1918*
- *Jewish Studies Perspectives, 1800 – 1918*
- *Missions and Missionaries Around the World, 1611 – 1922*
- *Perspectives on Ancient Civilizations, 1200 – 1922*
- *Religion and Social Change, 1723 – 1921*
- *Religious Leaders and Thinkers, 1516 – 1922*

Major Product Enhancements and Significant Growth in Content Coverage

In conjunction with its Annual Conference in Denver, CO in June 2015, ATLA announced the addition of a significant number of titles to be covered in the *ATLA Religion Database*[®] (*ATLA RDB*[®]), *ATLASerials*[®] (*ATLAS*[®]), and the *ATLA Catholic Periodical and Literature Index* (*ATLA CPLI*[®]).

ATLA also announced the launch of a new internal production system which gives ATLA a real edge supporting global content and languages from around the world.

Key Enhancements in products:

- Monthly updates for key products in religion and theology: the *ATLA Religion Database*[®] (*ATLA RDB*[®]), *ATLASerials*[®] (*ATLAS*[®]), and *ATLA Catholic Periodical and Literature Index*[®] (*ATLA CPLI*[®]). Previously updated quarterly, this change will offer more timely updates of content on the EBSCOhost platform.
- Thesaurus for Subject Terms in *ATLA RDB*: a new feature to facilitate searching. With this tool, end users will be able to browse subject terms, such as name, title, topical and geographic subject headings, and use the EBSCOhost "explode" option to add related narrower terms to the search.
- Hierarchical Scripture Authority for *ATLA CPLI*: a new feature offering the same functionality as the scripture authority found in *ATLA RDB*. Students and scholars seeking content on biblical-related topics will experience greater recall in using this tool, which allows the end user to search by book, chapter, and verse without having to supply the proper syntax.
- "Open Access" search limiter for *ATLA RDB* and *ATLA CPLI*: a new feature to help end users limit searches to content that is freely available online.
- Peer-Reviewed search limiter for *ATLA CPLI*: a new feature similar to one long in place in *ATLA RDB*.

Events & Meetings

ATLA Board of Directors President Beth Bidlack speaks at 2014 NFAIS



BETH 43rd General Assembly, Wroclaw, Poland. Photo by Grzegorz Zurek



NFAIS Humanities Roundtable

ATLA Board of Directors President Beth Bidlack spoke at the 2014 NFAIS (National Federation of Advanced Information Services) Humanities Roundtable in New York City on September 29, 2014. This annual workshop bringing publishers, aggregators, scholarly societies, and libraries together to discuss the humanities. The event was hosted by RILM at the CUNY Graduate Center

Beth Bidlack, Director of the Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, spoke about "Libraries: Acquisition and Selection Practices."

Margot Lyon, ATLA's Director of Business Development, serves as chair of the NFAIS Humanities committee. Brenda Bailey-Hainer, ATLA's Executive Director, serves on the NFAIS Board of Directors.

BETH

The 43rd BETH (Bibliothèques Européennes de Théologie) General Assembly was held in Wroclaw, Poland, September 6-10, at the Pontifical Faculty of Theology. The theme of the meeting was "Conserving and Protecting Library Collections for the Future: The Experience of Central and Eastern Europe." Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Executive Director, and Gregg Taylor, Licensing Manager, attended. Bailey-Hainer provided an overview of recent ATLA initiatives and Taylor presented an overview of copyright practices related to *ATLAS*[®].

AAR and SBL ANNUAL MEETINGS

The American Academy of Religion (AAR) and Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) Annual Meetings were held in San Diego, November 22-25. ATLA staff hosted an exhibit booth to engage attendees regarding ATLA products, initiatives and membership options. Two hands-on user-sessions, which provided personal instruction on searching ATLA databases using various functions and features were also offered. As in previous years, ATLA also hosted two receptions.

This annual event attracts over 10,000 attendees and is one of the most important exhibiting events for ATLA each year. AAR & SBL provides opportunities to meet with current and potential publishers and partners, as well as interact with faculty, students, scholars, and members who use ATLA online products.

ATLA and Ethnographic Research Partnership with IIT Institute of Design

In the summer of 2014, ATLA partnered with the Illinois Institute of Technology's Institute of Design (IIT/ID) and 94 Westbound Consulting to conduct the first ethnographic study in ATLA's history focusing on scholars. For this project student researchers worked alongside an Institute of Design professor to conduct human-centered research with ATLA. Through ethnographic studies the students were able to understand digital scholarship from the perspective of workflow, motivations, and goals. In 2015, several members of the research team presented at the ATLA Annual Conference in Denver to share their research process and key insights with attendees.



Hosting the Hands-On User Session at AAR & SBL Annual Meetings



Graduate Students Sipra Bihani and Thomas Brandenburg, and Veronica Simms, ATLA Business Strategy Analyst, present at the 2015 ATLA Annual Conference

2015 Newly-Accepted Titles

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- *Counseling et Spiritualité /Counselling and Spirituality*
- *The Covenant Quarterly*
- *Eastern Christian Art*
- *Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses*
- *European Journal for Church and State Research*
- *Logia*
- *Studies in Interreligious Dialogue*
- *Theoforum*

ATLA Religion Database® (ATLA RDB®)

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- *Biblical Reception*
- *Biblicum Jassyense*
- *Bulletin of the John Rylands Library (2014)*
- *Comment*
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- *Crucible*
- *Cultura y Religión*
- *DavarLogos*
- *Eleutheria*
- *Foundations (Affinity)*
- *Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel*
- *Ilorin Journal of Religious Studies*
- *International Journal for the Study of New Religions*
- *Journal for Baptist Theology & Ministry*
- *Journal for the Academic Study of Religion*
- *Journal for the Sociological Integration of Religion and Society*
- *Journal for the Study of Paul and His Letters*
- *Journal of Amish and Plain Anabaptist Studies*
- *Journal of Asian Mission*
- *Journal of Intercultural and Religious Studies*
- *Journal of Islamic Archaeology*
- *Journal of Religion and Violence*
- *Journal of Rotterdam Islamic and Social Sciences*
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- *Jurnal teologic*
- *Lectio Difficilior*
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- *Perichoresis*
- *Philosophy, Theology and the Sciences*
- *Practical Matters*
- *Preternature*
- *Priscilla Papers*
- *Religion & Gender*
- *Religions*
- *Religious Humanism (Online)*
- *Scripta Judaica Cracoviensia*
- *Secularism & Nonreligion*
- *Sefarad (Online)*
- *State, Religion and Church*
- *Studia Religiologica*
- *Studies in Christian Ethics*
- *Studies in Spirituality*
- *Studies in the Bible and Antiquity*
- *Svenskt Gudstjänstliv*
- *Tamid*
- *The Journal of Inductive Biblical Studies*
- *Trinity Journal of Church and Theology*
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- *Государство, Религия, Церковь*

ATLA Catholic Periodical and Literature Index® (ATLA CPLI®)

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- *British Catholic History*
- *Bulletin of Medieval Canon Law*
- *Centro Pro Unione Semi-Annual Bulletin*
- *Dilatato Corde*
- *Grace & Truth*
- *Hispania Sacra*
- *IHS, antiguos jesuitas in Iberoamérica*
- *Internationale katholische Zeitschrift Communio*
- *Journal of Jesuit Studies*
- *Journal of Moral Theology*
- *Lusitania Sacra*
- *Medieval Mystical Theology*
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Independent Auditor's Report

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Independent Auditor's Report

RSM US LLP

To the Board of Directors
American Theological Library Association
Chicago, Illinois

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of American Theological Library Association (the Association) which comprise the statements of financial position as of August 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of activities 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 of 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, 2015 and 2014, 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.

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American Theological Library Association

**Statements of Financial Position
August 31, 2015 and 2014**

	2015	2014
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 736,226	\$ 596,803
Accounts receivable	341,141	422,920
Prepaid expenses and deposits	286,411	258,416
Investments	5,820,286	5,079,802
Property and equipment, net	1,054,197	980,438
Intangible assets, net	6,414,542	6,257,609
	<u>\$ 14,652,803</u>	<u>\$ 13,595,988</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,183,403	\$ 1,045,975
Deferred revenue	3,799,872	3,630,585
Deferred rent	281,765	221,405
	<u>5,265,040</u>	<u>4,897,965</u>
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	9,080,602	8,405,617
Temporarily restricted	185,175	176,695
Permanently restricted	121,986	115,711
	<u>9,387,763</u>	<u>8,698,023</u>
	<u>\$ 14,652,803</u>	<u>\$ 13,595,988</u>

See notes to financial statements.

American Theological Library Association

Statements of Activities
Years Ended August 31, 2015 and 2014

	2015				2014			
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Revenue:								
Functional revenue:								
Association's subscription databases	\$ 5,876,848	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,876,848	\$ 5,586,740	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,586,740
Partner subscription databases	331,791	-	-	331,791	309,380	-	-	309,390
Other	2,397	-	-	2,397	11,728	-	-	11,728
Membership (conference and dues)	253,786	-	-	253,786	245,514	-	-	245,514
Contributions and grants	29,155	21,649	6,275	57,079	47,445	22,491	6,380	76,316
Net investment return (loss)	(4,938)	(3,569)	-	(8,507)	56,195	32,631	-	88,826
Other	988	-	-	988	20,736	-	-	20,736
Net assets released from restrictions	9,600	(9,600)	-	-	31,400	(31,400)	-	-
Total revenue	6,499,637	8,480	6,275	6,514,392	6,309,148	23,722	6,380	6,339,250
Expenses:								
Program expenses:								
Production costs	2,334,947	-	-	2,334,947	2,301,937	-	-	2,301,937
Salary and benefits	1,442,078	-	-	1,442,078	1,371,337	-	-	1,371,337
Occupancy	541,999	-	-	541,999	512,510	-	-	512,510
Insurance	27,024	-	-	27,024	38,165	-	-	38,165
Board and advisory expense	179,449	-	-	179,449	150,178	-	-	150,178
Marketing expense	98,862	-	-	98,862	53,157	-	-	53,157
Telecommunication	51,828	-	-	51,828	51,857	-	-	51,857
Office supplies and expense	50,537	-	-	50,537	57,281	-	-	57,281
Staff travel	136,228	-	-	136,228	95,264	-	-	95,264
Postage	7,275	-	-	7,275	5,875	-	-	5,875
Professional development	62,741	-	-	62,741	29,571	-	-	29,571
Legal, accounting and consulting	224,257	-	-	224,257	188,879	-	-	188,879
Interest groups/committees	23,263	-	-	23,263	49,268	-	-	49,268
Annual conference	122,988	-	-	122,988	99,559	-	-	99,559
Institutional member benefits	-	-	-	-	440	-	-	440
Awards and scholarships	15,189	-	-	15,189	44,500	-	-	44,500
Member programs	41,383	-	-	41,383	41,658	-	-	41,658
Miscellaneous	82,428	-	-	82,428	4,802	-	-	4,802
	5,442,476	-	-	5,442,476	5,096,238	-	-	5,096,238
Supporting services:								
Administrative and general	382,176	-	-	382,176	343,039	-	-	343,039
Total expenses	5,824,652	-	-	5,824,652	5,439,277	-	-	5,439,277
Increase in net assets	674,985	8,480	6,275	689,740	869,871	23,722	6,380	899,973
Net assets:								
Beginning of year	8,405,617	176,695	115,711	8,698,023	7,535,746	152,973	109,331	7,798,050
End of year	\$ 9,080,602	\$ 185,175	\$ 121,986	\$ 9,387,763	\$ 8,405,617	\$ 176,695	\$ 115,711	\$ 8,698,023

See notes to financial statements.

American Theological Library Association

**Statements of Cash Flows
Years Ended August 31, 2015 and 2014**

	2015	2014
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Increase in net assets	\$ 689,740	\$ 899,973
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	1,081,209	998,102
Decrease (increase) in unrealized gains on investments	21,849	(70,349)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	81,779	16,080
Prepaid expenses and deposits	(27,995)	29,179
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	137,428	33,343
Deferred revenue	169,287	389,687
Deferred rent	60,360	(43,402)
Net cash provided by operating activities	2,213,657	2,252,613
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of property and equipment	(280,236)	(735,023)
Additions to intangible assets	(1,031,695)	(1,025,046)
Purchase of investments	(3,266,346)	(836,230)
Proceeds from sales of investments	2,504,043	504,768
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,074,234)	(2,091,531)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	139,423	161,082
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Beginning of year	596,803	435,721
End of year	\$ 736,226	\$ 596,803

See notes to financial statements.

Budget for Fiscal Year 2015

Revenue

Product Revenue	\$6,026,528.00
Member Dues	\$144,385.00
Annual Conference	\$97,000.00
Other Member Programs Revenue	\$9,000.00
Interest/Misc.	\$31,028.00
Designated R&D Funds	\$250,000.00

Total Revenue	\$6,557,941.00
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Expenses

Production Costs	\$2,295,456.00
Research and Development	\$573,514.00
Rent & Leasehold Expenses	\$561,224.00
Operating Insurance	\$34,500.00
Administrative Salaries & Benefits	\$1,780,745.00
Board & Advisory Expense	\$153,602.00
Member & Product Marketing	\$62,055.00
Telecommunications	\$58,900.00
Office Expense & Postage	\$75,119.00
Staff Travel	\$173,546.00
Professional Development	\$88,353.00
Legal, Payroll, Other Services	\$281,500.00
Interest Groups/Committees	\$156,713.00
Annual Conference	\$249,014.00
Institutional Member Benefits	\$3,200.00
Miscellaneous	\$10,500.00

Total Expense	\$6,557,941.00
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- Covenant Theological Seminary
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- Evangelical Theological Seminary





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- Grand Canyon University
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- Lincoln Christian University and Seminary
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- St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary
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- InterVarsity Press
- ISD
- Liturgical Press
- Mohr Siebeck GmbH & Co. KG
- Odyssey Networks
- Pennsylvania State University Press
- reSource Leadership International
- Theological Book Network
- Theological Research Exchange Network
- Walter de Gruyter, Inc.
- Westminster John Knox Press
- Windows Booksellers/Wipf and Stock Publishers

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Mission & Organizational Ends

The mission of the American Theological Library Association is to foster the study of theology and religion by enhancing the development of theological and religious studies libraries and librarianship.

Established in 1946, the American Theological Library Association (ATLA) is a professional association of nearly 1,000 individual, institutional, and affiliate members providing programs, products, and services for theological and religious studies libraries and librarians. As part of fulfilling its mission, ATLA creates electronic resources to support the scholarly study of religion and theology.

ATLA exists so that:

Libraries and librarians are increasingly effective and valued partners in the academic study of religion, theology, and ministry.

Subsidiary Ends 1 and 2 are in ranked order. Below that level, the ends are increasingly specific elaborations, numbered to indicate their relationship to 1 and 2. The ranking of the Ends does not dictate the proportion of resources allocated.

1. Libraries are served by a continuing, prepared, and diverse complement of librarians.
 - 1.1 A sufficient number of qualified librarians serves libraries.
 - 1.2 Librarians at all career stages and specializations have increasing knowledge, abilities and skills.
 - 1.2.1 Librarians are effective advocates for their libraries and the profession.
 - 1.2.2 Collaborative relationships locally, regionally, and throughout the world enhance the preparedness of librarians.
 - 1.3 ATLA reflects the diversity of our communities and institutions, including but not limited to religious, racial, ethnic, and gender divisions.
2. Institutions and individuals have access to primary source material and scholarly resources that are organized, preserved, and made accessible at a reasonable expenditure of funds, time, and resources.
 - 2.1 Libraries, librarians, scholars, students, and religious leaders have access to tools and services that meet current and emerging research needs.
 - 2.1.1 Research and development initiatives successfully address needs for improved and new products and services.
 - 2.1.2 Collaborative initiatives involving members successfully address information-related opportunities and problems.

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