

atla Annual Report



2019

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Throughout the process we tried to imagine how the results of our work would help our profession to flourish.

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



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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

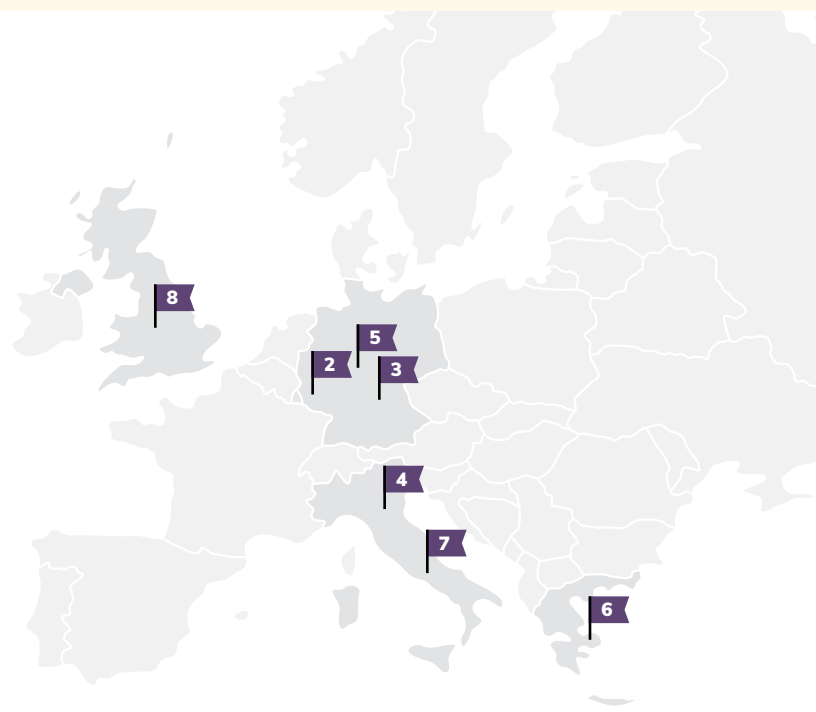
- Atla is recognized globally as a strategic collaborator.
- Atla has a solid reputation as a facilitator of open access publishing in the study of religion and theology.
- Atla membership is more diverse and inclusive.
- Atla has a shared understanding of what it means to be a hub.

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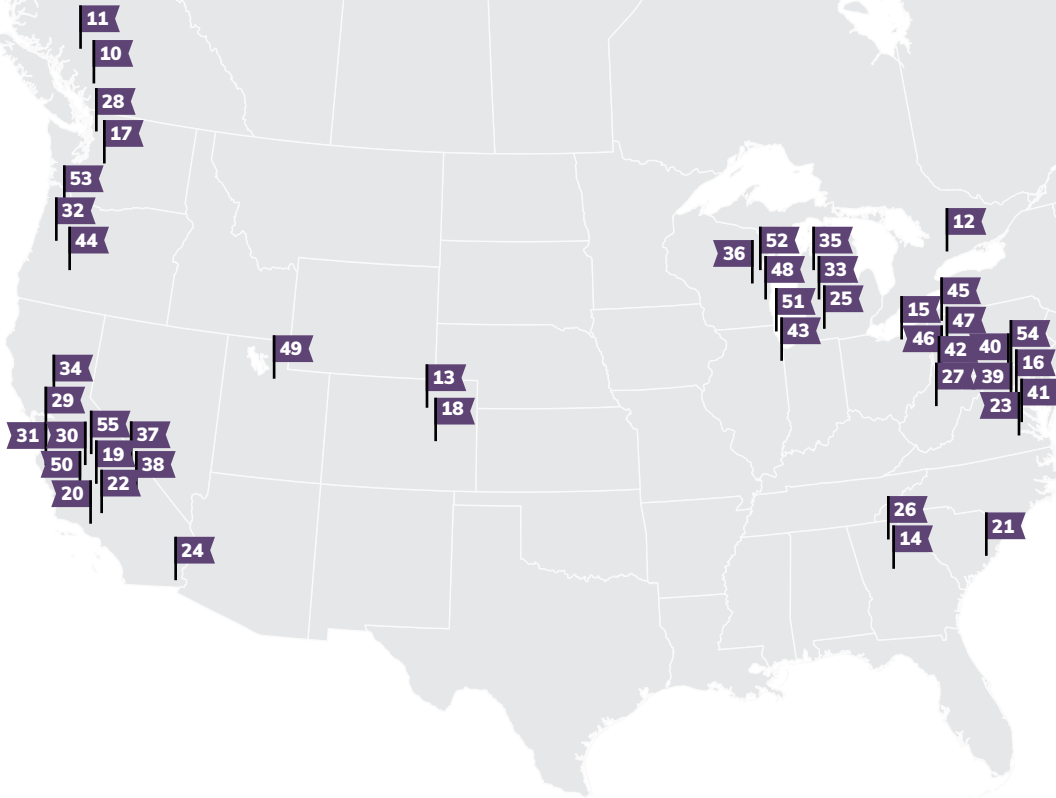
Australia

- 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
- 8 UKSG 2019 & Society for Scholarly Publishing (SSP) Preconference – Telford, UK



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 Editoria 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 SCELCapalooza – 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.

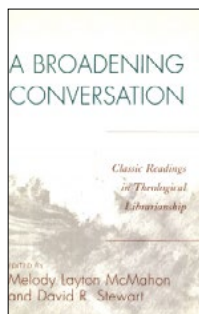
We published original scholarship from theological librarians, scholars, and others.

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

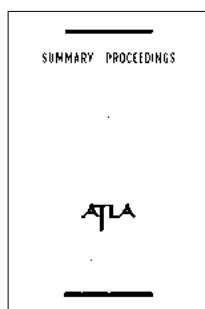


First published in 2006 as a 60th Atla

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.

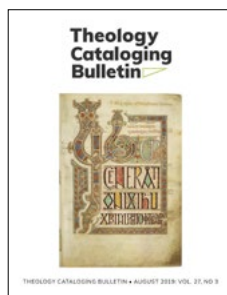
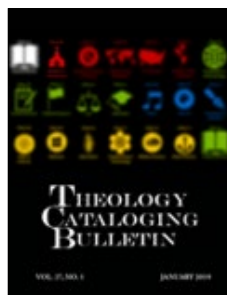
1 SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS



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.

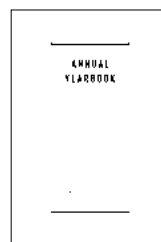
3 ISSUES OF THEOLOGY CATALOGING BULLETIN



Theology Cataloging Bulletin joined *Summary of Proceedings*

as one of the members-only publications to shift to open access. This change increased its readership, opened its archive (you can read back to 2001), and focused on adding new types of content.

ANNUAL YEARBOOK



What was once content found in the *Atla Summary of Proceedings*, our new OA publication, *Atla Annual Yearbook*, is an annual compilation of business reports of the Association as well as reports from the Association's committees, task forces, and other groups.

We hosted two journals.



THE ANZTLA E JOURNAL

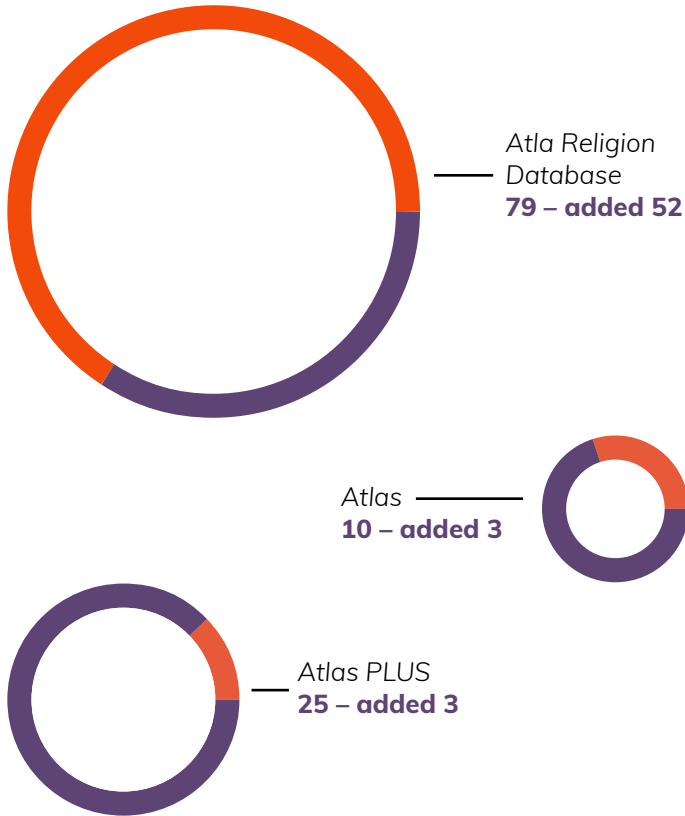
Official serial publication of the Australian and New Zealand Theological Library Association.



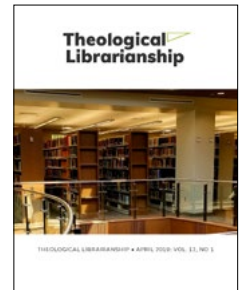
THE WABASH CENTER JOURNAL ON TEACHING

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.

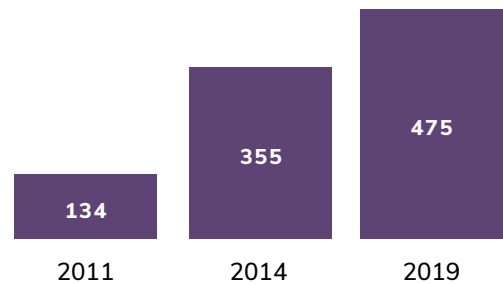
We increased open access titles in our Subscription Databases.



2 ISSUES OF THEOLOGICAL LIBRARIANSHIP



475 libraries list Theological Librarianship in their holdings*



*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



Alec Dan, one of Musqueam’s Knowledge Keepers, opened Atla Annual with a Land Acknowledgement and Welcome

Atla membership is more diverse and inclusive.

I welcome you to the traditional, ancestral, unceded lands of the hən̓q̓əmi̓n̓əm̓-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 Religiously Diverse...**



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

23

international attendees from **15** countries

THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INITIATIVE

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

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subscriptions to Atla databases at institutions in developing countries

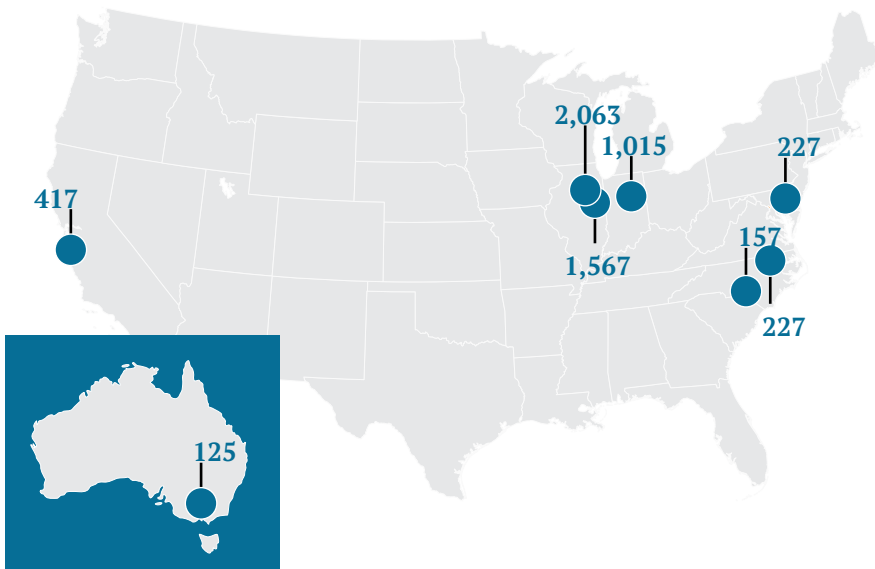
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total developing countries served

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 Roling 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
Berkeley, 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

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 Tippet *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*

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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 Tippy)



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

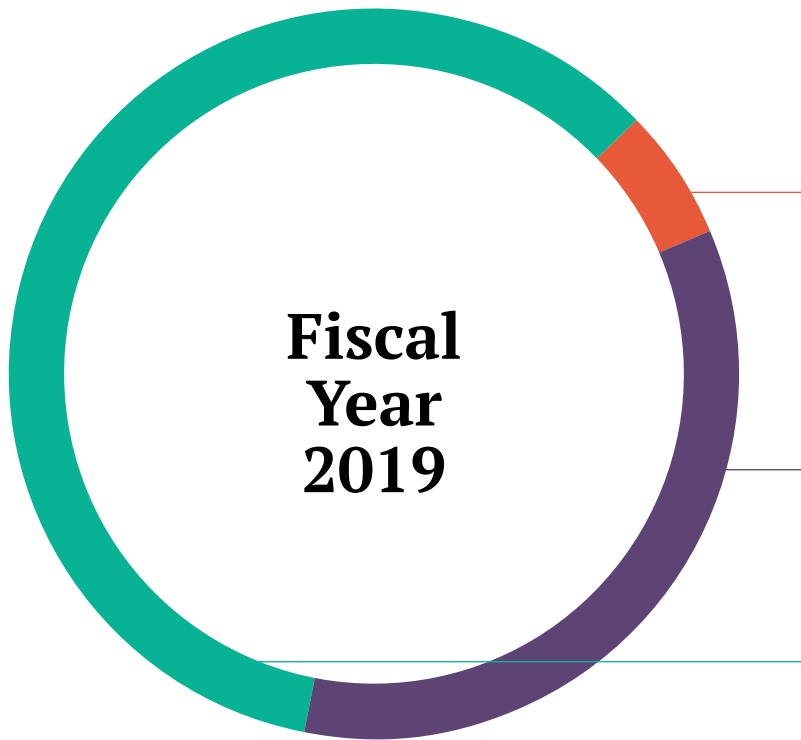
Dennis Swanson

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



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.



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



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*



[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).



Scholarly Communication Committee

The Scholarly Communication Committee's mission is to advance scholarly communication in theology and religious studies by providing librarians, archivists, and other information professionals with a disciplinary framework and by implementing strategic initiatives.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Andrew Keck *Perkins School of Theology – SMU, Chair*

Sabahat Adil *University of Colorado – Boulder (January – July 2019)*

Clifford B. Anderson *Vanderbilt University*

Michael Hemenway *Iliff School of Theology*

Jérémie LeBlanc *Saint Paul University*

Christine Fruin *Staff Liaison*



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 Members learn about scholarly communication issues such as copyright and open access at the ACRL Roadshow event.

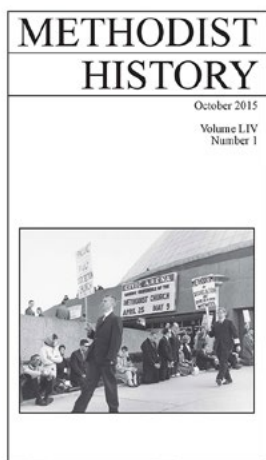
Atla produces trusted research tools for the study of religion and theology.

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 CPLI[®]) into the *Atla Religion Database*.

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



PROTEST AGAINST CHURCH SEGREGATION (1964)

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.

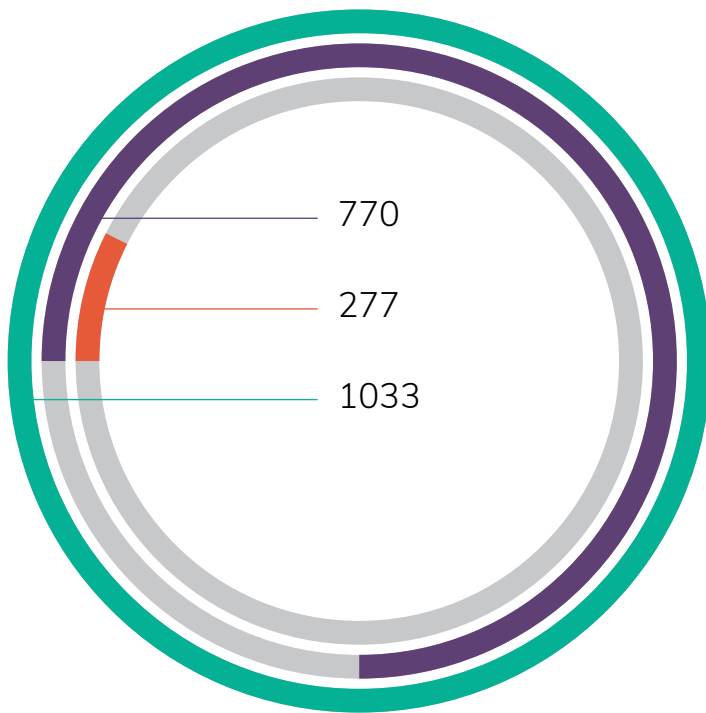
Launched in 2001, Atlas began with a core group of 50 journals curated by staff and a diverse group of accomplished and respected religion scholars. This collection grew steadily, and Atla celebrated the 250th title milestone at Atla Annual 2013 in Charlotte. With the launch of Atlas PLUS, combined with 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.



RESEARCH TOOLS

Our research tools are made available to students, scholars, researchers, faculty, and religious leaders by thousands of libraries in more than 65 countries.*

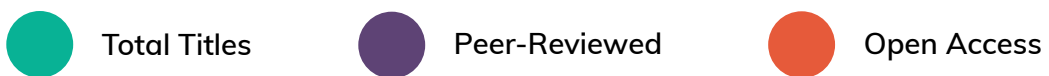
ATLA RELIGION DATABASE



ATLAS PLUS



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*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	 Denmark	 Japan	 Philippines	 Sri Lanka
 Australia	 Finland	 Kenya	 Poland	 Sweden
 Austria	 France	 Lebanon	 Portugal	 Switzerland
 Belgium	 Germany	 Malaysia	 Romania	 Taiwan
 Bolivia	 Ghana	 Mexico	 Russia	 Thailand
 Brazil	 Guatemala	 Netherlands	 Serbia	 Turkey
 Canada	 Hungary	 New Zealand	 Singapore	 Ukraine
 Chile	 India	 Nigeria	 Slovakia	 United Kingdom
 China	 Indonesia	 Norway	 Slovenia	 United Republic of Tanzania
 Colombia	 Ireland	 Pakistan	 South Africa	 United States
 Croatia	 Israel	 Papua New Guinea	 South Korea	 Vatican City
 Czech Republic	 Italy	 Peru	 Spain	

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
 Bogoslovska Smotra
 Brill Research Perspectives in Biblical Interpretation
 BTKS Insight
 Bulletin (Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture)
 Bulletin of Ecumenical Theology
 Cahiers d'Études du Religieux
 Caminhos
 Conspectus
 Cristianesimo Nella Storia
 Croatica Christiana Periodica
 Dinî Araştırmalar
 Edinost in Dialog
 Estudios Marianos
 Forum Exegese und Hochschuldidaktik: Verstehen
 von Anfang an
 Gema Teologika
 Gnosis
 İjtīmā'iyya: 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 Ilahiyat 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 & Punjab Studies
 Journal of Welsh Ecclesiastical History
 Kościół i Prawo
 Manuscripta
 Marriage, Families & Spirituality
 Mental Health, Religion & Culture
 Müttfekkir
 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
 Slovĕne: International Journal of Slavic Studies
 Spirituality Studies
 Stellenbosch Theological Journal
 Studia Patavina
 Studia z Prawa Wyznaniowego
 The Journal of Interreligious Studies
 The Journal of the Evangelical Homiletics Society
 The Journal of World Christianity
 The Polish Journal of Arts and Culture
 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 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.

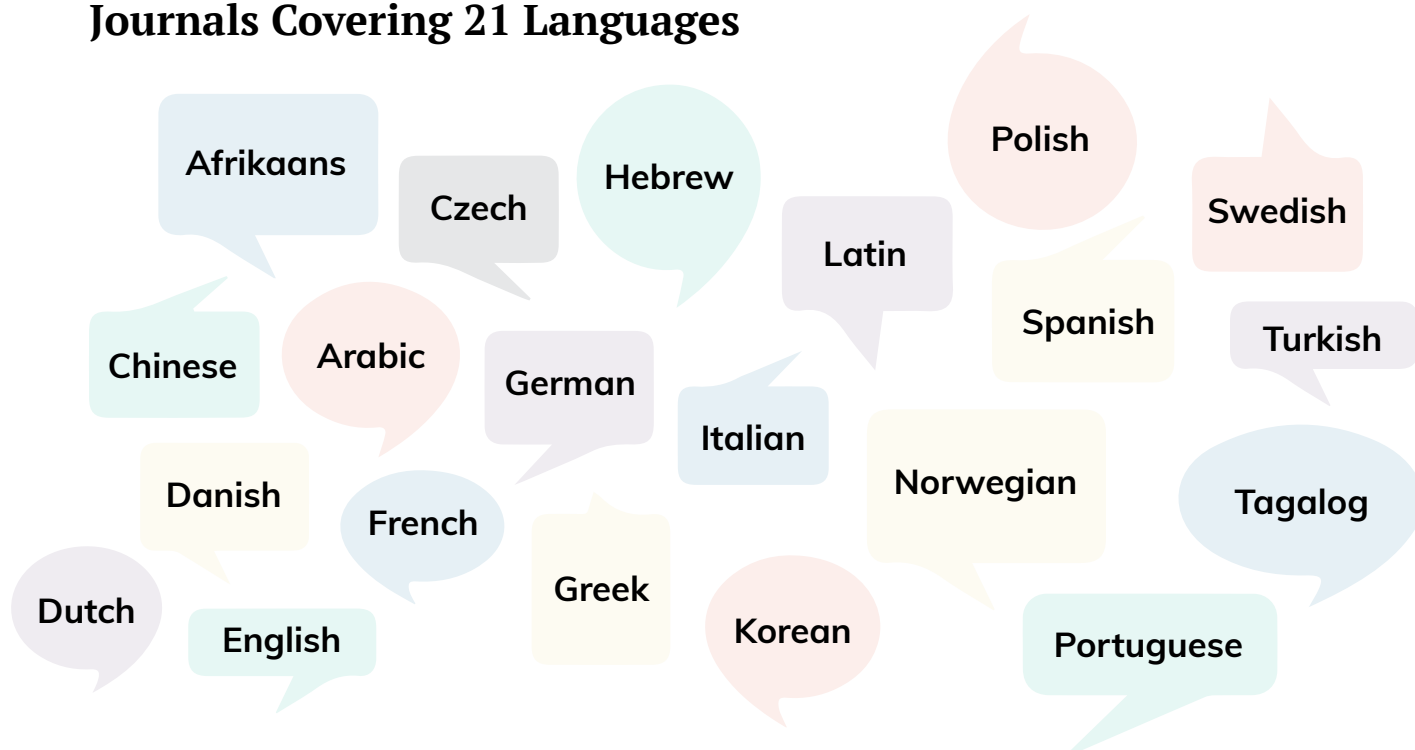
FY19 Newly Appearing Titles in Atlas & Atlas PLUS

Anglican and Episcopal History
 Antonianum
 Archivo Teológico Granadino
 Australian Biblical Review
 British Catholic History
 BTKS Insight
 Canon & Culture [캐논앤컬처]
 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 NAIITS
 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



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**





PNWRTLA Meeting

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.

NACO

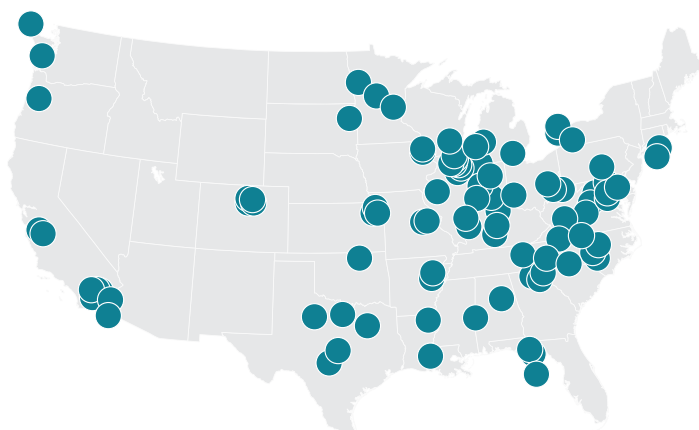
- Members **22**
- Represented Institutions **21**
- New Name records **605**
- Modified exhibiting records **263**

SACO

- Members **8**
- Represented Institutions **8**
- New Subject Headings **10**

CONSER

- Members: **2**
- New CONSER records: **123**
- Modified existing CONSER records: **1,417**



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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.

109 libraries took part in the program.



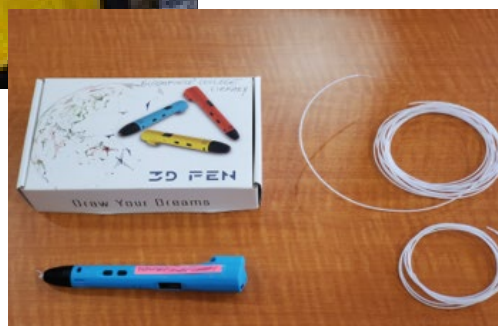
“Rapture Ready” team posting their score on the Escape Room Leaderboard.

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.



Some of the items added to the library’s makerspace.

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



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

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



PNWRTL Meeting

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, Shanee' Yvette Murrain, (back, L to R) Jennifer Bartholomew, Stephen Sweeney, Christina Torbert, Matthew Ostercamp, Armin Siedlecki, Brad Ost

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

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Independent Auditor's Report

RSM US LLP

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.

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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.

RSM VS LLP

Chicago, Illinois
January 23, 2020

American Theological Library Association

**Statements of Financial Position
August 31, 2019 and 2018**

	2019	2018
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,126,192	\$ 2,025,121
Accounts receivable	739,649	518,361
Prepaid expenses and deposits	307,485	296,338
Investments	5,504,753	5,505,488
Property and equipment, net	925,084	932,013
Intangible assets, net	7,007,423	6,914,476
	<u>\$ 16,610,586</u>	<u>\$ 16,191,797</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 778,676	\$ 799,218
Deferred revenue	5,153,043	4,764,851
Deferred rent	99,220	156,394
	<u>6,030,939</u>	<u>5,720,463</u>
Net assets:		
Without donor restrictions	10,107,363	9,999,001
With donor restrictions	472,284	472,333
	<u>10,579,647</u>	<u>10,471,334</u>
	<u>\$ 16,610,586</u>	<u>\$ 16,191,797</u>

See notes to financial statements.

American Theological Library Association
 Statements of Activities
 Years Ended August 31, 2019 and 2018

	2019		2018		Total
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	
Revenue:					
Functional revenue:					
Associator's subscription databases	\$ 6,620,760	\$ -	\$ 6,620,760	\$ 6,414,680	\$ 6,414,680
Partner subscription databases	343,574	-	343,574	352,756	352,756
Other	21,325	-	21,325	144,265	144,265
Membership (conference and dues)	238,381	-	239,381	248,737	248,737
Contributions and grants	-	16,087	16,087	20,000	131,567
Net investment return	138,703	4,477	143,180	117,596	133,616
Other	93,463	-	93,463	35,809	35,809
Net assets released from restrictions	20,613	(20,613)	-	27,000	-
Total revenue	7,477,819	(49)	7,477,770	7,360,843	7,461,430
Expenses:					
Salary and benefits	2,461,635	-	2,461,635	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	281,643	281,643
Depreciation and amortization	1,681,838	-	1,681,838	1,480,604	1,480,604
Travel	379,008	-	379,008	270,004	270,004
Marketing	154,898	-	154,898	135,355	135,355
Occupancy	651,080	-	651,080	608,575	608,575
Office expenses	85,196	-	85,196	123,075	123,075
Professional development	39,555	-	39,555	55,877	55,877
Professional services	562,508	-	562,508	606,506	606,506
Educational services	9,485	-	9,485	14,097	14,097
Conference	46,275	-	46,275	58,083	58,083
Audio visual	39,587	-	39,587	28,324	28,324
Awards	45,797	-	45,797	53,132	53,132
Other	9,331	-	9,331	11,075	11,075
Total expenses	7,369,457	-	7,369,457	7,241,670	7,241,670
Increase (decrease) in net assets	108,362	(49)	108,313	119,173	219,760
Net assets:					
Beginning of year	9,999,001	472,333	10,471,334	9,879,828	10,251,574
End of year	\$ 10,107,363	\$ 472,284	\$ 10,579,647	\$ 9,999,001	\$ 10,471,334

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.

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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.

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