

atla Annual Report



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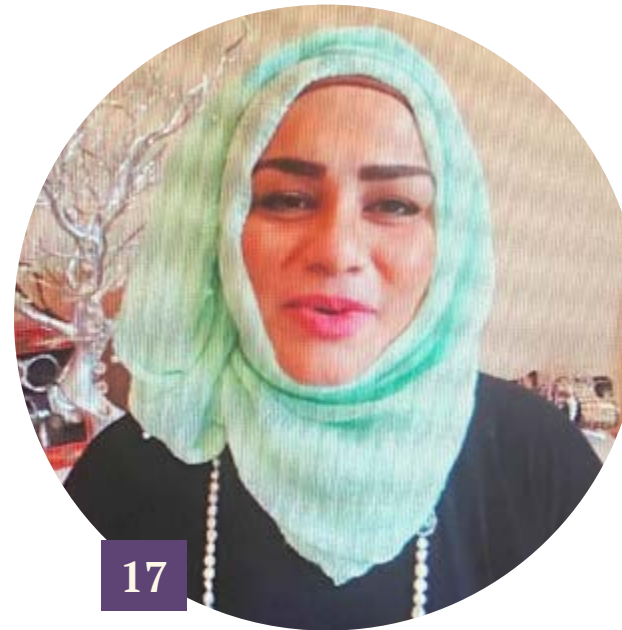
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Atla has come a long way in the past 75 years and is committed to living into the future as collectors and connectors.

Connected in a Sustainable and Diverse Global Community

This past year, the Board of Directors faced challenges to the Association and to the various communities we serve. It is not an easy task to identify one theme or strand that wove its way through Atla in 2019-2020. COVID-19 was certainly a dominant theme. New Organizational Ends for the Association were a central focus point of the year. A fresh awareness of Atla's Core Values of Hospitality, Inclusion, and Diversity is also a spotlight.

In advance of a January 2020 Board meeting, members were asked to read an article entitled "Navigating in Changing Winds." In it, the author identified some descriptive keywords for the reality of theological higher education. Those words were "Uncertainty. Risk. Volatility. Rapid change. Innovation. New alternatives. Disruption." How appropriately those words turned out to reflect the year that was 2020. The Board has closely followed trends that COVID-19 brought to theological higher education. One response was the pay-what-you-want membership dues for 2020-2021. The Board continues to monitor the situation to determine the best ways to serve our membership.

The Board came together in early 2020 to take a deep look at the Organizational Ends. We spent time considering the current-at-the-time Atla Ends, the makeup of the membership, and how best to realize the future. The newly envisioned Global End of Atla is that "Librarians and information providers in theology and religion are connected in a sustainable and diverse global community at a cost that demonstrates good stewardship of resources."

Atla's Core Values of Hospitality, Inclusion, and Diversity are reflected throughout the new/now-current Organizational Ends. End 3.1 provides a particular place to pause and reflect. It states, "Librarians and information providers demonstrate competencies in diversity, inclusion, equity, and antiracism." During a meeting of the Board on June 5, 2020, the Board passed a resolution condemning racism and xenophobia and calling the Association to action. The Board would go on to spend considerable time reflecting what this means to the Association. There is much work to be done, but a very intentional start has been made to accomplishing this End.

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. Atla has come a long way in the past 75 years and is committed to living into the future as collectors and connectors.

Sincerely,
Stephen Sweeney
Atla Board President

Resiliency and Equilibrium

The first half of the year began with a familiar rhythm: membership renewals, committee and board meetings, webinars, open access publications, newly indexed titles, and new content. My sabbatical straddled the first two quarters, but Atla's strong staff leadership team kept everything running smoothly.

Halfway through the year, the unexpected struck. None could have imagined how different the world would be after COVID-19 descended on us. My heart goes out to colleagues whose families and livelihoods were adversely impacted by the pandemic.

Staff leadership grappled with workplace safety and keeping staff safe from harm. Atla was lucky to have already been moving toward infrastructure support for an increasing number of staff working from home. Because of this, every staff person was able to work remotely beginning in mid-March. A PPP Loan from the Small Business Administration gave us the confidence to keep everyone fully employed without any impact on salary or benefits. Staff continued to provide support to members and customers and to fulfill our business obligations.

The staff and members embraced the Board's call to action related to diversity, equity, and inclusion by awarding Diversity Scholarships to MLIS students and offering educational opportunities. Staff began planning efforts to address the Board's newly adopted organizational ends.

The biggest hurdle was re-envisioning Atla Annual in a short time. I commend the staff and Conference Committee for successfully pivoting to a completely online environment. Sponsor generosity supported free registration for members, with near record attendance. The online format allowed many to experience the conference for the first time.

Most academic institutions were forced to move education online and Atla is proud to produce research tools that support those efforts. These tools continue to grow, with an increase last year in titles indexed and full text provided as well as broadened content diversity. The Atla Religion Database surpassed 3 million records.

Despite the challenges, Atla had a reasonable year financially. Revenue was comparable to previous years and expenses significantly reduced. This was the first year working with a new auditor, Plante Moran, and the all-virtual process yielded an unmodified opinion. The Endowment Fund continued to grow, exceeding \$800,000 in value at year end.

While I hope the Atla ecosystem never again experiences the catastrophe and loss seen this year, it served to illustrate how resilient we are. Thank you to everyone who, despite unexpected obstacles and troubled times, helped Atla maintain its equilibrium.

Brenda Bailey-Hainer
Atla Executive Director



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About Atla

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

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

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

We exist so that:

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

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

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



STRATEGIC GOALS IN ACTION

Atla is recognized globally as a strategic collaborator. This year we made it our goal to meet, collaborate, present, and learn from our community. Midway through the year, the pandemic struck, but we continued to connect and collaborate online.



Africa

1 eLearning Africa (Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire)

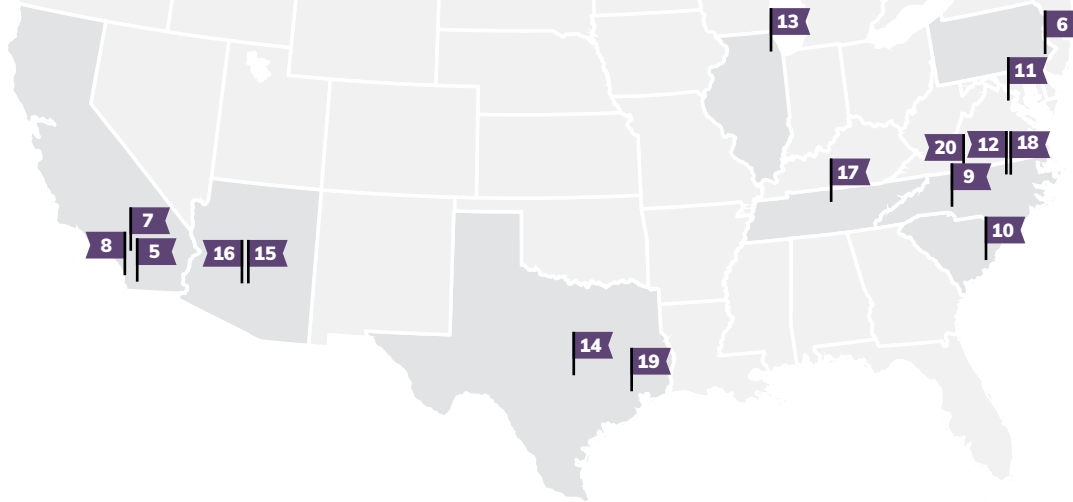


Europe

2 European Theological Libraries (BETH) – Oxford, UK

3 Frankfurt Book Fair – Frankfurt, Germany

4 PKP Scholarly Publishing Conference - Barcelona, Spain



North America

- 5** AAR & SBL Annual Meetings – San Diego, California
- 6** ALA Midwinter Meeting – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 7** ASOR – San Diego, California
- 8** Association of Jewish Studies (AJS) – San Diego, California
- 9** Carolinas Theological Library Consortium (CTLC) Meeting – Charlotte, North Carolina
- 10** Charleston Conference – Charleston, South Carolina
- 11** CNI Fall Meeting – Washington, DC
- 12** Duke Divinity School Library – Durham, North Carolina
- 13** Editoria Community Meeting – Chicago, Illinois
- 14** Nevertheless, She Preached Conference – Austin, Texas
- 15** OCLC Library Futures: Community Catalysts Pre-Conference – Scottsdale, Arizona
- 16** OpenED Conference – Phoenix, Arizona
- 17** Public Library Association (PLA) – Nashville, Tennessee
- 18** Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary – Wake Forest, North Carolina
- 19** Southwestern Theological Library Association (SWATLA)/ COSTS Meeting – Houston, Texas
- 20** Wake Forest University – Winston-Salem, North Carolina



Online

- 21** ALA Annual Meeting
- 22** Carolinas Theological Library Consortium (CTLC) Meeting
- 23** Catholic Biblical Association
- 24** Catholic Library Association (CLA) Meeting
- 25** CRRRA Virtual Annual Meeting
- 26** EuARE Digital Conference
- 27** ICOLC
- 28** Library Publishing Forum

Atla has a solid reputation as a facilitator of open access publishing in the study of religion and theology.

We published open access books, journals, and other serials via the Atla Open Press.



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Serials



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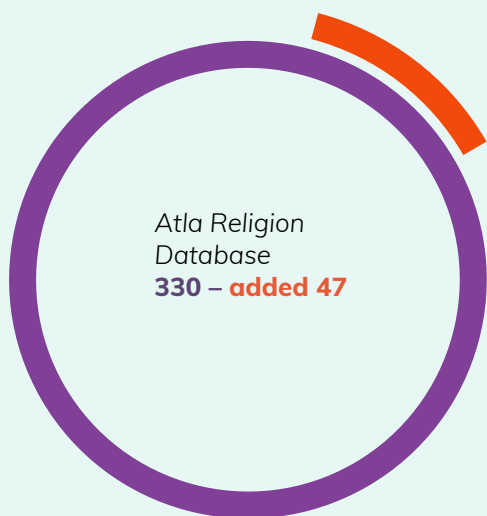
Monographs



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Hosted Journals

We increased open access titles in our subscription databases.



Atla membership is more diverse and inclusive.

Atla Annual 2020 moved to an online event, allowing more members to join us from around the world.



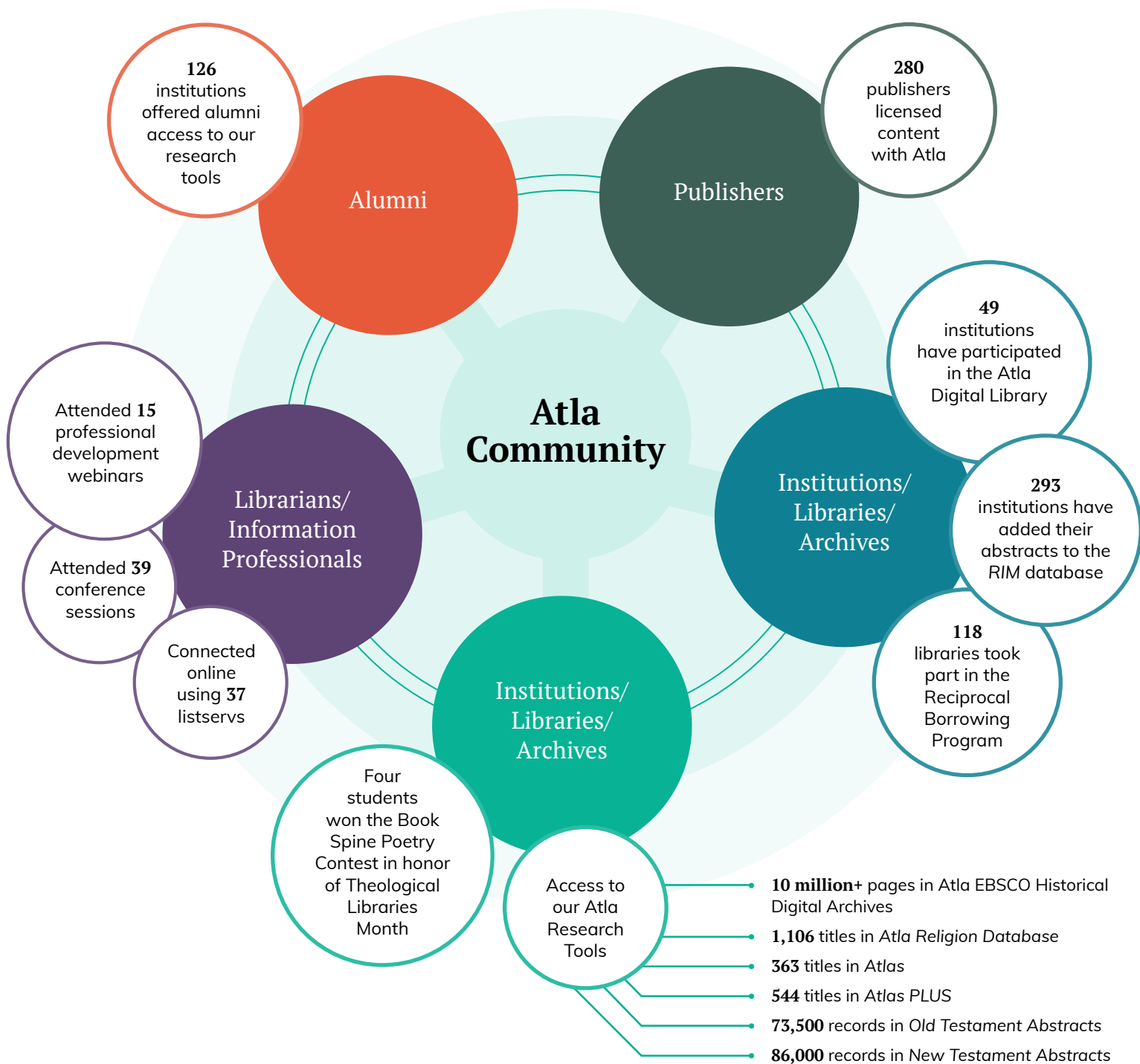
We offered discounts to our subscription databases to institutions from developing countries.

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Subscriptions

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Countries

Atla has a shared understanding of what it means to be a hub.

The Atla community connected, collected, and collaborated through events, programs, and resources.



Meet Alexis Weiss

Alexis first joined Atla in 2011 and currently serves as the Reference and Instruction Librarian for Theology at the William H. Hannon Library at Loyola Marymount University.



AC: What led you to librarianship?

AW: It was so long ago! I worked in the library in grad school. My undergrad was in philosophy, and my grad degree was in religion. When I left my first master's degree, the only job I could get was as a cook. After that, it was either library school or law school, and I realized that if I became a lawyer, I would probably hate myself. And I loved working in the library; I'm quite book obsessed. I wanted, originally, to teach, but a PhD just didn't happen at that point. So I went into being a librarian and I get to teach this way. And I still get to teach things that I really enjoy.

AC: Did you know from the beginning that you wanted to be a theological librarian, or did you think that you were going to do a different part of library science?

AW: You know, when I first started my library degree, which was about a year after my religion master's, I didn't even know theological librarianship was a thing. I was introduced to Atla at my first job by a colleague. I left that job six months later to work for Atla, and I've kind of been doing it ever since. So it wasn't really something that I knew was a thing when I started. My first job in grad school in the library was at a really small school, so the idea that there were different librarians that did different things was just completely

over my head. But as soon as I knew that that was a thing, that I could focus on the study of religion and being a librarian, it was perfect for me.

AC: You mentioned earlier that you didn't even know what theological librarianship was; that you didn't even know it was an option. Do you find that when you talk to people in your life, family and friends, do they go, "You do what, now?"

AW: It took a while for some people to understand what it was that I did. But basically, I just tell them, "I'm an instruction and research librarian. Most of the people I instruct and help with research are looking at things in religion and philosophy." That's it. It's really weird for me personally as a theological librarian. Theological Studies encompasses all world religions. It's very strange for me as somebody who's trained to be a theological librarian to see the limitations of what it means to be a theological librarian. The vast majority of theological librarian positions that come up, I am not allowed to take, because I am not Christian. I'm a Buddhist and my background specialty is in Eastern religions. My time at Atla was very fortunate because I had to read so much about other faiths.

But to have that sort of restriction of, "I'm a theological librarian and this is what I do, but I can only work at a big

university that very openly states that they are open to different religions, different 'lifestyles.'" Being queer is not okay at some theological libraries! It is a little restricting, so when people who know me, who know that I'm Buddhist and who know that I'm queer, when I tell them I'm a theology librarian, they always cock their heads a little and go "You're what? I don't see how these things mesh." It's less explaining what a theological librarian is and more explaining how I fit into the box of being a theological librarian.

AC: In terms of religion and theology, I know you mentioned that you study a lot of Eastern religions. Is there a subject of theological librarianship that you're particularly drawn to?

AW: My specialty is actually in Indian and Tibetan Buddhism. But a lot of the other work that I do is in faith and reason, and a lot of interfaith work. And at this point also, looking at LGBTQ diversity and acceptance, within all religious tradition, my own in particular as a Buddhist, but just in general.

Read the full interview on the [Atla Blog](#).

Member Spotlight is a new series on the Atla Blog featuring interviews with Atla members about their journey in theological librarianship written by Ana Cackley.

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, & Inclusion

In order to realize and live the core value 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.



[Left to right] Daniel Baek, Yasmine Abou-El-Kheir, David Kriegh, Donna Wells, Evan E. Boyd, Alice Song

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Yasmine Abou-El-Kheir *Chicago Theological Seminary, Chair*

Evan E. Boyd *United Lutheran Seminary*

Daniel Baek *Vancouver School of Theology*

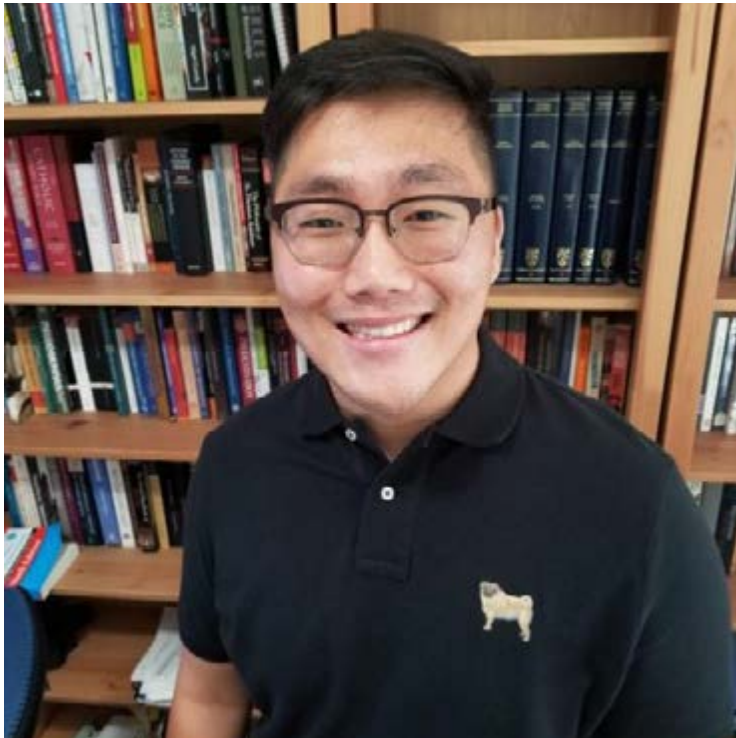
David Kriegh *Saint Mary's College of California*

Alice Song *Fuller Theological Seminary*

Donna Wells *Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary*

Christine Fruin *Staff Liaison*

Race MoChridhe *Staff Liaison*



Ezra Choe



Committee Awards Two Diversity Scholarships

“Being a Diversity Scholar means that I must actively focus to recognize and appreciate what is good, true, and beautiful within different cultures. The librarian profession has tremendous potential to promote the values of diversity, equity, and inclusion, since it is a profession (as I see it) that is centered around serving the information needs of diverse people irrespective of their background.”

–EZRA CHOE

Ezra is currently pursuing his MLIS at UCLA with a concentration in Library Studies.

“Being a multi-minority, the values of EDI [Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion] are warp to the weft of my lived experience. One of the things I like about the LIS profession (as I know it) is that many of us believe that libraries and the like have the mandate to help the people, all the people, even if that has not always been the case.”

–MARIAN EKWEOGWU

Marian is pursuing her MLIS at the iSchool at Illinois.

Thank you to the generous Atla Members who donated to the Atla Scholarships & Grants Fund (see page 53), helping make this generous scholarship possible.

Committee Publishes DEI Series on the Atla Blog

The committee published six blog posts highlighting different diversity, equity, and inclusion themes and how members can bolster their collection and meet the needs of various constituencies in their institutions.



“Transgender Day of Remembrance, November 20”

by Evan Boyd



“‘Hospitality’ in Archival Collections Related to the Study of Religion”

A guest post by Tomoko Shida, the recipient of the 2019 Atla Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Scholarship



Reflections by all DEI Committee members on the meaning of diversity, equity, and inclusion



“African Americans and the Ballot Box: Countering Disinformation Campaigns with Social Media Literacy”

by Yasmine Abou-El-Kheir



“Yom ha-Shoah (Israeli Holocaust Remembrance Day)”

A guest blog post by Sheryl Stahl, director of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion



“Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (APAHM): A Rich Mosaic”

by Daniel (Bonggun) Baek

DEI APPROACHES ATLA BOARD FOR FORMAL STATEMENT

In the wake of the wave of protests following the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor, the DEI Committee approached the Atla Board to issue a formal statement. The Atla Board passed a resolution on June 5, 2020, acknowledging the tragedy of racism and xenophobia as problems that conflict with Atla’s core purpose. The resolution further affirmed Atla’s Organizational End 3.1 and commitment to ongoing training so that “librarians and information providers demonstrate competencies in diversity, inclusion, equity, and antiracism.”



“...we need to move beyond a hospitality in which those who were kept out in the past — the strangers, the ‘others’ — are invited in as guests by the host. Come in, says the host, feel at home, use my resources, enjoy the diversity of my space. Meaningful transformation will only happen when hospitality involves a fundamental inversion of the host-guest relationship.”

Excerpt from Tomoko Shida’s article, a quote from Verne Harris, a South African archivist who served within the post-apartheid State archives as well as for the Nelson Mandela Foundation.



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.



[Left to right] Chris Spilker, Erica Durham, Kris Veldheer, Vance Thomas, Megan Welsh, Robert Burgess, Cindy Alders

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Erica Durham *John Bulow Campbell Library, Columbia Theological Seminary, Chair*

Cindy Alders *John Richard Allison Library, Regent College, 2019 Local Host Committee Representative*

Robert Burgess *Leland Speed Library, Mississippi College*

Christopher Spilker *Cardinal Szoka Library, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2020 Local Host Committee Representative*

Vance Thomas *Shumaker Library, Central Baptist Theological Seminary*

Megan Welsh *Norlin Library, University of Colorado Boulder*

Miranda Bennett *Thomas Cooper Library, University of South Carolina, 2018 & 2019 Editor in Chief of Atla Summary of Proceedings*

Kris Veldheer *Paul Bechtold Library, Catholic Theological Union, 2020 & 2021 Editor in Chief of Atla Summary of Proceedings*

Gillian Harrison Cain *ex-officio*

Denise McFarlin *Staff Liaison*

Atla Annual 2020 Online was a historical event for staff and attendees.

We moved our conference from Detroit, Michigan, to a **three-day online event**. The Conference Committee and a host of members and Atla staff members came together to put on a successful event that allowed over four hundred and thirty-four members to connect across the world!



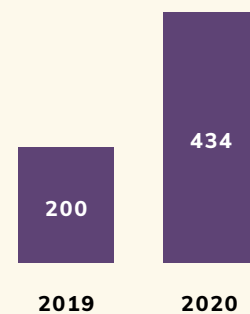
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434
attendees

39
sessions

3
days

In a year where we had to physically distance, we were excited to see more Atla members connect worldwide than ever.



EXPANDED OUR COMMUNITY

We invited members of allied organizations to attend at a member rate.





Members like **Evan Kuehn of Brandel Library at North Park University** attended Atla Annual 2020 Online while at work. He tweeted, "Listening as I scan article requests, hopefully not missing too many interesting slides!"

Like many others, the normal view of four walls of a conference room was exchanged for their home view. For **Donald Mitchell of Union School of Theology**, he had a beautiful view of his yard in South Wales, United Kingdom.



For many of our members, they juggled personal and professional life in 2020. **Matthew Thiesen of Western Seminary** was no exception. Here he is attending Atla Annual with his family (maybe we have future theological librarians at this table?).

Plenary Speaker Tahera H. Ahmad concluded Atla Annual 2020 Online with a riveting discussion on interfaith in higher education.



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Endowment Committee

The Endowment Committee informs the membership of the purpose of the Endowment Fund, the cultivation of donor relationships, and the solicitation of major gifts through planned (estate) gifts and other funding sources.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Pat Graham *Retired, Chair*

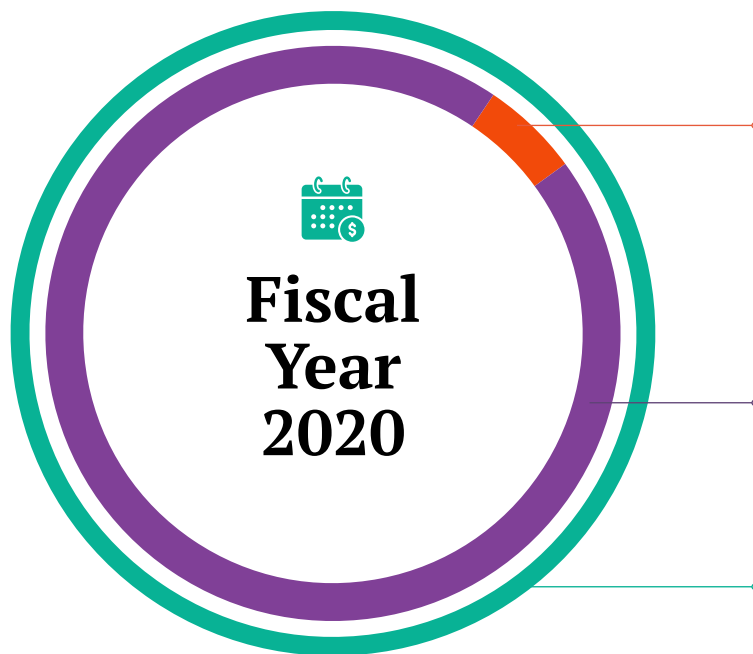
Eric Benoy *New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary*

Craig Kubic *Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary*

Sharon Taylor *retired*

Brenda Bailey-Hainer *Staff Liaison*

Marie Jacobsen *Staff Liaison*



44
individuals made

52
donations totaling
\$5,777

Later in the fall, Atla matched these gifts and contributed an additional

\$94,223

for a total contribution from FY20 funds of

\$100,000

As of August 31, 2020, the fund had a balance of **\$801,216**.





[Left to right] Pat Graham, Sharon Taylor, Craig Kubic
[Not pictured: Eric Benoy]



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.



[Left to right] Michael Bradford, Karen Clarke, Patricia Yang, Christine Wenderoth, Rebecca Givens, Justin Lillard
[Not pictured: Warren Watson]

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Michael Bradford *Harvard, Chair*

Karen Clarke *Pacific Rim Christian University*

Rebecca Givens *Covenant Theological Seminary*

Justin Lillard *Harding University*

Warren Watson *Payne Theological Seminary*

Christine Wenderoth *Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago*

Patricia Yang *Gateway Seminary*

Gillian Harrison Cain *Staff Liaison*



PDC Helps Host Sessions at Atla Annual 2020 Online

The PDC members volunteered and played a crucial role in making Atla Annual 2020 Online a successful event by volunteering as session hosts. They introduced presenters, facilitated questions in the chat, and made sure sessions ended on time.

If you attended a session during the conference, you would have most likely been greeted by a PDC committee member. Christine Wenderoth facilitating Q&A with speaker Beth Sheppard during her session, *Scholarly Communication in Religion: Lessons from the Social Sciences*.



PDC SURVEYS MEMBERS' NEEDS

The PDC conducted a member needs professional development survey at the beginning of 2020 and then re-surveyed a few key questions to compare with pre-COVID-19 responses.

[View report online](#)

KEY TAKEAWAYS

81% identified webinars as their first choice of how to receive their professional development from Atla

59% want to learn about integrating library resources into online courses, which will be especially prevalent in the age of social distancing

60% of respondents are looking to build their strategic planning skills

40% are looking for opportunities for budgeting and negotiation skills

WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION

A Year of Webinars

The PDC continued to help identify and recruit presenters for a handful of well-attended webinars. Over the years, the PDC has worked with Atla staff to establish an infrastructure for developing and promoting webinar programs and utilizing technical platforms already in place with the Association. Other committees have taken advantage of these services to present their own programming.

The most popular session was *Telling Your Story: Articulating Your Value as a Technical Services Librarian*, presented by Leslie Engelson and Christina Torbert.



Registration was maxed out, and many interested attendees were waitlisted. Yet, everyone was able to access the recording afterward on Atla's On Demand Learning (and you can too).



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.



[Left to right] Michael Hemenway, Clifford Anderson, Melody Diehl Detar, Barbara Jenkins, Andrew Keck

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Michael Hemenway
Iliff School of
Theology, Chair

Clifford Anderson
Vanderbilt University

Barbara Jenkins
University of Oregon

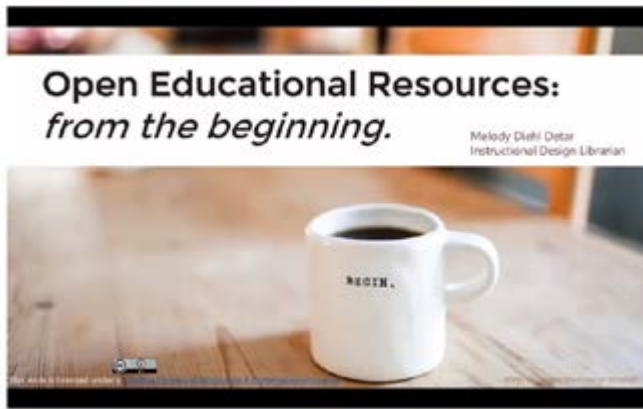
Christine Fruin
Staff Liaison

Melody Diehl Detar
Duquesne University

Andrew Keck
Southern Methodist
University

COMMITTEE FOCUSES ON OERS & DIGITAL HUMANITIES

The Scholarly Communication Committee focused its attention on Open Educational Resources (OERs) and released a survey to understand members' needs. They received great feedback and hosted a webinar on OERs in December. Stay tuned for more OER programs and resources in the years to come!



Melody Diehl Detar hosted a webinar on *Open Educational Resources: From the Beginning*.

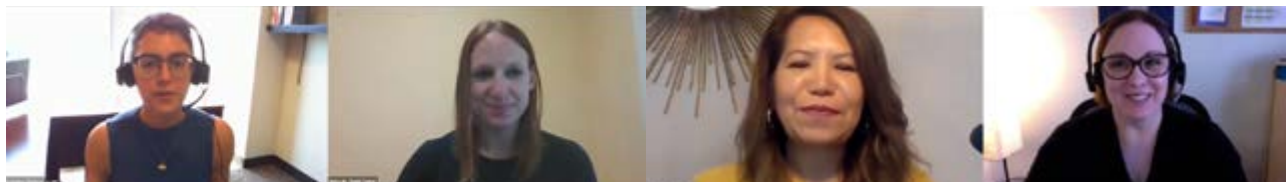


Committee launches new LibGuide on [Digital Humanities](#)

Facilitate Five Sessions at Atla Annual 2020 Online

What a year for Scholarly Communications at Atla Annual! Committee members facilitated three Digital Humanities sessions and two Open Educational Resources sessions.

- *Proposing a TEI-Encoding Project for Wesley Works*
- *Copyright Best Practices for Digitization Projects*
- *Better-Casting: Best Practices for High-impact Screencast Tutorial Development*
- *Now More Than Ever: The Need to Build Open Scholarship in Theological Libraries*
- *The Role of Librarians in Supporting Textbook Affordability Initiatives at Theological Colleges*



[Left to right] Cristina Ochoa, Atla Products Specialist, introducing Melody Diehl Detar during her session, *Better-Casting: Best Practices for High-impact Screencast Tutorial Development*.

Regina Gong (OER & Student Success Librarian, Michigan State University) presenting a session on *The Role of Librarians in Supporting Textbook Affordability Initiatives at Theological Colleges*. Karen Clarke of the Professional Development Committee (right) introduced Regina's session.



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

Kelly Campbell *Columbia Theological Seminary, Chair*

Yasmine Abou-El-Kheir *Chicago Theological Seminary*

Carisse Berryhill *Abilene Christian University*

Kerrie Burn *University of Divinity*

Matina Ćurić *Missio International*

Seoyoung Kim *World Mission University*

Griselda Lartey *Columbia Theological Seminary*

Ephraim Mudave Kanguha *Africa International University*

Cynthia Peleña *Central Philippine University*

Álvaro Pérez *Universidad Bíblica Latinoamericana*

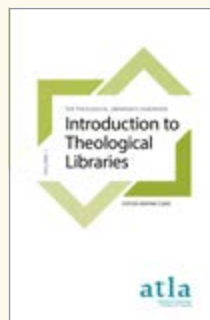
Yesan Sellan *South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies*

Brenda Bailey-Hainer *Staff Liaison*

Task Force Publishes Introductory Volume to New Series

In March 2020, the introductory volume of the *Theological Librarian's Handbook: Introduction to Theological Libraries* was published open access. *The Theological Librarian's Handbook* is a multi-volume guide to the practice of theological librarianship intended for library staff who do not possess professional training in the field of library and information science. It offers perspectives and advice from leading experts in the field and best practices from theological libraries all over the world.

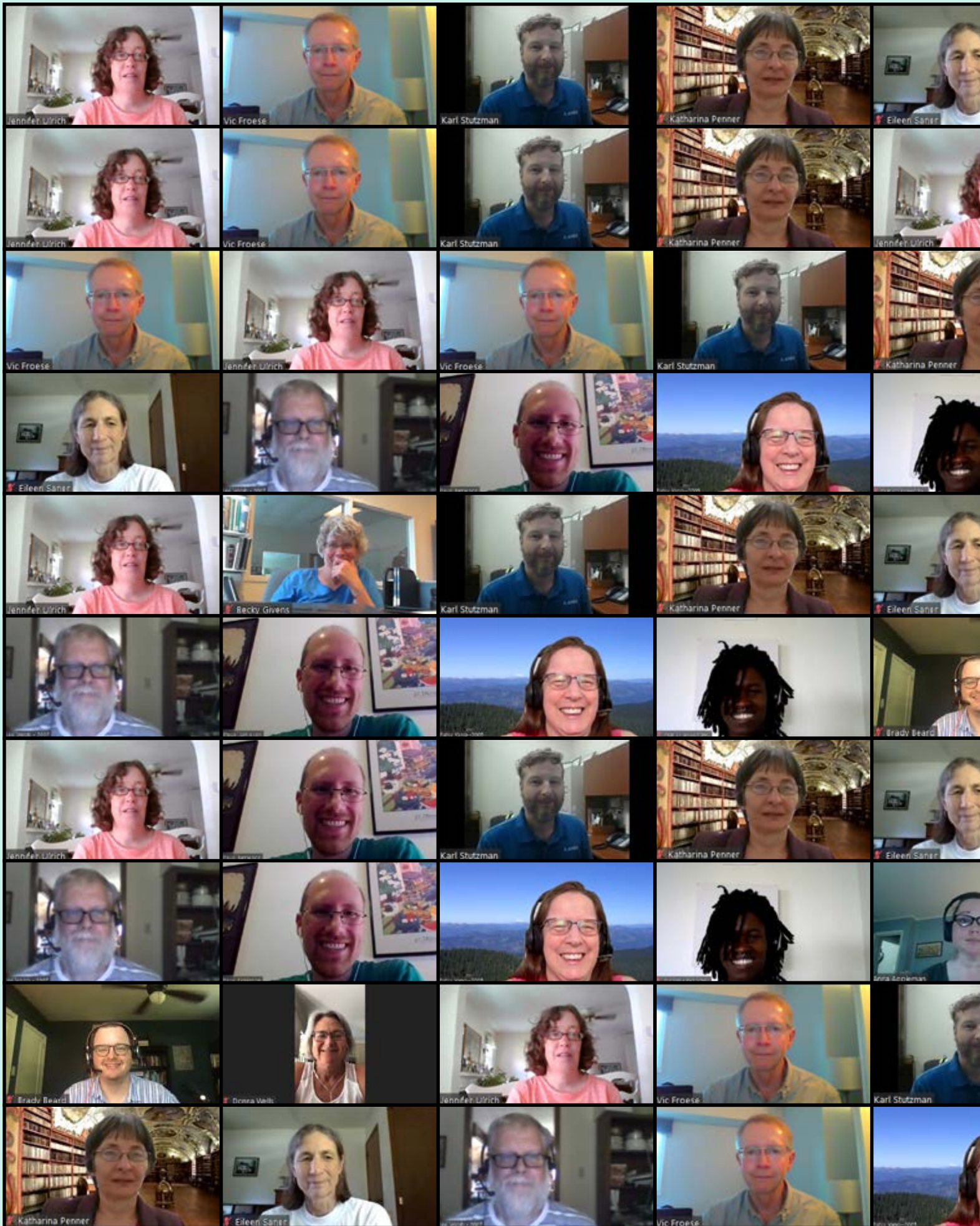
Stay tuned for the second volume in the series focused on library administration.



At its release, this title was the second-most downloaded book from Books@Atla Open Press.



[Front, Left to right] Cynthia Peleña, Seoyoung Kim, Yasmine Abou-El-Kheir, Griselda Lartey, Yesan Sellan; [Back, Left to right] Ephraim Mudave Kanguha, Matina Ćurić, Kerrie Burn, Kelly Campbell, Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Carisse Berryhill, [Not pictured: Álvaro Pérez]





“But so many things were familiar: familiar names, familiar hands being raised, familiar faces welcoming us to sessions, and familiar exhaustion at the end of each day.”

–Erica Durham, Chair of Conference Committee

Meet Christa Strickler

Christa joined Atla in 2012 and is the newly appointed Section Editor of *Theology Cataloging Bulletin*. She currently serves as the Associate Professor of Library Science at the Buswell Library of Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois.



AC: How has your library been dealing with the shutdown?

CS: We sent most of the employees home, but there are a few who are in the building. We set up a no-touch delivery service. Students and faculty can either request books to be put on a cart outside of the building that's all packaged up in envelopes so that nobody is touching anybody else's stuff, or it can be mailed to their house if they are too far away. So they are still getting at least the books that were in the building. No ILL, though, nothing like that.

AC: How did you get into theological librarianship?

CS: I did not set out to be a theological librarian; I didn't grow up saying, "I'm going to be a theological librarian when I grow up!" But I always loved libraries when I was a kid, and so when I went to college it seemed a natural thing when I had to get a job in college; "I'm going to go find a job in the library!" And it was at a Christian liberal arts college library, so they had a larger collection in Biblical and Theological Studies, so I was exposed a lot to those materials. Then after I graduated, I was promoted into a staff cataloger position, so I started cataloging all of those religious and

theological studies materials, and discovered I really enjoyed it. One of the projects I had, when I was a staff member, was typing in tables of contents into catalog records for books that didn't have those online, so people could find things better. I typed in tons of tables of contents for theology books. I started getting a sense of who were the important people, what were the important topics because when you see those things over and over and over again, they start to stick. I started to find that interesting, and so started reading the books and then taking classes on it, and somehow it all ended up with me becoming a theology cataloger, essentially.

AC: Could you tell me a little bit more about theology cataloging? What's a normal day when COVID isn't happening?

CS: Well, even when it's not happening, there is no normal day. And in my current job, I actually have a mix of roles. Cataloging is supposedly my main thing, but I also have reference, collection development, information literacy instruction, those sorts of things. We have Shelf Ready cataloging for a lot of our basic materials; we just order everything through a vendor. I'm in charge of

making sure all the records get loaded into the catalog and everything's in order, so that the books can go out to the patrons without us touching every single one of them. But then I also manage cataloging of our Special Collections materials as well, because those you can't just buy that stuff from a vendor. That's one of my favorite parts, is looking through all of the old cool stuff. Looking at the old books.

AC: Has anything stood out to you in the Special Collections?

CS: I do remember – I think it was a year or two ago. I think it was a first edition work by Philip Melancthon, so it was from the 1500s, and I'm sitting here thinking, "I'm holding this in my hand." And I was actually taking a class on Reformation Theology at the time. So having that all happen at the same time and here I am holding a piece of theological history in my hands. Without gloves!

Read the full interview on the [Atla Blog](#).

Member Spotlight is a new series on the Atla Blog featuring interviews with Atla members about their journey in theological librarianship written by Ana Cackley.

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

Consortial Purchasing Program

We offer discounted purchasing of several products and services.

- Atla/EBSCO – **96** subscribers
- Atla/OCLC – **31** subscribers
- OCLC WMS Group – **37** libraries
- OCLC SCS – **17** libraries
- Atla/SCELC – **49** institutions with products from **18** vendors



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



Meet the Newest Contributors

- American Religious Sounds Project
- Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- Catholic Research Resources Alliance
- Concordia Theological Seminary
- Drew University Methodist Library
- Duke University Divinity School Library
- Duke University Libraries
- Graduate Theological Union
- Mennonite Church USA Archives
- African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, Philadelphia, PA
- American Baptist Historical Society
- Christ Church, Philadelphia PA
- Congregation Mikveh Israel, Philadelphia, PA
- Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania Archives
- Gloria Dei Church, Philadelphia, PA
- Presbyterian Historical Society
- St. George's United Methodist Church, Philadelphia, PA
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, PA
- St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, PA
- Union Presbyterian Seminary Library
- University of Divinity
- Z. Smith Reynolds Library

Dive Deeper

Christy Karpinski, Atla Digital Projects Coordinator, highlighted our newest contributors' digital collections on the Atla Blog.



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

- Member **21**
- New Name records **712**
- Modified Exhibiting records **231**
- Represented Institutions:
 - Belhaven University
 - Bridwell Library, Southern Methodist University
 - Catholic Theological Union
 - Columbia Theological Seminary
 - Concordia Seminary
 - Concordia Theological Seminary
 - Covenant Theological Seminary
 - Dallas Theological Seminary
 - Emory University, Pitts Theology Library
 - Fordham University
 - Harvard Divinity School
 - Louisville Presbyterian Seminary
 - Murray State University
 - North Park University
 - Salvation Army College for Officer Training
 - Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
 - Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
 - University of St. Mary of the Lake
 - Westminster Theological Seminary
 - Wheaton College
 - Woodstock Theological Library

CONSER

- Member **1**
- New Original Serial Records **278**
- Modified CONSER Records **332**
- Represented Institution:
 - Harvard Divinity School

SACO

- Members **8**
- New Subject Headings **4**
- Changed Subject Headings **1**
- New/Changed LC Classification Numbers **2**
- Represented Institutions:
 - Bridwell Library, Southern Methodist University
 - Catholic Theological Union
 - Columbia Theological Seminary
 - Concordia Theological Seminary
 - Emory University, Pitts Theology Library
 - North Park University
 - Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
 - Waynesburg University

Atla Library Impact Grant

Atla Library Impact Grants are available annually to institutional members for the purposes of raising awareness of the importance of theological libraries and serving the communities that Atla represents.

Who was Billy Graham?

That's what the exhibit "To the Ends of the Earth: The Gospel Ministry of Billy Graham" at Colorado Christian University invited visitors, both from their university as well as from the Denver-Metro area, to learn from January 2020 to February 2020.



Colorado Christian University received an Atla Library Impact Grant and put together an exhibit about the life and work of one of the United States's most influential ministers, Billy Graham. [Learn more about their exhibit on the Atla Blog.](#)



LibGuides

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

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LibGuides



12,916

Views

- *Atla Open Press* by **Atla Staff**
- *Copyright and Fair Use* by **Atla Staff**
- *Digital Humanities in Religious Studies* by the **Scholarly Communication Committee**
- *Digitizing Collections* by **Atla Staff**
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atla **Open Press**

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



Theological Librarianship Editorial Board selected Briana Grenert as the Student Essays Contest Winner. Read her published essay in the October 2020 issue of TL, [**Out of the Cloister: Theological Libraries as Spaces for Spiritual Formation.**](#)



Theology Cataloging Bulletin appointed new editors! Meet the new Editor in Chief Cynthia Snell, Library Director at Columbia International University, and new Section Editor Christa Strickler, Associate Professor of Library Science at Wheaton College.



Theological Librarianship appointed two new editors! Meet Jesse Mann, Theological Librarian at Drew University, and Kaeley McMahan, Research & Instruction Librarian at Wake Forest University.



Serials

**2 ISSUES OF
THEOLOGICAL
LIBRARIANSHIP**

28,447
Views

October



April



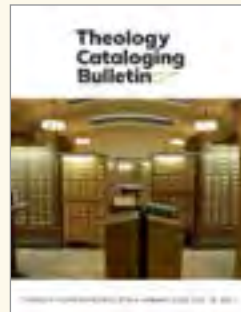
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THEOLOGY CATALOGING BULLETIN**

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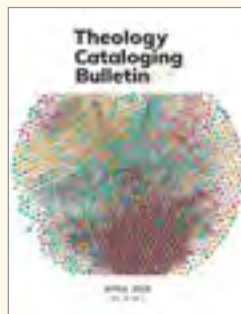
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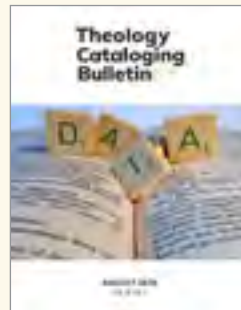
January



April



August



**SUMMARY OF
PROCEEDINGS**

11,865
Views



**ATLA ANNUAL
YEARBOOK**

931
Views



PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

SCHOLARLY EDITIONS

Shifting Stacks: A Look at the Future of Theological Libraries in Celebration of Atla's 75th Anniversary



Published on
8/31/2020

30
Downloads

6
WorldCat Holdings

ASSOCIATION EDITIONS

Introduction to Theological Libraries

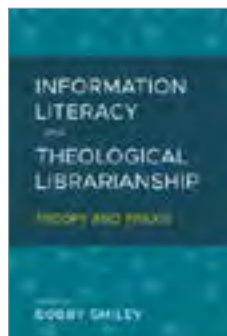


Published on
2/25/2020

1,002
Views

7
WorldCat Holdings

Information Literacy and Theological Librarianship: Theory & Praxis



Published on
10/20/2019

1,823
Views

83
WorldCat Holdings

SCHOLARLY EDITIONS



The ANZTLA EJournal is the official serial publication of the Australian and New Zealand Theological Library Association.

15,430
Views

REPRINTS

The Hispanic Evangelical Church in the United States: History, Ministry and Challenges



Published on
9/14/2020

45
Downloads



The Wabash Center Journal on Teaching

The Wabash Center Journal on Teaching launched in 2020 and is an online, open-access, peer-reviewed quarterly journal on teaching in the fields of religious and theological studies in higher education.

18,884
Views



This year, we launched an updated version of Atla Serials Exchange! Our upgraded platform allows real-time posting and claiming of offerings, automated removal of items once they are claimed, and bulk upload of offerings, allowing more members to connect and share resources.

85 Member Libraries **14,179** Posted **137** Items claimed



Christine Fruin, Scholarly Communication & Digital Projects Manager, and Christy Karpinski, Digital Projects Coordinator, led a webinar introducing the new Atla Serials Exchange.

Webinars

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

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Webinars

800+

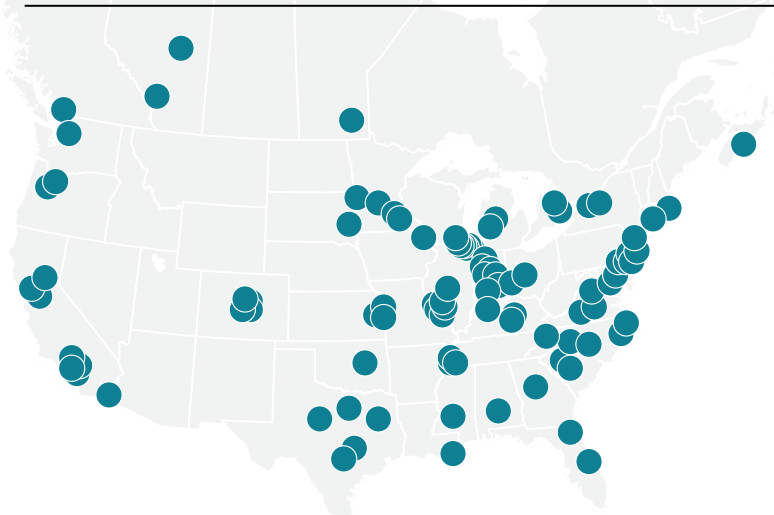
Registered attendees

46

Total On Demand Learning videos



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

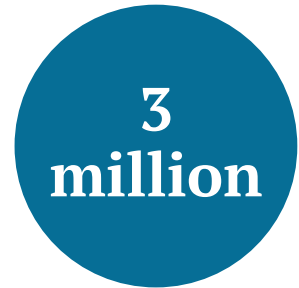


The Reciprocal Borrowing program creates an arrangement between participating North American Atla Institutional Members and Affiliate Candidate Libraries to grant check-out privileges to each other's patrons/students.

118 libraries took part in the program.

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

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



Atla Religion Database Reaches Historic Milestone

The Atla Religion Database reached three million bibliographic records! Over the years, the Atla team has worked diligently to increase our indexing coverage to connect users with quality materials in religion and theology.

Licensing Team Collaborates with Publishers WorldWide

We currently have 280 publisher relationships, with over 50% being publishers established outside of the U.S. These international publisher relationships account for 60% of our total licensed titles across all of our research tools, up two percent from last year.



- 280 Unique Organizations
- 53% international
- 47% U.S.

Production Team Releases New Vocabulary

After a year of preparation, which included collaborating with EBSCO to ensure a smooth transition, we launched a retrospective vocabulary clean-up with plans to adopt a (mostly) faceted vocabulary. Learn the history of the [Atla Vocabulary](#)!



50,000

**topical
headings**



9,000

**geographic
headings**



775,000

**name
authorities**

Atla Enhances User Experience

We conduct ongoing maintenance and improvement of our tools, which involves both actively incorporating feedback from our users and continually internally evaluating our products. Here are the updates we made this year.



Periodical

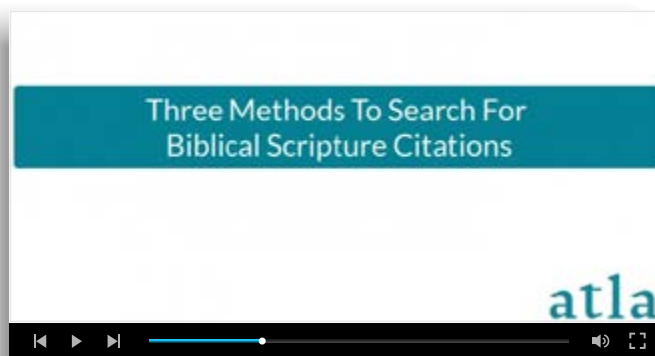


Book



Academic
Journal

- New tutorial video on Three Methods to Search for Biblical Scripture Citations
- Articles outrank book reviews
- Essay and essay collections have a book icon (instead of a periodical)



Three Methods to Search for Biblical Scripture Citations covers three different ways to search for scripture citations in the Bible, using Atla's Scripture Search function, Bible Citation Index, and the Scripture Citation search field. Available in six languages: English, French, German, Italian, Korean, and Spanish.

- Academic journals have their own icon
- All DOI's are hotlinked
- Complete publisher information

Atla Increases Coverage

We expanded content coverage both geographically and across multiple subject areas.

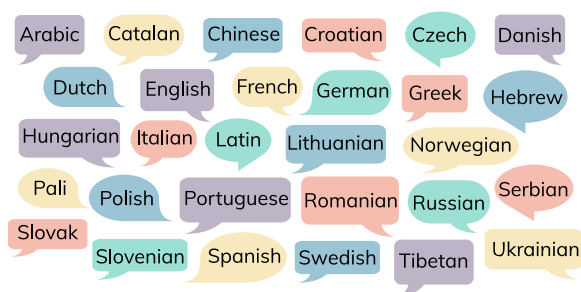
European Content

440+ titles

90+ open access titles

340+ peer reviewed titles

29 languages



28 countries



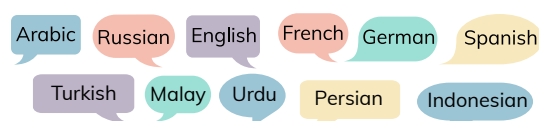
Islamic Content

90+ titles

40+ open access titles

70+ peer reviewed titles

11 languages



19 countries

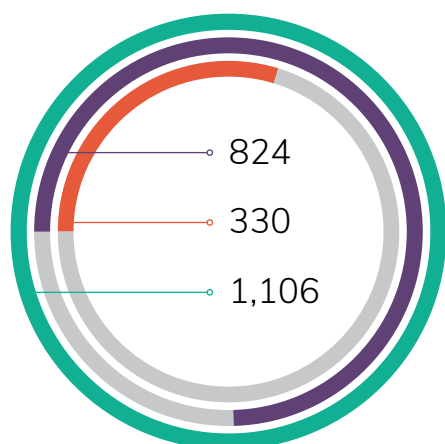


View our [Content Expansion Series](#) on the Atla Blog for more insight on our Atla Research Tools.

Atla Research Tools

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

ATLA RELIGION DATABASE



Total Titles

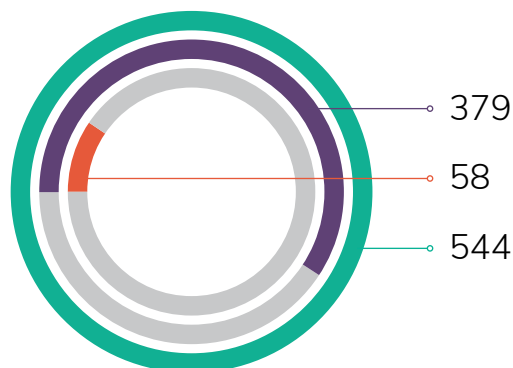


Peer-Reviewed

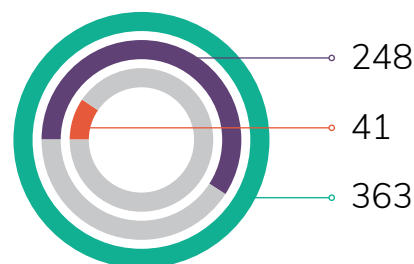


Open Access

ATLAS PLUS



ATLAS



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

OLD TESTAMENT ABSTRACTS (OTA)

Atla produces Old Testament Abstracts (OTA) in partnership with the Catholic Biblical Association.

75,500 records

10,200 book summaries

NEW TESTAMENT ABSTRACTS (NTA)

Atla produces New Testament Abstracts (NTA) in partnership with Boston College.

75,500 records

23,000 book summaries

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.

FY20 Newly Appearing Titles

Afkār: Jurnal Akidah Pemikiran Islam	Religion	Sociology of Islam
American Ecclesiastical Review	Journal of Hindu Studies	Studia Biblica Slovaca
Bogoslovska smotra	Journal of Islamic Studies	Studia Liturgica
Bulletin of Ecclesial Theology	Journal of Jesuit Studies	Teologia y Cultura
Ching Feng	Journal of the Evangelical Homiletics Society	The Journal of Religious History
Christian Bioethics	Journal of Youth and Theology	Unio cum Christo
Croatica Christiana Periodica	Lutheran Theological Review	Valley View Journal of Theology
Dialog	Modern Judaism	기독교교육논총 [Journal of Christian Education in Korea]
Estudios Marianos	New Blackfriars	성경과 신학 [Bible and Theology]
Heythrop Journal	Pacifica	신약연구 [Korean Evangelical New Testament Studies]
International Journal of Systematic Theology	Quaker Religious Thought	한국개혁신학 [Korean Reformed Theology]
Journal for the Scientific Study of	Scottish Church History	
	Scriptura	

Full-Text Products Now Include Journals in 24 Languages



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.

Index Coverage Expands to 61 Countries

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

FY20 Newly Appearing Titles

ab-Original: Journal of Indigenous Studies and First Nations and First Peoples' Cultures
 Afkār
 Al-Fikr al-islāmī al-mu'āšir
 Al-Idah
 AlterNative: An International Journal of Indigenous Peoples
 Alt-Katholische und Ökumenische Theologie
 American Ecclesiastical Review
 Analecta TOR
 Anthropotes
 Arquivo Maaravi
 Artistic Theologian
 Carthaginensia
 Chrétiens et sociétés
 Christian Journal for Global Health
 Christianity in the Middle East
 Comparative Theology
 Cuadernos Judaicos
 Current Dialogue
 Doxology: a Journal of Worship
 Fides et libertas
 Frontiers of Philosophy in China
 Histoire, monde & cultures religieuses
 Historia Religionum

Islamology
 Journal of Contemporary Antisemitism
 Journal of Hindu Studies
 Journal of Orthodox Christian Studies
 Journal of Posthuman Studies
 Journal of Religious Studies
 Journal of the Australian Catholic Historical Society
 Journal of the International Society for Orthodox Church Music
 Journal of the Sociology & Theory of Religion
 Juris
 Kader
 Labyrinth
 Mythlore
 Oral Tradition
 Post-Christendom Studies
 Quaker Religious Thought
 Religion. Church. Society.
 Revista Científica Arbitrada de la Fundación MenteClara
 Revista Missioneira
 Revue du droit des religions
 Ruch Biblijny i Liturgiczny
 Sémiotique et bible

Služba Božja
 Socio-Historical Examination of Religion and Ministry
 Soter
 Spotlight on Teaching
 St. Tikhon's University Review
 Studia Biblica Slovaca
 Studia Warmińskie
 Tahkik Journal of Critical Editions of Islamic Manuscripts
 Tasavvur
 The Dunwoodie Review
 The Journal of Confucian Philosophy and Culture
 The Journal of the Korean Association for Buddhist Studies
 The Wabash Center Journal on Teaching
 The Wheel
 TheoLogica
 Vox Patrum
 WebMosaica
 가톨릭신학 [The Catholic Theology]
 玄奘佛學研究 [Xuanzang Buddhist Studies Journal]

New Blog Series Focuses on Ceased Journals

Atla's in-house team is committed to seeking out historically significant publications and assisting in their preservation. Learn how we [protect delicate, ceased journals](#), and read our new series on ceased journals.



A Sign of the Times
 The Life of Sisters Today



Bringing Australasian Scholarship to the World
 The Legacy of Pacifica

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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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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors
 American Theological Library Association

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of American Theological Library Association (the "Association"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of August 31, 2020 and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year 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 audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit 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, 2020 and the changes in its net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matters

As described in Note 2 to the financial statements, the Association adopted the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Update ASU No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)*, and ASU No. 2018-08, *Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Clarifying the Scope and the Accounting Guidance for Contributions Received and Contributions Made*.

As described in Note 16 to the financial statements, significant uncertainty exists surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our opinion is not modified with respect to these matters.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

To the Board of Directors
American Theological Library Association

Report on Prior Year Financial Statements

The financial statements of American Theological Library Association as of August 31, 2019 were audited by other auditors, whose report dated January 23, 2020 expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements.

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Plante & Moran, PLLC".

December 9, 2020

American Theological Library Association

Statement of Financial Position

		August 31, 2020 and 2019	
		2020	2019
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3,515,782	\$ 2,126,192
Investments		5,162,516	5,504,753
Accounts and pledge receivable - Net		719,604	739,649
Prepaid expenses and other assets		307,497	307,485
Intangible assets - Net		7,143,556	7,007,423
Property and equipment - Net		742,607	925,084
Total assets		\$ 17,591,562	\$ 16,610,586
Liabilities and Net Assets			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$	268,366	\$ 83,673
Contract liabilities		4,769,161	4,852,698
Deferred rent		34,355	99,220
Accrued liabilities and other:			
Accrued compensation		260,214	211,828
Accrued interest		2,312	-
Accrued royalties		837,638	783,520
Total accrued liabilities and other		1,100,164	995,348
SBA loan payable		685,982	-
Total liabilities		6,858,028	6,030,939
Net Assets			
Without donor restrictions:			
Undesignated		9,773,071	9,792,111
Board designated		449,824	315,252
Total without donor restrictions		10,222,895	10,107,363
With donor restrictions			
		510,639	472,284
Total net assets		10,733,534	10,579,647
Total liabilities and net assets		\$ 17,591,562	\$ 16,610,586

See notes to financial statements.

American Theological Library Association

Statement of Activities

Years Ended August 31, 2020 and 2019

	2020		2019		Total
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	
Revenue, Gains, and Other Support					
Subscription databases	\$ 7,120,244	\$ -	\$ 7,120,244	\$ 6,985,659	\$ 6,985,659
Membership (conference and dues)	179,942	-	179,942	239,381	239,381
Contributions	-	7,157	7,157	-	16,087
Other	49,995	-	49,995	93,463	93,463
Investment income - Net	114,309	39,198	153,507	138,703	143,180
Net assets released from restrictions	8,000	(8,000)	-	20,613	-
Total revenue, gains, and other support	7,472,490	38,355	7,510,845	7,477,819	7,477,770
Expenses					
Program services:					
Products	3,735,239	-	3,735,239	3,676,967	3,676,967
Member programs	1,572,667	-	1,572,667	1,673,302	1,673,302
Total program services	5,307,906	-	5,307,906	5,350,269	5,350,269
Support services:					
Management and general	2,037,198	-	2,037,198	2,002,162	2,002,162
Fundraising	11,854	-	11,854	17,026	17,026
Total support services	2,049,052	-	2,049,052	2,019,188	2,019,188
Total expenses	7,356,958	-	7,356,958	7,369,457	7,369,457
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	115,532	38,355	153,887	108,362	108,313
Net Assets - Beginning of year	10,107,363	472,284	10,579,647	9,999,001	10,471,334
Net Assets - End of year	\$ 10,222,895	\$ 510,639	\$ 10,733,534	\$ 10,107,363	\$ 10,579,647

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

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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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