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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Librarians, archivists, and information professionals know change and how to keep adapting. Through several years of discontinuity, Atla has continued to focus on its mission, to foster study, to enhance collections, to connect the global network of theological librarians, with new methods and format and colleagues. The work done in Atla institutions, by Atla members and staff is varied and complex, and it represents now seventy-seven years of building, collaborating, and innovating. An inspirational mission will steady an organization through many challenges and struggles. As one of our 2022 plenary speakers Tony Zander said, stay married to the mission not the methods.

Part of the work of the Atla Board of Directors is to understand all that Atla is now and to imagine a future that will continue to inspire and direct. This year the Board focused our energies on planning for the transition in staff leadership, and considering how the Core Values of diversity, equity, and inclusion can be better lived out in Atla’s policies, not just as trendy conversation topics. Through anti-racism training and self-reflection, the Board developed task force changes for reconsidering how board membership is structured and for review of board policies with a DEI lens to be sure our assumptions about leadership are not hampering participation from all. The Finance Committee worked with the new Director of Finance to develop a path forward for including social responsibility in Atla’s Investment Policy.

Most significantly, the Board focused on recruiting an Executive Director search committee that represented both the history and the future of the Association and then allowing them freedom to perform a successful search. While the Board envisions the future, the Executive Director focuses and forms the living out of that vision through the staff, the volunteer committees, and the products. A new Executive Director will bring new plans and new ways of doing things. I am excited to experience the future the Board will work toward with the next Executive Director.

It was my pleasure to think about Atla’s mission for six years on the Board. Thank you to the Board that trusted me to be President. Thank you again to the amazing, hard-working staff of Atla and to Executive Director Brenda Bailey-Hainer for all they did through years of big changes. For many of us, our primary direct interaction with Atla is through the staff, and they have been maintaining the continuity members expect from Atla through it all.

Most sincerely,

Christina Torbert
Atla Board President

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

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he pandemic accelerated many trends already in progress. Atla member institutions embraced online learning more widely. Conferences became more inclusive by allowing remote participation. The financial precariousness of some higher education institutions was exposed, resulting in closures or budget and staff reductions in libraries.

Despite this volatile environment, Atla successfully weathered the pandemic and emerged as strong as ever. We predicted that fiscal year 2022 would be the start of an upward trend as the pandemic eased. We were right.

A few highlights from the year:

- Earned revenue exceeded budget and expenses were lower than predicted. We had a breakeven budget of $8,639,774. Product revenue was 11.5% better than expected, while overall expenses were 13.1% less than projected.

- Atla produces expanded, with diverse content. Indexing coverage in Atla Religion Database increased with 89 new titles. Full text in Atlas and Atlas PLUS expanded by 63 new titles. These titles were published in many different countries, many languages, and on a range of topics.

- Despite market volatility, the balance in the Endowment Fund remained healthy. The Fund ended the year at $1,189,033.

- Atla Annual enjoyed strong attendance. After two years of fully online conferences, Atla Annual 2022 was a hybrid in-person/online event. In-person attendees gathered in Baltimore and online attendees were able to stream all sessions.

- The Atla Open Press continued making professional materials freely available to anyone, anywhere. Four new OA books were published, covering topics ranging from collection development to qualitative research for ministry students.

- Participation in collaborative and cooperative programs increased. This included group licensing of databases and services, reciprocal borrowing, and contributions to the Atla Digital Library.

- Benefits to members were expanded. Grants were awarded for the creation of open educational resources and digitization of collections. Scholarships were given to individuals to attend educational events. Consultation grants helped libraries receive assistance with special challenges.

- Members could decide what they could afford to pay for Atla membership. Recognizing that some institutions and individuals have yet to recover from the pandemic’s financial stress, members could reduce their membership dues to an affordable level.

The results from this past year affirmed our confidence that higher education has begun its pandemic recovery. It also re-affirmed our conviction that Atla offers products and services that libraries and librarians value.

Atla is — and will continue to be — a strong foundation to support Collectors and Connectors in Religion and Theology.

Sincerely,

Brenda Bailey-Hainer
Atla Executive Director

The work done in Atla institutions, by Atla members and staff is varied and complex, and it represents now seventy-seven years of building, collaborating, and innovating.
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.

About Atla

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

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

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

We exist so that:

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

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

1. Users have access to quality academic and professional resources.
   1.1 Open access resources and special collections are available and discoverable by librarians and information professionals.

2. Institutional leaders have an awareness of the trends impacting the religion and theology library ecosystem.

3. Librarians and information providers are growing in their competencies and skills.
   3.1 Librarians and information providers demonstrate competencies in diversity, inclusion, equity, and antiracism.
   3.2 Information professionals are able to successfully navigate the changing landscape.
   3.3 Librarians and information providers have access to professional development in technical and digital skills.

4. Information professionals have opportunities to innovate.
In January 2022, Atla Executive Director Brenda Bailey-Hainer announced she would be retiring at the end of August 2022 after nearly 12 years of leadership at Atla. In her first column penned for then ATLA in the January 2011 newsletter, Brenda shared: “I’ve just completed my first two weeks as executive director of ATLA and am learning my way around both Chicago and ATLA. In that all too brief time, I’ve loved just meeting the people, particularly the Atla staff. Before my first conference, I always thought everything at Atla would just be bigger and better, and we would be like the second cousins twice removed. But when I went to the first conference, I thought, “Well, actually, they’re all just like us.” So that was a positive experience.

Do you remember when you first heard about Atla?
I heard of it because I’d been involved with ANZTLA, the Australian and New Zealand Theological Library Association, particularly early on in my career. That was a nurturing place where people in similar positions were learning as they went. And they were the days when we were transitioning from card catalogs to online systems. There was a lot to be learnt from each other.

Executive Director Brenda Bailey-Hainer Retires

I want to echo the sentiments of Kerrie Burn, a member of the Mannix Library at the University of Divinity in Melbourne, Australia, who speaks about her journey in theological librarianship.

Atla was always that thing out there that was like us, but bigger and better. I think there’d been a couple of people from ANZTLA that might’ve been to an Atla conference. But at that time, it was a pretty big deal to actually go to the States and go to an Atla conference. I think I went to my first one maybe six years ago. And I’ve managed to go to four now, which has really been great. I’ve really loved just meeting the people, particularly the Atla staff. Before my first conference, I always thought everything at Atla would just be bigger and better, and we would be like the second cousins twice removed. But when I went to the first conference, I thought, “Well, actually, they’re all just like us.” So that was a positive experience.

Read the full interview on the Atla Blog.

Member Spotlight is a series on the Atla Blog featuring interviews with individual Atla members about their journey in theological librarianship.
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 values of hospitality, inclusion, and diversity and to fulfill the Atla Mission and Organizational Ends, the Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) is committed to advancing Atla’s culture that affirms the intrinsic value of all members regardless of racial, cultural, age, career stage/professional experience, sexual orientation, gender expression, expression of religious tradition, disabilities, or socioeconomic differences.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Daniel Baek  Vancouver School of Theology, Co-Chair
David Kriegh  Saint Mary’s College of California, Co-Chair
Rebecca Donald  Lycoming College
Kenneth Litwak  Gateway Seminary
Christopher Lopez  Borough of Manhattan Community College
Jennifer Ulrich  Eastern Mennonite University
Alexis Weiss  Loyola Marymount University
Gillian Harrison Cain  Staff Liaison
Ana Cackley  Staff Liaison

COMMITTEE MEMBER PRESENTS AT ATLA ANNUAL

Kenneth Litwak presented a workshop entitled, “Look out! Ableism is Loose in the Library: Inclusivity and Equity for Librarians with Disabilities.”

Committee Awards Diversity Scholarship

“As a person of faith in the Christian tradition interested in studying other faith traditions, I was intrigued that there was a library membership association where I could combine these interests and life experiences with librarianship.”

—KAREN ADJEI

Adjei is currently pursuing her MLIS degree at the University of Maryland where she is exploring reference, instruction, outreach, and theological librarianship as well as administration in academic libraries.

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

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vance Thomas  Shumaker Library, Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Chair

Cindy Aalders  Regent College

Jessica Boyer  Mount St. Mary’s University

Craig Kubic  Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Derek Rieckens  Catholic Theological Union

Oliver Schulz  Colorado Christian University

Megan Welsh  University of Colorado Boulder

Gillian Harrison Cain  ex-officio

Denise McFarlin  Staff Liaison, Logistics

Jamie Lin  Staff Liaison, Content

WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION

A dea Annual returned in person in Baltimore, MD with many also participating virtually during this year’s hybrid event. This year, attendees learned from three plenary speakers about contextual changes addressing theological libraries. Tony Zanders addressed the need to “future-proof” our libraries, to prepare our staff and institutions to be prepared and resilient for the changes ahead. He provided suggestions on how to strategically move into that future, how to empower workers, and develop responsive conferences.

Dr. Michele A.L Villagran reminded us that the biggest asset in all cultural contexts is people. She addressed how emotional intelligence and cultural intelligence can help strengthen the bonds between those people and their context for greater success. Dr. Damayanthi M.A. Niles wrapped up the conference by challenging us to decenter our Christian perspective so that we can imagine the place of the sacred in other faith traditions. From a broader perspective, she invited us to risk decentering the convictions we privilege so that we see and hear the plurality of voices, many weaker and quieter than the dominant narrative. The goal is to create a space for plurality in librarianship.

In all three of the plenaries, people were the central point of concern. Contributing to the richness of ideas set by the plenary speakers, many of our colleagues shared their wisdom and insights with the rest of us by presenting papers, leading conversation groups, participating in panel discussions, and creating posters.

ATLA ANNUAL 2022 SPONSORS

Thank you to our sponsors for making this conference possible!
Endowment Committee

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

Committee Members
- Pat Graham, Chair, retired
- Eric Benoy, NOBTS
- Craig Kubic, SWBTS
- Sharon Taylor, retired
- Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Staff Liaison
- Chad Handschy, Staff Liaison

Scholarship & Grants Fund

- 18 donations totaling $2,365
- $20,000 contribution from EBSCO

For a total of $22,365.00

Endowment Fund Total

- The Endowment Fund received 34 donations totaling $7542
- As of August 31, 2022, the fund had a balance of $1,001,787

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.

A Year of Webinars & Conversations

The PDC hosted a number of events during the year including monthly REMO Social hours and the popular “What is a Theological Librarian” panel discussion during Theological Libraries month. Additional conversation groups included open discussions on OCLC’s WMS/WC Discovery platform and the Long-Term Effect of the Pandemic on the Workplace.

Committee Members
- Patsy Yang, Gateway Seminary, Chair
- Kellie Barbato, Roberts Wesleyan College/Northeastern Seminary
- Becky Givens, Covenant Theological Seminary
- Timothy Lincoln, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- Andy Lofthus, Western Seminary
- Jamie Lin, Staff Liaison

WATCH THE WEBINAR
Scholarly Communication & Digital Initiatives Committee

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Matthew Davis  Davidson College, Chair
Melissa Chim  General Theological Seminary
Melody Diehl Detar  Duquesne University
Ann McShane  Emory University, Chandler School of Theology
Erica Pye  Abilene Christian University
Greg Murray  Princeton Theological Seminary
Christine Fuin  Staff Liaison
Brad Ost  Woodruff Library at Atlanta University Center
Christy Karpinski  Staff Liaison

OER Grant Program

General Theological Seminary, who was awarded an OER grant the preceding year, completed their project “Living Archives: A History of the Center for Christian Spirituality,” which was published by Books@Atla Open Press site for hosting.

Additionally, the Committee awarded an OER grant to Ashland Theological Seminary who proposed to create a multimedia educational resource for its graduate course “The Story of the Christian Faith.”

In addition to the grant program, the Committee and Atla further promoted creation and adoption of OERs through hosting of the ACRL Virtual Roadshow Workshop, “Creating and Implementing Open Educational Resources,” and hosting a panel at the Atla 2022 Annual Conference entitled “Supporting the Creation and Implementation of OERs in Religion and Theology.”

New Digitization Grant Program

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

- Resources for the Study of Protestantism in Puerto Rico (Seminario Evangélico de Puerto Rico)
- Digitization of the Ecumenical Press Service (World Council of Churches)
- The Last Leg: Digital Upload and Description of the Mary Bray Spence Collection of Crosses and Religious Symbols (Columbia Theological Seminary)
- Emma Beckingsale: An Extraordinary Missionary (Carey Baptist College)
How did you get involved in librarianship?
It was back in 1995. My husband was doing his PhD at Westminster and then preparing to teach at Singapore Bible College, which is our alma mater. The president of Singapore Bible College contacted me and said, “Oh, would you please consider pursuing an MLIS?” I said, “Oh! Why?” And he said, “Everybody knows that you like books. You use the library at Singapore Bible College very often.” I’d also made a few suggestions about the protection and preservation of the books. At that time, I had no idea about library science. But they noticed my interest. So, I said, “Okay, I like books, so let me try to apply for programs.” I was accepted to Rutgers library school. And that’s the beginning.

Part of the reason they compelled me to enter the library field was that they told me that for decades, they couldn’t hire a qualified professional librarian who had degrees in both theology and library science. They said, “You have your Th.M., and now you are in the States. If you can get a degree in library science, you will be the perfect person to be our future Library Director.” And I said, “Okay!” I responded to the calling. So I entered library school, and when I did, I realized, it’s a brand-new world, and it’s a beautiful world! I like library studies, like book history, archival management, cataloging, and library management.

Do you remember what your first impressions of Atla were?
My first time at the conference, I didn’t know anyone. And then I remember I was introduced to the new members’ dinner. I was a student at that time, and a lot of well-established senior librarians approached me and talked with me, so I think that’s very inspiring. After that, almost every year when I attended Atla Annual, I usually would volunteer to be someone who teams up with a newcomer, because I was encouraged and well taken care of during my first Atla Annual Conference.

Meet Cindy Lu
Cindy Lu is the former Director of Library and Information Services of Singapore Bible College in Singapore.

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

A significant amount of Atla’s expenses is focused on fulfillment of the mission and organizational ends – for last year this was 22%. That includes funding committee work, open access publishing, and professional development opportunities for our members, such as Atla Annual and our ongoing webinar series.

When I finished my program, I went back to Singapore. They decided to pay the tuition fees that I had spent in the program. I was very grateful. I would have paid for it myself, but they decided that I was tailor-made for the position, so they would like to raise some funds to pay off my tuition fees. That was a great help.

Read the full interview on the Atla Blog.

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

8 guides with 113,935 views in FY22
200,643 lifetime views
We support a digital repository that contains metadata from Atla member libraries and archives and collections of other libraries and institutions.

New Atla Digital Library Exhibitions

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

Consortial Purchasing Program

We offer discounted purchasing of several products and services.

Grants

Consultation Grant

Atla awarded consultation grants to Moody Bible Institute to assist with strategic direction and space planning and to Lancaster Seminary and Moravian University for advice on library integration.

Member Product Loyalty Program

104 attendees used $16,550 Member Product Loyalty Funds to Attend Atla Annual 2022

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. 141 libraries took part in the program.
We publish and host original scholarship from theological and religious studies librarians, scholars, and others.

### BOOKS @ ATLA OPEN PRESS

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The editors and members behind our publications.

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### Webinars

Atla’s professional development offerings included webinars, workshops, and conversation groups.

60 webinars were offered to our members through the Professional Development Alliance of Library Consortia

414 people registered for 9 Atla webinars

50 members and 10 Atla staff signed up for access to Atla Learn

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### Atla Open Press Serials

2 ISSUES OF THEOLOGICAL LIBRARIANSHIP

- **October 2021**
  - 2505 article downloads for two latest issues
  - 8881 article downloads for all issues

- **April 2022**
  - 1846 article downloads for four latest issues
  - 5892 downloads for all issues

**ATLA ANNUAL YEARBOOK**

- **October 2021**
- **January 2022**
- **April 2022**
- **August 2022**

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### ATLA OPEN PRESS Serials

2 ISSUES OF TCB: TECHNICAL SERVICES IN RELIGION & THEOLOGY

- **October 2021**
- **January 2022**
How did you get into librarianship?

Initially, it started out with just finding a job that would pay for rent while I was in seminary. I went to Fuller Theological Seminary for my master’s in divinity, and the student worker job that happened to open up was a Circulation Assistant position at the David Allan Hubbard Library. I took that immediately. I have a very strong passion for stories and storytelling and I had an interest in doing a PhD in Media Studies. A lot of my work at Fuller involved reflection on popular culture, the religious experience, and mythology through comics. Who gets to tell their story, the dynamics of gatekeeping, of suppressing certain types of narratives to keep other meta-narratives in place. All of those things were always of interest to me.

Then, in my time at the Fuller Library, I began to see the connections librarianship had to those things. Dealing with issues of whose stories are made available, whose stories are normalized, access to various types of voices. That interest in story started to connect to my passion about spaces: understanding and knowing the history of a space in which you inhabit and how that could change you. The various indigenous epistemologies that had a very strong connection to space and place and knew each other and understood themselves through space – all of that was very interesting to me. I also began to see a lot of conversation about space and libraries, like makerspaces. Who gets to access them and how library spaces are one of the last universal spaces where people from different socioeconomic backgrounds and cultures can come together. Interestingly, the library was the most diverse of the spaces in my seminary.

Do you remember your first impression of Atla?

I think my first major impression came from the Atla 2020 conference. I was really impressed because I’d never had a sense of what was going on in those conversations. It was encouraging to see and hear a lot of those conversations happening within theological libraries, particularly around digital research and scholarship and exploring other modes of literacy. But it’s also tough because my impressions are only digital. I haven’t really had a chance to connect in person with somebody from Atla. I’m looking forward to the interest group focusing on the queer community when that rolls out. I’m really excited about that.

Read the full interview on the Atla Blog.
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*.

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Developing Countries

We currently have 338 full-text publisher relationships, with over 56% being publishers established outside of the U.S. These international publisher relationships account for 63% of our total licensed titles across all of our research tools, up 3% from last year.

FY21 Newly Appearing Titles

- ACTS: 산학저널
- Analogia: The Pemptousia Journal for Theological Studies
- Black Theology Papers Project
- Black Women and Religious Cultures
- Bulletin of the Nan zinc Institute for Religion and Culture
- Contemporary Islam: Dynamics of Muslim Life
- Contemporary Jewery
- Dao: a journal of comparative philosophy
- Documentatieblad voor de Nederlandse koningsgeschiedenis na 1800
- European Journal of Japanese Philosophy
- European Journal of Theology
- Folklore Studies
- Great Commission Research Journal
- Holocaust and Genocide Studies
- Holy Land Studies: a multidisciplinary journal
- HTS: Theological Studies
- Hugoey: Journal of Syrian Studies
- In die Skriflig: Tydskrif van die Gereformeerde Teologiese Vereniging
- in God’s image
- International Journal for Philosophy of Religion
- International Journal of Dharma Studies
- International Journal of Hindu Studies
- International Journal of Latin American Religions
- Isidorum
- Journal for the Study of Religion & Ideologies
- Journal of Anglican Studies
- Journal of Asian Mission
- Journal of Chrestovladic Studies: Philosophy, Theology, Ethics, and Culture
- Journal of Holy Land and Palestine Studies
- Journal of Indian Philosophy
- Journal of Religion and Health
- Journal of Religious Education
- Journal of the American Society for Church Growth
- Journal of the Canadian Society for Syriac Studies
- Kahlen
- La Scuola cattolica
- Literature and Theology: An International Journal of Religion, Theory, and Culture
- Logos: A Journal of Eastern Christian Studies
- Lucas: An Evangelical History Review
- Nolde: International Journal for Indian Studies
- Open Theology
- Pastoral Psychology
- Review of Religious Research
- Scripture Bulletin
- Scriptura
- Sift en kerk
- Sophia: International Journal of Philosophy and Traditions
- Stimulus: The New Zealand Journal of Christian Thought and Practice
- Taiwan Journal of Theology
- The Dunwoodie Review
- The Innes Review
- The Journal of Interreligious Studies
- The Journal of the Christian Brethren Research Fellowship
- The Pacific Journal of Theology
- Trajecta: Tijdschrift voor de geschiedenis van het katholieke leven in de Nederlanden
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Meet Álvaro Pérez

Álvaro Pérez, former Library Director at the Universidad Biblica Latinoamericana in Sabanilla, Costa Rica

How did you get into theological librarianship?
I’m Methodist; I attended a Methodist church. And there was a missionary lady at church. She became like a second mother to me. She was from Kansas, and she was a librarian. She taught me English and she wanted to teach me a few things about libraries because there was no library in the place where I grew up. And eventually, I ended up being a librarian like that lady. After I finished my education in the USA and returned to my country – I’m from Costa Rica – she was doing volunteer work at a seminary. She was about to leave and then she suggested that I apply for a job, and I did. It was a very exciting experience, and I decided to get into a school of library science and I fell in love with theological librarianship. Then there was a professor, he was from Texas, and he found out about Atla, and suggested that I join and I did. It was a very rewarding decision.

Is there a particular part of theological librarianship that’s really interesting to you? Do you have a specialty?
Well, I worked for the Universidad Biblica Latinoamericana. And that’s a small institution. When you work in small libraries, you have to do everything. I remember I had to develop a webpage for the library. When I started, there was this card catalog and then you had to do it all by hand. Then later, you had to set up software for the library so we could do it all by computer. In my experience, I would say from a Latin American perspective, I think I have done it all. I remember that we had to move the library from one place to another one. That was a big challenge. That library is about 90 years old. And I shared my experiences with Atla people years ago. But that had been part of my professional life as a theological librarian.

Read the full interview on the Atla Blog.

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Meet Kellie Barbato

Kellie Barbato is the Director of Lineberger Memorial Library at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (LTSS) of Lenoir-Rhyne University (LRU)

What does a normal day look like for you as the Librarian and the Director of Library Services?

Right now, I’m trying to learn my way around being a library director. I’m learning about budgets, acquisitions, cataloging, and resource-sharing – all of the library’s back-end work – since I have only done front-of-house work in libraries thus far. My intention is to create documentation for every procedure in the library for the sake of continuity planning. Much of the learning happens as situations arise and I need to figure something out! Additionally, I supervise the student employees, so that’s a huge joy. One of my strengths is relationship building, so I love working directly with student employees.

Is there anything that you wish that more people knew about theological librarianship?

Theological librarianship is so much more diverse than you might think. It encompasses everything from librarians who serve specific seminaries for particular denominations to those who are serving undergraduate campuses with religion programs, which are two very different ball games. I’ve been learning more about the diversity of theological librarianship firsthand because the seminary I attend and worked at, Northeastern Seminary at Roberts, is very ecumenical. At the end of the day, I love that Atla brings together theological librarians from all types of institutions. Each of us has really cool gifts and stories to share that help each other learn and grow in our profession. I look forward to getting to know people that I’ve not met before and people who are at different types of institutions. It’s such a blessing to have other library professionals to speak into my career.

Read the full interview on the Atla Blog.

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Statement of Financial Position

August 31, 2022 and 2021

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| Without donor restrictions:|          |          |
| Undesignated               | 10,672,876 | 10,630,237 |
| Board designated           | 540,579   | 600,259  |
| **Total without donor restrictions** | 11,213,454 | 11,230,496 |
| With donor restrictions    | 592,596   | 625,014  |
| **Total net assets**       | 11,806,050 | 11,860,510 |
| **Total liabilities and net assets** | **$18,265,362** | **$18,401,978** |

See notes to financial statements.
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<td>Purchase of property and equipment</td>
<td>(34,453)</td>
<td>(79,367)</td>
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<td>Purchases of investments</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(7,297,075)</td>
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<td>Proceeds from sales of investments</td>
<td>2,514,824</td>
<td>6,038,955</td>
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<td>Net cash and cash equivalents provided by (used in) investing activities</td>
<td>2,480,371</td>
<td>(1,337,487)</td>
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<td>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</td>
<td>2,999,181</td>
<td>(827,890)</td>
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<td>Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of year</td>
<td>937,892</td>
<td>1,765,782</td>
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<td>$3,937,073</td>
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