

Believe it or not, it's been *three years* now since the official, public launch of this online journal. None of us on the Editorial Board who were present for the business meeting during the 2008 ATLA Conference (Ottawa) could forget the sense of expectancy, mixed with a little trepidation, when the moment came to click "publish" in the online publication platform from which this new venture was about to take flight.

But it's not so easy, for me at least, to remember clearly what we had in mind, or more properly what we thought it was reasonable to hope for. Yes, we had managed to solicit enough content for our inaugural issue, and yes, we were reasonably satisfied with the ground we had gained in learning the online publication process. But none of us was making any assumptions that these early accomplishments provided any guarantee of what might follow.

Now, in July 2011, the publication of *Theological Librarianship* 4(1) is an ideal moment to express our gratitude to our editors, readers, contributors, and other supporters. It is also just the right time to look back, with some degree of wonder, and observe that in these first 7 issues we have been able to publish 18 columns, 22 essays, 9 peer-reviewed articles, 21 bibliographic essays, and 60 critical reviews, representing the work of about 100 individual contributors.

A few particulars about this current issue:

- We have moved our publication cycle just slightly, from June/December to January/July, partly to make the workload of our key collaborators at the ATLA head office more manageable around the time of the Annual Conference.
- We are delighted to welcome Dan Kolb (Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library) as our new Editor for Bibliographic Essays.
- We are pleased to see at least the partial realization of something we have hoped for from the beginning, to "extend the reach" of the journal with four very different essays treating theological librarianship in contexts beyond North America (London, South East Asia, Uganda, and Costa Rica).

There is much to be grateful for, and to look forward to as well. Just as we did on Day One, we again invite your input, contributions, and constructive critique, because we want the journal to continue to represent our community as well as it deserves.

All best,

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