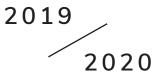
# atla Annual Yearbook



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# COMMITTEE & TASK FORCE REPORTS

# Conference

Denise McFarlin, Atla Staff Liaison Erica Durham, Chair

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- Erica Durham, Columbia Theological Seminary, Chair
- Cindy Aalders, Regent College
- Robert Burgess, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Christopher Spilker, Sacred Heart Major Seminary
- Vance Thomas, Central Baptist Theological Seminary
- Kris Veldheer, Catholic Theological Union
- Megan Welsh, University of Colorado Boulder
- Gillian Harrison Cain, Atla Director of Member Programs
- Denise McFarlin, Atla Staff Liaison

### **REPORT ON ATLA ANNUAL 2020**

*The Familiar* by Denise McFarlin

The Conference Committee met in Detroit, Michigan, to plan and select the proposal sessions that would be presented at Atla Annual 2020. Our annual gathering for the Fall Planning Committee Meeting was held in October 2019. Of course, we made all the necessary decisions that allowed us to implement a compelling conference

experience. We toured and marveled at the glorious restoration of the Westin Book Cadillac Hotel function space; we selected 55 concurrent sessions; we devised a great plan for updating the proposal submission process; we discussed the potential for future webinars to further highlight and expand on sessions that would be of global interest to those unable to attend; we also did a brief walk to explore downtown Detroit and were delighted to see numerous restaurants and other attractions that would appeal to all attendees. Did we mention that, for the first time in history, the North American International Auto Show was being held in June in Detroit (which included the dates of our conference), literally steps from where we were meeting? We determined that, for any follow-up activities, we would meet via a conference call (Zoom had not become ubiquitous) to discuss any last-minute updates regarding Atla Annual. We returned to our respective cities feeling good about the plans we had devised. We were prepared and ready. Instead . . .

We watched and saw the familiar change daily; we all watched and felt the realization of being in a pandemic of COVID-19; we watched as others made the pivot (the second most ubiquitous word), and we made the pivot to . . .

## The New Familiar

#### by Erica Durham

We went from Detroit, Michigan, to homes, offices, and couches in Australia, India, Canada, Indonesia, Kenya, Germany, Austria, Fiji, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom. We went from chatting with colleagues over delicious snacks to eating lunch with our microphones muted while listening to speakers. We went from using Yelp to find an excellent restaurant to using Sched to find the next Zoom room. And we did it with the resilience and good nature so commonly found amongst theological librarians!

Four hundred thirty-four inquiring minds, devoted Association members, and first-time attendees gathered for thirty-nine concurrent sessions over three days. What a whirlwind!

So many aspects of the conference were already big changes for us: trying to remember to say Atla instead of "A-T-L-A," Sched instead of "SKEDG" (or am I the only person who can't seem to get that straight?), and operating in the Central Time Zone while living in India Standard Time. 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. Presenters did a wonderful job condensing forty-five-minute sessions into thirty minutes, turning discussion groups into virtual shared experiences, and transforming engaging face-to-face poster sessions into high-level online content. Two plenary speakers shared practical strategies for increasing hospitality and inclusion and the promise of transformation through deliberate, intensive, interfaith work.

We are thankful for the four sponsors of the conference (Atla Products, EBSCO, Digitalia, and OCLC). We were enriched by the participation from members of the Association of Jewish Libraries, the Catholic Library Association, and the Catholic Research Resources Alliance. Can you believe that two institutions brought ten staff members to the conference? Or that fourteen vendors worked *hard* to adapt to the online format and bring us new and exciting products?

It was truly a high-quality conference. On behalf of the Conference Committee, I offer our heartfelt praise and thanks for the amazing Atla staff who are the epitome of professionalism, adaptability, and creativity *and* are so, so kind and helpful too!

We also thank all session presenters, session hosts, exhibitors, and speakers. We will see you again next year in some way, shape, or "format!"

# Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Yasmine Abou-El-Kheir, Committee Chair

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- Yasmine Abou-El-Kheir, Chicago Theological Seminary, Chair
- Daniel (Bonggun) Baek, Vancouver School of Theology
- Evan E. Boyd, United Lutheran Seminary
- David Kriegh, Saint Mary's College of California
- Alice Song, Fuller Theological Seminary
- Donna Wells, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Gillian Harrison Cain, Staff Liaison

#### YEAR IN REVIEW

The 2019–20 year for the Atla Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee was spent building and expanding upon the groundwork from previous years. The committee continued to contribute to the DEI Series on the Atla blog. Six blog posts were written this year highlighting different diversity, equity, and inclusion themes and how members can bolster their collection and meet the needs of various constituencies in their institutions. These themes covered the following topics:

- "<u>Transgender Day of Remembrance, November 20</u>" by Evan Boyd.
- A guest post by Tomoko Shida, the recipient of the 2019 Atla Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Scholarship, on "<u>Hospitality</u>' in Archival Collections Related to the Study of Religion."
- <u>Reflections by all DEI Committee members</u> 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.
- A guest blog post by Sheryl Stahl, director of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, discussing "<u>Yom ha-Shoah</u> (Israeli Holocaust Remembrance Day)."

• "Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (APAHM): A Rich Mosaic" by Daniel (Bonggun) Baek.

In 2020, the Atla Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Scholarship received 15 applications from eligible candidates from ALA-accredited programs in the United States and Canada. The 2020 recipient is Ezra Jiseok Choe, an MLIS student at the University of California, Los Angeles. As a Korean-American Catholic, he brings a Thomistic understanding of the role of diversity in all things, holding a particular interest in exploring how this is put into practice through librarianship. He sees this scholarship as an opening to a productive partnership with Atla, helping him to realize his goal of becoming a theological librarian, bolstering the encouragement of his peers at Biola, where he currently works as a library assistant.

A request was submitted to the Atla board to consider awarding a secondary scholarship to Marian Ekweogwu, a lapsed Nigerian Catholic who identifies as a non-binary queer person. The request was approved, and a second Atla Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Scholarship will be awarded. Marian is a student at UIUC's School of Information Sciences and is currently enrolled in the Theological Librarianship class with Carisse Berryhill. In the fifteen years between their undergraduate education and entering library school, they served in a variety of roles: an investigator of police brutality for the Civilian Complaint Review Board in New York City, a barista for a queer-run café, and a ranger for the Bureau of Land Management. In these diverse responsibilities, they put their thoughts on diversity into practice, encouraging the underserved and marginalized to take a greater role in their community. They hope that this scholarship will permit them to attend and present at upcoming Atla conferences.

The DEI Committee is currently working on a DEI LibGuide hosted by Atla that will offer members resources and toolkits for facilitating conversations around DEI issues as well as current best practices and policies for libraries. Information on the legal frameworks governing DEI as well as existing DEI policies for higher education and libraries in particular will be shared. The DEI LibGuide is anticipated to become available for members in Fall 2020.

In the wake of the wave of protests following the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arberry, 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 "[t]o promote worldwide scholarly communication in religion and theology by advancing the work of libraries and related information providers" by marginalizing some voices and perspectives. The resolution further affirmed Atla's Organizational End 3.1 and commitment to ongoing training so that "[l]ibrarians and information providers demonstrate competencies in diversity, inclusion, equity, and antiracism."

For the 2020 Atla Annual in Detroit, the DEI committee planned to offer members a pre-conference excursion to the Arab-American National Museum in Dearborn, Michigan. A guided tour followed by dinner at a local Lebanese restaurant was planned. Also scheduled for the conference was a workshop facilitated by the Michigan Roundtable on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion on best practices, standards, and practical guidelines. The one-hour session was going to touch on areas of bias, communication, and cultural awareness. Unfortunately, the reality of COVID-19 meant that both the excursion and workshop needed to be cancelled.

This coming year, the DEI Committee will continue its work developing a survey of Atla members on existing DEI practices and needs within their libraries and institutions more generally.

# Endowment

M. Patrick Graham, Emory University

#### **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, Atla Staff Liaison
- Marie Jacobsen, Atla Staff Liaison

#### YEAR IN REVIEW

The Endowment Committee met in Chicago on November 12, 2019, and reviewed:

- fundraising over the past year and how this compared with earlier years,
- plans for an endowment campaign in connection with the Association's 75th anniversary,
- the 2019 fall appeal letter (written by Christine Wenderoth),
- use of the 2019 conference videos by the Association as it sees fit,
- composition of memorials for recently deceased Association members.

The Committee also collaborated with Association staff to issue the 2019 fall appeal letter.

# International Theological Librarian Education Task Force (ITLET)

Kelly Campbell, Columbia Theological Seminary

### 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 Muldave, Africa International University
- Cynthia Pelena, Central Philippine University
- Álvaro Pérez, Universidad Bíblica Latinoamericana
- Yesan Sellan, South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies
- Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Atla Staff Liaison

#### YEAR IN REVIEW

During its third year, the International Theological Librarian Education Task Force (ITLET) worked on several initiatives to achieve our charge. The ITLET's charge is "to strengthen and connect theological and religious studies librarians worldwide by identifying resources, creating educational opportunities, and developing skill enhancement materials through collaboration efforts."

In March 2020, the introductory volume of the <u>Theological Librar-</u> <u>ian's Handbook: Introduction to Theological Libraries</u> was published open access. After its release, this volume was the second-most downloaded book from Books@Atla Open Press. The editor for the second volume of the series, focusing on library administration, was chosen and various global writers answered the call for writing various chapters.

Plans were made and participants selected for the Second International Theological Librarian Leadership Institute, to be held in



**2019–20 COMMITTEE:** [front, left to right] Cynthia Pelena, Seoyoung Kim, Yasmine Abou-El-Kheir, Griselda Lartey, Yesan Sellan; [rear, left to right] Ephraim Muldave, Matina Ćurić, Kerrie Burn, Kelly Campbell, Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Carisse Berryhill; Álvaro Pérez

Detroit, Michigan. However, due to COVID-19, the Institution was cancelled. Participants were coming from Indonesia, Uganda, Romania, Ukraine, and Malawi.

Task Force members continued working on a compilation of worldwide theological librarianship training and education opportunities and a list of theological library associations.

Finally, through Brenda's work and membership in an International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) work group, progress was achieved on developing international base competencies for professional librarians. Once the base competencies are finalized, Brenda recommended Atla to help with developing the specialty competencies for theological librarians.

# **Professional Development**

Michael Bradford, Harvard University, Chair

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- Michael Bradford, Harvard, Chair
- Karen Clarke, Pacific Rim Christian University
- Rebecca Givens, Covenant Theological Seminary
- Justin Lillard, Harding University
- Andy Lofthus, Western Seminary
- Warren Watson, Payne Theological Seminary
- Christine Wenderoth, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
- Patricia Yang, Gateway Seminary
- Gillian Harrison Cain, Staff Liaison

#### YEAR IN REVIEW

The Professional Development Committee (PDC) fosters the development of librarians and related information professionals who serve theological and religious studies scholarship and study. By determining member needs, identifying expert resources, and utilizing a variety of methods and delivery mechanisms, we provide professional development opportunities to the membership that facilitate the exchange of ideas and support members at every point in their careers.

In October 2019, the PDC held its annual in-person fall meeting in Denver, Colorado. One of the major topics that was discussed was aligning our committee's administrative calendar with that of the Association. We also brainstormed programming ideas, reviewed our committee's charge, and planned for a spring membership needs survey.

In January and February 2020, the PDC conducted a member needs professional development survey. We began analyzing our survey data in March, just as COVID-19 was affecting libraries and library staffs across the country, so we decided to re-survey a few key questions to compare them with pre-COVID-19 responses. The key takeaway was that a majority of respondents (81%) identified webinars as their first choice of how to receive their professional development from Atla. You can read our full survey report, including analysis, on the Atla blog.

As to webinars, over the last few years, the PDC has worked with Member Programs 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 in order to present their own programming. The majority of webinars are recorded and available for on-demand viewing after the program has been completed.

During FY2020, the PDC itself identified and recruited presenters for a handful of webinars that were all well attended, but one was by far a stand-out, since it was not only advertised to the Atla membership but also shared to at least one ALA listserv. This early-March webinar by Leslie Engelson and Christina Torbert, entitled "Telling Your Story: Articulating Your Value as a Technical Services Librarian," maxed out Atla's allotted attendance slots and we had folks who were waitlisted and unable to attend the live program. All attendees, including those on the waitlist, were given a link to the program recording afterwards. The success of this program demonstrates the significant interest in these topics, as well as the potential audience for Atla-curated content among a larger group.

The PDC also reviews applications and awards regional grants for programming by regional groups and institutions. During FY2020, the PDC did not receive any applications for these grants, despite extensive outreach efforts by the committee. Many groups hold their meetings in the spring and we can only surmise that, due to COVID-19, meetings either went virtual or were altogether cancelled, thus not necessitating grant support by the PDC.

As the Atla Annual in-person conference was re-imagined from an in-person event in Detroit, Michigan, to an online event, the PDC's members played a role in the online conference by volunteering to be session hosts, where they introduced presenters, facilitated questions in the room chat, and made sure the sessions ended on time.

This last year has been truly unprecedented. As we begin a new academic year, where the membership continues to work remotely, return to their libraries, or a blend of the two, the Professional Development Committee will focus on fostering programming that will meet your professional development needs during these unique times.

# Scholarly Communication

Michael Hemenway, Iliff School of Theology, Chair

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- Michael Hemenway, Iliff School of Theology, Chair
- Clifford Anderson, Vanderbilt University
- Melody Diehl Detar, Duquesne University
- Barbara Jenkins, University of Oregon
- Andrew Keck, Southern Methodist University
- Christine Fruin, Atla Staff Liaison

#### YEAR IN REVIEW

The Scholarly Communication Committee welcomed two new members for the 2019–20 year: Melody Diehl Detar and Barbara Jenkins. Melody and Barbara have made significant contributions to the committee this year. During the 2019–20 year, the committee wanted to build off of momentum from the 2019 annual meeting in two directions: open educational resources (OERs) and digital humanities.

#### OERs

In October of 2019, the committee released a <u>survey on understanding and utilization of OERs</u>. The survey had 44 responses and gave us some good information about the status of members with respect to OERs. In December of 2019, Melody Diehl Detar hosted an Atla webinar on "<u>Open Educational Resources</u>: From the Beginning." The committee helped to organize two sessions on OERs at Atla Annual 2020, "<u>Now More Than Ever: The Need to Build Open Scholarship</u> <u>in Theological Libraries</u>" and "<u>The Role of Librarians in Supporting</u> <u>Textbook Affordability Initiatives at Theological Colleges</u>." These initiatives are increasing the understanding of OERs and their potential utilization in Atla member schools.

#### **Digital Humanities**

The committee spent considerable time this past year crafting a proposal to partner with a smaller member library to run a Wikidata workshop with the goal of getting all of the school's faculty publications into Wikidata. This workshop was intended to help develop a process and a toolkit that could be shared with other libraries to make their own publications more visible in Wikidata. Unfortunately, for logistical reasons, the committee was unable to schedule this workshop. In the spring, the committee released a LibGuide focused on digital humanities for theological and religions studies. Committee members facilitated digital humanities sessions at Atla Annual 2020, including "Proposing a TEI-Encoding Project for Wesley Works," "Copyright Best Practices for Digitization Projects," and "Better-Casting: Best Practices for High-impact Screencast Tutorial Development."

Two committee members will end their terms this year. Thank you to Andrew Keck and Clifford Anderson for your service to the committee these past years.

# **INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS**

# Collection Evaluation & Development

Ellen Frost, Southern Methodist University

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

- Craig Kubic, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chair
- Terence Sheridan, Amridge University
- Gerrit van Dyk, Brigham Young University
- Tammy Johnson, Columbia Theological Seminary
- Ellen Frost, Southern Methodist University

#### AGENDA

Since the Collection Evaluation and Development Interest Group was involved in programming for Atla Annual 2020, the purpose of the 2020 Interest Group meeting was to discuss possible programs or areas of interest for the 2021 conference.

#### **INSTITUTIONAL REPORTS**

#### Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Library is open for appointments only at this time; the library staff has been downsized during the pandemic. Collection development is moving to an e-book model primarily.

#### Amridge University

Amridge has a skeletal crew on campus during the pandemic; Terence Sheridan is the sole librarian. The library is trying to provide access to materials using PDA through Ebook Central; they are having problems obtaining access to recent journal issues.

#### Brigham Young University

BYU library has been open during this time but with limited service (only circulation and ILL articles) and only to campus (no community patrons). The archives are scheduled to reopen in July after closing in March, but still only for campus users and with significantly reduced hours. In the fall, the library is implementing a plan to have more reference desks opened but with full face screens and only one employee at each desk at a time.

#### Columbia Theological Seminary

Columbia is currently closed with public services staff filling requests for things not available online. They have been downsizing staff over the years, so no layoffs have occurred as a result of the pandemic. All classes this fall will be online. The library migrated from Sirsi-Dynix to Koha during the shutdown; patrons are pleased with the new system.

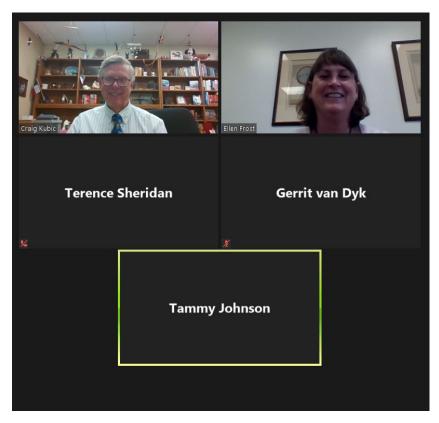
#### Southern Methodist University

Campus is gradually re-opening with a plan for blended classes (online and in person) in the fall. Bridwell Library is closed for renovation, so library staff are working from a variety of locations, including home and temporary office spaces. Public services is filling requests for things not available online through curbside pickup and mail.

### OTHER

Possible Programs Discussion:

- Accessing books not in print or out of print
- Making our collections accessible in a COVID world
- Accessing books not available online
- Long-term planning to access collections 40–50 years from now
- What are we doing as Atla so materials are not lost? Should there be an Atla Historical Monographs Collection 3, 4, and 5?



2019–20 GROUP: [pictured, left to right] Craig Kubic, Ellen Frost

# **Public Services**

David E. Schmersal, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Chair

### **STEERING COMMITTEE**

- David Schmersal, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Chair
- Kaeley McMahan, Wake Forest University
- Gerrit van Dyk, Brigham Young University

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

- David Schmersal, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Chair
- Donna Church, Concordia Seminary (St. Louis, MO)
- Jane Elder, Southern Methodist University
- Daniel Flores, Western Theological Seminary
- Sharon Gardoski, Clarks Summit University
- Steve Jamieson, Covenant Theological Seminary
- Denise McFarlin, Atla
- Kaeley McMahan, Wake Forest University
- Elizabeth Young Miller, Morvian College & Theological Seminary
- Juliana Morley, Biola University
- Jude Morrissey, Yale University
- Charlotte Nahon, Atla
- Steve Perisho, Seattle Pacific University
- Mary-Carol Riehs, Garrett Theological Seminary
- Alexis Weiss, Loyola Marymount University
- Brian Wright, Colorado Christian University

### AGENDA

- 1) Update on Websites for Religion LibGuide
- 2) Touching base/catching up
- 3) Group discussion: How has the quarantine/COVID-19 affected your public services (circulation, reference)? Do you foresee any lasting changes?

#### 1) Update on Websites for Religion LibGuide

After Atla assumed ownership of the *Websites on Religion* list created by Charles Bullinger and formerly maintained by the Wabash Center, Atla hired Jim Darlack to convert this content into a <u>Libguide</u>, <u>available on Atla's website</u>. Christine Fruin of Atla has asked members of the Public Services Interest Group and the World Religions Interest Group to collaborate with other members of Atla and of the wider realm of religious and theological studies to develop and maintain this LibGuide going forward.

Members of the PSIG and the WRIG met via Zoom on January 23 to discuss plans for the LibGuide. We have created a spreadsheet to help keep track of volunteers and areas of responsibility, and have identified two broad roles:

#### Coordinators:

- recruit and collaborate with content managers;
- vet websites proposed by content managers to ensure they conform with guidelines;
- are responsible for broader areas of the guide, have admin/ editorial access to the LibGuide, and actually make the changes.

#### Content managers:

- discover and propose new, relevant websites for under-developed content areas;
- test existing links on a regular basis to ensure there are no broken links.

We have also identified the following criteria for evaluating websites:

- Websites that are sponsored by/affiliated with an academic institution or maintained by a faculty member at an institution (e.g., Assisting You to Learn).
- Official, organizational websites of various religious groups or denominations or historical societies.
- Websites that provide (legal) online access to relevant primary sources and to tools that help patrons to make use of such sources, such as lexicons (e.g., Perseus Project, CCEL, hymnary. org).

- Websites that provide access to a variety of texts that reflect various perspectives (vs. websites that seek to promote a single point of view).
- Websites that are regularly maintained and updated.
- Websites that we have used personally and found helpful (e.g., STEP Bible).

Developing this guide to curated, free, open access online resources in religion and theology will be useful not only for librarians but also for alumni and others who do not have access to subscription databases. It is our hope that the development of this guide will serve as a catalyst for the creation of additional stand-alone guides that will facilitate exploring individual faith traditions, their history, and their sacred texts in greater depth.

### 2) Touching base/catching up

Members of the PSIG, and others who joined us for the meeting, took turns introducing ourselves and noting our respective institutions.

# *3) Group discussion: How has the quarantine/COVID-19 affected your public services (circulation, reference)? Do you foresee any lasting changes?*

Members of the group shared how the quarantine prompted by COVID-19 has affected our work and some members of the group shared examples of guides they have created:

- <u>moravian.libguides.com/onlineresources</u> [Online Resources LibGuide developed by librarians at Moravian]
- libguides.lmu.edu/covid19
- guides.westernsem.edu/covid-19
- guides.garrett.edu/spring-2020-special-resources
- www.covenantseminary.edu/update-on-library-services
- www.projectcora.org/library-collection/radar-challenge

Many members of the group indicated that their schools will be offering classes online, in part or entirely, and that fall orientation will be online.



**2019–20 GROUP:** [pictured, left to right] David Schmersal, Alexis Weiss, Kaeley McMahan, Brian Wright, Steve Perisho, Mary-Carol Riehs, Daniel Flores, Sharon Gardoski, Elizabeth Young Miller, Jane Elder, Donna Church, Steve Jamieson

# **Special Collections**

Brian Shetler, Drew University, Convener

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

- Brian Shetler, Drew University, Convener
- Cindy Aalders, Regent College
- Chris Anderson, Yale University
- Carisse Berryhill, Abilene Christian University
- Jenny de Klerk, Regent College
- Liz Leahy, Azusa Pacific University
- Patrick Milas, New Brunswick Theological Seminary
- Peggy O'Kane, Lancaster Theological Seminary
- Steve Perisho, Seattle Pacific University
- Elizabeth Peters, Yale University
- Armin Siedlecki, Emory University
- Daniel Smith, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
- Margie Wallace, Athenaeum of Ohio-Mount St. Mary's Seminary

#### MEETING

The Special Collections Interest Group met online via Zoom as part of Atla Annual 2020 on Thursday, June 25, 2020 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Central time. The meeting was convened by Brian Shetler, Drew University.

### AGENDA

- 1) Approval of 2019 Meeting Minutes
- 2) Announcement/Discussion Regarding Convenor of SCIG
- 3) Group Discussion of Special Collections in the Time of COVID
- 4) Institutional Reports
- 5) New Business
  - a) Discussion of plans for 2021 Atla Annual (including excursion)

#### **APPROVAL OF 2019 MINUTES**

Brief introductions were made. The minutes of the 2019 meeting of the Special Collections Interest Group were then approved with no changes.

#### **UPDATE ON GROUP CONVENER**

Due to the COVID pandemic and uncertainty about this year's Atla Annual, Brian Shetler (Drew University) decided to continue to serve as convener for this year. This seemed like the best way to move forward for this year and to maintain consistency in convenership, rather than having someone new rotate in during the pandemic. At last year's meeting, Cindy Aalders (Regent College) was nominated to take over the convener role for this year. Cindy agreed to move her term to next year when things will return to an in-person meeting format. This decision was supported by the group and we thank Cindy for her flexibility and willingness to serve as convener in 2021. Brian mentioned that part of the role of the convener is to set up the SCIG excursion in our host city each year; this year's excursion was going to take place at the Detroit Public Library with their state history archival collections. With the conference moving online, this excursion could not happen. A brief discussion ensued about next year's Atla conference location (Ft. Worth, TX). Cindy and Brian will work together to plan the excursion for next year.

#### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN THE TIME OF COVID

The group discussed how moving to a virtual environment has changed their work in special collections. Brian (Drew University) mentioned that they saw an increase in the number of class interactions once the university moved to online teaching; this was due, in part, to the fact that faculty members were looking for ways to engage their students online other than just straight lectures on Zoom. Cindy (Regent College) discussed having to make new rare book purchases from home and how they are now housed "off-site" in her house. Jen (Regent College) mentioned that the summer and fall courses, which will all be online, may provide opportunities for classroom presentations. She is working with professors to do some virtual presentations and has seen some good responses to her queries. Carisse (Abilene Christian University) mentioned that they have one staff member who has been able to go into the library regularly and is able to get a good amount of work done since the library is not fully open. Carisse is also using this working-from-home opportunity to clear out some older material and go through backlogs; one of her colleagues will be going on maternity leave soon and Carisse will be taking on some of her duties, including social media. Brian pointed out that social media platforms seem to be more active and engaging during this time, and this is reflected in increased followers and comments on Instagram in particular. Chris (Yale University) discussed the role of social media at Yale Divinity Library and its overall increase in usage across the board. He also discussed how COVID has changed his focus to working from home and doing a lot of clean-up work online (website, catalog, and finding aids). Elizabeth (Yale University) discussed specifically how she is cleaning up the online finding aids, editing and updating them to meet modern archival standards and adjusting for readability and accuracy. A student worker at Yale is editing finding aids that have Chinese place names and adding in more accurate names. Chris mentioned that Elizabeth has recently completed a lengthy finding aid (425 pp.) for a large collection related to the World Student Christian Federation.

#### **INSTITUTIONAL REPORTS**

#### Emory University

Emory is getting a new university president in August. The library has been closed since March and will be closed for the foreseeable future; a few staff members are able to go in but most have been home since March. The annual Reformation Day will be held virtually this year. While it is disappointing that it cannot be in person, the online version presents an opportunity for a larger audience to attend virtually. Exhibit hall is closed, but they are at work converting an in-person physical exhibit on religion and science to an online exhibit, which should launch in the fall.

#### New Brunswick Theological Seminary

The library was shut down fairly quickly in March. They have been using existing images/digitized items for classes online. They have a digital services librarian who goes into the library to take pictures/ scans of items for social media and online class use. Courses for the summer and fall will be online. Russell Gasero, archivist for the Reformed Church, is retiring soon after 42 years in the position, leaving big shoes to fill. The library is renaming the reading room after an African American graduate of the seminary in honor of a new direction for the seminary and as an acknowledgement of racial justice.

#### Azusa Pacific University

The campus closed in early March. One of Liz's colleagues has been working on-site from the library since then, but the rest of the campus is closed. Special Collections is working on a large Tolkien-Lewis collection that was acquired about a year ago, with two catalogers working full-time from home to catalog all of the materials. A planned exhibit for the fall (on the Salvation Army) will probably need to be altered in case people cannot access it in person. Teaching in the fall is being planned both online and face-to-face. The library received a grant to help incorporate the sciences into library work and curriculum. There is a lot of change in the university administration, including interviews for a new provost and the need for a new library director.

#### Abilene Christian University

A new dean (James Wiser) is coming into the library to start in early August. Only the head of Special Collections will be working on-site for the foreseeable future, with Carisse working from home.

### Regent College

Still actively collecting/purchasing material thanks to a generous donor to the Puritan Project. Cindy and Jen are working together to photograph and post material on Instagram. Discussions are underway for doing online exhibits (replacing the in-person ones). The library should be opening up to staff soon, and so will allow people to work with material in-person again. There is a digitization project already underway, and these will be made available through OCLC shortly. Regent is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year; a large homecoming celebration was scheduled for this year but has been delayed until next year. The library has been actively collecting materials for archives and special collections that tie into the founding of the college. Seven or eight years ago, Regent purchased an enormous pamphlet collection owned by Samuel Wilberforce. These thousands of items are being cataloged from home by library staff during quarantine.

#### Seattle Pacific University

Last fall, they did a special collections exhibit for a faculty retreat on spiritual practices. Steve found a few items that they were able to purchase for the exhibit and to add to the special collections holdings. For the first time, a church history class came into the library for a visit and display of materials both in-person and, after COVID hit, in a digital format online.

#### Drew University

Discussed working with classes in multiple different formats (in-person, online synchronous, and asynchronous) in the upcoming semester.

Liz asked about doing online exhibits and the programs/software used. Carisse mentioned using WordPress to create virtual exhibits with scanned/digitized material that corresponds with all physical exhibits that are put up on site. Steve does similar work with LibGuides, creating exhibits for classes to use remotely. Brian mentioned using Omeka as an online exhibit platform, both for creating online versions of physical exhibits and solely online exhibits. Drew has a new hire in Instructional Technology who has helped them to expand the look and feel of their Omeka exhibits. Chris and Elizabeth discussed their online exhibits done through Omeka at Yale. Peggy discussed the use of Omeka as a site for online transcription, which proved very popular and successful as a transcription setting. Jen asked about timing, how often online exhibits are produced and put up; Brian and Carisse talked about how they create online exhibits every 3–4 months as a tie-in to the physical exhibitions that are on display.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Brian mentioned that we will be in Ft. Worth for Atla Annual in 2021. He and Cindy will work on the Special Collections Interest Group excursion as part of the conference. In the meantime, he asked that others in the group think about other ways to bring special collections to the Atla conference (through presentations, projects, etc.).



**2019–20 GROUP:** [pictured, left to right] Chris Anderson, Brian Shetler, Steve Perisho, Cindy Aalders, Peggy O'Kane, Carisse Berryhill, Jenny-Lyn de Klerk, Elizabeth Peters, Daniel Smith, Liz Leahy, Patrick Milas

# **Technical Services**

Michael Bradford, Harvard Library, Acting Secretary

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Since this was an online meeting open to any interested individual, attendance was not taken.

### AGENDA

- 1) Reports
- 2) Updates on Atla Funnels
- 3) Online Conversations via Video Conferencing
- 4) Election of Steering Committee Members
- 5) Open Discussion on Suggestions for Next Year's Conference

### REPORTS

### Theology Cataloging Bulletin (TCB) Update

Christa Strickler (Wheaton College) will be taking over Ann Heinrich's roles of providing lists of "New and Changed LC Subject Headings and Other Terms" and "New and Changed LC Classification Numbers." The new *TCB* editor, Cindy Snell (Columbia International University), was unable to attend this meeting. Christa reported conversations among the editorial board that hope to broaden *TCB*'s audience to include not just catalogers but a range of technical services folks.

### Report on CC:DA

Donna Wells (Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary) gave an introduction to what the CC:DA (ALA Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access) does. Donna serves as Atla Liaison to the committee, which is a nonvoting position. The committee typically meets at ALA Annual and Midwinter. Because ALA Annual was virtual this year, the meetings will be virtual as well, beginning in July.

#### **REPORT ON THE ATLA FUNNELS (NACO/SACO/CONSER)**

Richard Lammert (Concordia Theological Seminary) reported that the SACO Funnel now has two active members and, in the last Atla year, produced ten new LC subject headings. Michael Bradford (Harvard University) reported the CONSER Funnel statistics for the current LC fiscal year to date.

# ONLINE CONVERSATIONS (CARRY-OVER FROM LAST YEAR'S MEETING)

It was discussed and recommended that any online discussions not just replace the Tuesday evening discussions but also possibly provide an ongoing quarterly discussion throughout the year via Zoom meetings.

Leslie Engelson suggested that a useful topic would be how our areas in the library are dealing with COVID-19—a prescient topic. Betsy Polakowski likes that this is an accessible and no-cost way of keeping up-to-date with what the TSIG is doing, especially for folks who don't have the support to attend Atla Annual. She also suggested possibly an option to have a computer in the room during the in-person meetings at the annual conferences. John Thompson suggested broadening the conversations beyond cataloging. Folks in smaller institutions wear multiple hats and "cataloging" people often work in areas beyond cataloging.

### **TSIG STEERING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**

Richard Lammert (Concordia Theological Seminary) reported that two Steering Committee members are cycling off (Ondrea Murphy and Ann Heinrichs). He placed a notice in the latest *TCB* but got no nibbles. He asked for interested volunteers to run for election, but there were none at the Annual. A few attendees expressed interest and asked questions regarding time commitments. The Steering Committee can meet separately and appoint members in lieu of an election at the business meeting.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR TOPICS TO BE PRESENTED AT NEXT CONFER-ENCE (OPEN DISCUSSION)

- John Thompson Impact of the use of discovery systems on the work of catalogers (Koha was given as an example).
- Leslie Engelson Best practices for customizing and implementing discovery layers.
- Ellen Frost There are two library schools in the Fort Worth area (University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University, both in Denton). Perhaps we can reach out to someone there to make a presentation at Annual.
- Armin Siedlecki RDA update 3R will have been in place for several months; its impact on our work would be a suitable topic.
- Christa Strickler Organizational structures/delineation of tasks within technical services departments. What works and what doesn't work?
- Andrew Kosmowski Institutions creating their own subject headings that are too specific for LCSH (650 \_7 \$2).
- Richard Lammert How can we mesh this with the SACO funnel and getting subject headings established in LCSH for everyone to use, not just the local institution?
- John Thompson: Providing access to e-book Bible commentaries where e-book vendors don't provide good/any subject headings that are relevant to the individual books/verses of the Bible.

### OTHER

- Ellen Frost brought up in chat: "WRIG is interested in working with TSIG to develop a list of catalogers who are language proficient and may be able to help with cataloging in various languages related to world religions. Are we interested in putting a list like this together?" There was no objection; Richard Lammert will follow up on the TSIG list.
- Additional information from the chat: To join the electronic discussion lists for the TSIG or for Alma users, send an email to <u>connect@atla.com</u>; Atla Staff will add you.



**2019–20 GROUP:** [pictured, left to right] Richard Lammert, Donna Wells, Betsy Polakowski, Stephen Spencer, Alice Runis, Christa Strickler, Andrew Kosmowski, John Thompson, Seth Miskimins, Armin Siedlecki, Leslie Engelson, Brinna Michael, Becky Givens, Michael Bradford, Ellen Frost

## World Religions

Gerrit van Dyk, Brigham Young University, Secretary

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

- Gerrit van Dyk, Brigham Young University, Chair
- Yasmine Abou-El-Kheir, Chicago Theological Seminary
- Ellen Frost, Southern Methodist University
- Ann Heinrichs, Catholic Theological Union (retired)
- Beth Kumar, Graduate Theological Union Library
- Deanna Roberts, Union Theological Seminary & Columbia University
- Craig Rosenbeck, unaffiliated
- Yesan Sellan, South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies
- Kitty Serling, Research Medical Center
- Stephen Sweeney, Saint John Vianney Seminary
- Alexis Weiss, Loyola Marymount University
- Brian Wright, Colorado Christian University

## **MEMBERS ABSENT**

- Drew Baker, Claremont School of Theology
- Patrick Milas, New Brunswick Theological Seminary
- Megan Welsh, University of Colorado

## AGENDA

## Introduction

- 1) Round robin introductions
- 2) Reviewed WRIG mission
- 3) Introduced steering committee members
- 4) Group digital photo

## Leadership nominations

- Beth Kumar, chair
- Deanna Roberts, member-at-large
- Alexis Weiss, vice-chair-elect

## Discussion of 2019–20 WRIG initiatives

- Atlantis posts regarding religious diversity
- Migration of Wabash sites to LibGuides
  - Looking for coordinators
  - Looking for content experts
  - Each institution has internal purposes which may not be the same as the goal of world religious studies
  - Created for librarians, not patrons in mind—as such, the best resources on a particular subject/world religion
- Atla Annual 2020 WRIG-sponsored session:
  - Christine D'Arpa, School of Information Sciences at Wayne State University, "Open Doors and Good Intentions are Not Enough: Cultivating Cultural Competencies in LIS Education and Practice" (85 participants attended)

# Discussion: How can WRIG encourage/facilitate spaces and outreach to bring new people and voices into the group?

- Breakout groups identified possibility of collaborating with the Technical Services Interest Group for bilingual cataloging records
- Reaching out to smaller institutions to join Atla conversations
- Develop regular worship services at Atla Annual for religious traditions outside of Christianity
- Possibly create an open conversation circle to discuss world religions at Atla Annual

## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES (HOSTED PROGRAMS)

# Atla Annual session: "So Your School is Becoming More Religiously Diverse"

#### Presenters: Drew Baker, Beth Kumar, Patrick Milas, Brian Wright

Over the past decade, many Atla member institutions have become increasingly religiously diverse. From larger actions, like starting new interreligious programs or partnering with other institutions, to smaller steps, like changing branding and programming, many institutions have actively sought to become more ecumenical and/ or interreligious and attract more students from religious traditions beyond the institutions' particular historical traditions. Given this reality, how can librarians at these schools adapt to serve their increasingly religiously diverse students better? What do librarians whose institutions are moving in more ecumenical or interreligious directions need to consider? From collection development to reference and instruction, this panel will reflect on their topic as the panelists raise important questions and provide helpful practical advice based on their experiences at their own institutions.

## Atla Annual session: "Spiritual Care in a Multicultural and Interfaith Environment"

#### Presenters: Syed Nasir Zaidi

Dr. Syed Nasir Zaidi, research associate at Vancouver School of Theology, scholar of Quran & Islamic theology, and interfaith chaplain, will speak about lessons learned from providing spiritual care in a multicultural and interfaith environment.

## DENOMINATIONAL GROUP MEETINGS

## Anabaptist/Mennonite

Jennifer Ulrich, Eastern Mennonite University, Secretary

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

- Jennifer Ulrich, Eastern Mennonite University, Secretary
- Vic Froese, Canadian Mennonite University
- Katharina Penner, Eurasian Accrediting Association
- Eileen Saner, retired, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary
- Karl Stutzman, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

## AGENDA

We meet via Zoom on Wednesday, June 24, 2020. We did not have an agenda. People shared about what was happening at their institution and any personal things as well.

## YEAR IN REVIEW

Karl noted that Elkhart County is a hot spot for Covid-19, so that might have an impact on the fall. The library did continue to be open to employees and students after the school went online in March.

They are working on more digitization projects on some of their monograph series.

Eileen is enjoying retirement, but also working on a project for Spanish-language Anabaptist/Mennonite resources—*Biblioteca Digital Anabautista.* She is working at looking into copyright for these resources.

Vic shared about CMU going online. They will be offering hybrid classes in the fall. Library techs and assistants were furloughed, and

they had to be very careful about making sure they did no work at the time. The library is considering purchasing more e-books for the fall.

Katharine was glad to have Atla Annual online. She has authored some chapters in the e-books published by Atla Open Press. Many libraries in Europe have moved to Koha as their integrated library system, so she has been doing webinars on Koha.

Jennifer shared that the EMU library is moving to TIND as its integrated library system. The library staff were able to work from the building, but it has been closed since March. Persons can request materials for pick up and staff are doing a lot of scanning. Most, but not all, graduate programs will be online while the undergrad students will be back on campus in the fall.



**2019–20 GROUP:** [pictured, left to right] Jennifer Ulrich, Vic Froese, Karl Stutzman, Katharina Penner, Eileen Saner

## Anglican/Episcopal

Patrick Milas, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Convener

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

- Patrick Milas, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Convener
- Mitze Budde, Virginia Theological Seminary
- Duane Harbin, Southern Methodist University
- Alison Poage, Seminary of the Southwest

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Members of the Anglican/Episcopal Denominational Group met at noon Eastern on July 8.

## II. 2020/2021 WORSHIP PLANS

Patrick Milas reported that planning to host worship in Detroit, Michigan, was discontinued when Atla decided not to hold an in-person annual conference.

Members expressed interest in hosting a service in the Ft. Worth, Texas, area during the 2021 annual conference should it be held in-person. Duane Harbin volunteered to help contact local churches about hosting or supporting. If the annual conference is not in person, the group would like to consider a virtual worship service.

## III. GROUP LEADERSHIP

Patrick Milas called for nominations for the role of convener. Milas was encouraged to continue serving as convener.

#### **IV. INSTITUTIONAL AND INDIVIDUAL UPDATES**

## Patrick Milas, Sage Library at New Brunswick Theological Seminary

The Sage Library laments the passing of several significant patrons as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, including: Gregg Mast (president emeritus) and Al Janssen (professor emeritus). Russell Gasero, archivist of the Reformed Church in America (located at Sage Library), has retired after forty years of distinguished service. Matthew Gasero is the new archivist. To accommodate increased reliance on online resources, the Sage Library has hired a digital services librarian, Michele Mesi. Access to print materials remains limited, but Sage Library is offering curbside pick-up of books from the regular circulating collection. Director Patrick Milas has hosted online worship in the Episcopal tradition during the Covid-19 lockdown.

#### Alison Poage, Booher Library at Seminary of the Southwest

In August 2019, a fourth full-time staff member was added to the Booher Library's staff. Marlon Patterson (Mar '17) assumed the role of circulation supervisor, overseeing the student worker staff, interlibrary loan, course reserve management, and general circulation. Marlon (a former library student worker) is enrolled in an MLIS program at Florida State University and brings his own impressive set of library and work experiences to Booher. The staff spent the fall restructuring staff responsibilities, getting accustomed to the changes, and brainstorming ways in which we could grow services in light of the energy Marlon's presence set free for the director, electronic resources librarian, and technical services librarian (who had all been sharing the responsibilities Marlon was taking over). It was a happy time.

Seminary of the Southwest is approaching the end of a campaign to raise money to renovate the Booher Library and the adjacent classroom building (both opened in 1957). The pre-design phase was completed a few years ago, but we anticipate commencing the design phase this coming academic year (2020–21). In preparation for a closure due to the coming renovation, Booher Library prioritized the acquisition of electronic resources. The library made an agreement with Overdrive and started circulating those items in January 2020.

The Booher Library has been closed since March 13, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The staff worked mainly from

home March 13–June 1, with Alison checking on the building and picking up mail once or twice a week. Alison began serving on the seminary's COVID-19 Task Force, a group that addresses the challenges brought up by the virus. Student engagement with the library was low during the spring and happened primarily through email. Alison noted this was a difficult time as the library staff tried to balance family obligations and volunteer commitments with work from home or were forced to work from an isolated setting.

On June 8, Alison began reporting to the office daily and worked primarily with two part-time staff members to initiate a curbside circulation service and to make the scanner and the study carrels available to students by appointment. On June 7, 2020, Marlon Patterson returned to the office and we began to participate in interlibrary loan more fully. We will continue to add staff back to the office and work a schedule that keeps the number of people in the building low. As a result, some staff will still be working remotely each day.

Today our primary focus is a fall reopening plan. Seminary courses will be offered primarily online, with some "mixed attendance" experiences in person. We hope to hold prayer services in person on the Mott. The library is committed to providing some quiet study space to students and plans to allow students access to the library by appointment, keeping the number of people in the building low and requiring social distancing and masks. At the time this report is written, Austin is a COVID-19 hotspot in the country; reopening plans may need to be revised based on guidance from local authorities.

Alison looks forward to meeting with the Anglican Denominational Group via Zoom again in December.

#### Mitzi Budde, Payne Library at Virginia Theological Seminary

It was a challenging year! Virginia Theological Seminary moved from being a residential face-to-face seminary to entirely online literally overnight on March 12, due to COVID. Bishop Payne Library became an e-resource library only, with staff working from home. We offered a daily Zoom online drop-in hour for seminarians; that was well received. We focused on reference outreach, bolstering our e-resources, and creating helps of various kinds (LibGuides, a virtual library in our learning management system, Facebook posts, and email publicity). For summer 2020, we're offering research Zoom consultations upon request. Our public services librarian, Karen Madigan, retired on June 30. The position will remain vacant as the seminary has instituted a hiring freeze.

Library staff returned to work on June 3 to prepare for the seminary's planned renovation of the library building, which is proceeding on schedule. During the COVID closure, the staff selected a core collection of 16,000 volumes for the temporary library. We returned to work to pull the core collection and coordinate the move of the remainder of the library's collections into off-site storage for the coming year. By August 10, the core collection and library operations will move to another building on campus, which will serve as the temporary library for the academic year 2020–21 while the Bishop Payne Library building is renovated. The upcoming renovation has three foci:

- 1) provide new spaces for a variety of learning styles and collaboration and create a library commons area;
- increase accessibility, modernize infrastructure, add fire suppression systems, and integrate technology into learning spaces;
- 3) preserve our collections, add compact shelving, increase space for archives and rare books, and celebrate the African American Episcopal Historical Collection.

We're calling 2020–21 our year of library innovation and flexibility. The library building will be renovated, but the library is not closing—we are committed to providing library services to the seminary community in the temporary library, or even from home if there is another pandemic closure.

For 2020–21, the seminary plans to have August term online only, and hopes to offer face-to-face classes along with some online classes in the fall semester. The fall term will move to fully online at Thanksgiving, with January term offered online, and then the seminary hopes to resume face-to-face classes in the spring semester beginning in February.

## **V. CONCLUSION**

The group is interested in meeting virtually during Advent. Denise McFarlin (Atla) added that Atla can support or host the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. Eastern.



**2019–20 GROUP:** [pictured, left to right] Duane Harbin, Mitzi Budde, Alison Poage, Patrick Milas

## Campbell-Stone

Carisse Berryhill, Abilene Christian University, Convener

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

- Carisse Berryhill, Abilene Christian University, Convener
- Robin Hartman, Hope International University
- Elizabeth Rivera, Lipscomb University
- Terence Sheridan, Amridge University

The meeting took place on Zoom from 1 p.m.–2 p.m., June 24, 2020.

## **INSTITUTIONAL REPORTS**

#### Amridge University

Kay Newman has retired. The library has adopted Open Athens authentication and demand-driven acquisitions.

## Hope International University

HIU has closed its branch in Nebraska. The main campus library in Fullerton has been undergoing renovation of former offices to add a classroom.

## Lipscomb University

Has openings for director and for circulation/collection development librarian.

## Abilene Christian University

James Wiser will become the new dean of library services and educational technology August 1, 2020. Special Collections continues its development of the Stone-Campbell Teaching Archive—a cooperative effort of historians, archivists, and librarians at schools from this faith tradition.

## OTHER

Participants described the current status of their libraries during the COVID-19 pandemic, with emphasis on how the libraries have provided services to courses being rapidly moved online during the spring semester of 2020.

## Lutheran

Evan E. Boyd, Convener

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

- Evan E. Boyd, United Lutheran Seminary, Convener
- Elli Cucksey, Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University
- Susan Ebertz, Wartburg Theological Seminary
- Lisa Hearn, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of Lenoir-Rhyne University
- Richard Lammert, Concordia Theological Seminary—Fort Wayne
- Sandy Leach, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of Lenoir-Rhyne University
- Roger Peters, Concordia Theological Seminary—Fort Wayne
- Robert Roethemeyer, Concordia Theological Seminary—Fort Wayne
- Armin Siedlecki, Emory University
- Robert Smith, Concordia Theological Seminary—Fort Wayne

## **INSTITUTIONAL REPORTS**

## United Lutheran Seminary

- ULS Library had one resignation and one retirement during the year. They will be filling the archivist role in the coming year.
- ULS has elected its new president, the Rev. Dr. Guy Erwin, current bishop of the Southwestern California Synod of the ELCA. His term begins August 1, 2020.
- Multiple digital collections are about to go live.
- An ArchivesSpace instance has been installed and finding aids are slowly being added.
- Fall 2020 will be offered online fully.

## Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

- New library catalog for LTSS and ULS went live in Summer 2019.
- Two faculty retirements and a new professor of Lutheran studies has been hired for one of the openings.
- Sandy Leach is retiring on June 30, 2020, and the hiring process is going smoothly.
- Still planning for fall (in person, online, etc.).

## Wartburg Theological Seminary

- President resigned in December 2020. An interim is in place and Wartburg is currently searching for a replacement.
- Two new faculty hires in systematic theology and liturgical studies.
- Most students were already online; it was not a major transition when COVID-19 forced everyone online.
- Have not yet made a decision about residential classes this fall.

## Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University

- Been closed since mid-March for COVID-19.
- Nothing has yet been announced about fall classes yet.
- Had a failed search for new president of Capital University. A two-year interim will be in place.
- Trinity has hired a Bible professor.
- Capital University libraries do not have a director at this time. The libraries are currently down two librarians.

## JKM Library Trust

- Library Director search has been placed on hold.
- McCormick is online all fall. LSTC has the possibility of small, in-person classes, but most will be online.

## Concordia Seminary—St. Louis (notes from Robert Roethemeyer)

- Ben Haupt, library director since 2013, has been moved into the associate provost of the seminary position.
- Paul Robinson, a member of the history faculty, has been moved into the library director position.
- Concordia Seminary will have an interim president.

## Concordia Theological Seminary—Fort Wayne

- Have been online since mid-March, though staff in the library have continued to come in.
- Book pick-up and drop-off services have been active. Also scanning of articles and reference materials.
- Reference services have been online with Google Meet.
- Face-to-face instruction resumed on June 1.
- Late-March HLC and ATS accreditation visits are rescheduled to late October.
- Robert Smith developed a 50-page, 5-year bibliography for *Luther-Jahrbuch*.
- Digitized 40 linear feet of audio cassettes recorded at CTSFW. Slowly adding to the Seminary's digital repository.

## Emory University

- Closed to the public for the time being. Fall is not yet decided.
- Emory is getting a new president in August—Gregory Fenves from University of Texas at Austin.
- Candler School of Theology dean Jan Love is interim provost of the University, but will resume her position as dean of the seminary once the provost position is filled.
- Annual Reformation celebration will be online.
- Kessler Research Fellowship—<u>three the next school year</u> (though not on campus).

## **OTHER NEWS**

#### Lutheran Historians & Archivists Conference

- Back in November 2019, a gathering of scholars of Lutheran history and archivists of Lutheran collections (LCMS, ELCA, WELS, and a few smaller Lutheran denominations represented).
- Table conversations were a great opportunity to get historians to meet archivists and archivists to meet historians (learning how each works).
- One thing folks learned was the strong desire from historians for greater electronic access to serials. CTS-FW has all LCMS publications since 1930 digitized for the public (except *Concordia Journal*).
- A summary of the event was shared on the Atla Lutherans listserv by Robert Roethemeyer.

## Methodist

Brian Shetler, Drew University, Convener

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

- Brian Shetler, Drew University, Convener
- Chris Anderson, Yale University
- Brady Beard, Emory University
- Jane Elder, Southern Methodist University
- Ellen Frost, Southern Methodist University
- Andy Keck, Southern Methodist University
- Steve Perisho, Seattle Pacific University
- Mary-Carol Riehs, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
- John Shaffet, Shorter University
- Daniel Smith, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
- Lee Webb, St. Paul School of Theology

The Methodist Librarians' Fellowship met online via Zoom as part of the 2020 Atla Annual on Tuesday, June 30, 2020, from 12:00-12:30 p.m. Central time. The meeting was convened by Brian Shetler, Drew University.

## AGENDA

- 1) Approval of 2019 Meeting Minutes
- 2) Update on Group Convenor
- 3) Institutional Reports
- 4) New Business

## **APPROVAL OF 2019 MINUTES**

The minutes of the 2019 meeting of the Methodist Librarians' Fellowship were approved with no changes.

#### **UPDATE ON GROUP CONVENOR**

Due to the COVID pandemic and uncertainty about this year's Atla conference, Brian Shetler (Drew University) decided to continue to serve as convenor for this year. This seemed like the best way to move forward for this year and to maintain consistency in convenorship, rather than having someone new rotate in during the pandemic. The original rotation of convenors, decided upon in 2018, would be determined by alphabetical order based on name of institution. Following Drew University would be Duke University. This rotation will be picked up at next year's conference, with a representative from Duke taking over as convenor. The group agreed that this would be the plan for next year. Brian will reach out to Duke to determine who would be able to take over the convenor role next year.

#### **INSTITUTIONAL REPORTS**

#### Drew University

Updated the group on changes in the General Commission of Archives and History. Dale Patterson, longtime archivist at the GCAH, retired in December 2019. Fred Day, general secretary of the GCAH, is retiring at the end of the calendar year. A new, hybrid position has been created to fill both roles, combining library/archival experience with management leadership.

#### Southern Methodist University

Updated the group on *Wesley Works*. Craig Hill (at Perkins) and Randy Maddox are getting close to determining the final number of volumes of the *Wesley Works* project. The expectation is that the project should be completed within five years. The *Wesley Works* editorial board has the rights to publish/post in a digital environment and discussions are underway about how to make the material become more accessible online. Part of this concerns a larger digital humanities project, possibly using TEI, working with Dr. Michelle Taylor at USF who is interested in working with Wesley material and has background in digital humanities. Andy and Michelle presented their ideas at Atla Annual 2020 and noted that some future group work (distributive among various libraries) could come into play. Andy discussed a comparison between the John Edwards project at Yale and the possible Wesley digital project.

#### Yale University

Discussed updates to the UM Studies Bibliography and the shifting timeline with the change to the UMC General Conference. The aim is to update the bibliography in conjunction with the next GC.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Brian mentioned the ongoing project that the GCAH has developed to transcribe hand-written captions of Methodist Missionary Photo Albums and encouraged people to look into the project if they are interested in some hands-on work with archival materials.



**2019–20 GROUP:** [pictured, left to right] Brian Shetler, Lee Webb, Mary-Carol Riehs, Andrew Keck, Steve Perisho, John Shaffett, Chris Anderson, Daniel Smith, Ellen Frost, Jane Elder, Brady Bears

## Presbyterian and Reformed

Virginia Dearborn, Princeton Theological Seminary, Secretary Sharon Taylor, Shadyside Presbyterian Church (Pittsburgh, PA)

## MEMBERS PRESENT

- James Pakala, Covenant Theological Seminary, Convener
- Margaret Alkema, Canadian Reformed Theological Seminary
- Anita Coleman, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- Steve Crocco, Yale University
- Virginia Dearborn, Princeton Theological Seminary
- Michael Farrell, Reformed Theological Seminary (Orlando, FL)
- Leslie Fuller, Southern Methodist University
- Becky Givens, Covenant Theological Seminary
- Ed Hughes, Memphis Theological Seminary
- Steve Jamieson, Covenant Theological Seminary
- Denise Pakala, Covenant Theological Seminary
- Christopher Richardson, Union Presbyterian Seminary
- David Schmersal, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- John Shaffett, Shorter University
- Sharon Taylor, Shadyside Presbyterian Church (Pittsburgh, PA)

## SUMMARY

Christopher Richardson began our meeting by introducing himself and inviting each of us to introduce ourselves and put our names, institutions, and email addresses in the Zoom chat. Christopher then led the group in a discussion of possible projects that we could undertake as a group. He then led us into discussion of what has been happening at our respective institutions.

Events of the past year have been somewhat overtaken by COVID-19 as, in March 2020, our schools and libraries had to close and/or move online very quickly. Many of our institutions had little or no distance learning present in the curriculum prior to the onset of the pandemic. A few of our libraries were in the midst of renovation or building projects in March and had (fortunately) been purchasing more e-books than in previous years. A few institutions were just finishing their accreditations when the lockdowns started.

Some libraries are scanning materials for use outside the library, while others are beginning to offer some curbside pick-up or limited access to physical space within their buildings. Some library staff are working from home, others in the library, and some are being required to work on campus but "socially distanced" in another campus building. Most schools seem to be leaning towards a hybrid model for the fall—online and modified in-person teaching.

Some institutions (and therefore libraries) are under a hiring freeze while others are able to post and attempt to fill open positions. Sharon Taylor, retired librarian, reported that she's been leading book studies for Shadyside Presbyterian Church (Pittsburgh, PA) from the church library via Zoom this year.

#### **INSTITUTIONAL REPORTS**

#### Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Stitt Library

Even before the outbreak of COIVD-19, this has been a year of significant change for Stitt Library and Austin Seminary. In December, a week before the seminary closed for the holiday break, we learned that our office of institutional advancement had secured all the funds necessary to proceed with our planned renovation, setting in motion a flurry of activity. In subsequent weeks, we moved about half our reference collection into our temporary guarters—a former student lounge in another building on campus—and then worked with a moving company to transfer about 6000 previously selected volumes from our circulating collection onto library shelves we had cleared and set up in an underutilized racquetball court while the remaining 84,000 volumes are in storage and remain inaccessible. The building project itself is projected to last about two years and has two parts: (1) renovating the existing 1950s half of the building, and (2) tearing down the 1970s half and building a new structure on the same footprint but one story higher. The emphasis in the renovated building is on additional individual and group study space with good lighting and plenty of electrical outlets. In anticipation of this, we had been aggressively purchasing e-books and other electronic resources and thus have found ourselves uniquely and mercifully well prepared for the changes brought about by the COVID-19 outbreak. Staff are

currently working almost entirely remotely, fulfilling requests for scans on an ad hoc basis. Our plans for gradually reopening consist of stages tied to a decrease in the number of cases, which, at the time of writing this, sadly, has been moving in the wrong direction. We thus anticipate supporting students and faculty virtually and remotely for much of the fall semester.

## Canadian Reformed Theological Seminary

CRTS is a small seminary with less than 30 students. We have just completed an ATS reaffirmation of accreditation visit in March. It ended up being a Zoom visit at the last minute. I was the coordinator of the self-study, so I didn't have as much time to focus on the library in the past year as I wanted to. During the ATS visit we also switched to Zoom for classes. Since then, we are rethinking our fall semester, and I have been involved with that as well. We kept the library open for appointments and are doing curbside for guest borrowers. Two years ago, we joined the Digital Theological Library, and that was a huge boon for us during the improvised distance education portion of our spring semester. We are also in the middle of a library redecorating project. There is no lack of work to do!

## Covenant Theological Seminary

At Covenant Theological Seminary, the position of library director is changing, as of July 1, from Jim Pakala to Steve Jamieson, who has worked at the Library for sixteen years and is associate librarian for public services. A new position of collection development librarian involved a search this spring that went well but, for various reasons, is now being renewed. Besides some volunteer service to the Seminary going forward, Jim will help train the new person when the position is filled. The Pakalas began serving at Covenant in August 1991, after years at Philadelphia area seminaries. Denise retired June 30, 2019, but works on an essentially volunteer basis several hours per week, one project being the cataloguing of Bibles in many languages donated by a collector. The Seminary is seeking a new president and has engaged a firm that has assisted other schools. With social spacing and other pandemic-related measures, classroom use is to resume for the fall semester, but reliance on hybrid and online courses will be even more significant as well. Fall break will not occur, but the term is to conclude just before Thanksgiving.

#### Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Greetings from E. M. White Library, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary! I thought it may be more of a fun and interesting read if I included some pictures, starting with my taking up of my new job on Epiphany Day, 6 January, 2020. Matthew Collins, the previous library director, left in mid-2019. I accepted the call to serve at LPTS in October 2019. Enjoy!

#### January 2020

My official photo for Louisville Seminary was taken and I settled into my office, made welcoming by a quilt from my mother-inlaw and tulips, daffodils, orchids, and more from Louisville friends. After twenty-five years in Southern California and having grown up in south India, I was full of excitement about living on a seminary campus, participating in a beloved community life in winter lands, and experiencing daily life in snow. On January 9, I discovered "feast-



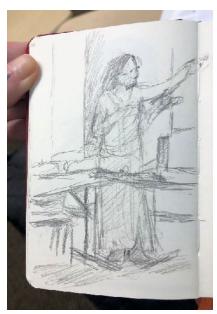
ing Friends"—a Presbyterian group—are on campus. I took a <u>quick</u> <u>video</u> of them after worship to share with their friends. Soon DMin and other students arrived on campus for J-Term. My January 16 diary entry conveys some of my excitement:

Today, temperature was in the forties, with slight winds. Weather prediction was a cloudy day but I brought the sun with me! Who came out early bathing our campus in glorious golden light. Anyway, my high point today came ~ 2 pm. I participated in worship led by students in a 2-week all-day J-Term intensive course, The Art of Presence: Creative Worship for the People of God, taught by Mark and Cheryl Goodman-Morris. I took a <u>few videos</u> of the brief worship. It starts with a few moments with <u>Cheryl</u> and Mark, who explained what I was going to be a part of. Enjoy! Did I worship? Yes.

In January, I visited three of the local members of our consortium, which is called Metroversity Library Directors: Bellarmine University, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and University of Louisville.

#### February 2020

Before the Spring semester began, we took a field trip to Fort Knox! Bobi Bilz, admin coordinator, and Angela Morris and Angeles Ankrum, two of the professional librarians on staff, and I visited



Barr Memorial Library, Fort Knox, Kentucky—an award-winning library. Bobi's husband, Michael Steinmacher, is the director of Barr Memorial Library, and we learned a lot about events! I began co-teaching Research Methods and Practices with Prof. Sue Garrett (OT professor). I created the information research toolbox. Here's a sketch of me in class by Ken Schuck (MDiv '23). **Research Methods and Practices** is a new course, and this is the first semester it is being taught. We had a student enrollment of fifteen. A three-credit course, this is a required course for the

Master of Arts in Religion degree and will be taught by me every spring. We planned a library open house for PC(USA), PMA, PW, and other friends in Louisville for the end of March that had to be cancelled.

#### March 2020

SAC COC (re-accrediting commission) site visit on the sixth went very well. Our quality enhancement plan focus on anti-racism was approved. In anticipation, in March, we had also launched an antiracism display as a permanent feature in the library. This will be a rotating collection of books and other learning resources, including digital and museum media, drawing from the research, scholarship, and creativity of our library collections. Each display will highlight one or more of the facets of anti-racism, such as actions, practices, beliefs, values, doctrines, policies, people, movements, and organizations. The goal of the display is to move us beyond the current racial imagination into a theological one that transforms us into integrative anti-racists: lifelong learners, tending and thriving in the "whosoever" call of Louisville Seminary. The physical anti-racism display is supplemented by an online resource, the Anti-racism Digital Library. I invite you to visit endracism.info or to read my article in the spring 2020 issue of Theological Librarianship about using the ADL to teach information literacy.

#### April–June 2020

In mid-March, faculty made the historic decision, like so many others amid COVID-19, to move all instruction online. The library has been super busy supporting this and working almost 24/7. I reframed it as a "new purpose" for librarians, evoking the Depression-era bookmobiles—Kentucky horse librarians. While the library building and our physical print collections closed, the librarians and our student workers worked from home to deliver digital library services in ways we had not been doing before. We started with a blog about digital library services—<u>With Much Love</u>—that is now being redesigned as our new library portal. We also started an online help desk.

We saw students hanging out in social media and began to reach them there as well. We celebrated National Library Week with contests. We created guides for exegesis assignments. Our student library workers helped us to create and pilot YouTube videos, infographics, and more! On-campus operations at the seminary are now expected to re-open on August 3. All courses will, however, be offered online only. Accordingly, the library is preparing fully online course reserves. We are exploring safe re-opening but will use a phased approach for requested services, such as print book delivery and book scanning, in accordance with public health and Seminary guidelines. We are planning a robust library instruction program for fall, starting with a fully online orientation for new students on August 31. We plan to include incoming and ongoing assessment of information and research competencies. We are continuing to create instructional guides in diverse formats and to prepare courseintegrated guides. We will offer a calendar and slate of requestable, course-integrated, and customized workshops. Some new services have been added to the library: online learning and institutional research board duties. As part of our new blog, we got G Suite for Higher Education for faculty to pilot. G Suite/Classroom has now emerged as one of the academic delivery tools for fall. We are system administrators and online learning support and will help our dean lead campus to choose a new LMS in the fall for online learning beyond 2020.

#### Personnel

- Angela Morris <u>retired in July</u>.
- Anita Coleman is the library director since January.
- Debra Mumford is the new academic dean since July.

• Two professional librarian positions are open and we are looking to fill them as soon as possible.

#### **Collections and Services**

Our collections are at ~195,000 resources in print, microform, and other formats. 1200 items were added to the library collection (i.e., cataloged and processed) for fiscal year 2019–20. We stopped ordering print books in March and have only received standing orders in print since then. The library's print periodicals have been drastically reduced to 211, with ~12,000 in electronic subscriptions. Our electronic collections use and support for emerging technologies on campus, like a modern learning management system, are increasing! Besides delivering services remotely, library staff have also been upskilling and working in teams. Our community has been most supportive of us during this time.

#### Princeton Theological Seminary

The Princeton Theological Seminary Library (PTSL) recently implemented Innovative Interfaces, Inc.'s Sierra integrated library system. PTSL is employing WebPAC for its more traditional catalog functionality and continuing to use Summon as its discovery tool. ILS additions include Syndetics Unbound, mobile access, and integration with campus single sign-on. Prior to ILS migration, PTSL implemented OpenAthens to replace EZProxy for managing authenticated user access to e-resources and set up LEAN Library to help users encounter library resources more easily from non-library websites.

On March 20th, Princeton Seminary went into partial closure, its library building closed, and staff transitioned to remote work environments. During this time, the library has continued to offer a variety of services to its community, primarily through virtual reference, chat service and electronic resources. A commitment has been made to acquire greater amounts of electronic resources at this time and moving forward, including increasing the number of PTS collection items in Internet Archive's controlled digital lending program. Additional library services are being reintroduced in stages as new protocols are developed. In April and May, the library made it possible for graduating students to return their books. This service was subsequently expanded to all patrons. In June, curbside book pickup service for PTS faculty and PhD students was implemented, and the front of the library was opened for quiet study space. During the pandemic, courses have transitioned to an online environment until the health situation allows for transition back to onsite teaching and learning. Students are returning to campus in the fall with carefully planned programs to allow for socially distanced community, team, and class activities if/when the health situation allows.

The library was pleased to welcome Sarah Danser as its new Serials and Cataloging Librarian in April. With the transition of a number of staff to retirement in 2019, the library hopes to fill several vacant positions in the coming academic year.

#### Union Presbyterian Seminary

- Union Presbyterian Seminary (UPSem) has decided to hold all summer and fall classes online.
- Throughout the summer, our library locations in Richmond and Charlotte will be closed to the public but offering a twice/day weekday pickup service for physical checkouts (for all library users) and library building usage by appointment for UPSem students, faculty, staff—to allow us to control the number of people in the building. Unless things worsen, we plan to offer more appointment slots in the fall, though still for UPSem users.
- We are applying for distance education (over 50%) from SACSCOC now, partially to enable online classes after December, if necessary.
- We are heavily involved in preparing for reaffirmation by SACSCOC and ATS over the next couple of years (class of 2022).
- We are in the process of hiring a new reference librarian. Our current reference and archives librarian, Dr. Paula Skreslet, will retire at the end of August. We will begin interviewing candidates for that next week, and another staff librarian (Ryan Douthat) will be taking over Paula's work in our archives and special collections, including digitization projects.

## Roman Catholic

David Kriegh, St. Patrick's Seminary & University, Convener Kathy Harty, Sacred Heart Seminary & School of Theology, Secretary

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

- David Kriegh, St. Patrick's Seminary & University, Convener
- Kathy Harty, Sacred Heart Seminary & School of Theology, Secretary
- Sr. Rebecca Abel, OSB, Catholic Distance University
- Mary Ann Aubin, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary
- Jennifer Bartholomew, Sacred Heart Seminary & School of Theology
- Elyse Hayes, Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
- Ann Heinrichs, Catholic Theological Union
- Barnaby Hughes, Atla
- Br. Andew Kosmowski, North American Center for Marianist Studies
- Alan Krieger, University of Notre Dame
- Brian Morin, Mount Angel Abbey
- Philip O'Neill, Barry University
- Steve Perisho, Seattle Pacific University
- Betsy Polakowski, St. Paul Seminary
- Derek Rieckens, Catholic Theological Union
- Mary Sepulveda, Seattle University
- Connie Song, Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology (Athenaeum)
- Stephen Sweeney, St. John Vianney Theological Seminary
- Kris Veldheer, Catholic Theological Union
- David Wuolu, St. John's College
- Jennifer Younger, Catholic Research Resources Alliance

## MEMBERS ABSENT

- Charles Bellinger, Brite Divinity School (TCU)
- Thomas Bender, Notre Dame Seminary
- Victoria Brennan, St. John's Seminary

- Kerrie Burn, Catholic Theological College
- Matina Ćurić, Bibliothèques Européennes de Théologie
- Jim Derksen, Newman Theological College
- Maria M. Garcia, Oblate School of Theology
- Fiona Holly, Conception Abbey and Seminary College
- James Humble, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
- Daniel Kolb, Saint Meinrad Archabbey
- Melody Mazuk, Liturgical Institute, Ealing Abbey
- Noel McFerran, University of St. Michael's College
- Ann Owen, Sacred Heart Seminary & School of Theology
- Dora Rowe, Union Presbyterian Seminary
- Fr. John Martin Ruiz, OP, Dominican House of Studies
- Sr. Sandra Rutkowski, Lourdes University
- Alexis Weiss, Loyola Marymount University

## AGENDA AND DISCUSSION

Opening prayer: Sr. Rebecca Abel, OSB Welcome: David Kriegh (Convener)

- 1) Welcome and Brief Introductions
- 2) Approval of 2019 Minutes (no corrections or changes)
- 3) Old Business
  - a) A. Presentation Roundup
    - Jennie Bartholomew presented "Growing in Wisdom" as a Listen and Learn identity session on June 17.
    - Derek Rieckens was part of a panel presentation entitled "Physical Collections and the 21st-century Library."
    - Stephen Sweeney ran the business meeting as president of Atla.
  - b) CLA Update (Jack Fritts)
    - The CLA has been doing online conferences for a couple of years, and has had a larger attendance than in-person ones. This year's fall conference is Oct. 22 & 23, and the theme is "Mission-Driven Leadership in Faith-Based Libraries." Plans are also underway for the 100th anniversary celebration next April.

- c) CRRA Update (Alan Krieger)
  - The server for CRRA is now hosted at Andornot, a hosting service for libraries, archives, and museums in Vancouver, BC. The new administrator/troubleshooter is Steve LaPommeray. Ted Bergfelt, the Humanities librarian at Duquesne University, has created several subject guides for the portal, resulting in a large increase in use. CRRA also upgraded VuFind as the search app. The Catholic News Archives now contains 17 titles and is on pace to easily match last year's 56,000 users. CRRA also provides grant opportunities, acting as a partner, to help institutions obtain digitizing grants.
- d) Atla LibGuide Project
  - Atla has asked the RC group to assist with curating a denominational LibGuide, which Atla will promote. As part of the discussion, it was determined that we do not want to duplicate what CRRA is doing, but that there are several areas in which we could contribute. Among these are: Vatican resources, curating items "born digital," and/or the Church's take on modern issues. Our best contribution might be to create a "best of" guide, curating links to some of the excellent LibGuides already created by member institutions. This type of project might supplant the older attempt to update the *McCabe Guide to Catholic Reference Works*, begun by Melody Layton McMahon and assisted by several members present.
- 4) New Business
  - a) Core Print Collections/Collaborative Weeding/Shared Print Discussion
    - This discussion stemmed from several related agenda items submitted by members wanting to either weed responsibly (without tossing out a last copy) or who are looking for recommended core collections for either reference or main collections. At the college level, HathiTrust has already committed to not weeding their Catholica. OCLC Green Glass has been helpful to some

schools for evaluating overlap in collections with OCLC institutions.

- On the one hand, it might be useful to find a way to allow each other to see what's being acquired by sharing acquisitions lists, or perhaps create a shared print project among smaller libraries. Atla could help to set up a wiki for such projects. One of the points of discussion centered on the scarcity of electronic access to some older, classic works that are useful to seminaries. It might be helpful to lobby publishers to make more of their print materials available as e-books. Members are asked to suggest core texts, and to see what has already been done with the <u>McCabe project</u>.
- As for the weeding, SCELC & Atla are working on negotiating a steep discount on the GreenGlass product from OCLC for "micro" institutions, such as most members are. The Catholic Library Association might also collaborate in this project, and CRRA is interested as well.
- b) Library Reopening Plans
  - Libraries have been asked to share their plans via the Atla-RC list serve as appropriate. Among common threads: some form of "curbside pick-up" or drop-off; being prepared to pivot between in-person and quarantined services; ordering more e-books; getting staff more mobile-ready; revamping spaces to comply with physical distancing; discussion of IP and security concerns.
- c) Transitions
  - Ann Heinrichs has retired from CTU.
  - Derek Rieckens has moved to CTU as the systems librarian and archivist.
  - David Kriegh left his position as library director of St. Patrick's Seminary & University and is now head of Collections Management at Saint Mary's College of California.
  - The Diocese of Buffalo has closed Christ the King Seminary as part of its reorganization.

• In March 2020, it was announced that Seattle University's School of Theology and Ministry is under review to sunset some graduate programs while also migrating some to the university's larger graduate program curriculum. No action will be taken until it is approved by the Board of Trustees. STM worked to create new forms of programming that respond to growing interest in spirituality, interreligious dialogue, and the intersection of ministry with other professions and disciplines. Unfortunately, these efforts have not demonstrated a sufficient market for graduate education in these areas and have not been able to compensate for serious downward trends in demand for more formal ministerial leadership education.

Closing Prayer: Br. Andrew Kosmowksi

#### SUMMARY

In light of events far beyond our control, our annual denominational meeting made its Zoom debut this year on June 29, 2020. While the unusual scheduling prevented some of our in-person regular attendees from joining, we enjoyed seeing the new faces of those who have not been able to join us in the past. Following our customary introductions, we discussed old business, which included the usual affiliated association updates from CRRA and the CLA, plus further discussion on collaborative projects through Atla's new LibGuides platform. There was a strong sentiment that these projects should aim to harness the best of what individual libraries have produced to be shared for the benefit of the whole Catholic library community. This led into our new business, where we discussed the increasing interest in both a shared print collection among Catholic theological libraries to assist weeding projects as well as developing core collection lists to help identify resources that every library should hold. Other new business included a call to share reopening plans as these developed in the coming months, as these plans may include valuable advice not typically included in the plans of other library types and sizes. Finally, we noted any retirements, transitions, or other related news from our various institutions. Please note that some comments received in the chat have been incorporated into the minutes as recorded above.

# **ALUMNI MEETINGS**

# LEEP Theological Librarianship

Carisse Berryhill, Abilene Christian University

## MEMBERS PRESENT (WITH YEAR ENROLLED)

- Carisse Berryhill, Abilene Christian University, Instructor
- Marian Ekweogwu, University of Illinois (2020)
- Sharon Gardoski, Clark's Summit University (2020)
- Becky Givens, Covenant Theological Seminary (2017)
- Steve Jamieson, Covenant Theological Seminary (2005)
- John Shaffett, Shorter University (2006)
- Daniel Smith, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (2018)
- Lee Webb, Oklahoma City University (2007)
- Patsy Yang, Gateway Seminary (Los Angeles) (2005)

## SUMMARY

Eight alumni of the Atla-sponsored course LIS 568 LE, Theological Librarianship, in the LEEP program at the University of Illinois / Urbana-Champaign, met with Dr. Berryhill, their former instructor, during a Zoom session on June 25, 2020, from noon to 1 p.m. After introductions, Dr. Berryhill mentioned the recent redevelopment of accreditation standards by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada. Participants reflected on their professional paths since taking the course, on their experience at Atla Annual 2020, including its diversity, and on features of the course which they had appreciated, such as its opening ritual of silent gathering and favorite guest speakers. The group suggested that David Stewart's *The Literature of Theology* might be updated as a LibGuide hosted by Atla as a class project.

#### **YEAR IN REVIEW**

Theological Librarianship has been offered every academic year at the iSchool at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign since 2005. In its fifteen years, the Atla-sponsored course has enrolled more than 200 students, with an average class size of 13. The Spring 2020 class enrolled nine students. Two members of the 2020 class and two members of the first class in 2005 were at this meeting.



**2019–20 ATTENDEES:** [pictured, left to right] Carisse Berryhill, Becky Givens, Daniel Smith, Lee Webb, Sharon Gardoski, John Shaffett, Steve Jamieson, Patsy Yang, Marian Ekweogu

## MEMORIALS

## Ray Radoslav Suput (1922–2018)

Ray Radoslav Suput died in April of 2018 after a long and eventful life. Ray was born in 1922 in Columbus, Ohio, but was raised by his maternal aunt in the Plitvice Lake region in the former Yugoslavia, now Croatia. As an expert in Serbo-Croatian and Italian languages, Ray served as an interpreter for the Allied Control Commission working with refugees in Italy during World War II. Before retiring in 1987, Ray served in multiple roles at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, including director of libraries, department chair, and professor. He was proud of his involvement in the design and building of Bracken Library, to which he walked or rode his bike each day. Ray retired to Columbus, Ohio, where he was active in his church and the Columbus African Violet Flower Society and continued to ride his bike for many years.

We give thanks for the life and work of Ray Suput.

## Ed Hunter (1931–2018)

Ed was a lifelong student who loved words, language, and books. With degrees from Indiana University, the University of Chicago Divinity School, and Simmons College, he succeeded in forging a career that combined his passions for religion, education, and books as a theological librarian for five years at Bexley Hall Seminary and for 28 years at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio, and as a professor of Greek, Hebrew, and religious interpretation of novels. Over the years, he had passion for many things, including art, music, opera, nature, plants, birds, and books. He was a role model for following one's interests, rather than conforming to others' expectations—always preferring to read a book, needlepoint, or listen to opera, with little care for sports or popular trends. He was an early feminist, advocating for increased opportunities for women and supporting his wife Melva's political career. He was active throughout his life in social justice work—a devotion that has inspired his friends, children, and grandchildren to do the same.

We give thanks for the life and work of Ed Hunter.

## R. David Koch (1928–2017)

R. David Koch worked as a theological librarian for the Austen K. deBlois Library of Eastern Baptist Seminary, now Palmer Theological Seminary, and was an interim pastor at United Church of Christ Churches. He was a humble and gentle man and never spoke of his own accomplishments. In his retirement, David researched the meaning of the symbols in his church's stained-glass windows. He then gave a presentation to the church family that everyone enjoyed and found inspiring. David had been an only child and married late in life. According to their pastor, their wedding is remembered as one of the greatest events in their small church's history. His wife was an elementary school teacher at the time, and she invited her entire classroom of children to attend their special day. Everyone who was present on that day recalls that they never saw a happier couple.

We give thanks for the life and work of David Koch.

# Alice M. Kendrick (1933–2019)

For 13 years, beginning in 1967, Alice was the assistant director of the Records and Information Center for the Lutheran Council in the United States. In 1980, she was appointed as its director—a position that she held for seven years. During that time, she was also the director of the Oral History Collection of the Archives of Cooperative Lutheranism. An avid supporter of oral histories, Alice founded the Lutheran Church in America Oral History Project. In 1982, Alice was an invited speaker on oral history for the Theological College at Toronto Conference. It is no surprise that, when she retired, Alice became the oral historian for the United States Golf Association.

We give thanks for the life and work of Alice Kendrick.

# OFFICERS OF ATLA (1947–2020)

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1952–	Raymond P.	Henry M.	Esther	Calvin
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56	Beach	Uhrlich	Dagan	White
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1962–	Donn M.	Jay S. Judah	Frederick	Harold B.
63	Farris		Chenery	Prince
1963–	Jay S. Judah	Charles	Frederick	Harold B.
64		Johnson	Chenery	Prince
1964–	Charles	George H.	Frederick	Peter
65	Johnson	Bricker	Chenery	VandenBerge
1965–	George H.	Roscoe M.	Thomas E.	Peter
66	Bricker	Pierson	Camp	VandenBerge
1966–	Roscoe	Arthur E.	Thomas E.	Peter
67	Pierson	Jones	Camp	VandenBerge
1967–	Arthur E.	Maria	Susan A.	David Guston
68	Jones	Grossmann	Schultz	
1968–	Maria	Harold B.	Susan A.	David Guston
69	Grossmann	Prince	Schultz	
1969–	Harold B.	Henry	Susan A.	David Guston
70	Prince	Scherer	Schultz	
1970–	Henry	Genevieve	Susan A.	David
71	Scherer	Kelly	Schultz	Guston
1971–	Genevieve	Peter	David J.	Warren
72	Kelly	VandenBerge	Wartluft	Mehl
1972–	Peter	John D. Batsel	David J.	Warren
73	VandenBerge		Wartluft	Mehl
1973–	John D. Batsel	Oscar C.	David J.	Warren
74		Burdick	Wartluft	Mehl
1974–	Oscar C.	Roland E.	David J.	Robert A.
75	Burdick	Kircher	Wartluft	Olsen, Jr.

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- Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary—Library | Jordan Feagley
- Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte—Library | The Rev. Kenneth J. McMullen
- Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson—Library | John Crabb
- Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando—Library | John Muether
- Regent College—John Richard Allison Library | Dr. Cindy Aalders
- Regent University—Library | Esther R. Gillie
- Regis College—Library | Teresa Helik
- Research Medical Center—Carl R. Ferris Medical Library | Kitty Serling Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies—Library | Susan Massey Sacred Heart Major Seminary—Cardinal Szoka Library
- Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology—Leo Dehon Library | Jennifer K. Bartholomew
- Saint Meinrad School of Theology—Archabbey Library | Dr. Daniel Kolb Saint Paul School of Theology—Library | Lee G. Webb
- Saint Paul University—Jean-Léon Allie Library | Jérémie LeBlanc
- Salvation Army College for Officer Training—Fairbank Memorial Library | Meagan Morash

Saskatoon Theological Union Libraries | Katelyn Haskell

- Seattle Pacific University—Library | Stephen Zenas Perisho
- Seattle School—Library | Cheryl M. Goodwin
- Seattle University—Lemieux Library | Mary Linden Sepulveda

Seminary of the Southwest—Booher Library | Alison Poage

Seton Hall University—Library | Stella Wilkins

Shepherds Theological Seminary—Paul K. Jackson Library | Dr. William Coberly

Sia'atoutai Theological College—Library | Sioeli Vaipulu

Simpson College—Dunn Library | Cynthia Dyer

Singapore Bible College—Library | Dr. Cynthia Chang

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary—Library | Jason Fowler

- Southern California Seminary—Library | Jennifer Ewing
- Southern Evangelical Seminary—Jamison Library | Joel Paulus
- Southern Methodist University—Bridwell Library | Anthony J. Elia
- Southern Reformed College & Seminary—SRCS Library | James A. Lee
- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Library | Dr. Craig Kubic
- SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary—Adam Cardinal Maida Alumni Library | Beata Owczarski
- St. Augustine's Seminary—Library
- St. Charles Borromeo Seminary—Ryan Memorial Library | Cait Kokolus
- St. John Vianney Seminary—Cardinal Stafford Library | Stephen V. Sweeney
- St. John's Seminary—Edward L. & Carrie E. Doheny Libraries | Victoria Brennan
- St. Joseph's Seminary—Corrigan Memorial Library | Connor Flatz
- St. Louis University—Pius XII Memorial Library | Dr. Ron Crown
- St. Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology—Bruening-Marotta Library | Alan K. Rome
- St. Mary's Seminary & University—Knott Library | Thomas Raszewski
- St. Mary's University—Blume Library | Margaret Sylvia
- St. Michael's College—Library | Laura Crain
- St. Patrick's Seminary—Gellert Memorial Library | Matthew Horwitz
- St. Peter's Seminary—A.P. Mahoney Library | Adrienne Co-Dyre
- St. Thomas University—Library | Jessica Orozco
- St. Tikhon's Seminary—Library | Michael Skor

St. Vincent College—Latimer Library | Br. David Kelly

- St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary—Oscar C. Schorp Library | Arthur Quinn
- St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary—Fr. Georges Florovsky Library | Danielle Anderson (Earl)
- SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary—Library | Gary Richard Averill Thomas More University—Benedictine Library | Michael D. Wells
- Trinity College—John W. Graham Library | John Papadopoulos
- Trinity International University—Rolfing Library | Rebecca Donald
- Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University—Hamma Library | Elyce Marie Cucksey
- Trinity School for Ministry Library—Susanah Hanson
- Trinity Theological College—Library | Dr. Michael C. Mukunthan
- Tyndale University College & Seminary—J. William Horsey Library | Hugh Rendle
- Union Presbyterian Seminary, Charlotte—Library | David Mayo
- Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond—William Smith Morton Library | Dr. Christopher Kennard Richardson
- United Lutheran Seminary—Krauth Memorial and Wentz Memorial Branch

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#### YEAR PLACE HOST 1947 Louisville, KY Louisville Presbyterian Seminary 1948 Dayton, OH Bonebrake Theological Seminary 1949 Chicago, IL Chicago Theological Seminary 1950 Columbus, OH Evangelical Lutheran Seminary and Capital University 1951 Rochester, NY Colgate-Rochester Divinity School 1952 Louisville. KY Southern Baptist Theological Seminary 1953 Evanston, IL Garrett Biblical Institute 1954 Chicago, IL Chicago Theological Seminary 1955 New York, NY Union Theological Seminary 1956 Berkeley, CA Pacific School of Religion 1957 Fort Worth, TX Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary 1958 Boston, MA Boston University School of Theology 1959 Toronto, ON Knox College 1960 St. Paul, MN Bethel College and Seminary 1961 Washington, DC Wesley Theological Seminary 1962 Hartford, CT Hartford Seminary Foundation 1963 Mill Valley, CA Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary 1964 Kansas City, MI St. Paul School of Theology 1965 New York, NY General Theological Seminary 1966 Louisville, KY Southern Baptist Theological Seminary 1967 McCormick Theological Seminary Chicago, IL

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1968	St. Louis, MO	Concordia Seminary
1969	Pittsburgh, PA	Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
1970	New Orleans, LA	New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
1971	Pasadena, CA	Pasadena College
1972	Waterloo, ON	Waterloo Lutheran University
1973	Bethlehem, PA	Moravian Theological Seminary
1974	Denver, CO	Iliff School of Theology
1975	S. Hamilton, MA	Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
1976	Grand Rapids, MI	Calvin Theological Seminary
1977	Vancouver, BC	Vancouver School of Theology
1978	Latrobe, PA	Saint Vincent College
1979	New Brighton, MN	Bethel Theological Seminary
1980	Denver, CO	Iliff School of Theology
1981	St. Louis, MO	Christ Seminary — Seminex
1982	Toronto, ON	Toronto School of Theology
1983	Richmond, VA	United Theological Seminary in Virginia
1984	Holland, MI	Western Theological Seminary
1985	Madison, NJ	Drew University
1986	Kansas City, KS	Rockhurst College
1987	Berkeley, CA	Graduate Theological Union
1988	Wilmore, KY	Asbury Theological Seminary
1989	Columbus, OH	Trinity Lutheran Seminary
1990	Evanston, IL	Garrett-Evangelical Seminary and Seabury- Western Theological Seminary
1991	Toronto, ON	University of Toronto, Trinity College, and Toronto School of Theology
1992	Dallas, TX	Southern Methodist University
1993	Vancouver, BC	Vancouver School of Theology, Regent College, and Carey Theological College
1994	Pittsburgh, PA	Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry
1995	Nashville, TN	Divinity Library of Vanderbilt University and Tennessee Theological Library Association

1996	Denver, CO	Iliff School of Theology
1997	Boston, MA	Boston University and Boston Theological Institute
1998	Leesburg, VA	Virginia Theological Seminary and Washington Theological Consortium
1999	Chicago, IL	Atla and Association of Chicago Theological Schools
2000	Berkeley, CA	Graduate Theological Union
2001	Durham, NC	Divinity School at Duke University
2002	St. Paul, MN	Minnesota Theological Library Association
2003	Portland, OR	Mount Angel Abbey, George Fox Seminary, Multnomah Biblical Seminary, Western Seminary
2004	Kansas City, MO	Kansas City Area Theological Library Association
2005	Austin, TX	Southwest Area Theological Library Association
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2017	Atlanta, GA	Columbia Theological Seminary, Erskine Theological Seminary, Mercer University, McAfee School of Theology, Pitts Theology Library, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Robert W. Woodruff Library, Atlanta University Center, The
		Interdenominational Theological Center
2018	Indianapolis, IN	Asbury Seminary and Concordia Theological Seminary
2019	Vancouver, BC	Cindy Aalders, Regent College, Local Host Representative
2020	Online	

# AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

(An Illinois Not-For-Profit Corporation)

AS ADOPTED JUNE 15, 2018

#### **ARTICLE I**

#### OFFICES

**SECTION 1.01** *Principal and Other Offices.* The principal office of the Corporation shall be located in the State of Illinois. The Corporation may have such other offices, either within or without the State of Illinois, as the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the Corporation may require from time to time.

**SECTION 1.02** *Registered Agent and Office.* The Corporation shall have and continuously maintain in the State of Illinois a registered office and a registered agent whose office is identical with such registered office, as required by the Not for Profit Corporation Act. The registered office may be, but need not be, identical with the principal office in the State of Illinois. The registered agent of the Corporation may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE II**

#### MEMBERS

**SECTION 2.01** *Classes of Membership.* The Corporation shall have six (6) classes of membership: Institutional, Individual, Affiliate, Student, Retired, and Emeritus. Institutional Members, Individual Members, and Retired Members are voting members (collectively, the "Voting Members"). Affiliate Members, Student Members, and Emeritus Members are non-voting members (collectively, the "Non- Voting Members").

#### SECTION 2.02 Rights of Membership.

- (a) Voting Members. Voting Members shall have only the following rights: (1) attend meetings of the members and vote; (2) elect Directors to serve on the Board of Directors; (3) approve any alteration of, amendment to, or repeal of the Bylaws; (4) participate in such Corporation programs as the Board of Directors may determine from time to time; and (5) receive those publications of the Corporation that are distributed to the membership. Voting Members shall not have any rights other than those stated in this Section 2.02(a).
- (a) Non-Voting Members. Non-Voting Members shall not have the right to vote on any matters. Non-Voting Members shall have the right to (1) attend meetings of the members; (2) receive those publications of the Corporation that are distributed to the membership; and (3) participate in such other Corporation programs as the Board of Directors may determine from time to time.
- (b) Corporation Programs. With respect to Corporation programs, the Board of Directors may establish different programs for each membership class and may limit participation in any such program to members of the pertinent membership class.

**SECTION 2.03** *Qualifications for Membership.* The Board of Directors may establish qualifications for membership from time to time. As of the date of these Bylaws, the qualifications for membership are as follows:

- (a) Institutional Members. A library of an institution qualifies for Institutional Membership if the institution is (1) an institution of higher education supporting programs in theology or religious studies that is accredited by an authority recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, Council of Higher Education Accreditation, or the equivalent thereof in other jurisdictions, or (2) a nondegree granting organization maintaining one or more significant collections primarily of theological, religious, or ecclesiastical research material. If the applicant library serves more than one institution, at least one of the institutions shall meet one of the qualifications set forth in this Section 2.03(a).
- (b) Individual Members. Any person who is engaged in professional library or scholarly communications work in theological or religious fields or who has a demonstrated, bona fide interest in the literature of religion, theological librarianship, or the purposes and work of the Corporation, shall qualify for Individual Membership in the Corporation.
- (c) Affiliate Members. An organization that does not qualify for Institutional Membership, but that has a demonstrated record of support for theological librarianship and the purposes and work of the Corporation, shall qualify for Affiliate Membership.
- (d) Student Members. Any student enrolled in a degree program who is carrying a half-time course load or greater shall qualify for Student Membership.

- (e) Retired Members. To qualify for Retired Membership in the Corporation, a person must (1) have fully retired from gainful employment; and (2) have been an Individual Member continuously for the immediately preceding ten-year period.
- (f) Emeritus Members. To qualify for Emeritus Membership, a person must have been an Individual Member or Retired Member continuously for the immediately preceding ten-year period. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, each member must be in good standing with respect to any dues owed to the Corporation and must be supportive of the purposes and work of the Corporation.

(g) Upon receipt of an application for membership, person(s) authorized by the Board of Directors shall review the application and the applicant's credentials to determine if the applicant does in fact meet the requirements for membership. This determination must be made in good faith and, once so made, is final and not appealable.

**SECTION 2.04** *Dues of Members.* The Board of Directors shall determine from time to time the amount, if any, of membership dues associated with each class of membership. Membership dues, if any, shall be payable in advance for the following full year. Memberships will automatically be renewed upon payment of the annual membership dues, if any, for the next succeeding year.

**SECTION 2.05** *Transfer of Membership*. Membership in the Corporation is not transferable or assignable by any member.

**SECTION 2.06** *Suspension.* Members failing to pay their annual membership dues within sixty (60) calendar days of their due date shall automatically be suspended and shall lose all rights, including, but not limited to, any voting rights. A member thus suspended may be reinstated by payment of such member's unpaid dues. Members also may be suspended or reinstated by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors then in office.

**SECTION 2.07** *Resignation.* Any Member may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors, the President, or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect when the notice is delivered, unless the notice specifies a future date. Unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

**SECTION 2.08** *Termination of Membership.* The Board of Directors may terminate a membership by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors then in office.

#### **ARTICLE III**

#### **MEETING OF MEMBERS**

**SECTION 3.01** Annual Member Meetings. Regular annual meetings of the members (each, an "Annual Member Meeting") shall be held at such time and

place as shall be fixed by the Board of Directors, for the purpose of electing Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. The Board of Directors may provide by resolution the time and place for the holding of additional regular meetings of the members (each, a "Regular Member Meeting"). If the election of Directors shall not be held at the Annual Member Meeting, the Voting Members shall cause the election to be held at a Regular Member Meeting or at a special meeting of the members (each, a "Special Member Meeting") as soon thereafter as may be convenient.

**SECTION 3.02** *Special Member Meetings.* Special Member Meetings may be called at any time by the Board of Directors, the President, or the Secretary, and shall be called by the Secretary upon written request (stating the purpose of the proposed meeting) signed by at least fifteen percent (15%) of the Voting Members or by one-third (1/3) of the Directors then in office. Special Member Meetings shall be held at such place as may be designated in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting.

#### SECTION 3.03 Notice and Waiver of Notice.

- (a) Unless otherwise provided by Not for Profit Corporation Act, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, notice of Annual, Regular, and Special Member Meetings shall be delivered to each Voting Member not less than five (5) days nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of such meeting at such Voting Member's address as it appears on the records of the Corporation. Such notice shall state the place, date, hour, and, in the case of a Special Member Meeting, the purpose(s) of the meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the U.S. mail in a sealed envelope so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. If notice is sent by facsimile transmission, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered upon direction to the facsimile number of record of the Voting Member. If notice is given by electronic mail or other means of electronic transmission, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered upon direction to the electronic mail address or other electronic address of record of the Voting Member. If sent by any other means (including telegram, cablegram, courier, or express mail), such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when actually delivered to the home or business address of the Voting Member. The Corporation may, but is not required to, provide notice of any meetings to the Non-Voting Members.
- (b) When any notice whatever is required to be given under the provisions of the Not for Profit Corporation Act, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. The attendance of a Voting Member at a meeting of the members shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where the Voting Member objects to the holding of the meeting because proper notice was not given.

**SECTION 3.04** *Proxies***.** Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

**SECTION 3.05** *Designated Representative*. Each Institutional Member and Affiliate Member shall designate in writing an individual who has the right to act

on its behalf (each, a "Designated Representative"), and the Corporation shall have the right to rely on this designation and any acts, omissions, or representations of the Designated Representative unless and until the member designates someone else to serve as the Designated Representative. The Designated Representative must be an employee or officer of the respective Institutional Member or Affiliate Member.

**SECTION 3.06** *Quorum.* Fifteen percent (15%) of each of the classes of Voting Members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the members. For the purposes of a quorum, the classes of Individual and Retired Members shall be counted as one class.

**SECTION 3.07** *Voting.* Each Voting Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members. For purposes of clarification, an individual who is both an Individual or Retired Member and a Designated Representative of an Institutional Member may cast a total of two (2) votes on each matter submitted to a vote of the members, one (1) such vote in his or her capacity as an Individual or Retired Member and one (1) such vote in his or her capacity as a Designated Representative.

**SECTION 3.08** Use of Conference Telephone or Other Interactive Technology. If the Board of Directors so determines, Members may participate in and, in the case of Voting Members, act at any meeting of the members by means of a conference telephone or other similar interactive technology, including, but not limited to, electronic transmission, Internet usage, or remote communication, so long as all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other. Such participation shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

#### SECTION 3.09 Informal Action by Members.

- (a) Action by Ballot. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the members may be taken without a meeting by ballot in writing by mail, e-mail, or other electronic means, pursuant to which the Voting Members are given the opportunity to vote for or against the proposed action, provided that the number of Voting Members casting a vote satisfies the quorum requirements set forth in Section 3.06 hereof and the action receives approval by a majority of the Voting Members casting votes or such larger number as may be required by the Not for Profit Corporation Act, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws. Voting must remain open for not less than five (5) days from the date the ballot is delivered; provided, however, in the case of a removal of one or more Directors, a merger, consolidation, dissolution, or a sale, lease, or exchange of assets, the voting must remain open for not less than twenty (20) days from the date the ballot is delivered. The action shall become effective only if, at least five (5) days prior to the effective date of such action, a notice in writing of the proposed action is delivered to all of the Voting Members.
- (b) Action by Written Consent. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the members may be taken without a meeting and without a vote

if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the Voting Members.

(c) Use of Electronic Signature. A Voting Member may take action by a written consent using an electronic signature if the electronic transmission approving the action includes the signatory's full name in a form intended by the signatory: (a) to serve as his or her signature and (b) to authenticate the consent. Each electronic signature should be affixed to an email message or other electronic communication that: (i) contains, attaches, or references the written consent action; (ii) includes an affirmative statement (such as "Yes," "I agree," or "I consent"); and (iii) contains a clear reference to the written consent action in the subject line.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**SECTION 4.01** *General Powers of Directors.* The property and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4.02 Number, Tenure, and Qualifications of Directors.

- (a) The Board of Directors shall consist of twelve (12) Directors to be divided into three (3) classes—Class A, Class B, and Class C—such that there shall be four (4) Directors in each class.
- (b) The Voting Members shall elect Directors to succeed those Directors whose terms expire, and such elections shall be for three-year terms of office, each to expire at the third succeeding Annual Member Meeting after the Director's election. No Director shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms, except that a Director appointed to fill an unexpired term of eighteen (18) months or less may be elected to two (2) consecutive full terms thereafter. A Director shall hold office until his or her successor shall have been duly elected and qualified or until the Director's death, resignation, or removal.
- (c) The Board of Directors shall establish an annual calendar, timeline, and procedure for the nomination of candidates for election as Directors, each of which shall not be inconsistent with these Bylaws.
- (d) The Nominating Committee shall develop a slate of at least two (2) nominations for each of the four (4) directorships to be filled at each Annual Member Meeting and shall deliver the slate to the Board of Directors and the Secretary. The Board of Directors may modify the Nominating Committee's slate before delivering the initial slate to the Voting Members.
- (e) The Voting Members may add candidate(s) to the slate by petition(s) signed by at least ten (10) Voting Members and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary shall deliver to the Voting Members (i) the final slate of candidates, includ-

ing biographical data on each candidate, and (ii) a ballot. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, no candidate may be included on this final slate without his or her consent.

(f) Each Director must be an Individual or Retired Member in good standing at the time of his or her nomination and election and throughout the entirety of his or her service on the Board of Directors. A Director shall automatically cease to be a Director immediately upon ceasing to be an Individual or Retired Member in good standing. No employee of the Corporation may be a Director.

**SECTION 4.03** *Annual and Regular Director Meetings*. Annual meetings of the Board of Directors (each, an "Annual Director Meeting") shall be held at such time and place as may be fixed by the Board of Directors for the purpose of electing Officers and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. The Board of Directors may provide by resolution the time and place for the holding of additional regular meetings of the Board of Directors (each, a "Regular Director Meeting") without other notice than such resolution. If the election of Officers shall not be held at any Annual Director Meeting or at a special meeting of the Board of Directors (each, a "Special Director Meeting") as soon thereafter as may be convenient.

**SECTION 4.04** *Special Director Meetings*. Special Director Meetings may be called by or at the request of the President or any three (3) Directors, and such person or persons may fix any place as the location of any Special Director Meeting so called. For purposes of clarification, no business may be transacted at any such meeting unless a quorum of Directors is present, as set forth in Section 4.07 of these Bylaws.

**SECTION 4.05** *Member Access to Meetings*. Meetings of the Board of Directors are open to members of the Corporation with the exception of portions thereof that are executive sessions as specifically designated by the Board of Directors or as called by any Director. Members who wish to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors shall inform the President at least two (2) days in advance to assure that adequate space is available.

#### SECTION 4.06 Notice and Waiver of Notice.

(a) Unless otherwise required by the Not for Profit Corporation Act, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, written notice of any Annual or Special Director Meeting shall be delivered not less than three (3) days before the date of such meeting to each Director at his or her address as it appears on the records of the Corporation, and such notice shall state the place, date, hour, and, in the case of a Special Director Meeting, the purpose(s) of the meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the U.S. Mail in a sealed envelope so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. If notice is sent by facsimile transmission, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered upon direction to the facsimile number of record of the Director. If notice is given by electronic mail or other means of electronic transmission, such notice shall be deemed to be given upon direction to the electronic mail address or other electronic address of record of the Director. If sent by any other means (including telegram, cablegram, courier, or express mail), such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when actually delivered to the home or business address of the Director.

(b) When any notice whatever is required to be given under the provisions of the Not for Profit Corporation Act, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. The attendance of a Director at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Director attends the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

**SECTION 4.07** *Quorum.* A majority of the Directors then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 4.08** Use of Conference Telephone or Other Interactive Technology. If the Board of Directors so determines, members of the Board of Directors or any committee may participate in and act at any meeting of the Board of Directors or committee, as the case may be, by means of a conference telephone or other similar interactive technology, including, but not limited to, electronic transmission, Internet usage, or remote communication, so long as all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other. Such participation shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

**SECTION 4.09** *Manner of Acting.* The act of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by the Not for Profit Corporation Act, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws.

#### SECTION 4.10 Informal Action by Directors.

- (a) Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by all of the Directors or by all of the members of such committee, as the case may be, and the writing or writings are filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors or committee. Any such consent signed by all the Directors or all committee members, as the case may be, shall have the same effect as a unanimous vote and may be stated as such in any document filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Illinois under the Not for Profit Corporation Act.
- (b) A Director or committee member, as the case may be, may take action by a written consent using an electronic signature if the electronic transmission approving the action includes the signatory's full name in a form intended by the signatory (a) to serve as his or her signature and (b) to authenticate the

consent. Each electronic signature should be affixed to an e-mail message or other electronic communication that (i) contains, attaches, or references the written consent action; (ii) includes an affirmative statement (such as "Yes," "I agree," or "I consent"); and (iii) contains a clear reference to the written consent action in the subject line.

**SECTION 4.11** *Resignation.* Any Director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors, the President, or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect when the notice is delivered unless the notice specifies a future date. Unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

#### SECTION 4.12 Removal.

- (a) Removal by Voting Members. Any Director may be removed, with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Voting Members present and voting at any Annual, Regular, or Special Member Meeting at which a quorum is present. The proposed removal shall be set forth in the notice of any such meeting, and the notice shall be delivered to each Voting Member at least twenty (20) days and not more than sixty (60) days prior to such meeting.
- (b) Removal by the Board of Directors. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Director appointed by the Board of Directors pursuant to Section 4.13 hereof may be removed, with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors then in office at any meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is present whenever, in their judgment, the best interests of the Corporation would be served thereby. The proposed removal shall be set forth in the notice of any Special Director Meeting, delivered to each Director at least twenty (20) days prior to such meeting.
- (c) Automatic Removal. Notwithstanding each of Sections 4.12(a) and 4.12(b) of these Bylaws, any Director who fails to attend any two (2) meetings of the Board of Directors in any given year, without reasonable excuse therefor, as determined in the sole reasonable discretion of the Board of Directors, shall automatically be removed from the Board of Directors, such that a vote of the Voting Members or the Board of Directors shall not be required to effectuate such removal. For purposes of clarification, attendance includes participation by means of conference telephone or other interactive technology in accordance with Section 4.08 hereof.

**SECTION 4.13** *Vacancies.* Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise may be filled by the Board of Directors at any meeting thereof, provided that the individual appointed to fill the vacancy shall be an Individual or Retired Member in good standing. A Director elected or appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor in office.

**SECTION 4.14** *Recognition of Outstanding Contributions.* The Board of Directors may in its discretion confer an award or other honor, exclusive of membership,

in recognition of any person who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the Corporation's work, provided that such award or other honor and the procedures in connection therewith are consistent with Section 501(c) (3) of the Code and any applicable section of Chapter 42 of the Code.

**SECTION 4.15** *Compensation.* Directors shall not receive compensation for their services as Directors; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any Director from serving the Corporation in any other capacity and receiving reasonable compensation for personal services rendered to the Corporation that are reasonable and necessary to carry out one or more of the taxexempt purposes of the Corporation, so long as the Director complies with the conflict of interest procedures of Article XI hereof and any other policies adopted by the Board of Directors. Directors may receive reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred in connection with corporate matters, provided that such reimbursement is authorized by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE V**

#### OFFICERS

**SECTION 5.01** *Officers.* The Board of Directors shall elect a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary of the Corporation (each, an "Officer" and, taken together with all other officers of the Corporation elected by the Board of Directors, the "Officers"). The Board of Directors also may appoint an Executive Director and elect one or more Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers and such additional Officers as the Board of Directors may deem necessary or appropriate from time to time. In extraordinary circumstances, any two (2) or more offices may be held by the same person. The Officers elected by the Board of Directors shall have such duties as are hereafter described and such additional duties as the Board of Director, must be elected from among the Directors. An individual's resignation or removal as a Director shall be deemed to also be a resignation or removal from any Officer position held by that individual.

**SECTION 5.02** *Election and Term of Office.* With the exception of the Executive Director, the Officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the Annual Director Meeting. If the election of Officers is not held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as may be convenient. New offices of the Corporation may be created and filled, and vacancies in offices may be filled, at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Each Officer shall hold office until the Officer's successor has been duly elected and qualified or until the Officer's death, resignation, or removal. Election or appointment of an Officer shall not of itself create contract rights.

**SECTION 5.03** *Resignation.* Any Officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors, the President, or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect when the notice is delivered unless the notice specifies a future

date. Unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

**SECTION 5.04** *Removal.* Any Officer elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed, with or without cause, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all Directors then in office whenever, in their judgment, the best interests of the Corporation would be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person or persons so removed.

**SECTION 5.05** *Vacancies.* A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise may be filled by the Board of Directors at any meeting thereof. An Officer elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected to serve until the next Annual Director Meeting.

**SECTION 5.06** *President.* The President shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation and Board of Directors and shall see that the orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect, except in those instances in which that responsibility is assigned to some other person by the Board of Directors. The President may sign bonds, mortgages, and all other contracts and documents, whether or not under the seal, if any, of the Corporation, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by law, by the Board of Directors, or by these Bylaws to some other Officer or agent of the Corporation.

**SECTION 5.07** *Vice President.* The Vice President shall perform such duties as shall be assigned to the Vice President by the President or the Board of Directors. In the absence of the President or in the event of the President's inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President and, when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions of the President.

**SECTION 5.08** *Secretary*. The Secretary shall perform or direct and supervise the performance of the following: (a) attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and record all the proceedings of the meetings and actions of the Board of Directors in one or more files provided for that purpose; (b) be the custodian of the corporate records and of the seal, if any, of the Corporation; (c) keep a register of the post office address and electronic mail address of each Director, which shall be furnished to the Secretary by such Director; (d) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law; and (e) in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the Secretary by the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 5.09** *Treasurer*. The Treasurer shall be the principal financial officer of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall perform or direct and supervise the performance of the following: (a) have charge of and be responsible for overseeing the maintenance of adequate books of account for the Corporation; (b) have charge of all funds and securities of the Corporation and be responsible for overseeing the management, receipt, and disbursement thereof; and (c) in

general perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the Treasurer by the Board of Directors. If required by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of the Treasurer's duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine. The Treasurer shall serve as the Chair of the Finance Committee.

SECTION 5.10 Executive Director. From time to time, the Corporation may appoint an Executive Director who shall be an employee of the Corporation and shall be a non-voting member of the Board of Directors. The Executive Director shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and, as such, shall meet regularly with the Board of Directors and in general supervise and control all the business and affairs of the Corporation, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors. The Executive Director may discuss corporate matters with the Board of Directors but shall not be entitled to vote on any matter submitted to a vote of the Board of Directors. The Executive Director shall, ex officio, be an assistant secretary of the Corporation, empowered to certify to corporate actions in the absence of the Secretary. The Executive Director, in addition to appointing and overseeing staff, shall be responsible to the Board of Directors for the administration of programs, services, and other activities of the Corporation; shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect; and shall appoint members of advisory committees, representatives to other organizations, and other officials and agents of the Corporation, and oversee their work.

**SECTION 5.11** Assistant Treasurers and Assistant Secretaries. Any Assistant Treasurers and Assistant Secretaries shall perform such duties as shall be assigned to them by the Treasurer or the Secretary, respectively, or by the Board of Directors. If required by the Board of Directors, the Assistant Treasurers shall give bonds for the faithful discharge of their duties in such sums and with such sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine.

**SECTION 5.12** *Other Officers and Agents.* Any Officer not otherwise specified in these Bylaws shall have such authority and perform such duties as may from time to time be prescribed by resolution of the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 5.13** *Absence of Officers*. In the absence of any Officer, or for any other reason the Board of Directors may deem sufficient, the Board of Directors may delegate the powers or duties, or any such powers or duties, of any Officer to any other Officer or to any Director.

**SECTION 5.14** *Compensation.* Unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors or otherwise provided herein, the Officers shall not receive compensation for their services as Officers; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any Officer from serving the Corporation in any other capacity and receiving reasonable compensation for personal services rendered to the Corporation that are reasonable and necessary to carry out one or more of the tax- exempt purposes of the Corporation, so long as the

Officers comply with any policies adopted by the Board of Directors. Officers may receive reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred in connection with corporate matters, provided that such reimbursement is authorized by the Board of Directors. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, the individual serving as Executive Director may receive reasonable compensation for such service, as determined by the Board of Directors from time to time.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

#### COMMITTEES

SECTION 6.01 Board Committees. The Board of Directors may, by resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors in office, designate one or more committees, each committee to consist of two (2) or more Directors and a majority of each committee's membership to be Directors; provided, however, that committees appointed by the Board of Directors or otherwise authorized pursuant to these Bylaws relating to the election, nomination, qualification, or credentials of the Directors or other committees involved in the process of electing Directors may be composed entirely of non-Directors. Any committee, to the extent provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors and allowed by law, shall have and may exercise all the powers and authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation; provided, however, that no such committee shall have the power or authority of the Board of Directors in reference to (a) amending or repealing these Bylaws or the Articles of Incorporation; (b) electing, appointing, or removing any Officer, Director, or committee member, or fixing the compensation of any committee member; (c) adopting a plan of merger or adopting a plan of consolidation with another corporation; (d) authorizing the sale, lease, exchange, or mortgage of all or substantially all of the property or assets of the Corporation; (e) filling vacancies on the Board of Directors or any of its committees; (f) adopting a plan for the distribution of the assets of the Corporation or for dissolution; or (g) amending, altering, repealing, or taking any action inconsistent with any resolution or action of the Board of Directors which by its terms provides that it shall not be amended, altered, or repealed by any such committee.

**SECTION 6.02** Advisory Committees. By resolution, the Board of Directors may designate one or more advisory committees not having and exercising the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the Corporation. Members of any such advisory committee may, but need not, be Directors, and the Board of Directors shall appoint the members thereof, except as and to the extent such authority shall be vested in an Officer or agent of the Corporation by the Board of Directors or these Bylaws.

**SECTION 6.03** *Nominating Committee*. There shall be a committee of the Board of Directors, which shall identify and nominate individuals to serve on the Board of Directors of the Corporation (the "Nominating Committee"). The Nominating

Committee shall present its nominations to the Board of Directors and the Secretary. The Nominating Committee shall consist of two (2) Individual or Retired Members and one (1) Director who is not then up for re-election to the Board of Directors, each of whom shall be appointed by the Board of Directors (collectively, the "Nominating Committee Members"). The Nominating Committee Members shall be divided into three classes, as nearly equal in number as reasonably possible, as shall be designated by resolution of the Board of Directors. The terms of each class of Nominating Committee Members shall be staggered such that only one class shall be appointed each year. Each Nominating Committee Member shall serve for a nonrenewable term of three (3) years or until his or her successor has been duly elected and qualified. The longest serving member of the Nominating Committee shall serve as the chair thereof.

**SECTION 6.04** *Finance Committee.* There shall be a Finance Committee, which shall have the responsibility of supervising the financial affairs of the Corporation and shall have and may exercise the powers and authority of the Board of Directors to the extent permitted by law, the Articles of Incorporation, and these Bylaws. The Finance Committee shall be comprised of at least two (2) Directors who shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, and a majority of its members shall be Directors. The Treasurer shall be the chair of the Finance Committee.

**SECTION 6.05** *Term of Office.* Each member of a committee established pursuant to this Article VI, other than the Nominating Committee Members, shall serve as such until the next Annual Director Meeting and until such committee member's successor is appointed, unless the committee shall be sooner terminated by resolution of the Board of Directors, or unless such committee member resigns or is removed from such committee. Any committee member may be removed, with or without cause, by the Board of Directors whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Corporation shall be served thereby.

**SECTION 6.06** *Chair*. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, one (1) member of each committee shall be appointed as chair by the person or persons authorized to appoint committee members thereof.

**SECTION 6.07** *Vacancies.* Vacancies in the membership of any committee may be filled by appointments made in the same manner as provided for in the original appointments.

**SECTION 6.08** *Quorum.* Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors designating a committee, a majority of the committee members shall constitute a quorum and the act of a majority of the committee members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the committee.

SECTION 6.09 *Rules*. Each committee shall fix its own rules governing the conduct of its activities, not inconsistent with these Bylaws or the rules promul-

gated by the Board of Directors, and shall furnish to the Board of Directors such reports of its activities as the Board of Directors may request.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

#### CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS, GIFTS AND INVESTMENTS

**SECTION 7.01** *Contracts.* The Board of Directors may authorize any Officer or Officers or agent or agents of the Corporation, in addition to the Officers so authorized by these Bylaws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

**SECTION 7.02** *Checks, Drafts, Etc.* All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation shall be signed by such Officer or Officers or agent or agents of the Corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 7.03** *Deposits.* All funds of the Corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may designate by resolution.

**SECTION 7.04** *Gifts.* The Board of Directors may accept or reject or by resolution may authorize any Officer or Officers or agent or agents of the Corporation to accept or reject, on behalf of the Corporation, any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for the general purposes or for any special purpose of the Corporation.

**SECTION 7.05** *Investments.* The Board of Directors shall manage, invest, operate, deal in and with, and conserve the property of the Corporation, and may retain any or all of the assets transferred to the Corporation by gift or bequest; provided, however, that the exercise of any of such powers shall not in any way conflict with the purposes of the Corporation as stated in its Articles of Incorporation, and such powers shall not be exercised so as to cause the Corporation to lose its qualification as an organization exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. The Board of Directors may delegate investment management duties to an officer, employee, or independent investment firm, provided that doing so is prudent and in the best interests of the Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### **BOOKS AND RECORDS**

The Corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its Board of Directors and each committee thereof.

# ARTICLE IX

### FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall end on August 31st of each year.

# **ARTICLE X**

#### INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

**SECTION 10.01** *Indemnification.* The Corporation shall indemnify each person who is or was a Director or Officer, or who is serving or has served at the request of the Corporation as a director, trustee, or officer of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, and may indemnify any person who is or was an employee or agent of the Corporation and any person who is serving or has served at its request as an employee or agent of any other enterprise, to the fullest extent from time to time permitted by the laws of the State of Illinois and by Section 4941 or 4958 of the Code, as applicable, in the event any of such persons was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party, to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative.

**SECTION 10.02** *Authorization of Indemnification*. Any indemnification under this Article X (unless the indemnification is ordered by a court) shall be made by the Corporation only as authorized in the specific case, upon a determination that indemnification of the Director, Officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation is proper in the circumstances. In the case of indemnification that is mandatory under Section 10.01 hereof, the determination shall be limited to (a) whether the person to be indemnification permitted by law. Any determination under this Section 10.02 shall be made (a) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to such action, suit, or proceeding or (b) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, a quorum of disinterested Directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion.

**SECTION 10.03** *Advance Payments.* Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit, or proceeding may be paid by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit, or proceeding, as authorized by the Board of Directors in the specific case, upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the Director, Officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation to repay such amount, unless it shall ultimately be determined that he or she is entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized in this Article X, unless such payment would constitute an act of self-dealing under Section 4941 of the Code if the Corporation is a private foundation or an excess benefit transaction under Section 4958 of the Code if the Corporation is a public charity.

**SECTION 10.04** *Non-Exclusivity and Continuation*. The indemnification provided by this Article X shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which a

person seeking indemnification may be entitled under any agreement, vote of disinterested Directors, or otherwise, both as to action in the person's official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a Director, Officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation, and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, and administrators of such a person.

**SECTION 10.05** *Insurance.* The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance (a) to insure itself with respect to the indemnification payments it is authorized or obligated to make pursuant to this Article X and (b) on behalf of any person who is or was a Director, Officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation, or who is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, trustee, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, to insure against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by him or her in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify the person against such liability under the provisions of this Article X.

## **ARTICLE XI**

#### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**SECTION 11.01** *Conflict of Interest.* A Director shall disclose to the Board of Directors any material interest which such Director directly or indirectly has in any person or entity which is a party to a transaction under consideration by the Board of Directors, or which to the Director's knowledge might otherwise cause a conflict with a fiduciary duty owed by the Director to the Corporation. Such interested Director shall abstain from voting on such transaction or other action, but such interested Director's presence may be counted in determining whether a quorum is present.

**SECTION 11.02** *Material Interest*. A Director shall be considered to have a material interest in an entity if the Director is a director, officer, or employee of the entity or if the Director has a material financial interest in the entity.

**SECTION 11.03** *Comprehensive Policy.* The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to adopt a more comprehensive policy regarding conflicts of interest, which may supplement this Article XI, as so directed by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE XII

#### **AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new Bylaws adopted by the Voting Members. Such action may be, but shall not be required to be, taken at any meeting of the Voting Members, provided that no such alteration, amendment, repeal, or adoption shall in any way conflict with the purposes of the Corporation as stated in its Articles of Incorporation or otherwise cause the Corporation to lose its qualification as an organization exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. Written notice of any proposed alteration, amendment, repeal, or adoption of the Bylaws shall be delivered to each Voting Member not less than twenty (20) days before the date of the vote on such matter at such Voting Member's address as it appears on the records of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE XIII

#### MISCELLANEOUS

**SECTION 13.01** *Definitions*. In addition to the terms defined elsewhere in these Bylaws, the following terms shall have the following meanings when used herein:

- (a) "Articles of Incorporation" means the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Illinois on July 31, 1992, and any amendments thereto.
- (b) "Section of the Code" means a section of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and shall include corresponding provisions of future federal tax laws, all as from time to time in effect.
- (c) "Director" means a voting member of the Board of Directors.
- (d) "Not for Profit Corporation Act" means the Illinois General Not for Profit Corporation Act of 1986, as amended.

**SECTION 13.02** *Writings.* Any action required in these Bylaws to be "written," to be "in writing," to have "written consent," to have "written approval," and the like by or of Directors or committee members shall include any communication transmitted or received by facsimile, electronic mail, or other means of electronic transmission.

# **2019 ATS LIBRARY STATISTICS**

The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) and Atla collaborate to provide these library statistics. The following charts reflect data for 2019 Atla Institutional and Affiliate Member libraries that completed the survey, issued in the Fall of 2019, reflective of the most recently completed fiscal year (2019–2020).

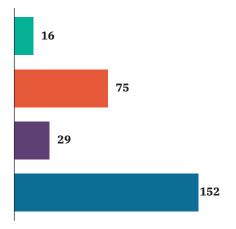
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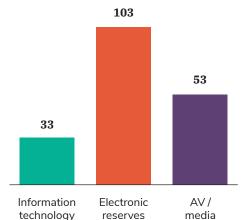
#### PART A

# LIBRARY CHARACTERISTICS

# 1. Which of the following most accurately describes your institution's library?

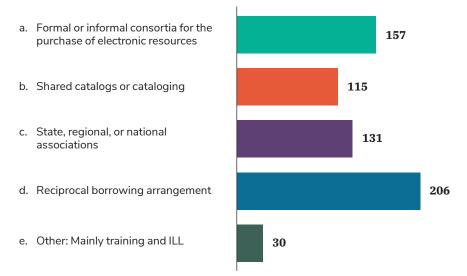
- A department or departmental branch library within a larger university or college library system
- b. A library integrated with a larger university or college library system
- c. A part of a library system jointly administered and/or funded by more than one educational institution
- d. An independent library chiefly serving your institution





2. Is your library the primary source of support on your campus for:

3. Does the library of your institution have consortial arrangements for providing library services with one or more other institutions? (Yes – 222) If yes, please identify the corsortia/ um and briefly describe the arrangement:



# 4. Does your institution have one or more distance education program(s) or extension site(s)? (Yes – 164) If yes (no/yes):

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a. Institution has library facility at extension sites
b. Provides access to electronic resources from main library
c. Delivers materials from main library to distance students
d. Has written agreement with institutions

# PART B

# THE LIBRARY AS PLACE

1. When were the building(s) in which the main library is located built?

	2010-2019	2000-2009	1990-1999	1980-1989	1970-1979	1960-1969	1950-1959	1940-1949	1930-1939	1920-1929	1910-1919	1900-1909	PRE-1900
Library 1	14	30	20	18	20	60	33	6	6	12	6	3	5
Library 2	7	3	1	6	3	4	2	1	0	0	2	0	0
Library 3	2	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

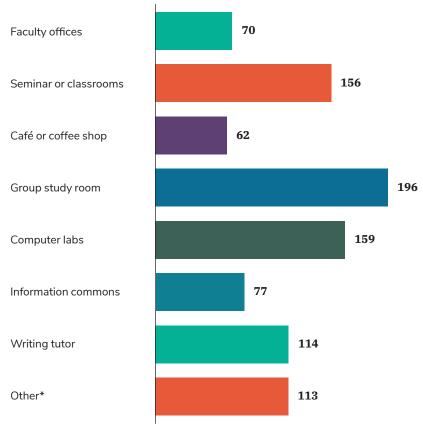
# 2. When were the buildings in which the main library is located subsequently renovated?

	2010-2019	2000-2009	1990-1999	1980-1989	1970-1979	1960-1969	1950-1959	1940-1949	1930-1939	1920-1929	1910-1919	1900-1909	PRE-1900
Library 1	118	43	15	9	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Library 2	19	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Library 3	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

# 3. Do you use offsite storage?

Of the 52 libraries who responded in the affirmative, it was reported that an average of 18% of the total library collection was stored offsite, with the average number of volumes being 91,431. Among the other items stored offsite were audiovisual materials, archival materials, bound periodicals, monographs, and unprocessed materials. Some also reported that offsite storage could refer to another building on campus.

# 4. What other spaces or services are offered and/or housed in your library?



\* Includes archives, bookstores, curriculum centers, denominational materials, galleries, language labs, museums, other offices/centers, PhD study rooms and carrels, special collections, tech support, multi-faith prayer room, makerspace, university archives, and vending machines/lunchroom.

# SURVEY PARTICIPANTS

Abilene Christian University Academy for Jewish Religion Acadia Divinity College Alliance Theological Seminary Ambrose Seminary of Ambrose University America Evangelical University Graduate School of Theology Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary Anderson University School of Theology Antiochian House of Studies Aguinas Institute of Theology Asbury Theological Seminary Ashland Theological Seminary Assemblies of God Theological Seminary Associated Canadian Theological Schools Athenaeum of Ohio Atlantic School of Theology Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary Azusa Pacific Seminary B. H. Carroll Theological Institute **Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary Baptist Seminary of Kentucky** Barry University Department of Theology and Philosophy **Beeson Divinity School Berkeley Divinity School** Berkeley School of Theology (CA) **Bethany Theological Seminary** Bethel Seminary of Bethel University Bexley Hall Seabury-Western Theological Seminary Federation, Inc. Boston College School of Theology and Ministry Boston University School of Theology Briercrest College and Seminary Brite Divinity School Byzantine Catholic Seminary of SS. Cyril and Methodius Calvin Theological Seminary **Campbell University Divinity School** Canadian Reformed Theological Seminary **Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary** Candler School of Theology Catholic Distance University Graduate School of Theology

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- Oral Roberts University Graduate School of Theology and Ministry
- Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
- Pacific School of Religion
- Palm Beach Atlantic University School of Ministry Graduate Department
- Palmer Theological Seminary
- Payne Theological Seminary
- Pentecostal Theological Seminary
- Perkins School of Theology
- Phillips Theological Seminary
- Phoenix Seminary
- Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
- Pontifical College Josephinum
- Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary
- Portland Seminary
- Presbyterian Theological Seminary in America
- Princeton Theological Seminary
- Providence Theological Seminary
- Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary
- Queen's College Faculty of Theology
- Reformed Episcopal Seminary
- Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- **Reformed Theological Seminary**
- Regent College
- Regent University School of Divinity
- Regis College
- Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies
- Sacred Heart Major Seminary
- Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology
- Saint John's Seminary (MA)
- Saint John's University School of Theology and Seminary
- Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology
- Saint Meinrad School of Theology
- Saint Paul School of Theology
- Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity
- Saint Vincent Seminary
- Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology
- San Francisco Theological Seminary
- Seattle Pacific Seminary
- Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry
- Seminary of the Southwest

Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary

Shaw University Divinity School

Shepherds Theological Seminary

Sioux Falls Seminary

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary

St. Andrew's College

St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto

St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

St. John Vianney Theological Seminary

St. John's Seminary (CA)

St. Joseph's Seminary

St. Mark's College

St. Mary's Seminary and University

St. Patrick's Seminary and University

St. Peter's Seminary

St. Stephen's College

St. Thomas University School of Theology and Ministry

St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary

St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary

St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary

Starr King School for the Ministry

Talbot School of Theology

Taylor College and Seminary

The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology

Toronto School of Theology

Trinity College Faculty of Divinity

Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University

Tyndale Seminary

Union Presbyterian Seminary

Union Theological Seminary

United Lutheran Seminary

United Theological Seminary

United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

University of Chicago Divinity School

University of Dubuque Theological Seminary

University of Notre Dame Department of Theology

University of St. Mary of the Lake Mundelein Seminary

University of St. Michael's College

University of St. Thomas School of Theology

University of the South School of Theology

Urshan Graduate School of Theology

Vancouver School of Theology

Vanderbilt University Divinity School

Villanova University Department of Theology and Religious Studies

Virginia Theological Seminary

Wake Forest University School of Divinity

Wartburg Theological Seminary

Wesley Biblical Seminary

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Wesley Theological Seminary

Western Seminary

Western Theological Seminary

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Westminster Theological Seminary in California

Winebrenner Theological Seminary

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

World Mission University School of Theology

Wycliffe College

Yale University Divinity School