

# TEAMWORK

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## Mark Your Calendars!

Winter Meeting  
February 15, 2007  
Lutheran Theological Seminary  
Germantown, PA

2007 ATLA Annual Conference  
June 13-16  
Philadelphia, PA

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## SEPTLA Fall Meeting at Evangelical School of Theology

The fall 2006 meeting of SEPTLA will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2006 in Christ Hall at Evangelical School of Theology. Coffee will be served at 9:00 AM in the Commons Dining Room. Lunch will be \$7 per person.

### Higher Education, Market Trends, and Your Library: Are You Handling the Chaos or Is It Handling You?

SEPTLA President, Dan LaValla, will be discussing the dynamics of change within Higher Education. The effects of such changes on academic libraries and what librarians can do to adapt and continue to impact their communities will be a primary focus of the afternoon's session.



## Agenda:

All sessions will take place in Christ Hall

9:00 – 9:30	Coffee – Commons Dining Room
9:30-10:10	Interest Groups
	1. Cataloging – Room 309
	2. Systems/Technology – Commons Dining Room
10:10-10:50	Interest Group: Reference – Commons Dining Room
11:00-12:15	Business Meeting – Commons Dining Room
12:15-1:15	Lunch – Commons Dining Room
1:15-2:45	Afternoon Session:
	<i>Higher Education, Market Trends, and Your Library: Are You Handling the Chaos or Is It Handling You?</i>
	Dan LaValla, Biblical Theological Seminary
2:45	Tour of the Rostad Library

## President's Message

Human response to environmental change is a complex dynamic. Some individuals thrive on change and are catalysts for implementing it. Some people feel threatened by change but see the importance for adaptation as a key to survival. Still, others generally fear and resist change. The paradox to this is that on some level, all individuals are creatures of habit and need consistency and stability to be productive and function effectively. When change occurs too widely or rapidly it is stressful at best and even destructive or paralyzing.

With the digital revolution in full swing, all aspects of human societies are being impacted by widespread changes at exponential rates. Institutions and organizations are organic entities which must manage and adapt to changes in their environments in order to remain functionally viable. For many aspects of human societies, the traditional paradigms are being reassessed for their viability and either revised or replaced. At SEPTLA's fall meeting, we will discuss these dynamics as they apply to academic libraries, the discipline of librarianship, and higher education as an industry. What must librarians do to adapt and continue to impact their communities?

Consortia have been a great means of adaptation and growth for librarianship. The relationships that have developed out of SEPTLA have been a great asset to our libraries and institutions. While our patrons and institutions benefit directly from the sharing of our physical resources, the intangible assets of professional development and camaraderie are significant, but easily overlooked. A key component to the intangible assets SEPTLA provides is the commitment individuals make to maintain the operations of the Interest Groups and Continuing Education Committee and the content they provide at our membership meetings each fall, winter, and spring. Last year, members formalized this recognition by voting to incorporate the leaders of each interest group into the Executive Committee. This year, we have a rare opportunity to extend our commitment to professional development and camaraderie on a national level as we prepare to host the American Theological Library Association's 2007 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. Associated with these opportunities for growth is the need for assistance to share the workload. Please consider increasing your involvement in SEPTLA by joining the Continuing Education Committee or contacting the leader of one of our interest groups.

—Dan LaValla

Biblical Theological Seminary

**MINUTES**  
Executive Committee  
Southeastern Pennsylvania Theological Library Association  
August 16, 2006

Attending: Jonathan Riches, Todd Wilmot, Stephanie Kaceli, Sandy Finlayson, Marsha Blake, Debbie Stern, Jeff Brodrick, and Gerald Lincoln.

Meeting convened 10:10 am by Dan LaValla.

**New Business**

SEPTLA annual report for ATLA: The committee reviewed the report written by Marsha Blake, noting a correction that Jim Stitzinger was librarian at Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary rather than Biblical. The substance of the report was approved for submission to ATLA.

Continuing Education Committee: With the resignations of Dan and Stephanie, new members are needed for this committee. Todd Wilmot and Melvin Hartwick are the remaining members of the committee. Dan suggested his co-worker Susan Taylor. Stephanie and Gerry each agreed to approach their colleagues to recruit for the committee. They will report their progress back to Dan. If necessary, Dan will send email to the library directors in SEPTLA urging them to recruit someone from their staff.

ATLA Grant survey results from Spring meeting: Todd reported he collated the results of the survey from the Collection Development presentation at the spring meeting. The response was positive, even though the presentation was substantially shortened due to travel delays for the speaker, Jim Stitzinger.

Sandy suggested having Jim return to do another daylong program in spring 2008, with a further option of offering individual institutional consultations apart from but coincident with the SEPTLA presentation. Dan agreed to ask Jim what his fees would be for this service (to be paid for by the institutions wanting the service). The SEPTLA presentation would be scheduled during the time frame that Jim would be on the east coast and would be paid for by the group.

Todd suggested having a session on copyright issues at the Fall 2006 meeting. Everyone agreed it would be useful. No programming has been chosen for the Winter 2007 meeting; Spring 2007 will be devoted to stuffing tote bags and finalizing plans for the annual conference in June.

Future meeting dates and locations:

Fall 2006: Evangelical School of Theology on October 18

Winter 2007: Lutheran Theological Seminary (Philadelphia) on February 15

Spring 2008: either Westminster Theological Seminary or Biblical on May 16

SEPTLA website updates: Dan reported that the new officers are listed on the website. We need to get the ATLA scholarship form online. Stephanie will send a template form to Jeff, who will contact Dawn Proctor at Lancaster to get it uploaded.

SEPTLA policies and by-law changes: Dan suggested we review the policies and by-laws at the January executive committee meeting to be sure everything on the web is accurate.

SEPTLA voting: Dan reminded everyone that voting for officers consists of one vote per institution, rather than plurality voting.

Center for Urban Theological Studies: This group, associated with Geneva College, has contacted Dan to request SEPTLA membership. They are not eligible for membership since they don't offer a master's level program, nor do they have a library. CUTS uses Eastern Baptist College and Westminster Theological Seminary to get free library service for its students and they have approached other seminaries and institutions in the area as well. We decided to post an application form online with the criteria for membership in SEPTLA clearly listed, along with a link to the president's email address to field questions in this area.

### **ATLA Annual Conference 2007**

We were joined at 11:00 AM by Stephen Crocco, Cait Kokolus and Karl Krueger to discuss progress on conference matters.

Committees: Dan presented a list of committee chairs and contact information to the group. We agreed that the list was correct and complete. Barbara Kemmis of ATLA has requested a meeting with the local host committee members on Wednesday, October 25. We agreed to meet at St. Charles at 1:00 PM, with the following people attending: Stephen, Cait, Sandy, Marsha, Dan, Karl. Nancy Adams and Bonnie Falla will also be invited to attend; Debbie was unsure if she could go.

Contracts: As president, Dan will hold copies of all contracts for which SEPTLA is responsible financially.

Housing: Doubletree Hotel is the only offering of rooms for this conference. The price is \$119 per night.

Website: Karl Krueger agreed to 'feed' the conference website with Philadelphia events. We agreed to take a group photo after today's meeting. Dan will write the official letter of welcome on behalf of SEPTLA.

Activities: There was some discussion of when activities needed to be chosen and finalized for the conference. Dan will check on Spirit of Philadelphia cruises, and then contact Barbara with the information. Other options are theater, ball game, or museum events. Dan and Nancy will check on these events for the week of the conference and also coordinate with Karl so they can be posted to the website.

Worship services: Terry Heisey is looking into a Methodist church to coordinate with a celebration of the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley. Karl has begun conversation with St. Mark's Episcopal church. The Cardinal is coming to St. Charles for a 9 AM service on Saturday. Debbie is making arrangements to attend a Jewish service on Friday evening followed by a kosher meal at a Chinese restaurant.

Speakers: Cait sent a list to Dennis Norlin with our suggestions for speakers. Evelyn Minnick has confirmed; Michael Battle has been asked.

Education Committee and Planning Committee: These groups will meet in October to set up the pre-conference workshops among other offerings. SEPTLA will know after this meeting if we need to come up with other speakers or presentations for the conference.

ATLA co-hosts: We agreed that (at least at this point) these folks do not need to attend the executive committee meetings.

**Next executive committee meeting: Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at Biblical.**

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Blake

**SEPTLA Spring Meeting**  
Thursday, May 18, 2006  
Lancaster Theological Seminary

**Attending**

David McClain	Baptist Bible College & Seminary
Janet McClain	
Jeff Brodrick	
Josh Michael	
Daniel LaValla	Biblical Theological Seminary
Susan Taylor	
George Coon	Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary
Terry Heisey	Evangelical School of Theology
Gerald Lincoln	Lancaster Bible College
Chris Belden	Lancaster Theological Seminary
Dick Berg	
Dawn Proctor	
Karl Krueger	Eastern Cluster of Lutheran Seminaries
Susann Posey	
Lois Reibach	
Bonnie Falla	Moravian Theological Seminary
Christopher Brennan	New Brunswick Theological Seminary
Marsha Blake	
Lyn Berg	
Christine Schwartz	Princeton Theological Seminary
Debbie Stern	Reconstructionist Rabbinical College
Jonathan Riches	Reformed Episcopal Seminary
Todd Wilmot	St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
Jim Humble	
Sandy Finlayson	Westminster Theological Seminary
Melvin R. Hartwick	
Grace Mullen	
Emily Sirinides	

## Minutes of the Spring 2006 Meeting

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Because our Collection Development Workshop leader was stranded in Chicago the previous night and was flying to Harrisburg when we arrived for our workshop, Dan LaValla, our program coordinator for the day, requested past-president Gerald Lincoln (in the absence of past president Cait Kokolus) to conduct our election of officers, which was to be the only business of the day. Meeting was called to order at 10:40am. Bonnie Falla, secretary, recorded the minutes of the meeting.

Gerald Lincoln announced the nominee for president for a one year term (can be reelected once), Dan LaValla; Gerald asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he asked for a motion that nominations be closed. It was moved and seconded and nominations were closed. All were in favor of the nominee for president. Congratulations, Dan! Gerald completed the same procedure for the other two nominees: Debbie Stern for treasurer for a four year term, and Sandy Finlayson for secretary for a one year term (can be reelected once). Both were elected. Congratulations to Debbie and Sandy! Marsha Blake, current president, became the new past-president for a one year term and will be the chair of the Executive Committee (as stated in the By-Laws).. Many thanks to Marsha for her two years in office!

Dan announced that he and Stephanie Kaceli (*TEAMWORK* editor) need to resign from the Education/Programming Committee, due to their other SEPTLA commitments. Dan asked for two volunteers to join Todd Wilmot and Melvin Hartwick. Dick Berg encouraged new members to volunteer for the committee as a good way to get involved in SEPTLA. Volunteers should contact Dan. Business meeting was adjourned at 10:50am.

#### **ATLA 2007 Conference Report**

After the Business meeting, there was a short discussion about the conference, particularly concerning plenary speakers. ATLA makes the decision as to who will be plenary speakers, but requests input from the regional group hosting the conference. Cait Kokolus and Steve Crocco have forwarded all suggestions to ATLA.

Dan had talked to our workshop leader, James Stitzinger, who suggested we begin our workshop by addressing one of the topics he had intended to address first. Dan asked us to list collection development challenges that we face in our theological libraries. When we completed that task, it was time for lunch. President Reiss Potterveld of Lancaster Theological Seminary welcomed us to LTS, gave words of encouragement, and offered the blessing. While we were at lunch, our workshop leader arrived!

**The Cataloger's Interest Group** met during lunch. The primary topic of discussion was local holdings on OCLC. Some libraries are still interested in a batchload when it becomes available under the new interface. Others were interested in learning the new interface, and Lois Reibach presented how she had mastered the process, and shared a list of constant data records. Briefly discussed was a response to the recent announcement that the Library of Congress will stop providing series authority records.

After lunch, James Stitzinger addressed the following major points in his workshop on "Collection Development: Managing a Hybrid Collection":

The Changing Nature of Collection Development

Futuristic Libraries

Assessing for a Quality Library

Hands on Issues in Collection Development

Practical Issues

Key Ingredients of a Cogent Collection Management Policy

He also proved a packet of materials.

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## **Institutional News**

### **Baptist Bible College & Seminary:**

Baptist Bible College and Seminary received final MSA and ABHE re-accreditation. The first PhD class graduated this Spring. The library staff is anticipating the makeover of a room into a 24/7 study area to accommodate graduate students. The library has recently subscribed to two more database products, NewsBank and seven J-STOR modules and has joined PALINET, providing First Search capabilities for all on-campus patrons. Jeff Brodrick adds teaching Church History to his responsibilities this fall. Assistant Librarian for Public Services, Josh Michael and his wife are expecting their first child sometime toward the end of July.

### **Calvary Baptist:**

On Sunday, May 21, Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary inaugurated its fourth Seminary President, Dr. Samuel Harbin. He has replaced Dr. David Burggraff who will continue to teach for the Seminary in Systematic Theology. CBTS was recently recommended for Self-Study by Middle States.

### **Lancaster Bible College:**

Lancaster Bible College is installing a unit of compact shelving in the library's periodical room this summer.

### **Moravian Theological Seminary:**

Christopher Thomforde will become Moravian College & Moravian Theological Seminary's new president in August, 2006.

### **Westminster Theological Seminary:**

Marsha Blake will be joining Westminster's staff as reference librarian as of August 1, 2006.

## Direction to Evangelical School of Theology

All Sessions are Located in Christ Hall

### **From Philadelphia, Interstate 95 and Eastern Points via the PA Turnpike (Route 76)**

Take the PA Turnpike (Rt 76) to Exit 20 (Lancaster/Lebanon)

Turn Left onto Rt 72 North to Rt 419 North (3.5 mi)

Turn Right, travel 7.5 mi to Schaefferstown

Turn Left onto Rt 501 North to Myerstown (6 mi)

Under railroad overpass, continue straight through the traffic light at Richland Ave, continue a few blocks more, Seminary is ahead on left; Just before the Seminary campus, turn Left (Park Ave)

Main entrance is ahead on right (look for brick entry sign).

### **From Points East in Central Pennsylvania**

Take Rt 422 East to Rt 501 in Myerstown

At traffic light (Rt 501), turn left on 501 South

Continue straight through next traffic light (Main Ave)

Seminary is one block ahead on the right; go past Seminary and turn right (Park Ave)

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### **From North Central Pennsylvania and Western New York**

Rt 15 South (merges with Rt 11 at Sunbury)

Take the Rt 22/322 East to Harrisburg (over the Susquehanna River)

Merge onto US-22 East

Take Interstate 81 North/South/Rt 322 East exit towards Interstate 83

Keep Left at the fork in the ramp

Merge onto Interstate 81 North

Take the Interstate 78 East exit towards Allentown to Exit 13 (Bethel)

Take Rt 501 South to Myerstown (8 mi)

In Myerstown, Rt 501 becomes College St; At traffic light (Rt 422)

Continue straight on 501 South

Continue straight through next traffic light (Main Ave)

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### **From Points West in Central Pennsylvania**

Those coming from the Harrisburg Capital Region have several options:

1. Follow the directions from above via Interstate 78
2. Follow the directions from above via the PA Turnpike (Rt 76)
3. All others take Rt 422 East to Rt 501 in Myerstown

At traffic light (Rt 501), turn right on 501 South

Continue straight through next traffic light (Main Ave)

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### **From Eastern Pennsylvania, Eastern New York and New Jersey**

Interstates 80, 81 or 84 to Interstate 476 (NE Extension of the PA Turnpike)

Travel South to Allentown (Exit 33)

Take Interstate 78/22 West to Exit 13 (Bethel) (app one hour)

Take Route 501 South to Myerstown (8 mi)

In Myerstown, Route 501 becomes College St

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