

TEAMWORK

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Upcoming Events

ATLA Conference in Louisville, Kentucky
6/8-11/11

ALA Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana
6/23-28/11

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SEPTLA Spring Meeting Westminster Theological Seminary May 9-10, 2011

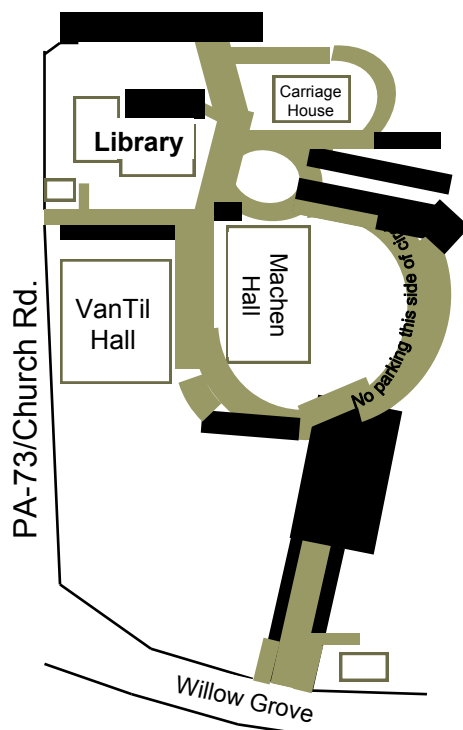
The Spring 2011 meeting of SEPTLA will be held on Monday, May 9, at Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA. An RDA Training Workshop will be held the following day, Tuesday, May 10, also at Westminster Theological Seminary. Pre-registration is required for the RDA Training Workshop. See Page 2 for a complete schedule of both days.

Directions to WTS are available on the seminary's website (<http://www.wts.edu/directions>). No permit is required for parking. See the parking diagram below for more information on parking. Meetings and lunch will be held in Van Til Hall.

Lunch will cost \$10 on Monday and \$10 on Tuesday. Please let Donna Campbell know of any dietary restrictions or preferences.

RSVP by April 20 for the Monday, May 9 lunch to Donna Campbell (dcambell@wts.edu).

Spring Meeting Information



The **black** ■ indicates the parking areas available on campus.

The **tan** ■ indicates the NO PARKING areas.

See Page 2 for a complete schedule of both days.

Spring Meeting Schedule

May 9 (Monday)

9:00 a.m. Morning refreshments (Lobby)

9:30-10:45 a.m. Interest group meetings

Catalogers' Interest Group (Room 2):

Cataloging with RDA – Armin Siedlecki, Head of Cataloging, Pitts Theological Library, Emory University

RDA is more than an updated set of cataloging rules. Based on the principles of FRBR (Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records), RDA presents a new way of thinking about organizing information. This presentation will explore the changes that catalogers can expect in their daily work as a result of the implementation of RDA. Special emphasis will be given to issues concerning catalogers in theological libraries.

Reference/IT Interest Group (Room 1)

Assessment in Bibliographical Library Literacy – Laura Saloiye, Lead Readers Services Librarian, Philadelphia Biblical University

Assessment is often a dirty word in the professional world. This brief presentation and discussion will go over reasons for assessment, and will present tools to make the job of assessment an easier task.

11:00-11:55 a.m. Business meeting (Room 3)

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch (Lobby) – Please bring \$10 for lunch

1:00-3:00 p.m. Afternoon presentation (Room 3)

RDA – Not Just for Catalogers, Armin Siedlecki, Head of Cataloging, Pitts Theological Library, Emory University

RDA (Resource Description and Access) is a new descriptive standard for cataloging. Based on new ways of organizing information, this innovation in bibliographic description relates not only to the world of technical services. This presentation will explore the impact of RDA on libraries, librarians and library users.

RDA Training Workshop Schedule

May 10 (Tuesday)

8:45 a.m. Morning refreshments (Lobby)

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. RDA Workshop Session 1 (Room 2)

(10-15 minute break midway)

12-1 p.m. Lunch (Lobby) – Please bring \$10 for lunch

1-4 p.m. RDA Workshop session 2 (Room 2)

(10-15 minute break midway)

President's Message

Well, folks, we're reaching the end of another school year. As finals approach, we should reflect not only on what we've taught others these past months, but what we've learned about ourselves as librarians. We need to take stock of our many successes—those times we've guided students through a thick mass of database results or quickly responded to an urgent S.O.S. for a key piece of information—and determine how we can repeat those successes in a field that, for the foreseeable future, is in a state of constant change. Throughout this period of development and re-development, it is important that we keep the constants of librarianship active in our minds, such as our essential duty to store and provide information.

The Spring meeting is being held at Westminster Theological Seminary. I would especially like to note the assiduous and painstaking contribution of Donna Campbell, who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to arrange all aspects of this two-day affair, from the initial invitation to the travel arrangements. Donna has earned a well-deserved round of applause for taking the lead on this meeting!

As to the meeting itself: Armin Siedlecki, head of cataloging at Emory University, will deliver both a presentation (at the general meeting on Monday) and a full-day workshop (for catalogers, on Tuesday) on Resource Description and Access, or RDA, which is a relatively new field in cataloging. I hope that Armin will find a captive audience in our SEPTLA group, and that all of our members—even non-catalogers—will take away something about our ever-changing profession from his instruction.

James Humble
SEPTLA President

SEPTLA Spring Meeting Agendas

Westminster Theological Seminary
May 9, 2011

Business Meeting Agenda

- I. President's Remarks
- II. Reports
 - a. Treasurer Report
 - b. Interest Group Reports
 - c. Continuing Education Committee Report
- III. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- IV. Elections
 - a. President
 - b. Secretary
- V. New Business
 - a. Elections for President and Secretary
 - b. From the floor
 - c. Future Meeting Places and Dates
 - d. Institutional News

Cataloging Interest Group Agenda

Presentation: "Cataloging with RDA"

Presenter: Armin Siedlecki, Head of Cataloging, Pitts Theological Library, Emory University

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IT Interest Group & Reference/Information Literacy Agenda

Combined meeting of IT & Ref/IL

Presentation: "Assessment of Library Bibliographical Instruction"

Presenter: Laura Saloiye, Lead Readers Service Librarian, Philadelphia Biblical University

Continuing Education Agenda

Presentation: "RDA – Not Just for Catalogers"

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SEPTLA Winter Meeting Minutes

Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia
January 26, 2011

Attendees: Sharon Baker, Karl Krueger, Ron Townsend, Lynn Berg, James Humble, Clifford Anderson, Karla Grafton, and Grace Mullen

Treasurer's Report

Karl Krueger presented the Treasurer's Report. We closed the month with a checking account balance of \$2,218.06 and a money market account of \$4,482.67, for a total balance of \$6,700.73.

Morning Presentation

Following that, Clifford Anderson delivered a presentation on agile project management in libraries. Using Princeton Theological Seminary's current projects as examples, he showed us how a project manager must interpret plans, coordinate the workforce, and keep the vision of the project's end in mind as the individual stages are completed over a period of time. In addition to the principles of agile project management, he offered us descriptions of management methods tailored for different sets of people, including those who work together and those who work separately or not all at once.

With the main portion of the meeting out of the way, and too few members present to conduct a business meeting, the Winter Meeting adjourned after lunch.

SEPTLA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

I. Welcome—Completed meeting via conference call.

II. Treasurer's Report: Karl Krueger

- a. Balance as of February 28 - \$6,701.08 (Checking: \$2,218.06 and Money Market: \$4,483.02)

III. Interest Groups

- a. Catalogers
 - Catalogers will meet with Armin for the morning and afternoon sessions. They will go over what changes RDA will bring to their normal cataloging schedule.
- b. Ref./IT
 - Laura Saloie will present the program from winter meeting "Assessment of Library Bibliographical Instruction."

IV. Continuing Education Committee

- a. Cliff will check with ATLA about the education grant; no one has heard back yet about the grants for this Spring Meeting. It was confirmed subsequently that this was awarded.
- b. Two of ATLA have voted yes, one more is needed. Cliff will hear back later this week. Cliff found out that our program had been accepted.
- c. The persons selected have agreed to be on the committee and will begin work for the next school year.
- d. October 17 is projected to be the next Fall meeting. We need to ask for volunteers during the spring meeting. Cliff will email about topics that people may want to see in future meetings.

V. Past President's Report—Jeff was unable to attend

VI. Other Preparations for Spring 2011 Meeting

- a. Laura will email asking for volunteer hosting libraries for the Fall and Winter meetings
- b. Laura will also include a statement asking for people who are interested in serving on the executive committee meeting for the positions of President and Secretary.

VII. Update on Spring SEPTLA Meeting/RDA Workshop

- a. Split morning meetings and a joint afternoon session. The second day will be an all day meeting.
- b. People may wish to bring their laptops. Donna will email Armin to see if he wants people to bring them to the second day.
- c. Donna will email about people wanting to stay after the Monday meeting for dinner. Donna will email Armin to see if he is renting a car or needs pick-up from the airport.
- d. 26 people have registered, Westminster is helping to subsidize cost for food, but the price will remain at what is listed in the registration email. Donna will be meeting with the caterer this week to talk about final numbers and menu.

SEPTLA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

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VIII. Other business

- a. Jim will update our website to include information about the upcoming spring meeting. Jim will need to remove Cliff's presentation from the website until after ATLA.
- b. New elections for the spring: List of nominations should be published in Teamwork.
 - President- 1 year
 - Secretary- 1 year
 - Treasurer- 4 years (Karl has 3 years left)
- c. Education Committee
 - 1 year appointments
 - Elections will take place during the Fall meeting.
- c. Interest Groups
 - Cataloging- Donna is going to ask someone to take over.
 - Reference/IT - Bonnie is willing to stay. Paul is willing to stay.

Nominations for SEPTLA Elections

I. President

- a. One-year term
- b. Elected during spring meeting
- c. Nominated for president:
 - James Humble

II. Secretary

- a. One-year term
- b. Elected during spring meeting
- c. Nominated for Secretary:
 - Laura Saloiye

III. Treasurer

- a. Four-year term
- b. Not up for election

Institutional News

Lancaster Bible College

Lancaster Bible College broke ground for the new Student Learning Commons on February 22, 2011. Construction is expected to be completed by May 2012.

Philadelphia Biblical University

Philadelphia Biblical University will be hosting a reception for Dr. Jonathan Steinberg from the University of Pennsylvania to thank him for donating a substantial number of books to our library. This collection directly benefits our new History program beginning in Fall 2012. Also, PBU hosted the Evangelical Theological Society this March and was blessed to have several sessions with Dinesh D'Souza.

Princeton Theological Seminary

Spear Library has been torn down to its foundation. Completion of the new library is scheduled for early 2012.

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

The Library has finished cataloging its backlog of rare books. The current total for the entire collection now stands at approximately 29,500. Currently, the Library is hosting an exhibit of crystal chalices in the display area of its lower level.