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Upcoming Events

- ALA Summer Conference in Anaheim, CA 6/21-26
- ATLA Summer Conference in Scottsdale, AZ 6/27-30
- PALA Fall Conference in Gettysburg, PA 9/30-10/3

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NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

SEPTLA Spring Meeting Moravian Theological Seminary May 9, 2012

The Spring 2012 meeting of SEPTLA will be held on **Wednesday, May 9**, at Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, PA (Main Office 610-861-1516 or 800-843-6541)

Directions: Driving instructions to Moravian Theological Seminary (Bahnson Center), 60 E. Locust Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018 are located at <http://www.moravianseminary.edu/general/directions.html>. From Route 22: Exit Route 22 at Center Street/Route 512. Turn left at the end of ramp. At the fifth traffic light, turn right onto Elizabeth Avenue. At the second traffic light (Main St.), Continue 1/2 block, turn right on Monocacy St. and park in the first lot on your right. Walk across Elizabeth Ave., turn right on Main Street, go one block and turn left on Locust Street. Moravian Seminary (Bahnson Center) is the first building on the left.

Lunch will cost \$10. Vegetarian options will be available.
RSVP by May 2 for lunch to David Schappert (dschappert@moravian.edu).

Spring Meeting Schedule

Time	Event
9:00-9:30	Coffee and refreshments
9:30-10:45	"The Rise and Diversification of the LIS Profession" Presenter: Dr. Boyd Keith Swigger, Professor, Texas Woman's University
11:00-11:55	Business Meeting
12:00-12:50	Lunch
1:00-3:00	Panel Discussion of MLS/MLIS Degree

President's Message

The concept of the professional librarian has changed over the years, particularly since the ALA ordained the master's degree in library science as its premier qualification. If we have a master's degree, we consider ourselves professionals in the field; but is our view of ourselves matched by that of the public, of academia, or of newer breeds of information scientists? The time is ripe, Boyd Keith Swigger tells us in his book *The MLS Project*, for a revisionary look at the advanced degree's function and significance in the current library world, which, after all, is quite different from what it was during its inception in 1951.

By following the fortunes of the MLS degree, from the ALA's initial push for its acceptance to its various manifestations as MSLS, MLIS, and MSLIS degrees, we may come to better understand our roles in the contemporary information-soaked scene. Professor Swigger's address to us at our upcoming meeting should prove fascinating and insightful as a reminder of our ultimate purpose as well as the metamorphic nature of the profession. It will be followed in the afternoon by what promises to be a stimulating discussion on the actual experiences of professionals and paraprofessionals in our own institutions.

I'd like to thank the Continuing Education Committee, particularly Cliff Anderson, for their consummate ability to re-conceptualize the shadowy ideas we offer them into finely delineated themes, and to find speakers who respond to the topics with relish. For their work on this and previous afternoon sessions, they deserve the highest praise. Thanks are also due to David Schappert and the rest of the librarians at Moravian for hosting the meeting on May 9th. I hope all our institutions will be represented. In addition, I'd also like to thank all the members of the Executive Committee for their efforts over the last two years, extend my best wishes to the candidates to be the next President and Secretary, and offer a word of gratitude to all the members of this consortium for making my tenure as president a rewarding one.

James Humble
SEPTLA President

SEPTLA Spring Meeting Agendas

Moravian Theological Seminary
May 9, 2012

Business Meeting Agenda

- I. President's Remarks
- II. Reports
 - a. Treasurer
 - b. Interest Groups
 - c. Continuing Education Committee
- III. Elections for SEPTLA officers
- IV. New Business
- V. Institutional News

Interest Groups Agenda

All day combined event for spring meeting.

Continuing Education Agenda

Please join us for a daylong discussion about the history of the LIS degree and its effects on the profession of librarianship led by Dr. Boyd Keith Swigger, professor in the School of Library and Information Studies at Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas. Dr. Swigger is the author of *The MLS Project: An Assessment after Sixty Years* (<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/667295015>). In his book, he examines how the ALA's accreditation of the MLS degree in 1951 has affected the work and status of librarians. He also discusses some of the unintended consequences of the degree, including fostering inequality between "professional" librarians and "paraprofessionals." His work makes for bracing reading and will lead to lively discussion about the past, present, and future of our profession.

Morning Session *"The Rise and Diversification of the LIS Profession"*

Afternoon Session *Panel discussion*

The panel will discuss how the MLS (and MLIS) supports, shapes, and sometimes distorts the contemporary practice of librarianship, particularly our own specialty of theological librarianship. How do evolving administrative structures and evolving user needs inform our practice of librarianship? Are our ranks growing more diverse? How do we recruit new people into the "profession"? Are there alternative tracks into librarianship (or away from librarianship) other than the ML(I)S? We expect that this panel will prompt a wide-ranging and fascinating conversation on the broadening of the discipline beyond the traditional MLS.

SEPTLA Winter Meeting Minutes

Biblical Theological Seminary

February 1, 2012

Attending: B.Boneke, Terry Heisey, Karl Kreuger, Jim Humble, Dan LaValla, Lydia Putnam, Bonnie Falla, Kim Demyan, Marsha Blake, Karla Grafton, Nancy Adams, Clint Benz, Jim Sauer, Debbie Stern, Susan Posey, Lynn Berg, Laura Saloiye, Melvin Hartwick

I. Introduction: Jim Humble

II. Interest Group Meetings

- a. Kim Demyan of Moravian presented the iPad in Reference. She showed a number of examples on how Moravian has been using their iPads for their reference work. The iPad was given to them by their Friends of the Library group to experiment with it's ability to make reference more mobile and to help with their on the spot reference interviews. You can view www.moravian.libguides.com/ipadandthelibrary to find out more information.
- b. Cataloging: Cataloging discussed ALA midwinter and the cataloging of E-books and its implications with the introduction to RDA cataloging in 2013. (Terry more information?)

III. Business Meeting

- a. Treasurer's report
 - December 31, 2011 Checking Balance \$1,521.93
 - December 31, 2011 Money Market Balance \$5,561.78
 - December 31, 2011 Total Balance \$7,083.78
- b. Interest group summaries
- c. Continuing Education – May meeting will be based on the book *The MLS Project* by Dr. Keith Swigger. Dr. Swigger will give a brief overview of the profession since the beginning of the MLS degree, with a panel of librarians answering questions regarding their roles in the Library field.
- d. Spring Meeting will be held May 9, 2012
- e. SEPTLA ELUNA group – It was approved by the Executive Committee for SEPTLA to form their own Ex Libris group to defer costs for Ex Libris members. There are approximately 7 SEPTLA schools involved.
- f. Nominations for Executive Committee
 - President nominees- Donna Campbell of Westminster Theological Seminary and Laura Saloiye of Philadelphia Biblical University.
 - Secretary- if you have a suggestion or nominee for this position please email James Humble (jhumble@scs.edu) before May 9, 2012.
- g. Listserv – If you are not currently signed up please sign up for updates through one of two ways:
 - Go to http://mail.churchportal.com/mailman/listinfo/septla_churchportal.com and enter the requested information
 - Send a no-subject email to septla_request@churchportal.com with the word "subscribe" (no quotes) in the body.

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IV. Institutional News

- a. Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary
 - Clint Banz is the new Library Director, Registrar, and Associate Dean.
- b. Eastern/Palmer
 - Jim Sauer is the new Director due to the consolidation of Eastern University and Palmer Theological Seminary.
- c. Biblical Theological Seminary
 - Is currently working on their MSA self-assessment project.
- d. St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
 - Had their library computers upgraded including a number of laptops that can be checked out by their patrons.

VI. Afternoon session – *“More Than Powerpoint: A Workshop Presentation”*

Presenter: Laura Saloiye, Lead Reader Services Librarian, Masland Library, Philadelphia Biblical

- a. Laura worked through presentation style and design and then introduced the audience to a number of free (or mostly free) websites for presenting. Some of these include: Screencast.com, Slideboom.com, Prezi.com, Slidrocket.com, Slideshare.net, Screencast-o-matic.com, and Sparkol.com.
- b. More information can be found at <http://onemorebook.blogspot.com/2012/01/more-than-powerpoint.html>.

SEPTLA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 15, 2012

Conference Call

I. Welcome

II. Treasurer's Report

- a. Account balances
 - Checking account: \$1,521.93
 - Money market account: \$5,562.10
 - Total Balance, November, 30. 2012: \$7,084.25
- c. Bill for the domain name or web space

III. Interest Groups – All day event for spring meeting

IV. Continuing Education Committee – Dr. Keith Swigger – MLIS project. What are the current trends for the MLIS as a profession? And an overview of the work force in librarianship.

V. Past President's Report – Nothing to report

VI. Elections

- a. President candidates
 - Donna Campbell and Laura Saloiye
- b. Secretary
 - Vacant- Please send nominations to James Humble (jhumble@scs.edu).

VII. Other Business

- a. Web service bills will be due in June for renewal.
- b. Septla Eluna was formed successfully. Princeton may join in the future.

Institutional News

Baptist Bible College & Seminary

Work is progressing on the new Kempton Athletic Center at BBC&S, with drywall and preparation for more finishing work advancing. Lighting, plumbing, framing, and heating/air conditioning are among the other major areas of focus inside. Work will soon begin on other sections of decorative masonry leading up to the installation of roofing materials. Along with 62,000 square feet for BBC&S conferences and events, the new \$5.6 million facility will provide wider opportunities for student recreation, health and physical education, office space, and athletic activities

Lancaster Bible College

Lancaster Bible College Library will be moving into our new library beginning the middle of May with expectation the move will be complete by June 30. They will not be able to do ILL during that time period.

New Brunswick Theological Seminary

The Dean of New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Renee House, has announced her intention to resign her position effective the end of the current academic year to pursue pastoral ministry. A search is currently underway for her replacement. In addition, searches are underway for two faculty vacancies, in Theology, and Preaching and Worship. All three are national searches, and the search committees are expected to make their recommendations in time for the Board of Trustees to vote on them at their meeting in late April.

Sage Library recently had roof repairs. Evidently the repairs undertaken in 2006 were not well done, and leaks erupted anew in Fall 2011. New contractors were hired to repair the roof and prevent new leaks from emerging. Damage to the collection, fortunately, was easily resolved.

In October 2011, New Brunswick Theological Seminary dedicated its latest memorial in Sage Library. The memorial honors Dr. Horace Grant Underwood (Class of 1884), missionary to Korea, regarded by many as the Father of the Korean Church. The highlight of the memorial is a bust of Dr. Underwood in Italian marble, sculpted by Hopewell, NJ artist Charles McCullough. Rev. McCullough is a United Church of Christ minister, published theologian and accomplished sculptor. He served as the Seminary's Artist-in-Residence during the 2009-2010 academic year.

Philadelphia Biblical University

Masland Library recently purchased the ATLA Historical Monographs, Series 1 and 2.

In Fall 2012, PBU will offer three BA degrees in the areas of History, Music, and Liberal Studies.

Following a battle with cancer, Dr. O. Herbert Hirt, Dean of PBU's School of Bible and Ministry, died on April 3, 2012, at home with his family.

Miss Lisa Weidman, PBU's Vice President for Communications and Marketing went home to be with the Lord and embraced her Savior face to face on Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012, after a brief illness.

Valley Forge Christian College

Paul Mathias will be resigning his position at VFCC to pursue missions work. His resignation will be effective June 1.