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ACL News & Notes



This section of *The Christian Librarian* includes updates to the membership, announcements from members, and reports from various committees and groups around the Association of Christian Librarians. If you have news or notes to share in an upcoming print issue of *The Christian Librarian*, please email tcl@acl.org.

2016 ACL Awards

Spirit of ACL Award

For the first time this award was given to 2 deserving member recipients:



Elizabeth Fairall

Elizabeth is a reference librarian at Palm Beach Atlantic University and is a recipient of the 2016 Spirit of ACL Award. Elizabeth presented the Board with an idea for a new interest group that would be an avenue for new individuals to both the profession and ACL, enabling them to get better connected to ACL. Hence, the Emerging Library Professionals Interest Group was initiated. Since then, Elizabeth worked with the Vice President to rename the first time attendee mentors for conference to “Conference

Ambassadors.” She attended the initial meeting with first time attendees as well as hosted a follow up meeting later in the week to re-connect. Elizabeth demonstrates an excitement for ACL and is passionate about getting more new members connected.

Mary Tatro

Mary Tatro is a Technical Services Librarian at Augustana College. She is a recipient of the 2016 Spirit of ACL Award. Mary joined the Christian Periodical Index team in June of 2015 as the Retrospective Indexing Coordinator. The position had been vacant for several months and there was a backlog of retrospective indexing. She took it on, organizing the process and just recently let the team know that in addition to accepting new retrospective indexing, she had cleared the backlog as well.



Lifetime Achievement Award

Susan Watkins



Susan Watkins was recognized at the 60th annual conference with a Lifetime Achievement Award honoring her contribution to ACL and Christian librarianship. Susan has been a member of ACL since 1980. Through the years, Susan has been involved with conference planning and has presented at numerous ACL conferences. Susan hosted the 2008 annual conference at Eastern Nazarene College, Quincy, MA.

Susan is passionate about mentoring student employees many of whom have chosen librarianship for their career. Susan retired this summer from Eastern Nazarene College where she had been Library Director since 1975.

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Barbara K. Nelson Indexer of the Year

Joan Spanne

Joan Spanne has indexed some very technical titles on Bible translation and archaeology for over a decade. Although it has been a while since she has been able to participate in the indexer's meeting at the annual conference, she continues to faithfully submit indexing for these titles. The Christian Periodical Index benefits from her subject expertise.



Book Award

Alister E. McGrath

The Intellectual World of C.S. Lewis



The 2016 ACL Award for Excellence in Nonfiction was awarded to Alister E. McGrath for his book, *The Intellectual World of C.S. Lewis*, published by Wiley-Blackwell. This book is a meticulous study of eight aspects of the life and writings of C.S. Lewis, including a look at his metaphors of light, sun, and sight, the concept of myth in his thought, and the philosophical context at Oxford in the 1920s.

During the selection process, one team member described this year's winning book as "excellent, eloquent, academic, accessible, thought provoking and prodigiously cited." Another commented that it is a "scholarly book that not only enhances the field of theology" but also caters to a general audience.

Past President Recognition

Frank Quinn

Frank Quinn was also recognized at the President's banquet at the completion of 4 years as President of the ACL Board of Directors. Frank's tenure has been characterized by an increased use of technology to connect the membership, whether through the establishment of discussion groups or the inaugural virtual conference. Frank's leadership has enabled ACL to remain strong and in a healthy position for the future. We are grateful.



Creating a Legacy – on the ACL Legacy Endowment

Ecclesiastes 3 is one of the best-known and best-loved passages in the Old Testament. It reads, in part: “To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted...” (NKJV).

It was in this same spirit of planting, of “gathering stones together” and “building up” that the ACL Board in 2015 earmarked \$60,000 to create an endowment in honor of the Association’s 60th anniversary. The endowment has been named the *ACL Legacy Endowment*, and our hope is that this resource will help nurture and prosper ACL in the years to come.

The Board has endorsed in principle a white paper drafted by ACL Business Manager April VanPutten. The purpose of the endowment is “to further the mission of ACL in scholarship, research, professional development, and special projects.” Among the proposed guidelines for the endowment are the following:

- That the principal not be expended
- That no more than a specified percentage of earned interest may be expended in a given year
- That a low risk, high return fund be sought for investment
- That the Board designate a percentage of the Association’s revenue over expenses annually to build the principal
- That a capital campaign is needed to increase the principal from \$60,000 to \$100,000

Discussions among the Board, the Executive Director, and the Association’s attorney are ongoing as we mold and shape the endowment into place. Even so, as you read this, I expect that the capital campaign will be underway. Our goal is to increase the value of the endowment from the \$60,000 initial investment to a full \$100,000. With a \$100,000 endowment in place, we can begin using the interest income to support ACL member scholarship and research, professional development activities, and much more. I hope every member will contribute something to this exciting initiative. Visit the ACL website to take the first step: <http://www.acl.org/index.cfm/get-involved/donations/>.

yours in Christ,

Frank Quinn
ACL Past President

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