SOUTHWEST AREA THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION RECORDS,
1987-PRESENT

Descriptive Summary
Title: Southwest Area Theological Library Association records
Dates: 1987-present
Accession Number(s): 1996-080
Extent: 3.5 inches manuscript material, ¼ inch photographs, one audio cassette, one zip disk
Language: Materials are written in English.

Administrative History:
The Southwest Area Theological Library Association (SWATLA) was organized in 1987 by Professor Don Davis of the University of Texas at Austin’s Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Genevieve Luna, librarian at the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary’s Stitt Library, and Calvin Klemt, director of the Stitt Library, “to promote cooperation and the exchange of ideas among libraries in the Southwestern United States.” Membership is open to all libraries responsible for theological and religious studies collections and is not limited to members of the American Theological Library Association (ATLA).

SWATLA has two meetings annually. These usually occur in June, at the ATLA conference, and in October, at a member institution. Meetings normally include a speaker, business meeting, meal, and tour of the host institution’s library facilities.

Member institutions are from Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma and include the following: Abilene Christian University, Amber University, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Baptist Missionary Association Seminary, Baylor University, Christ Seminary, College of Biblical Studies, Concordia Lutheran College, Dallas Baptist University, Dallas Christian College, Dallas Theological Seminary, Criswell College, Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest, Houston-Tillotson College, ICI University, Institute for Christian Studies, Le Tourneau University, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Northeastern State University, Notre Dame Seminary, Oblate School of Theology, Phillips Theological Seminary, St. Edward’s University, St. Mary’s Seminary, Southern Methodist University, Southwest Baptist Seminary, Southwestern University, Texas Christian University, University of Dallas, University of St. Thomas.

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**Scope and Contents:**
Correspondence, minutes, notes, creative works, financial documents, photographs, printed material, an audio cassette, and a zip disk document the formation and operation of the Southwest Area Theological Library Association from its creation in 1989 to the present.

The series Theological Librarians’ Workshop, January 23-24, 1989 documents the initial meeting of SWATLA at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Administrative material contains correspondence, questionnaires, mailing lists, notes, and registration materials for this workshop.

The series Meetings consists of meeting minutes and other materials such as handouts, sign in sheets, registration forms, and agendas for SWATLA meetings and workshops. More recent minutes can be found on the SWATLA web site at http://www.atla.com/swatla/swatla_minutes.html.

Correspondence primarily reflects SWATLA’s administration as well as the selection of meeting locations, collection of monies, as well as topics for discussion at meetings.

SWATLA history consists of a creative work written by Mikail M. McIntosh-Doty in 2005 (an electronic version is available via the SWATLA web site: http://www.atla.com/swatla/swatla_history.html), the transcript of Kathy Wheat’s interview with Genevieve Luna, Luna’s own writings on the formation of SWATLA, and an audio cassette of the interview.

**Processing information:**
Initially processed by Rebecca Brooks in May 2000.

**Restrictions:**
Materials are available by appointment only. Contact the archivist for details.

**Index Terms:**
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Inventory:

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D044 | Theological Librarians’ Workshop, January 23-24, 1989:
| Administrative material, 1987-1989, and undated
| Brochures, handouts, and certificates, 1989-1990, and undated
D025 | Photographs, 1989
D044 | Meetings:
| Minutes, 1990-2003
| Meeting materials, 1990-2003

Correspondence:
| Administrative, 1989-2003, and undated
| Mailing lists and letterhead, 1992-2002, and undated

Newsletters, 1991-1998

SWATLA history:
Cooperation in Theological Librarianship: a History of the Southwest Area Theological Association (SWATLA) within the Context of Cooperative Efforts and Concerns in the American Theological Library Association (ATLA), by Mikail McIntosh-Doty, 2005
| Genevieve Luna interview transcript and narrative, 2000
D016b | Genevieve Luna interview [audio cassette], 2000
D020 | Electronic versions of SWATLA material used for Cooperation in Theological Librarianship…., ca. 2005
D044 | Lucille Hager memorial address [SWATLA member], 2005

Financial documents, 1994-1997, and undated

Serials project, 1993-1994

General:
| Member library information, 1990-1991, 2003, and undated
| Web site, ca. 2003