

Library Discovery

On September 9, 2017, I spent several hours in the John Bulow Campbell Library at Columbia Theological Seminary. This was not my first time using this library. However, I have always visited during the week. The person on duty at the circulation desk informed me that he was a part-timer and was not aware of the many changes that were happening in the library.

According to the person on duty; there were changes going on with the layout of their databases for research. I was able to access scholarly sources through Galileo. I was also introduced to ATLA Research in Ministry (RIM), Theological Research Exchange and Goggle Scholar Searches. When using Galileo for searches you can email or text the location of the resource to your devices. This makes it much easier to get a record of your searches and there is no need to use pen and paper. The Biblical Studies books are still located in the area of BV 1400 thru 1500. Although, I was very confident that I would use this library as my main source for research; I left very disappointed. I was not able to get the help like before. I accounted this to the possible employment status (part-timer) of the circulation desk employee. One of the drawbacks for me to continue to use this library is that I would prefer to come during weekday hours.

In my continued search to find scholarly resources for my research proposal; I was introduced to a Reference Librarian at Emory University. I have reached out to her by email and phone to ask for her assistance in this research process. Also, I will be using the LOGOS software for research purposes. I also used BHU Galileo password and was able to find several articles that I believe will be helpful.

My topic selection is The Relevance of Christian Education for Clergy and Laity. There appears to be a wealth of information available on the topic. In his article; “Must Ordinary People Know Theology?”, Ward Gasque states, “ If we are to meet the needs of men and women in the 21st century , then it is essential that we enlist a host of Christian lay people from every profession to be involved in the theological task of the church. And this task, will in turn, move forward only to the degree that clergy and laity, professional theologians and lay Christians alike, join hands to reflect together what it means to confess Christ in this world.”¹

¹ Ward Gasque, "Must Ordinary People Know Theology?" advertisement, *Christianity Today*, February 1, 1985, 32.