

**EBSCO Publishing to Create Digital Archive Collections**

*~ American Antiquarian Society and American Theological Library Association  
Collections to be Digitized and Made Available as Archive Products via EBSCOhost® ~*

**IPSWICH, Mass. — June 28, 2008** — EBSCO Publishing (EBSCO) will be providing libraries with digital historical collections thanks to partnerships with the American Antiquarian Society (AAS) and the American Theological Library Association (ATLA). Although many EBSCOhost® databases (e.g., *Business Source® Complete*) offer retrospective coverage — often back to the first published issue of a journal — these collections mark EBSCO’s foray into creating digital archive collections.

The collections, expected to begin release in 2009, will consist of digital versions of rare archival content and historical primary sources including: books, periodicals, newspapers, pamphlets, broadsides, manuscripts, diaries, government documents, ephemera, etc. With each collection, researchers will be able to view all of the typography, graphics and drawings as they were originally presented.

Michael Laddin, director of business development at EBSCO Publishing says, “We are excited to be able to offer these very important historical collections from the AAS and ATLA as foundational product lines for our new Digital Archives Program.”

**American Antiquarian Society Historical Periodical Collections**

The AAS is an independent research library founded in 1812 in Worcester, Massachusetts. The society’s collections document the life of America’s people from the colonial era through the Civil War and Reconstruction and represent the preeminent collection of American historical periodicals.

The EBSCO/AAS partnership will provide access to what are, by far, the most comprehensive collections of American periodicals published between 1693 and 1876. The collections, never before available outside the walls of the American Antiquarian Society, will include digitized

images of the pages of American magazines and journals. The content — estimated to be more than 10 million pages from more than 6,500 periodicals — will be broken up into five series based on time period.

AAS President Ellen S. Dunlap says, “We are thrilled to be working with EBSCO Publishing to help bring unparalleled access to our extensive collection of historical American periodicals to scholars and students worldwide. We believe that partnering with EBSCO Publishing provides the foundation for many years of success and innovation.”

### **American Theological Library Association Historical Monographs and Historical Serials Collections**

The partnership between EBSCO and ATLA will provide new collections of historical monographs and serials in digital format: *ATLA Historical Monographs Collection: 19<sup>th</sup> Century*, *ATLA Historical Monographs Collection: Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century* and *ATLA Historical Serials Collection*.

The historical monograph collections will contain more than 29,000 monographs covering religion and theology. The majority of these monographs date from 1850 through 1923 with the earliest monograph from 1322. The monograph collections are estimated to include 7.5 million pages of content. The historical serials collection will contain more than 1,200 serials from the early 19<sup>th</sup> Century to the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century estimated at more than 5.4 million pages of content.

[The ATLA partnership was announced at the ATLA 2008 Annual Conference in Ottawa on June 25, 2008.](#)

ATLA Executive Director, Dennis Norlin says, “We are pleased to team with EBSCO Publishing to provide access to such rich historical content in religion and theology.”

EBSCO will enable libraries to purchase ownership of each collection rather than leased access which is required with subscription-based databases. The content will be available via the EBSCO*host* interface, one of the most-used research platforms around the world.

## **About AAS**

The American Antiquarian Society, located in Worcester, Massachusetts, is both a library and a learned society whose mission is to collect, preserve, and make available the printed record of what is now the United States from 1640 through 1876. Founded in 1812 by Revolutionary War patriot and printer Isaiah Thomas, the American Antiquarian Society is the third oldest historical society in the United States and the first to be national in the scope of its collections.

## **About ATLA**

Established in 1946, the American Theological Library Association (ATLA) is a professional association of more than 1,000 individual, institutional, and affiliate members providing programs, products, and services in support of theological and religious studies libraries and librarians. ATLA's ecumenical membership represents many religious traditions and denominations. For more information visit <http://www.atla.com/>

## **About EBSCO Publishing**

EBSCO Publishing is the world's premier database aggregator, offering a suite of more than 200 full-text and secondary research databases. Through a library of tens of thousands of full-text journals, magazines, books, monographs, reports and various other publication types from renowned publishers, EBSCO serves the content needs of all researchers (Academic, Medical, K-12, Public Library, Corporate, Government, etc.). The company's product lines include proprietary databases such as *Academic Search*<sup>™</sup>, *Business Source*<sup>®</sup>, *CINAHL*<sup>®</sup>, *DynaMed*<sup>™</sup>, *Historical Abstracts*<sup>™</sup>, *Literary Reference Center*<sup>™</sup>, *MasterFILE*<sup>™</sup>, *NoveList*<sup>®</sup>, *SocINDEX*<sup>™</sup> and *SPORTDiscus*<sup>™</sup> as well as dozens of leading licensed databases such as *ATLA Religion Database*<sup>™</sup>, *EconLit*, *INSPEC*<sup>®</sup>, *MEDLINE*<sup>®</sup>, *MLA International Bibliography*, *The Philosopher's Index*<sup>™</sup>, *PsycARTICLES*<sup>®</sup> and *PsycINFO*<sup>®</sup>. Databases are powered by *EBSCOhost*<sup>®</sup>, the most-used for-fee electronic resource in libraries around the world. For more information, visit the EBSCO Publishing Web site at: [www.ebscohost.com](http://www.ebscohost.com), or contact: [information@ebscohost.com](mailto:information@ebscohost.com).

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