

New research function and renewed faculty focus launched with arrival of Debbie Gin at ATS

Debbie Gin joined the ATS staff in August 2014 as director, research and faculty development to engage new initiatives endorsed by the ATS Board of Directors in December 2013 as strategic priorities that will help to govern the Association's work over the next few years.

Debbie will oversee the analysis, interpretation, and dissemination of the Association's rich cache of institutional data submitted by its more than 270 member schools. She will also direct ATS member faculty in their professional development as theological educators and will contribute to the Association's ongoing dialogue of educational models that offer future viability and sustainability.

Debbie comes to ATS from Azusa Pacific University, where she served as a faculty fellow for teaching, learning, and assessment in the Office of Innovative Teaching and Technology and as associate professor of ministry in the Azusa Pacific Seminary. She previously served as director of assessment analysis and education, as director of diversity studies, and as director of the MA in Worship Leadership Program at Azusa. Debbie was also named director of Asian American Women of Leadership in 2012.

She earned an MDiv from Haggard Graduate School of Theology, a master's of music degree in vocal performance from the University of Southern California, and a PhD in higher education from Claremont Graduate University.



*"I am thrilled to join such a gifted group of people and look forward to contributing to national conversations to enhance the important work already taking place in local contexts. My aims in this role are both to help faculty in ATS schools understand and embrace their identities as **theological educators** and to make institutional data more accessible and useful for ATS member schools."*

~ Debbie Gin