

# Faculty Programs and Initiatives staff changes

**Fran Pacienza** has retired from ATS after eighteen years of service. She was hired as an administrative assistant supporting the ATS regranting programs but was eventually promoted to a coordinator for Faculty Programs and Initiatives in Theological Education. She worked closely with Stephen Graham, senior director of programs and services, for the last six years.



"It has truly been a privilege to work closely with Fran for these past several years. Her work went well beyond what was described in the position description, and I came to rely on her wisdom and insight," Graham said. "Her contributions to the smooth running of the organization and her superb service to our constituents made her an outstanding colleague."

A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Pacienza worked as a staff chemist at Calgon Corporation prior to coming to ATS.

ATS wishes Pacienza well as she embarks upon this next chapter in life and welcomes Wright to the staff.

ATS hired **Leah Wright** as an administrative assistant for Faculty Development and Initiatives in January 2014. She will be responsible for managing program activities associated with conferences and events for faculty and administrators of theological schools.



In addition, she will help administer research and educational initiatives under Graham's direction.

"We are delighted to have Leah join us and look forward to using the gifts she brings to her work, including her extensive experience in program development and event management," Graham said.

Wright most recently worked as the assistant director for Choices Pregnancy Services in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, and as a catering/convention services manager at the Hyatt Regency Pittsburgh Hotel. She holds a BA degree in hotel, restaurant, and institutional management from Mercyhurst University.