

**Core Metadata and Collections Section Subject Analysis Committee  
2022 Annual Meeting**

June 8-10, 2022 3:00 – 5:00 pm EDT each day (three days)

**Wednesday, June 8, 2022**

**3:00-5:00 pm EDT (2:00-4:00 pm CDT)**

**Members present:** Rocki Strader (chair), Candy Riley (vice chair), Iman Dagher, Violet Fox (liaison to Sears), Karla Jurgemeyer, Calli Neumann, Karl Pettit, Amanda Ros, Deborah Rose-Lefmann, Adam Schiff (liaison to MARC Advisory Committee), Rose Krause, Deborah Tomaras, Thomas Whittaker, Pete Wilson, Margaret Joyce (associate member), Adrian Williams (associate member)

**Members absent:** Brian Stearns (past chair)

**Liaisons present:** Jennifer Bradshaw (RBMS Controlled Vocabularies Editorial Group), Robert Bremer (OCLC), Stacey Devine (LC-Children's and Young Adult Cataloging Program), Paul Frank (LC Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division), Veronica Ranieri (PCC Subject Authority Cooperative Program), Barbara Bushman (National Library of Medicine), Sherman Clarke (ARLIS/North America), Scott Dutkiewicz (Online Audiovisual Catalogers, Inc.), Judy Jeng (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions), Daniel Joudrey (Dewey Decimal Classification), Catherine Kellett (American Association of Law Libraries), Alex Kyrrios (OCLC-Dewey Decimal Classification), Janelle West (Music Library Association), Camilla Williams (Library of Congress-Dewey Program), Annie Wolfe (Library and Archives Canada)

**Liaisons absent:** Heidy Berthoud (FAST Policy and Outreach Committee)

**Core ex-officio present:** Casey Mullin

**1. Welcome and introduction of members and guests 10 min.**

**2. Adoption of Agenda [SAC22-AN-agenda] 5 min.**

Agenda adopted as advertised.

**3. Adoption of Minutes of 2022 "Midwinter" Meeting  
[SAC22-MW-minutes-1 and SAC22-MW-minutes-2] 5 min.**

Minutes adopted as advertised.

**4. Report of the liaison from the National Library of Medicine (Barbara Bushman)  
[SAC22-AN-NLM] 10 min.**

Barbara Bushman provided staff updates. Some NLM staff have returned to onsite work. However, most technical services staff remain remote due to building renovations. Also, as of

April 10, 2022 Tina Shrader has been appointed Head of the Cataloging & Metadata Management Section.

Barbara then provided several NLM classification updates and summaries that are detailed in the report.

Violet Fox: Is there a response from NLM to the [open letter to NLM](#) from medical library workers about MeSH, regarding discriminatory and racist subject headings? From what I understand the letter hasn't been sent yet as of June 8th..

Barbara: We are aware of this letter and there will be a formal response once the letter is submitted.

Sherman Clarke: On the list of subject headings, one of them was switched from Dental Models to Models, Dental. Has there been a change toward inverted headings rather than direct order?

Barbara: The classification takes the MeSH into account, so the MeSH team changed Dental Models to be consistent with other Models terms which use inverted structure.

Deborah Tomaras: The Library of Congress recently revised all subject headings with "Blacks" to "Black people." Is MeSH considering similar revisions to "Blacks" (including getting rid of the scope note about using "Negroes")?

Barbara: This particular one, we are following the Office of Management and Budget, and the language they use is from the Census. That scope note comes from the definition in OMB guidelines, but we are looking at that right now.

No further questions or comments.

## **5. Report of the liaison from the Library of Congress Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division (Paul Frank) [[SAC22-AN-LC](#)] 10 min.**

The Library of Congress is organizing a faceted subject headings conversation panel. These panels will take place on:

Monday, July 18, 2022, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM EDT

Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM EDT

The point of these panels is to look at other faceted vocabularies, how they're used and how they can be used, etc.

Regarding indigenous headings, the Library of Congress is taking a very high level, conservative approach to addressing necessary changes. Right now, LC is creating a comprehensive work plan. LC has so many units that use LCSH or their own internal vocabularies. Since we anticipate outreach to specific groups as we're working on these changes, we want to avoid having more than one office from LC contacting a particular group to find out their preferred term/name usage for their group. The project itself will likely start with the umbrella terms in LCSH (such as "Indians of North America", "Indians of South America", etc.)

We're starting with their indigenous North American peoples, and so we'll be changing headings for those groups initially, and all of the terms related to those broad terms. Then we'll start in on the middle terms within those broad groups, and lastly the individual tribal names. This project will be very large, and will be underway by the end of this fiscal year.

The revisions to the Subject Headings Manual instruction sheet H 1430 have been completed, and LC thanks the Joint GNCRT/SAC Working Group on Subject Headings Guidance for Comics and Comic Characters for their work.

The Multiples project may return in 2023 and SAC involvement is welcome. Due to staffing issues this project was paused, but LC is hoping to reinvigorate it in 2023.

LC has agreed to change Slaves to Enslaved Persons. That will be on a separate list, and it will be a large group of changes as well. It is currently in process, with the African American SACO funnel working through proposals for the extensive list of headings that this change will affect.

History notes are now in many subject authority records. This is to conform with the NISO NC standard on subject vocabularies, and just to give more of a metadata stamp on when an authority record was created or revised. I think this will be especially useful for these broad changes like Indians of North America and others.

The LCDGT project has been resumed under the coordination of Veronica Ranieri, PTCP Cataloging Policy Specialist. I won't repeat anything that she's going to say later in her report, but the [LCDGT Manual](#) has been updated and republished. We're doing the same revision work to LCGFT's manual Dorie Kurtz is coordinating that project. It will have a slightly different organization than LCDGT for reasons of who uses the vocabulary and who are the subject experts for that vocabulary. We'll have more on that as it develops.

The Library of Congress typically releases a fairly extensive report in conjunction with ALA Annual Conference. They planned to do that this year, but SAC had its meeting before ALA, so a link to that report is not yet available. By next week I'll make sure to forward it to the group.

Lastly, if you're interested in hearing more about LC's approach to changing LCSH and turning it into a much more user-focused vocabulary rather than a strictly LC-controlled vocabulary, Judith Cannan will be giving a talk about that along with Adam Schiff at ALA on Monday, June 27th from 1-2pm.

Violet Fox: Is there a role for the Latin American and Indigenous Peoples of the Americas Funnel SACO Funnel members, of which there are 20-30, to participate in the review of indigenous subject headings that LC has planned?

Paul: It's not so much that they've been quiet and more we haven't been publicizing it as much. Sara Levinson (of the LAIPA funnel) and I worked together on getting the change from Tarasca Indians to Purépecha, and we did all of the classification schedules with them. We're looking together at other South American indigenous peoples to work on as well. Coincidentally,

someone also approached Sara about the LCC use of the phrase “Tatar yoke” and possible changes there. That definitely falls under the umbrella of slightly offensive headings, and so we’ll be looking at that, too. I think Sara’s willing to take that on as well through the LAIPA funnel, though it’s a bit out of scope for them. They’re doing work there, too, and I should have included that in the report, so thank you for mentioning them.

Daniel Joudrey: I wondered about the LCSH Indigenous Peoples’ project. Is there any consideration to do that same work with LCC, because the E’s are problematic and it could use a revision, seeing as so many are focused on Indian wars and other things and could really use some work there.

Paul: Yes, it definitely is and will be. LCC schedules are just as important and we’re going to update them. We might not be doing reclassification, but we’re still going to update the schedules.

Daniel Joudrey: In the last paragraph, about currently existing instruction sheets for LCGFT. I thought it went out of draft last year.

Paul: LCGFT did go out of draft. We need to address the instruction sheets one more time because they were taken from draft and not entirely reviewed, so to clarify, it is a review of current instruction sheets.

No further questions or comments.

## **6. Report of the liaison from Library and Archives Canada (Annie Wolfe) [[SAC22-AN-LAC](#)] 10 min.**

The current edition of Canadian Subject Headings (CHS) is December 2021, but the actual newest version will go live in June 2022. In that June 2022 edition, there are 80 new terms, 0 deletions, and 33 replaced and/or revised terms. Further details about vocabulary changes can be found in the report.

Library and Archives Canada will be working with the National Indigenous Knowledge and Language Alliance (NIKLA) to further revise and add indigenous subject headings to CSH.

## **7. Report of the liaison from the PCC Subject Authority Cooperative Program (Veronica Ranieri) [[SAC22-AN-SACO](#)] 10 min.**

The FAST SACO funnel was established this spring, and is accessible through the PCC website: <https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/saco/FASTfun.html>.

The British Library announced in May that they’ll be abandoning LCSH in August and instead relying exclusively on FAST headings for bibliographic description.

A desire for training/documentation on proposing new LCDGT have been voiced, and the editorial/project group is working on that training. Regarding LCDGT, for language learner and language teacher terms, terms have been inverted to improve clarity.

Adam Schiff: I noticed on the Monthly List 7 that you've started to introduce those [language learner/language teacher term] inversions. Is your plan to work through those changes in batches?

Veronica: There are a number of [language learner/language teacher] terms on Lists 6 and 7. There were fewer than 20 to be addressed. We should be able to get through all of them in the next couple of months.

Judy Jeng: Regarding FAST, why is the British Library choosing to use FAST and stop using LCSH? My understanding of FAST is that it is an accompaniment rather than an equivalent to LCSH. I wonder if there will be more libraries in the U.S. that might follow suit.

Veronica: Part of the decision is that the British Library sees FAST as easier to train people in and easier to implement, but I do not know more about their decision. I think it will be very interesting to see how it's implemented after August.

Iman Dagher: Are there any plans to add scope notes to clarify the confusion between nationality and language [in LCDGT]?

Veronica: We haven't addressed this yet, but if you would like to email me the type of scope note you would find helpful, we would appreciate that.

No further questions or comments.

## **8. Report of the liaison from the Library of Congress Children's and Young Adults' Cataloging Program Liaison (Stacey Devine) [[SAC22-AN-CYAC](#)] 10 min.**

CYAC is currently training a new member to the Literature team, and is also in the process of hiring another CYAC librarian.

CYAC is still in the process of building out subject heading hierarchies and reviewing large sections. We're also trying to make it easier to understand some of our cataloging policies.

Ten C memos were created this year and are now available at:

<https://www.loc.gov/aba/publications/FreeCYAC/freecyac.html>.

CYAC has continued to work with PCTP to revise the H 1430 memo on comics and comic characters. We're creating tentative lists and having a monthly editorial meeting. We're also continuing to propose new headings for different communities, as well as to review the headings that they've already loaded. They're also continuing to add scope notes for a large number of headings.

Sherman Clarke: Is the work art catalogers are doing on art-related problematic headings automatically entering your processes, or should we do a CYAC proposal for each?

Stacey Devine: Checking that work isn't in our current process, so please make a CYAC proposal for those headings as well for those headings so that we can know about them, or email us about them.

Deborah Tomaras: Regarding the revision to CYAC's version of H 1430 about comics; given that LC has just released their own new version of that instruction sheet, is it too soon to talk to you about revising yours to keep consistent with their recent change?

Stacey Devine: We actually knew about LC's upcoming change and we've been working with PTCIP closely in order to remain consistent with it. So when we knew that proposal was coming, that's when we worked with them to help write our H 1430 instruction sheet. So for children's graphic novels, we apply the full range. And then the CYAC members formed a small team and worked with Paul and Melanie and helped write our new H 1430. We can take a look at the children's one again just to see if there's any language we want to add, and if there's anything you'd like added to that document, let us know.

No further questions or comments.

**9. Report of the liaison to the Committee on Cataloging: Description & Access (Amanda Ros) [[SAC22-AN-CCDA](#)] 10 min.**

CC:DA did not meet for midwinter and the annual meeting hasn't been scheduled yet. Amanda will share meeting information once it's finalized.

CC:DA still has three task forces: the Virtual Participation Task Force, CC:DA Procedures Review Task Force, and CC:DA RDA Beta Training Investigation Task Force. None of those task forces have any updates as of this meeting.

Amanda lastly announced that she will be vacating her role as CC:DA liaison to SAC. If anyone would be interested in being the new liaison, please contact Amanda Ros ([aros@tamu.edu](mailto:aros@tamu.edu)).

No questions or comments.

**10. Report of the liaison to the MARC Advisory Committee (Adam Schiff) [[SAC22-AN-MAC](#)] 10 min.**

The MARC Advisory Committee annual meeting happens on June 28-30, 2022. Because that meeting has not yet occurred, there's no report to SAC available.

MARC Advisory Committee (MAC) Annual Meeting Agenda:  
[https://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/an2022\\_age.html](https://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/an2022_age.html)

Of particular importance is [discussion paper NO. 2022-DP08](#) on adding subfields \$0 and \$1 to fields 720 and 653 in the MARC 21 bibliographic format. If anyone has comments/feedback

about this discussion paper, please relay them to Adam Schiff, and he will bring those comments to the MAC Annual meeting. Rocki asks that members who have feedback on that discussion paper post them to the Connect listserv.

No questions or comments.

## **11. Report of the SAC Subcommittee on Faceted Vocabularies (Casey Mullin)**

**[\[SAC22-AN-SSFV\]](#) 20 min.**

Casey reiterated staffing and membership updates that are available in the report. He then announced that he is cycling off as chair of the subcommittee. The new chair will be Minyoung Lee from the University of Chicago. Casey will remain on the subcommittee itself, and will be the new liaison to the PCC Policy Committee.

The existing facet-based task groups have been discharged, and four new project-based task groups were formed in Spring 2022.

- Group 1 is focusing on creating LCGFT mappings for LCSH literary headings.
- Group 2 on creating and refining mappings between LCDGT and LCSH headings for 370/385/386 fields.
- Group 3 on preparing and submitting LCGFT proposals for gaps in the LCSH subdivision mappings.
- Group 4 on testing and refining LCSH subdivision mappings with OCLC and other interested parties.

Casey also presented at IFLA's Subject Analysis and Access Section's annual online meeting about the retrospective work that SSFV has been doing. He'll be doing a version of that same presentation to the panel discussion that Paul Frank mentioned earlier.

Lastly, after eight years, this will be Casey's last year as liaison for SAC. It's been a very exciting, eventful eight years. I will continue to be in the subcommittee for a while, and will continue to attend these meetings as a guest.

Rocki Strader: One note that I will put in my report to Core under the category of what I want them to work on. It was certainly worth putting down into a report so that my and your successors can hopefully work toward it in the future. Thank you for your time with us and for your work.

Adam Schiff: Since several people have plugged that faceted meeting, I felt that I should say that I'm also going to be presenting there. Mostly what I'm going to be presenting on is an example of how our discovery system that the Orbis Cascade Alliance has been configured to actually allow searching or limiting on many of the facets and new fields, including the 385, 386, 370, LCMPT, etc. and how all of those have been configured in our catalog to allow people to make use of them. I don't know that many systems that have actually done that yet, but we have here.

No further questions or comments.

## **12. Final thoughts before adjournment**

Rocki opened the floor to miscellaneous questions and/or comments.

Violet Fox: The Public Space has been a pleasant experience, as well as the links in the chat. It has been much smoother this time around than it's been in past years.

Alex Kyrios: Will we adjourn early or move up day 2 business?

Rocki Strader: To keep our schedule on-track, we won't be moving agenda items from one day to another.

John DeSantis (Guest): Does SAC ever intend to resume in person meetings at ALA?

Rocki Strader: The consensus for now is to stick to virtual meetings, but to keep the question open to be revisited every 6-12 months. Attendance has risen sharply while doing virtual meetings, so we think virtual will be what we stick with for the time being.

No further questions or comments.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:15 EDT.**

**End of Day 1**



**Thursday, June 9, 2022,  
3:00-5:00 pm EDT (2:00-4:00 pm CDT)**

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**Liaisons absent:** Heidy Berthoud (FAST Policy and Outreach Committee), Annie Wolfe (LAC)

**Core ex-officio present:** Casey Mullin

**1. Welcome and introduction of members and guests 5 min.**

**2. Joint report of the liaisons from the Dewey Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee and OCLC-Dewey Decimal Classification (Danny Joudrey and Alex Kyrios) [\[SAC22-AN-DDC\\_EPC\]](#) 15 min.**

Alex highlighted proposals in the report that were made in consultation with community members. Some SAC members helped review updates to Islam-related headings that DDC-EPC developed in coordination with community members in Pakistan and Egypt with their Arabic translation team. Alex also gave kudos to Violet Fox, who started significant updates in graphic design in DDC in concert with a local graphic designer in D.C., recognizing graphic design as a discipline in itself rather than something scattered across multiple other arts-related DDC as it has been so far.

There have been technical enhancements to Web Dewey and DSS. These enhancements are still internal, but also something that users can intentionally work in. If anyone would like to work on it, please reach out to Alex Kyrios.

EPC is looking at how we can improve equity, diversity, and inclusion in DCC with respective terminology and hierarchy. The first set of those DDC worked with Kelly West, the inaugural editor-in-residence, to identify problematic terms and help make the argument for why to replace them and what the replacements should be. EPC/DDC appreciates Kelly's efforts. The voting for those changes will be made later this month.

The EPC met virtually June 7th-9th. Major topics covered include:

- Terminology for groups of people in Table 1, focusing on DEI concerns. These include some substitutions as well as proposed changes.
- In Table 2, proposed revisions for Kosovo and the Philippines, and separating Kosovo to a separate number from Serbia. For the Philippines, EPC is addressing adding provinces and not just islands.

Elections were held to elect a new EPC chair, and Melissa Perrin was elected as the new chair. We'll be following up on the EPC listserv on an election for a new vice-chair.

Lastly, regarding DDC-EPC adding several different Sufi orders in Islam to DDC, we added orders that had been requested by Pakistani libraries who had a particular interest in using these headings for their collections. If there are other libraries that have an interest in more orders being added to DDC, please reach out to Alex Kyrios and DDC.

No questions or comments.

### **3. Report of the liaison from the Library of Congress Dewey Program (Camilla Williams)** **[\[SAC22-AN-DDC LC\]](#) 10 min**

Staffing updates for the LC Dewey Program include the hiring of two new librarians to the CIP and Dewey section, Ronja Zweifel and Shaleyah Young Bey. This brings the number of full-time classification staff up to four, with two in-training. We hope that in the long run we'll be able to catch up. We also have one part-time classifier who's doing Dewey part of the time and CIP work the rest of the time. We also have three volunteers.

We're still on track to reach our internal target of assigning Dewey numbers to 85,000 CIP and book records. We're also still on track with Auto Dewey; we're about halfway there with 2100 records completed. We also still have our CIP partners who assign Dewey numbers to their CIP works: Northwestern, Queens Library, and New Mexico State. We lost one Dewey CIP partner, Abilene Christian University, whose primary cataloger retired.

No questions or comments.

### **4. Report of the liaison from Sears List of Subject Headings (Violet Fox)** **[\[SAC22-AN-SEARS\]](#) 10 min.**

The 23rd edition of Sears is set to be published July 2022, and the price for hardcover as well as for one-year single-user subscription is \$195. Shoutout to Bryan Baldus who provided valuable feedback on the new edition.

Violet highlighted a few of the subject heading revisions, which include:

- Female circumcision -> Female genital mutilation
- Future life -> Afterlife

- Hearing impaired -> Hard of hearing
- Palestinian Arabs -> Palestinians
- People with mental disabilities -> People with intellectual disabilities and People with developmental disabilities
- People with social disabilities -> Socially disadvantaged people

Rocki Strader: Can you explain what the scoping for the new term Sharing is?

Violet Fox: Sears is mostly used in public schools, and so Sharing as a subject term is mostly used for works about sharing with others and learning how to share. It was a request from a user who had a lot of books on sharing and learning how to share in their school's library collection.

No further questions or comments.

## **5. Report of the liaison from OCLC (Robert Bremer) [[SAC22-AN-OCLC](#)] 10 min.**

Over the past several months, OCLC has continued retrospective processing of bibliographic records in order to accomplish three goals:

1. Control all controllable name and subject access points for the authority files made available through Record Manager.
2. Update all controlled name and subject access points to the forms found in their corresponding authority records.
3. Apply the subject heading enrichment process.

The [FAST Quick Start Guide](#) was issued in April 2022 and is intended to provide answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about FAST.

Lastly, Robert did a live poll of those present (visitors included) asking who considered the 655 \_4 Electronic books to be a useful access point, and who considered it to be a useless access point. The results of that poll were 16 votes for it being useless, and a single vote for it being useful. Robert thanked the audience for their feedback. OCLC wants to stick to field definition as defined in the MARC format and the particular use of this term has been difficult.

Pete Wilson: I'm curious how many other libraries are finding and retaining 655 \_0 Electronic books as a heading. I've been leaving them in, but have been removing the \_4's.

Robert Bremer: there are libraries that do make use of 655 Electronic books coded as \_0 and I'm sure the perspective is that, "This is the term that in LCSH and I'm using it as a genre, so why shouldn't it be so?" Long ago, it was determined that LC staff don't see the term as form/genre, so it really should be a \_4. The system looks at 650/655 with \_0, \_4, and \_7 as being in different schemes from each other, so you can end up with all three in your system just because of the differences in coding.

Adam Schiff: I do the opposite; I delete the 655 \_0's but I leave the 655 \_4's even though I don't like them, because I don't think they should be there at all as genre terms.

Question from chat: Can OCLC remove records with \$2 lcgft that aren't actually LCGFT?

Robert Bremer: When we know about them. They occasionally get reported to us, and when they do we can perform a batch process to remove them, but it's difficult for us to catch all of these, so we ask that those who notice them notify us so we can remove them.

No further questions or comments.

**6. Report of the liaison from ACRL RBMS Controlled Vocabularies Editorial Group (Jennifer Bradshaw) [[SAC22-AN-RBMS](#)] 10 min.**

The RBMS Controlled Vocabularies Editorial Group focused most of their work this year on reviewing the beta version of the [Controlled Vocabulary for Rare Materials Cataloging](#). The first round of reviews were conducted internally, looking at the hierarchies, website display, and overall functionality. RBMS then circulated a public review across various special collections and cataloging community listservs around mid-March and that public review ended in May. Once the site goes live, CVEG will reopen the submission of terms to this vocabulary.

Lastly, the Prejudicial Materials Group is continuing to revise and add terms to the vocabulary describing prejudicial materials. The project head for that, Ryan Hildebrand, has done a few presentations this spring on that initiative.

No questions or comments.

**7. Report of the liaison from the American Association of Law Libraries (Cate Kellett) [[SAC22-AN-AALL](#)] 10 min.**

The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Annual Meeting will be held in person for the first time in three years July 16-19 in Denver, Colorado. Like SAC meetings, most committees will meet virtually before the Annual Meeting.

One matter that Cate wanted to expand on from the report is on the broader topics of problematic subject headings and classification. She's really excited that this topic has gained such momentum from the library world, and it has pushed Cate to look back at the classification for the indigenous law materials at her own library, starting off with weeding the reading room for materials to send to storage and pulling out titles crammed into E and F decade ago for reclassification into better-fitting schedules. It's much easier to get buy-in from our own institutions when we can report back about the work that is being done elsewhere at national institutions.

No questions or comments.

**8. Report of the liaison from the Online Audiovisual Catalogers, Inc. (Scott Dutkiewicz)**  
**[[SAC22-AN-OLAC](#)] 10 min.**

*No reports or updates were shared.*

**9. Report of the liaison from the Art Libraries Society of North America (Sherman Clarke)**  
**[[SAC22-AN-ARLIS\\_NA](#)] 10 min.**

Sherman seconded Cate's excitement about DEI efforts. The ARLIS Cataloging Advisory Committee has just had its first meeting of the group looking at problematic art subject headings. That group was chaired by Treshani Perera. It was a lively meeting, and we identified a few items that we can start working on immediately, and some others we can look at to see if a project would be meaningful.

Over the past few months we've also had interesting discussions with people in the LC PTCP office about various things, including Oriental and Primitive. Melanie Polluta is going to be the new arts subjects specialist, so we're looking forward to working with her. We really enjoyed working with Janis and Libby Dechman.

We had our [conference](#) live. At that conference there were several programs related to DEI issues, including some folks from the Black Lunch Table, which is doing some work with others on better access on that sort of information. Our next conference is going to be in Mexico City in 2023. This will be our first time hosting in Mexico, so we're very excited.

Sherman was very interested in the PCC statement about using other vocabularies when appropriate, about how sometimes sticking to LCSH is difficult and unsustainable, so I hope we can have some discussion about that. As an art cataloger, AAT is especially useful for us, but doesn't explicitly include topics. Some topics such as disciplines (science, philosophy, etc.) would be found. There is also an Iconography Authority within the Cultural Objects Name Authority which deals with subject matter in the visual arts (Saint Jerome in the Wilderness, Marriage of the Virgin Mary, etc.).

Violet Fox seconded Sherman's statement about using vocabularies other than LCSH, and Rocki encouraged one of them to bring it up during New Business on Day 3.

No further questions or comments.

**10. Report of the liaison from the Music Library Association (Janelle West)**  
**[[SAC22-AN-MLA](#)] 10 min.**

This is Janelle's first report as a liaison. She cycled in at the same time that she cycled in as chair of the Cataloging and Metadata Committee's subcommittee at the end of MLA's annual

meeting in March. The previous liaison, Rebecca Belford has been a great help in orienting her to both the liaison and chair roles.

The subcommittee currently has task groups for:

- LC vocabularies maintenance
- LCMPT and LCGFT best practices
- maintaining the types of composition for use in authorized access points list
- vetting proposals to add, amend, or edit entries in the thematic indexes used in LC NACO authority file document
- deriving faceted data from LC subject headings

These task groups all have multiple things going on at any given time, so what is in the report are highlights of their work rather than a comprehensive record of their work.

One thing not mentioned in the report: We currently have an ad hoc task group that is working on a survey to explore how LC vocabularies are being used by members of the music library community. We're looking particularly at those on the public services side. We're looking to determine to what degree folks rely on the presence of LCSH in their work, and the extent to which their local discovery systems are or are not able to make use of the newer vocabularies such as LCMPT and LCGFT. Hopefully we'll be able to get a report out from that task group in the next couple of months.

Janelle encouraged those with comments to communicate those comments/questions/issues/idea for MLA's Cataloging and Metadata Committee to submit them through the suggestion boxes in the committee's [FAQ page](#).

Rocki noted to Janelle that when there is something like a survey that a group would like SAC or cataloging community opinion on, that they are welcome to post that on the SAC public space.

No further questions or comments.

## **11. Report of the liaison from the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (Judy Jeng) [[SAC22-AN-IFLA](#)] 10 min.**

After three years without a physical conference, IFLA will meet physically in Dublin, Ireland this year.

Also, in November the Automated Indexing Group will have a webinar on machine learning.

No questions or comments.

## **12. Conclusions**

Rocki asked if there were any final questions or comments; there were none.

She reminded those present that SAC would adhere to the planned three-day agenda.

Day 2 concluded at 4:00 EST.

**End of Day 2**

**Friday, June 10, 2022,  
3:00-5:00 pm EDT (2:00-4:00 pm CDT)**

**Members present:** Rocki Strader (chair), Candy Riley (vice chair), Brian Stearns (past chair), Iman Dagher, Violet Fox (Sears liaison), Calli Neumann, Karl Pettitt, Amanda Ros, Deborah Rose-Lefmann, Adam Schiff, Rose Krause, Deborah Tomaras, Thomas Whittaker, Pete Wilson, Margaret Joyce, Adrian Williams

**Members absent:** Karla Jurgemeyer

**Liaisons present:** Jennifer Bradshaw (RBMS Controlled Vocabularies Editorial Group), Stacey Devine (LC-Children's and Young Adult Cataloging Program), Paul Frank (LC Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division), Veronica Ranieri (PCC Subject Authority Cooperative Program), Barbara Bushman (National Library of Medicine), Sherman Clarke (ARLIS/North America), Scott Dutkiewicz (Online Audiovisual Catalogers, Inc.), Judy Jeng (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions), Daniel Joudrey (Dewey Decimal Classification), Catherine Kellett (American Association of Law Libraries), Alex Kyrios (OCLC-Dewey Decimal Classification), Janelle West (Music Library Association), Camilla Williams (Library of Congress-Dewey Program)

**Liaisons absent:** Heidy Berthoud, Annie Wolfe, Robert Bremer

**Core ex-officio present:** Casey Mullin

**Meeting started at 3:02 EST**

- 1. Welcome and introduction of members and guests      5 min.**
  
- 2. Report of the liaison from the FAST Policy and Outreach Committee (Rocki Strader for Heidy Berthoud) [[SAC22-AN-FAST](#)]      10 min.**

Heidi was absent, so Rocki presented on her behalf.

Staffing update: Diane Vizine-Goetz retired. Jill Annitto (ATLA) stepped down as co-chair, and the new co-chair of the group is Dean Seeman from the University of Victoria.

In May 2022, the British Library announced that it would begin using FAST headings exclusively for all cataloging going forward. The implementation date will be in August 2022. More information is available at [FAST Forward at the British Library](#).

Violet Fox: The fact that there's a FAST funnel is to me indicating a direction of not separating from LCSH in terms of vocabulary terms. Is that true? Does anyone have any insight on that?



Heidi was not present to comment, and Alex Kyrios couldn't speak for the committee, but said: One of the instructions they discussed was not to diverge from LCSH. They're not going to start branching off from LCSH in making FAST headings without LCSH equivalencies.

Rocki asked that those with further questions reach out to Heidi directly.

### **3. Report of the liaison from the Getty Vocabulary Program (Jonathan Ward)** **[SAC22-AN-GETTY] 10 min.**

No written report, but Jonathan presented on new content, technical updates, and editorial issues.

Abstract: This report from the Getty Vocabulary Program will focus on recent and important contributions to the Vocabularies, such as the Built Works Registry data, translations, and non-Western artists and terminologies. Also discussed will be technological improvements to the Vocabularies' OpenRefine reconciliation service, and editorial issues related to biased terminologies in thesauri.

The slides for this presentation are available to view [here](#).

Violet Fox: I'm curious about the flagging of non-preferred terminology; is that a tag or some sort of thing in the structure of the metadata?

Jonathon Ward: It's both, it's a field or a flag that flags a particular term with a particular designation like "obsolete" or the like. There's a number of different choices, and we wouldn't do that if we didn't have back-up in scholarly literature to do so, or a community member request to do so.

No further questions or comments.

### **4. Old Business** **a. [GNCRT/SAC collaboration](#) (Deborah Tomaras)**

Thanks to the hard work and willingness of the Library of Congress, the revised H1430 instruction of cataloging comics and comics characters has been revised as of May 27th. The revised instruction is live on Cataloger's Desktop as well as on the LC site.

There's a lot of new, interesting stuff. It includes a very large section about comics criticism and subjects that can be applied for works about comics. That section was actually developed during the back and forth process. The co-chair of the GNCRT's Metadata Committee, Allison Bailund (San Diego State), proposed the subject heading 'Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945), in comics' which set up this pattern for books about comics having "In comics" as an ending instead of having to pair "In literature" and "In art." That opened the door for a new project, for us to add "In comics" to a large number of works where it applies.

The only disappointment in the final version is that all references to the term manga and for manga examples have been removed, even though it's applicable to manga. We're hoping to start addressing manga and the acceptance of manga in the LCSH and LCGFT in the New Business section of this meeting.

b. [Follow-up from online discussion: Non-LC representation for vetting subject proposals](#) (Violet Fox)

The report includes background information about the membership, progress so far, and next steps we're planning.

This working group was set up in April 2022 after discussion by SAC that there could be a working group to make a statement to LC encouraging the LC PTCP to create some sort of editorial review process with non-LC representation to review LCSH, LCC, etc. proposals.

This is going to be a generic "We hope you do this" report to LC. The membership is large at 27 members, a lot of longtime catalogers, as well as new MLS students and paraprofessionals.

There have been some information sessions to bring people up to speed on what an LCSH proposal looks like currently, and we've also created a brainstorming document where we're going to look at other advisory bodies and see what representation models they have. We're also going to look outside of libraries to see what other models similar editorial bodies have.

Sherman: How do you see the role of this working group relative to SAC itself that could be discussing these issues and the various liaisons that are reporting to other groups?

Violet: If other people/other groups want to make recommendations, I think that's fine. As noted in the background paragraph, this idea has been floated since Feb 2021, and I haven't seen other groups take up the charge, so I think we're the only ones doing it. I also didn't hear a lot of excitement about it when SAC was discussing it prior to the forming of the working group. If there are other groups out there also doing the work or who would like to partner with this working group, I would be amenable to that.

Rocki: I think we need a working group like this to at least do some information gathering.

Violet: My hope is for the work of this group to be finished by January.

c. **Question about deprofessionalization of classification work (and cataloging)** (Rocki Strader)

Casey Mullin: I think about this in the context of the desire of some libraries to move to FAST and to have systems that are "easier to learn, and easier to train". I know at least one university where they have professional librarians in one unit doing LCSH, and paraprofessionals in

another unit doing FAST. Moving toward systems that require less training, does that mean less professionalism.

Rocki Strader: The perception of what cataloging work is, it's been very difficult [at my institution] to float the idea of hiring a professional with an MLS to do cataloging. Most cataloging work here is done by paraprofessionals.

Adam Schiff: Sometimes that shows up when you're looking at work. We're seeing a dumbing down of cataloging and lower levels of quality of cataloging work.

Iman Dagher: Relying more on shelf-ready and vendors records can also be a factor.

Deborah Rose-Lefmann: One recent thing I've seen at my own institution is language skills. We may not have someone fluent in those language skills, and so we can hire a paraprofessional who's fluent in that language and train them to catalog, whereas it's far more difficult to train a cataloger on languages.

Karl Pettitt: I was writing a paper on this, and the issue kind of goes all the way to the top, to our degree-granting institutions. There are a number of institutions that don't require a metadata course, and plenty that don't even offer a metadata course. It's getting more and more difficult to find MLS graduates who have had those courses.

Amanda Ros: Going along with what Iman said, I know that trying to find catalogers is getting more and more difficult. Then also with budgets being cut, we've spent a lot of time at our institution looking at vendor-enhanced records and what we could get by with. When we migrated to a new ILS for acquisitions, the enhanced records from GOBI were what we were going to need in FOLIO for our needs, and so it was taken out of Cataloging's hands. In order to get what Acquisitions needed from the vendor, Cataloging had to be lessened. There are also plenty of us in locations that people don't necessarily want to move to.

Deborah Tomaras: I think it's particularly acute in cataloging, but deprofessionalization is happening across the profession, particularly in public libraries, for example. Low pay, low budgets, generalized sense that catalogers aren't as useful because they aren't public-facing, etc.

Casey Mullin: My unit is entirely paraprofessionals except for me. It takes years to train even to a fairly basic level of proficiency. And I've had a rash of retirements in recent years. It's a real worry how I can shore up our collective expertise, let alone reinstate it back to what it once was.

Adam Schiff: And our new standards won't make it easier.

Daniel Joudrey: I've done these studies over the last 20 years on the status of cataloging education. The latest data is about four years old, from 2018. It's important for us to understand that in terms of ALA-accredited schools, 54 out of 62 schools still required some form of

information organization course. One institution required two courses, and two institutions had options. The other 55 had no required courses. There's still a background in information organization, but this is not hardcore cataloging. Today, out of 62 ALA-accredited programs, you also need to recognize that 43 out of 62 schools offer basic cataloging, 12 schools offer a separate descriptive course. These numbers are not as dreary as people might assume. There's been a lot of this conversation in the past 25 years, of cataloging being devalued and not taught anymore. It's still taught, but what gets more attention, and more enrollment, are the metadata courses, which are not necessarily the same as cataloging courses.

Violet Fox: I found it very difficult to find work as a cataloger, and I know many others who have also had difficulty finding a professional cataloging position. What do we as SAC want to do about this? Do we want to write a letter? For a working group? And who are we aiming our questions at?

Rocki Strader: Yes, for the committee, what action would people want to take on this? What direction would we like to go on this?

Amanda Ros: Echoing where Violet is going with this, if we want to make a statement, do we want to partner with CCDA and the other two main ALA cataloging committees, CC:AAM (Committee on Cataloging: Asian and African Materials) and CYAC (Children's and Young Adult's Cataloging Program)? Is this something that might have more gravitas if we partner with the other two?

Violet Fox: I think, again, we want to figure out who we're talking to. I have mixed feelings about statements, but I feel like making one in this case would be useful and show newer members that this is a relevant part of our work.

Tina Gross: Could it come from Core or would Core be the audience?

Rocki Strader: I think both.

Barbara Bushman: I think we need to look at this from a broader perspective in the sense of, traditional cataloging in my opinion is transforming. I think we need to look at it that way, and focusing on traditional cataloging is a very narrow view. We need to work on moving the committee forward, like BIBFRAME. If we're focusing on traditional cataloging then we're stuck in the past.

Pete Wilson: Are we talking most specifically about subject cataloging, or generally about every aspect of cataloging? Subject cataloging gets worse and worse.

Violet Fox: I had originally brought up the [Best Practices for Archival Term Positions document](#), created by RBMS, about when precarious positions are justifiable (and when they're not). Do we want to do something similar, for when paraprofessionals are a best practice and when they are not?

Rocki Strader: That's definitely worth considering, all options on the table here.

Pete Wilson: I worry most about outsourcing in many guises. So many of our cataloging records come in from shelf-ready vendors or e-book providers or in batches with collections we buy, and a lot of it's terrible. And also here we are having to outsource a lot of Latin American cataloging, which has in the past been a specialty, because of not enough staff. That work has been done all right, though, compared to the other sources I mentioned.

Thomas Whittaker: Perhaps we should seek consensus within the broader cataloging community on where (i.e. at what level) certain work should occur. While I understand that work has to happen and budgets are unlikely to increase, I don't care for the thought that at some places PCC-level work (if we consider that our highest standard) is being produced by people barely making a living wage, while at others it is reserved for MLS librarians. Having a broad consensus doesn't necessarily keep the work from being pushed down lower and lower, but it does give managers/supervisors something to point to when arguing for increasing job classifications.

Adam Schiff: As chair you have to give a report to Core; could a discussion up there be a better first step than one in SAC?

Rocki Strader: My report from the committee was due in May and the next won't be due until December, so this would have to be sent asynchronously, which is fine, but at this point it would have to wait until the new leadership is installed. I would be more comfortable from a communications standpoint if SAC had more internal discussion before making a position or asking the question at a higher level.

Tina Gross: We should also keep in mind that catalogers will soon have the ALA president's ear in a way that we usually don't, that timing could be important.

*Rocki asked that a member make a motion to establish a working group to investigate this and what directions to go in, which groups we can form alliances with, etc.*

Deborah Tomaras: I motion to investigate the issue with the aim of producing a white paper or other form of communication to bring to Core

*Amanda Ros seconded the motion.*

The next step is to form a working group. Those interested in joining tentatively include:

- Deborah Tomaras
- Violet Fox
- Amanda Ros (if no one else will chair then she'll chair, but she would rather not)
- Adrienne Seely
- Nicholas Bennyhoff

- Allison Baillund
- Leigh Ann Martin
- Allison Badger
- Tina Gross
- Margaret Joyce
- Iman Dagher
- Adrian Williams

No further questions or comments.

#### **d. Follow-up on virtual participation (Candy Riley)**

I'm looking for comments and feedback on the days for this meeting and how people think that worked, as well as how liaison reports worked. What I'm most interested in is how you think SAC handled our business while we have been doing it completely virtually; that includes discussion board posts, virtual meetings, meeting frequency, etc. I will put a message on the discussion board repeating these questions.

### **5. New Business**

#### **a. Absence of the term “Manga” in LCGFT and LCSH (Deborah Tomaras)**

People have been frustrated for a long time about the absence of the term manga in the LCSH and LCGFT, but it came to a head most recently at an OpCo (PCC Operations Committee) meeting this year. People were complaining about the lack, and Judith Cannan said that LC would investigate the issue. The GNCRT Metadata Committee offered to do that investigation, and the report provided is the outcome of that research.

The result is that we are advocating for the inclusion of manga in the LCGFT and LCSH vocabulary. Our argument is that LC set up certain conditions that a proposed term has to satisfy in order to be in these vocabularies; the term:

- Has to have literary warrant
- There has to be a common understanding of the term
- It has to be definable
- It has to have a common American usage or understanding

Manga, for all of the reasons laid out in the report, meets all the requirements for inclusion into LCSH and LCGFT. However, since the manga proposal has been rejected multiple times, that our report may not be enough, so we're asking for broader community support. We're asking that SAC offer their support, by the end of the month preferably if that isn't too tight of a timeline.

Adam Schiff: I do want to say that Deborah has had a lot of success in getting LC to reconsider terms that have been rejected in the past. I'm hoping that this is just as successful as “Board

books,” “Web comics,” and some of the other terms that Deborah and Allison and some others have refused to give up on.

Amanda Ros: Is there any resource that we know from LC that might be able to give us some direction, like can we find out why manga hasn’t been accepted in the past, and what can be done to strengthen the case?

Judith Cannan: I’m very happy to receive a statement from SAC supporting this and that LC really needs to reconsider its usage. In the past LC has focused very much on literary warrant, and took a very strict interpretation of it. But now we recognize that we have to broaden that to television, social media, etc. Also, when you look at the standard, there’s user warrant and organizational warrant. We need to pay much closer attention to user warrant. If you would send a statement, I think that would help enormously. But it’s very much on LC’s radar. Would Veronica or Paul like to add something?

Paul Frank: I support what you say and think that a proposal for manga would go through quite easily now.

*Adam Schiff made a motion that SAC endorses the report and recommends that LC add manga to LCSH and LCGFT.*

*Deborah Rose-Lefmann seconded. Vote commenced. Motion carried 12 to 0.*

Judith Cannan: There is a shift to follow standards, and those standards list three warrants. We’re now trying to look at all three warrants when looking at proposals, especially when dealing with indigenous headings.

Rocki Strader: In follow up of the motion, let’s discuss how to implement our statement and who’s going to write that statement? I need 1-2 people who can settle this into a forwardable endorsement statement.

*Adam Schiff agreed to work on that statement. He will send it out to the list later today.*

**b. DEI representative to Core (Rocki Strader) 10 min.**

This actually is something that has come down to us from Core. We don’t have a position description of this representative yet, but a committee member is selected to be a conduit to Core’s Diversity Committee to communicate DEI matters between committees, as a liaison. Would anyone be interested in being that contact for SAC? There is no specific deadline, but it does have to be a SAC member, and ideally not the chair or vice chair.

*Iman Dagher volunteered to be that representative, as she is already a member of the Core Diversity Committee.*

c. [PCC Statement regarding the replacement of "Illegal aliens" in LCSH](#) (Sherman Clarke)

Sherman Clarke: I wanted to call people's attention to [the PCC statement](#) to use other vocabularies beyond the LCSH suite. This statement ostensibly means that there's an official sanction to using vocabularies other than the LCSH suite. This is more a point of information rather than discussion, but I think it could affect how our mission proceeds.

Rocki Strader: If there's further discussion to be had, then by all means we should have it here or on the ALA Connect discussion board.

Jennifer Bradshaw: Has Homosaurus been approached about liaisonship to SAC?

Adrian Williams: We haven't. As a member of Homosaurus' editorial board, I'd be happy to ask about our interest in it at the next board meeting.

Peter (Guest): Should we be concerned about LCSH scaling back on its attempt to remain comprehensive? I would not like to think of us turning LCSH into just one source of subjects.

Paul Frank: LCSH is not comprehensive and cannot cover everything. These newer vocabularies are more flexible and can cover newer terms more accurately.

Judith Cannan: Because of its very nature, instead of doing what I think they should have done, which is rethink the whole structure, they basically put the Red Book into an online environment. The changes that need to take place in LCSH are enormous, but they are underway. I could see it taking five years to really make it the flexible tool for today, where language changes take place all the time.

Deborah Tomaras: My one concern is that there are a lot of libraries out there for whom there is no resource or know-how to use alternative vocabularies. And so if we move to an environment where we're solely using work-arounds, we're disadvantaging libraries that don't have resources in the name of DEI, which is a conundrum that I would not like to see happen.

Paul Frank: One of the things I'd like to see is for LCSH to become a vocabulary for topics only. Maybe LCSH needs to narrow its scope.

Jonathan Ward: Even though the Getty Vocabularies are focused around visual arts, for 35 years or more, we have always recommended using other vocabularies or even local thesauri - there has never been a one-size-fits-all solution, even with a topic as specific as visual arts.

Pete Wilson: I do know other vocabularies are necessary. I'd just like to see LCSH continue on what may be a futile but still helpful attempt to cover everything, to at least some level of specificity.



Deborah Tomaras: Agree, Pete. If LCSH is the only vocabulary in use in many libraries, a certain breadth of coverage would be very useful (depth in certain areas is nice, too).

**6. Report of the chair of SAC (Rocki Strader) [[SAC22-AN-chair](#)] 5 min.**

SAC approved a proposal (from a collaboration with the GNCRT Metadata and Cataloging Committee to expand on the “special provisions” to LC’s Subject Heading Manual instruction H1430 (Comics and Comic Characters), which was eventually forwarded to Library of Congress.

SAC approved the new resource produced by the Subcommittee on Faceted Vocabularies (SSFV) titled, “Retrospective Implementation of Library of Congress Faceted Vocabularies: Best Practices for Librarians and Programmers.” More discussion on how to proceed with presenting this resource for broad use took place by email. Casey Mullin, the current chair, will be rotating off the subcommittee this summer.

SAC approved the formation of a working group to address a suggestion to encourage the Library of Congress to install an editorial board with non-LC members for reviewing LCSH and LC classification proposals, as well as other related vocabularies. It was agreed to open the working group to non-SAC members.

The Services to Refugees, Immigrants, and Displaced Persons (SRIDP) Sub-Committee of the Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services Advisory Committee sent a general call for collaborators to address the “Illegal immigration” subject term that has been used as a partial substitution to the previous controversial term “Illegal aliens”. The chair of SAC responded with a message of support, including links to SAC’s work and reports on the “Illegal aliens”.

The committee has continued to engage with monthly review of LCSH tentative lists.

SAC will further follow up and support the activities described above in this report. There may be further supportive action or collaboration with GNCRT, which will be determined at SAC’s next meeting in June 2022. SAC has also been asked to follow up on a question about deprofessionalization of classification work and cataloging.

Thanks go to Jenny Levine, for keeping up with SAC’s roster changes, which have occurred as liaison positions rotated or were added.

Candy Riley: Thank you for coming on as chair of this committee this year. It was very gracious of you to come back and help me out. I feel very prepared now to continue it. Thank you.

**7. Open Discussion / Open Announcement period 10 min.**

Iman Dagher: Can SAC play a training role? Training is not in the committee’s charge, but as we have some great expertise in subject analysis within the committee, doing some training on some of the developments such as in LCGFT and LCDGT may be advantageous.

Rocki Strader: In the past some of how we've addressed this is by having guest speakers, so I suppose that's something we could do in this virtual environment.

Adam Schiff: I'm not sure if people remember this, but quite a number of years ago SAC was a co-sponsor for the Catalogers Learning Workshop course on basic LCSH. That training is still up on the CLW website and is, of course, quite out of date. If SAC is interested in developing training, then we should. There's training needed for LCDGT, for LCGFT, for Homosaurus, for MeSH, Sears, etc. There's all sorts of training needed, especially if we're talking about the deprofessionalization of the profession and the need to increase the quality of descriptive and subject cataloging. I'd love to see the committee work on that.

*Others in the chat seconded/commended this idea.*

## **8. Adjournment**

**Meeting adjourned by the chair at 4:54 EST.**