

**CORE Subject Analysis Committee I**  
**2021 Midwinter Meeting**  
**Friday, February 26, 2021 11:00-2:00 pm**  
**Video Conference**

**Members present:** Brian Stearns (Chair, University of Alberta), Violet Fox, Adrian Williams (associate member, University of Kentucky), Margaret Joyce (associate member, University of Hawaii), Candy Riley (MARCIVE), Rose Sliger Krause (Eastern Washington University), Calli Neumann (Getty Research Institute), Thomas Whittaker (Indiana University Bloomington), Karl Pettitt (University of Denver), Karla Jurgemeyer (St. Olaf College), Deborah Rose-Lefmann (Northwestern University), Iman Dagher (UCLA), Adam L. Schiff (University of Washington; MARC advisory committee Liaison)

**Liaisons present:** Rebecca Belford (Oberlin College Conservatory; Music Library Association, Liaison), Sherman Clarke (Art Libraries Society of North America Liaison), Janis L. Young (Library of Congress policies, training and cooperatives programs division, Library of Congress Liaison), Casey Mullin (Western Washington University, Chair, SAC Subcommittee on Faceted Vocabularies), Caroline Saccucci (Library of Congress, LC Dewey Liaison), Jonathan Ward (Getty Research Institute), Stacey Devine (Library of Congress, Children and Young Adult Cataloging Program Liaison), Heidy Berthoud (Smithsonian Library and Archives; Fast Policy and Outreach Committee Liaison), Judy Jeng (IFLA Liaison), Barbara Bushman (National Library of Medicine Liaison), Paul Frank (SACO program Liaison), Michele Zwierski (NAGA Library System, Dewey Editorial Policy Committee liaison), Catherine Kellett (Yale Law School, American Association of Law Libraries Liaison), Robert Bremer (OCLC Liaison)

**Liaisons not present:** Bob Maxwell, Annie Wolfe

Total attendees:

- 1.0 Welcome and introduction of members, liaisons and guests  
SAC Chair Brian Stearns welcomed two new members Calli Neumann and Thomas Whittaker; new associate members Margaret Joyce and Adrian Williams; new liaison organizations and their liaisons Getty (Jonathan Ward), OCLC (Robert Bremer), and LC Children's and Young Adults' Cataloging Program (Stacey Devine); and new liaisons for LC Editorial (Michele Zwierski) and FAST (Heidy Berthoud). A round of introductions from members, liaisons, and guests followed.
- 1.1 Adoption of Agenda [SAC21-MW/1.1] 11:19-11:20
- 1.2 Adoption of Minutes of meeting at 2020 Annual Conference  
11:20-11:22 [[SAC21-MW/1.2](#)]

Adopted as amended and a futurally amended (Small changes to minutes; need feedback from Caroline on ALA's SAC representative seat of the EPC, page 7 of the minutes)

1.3 Report of the liaison from the Library of Congress Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division (Janis Young) 11:23-11:38  
[\[SAC21-MW/1.3\]](#)

Young thanked SAC members for their help with [literary author numbers](#) and the [multiples cancellations](#) projects. SAC participants contributed 258 of the author class numbers added to authority records so far, and have sent over 500 more proposals to PTCP for review. SAC has been assisting with the multiples project since August 2020. To date, participants have helped PTCP cancel the multiples *Names, Geographical—English, [Celtic, Latin, etc.]; Names, Personal—Scottish, [Spanish, Welsh, etc.]; Selling—Agricultural machinery, [Floor coverings, etc.]; and Special education—Art, [etc.]*, for a total of 757 authority records created. They have also returned the multiple *Information storage and retrieval systems—Accounting, [China, Electronics, Korea, etc.]* to PTCP for processing; cancellation of that multiple alone will result in the creation of over 1,100 new authority records. PTCP heartily thanks the participants for their help with this important project.

Q: Multiples project resulted in 353 validation records designated as regular authority records. Is there any way to identify these from the resulting records once they are redistributed? A: The only indication in the distributed record is that there used to be a 667 and now there is not. LC staff can see that a record was moved from the validation database, but that info is not distributed. There is no master list. As an FYI, records may change from validation records to regular for various reasons along the way.

Rose Krause: Thank you to Janis for the ability to participate in this meaningful project!

Beginning in February 2021, all authority records distributed for LC subject headings, genre/form terms, medium of performance terms, and demographic group terms will have the fill character( | ) in the cataloging source byte of the fixed field (008/39).

Comprehensive [LCSH](#) and [LC Classification](#) online training is freely available through Catalogers Learning Workshop.

Q: Please expand on authorized headings in BIBFRAME where it is a link instead of a text string or cluster. A: This was set up to get away from the label and to choose the way you want information displayed.

Comment (A. Schiff): Thought piece by Judith Canaan at the [PCC meeting](#) is recommended viewing. Beacher Wiggins (LC) noted that these discussions are at their very beginnings and there is not any official policy yet.

Q: Updates on *Illegal aliens* heading? A: No.

Q: Update on demographic terms and submission process? A: No.  
Young welcomes any additional questions by email.

Young highlighted some items from her report. She thanked SAC for their help on the multiples project and the literary authors project. The participants in the multiples project have allowed LC to create 757 authority records so far, with 1100 more coming in the next couple of weeks. Almost 300 literary authors have been added to the schedule. Discussion followed on the particulars of the project and how to keep track of updated records. LC also had no additional information on the illegal alien headings and the moratorium on lcdgt. Janis offered to answer any forthcoming questions over email.

- 1.4 Report of the liaison from Library and Archives Canada (Annie Wolfe) [SAC21-MW/1.4]

Brain said that Annie hopes to send a report in the next week or so. [Report can be found in the meeting continuation on March 19th]

- 1.5 Report of the liaison to the Committee on Cataloging: Description & Access (Robert Maxwell) [[SAC21-MW/1.5](#)]

Bob Maxwell did submit his report, and might be able to join later to take questions.

- 1.6 Report of the liaison to the MARC Advisory Committee (Adam Schiff) [[SAC21-MW1.6](#)] 11:39-11:40

Highlights: [Proposal No. 2021-06](#): Accommodating Work and Expression Dates, and Related Elements, in Bibliographic and Authority Field 046, from the SAC Subcommittee on Faceted Vocabularies, was approved with option 1 (indicator value for type of entity: work or expression). Will need to wait for MARC documentation and systems to adopt, likely six months to a year until full implementation. Subfield \$3 x or z for explanatory notes was also approved.

- 1.7 Report of the liaison from the PCC Subject Authority Cooperative Program (Paul Frank) [[SAC21-MW/1.7](#)] 11:41-11:46

Thank you to Janis Young for conducting a 21 hour SACO workshop for CJK funnel members back in July and August. SACO African American Funnel: Deborah Tomaras (Marist College), coordinator from January 2020 through February 2021, passed the coordinator duties to Staci Ross (University of Pittsburgh) and Michelle Cronquist (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

SACO Judaica Funnel: When Heidi Lerner (Stanford University) retires this spring, the funnel will be coordinated by Jasmin Shinohara (University of Pennsylvania)

Planning an online meeting for all SACO coordinators to inform a draft of "Guidelines for SACO Funnel Coordinators" document to standardized the process for SACO funnels, as they are currently all operating differently.

Q (Violet Fox): Is there a plan for an informal SACO get-together:

Paul: This is what we are talking about with the guidelines, that it would start with an invitation to everyone related to SACO to help start the process of coming up with guidelines. This is informed by work on the more recent funnels.

Q: Might there be a "SACO light" similar to the "NACO light" that was mentioned during a meeting? A (Young): Not sure how that would work, but something I could discuss with colleagues.

1.8 Report of the liaison from OCLC (Robert Bremer) [[SAC21-MW/1.8](#)] 11:46-11:49

This report wasn't available prior to the meeting, but will make it available. MARC format change, to accommodate FAST coding change. Named events will now be tagged in x47 instead of x11. The FAST authority file has been updated with just over 3100 named event headings.

Looking at FAST chronology headings in x48 field. Previously these were confined to ranges of years only; currently working on named timed periods that can coexist with year ranges e.g.: Colonial period rather than circa 1600-1776 for US history. These would likely be more familiar to catalog end users. Should be complete later this year. A. Schiff noted that could be a good source of terms for MARC 388, which the SAC Subcommittee on Faceted Vocabularies has been looking for.

1.9 Report of the liaison from the Music Library Association (Rebecca Belford) [[SAC21-MW/1.9](#)] 11:50-11:56

Some corrections to the report. Will re-send request for SAC to consider the hierarchy in which the LCSH for "Medium of performance thesaurus for music, Library of Congress" was placed when established last year. Written report erroneously refers to the "Subject headings"; this should be "Authority files (Information retrieval)". Previous request might have gotten lost in the transfer of the list. Also please look at the suggestions for medium of performance terms for voice which we are trying to get off gendered hierarchies. Those changes should be on the April list.

Q (S. Clarke): Noting previous discussion on terms that are covered in other vocabularies such as RBMS or AAT and whether it makes sense to also have lcdgft. MLA decided not to pursue LCDGFT for Binders volumes music because the RMBS term applies. ALRIS finds clusters of artists' books in different vocabularies--are others using multiple overlapping vocabs? A (A. Schiff): OBIS-Cascade only uses LCSH/LCDGFT/FAST in the central catalog, so different vocabularies are lost in the public catalog. Rebecca noted a similar issue in her IOS.

1.10 Report of the liaison from the Art Libraries Society of North America (Sherman Clarke) [[SAC21-MW/1.10](#)] 11:57-11:58  
ARLIS/NA annual conference for 2021 will be held virtually on 11-13 May 2021

ARLIS/NA CAC (Cataloging Advisory Committee) received and is reviewing a second draft of the art memo (J 210) for the LCGFT manual

J. Young: Art Genre/Form open for new terms in the near future

- 1.11 Report of the liaison from the Getty Vocabulary Program (Jonathan Ward) [[SAC21-MW/1.11](#)] 11:58-12:05  
Introduction to [Getty program](#): there is a small team of four people; the vocabulary has been around for 30 years; they process terms in bulk; OpenRefine format available. Current projects: Built Works Registry (BWR) and database part of Avery Library at Columbia, previously handled by ARTStor, now will be in [Cultural Objects Name Authority](#) database (CONA). Named people file to be added to ULAN ([Union List of Artist Names](#)), places to TGN ([Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names](#)), works to CONA. This is about 74,000 records total, they estimate one year to complete.  
Q (A. Schiff): Are there going to be URIs for iconography authority records? Ward: Not sure what the records are going to be, we are still figuring out directions; committed but also looking at how they will be using linked open data. Ward commented that once terms are established they are added to CONA as a kind of umbrella, and that they are working on adding all the terms.  
Q: Sherman Clark commented he is glad BWR is coming alive again. Having language-independent URI will be useful. Adam Schiff provided an example from [CONA: Jiko-bō \(anime character\)](#).
- 1.12 Report of the liaison from the Online Audiovisual Catalogers, Inc. (Rosemary Groenwald) [[SAC21-MW/1.12](#)] 12:05-12:08  
Groenwald retires April 2 (congratulations!). OLAC is looking for new liaison and someone who will maintain the [video game genre vocabulary](#). They are discussing the possibility of opening the vocabulary for new terms, or easier display of authority records.
- 1.13 Report of the liaison from the American Association of Law Libraries (Cate Kellett) [[SAC21-MW/1.13](#)] 12:07-12:08  
No report/questions.
- 1.14 Report of the liaison from the National Library of Medicine (Barbara Bushman) [[SAC21-MW/1.14](#)] 12:08-12:18  
Highlights: Many new MeSH headings related to COVID-19 and SARS -CoV-2. NLM released a new interface for NLM classification. Review of the area related to survey and WD schedule from a catchall to medicine in special environments. As part of Alma implementation

will be updating MESH in the community zone based on NLMs schedule. Q: Why MeSH change from Social Distance to Psychological Distance? A: To help distinguish that previously existing concept from the new concept of Physical Distancing, which has a cross reference of Social Distancing. NLM Technical Bulletins on NLM website included the latest, [issue no. 438 \(Jan/Feb 2021\)](#)

- 1.15 Report of the liaison from the FAST Policy and Outreach Committee (Heidy Berthoud) [\[SAC21-MW/1.15\]](#) 12:19-12:21  
Their webinar in October, "[21st Century Indexing](#)," had 592 attendees; the recording is on OCLC's website. Jessie Lambertson is working on FAST training for PCC.  
In August 2020, they received the okay to form a FAST SACO funnel. Seeking members; contact Berthoud with interest.
- 1.16 Report of the liaison from Sears List of Subject Headings [\[SAC21-MW/1.16\]](#) 12:21-12:22  
No liaison. SAC has reached out to the publisher (Grey House), they are interested in joining but haven't yet.
- 1.17 Report of the liaison from the Library of Congress Children's and Young Adults' Cataloging Program Liaison (Stacey Devine) [\[SAC21-MW/1.17\]](#) 12:23-12:34
  - CYAC is pronounced "kayak".Background. Five librarians in section. Primarily CIP cataloging, materials received from publishers. Also books that need original children's cataloging. Provide subject headings and summaries for teachers/librarians ("but we don't give away the ending"). Project - still paper files, working at LC policy group, some memos for children's programs. First one distributed was on how to write summaries. Testing BIBFRAME with SH. Turns out many headings are still in paper card file. Working on subject heading memos for the children's programs that would be available to the community.  
Q: Any EDI-related evaluation of subject headings? A: Yes, monthly meetings include looking at old and new headings for appropriateness and to get diversity of perspectives outside of the small group. They are working to ensure that independent publications, which tend to reflect works by underrepresented authors get full treatment, not just the big publishers.  
Q: Mechanism for change proposals? A: Anyone can email suggestions. ([cyacprog@loc.gov](mailto:cyacprog@loc.gov)). Monthly meetings, in coordination with J. Young. No proposals received from outside LC so far. Currently, only 900 headings are discoverable in id.loc.gov; another 20,000 approved (LCSH usable by CYAC) headings remain in a card file only. They are open to collaboration.  
Q: Will there be a large number of CYAC going out through distribution service? When they are distributed together with LCSH, vendors cannot always sort out. Can you publicize when there will be



a large number of records distributed? A: They are discussing options, including sending out through BIBFRAME.

- 1.18 Report of the liaison from the Library of Congress Dewey Program (Caroline Saccucci) [[SAC21-MW/1.18](#)]  
12:35-12:39 There may be a new liaison by annual. Many staff reductions. They reached out to LC classifiers in ABA who are learning to apply Dewey. This can save time as there doesn't then need to be two different rounds of classification.  
Saccucci publicized a call for papers for an upcoming special Cataloging and Classification Quarterly issue on [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) and Automated Processes for Subject Access](#).
- 1.19 Report of the liaison from Dewey Decimal Classification and OCLC Dewey Services (Michele Zwierski) [[SAC21-MW/1.19](#)] 12:39-12:43  
Looking for EPC ([Editorial Policy Committee](#)) member from ALA. EPC itself is seeking clarification on appointment process. Contact Zwierski; names then set to ALA (Core?) for consideration.
- 1.20 Report of the liaison from the International Federation of Library Associations (Judy Jeng) [[SAC21-MW/1.20](#)] 12:43-12:44  
C. Saccucci noted that training for subject analysis group is collecting competencies and standards for training; automated subject analysis
- 1.21 Report of the SAC Subcommittee on Faceted Vocabularies (Casey Mullin) [[SAC21-MW/1.21](#)] 12:44-12:51  
Highlights: close to next version of Chronological BPs (v.1.0), which in response to feedback including definitions of aggregate. Future BPs to follow once their MAC proposal is fully implemented. Version 1.1 will account for expression dates.  
Retrospective toolkit is designed to be modular. Two modules are ready plus a summary document. For individual modules, exploring the possibility of continuous updates. The ability to be dynamic for mappings would be helpful as they work through very detailed solutions.  
Future need: version control through ALA.

1.22 Report of the chair of SAC (Brian Stearns) [SAC21-MW/1.22]  
12:51-12:55

Committee has been engaged with monthly review of tentative lists, literary author numbers, and multiple subdivisions projects. The Committee has also welcomed three new liaisons since the summer. The work has been rewarding and enjoyable. SAC encourages liaisons to tell communities SAC might be willing to help with projects or questions. The Committee has also welcomed three new liaisons since the summer.

Stearns's second one-year term ends Annual 2021 (Chairs are limited to two one-year terms).

Break

1.23

New business: SAC business Start at 1:10 -1:47

Transitions: ALCTS to CORE ALA Connect space; sympa email list to Connect. Result: nonmembers who were able to subscribe to the email list and access the ALCTS space now being unable to access either. This was not SAC's intention. One suggestion was a virtual-only interest group affiliated with SAC in order to create an open Connect space. The Chair will form a working group before ALA Annual on how SAC can work best in a virtual environment.

Stearns noted that Core provides Drive space for SAC. It may need to serve primarily for outward facing documents rather than a workspace; LC staff are not able to use Google Drive for official business. For the next meeting, liaisons should submit reports in Connect, and associates or chair will add them to Google Drive for wider access.

Clarification of committee structure and committee planning: 12 regular members including SAC liaisons to CC:DA and MAC, and 2 associate members (formerly interns); liaisons who are appointed by *other* organizations are now all "liaison."

It was noted that the eligibility criteria on ALCTS website are outdated and need to be updated in writing.

Violet Fox suggested that a written list of any remaining action items regarding documentation be passed to the next chair. Brian says he would like to get as much documentation as possible before he ends his term, and welcomes members willing to work on this project.

Decided to schedule a continuing meeting, since administrative/information issue took a lot of time



1:47- 2:00 LCSH to MeSH mapping (B. Bushman and guest Joelen Pastva (Northwestern))

Northwestern reached out to NLM. The LCSH to MeSH mapping Project at Northwestern University was started by Gary Strawn in 1990 and is now under their Health Sciences Library staff. The project addressed having multiple vocabularies in the catalog, mapping each to each other, focusing on topical LCSH--MeSH and recording mappings in MARC 7xx fields. This is done internally, and they publish mapping files in their IR. Uses: see also references; cataloging tool for assigning headings when cataloger familiar with one or the other; NLM using in medical text indexer; interoperability in some systems. Following retirement of the primary cataloger at Northwestern working on this, they are considering what to do with the project. A poll was sent out; most respondents were not familiar with the project or comfortable with secondary vocabulary. They are working to promote awareness and to identify collaborators, tools, workflows, and use cases. They will start testing a new workflow March 2021. The poll resulted in a good roster of volunteers. B. Bushman offered that NLM can let the project know when they make proposals. A. Schiff noted that the Linked Data Service at LC would be a great place to use this.

Chair Brian Stearns got disconnected from the Zoom meeting so Committee Member Violet Fox adjourned the meeting

New business continued (March 19)  
(To be completed following the meeting)

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Draft agenda as of March 1 2021:

- 2.1 Welcome and introduction of members and guests (10 min.)
- 2.2 Adoption of Agenda (2 min.)
- 2.3 Further work for "Illegal aliens" subject heading (50 min.)
- 2.3 Business arising from liaisons' reports (10 min.)
- 2.4 Wikidata for subject work (10 min. : Schiff)
- 2.5 Review of committee work (30 min.)
- 2.6 Open Discussion / Open Announcement period (8 min.)

Meeting continuation: March 19, 12:00-2:00 Central Time