# Report of the SAC Research and Presentation Working Group

Sunday, January 27, 2019

The SAC Research and Presentation Working Group has speakers lined up for both Midwinter 2019 and Annual 2019.

## Midwinter 2019

The SAC Midwinter forum will take place Monday, January 28, 1-2:00, “Washington State

Convention Center, TCC-Yakima 1”, Seattle. This Midwinter, there will be two presentations:

SESSION TITLE: Intersection of Subject Headings and Linked Data

Presenter:  Jodi Williamschen, Library of Congress

Topic:  Jodi will discuss the intersection of subject headings and linked data, including the input of subject headings in BIBFRAME and in the new RDA recording formats.

SESSION TITLE: Improving Subject Access to Resources on Oregon Indian Tribes

Presenter:  Richard Sapon-White, Oregon State University Libraries

Topic: In 2017, Oregon State University embarked on a project to ensure that
library resources about Oregon Indian tribes are discoverable in
online systems.  With a focus on subject access in its local catalog
and in OCLC’s WorldCat database, this ongoing project is comprised of
two main components.

First, because not all Oregon Indian tribes and bands are represented
in the Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH), subject heading
proposals were prepared for the missing tribes and bands.  As of
November, 2018, seven proposals have been approved by the Library of
Congress and another seven lined up for submission. Extensive “used
for” terms have been gathered from published sources while input from
nearby tribes has aided in selection of the preferred tribal name.

Second, bibliographic records for resources about Oregon Indian tribes
were retrieved from WorldCat and their subject headings analyzed for
specificity and accuracy.  After analysis, subject headings for Oregon
Indian tribes were often added or removed to improve retrieval. For
example, the overly-broad subject heading “Indians of North America -
Oregon” was often replaced with the names of specific tribes.
Tabulating the types of changes made to subject headings revealed the
magnitude of the need for better subject access to Indian tribes.

This project will ultimately inform our approach to resources on
Indian tribes in other states.

## Annual 2019

The SAC Annual Meeting Program will take place on Monday, June 24, 2019, 1:00-2:00 pm, in Washington, D.C. The topic will be subject metadata in WorldCat, and our presenter is Professor Oksana Zavalina from University of North Texas.

## Cycling off in June

Both Jennifer and Paromita are cycling off in June, and we need a new chair and members. While this is 6 months off, we invite you to think about joining now. It’s a great way to develop contacts and stay informed about the research in the field. If you are interested in the group let Rocki and Chris, our co-chairs know.

Respectfully submitted,

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