**ALA Core Subject Analysis Committee**

**Report of the Chair**

**July 16, 2023**

**Activities and Business:**

It was announced at the last SAC meeting in January 2023 and in the Chair’s Report from that meeting that Core was able to move over hundreds of legacy documents from the old ALCTS website to the SAC Connect public site, but these documents were not added to the SAC Connect member site and a lot of organization still needed to be done. During the first quarter of 2023, SAC leadership reorganized the library on the public Connect site to clearly title and appropriately file all of the legacy documents. In addition, those legacy documents were uploaded and organized on the member Connect site as well.

In January 2023, SAC had their first meeting of the year where we had updates from our liaisons on developments in different vocabularies such as ARLIS/NA, NLM, Sears, Homosaurus, Dewey Decimal Classification, FAST, Getty, LAC, and LC. Our virtual meeting had a large audience of non-members, so we tried to highlight how the library community can contribute to or propose changes in each vocabulary. We started meeting virtually in June 2020 and our audience attendance has been consistently higher than previous in-person meetings. We voted to keep our meetings virtual for now since there is not a lot of Core support for a hybrid meeting (in-person and virtual) at this time.

In February 2023, Core requested all committees review their charges. SAC members discussed what potential changes needed to be made and suggested wording for these changes. In the end, slight changes were voted on and approved. In addition, the SAC Subcommittee on Faceted Vocabularies (SSFV) reviewed their charge and made slight edits which SAC then voted on and approved. The SAC charge can be found on Core’s roster page for SAC at: <https://www.ala.org/core/member-center/sections/metadata-and-collections/subject-analysis-committee> The Core roster page for SSFV along with their charge can be found at:

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In March, SAC members voted to endorse the revised ICOLC Statement on the Metadata Rights of Libraries. SAC had already endorsed the previous statement last fall, but discussion to approve the statement at the Core Metadata and Collections Section level led to a section working group and revision of the statement. Some SAC members felt this revised statement was not as strong as the prior statement, but ultimately a majority of members voted to endorse the revised statement.

Also in March, Core asked SAC to review and assist with a response to a letter received by ALA from the World Jewish Congress about classification of Holocaust denial literature. SAC reviewed the letter and discussed a response. Volunteer members crafted a response that the entire committee voted on and approved. This SAC response with recommendations was sent to Core in April. As part of the discussion for this response, suggestions were brought up for ways the LC classification of Holocaust denial literature could be changed to make more of a delineation between works that actually did deny the Holocaust and works about works that actually denied the Holocaust. SAC voted to work on a proposal to change the LC classification and that work is ongoing at this time.

During the past 6 months, SAC has reviewed and approved some internal working group and joint working group reports as well as a couple of reports from ALA’s Graphic Novels and Comics Round Table (GNCRT) Metadata and Cataloging Committee. In January, SAC approved final report of the JOINT GNCRT/SAC/OLAC Working Group on Compound Terms in the LCGFT Vocabulary. In March, SAC approved the final report of our Working Group on the External Review of Library of Congress Vocabularies and that report was sent to LC. We are currently awaiting a response. In April, SAC reviewed and endorsed the final report of the GNCRT Metadata and Cataloging Committee on the Inclusion of Anime in the LCGFT Vocabulary. In May, we received a report from the GNCRT Metadata and Cataloging Committee on the Inclusion of Manga Subgenres in the LCGFT. SAC members will review this report, provide comments and feedback, and vote to endorse the report soon.

The SAC Working Group on the External Review of Library of Congress Vocabularies finished their final report in March. The SAC Working Group on the Devaluation of Cataloging continues its work as does the SAC Subcommittee on Faceted Vocabularies. In addition, SAC members continue to review and comment on tentative vocabulary lists from LC, including LCSH, LCGFT, and LCDGT.

**People:**

We have members rotating off at the end of this term - Iman Dagher, Violet Fox, Karla Jurgemeyer, and Adam Schiff, as well as Rocki Strader as Past Chair. Iman is the SAC representative to the Core DEI Committee and Adam is the SAC representative to the MARC Advisory Committee so there are openings for both of those positions to be filled by SAC members. We also have members renewing for a second term - Adrian Williams, Amanda Ros, Deborah Tomaras, Thomas Whittaker, and Pete Wilson. Our new members are Allison Bailund, Sasha Frizzell, Elizabeth Hobart, and Karen Snow. Incoming chair is Amanda Ros and incoming vice chair is Margaret Joyce.

We have had some liaison changes this year as well. Matthew Wise took over as the FAST Policy and Outreach Committee liaison from Heidy Berthoud, while Jo Williams replaced Daniel Joudrey as Dewey Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee liaison and Rebecca Flore replaced Jennifer Bradshaw as Rare Books and Manuscripts Section Controlled Vocabularies Editorial Group liaison.

The Library of Congress discontinued the PCC SACO Program liaison to SAC, a position most recently filled by Nancy Cooey. Paul Frank, the Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division liaison from LC will be providing updates and news for PCC, NACO, and SACO topics. Online Audiovisual Catalogers liaison Scott Dutkiewicz indicated he would be stepping down at the end of this term as did International Federation of Library Associates and Institutions liaison Judy Jeng. SAC is pursuing replacements for these two liaison positions.

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*Chair, 2022-2023*