Identity Management or Authority Control?

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How does authority control work at your shop?

- **SCOPE**
- **METHOD**
- **STAFFING**
- **RECORD CREATION**
- **BIBLIOGRAPHIC MAINTENANCE**
PCC Task Group on Identity Management in NACO

★ Strings (headings/AAPs) → Things (URIs)
★ Explore a “NACO Lite” option

Read the charge: bit.ly/pccidNACO
★ Why IDs?
★ NACO Lite
★ ISNI Pilot
Authority Control

Manages access to entities by authorizing a unique form of name for each entity.
Authority Control

Heaney, Seamus, 1939-2013
Identity Management

Process of associating a registered identifier with a single entity.
Identity Management

https://lccn.loc.gov/n79099140
Why IDs?
ID management as a subset of authority control?

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**IMDb’s solution to disambiguation**

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View: [More name matches](#) or [Exact name matches](#)
Identity management, not string construction

Greatly reduce anxiety about creating BFM situations

Encourage identity registration for first-time authors
For more on URIs in MARC:

CaMMS Cataloging Management Interest Group meeting

Saturday, 24 June 2017, 1:00-2:30 pm
Palmer House, Monroe Room
Considering “NACO Lite”

- Do submissions have to be in MARC? RDA compliant?
- How to code LCNAF records as “Lite”?
- What are the minimum viable elements needed to distinguish an entity?
Benchmarking “NACO Lite”

- A label (name of the entity)
- At least one related work (if applicable)
- Relationship of the entity to the work (if ascertainable)
- Time period the entity is associated with
Also helpful for “NACO Lite”

- Associated place
- Institutional affiliation
- Field of activity; occupation
- History of name changes; merges/splits?
ISNI Pilot
ISNI is...

- International Standard Name Identifier (ISO 27729)
- Persistent, unique identifier
- Assigned to persons and organizations
PCC umbrella membership in ISNI

- PCC becomes an ISNI Registration Agency
- PCC members contribute work to ISNI via this PCC “umbrella” membership
## Timeline (thus far)

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<td>OCT 2016</td>
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<td>NOV 2016</td>
<td>PCC PoCo decides to pursue umbrella membership</td>
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<td>LATE FEB 2017</td>
<td>Call for pilot participants issued</td>
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So... does that mean we may eventually add ISNI identifiers to our records?

[Good question!]
Contact the Task Group

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Thanks!

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