

**Core Metadata and Collections Section  
Subject Analysis Committee  
2021 Annual Conference  
July 22nd - July 23rd, 2021  
12:00pm - 2:00pm CDT**

**Members present:** Brian Stearns (chair), Candy Riley, Violet Fox, Iman Dagher, Karla Jurgemeyer, Calli Neumann, Thomas Whittaker, Rose Krause, Amanda Ros (liaison to CC:DA), Deborah Rose-Lefmann, Margaret Joyce (associate member), Adrian Williams (associate member)

**Liaisons present:** : Rebecca Belford (Music Library Association), Annie Wolfe (Library and Archives Canada), Heidy Berthoud (FAST Policy and Outreach Committee), Cate Kellett (American Association of Law Libraries), Michele Zwierski (Dewey Decimal Classification and OCLC Dewey Services), Caroline Saccucci (Library of Congress Dewey Program), Adam Schiff (MARC Advisory Committee), Stacey Devine (Library of Congress Children's and Young Adults' Cataloging Program), Sherman Clarke (Art Libraries Society of North America), Judy Jeng (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions), Scott Dutkiewicz (Online Audiovisual Catalogers, Inc.), Janis Young (Library of Congress Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division), Paul Frank (IPCC Subject Authority Cooperative Program), Robert Bremer (OCLC), Casey Mullin (Subcommittee on Faceted Vocabularies)

**Liaisons absent:** Jonathan Ward (Getty Vocabulary Program), Barbara Bushman (National Library of Medicine)

- 1.0 Welcome and introduction of members, liaisons, and guests.
- 1.1 Adoption of Agenda [[SAC21-AC/1.1](#)]. Motion to adopt agenda, motion seconded. Agenda adopted without objections.
- 1.2 Adoption of minutes from 2021 Midwinter Meeting [[SAC21-AC/1.2a](#) and [SAC21-AC/1.2b](#)]. Motion to approve minutes, seconded. Minutes adopted with one correction: the abbreviation for the Committee on Cataloging: Description & Access is CC:DA rather than CC:D. Minutes will be updated accordingly.
- 1.3 Report of the liaison from the Library of Congress Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division (Janis Young) [[SAC21-AC/1.3](#)]  
Janis highlighted a few items from the report. She thanked those participating on the multiples project. Asked what to do with random multiples, Janis told participants to report that random multiple, as they're using a spreadsheet as the basis for the

project. More on this and other LC-sponsored projects is discussed later in New Business (page 10-12).

She also noted that LC PTCP had reviewed how to handle the authority work of video games going forward. It's been decided that individual titles will now be established in the NAF as titles, while series will be established under a series. Board games are included in this new policy.

Regarding the recent revision of the cutter Negroes to Blacks, Violet Fox asked why only 40 cutters in the schedule had been changed when there were 120 of these cutters, and if there were future plans to change the rest. Janis had been working from a caption search and thought that all cutters had been captured. She asked that these additional 80 cutters be sent to her so that they could be also revised.

Regarding future plans for the Library of Congress Demographic Groups Terms, Adam Schiff asked about a recent proposal to use split headings. Judith Canaan (Library of Congress) and Veronica Ranieri (Library of Congress), who are both involved in the LCDGT project, say that an editorial board is being established and that more information will be available at a later date. Until then not much can be said, other than that LCDGT will have history notes. LC is looking into an external group to take on the handling of LCDGT, and hopes that LCDGT can begin accepting proposals by December (?) 1st.

Stephen Hearn (University of Minnesota) asked if the changes to the "Concentration camps" subject heading and related headings will be mostly split headings. The subject heading will continue to be used under all wars. Paul Frank said those changes would be taken on as a project by Anna Ferris at the University of Colorado Boulder.

Tina Gross noted a recent development in the LC's section of the June 2021 [IFLA newsletter](#) regarding how "The Library is also focusing on how Native American Tribal Groups are cited. This work will proceed in the coming year." Tina asked if Janis could comment further on that. Judith Canaan answered that there's been a request from LC administration to reexamine how these groups are described, and that there's a concerted effort to be more thoughtful about language that is used for these groups.

- 1.4 Report of the liaison from Library and Archives Canada (Annie Wolfe) [[SAC21-AC/1.4](#)]  
Annie highlighted progress with the subject headings for indigenous peoples. Upon further reflection LAC has decided to remove "Canadian" as an adjective from literature headings. The

LAC will share the process for this work once it's finished, and LAC is open to suggestions from and to have a closer relationship to the Library of Congress.

Work of the RVM (Répertoire de vedettes-matière) will begin this fall, and that is when equivalencies in French for these subject headings will begin to be accessible to use.

Rose asked if there is work being done in the United States with regard to indigenous subject headings, and there is work being done at Oregon State University on groups in Oregon. There's also a project being done at the University of Denver with regional nations.

- 1.5 Report of the liaison to the Committee on Cataloging: Description & Access (Amanda Ros) [[SAC21-AC/1.5](#)]  
Amanda recapped the report (linked above). Glen Wiley is the new CC:DA chair.  
Regarding CC:DA's Virtual Participation Task Force, Brian said that SAC has also been working on putting together a similar task force on virtual participation, and that it would be good for the two committees to work with each other and other CORE committees on a shared structure and norm around virtual participation.  
Amanda agreed. More on virtual participation is discussed in New Business (page 8-9).
- 1.6 Report of the liaison to the MARC Advisory Committee (Adam Schiff) [[SAC21-AC1.6](#)]  
The MARC Advisory Committee met in June for three consecutive meetings. There wasn't much on the agenda regarding subjects, though the closest might be a proposal to create a means for coding RDA's controlled list of values for type of binding.
- 1.7 Report of the liaison from the PCC Subject Authority Cooperative Program (Paul Frank) [[SAC21-AC/1.7](#)]  
Regarding the SACO Wikidata Funnel, a group of PCC and non-PCC members interested in using Wikidata have met and created use cases for using Wikidata for subject assignment. PCC SACP has also tied in the MARC Best Practices group. Regarding the SACO FAST Funnel, it is ready to launch with a coordinated MARC [??], which PCC SACP has agreed to host. PCC SACP will make a formal announcement about the launch of the funnel soon. Sherman asked if the Wikidata group is looking at separate headings for buildings and corporations. It is for corporate bodies.

- 1.8 Report of the liaison from OCLC (Robert Bremer) [[SAC21-AC/1.8](#)]  
Within a few weeks OCLC expects to begin equivalency mappings between LCSH, MeSH, and Getty. These mappings would also be added to Worldshare Collection Manager. OCLC will make another announcement when this project begins.  
Sherman asked if it would be the whole heading that's being mapped. It would be.  
Sherman asked if, after this sweep, the updating of changed subject headings in bibliographic records would be more prompt and consistent. Bryan Baldus said that heading updates is a separate process, but that OCLC is looking into that process and investigating ways to create greater efficiency.
- 1.9 Report of the liaison from the Music Library Association (Rebecca Belford) [[SAC21-AC/1.9](#)]  
A revision of best practices for music LCGFT should be available by Midwinter. Rebecca also reminded everyone about the music SACO funnel, which is open to anyone with any degree of music or funnel experience. There's also been recent development on a project to derive faceted terms from LCSH.
- 1.10 Report of the liaison from the Art Libraries Society of North America (Sherman Clarke) [[SAC21-AC/1.10](#)]  
Sherman briefly recapped the report.
- 1.11 Report of the liaison from the Getty Vocabulary Program (Jonathan Ward) [[SAC21-AC/1.11](#)]  
Jonathan was not present, but his report is linked above.
- 1.12 Report of the liaison from the Online Audiovisual Catalogers, Inc. (Scott Dutkiewicz) [[SAC21-AC/1.12](#)]  
Scott had to leave early and did not have a report to share.
- 1.13 Report of the liaison from the American Association of Law Libraries (Cate Kellett) [[SAC21-AC/1.13](#)]  
Jolande Goldberg met with AALL to report on progress in editing and adding to the class schedule on areas related to terrorism. A link to this presentation is in the AALL report linked above.  
Jolande welcomes suggestions on further additions and edits.  
All three AALL liaisons have been asked to repeat their terms, and they will all stay on for another three years. There's been recurrent trouble with AALL dropping funding for these positions, and Kellett and others don't want these liaison positions to become only

accessible to those who don't need to be funded by AALL to serve.

Question about website updating to be addressed in new business.

Sherman commented on a similar issue with liaison position funding and term changes at the Art Libraries Society.

Amanda commented a hope that some of this funding issue will be mitigated by norms around virtual participation, as there is a clear issue in liaisons having to be able to afford both Midwinter and Annual.

- 1.14 Report of the liaison from the National Library of Medicine (Barbara Bushman) [[SAC21-AC/1.14](#)]  
Barbara was not present, but her report is linked above.
- 1.15 Report of the liaison from the FAST Policy and Outreach Committee (Heidy Berthoud) [[SAC21-AC/1.15](#)]  
The FAST funnel is underway. Janet Ashton of the British Library is the funnel coordinator. Other supporting members are listed in the report linked above. FPOC is currently in the pilot phase of implementation, and is still developing workflows and investigating what support might be needed. FPOC will make a formal announcement when the funnel is officially launched.  
FPOC conducted a survey on how libraries are using FAST.  
There were updates to the FAST website.
- 1.16 Report of the liaison from Sears List of Subject Headings [[SAC21-AC/1.16](#)]  
Brain reiterated the lack of a liaison from Grey House Publishing, as well as the committee's interest in having one.
- 1.17 Report of the liaison from the Library of Congress Children's and Young Adults' Cataloging Program Liaison (Stacey Devine) [[SAC21-AC/1.17](#)]  
All CYAC headings are updated and should now validate. CYAC is creating more documentation that they are making publicly available for everyone.  
Stacey said that people should begin to see this very soon, but that it will take some time as they're still writing the documentation and want to make sure that the documentation is clear.

- 1.18 Report of the liaison from the Library of Congress Dewey Program (Caroline Saccucci) [[SAC21-AC/1.18](#)]  
Camilla Williams was introduced to SAC as the new liaison from LCDP.  
Mark Behrens retired as of May 22, 2021.  
Violet asked if there were updates on when vacant positions at Dewey would be filled. LCDP put in a request for FY21, and is trying to fill positions or start the process of doing so by the end of the fiscal year.
- 1.19 Report of the liaison from Dewey Decimal Classification and OCLC Dewey Services (Michele Zwierski) [[SAC21-AC/1.19](#)]  
Michelle reminded attendants that OCLC's Dewey team is still looking for an ALA representative to serve on the EPC.
- 1.20 Report of the liaison from the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (Judy Jeng) [[SAC21-AC/1.20](#)]  
The Subject Analysis and Access, Bibliography, and Cataloging sections held an online session in May with a theme on entity management.  
The Section has decided not to have a corresponding member in 2021.
- 1.21 Report of the SAC Subcommittee on Faceted Vocabularies (Casey Mullin) [[SAC21-AC/1.21](#)]  
The Subcommittee met the week prior, and the recording of that meeting is available upon request. The Subcommittee is recruiting two new members for two-year terms.  
In response to the CC:DA liaison's report and its section on the Best Practices for Recording Faceted Chronological Data in Bibliographic Records, Casey Mullin will contact CC:DA directly in response to that.
- 1.22 Report of the chair of SAC (Brian Stearns) [[SAC21-AC/1.22](#)]  
SAC welcomed one new liaison, Scott Dutkiewicz from OLAC.  
RBMS has been invited to have a liaison on the committee, and they're interested and are currently seeking someone to serve in that capacity.  
In April, committee members met with staff from ALA's Public Policy and Administration unit to discuss the "Illegal aliens" subject heading. ALA PP&A was then working with Congressional staff to work out opportunities around having that subject heading revised.

Discretion on SAC's part was advised. Prior to Annual, Brian sent a message to LC encouraging them to make some public indication of the work they're doing on that subject heading, such as a timeline on that change and what specific work has been done. By January, a year after Congress has changed, Brian thinks that SAC should revisit the topic and investigate what can be done.

Prior to Annual, Violet brought two resolutions to SAC concerning the "Illegal aliens" subject heading and the LC's level of transparency on the subject heading revision process. The Committee voted against endorsing both resolutions. As the resolutions were brought to SAC in order to vote on whether the Committee would endorse them, rather than on behalf of SAC, both resolutions went forward to ALA Council.

There is as of yet no incoming chair for SAC. In discussions with possible chairs, Brian has shared the suggestion of there being a chair and vice-chair structure, and that option has been well-received.

Violet asked if Brian's communication to LC received a response. Brian received an acknowledgement of his message, but nothing more than that.

#### 1.23 Open Discussion / Open Announcement period

Motion for a second meeting tomorrow to discuss new business seconded and approved by several members.

One question from Sherman to Judith was if, in regard to LCDGT, there was a relationship between history notes and the data provenance discussions happening in the MARC Advisory Committee. Judith could not discuss LCDGT in detail, as they're in the process of rewriting the manual and have a lot of work ahead of them currently.

#### Announcements

Violet, on behalf of the members of SAC, presented a \$120 gift card to Audrey's Books to Brian in gift of his hard work as chair.

Meeting continuation: July 23rd, 12:00pm - 2:00pm CDT