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Funding for OLAC pre-conference attendance of NACO-AV training provided by KLA-Academic Section Professional Development Grant, 2014
12 librarians from UK, WKU, Morehead, West Virginia University and Marshall University were trained at UK in June 2015

Our trainer: Roman Panchyshyn
Kent State University
In-Person Training

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Participants are encouraged to bring examples from their cataloging work for hands-on practice and contribution.
“Libraries of all sizes and types can make valuable, upfront contributions. ... It is less expensive in the long run if libraries band together ... [to] share an abundance of wealth of expertise and knowledge that would be impossible for each library to obtain on its own.”

– Mark Watson, University of Oregon
NACO: a few facts

Founded in 1977

710 members (Sept. 2014)
209 institutional members
501 funnel members in 37 funnels

Name authority records contributed, FY 2014

LOC 44%
PCC 56%

Total of 336,111 new or edited NARs by NACO participants
UK Libraries’ authority workflow

- Performed in-house by staff across CTS Division
- Purchase the Peter Ward LC Subject Authority List
- Perform retrospective conversion:
  - Reports of unauthorized NARs of all types, cross-references
  - OCLC Authority Record Updates RSS feed
  - Monthly Music Cataloging Bulletin

- Now that we’re NACO trained, we are contributing to the national authority file!
UK NACO workflow

Catalogers add records to save file (OCLC)

Notify NACO contact (Julene)

Julene submits to assigned reviewer

Reviewer emails comments

Cataloger edits & Julene resubmits

Julene adds to national file!
How to participate

Cost of participation = travel expenses of trainer only!

Submit application
Schedule 5-day in-person training
Create NARs, following standards
Work to meet quota / join funnel
Become independent!
What to contribute?

- Locally established headings
- Materials not cataloged by LOC
- State government / small press publications
- Curriculum materials
- Self-published materials
- Materials of local interest
- Oral histories
- Genealogical materials
- Institutional archives
- Rare materials
- Institutional works: theses, dissertations, professors’ publications
Why participate?

- **Reduce cost of cataloging** operations by increasing the number of authority records that can be used with little or no local editing
  - More participants → lower cataloging cost

- Utility of any **catalog dependent** on uniform and unique headings as access points

- Cataloging is labor intensive: **shared efforts** make it less so

- **Implements cataloging skills** for catalogers and paraprofessionals

- Receive initial and ongoing **training** by experienced NACO trainers at minimal cost

- **Interact** with co-participants through numerous meetings and listservs

- **Shape the future of cataloging practice** by developing and reviewing standards
Authority control, in brief

- Gathers all works by the same author under the same access point
- Distinguishes between people / corporate bodies with similar or identical names
- Distinguishes or collocates works with different titles and editions
- Provides *standard terminology* for concepts that can be expressed with several different terms or that could be potentially confusing