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Funding for OLAC pre-conference attendance of NACO–AV training provided by KLA–Academic Section Professional Development Grant, 2014
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
“[NACO participants] benefit from a reduction in the cataloging burden on a local scale through collective efforts on a global scale.”

NACO: a few facts

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
NACO

- Founded in 1977

- Participants contribute new name authority records and update existing records in the name authority file
  - Personal
  - Corporate
  - Jurisdictional
  - Uniform titles
  - Series

- Plan for summer 2015: British Library will load 3–4 million ISNIs into NACO records!
How to participate

Participation is free!*

Submit application

Schedule 5-day in-person training

Create NARs, following standards

Work to meet quota / join funnel

Become independent!
| Day 1 | Foundations of NACO program  
PCC NACO principles and goals  
Review of theory (FRBR and FRAD)  
Review of standards (MARC 21, RDA & LCRIs) |
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Participants are encouraged to bring examples from their cataloging work for hands-on practice and contribution.

**June 1–5, 2015**

UK Libraries will host NACO training for staff from Morehead, Marshall, UK, WVU and WKU.
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
- **Improves 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
What to contribute?

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

NACO AV–funnel training was offered at OLAC 2014 conference. I attended, funded by the 2014 KLA–Academic Professional Development Grant.