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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**

1. **Catalogers add records to save file (OCLC)**
2. **Notify NACO contact (Julene)**
3. **Julene submits to assigned reviewer**
4. **Reviewer emails comments**
5. **Cataloger edits & Julene resubmits**
6. **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!

Apply here!
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
- **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
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