



Description Section
Technical Subcommittee on Encoded Archival Standards

Controlled Vocabularies in Practice: Reparative Description

2023 April 12

Presenters

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John DeSantis, Interim Head of Cataloging and Metadata Services, Dartmouth College



Land Acknowledgement

The headquarters of the Society of American Archivists is in Chicago which is the traditional homelands of many Indigenous nations including the Kiikaapoi (Kickapoo), Peoria, Bodéwadmiakiwen (Potawatomi), Miami, and Oceti Šakówin (Sioux) people.



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NAAS website:

<https://www2.archivists.org/groups/native-american-archives-section>

Twitter: @NativeArchSAA

Facebook: nativearchivessectionsaa

Use the QR Code to learn more about the Indigenous Archival Training Program.

Controlled Vocabularies Webinar Series

1. Overview of controlled vocabularies
2. How to encode controlled vocabulary terms
3. **Controlled vocabularies in practice**

Controlled Vocabularies in Practice

“Will a researcher thank you, curse you, or just be confused?”

- Michele Combs, Syracuse University Special Collections Research Center

Controlled Vocabularies in Practice

Michelle Cronquist, UNC at Chapel Hill

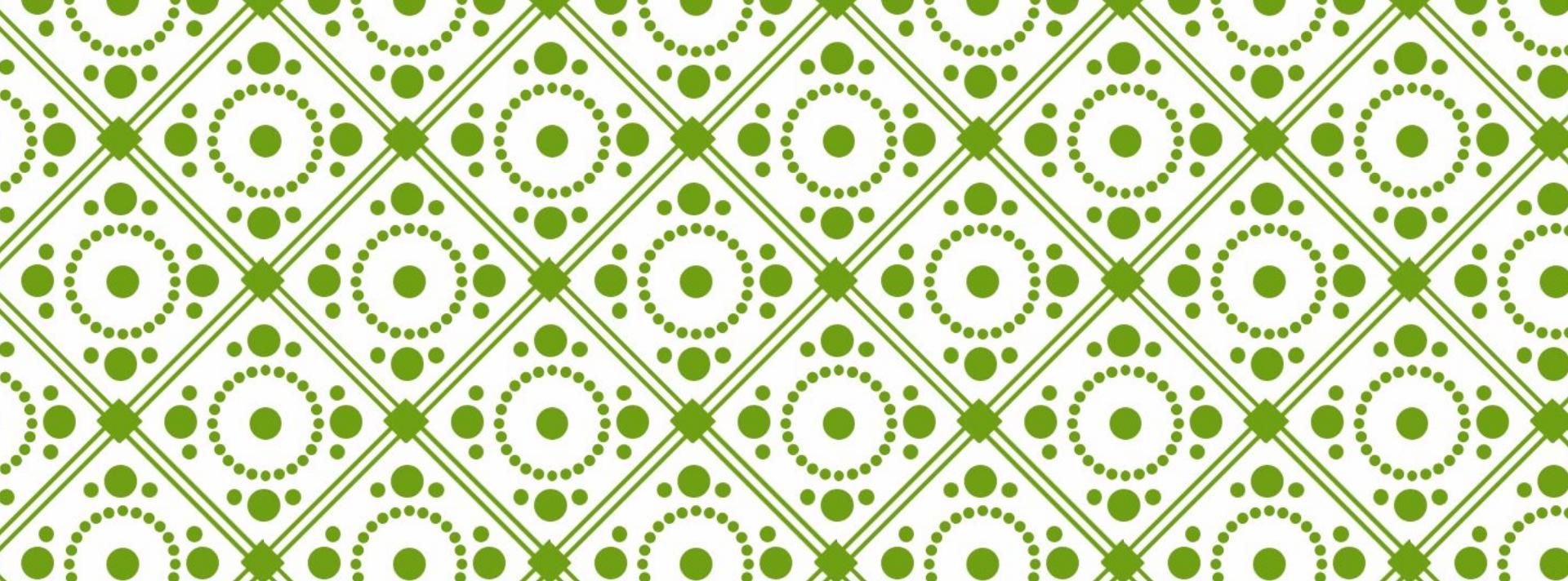
- African American Subject Funnel Project

Rachel Searcy, New York University

- Working with a donor to apply LGBTQ+ terms

John DeSantis, Dartmouth College

- Working with students to change a LCSH



REPARATIVE DESCRIPTION THROUGH LCSH IMPROVEMENT

Michelle Cronquist
SAA Controlled Vocabularies
webinar series
April 12, 2023

MY ORIGIN STORY

Collection Number: 40151

Collection Title: North Carolina Chapter of Delta Upsilon
Fraternity Records, 1926-1928, 1953-1993

▼ Collection Overview

Size 3.0 feet of linear shelf space (approximately 1800 items)

Abstract The collection contains petitions, 1926-1927, from Sigma Delta to Delta Upsilon; records of the North Carolina Chapter of Delta Upsilon; records of the North Carolina Delta Upsilon Foundation; and records of Don Watkins, adviser to the chapter. Chapter records include alumni newsletters; bylaws; budgets; newspaper clippings; correspondence; incorporation certificates; meeting minutes; membership lists and alumni directories; photographs; publications, including a history of the chapter; event fliers and other publicity items; rush booklets; and a reel-to-reel audiotape of the 1967 Founder's Day Banquet. Foundation records include correspondence, financial information, meeting minutes, and a great deal of information on the Delta Upsilon house renovations, including correspondence with the architects, public hearing notices for zoning meetings, fund raising information, newspaper clippings, and architectural plans. Don Watkins's records include correspondence from the university to him about fraternity performance and correspondence between Watkins and fraternity members and alumni. Photographs of students and fraternity members in social settings include images of white students wearing blackface at what is likely a Halloween party in the mid 1980s.

BLACKFACE IN LCSH?

Blackface entertainers (May Subd Geog) 

[PN2071.B58] 

UF Black-face entertainers

Entertainers, Blackface

Minstrels (Blackface entertainers)

BT [Entertainers](#)

RT [Minstrel shows](#)

Blackface minstrelsy

USE [Minstrel music](#)

Blackfaced minstrel shows

USE [Minstrel shows](#)

[ACAT] African American Funnel project



AUTOCAT <AUTOCAT@LISTSERV.SYR.EDU> on behalf of Julia Huskey <jhuskey
To: AUTOCAT@LISTSERV.SYR.EDU

Reply Reply All Forward ...

Wed 1/30/2019 12:16 PM

The African American Funnel project is a SACO group that works with the Library of Congress and various archivist groups, to rectifying where necessary subject headings pertinent to African American experience, culture, and history. Predominantly a group of subject experts, we are seeking librarians or archivist with cataloging experience to join our group. If interested, please contact the funnel coordinator, Gemmicka Piper.

I can be reached via email: [piperg@iu.edu<mailto:piperg@iu.edu>](mailto:piperg@iu.edu)

Gemmicka Piper

Assistant Librarian

Humanities Librarian

Liaison to English and World Languages & Cultures

IUPUI University Library

THE AFRICAN AMERICAN SUBJECT FUNNEL PROJECT

Formed in 2000

After being dormant, reorganized in 2017

Focused on improving the Library of Congress controlled vocabularies (primarily Library of Congress Subject Headings) reflecting the African American experience

Members include catalogers, subject specialists, and others with an interest in this work

Members come from academic, public, and special libraries

SUBJECT AUTHORITY COOPERATIVE (SACO) PROGRAM

Allows member libraries to submit proposals for new or changed subject headings to the Library of Congress

Libraries and librarians can participate as institutional members or as members of funnels

Funnels are organized geographically or around subject areas

SACO work is intimidating—little training available, and not many people are involved

BLACKFACE PROPOSAL

Blackface (May Subd Geog) 

Here are entered works on the caricature of Black people, generally by non-Blacks, through the use of makeup, mannerisms, speech patterns, etc.

[BT Impersonation](#)

[NT Digital blackface](#)

LCSH PROBLEMS

Missing concepts

Out-of-date or harmful terminology

Built from a white-centric and western-centric point of view

AFRICAN AMERICAN SUBJECT FUNNEL PROJECT SUCCESSES

New headings

Blackface

Black wall streets

Great Migration, ca. 1914-ca. 1970

Middle Passage

African American barbershops

AFRICAN AMERICAN SUBJECT FUNNEL PROJECT SUCCESSES

Changed headings

Blacks Black people, Whites White people

Slaves Enslaved persons

AFRICAN AMERICAN SUBJECT FUNNEL PROJECT PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

New headings

Black towns

Racial violence

Race massacres

Change proposals

Racially mixed people Multiracial people

Miscegenation Miscegenation (Racism)

THANK YOU!

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Funnel LibGuide: <https://acrl.libguides.com/c.php?g=761433&p=7312552>

PEOPLE HAVE THE POWER: ANTI-OPPRESSIVE APPROACHES TO CONTROLLED VOCABULARIES

Rachel Searcy
New York University

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CONTROLLED VOCABULARIES



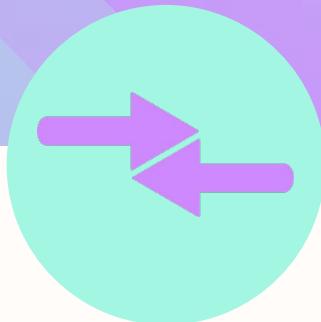
IT'S A WHOLE GREAT BIG FUN THING



Ungerer, Tomi, Artist. *It's a Whole Great Big Fun Thing.* , 1972. [New York: publisher not identified] Photograph. <https://www.loc.gov/item/2015647215/>.

A Subject Heading	Source	Harmful?	Topical Area
Indians of North America.	LCSH	✓	Indigenous Communities
Sexual minorities.	LCSH	✓	Gender and Sexuality
Homeless persons z Maryland z Baltimore.	LCSH	✓	Housing and Poverty
Poor z United States	LCSH	✓	Housing and Poverty
Poor z New York (State) z New York.	LCSH	✓	Housing and Poverty
Homeless persons z New York (State) z New York.	LCSH	✓	Housing and Poverty
Prostitutes -- New York (State) -- New York.	LCSH	✓	Gender and Sexuality Cri
Prostitutes x Civil rights.	LCSH	✓	Gender and Sexuality Cri
Prostitutes x Human rights.	LCSH	✓	Gender and Sexuality Cri
Homeless persons.	LCSH	✓	Housing and Poverty
Sexual minorities z United States.	LCSH	✓	Gender and Sexuality

TYPES OF ISSUES



Clear
Replacement

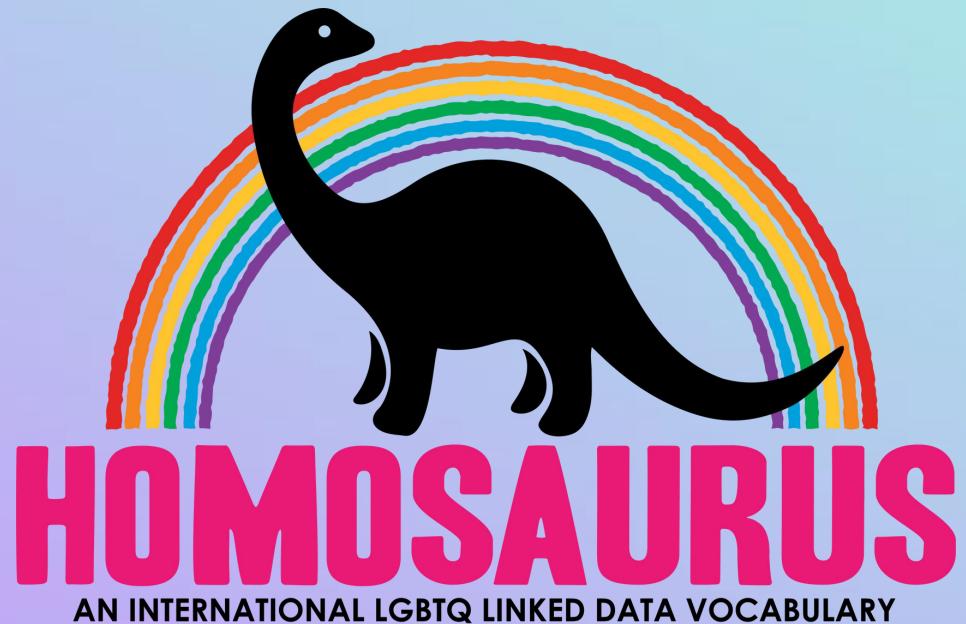


Require Research or
Collaborative Decision



Address Through
Local Practice

ALTERNATE VOCABULARIES



Undocumented Immigrants

Subject



Basic Information



Authority ID

(mesh)D000069756

Source *

Medical Subject Headings



Scope Note

Foreign nationals residing in a country without legal immigration status, or in violation of the immigration laws of that country. This heading is used intentionally as an alternative to LCSH "illegal aliens," as well as "Illegal immigration," the term replacing it.

* Terms and Subdivisions

Add Term/Subdivision



Term *

Undocumented Immigrants



Type *

Topical



CASE STUDY



GAPIMNY RECORDS

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Library of Congress

Pacific Islander American sexual minorities	
LC control no.	sh2005007012
Topical heading	Pacific Islander American sexual minorities <i>Browse this term in LC Authorities or the LC Catalog</i>
Variant(s)	Sexual minorities, Pacific Islander American
See also	Sexual minorities--United States <i>Browse this term in LC Authorities</i>
Found in	Work cat.: Dang, A. Asian Pacific American lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, c2005: p. ii (APA LGBT people) p. 1 ("The lives of APA LGBT people involve a complex web of issues arising from being sexual, racial/ethnic, language, gender, immigrant, and economic minorities.")

Homosaurus

Pacific Islander American LGBTQ+ people
(<https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0001812>)

[Back To Search Results](#)

Identifier

homoit0001812

Preferred Term

Pacific Islander American LGBTQ+ people

English

Alternative Term (Use For)

LGBTQ+ Pacific Islander American people

English

LGBTQ+ Pacific Islander Americans

English

Pacific Islander American people (LGBTQ)

English

Pacific Islander Americans (LGBTQ)

English

Description (Scope Note)

LGBTQ+ people who identify as both Pacific Islanders (or of Pacific Islander ancestry) and American

Subjects

Authority ID	Subject Heading
	 Emigration and immigration law -- United States.
(homoit)homoit0000006	 Web sites.
(homoit)homoit0000297	 LGBTQ+ activism
(homoit)homoit0000356	 LGBTQ+ communities
(homoit)homoit0000614	 LGBTQ+ discrimination
(homoit)homoit0000860	 Health care for LGBTQ+ people
(homoit)homoit0000877	 LGBTQ+ people in ethnic groups
(homoit)homoit0000883	 LGBTQ+ health education
(homoit)homoit0001101	 LGBTQ+ immigration rights
(homoit)homoit0000073	 LGBTQ+ people of colour
(homoit)homoit0001812	 Asian American LGBTQ+ people
	 Pacific Islander American LGBTQ+ people



START WITH YOUR COLLECTIONS

LIMIT NUMBER OF VOCABULARIES

NO VOCABULARY IS PERFECT

ROLE OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

THANKS! QUESTIONS?

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guides.nyu.edu/archival-collections-management



Controlled Vocabularies in Practice

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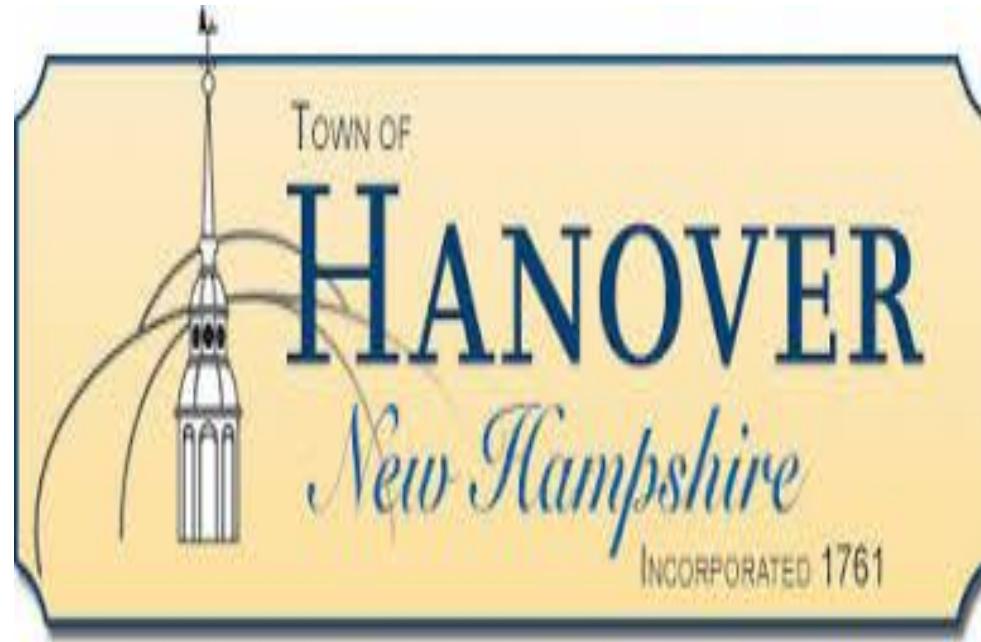
Hanover, New Hampshire

**Hanover,
New
Hampshire**

Grafton County

Founded 1761

Population 9,000





Hanover, New Hampshire

Dartmouth College

- Established 1769
- 9th oldest institution of higher education
- Newest Ivy League school
- Undergraduate 4500
- Graduate programs & professional schools 2200





Dartmouth College

Dartmouth Library

- Baker-Berry Library
- 2 Biomedical libraries
- Business & Engineering library
- Art library
- Special Collections library
- Depository





Dartmouth Library

Library of Congress to Cancel the Subject Heading “Illegal Aliens”

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The encounter



Image courtesy of Melissa Padilla

**The Plan for Dartmouth's Freedom Budget:
Items for Transformative Justice at Dartmouth**

Attention:

Stephen F. Mandel Jr., Chair of the Trustees of Dartmouth College

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Evelyn Ellis, Vice President for Institutional Diversity and Equity

We, the Concerned Asian, Black, Latin@, Native, Undocumented, Queer, and Differently-Abled students at Dartmouth College, seek to eradicate systems of oppression as they affect marginalized communities on this campus. These systems—which include racism, classism, sexism, heterosexism, and ableism—are deployed at Dartmouth and beyond as forms of institutional violence. We demand that Dartmouth challenge these systems by redistributing power and resources in a way that is radically equitable. We believe that dialogue and resistance are both legitimate and necessary ways of disturbing the status quo and forcing parties to deal with the roots of the issues.

Ban the use of “illegal aliens”, “illegal immigrants”, “wetback”, and any racially charged term on Dartmouth-sanctioned programming materials and locations.

- *The library search catalog system shall use undocumented instead of “illegal” in reference to immigrants.*

The alliance

Subject: Your assistance sought in bringing change to the library catalog

The Library would be very happy to work toward the recent request to change information about undocumented immigrants in the Library catalog and we would like to invite students to help us do so. By working with the Library, students have the opportunity to bring change to libraries of all kinds across the United States. This is also a rare opportunity to understand how librarians work to change the way that scholarship is documented.



3/24/14 meeting: CoFIREd students, librarians, deans

Examples:

Handicapped  People with disabilities

Aged  Older people

Homosexuals  Gays



These gays,
they're trying to murder me.

Negroes



Afro-Americans



African Americans
Blacks

Gathering evidence

1. Media Outlets
2. Governmental Use
3. Reference Titles (Encyclopedias, etc.)
4. Subject Heading Systems/Thesauri
5. Worldwide Political Science Abstracts
6. Scholarly Articles

Resources on Migration Terminology

Compiled for CoFired by Claudia Anguiano

The list below is by no means inclusive but it hopefully will provide some argumentative in-roads with the proposal for why “illegal alien” should be banned, as well as the larger implications of the word use (organized by chronology and source type)

Selected News Coverage and Blog Commentary:

1. Illegal immigrant' no more, *Associated Press*. [URL: <http://blog.ap.org/2013/04/02/illegal-immigrant-no-more/>]

2. Jim Shelton, “Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor returns to Yale to give lectures.” *New Haven Register*, February 3, 2014, [URL: <http://www.nhregister.com/general-news/20140203/supreme-court-justice-sonia-sotomayor-returns-to-yale-to-give-lecture>]

3. In Immigration Debate, ‘Undocumented’ Vs. ‘Illegal’ Is More Than Just Semantics : NPR.” NPR.org. Accessed June 20, 2013 [URL: <http://www.npr.org/blogs/itsallpolitics/2013/01/30/170677880/in-immigration-debate-undocumented-vs-illegal-is-more-than-just-semantics>

- ERIC = Undocumented Immigrants
(ERIC is an education-related index created by the US Dept. of Education)

[http://eric.ed.gov/?qt=undocumented+immigrants
&ti=Undocumented+Immigrants](http://eric.ed.gov/?qt=undocumented+immigrants&ti=Undocumented+Immigrants)

- Sociological Abstracts = Undocumented Immigrants
- Worldwide Political Science Abstracts = Undocumented Immigrants
- Hispanic American Periodicals Index (HAPI) = Undocumented Immigrants

Dartmouth SACO Proposal

Proposed Subject Record			LC Subject Heading Proposal System		
ID:	sp 85003553	Entered:	070502	Replaced:	20140923
008/06 Geo Subd:	i-Indirect	008/11 SH System:	a-LCSH	008/29 Ref Eval:	a-Eval
008/07 Roman:	No attempt	008/15 Subj Use:	a-Appropriate	008/31 Rec Upd:	a-Can be used
008/09 Kind Rec:	a-Estab hdg	008/17 Type Subd:	n-Not applic	008/33 Level Estab:	a-Fully
010	\$a sp 85003553				
035	\$a (DLC)sh 85003553				
035	\$a (DLC)5983260				
035	\$a (DLC)sp 85003553				
035	\$a (DLC)302085				
035	\$a (DLC)7168604				
035	\$a (DLC)358299				
040	\$a DLC \$c DLC \$d DLC \$d WaU\$d.Nhd				
150	\$a Undocumented immigrants				
450	\$a Aliens \$x Legal status, laws, etc.				
450	\$w nne \$a Aliens, Illegal				
450	\$w nne \$a Illegal aliens				
450	\$a Illegal aliens \$x Legal status, laws, etc.				
450	\$a Illegal immigrants				

50 xw 9# a Aliens

LC Initial Response

Undocumented immigrants [and five related proposals]

This proposal was made to change the wording of the existing heading Illegal aliens to Undocumented immigrants. Illegal aliens is an inherently legal heading, and as such the preference is to use the legal terminology. The U.S. Code, Title 8, Aliens and Nationality, uses the terminology “illegal aliens.” In addition, the 9th edition of Black’s Law Dictionary includes the headword “illegal alien” with a cross-reference from “undocumented alien.” The Legislative Indexing Vocabulary used by the Congressional Research Service follows suit by authorizing the heading “Illegal aliens,” with a reference from “Undocumented aliens.” The meeting also notes that in some legal systems, a person may be an undocumented alien without being in a jurisdiction illegally; general works on undocumented legal aliens are covered by the heading Aliens. Finally, Immigrants – the proposed broader term for the revised heading – is not an inherently legal heading. Mixing an inherently legal concept with one that is not inherently legal leads to problems with the structure and maintenance of LCSH, and makes assignment of headings difficult.

All of the above argue against revising the heading. A UF Undocumented aliens was added to the record in 1993 to provide additional access, and reflects the fact that the common terminology is fluid.

The proposals were not approved.

Tina Gross
Cataloging Librarian
St. Cloud State University Library



Resolution on Replacing the Library of Congress Subject Heading "Illegal Aliens" with "Undocumented Immigrants"

Whereas the ERIC (Education Resources Information Center) Thesaurus and MeSH (Medical Subject Headings) both use the term *Undocumented immigrants*, and both are produced by federal government agencies;

Whereas the ALA Policy B.3 (Diversity) states that "ALA recognizes the critical need for access to library and information resources, services, and technologies by all people, especially those who may experience... discrimination on the basis of appearance, ethnicity, immigrant status...;" and

Whereas the ALA Policy B.1.1 (Core Values of Librarianship) states that all library users should receive "accurate, unbiased, and courteous responses to all requests;" now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

urges the Library of Congress to change the subject heading *Illegal aliens* to *Undocumented immigrants*.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Tuesday, January 12, 2016, in Boston, Massachusetts



Keith Michael Frels
Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council

January 2016

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LC Final Solution

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS SUBJECT HEADINGS
TENTATIVE MONTHLY LIST 06a (May 20, 2016)

This Tentative List contains proposals to 1. revise the heading **Aliens to Noncitizens**; 2. replace the heading **Illegal aliens** with the two headings, **Noncitizens** and **Unauthorized immigration**; and 3. revise accordingly the other headings that include the word *aliens* or the phrase *illegal aliens*.

The proposals on this Tentative List are *not yet approved*.

The Library of Congress is accepting comments from the library community and the general public through July 20, 2016. Comments will be accepted only through the online survey available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/responses-to-illegal-aliens-proposal>.

- 150 Illegal aliens CANCEL HEADING [sp 85003553]
682 This authority record has been deleted because the heading is covered by the subject headings Noncitizens (DLC)sh 85003545 and Unauthorized immigration (DLC)sh2016000739
- 150 Aliens CHANGE HEADING
150 Noncitizens [May Subd Geog] [sp 85003545]
450 UF Aliens [Former heading]
450 UF Enemy aliens
450 UF Expatriates
450 UF Foreign population
450 UF Foreign residents
450 UF Foreigners
450 UF Illegal aliens [Former heading]
450 UF Illegal immigrants
450 UF Non-citizens
450 UF Noncitizens--Legal status, laws, etc.
450 UF Resident aliens
450 UF Unauthorized immigrants
450 UF Undocumented aliens
450 UF Undocumented immigrants
450 UF Unnaturalized foreign residents
550 BT Persons

Summary of LC Change

- Establishment of new LCSH **Noncitizens**
- Establishment of new LCSH **Unauthorized immigration**
- LCSH **Aliens** becomes a See reference to new LCSH **Noncitizens**
- LCSH **Illegal aliens** **DELETED**
- Repercussions for related LCSH vocabulary structure

H.R. 4926, “Stopping Partisan Policy at the Library of Congress Act”



The screenshot shows the homepage of U.S. Congressman Diane Black's website. At the top, there is a photo of Diane Black with the text "U.S. Congressman" above her name and "Proudly Serving Tennessee's 6th District" below it. To the right is a search bar and a "Mobile" link. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for "Contact Me", "About Me", "Serving You", "Media Center", "Legislative Work", "Our District", and "Resources". The main content area features a headline about H.R. 4926, followed by a paragraph of text and a "SHARE" button. To the right of the main content are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram, and a "Sign Up" form for email updates. Below the sign up form is a "Media Center" section with links for "In The News" and "Press Releases".

U.S. Congressman
Diane Black
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Black Introduces Bill to Address Politically-Motivated Policy Change at Library of Congress

Apr 14, 2016

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Diane Black (R-TN-06), a member of the House Border Security Caucus, announced the introduction of H.R. 4926, the *Stopping Partisan Policy at the Library of Congress Act*. The legislation is in response to a March 22, 2016 decision from the Library of Congress announcing that the terms “alien” and “illegal alien” would no longer be used as subject headings in their materials, deeming the terms “pejorative.” Black released the following statement:

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Subject Analysis Committee (SAC) response:

- Thank you very much, LC!!
- But ... we don't like "Unauthorized immigration"
- Splitting the heading ***Illegal aliens*** into two terms makes searching for the topic confusing and cumbersome
- ***Undocumented immigrants*** is more warranted not only in terms of usage (in other controlled vocabularies, popular usage, and in legal materials)
- Global change is just difficult.

Subject Analysis Committee (SAC) response:

- **Recommendations**

- Replace the subject heading ***Illegal aliens*** with ***Undocumented immigrants*** where appropriate.
- The scope note for ***Undocumented immigrants*** should indicate that the heading refers to foreign-born persons residing in a country without the legal authorization required by that country.
- Replace ***Aliens*** with ***Noncitizens***.
- Do not create the subject heading ***Unauthorized immigration***.

And LC's response ...

The Library has done extensive research on alternate headings based on survey feedback and additional research based on literary warrant. The Library has not yet posted a decision as we are still conferring with interested parties. A final decision will be announced through the normal process.

Next steps

SAC Working Group on Alternatives to LCSH "Illegal aliens"

Local Solutions

Alien criminals → Noncitizen criminals

Alien detention centers → Immigrant detention centers
Aliens → Noncitizens

Aliens in art → Noncitizens in art

Aliens in literature → Noncitizens in literature

Aliens in mass media → Noncitizens in mass media

Aliens in motion pictures → Noncitizens in motion pictures

Illegal alien children → Undocumented immigrant children

Illegal aliens → Undocumented immigrants

Illegal aliens in literature → Undocumented immigrants in literature

Children of illegal aliens → Children of undocumented immigrants

Women illegal aliens → Women undocumented immigrants



Public Policy and Advocacy
Office

Illegal aliens ---

Noncitizens
Illegal immigration

Indians of North America

UF

Native Americans

More on this:

- *Timeline of “Illegal Aliens” Subject Heading Change Petition*
http://repository.stcloudstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1056&context=lrs_f_acpubs
- *Producing Discursive Change: From “Illegal Aliens” to “Unauthorized Immigration” in Library Catalogs*
http://academicworks.cuny.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2599&context=gc_etd_s
- Report of the SAC Working Group on Alternatives to LCSH "Illegal aliens"
https://alair.ala.org/bitstream/handle/11213/14582/SAC20-AC_report_SAC-Working-Group-on-Alternatives-to-LCSH-Illegal-aliens.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y
- “Change the Subject” documentary
- <https://collections.dartmouth.edu/archive/object/change-subject/change-subject-film>

Thank you!

Questions? Comments?

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A screenshot of a 'Chat' window. At the top center is the word 'Chat'. Below it is a text input field with the placeholder 'Type message here...'. To the left of the input field is a 'To:' dropdown menu set to 'Everyone'. To the right is a 'More' dropdown menu.

Use **chat** for questions

Thanks!

The recording will be available on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@SocietyofAmericanArchivists>