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First Session

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Welcome

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- Diversity, equity, inclusion
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- OCLC cataloging update
- OCLC Data Quality update
- Closing

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 - Registrants will receive an email via Webex
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Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion



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Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

The U.S. Board on Geographic Names – An Overview of the Processes for Approving Geographic Names for Federal Use

- **Betsy Kanalley**, USDA Forest Service

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- **Margaret Breidenbaugh**, Cincinnati State Technical and Community College
- **Maya Espersen**, Aurora Public Library Colorado

Rapid Harm Reduction Through Locally-Defined Subjects in WorldCat Discovery

- **Grace McGann**, OCLC



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U.S. Board on Geographic Names

An Overview of the Processes for Approving Geographic Names for Federal Use

Presentation to OCLC Global Library Cooperative
June 9, 2023



Betsy Kanalley
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Geospatial Program Manager
USDA Member to US Board on Geographic Names

Topics

- Overview of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN)
- Review BGN Principles and Policies & for Domestic Geographic Names
- BGN Domestic Names – new names and name changes – Process
- Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)
- Other Federal Initiatives addressing derogatory geographic names
 - U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Secretaries Orders
 - FS involvement and implementation





U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) HISTORY and MISSION

- 1890: Established by Executive Order of President Benjamin Harrison
 - Era of federal mapping and charting
- 1947: Re-established by Public Law 80-242
 - Directs Secretary of the Interior, *conjointly* with the Board on Geographic names shall provide for uniformity in geographic nomenclature and orthography throughout the Federal Government
- Serves as the Federal authority regarding all name discrepancies, inquiries, and new name and name change proposals





U.S. Board on Geographic Names

- Comprised of two standing committees: **Domestic Names** and Foreign Names, and two advisory committees:
 - Antarctic Names
 - Undersea Features
- Additional subcommittees and special committees:
 - Executive Committee
 - Communications
 - **Native American Names and Tribal Communication**
- Membership consists of representatives from 11 departments, 21 agencies

The BGN Then and Now



1922?



2022



DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE AGENCIES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- Forest Service
- Natural Conservation Resources Service

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- Census Bureau
- Office of Coast Survey

GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

- US Coast Guard

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

- U.S Geological Survey
- National Park Service
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Ocean Energy Management





BGN DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE

- Considers proposals for new names, and name, spelling or location changes
 - Proposals received from the general public; organizations; local, State, Federal, Tribal governments, and others
 - Downloadable [PDF](#) proposal-application form
- BGN *staff* prepares a case brief, added to [Quarterly Review List](#)
- BGN *staff* conducts outreach/solicits opinions from local government(s), State Names Authority, State or **Federal land management agencies, Tribal authorities**, other interested parties
- When outreach is complete, the proposal moves to the docket for the next BGN Domestic Names Committee Meeting to be voted on
- Monthly, Virtual Meetings – Open to the public



BGN Domestic Names Decision Process

BGN Principles, Policies, and Procedures *for Domestic Geographic Names* (PPP)

PRINCIPLES

- Use of the Roman Alphabet
- **Names in Local Usage**
- Names Established by Act of Congress or Executive order
- Names Established by Other Authorities
- **One Name for One Geographic Entity**
- Preservation of Names and Features



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POLICIES

Names Considered or Established by Congress or the President

Name Changes

Commemorative Names

Wilderness Area Geographic Names

Derogatory and Offensive Names

Diacritics

Duplicate and Similar Names

Variant Names

Long Names

Tribal Geographic Names

Commercial Name

Animal Names

BGN Domestic Names Committee Meetings

Monthly meetings – Virtual, Open to the Public



Example Docket Item

Change Hogala Lake (FID 1620221) (BGN 1958) to Waagaagamaa Lake, Michigan
(Ottawa National Forest proclaimed boundary)
(Review Lists 446, 448)

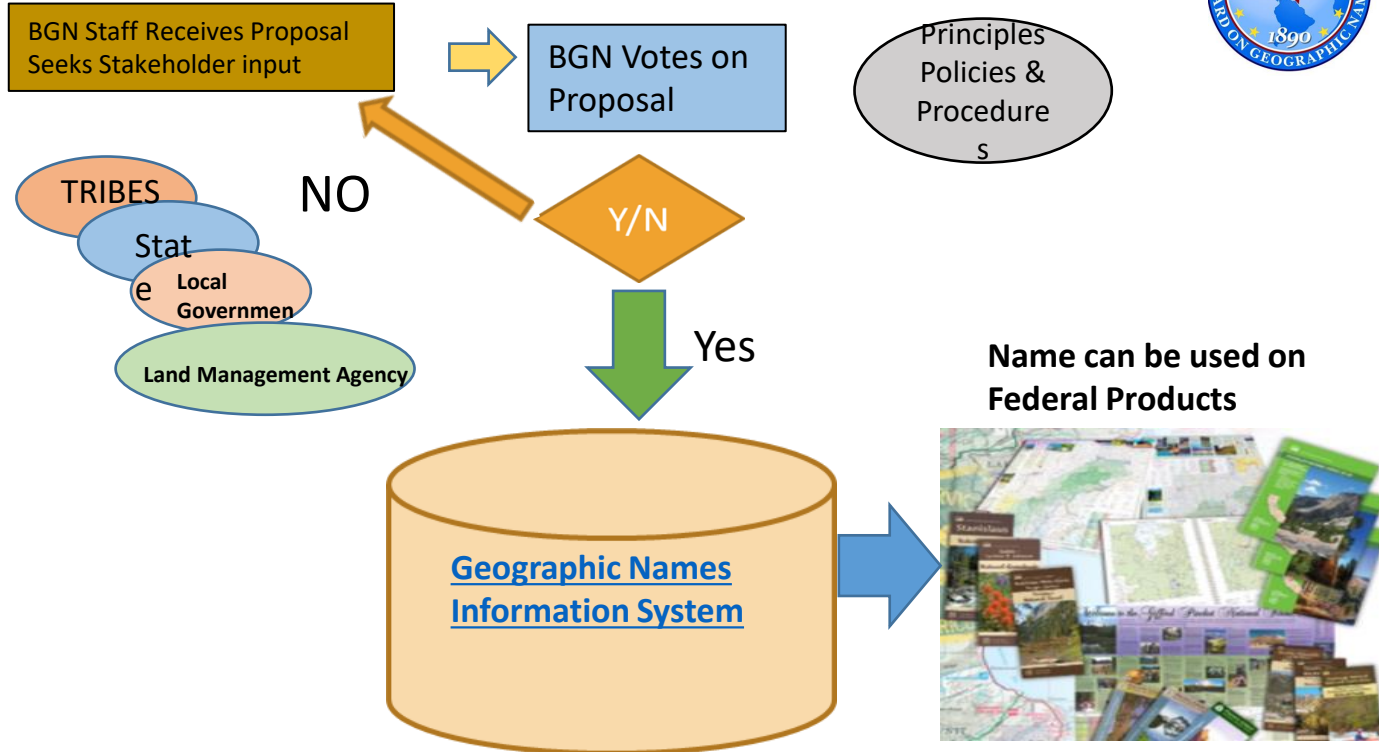
<https://edits.nationalmap.gov/apps/gaz-domestic/public/summary/1620221>

Waagaagamaa Lake:

Local government	Watersmeet Township Trustees	No response
	Gogebic County Commissioners	No objection
State Names Authority	Michigan	No objection
Federal	U.S. Forest Service	Support
Tribes	Lac Vieux Desert Band of Chippewa Indians [proponent]	Support
	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	No response
Other	Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission [submitter]	Support
	Landowner	Support

The Traditional Ecological Knowledge Specialist with the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission submitted this name change on behalf of the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Chippewa Indians. It was initiated in response to a request for comments on a previous proposal, to change

BGN PROCESS





Geographic Names Information System

← → ↻ 🔒 edits.nationalmap.gov/apps/gaz-domestic/public/search/names

Application: Domestic

USGS science for a changing world

Search

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Official Replacement Names for Sq__

NAMES

Name

Name: Mestaa'éhehe

Names search mode: Includes Keywords

Include variants

Feature ID

Designation

Feature Classes

RESET QUERY

Total: 2

Mestaa'éhehe Mountain
182066 • Summit • Clear Creek County - ...
Details Pin

Mestaa'éhehe Pass
204711 • Gap • Clear Creek County - Colorado
Details Pin

Map layers

Mestaa'éhehe Mountain

ARAPAHO NATIONAL FOREST

39.6829163°, -105.4893923°, 16

Leaflet | Powered by Esri | The National Map Base Layer



FROM



TO



Derogatory Place Names Initiative

- Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland signed two Secretary's Orders (SO) on Nov. 19, 2021
 - [SO 3404](#) - Declaring "Sq____" a Derogatory Term and Implementing Procedures to Remove the Term
 - [SO 3405](#) - Addressing Derogatory Geographic Names
 - Nov. 20 -- Chief Moore Call to Action Letter



Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland

“Racist terms have no place in our vernacular or on our federal lands. Our nation’s lands and waters should be places to celebrate the outdoors and our shared cultural heritage, not to perpetuate the legacies of oppression”



Ongoing Work on Derogatory Place Names

- 2021 DOI - Secretary Deb Haaland signed to Secretary's Orders to Address Derogatory Place Names
- [SO 3404](#) - Declaring "Sq____" a Derogatory Term and Implementing Procedures to Remove the Term
 - 2022 –Derogatory Names Task Force – changed over 650 place names containing the term sq____
 - [LIST OF REPLACEMENT NAMES](#)
- [SO 3405](#) - Addressing Derogatory Geographic Names
- DOI-led [Federal Advisory Committee on Reconciliation in Place Names](#) – tasked with identifying other derogatory terms and recommending to the Secretary
 - 75 nominees --[17 selected members](#)
- 3405 – Establishes a Federal Advisory Committee tasked to identify other derogatory/problematic Names
 - Derogatory Geographic Names
 - National Parks, National Forest and Grassland Names, National Recreation Areas, Wilderness Names
- First in-person meeting of the advisory committee -- June 14-15, 2023
 - [Federal Register: Notice of Public Meeting for the Advisory Committee on Reconciliation in Place Names](#)

Forest Service Efforts to Remove the Derogatory Term

- Errata sheets for-sale visitor maps and other products
- Content Advisories at Websites where derogatory names may appear
 - National Archives Catalog <https://catalog.archives.gov/>
- Metadata tags where data cannot be changed (legal, historic, contract)
- Data Stewards are at field units responsible for these updates – in some cases it is a big lift (roads, trails, etc.)
 - Maps should be revised within 3 – 7 years
- Global change to “Sq_____” as a placeholder to give the field more time to make final changes

Current Work and Future Goals

- Continue to increase awareness of the BGN and to seek participation, especially from Tribes
- Continue to record names of Native American origin; work with tribal communities to share knowledge
- Continue to represent U.S. at the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographic Names (UNGEGN)
 - UNGEGN is focused on Indigenous and minority language place names
 - “Creating an Equal Society through Geographical Names” exploring the potential for geographic names to contribute to the inclusiveness of society
- Explore ways to streamline our process and improve transparency



THANK YOU!

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CATALOGING POLICY REMINDERS

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science for a changing world

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NAMES

Name

Name Denali

Names search mode Includes Keywords

Total: 9

Denali 1401116 • Populated Place...
Details Pin

Denali 1414314 • Summit • Denali...
Details Urpin

Denali Borough

68.6567577, -142.3404855, 5

Application: Domestic

S. Department of the Interior | DOI Inspector General | White House | E-gov | Open Government | No Fear Act | FOIA

LC-PCC PS for 16.2.2.2 RDA

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LC practice/PCC practice: For names in the United States, base the preferred name on the form found in the United States Board on Geographic Names (BGN) Geographic Names Information System (GNIS): <http://geonames.usgs.gov/pls/gnispublic>

For names in Australia, base the preferred name on the form found in the Geoscience Australia, place name search: <http://www.ga.gov.au/map/names/>

For names in Canada, base the preferred name on the form found in Natural Resources Canada's Canadian Geographical Names Data Base: <http://www4.nrcan.gc.ca/search-places-names/name.php>

For names in Great Britain, base the preferred name on the form found in a recent edition of The Ordnance Survey gazetteer of Great Britain, if available, or the GEOnet Names Server (GNS): <http://geonames.nga.mil/gns/html>

For names in New Zealand, base the preferred name on the form found in Land Information New Zealand's New Zealand Gazetteer of Official Geographic Names: <http://www.linz.govt.nz/placenames/find-names/nz-gazetteer-official-names>; and Official Names with Macrons: <http://www.linz.govt.nz/placenames/find-names/macrons/> if the name is a Maori name. If a name does not appear in either of the above sources, consult the New Zealand Place Names Database (Archived): <http://www.linz.govt.nz/placenames/find-names/topographic-names-db> (Although this database is no longer being maintained, it is a valid source for names not yet added to the other lists.)

For other names, base the preferred name on the form found in the resource being cataloged together with a consideration of the form found on the GEOnet Names Server (GNS): <http://geonames.nga.mil/gns/html>

[2015-03]

Geographic Names Reflect BGN Decisions

- For U.S. place names, use the approved name in the Geographic Name Information System (GNIS)
 - LC-PCC PS for 16.2.2.2 and SHM 690, sec. 1
- GNIS is cited in a 670 field in the authority record
 - **Example:** GNIS, Oct. 28, 2004 #b (Rawah Wilderness; reserve; variant name: Rawah Wilderness Area; 40°46'10"N 105°59'20"W)
- When a BGN decision changes, what happens to the authority record depends on which file the authority record belongs to

Place Name (Field 151) Changes

- Places are split between name and subject authority files
- Jurisdictional places are in the name authority file
 - **Example:** Columbus (Ohio)
 - Treated very similarly to corporate bodies (MARC field 110)
 - Instructions in RDA and LC-PCC PS
- Natural places are in the subject authority file
 - **Example:** Scioto River (Ohio)
 - Instructions in SHM
- Consult SHM H 405 for ambiguous types of places
 - **Name Authority File Examples:** Clark County Sanitation District (Nev.) and Andrews Air Force Base (Md.)
 - **Subject Authority File Examples:** Disneyland (Calif.) and Fresh Kills Landfill (New York, N.Y.)

Name Authority

- Authority records for each name linked with 5XXs
- Any variant language form found can be added
- To break conflict, smaller place is added as part of preferred name, then apply RDA 11.13 if needed

Subject Authority

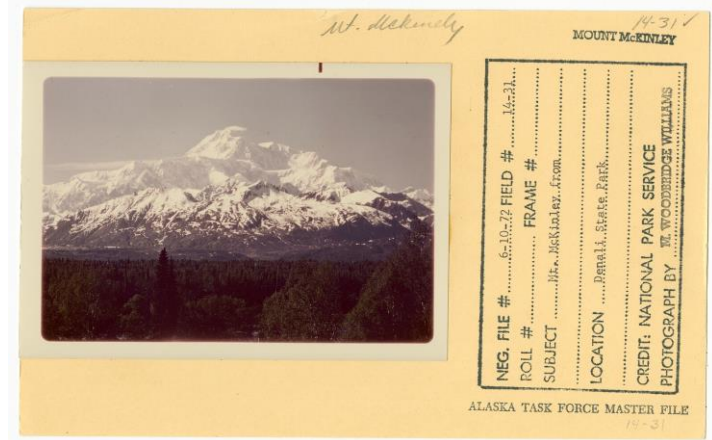
- One authority record with former name recorded as a variant
- Variant language forms restricted to “pertinent language forms”
- To break conflict, use generic term for feature or smaller place

MOUNT DENALI CASE STUDY



One Mountain, Many Names

- Nine Native Alaskan groups have names for the mountain
 - “Denali” by Koyukon
 - “Dghelay Ka’a” by Dena’ina
- Russians called it “Bulshaia Gora”
- In 1897, a gold prospector used the name “Mount McKinley” in a New York newspaper article because he was a fan of William McKinley
- Mountain and surrounding national park both named after President McKinley in 1917
- Park name changed in 1980 to “Denali National Park and Preserve”
- Mountain name changed in 2015 to “Mount Denali”



Mount Denali Authority Record

- 010 sh 85082617
- 151 **Denali, Mount (Alaska)**
- 451 Bulshaia Gora (Alaska) Russian Name
- 451 Deenaalee Mountain (Alaska)
- 451 Dghelay Ka'a (Alaska) Dena'ina Name
- 451 †w nne †a McKinley, Mount (Alaska) Former Heading
- 451 Mount Denali (Alaska) Direct Order
- 551 †w g †a Alaska Range (Alaska)
- 550 †w g †a Mountains †z Alaska Broader Terms for 1) Named Group and 2) Type of Feature

Denali Bibliographic Record Example 1

100	1		Beckey, Fred, #d 1923-2017.
245	1	0	Mount McKinley : #b icy crown of North America / #c Fred Beckey.
650		0	Mountaineering #z Alaska #z Denali, Mount #x History.
651		0	Denali, Mount (Alaska)

Denali National Park and Preserve Authority Record

- 010 sh 85036690
- 151 **Denali National Park and Preserve (Alaska)**
- 451 McKinley National Park (Alaska)
- 451 Mount McKinley National Park (Alaska)
- 550 ‡w g ‡a National parks and reserves ‡z Alaska

Broader Term for Type of Feature

Note: The former name is not coded as “‡w nne” because it was not used as an authorized heading.

Denali National Park and Preserve (Agency : U.S.) Authority Record

010		no2005119225	
046		≠s 1980-12-02 ≠2 edtf	Date of Establishment
110	2	Denali National Park and Preserve (Agency : U.S.)	
410	1	United States. ≠b National Park Service. ≠b Denali National Park and Preserve	
510	2	≠w r ≠i Predecessor: ≠a Mount McKinley National Park (Agency : U.S.)	Relationship to Earlier Corporate Body

Denali Bibliographic Record Example 2

- | | | | |
|-----|---|---|--|
| 110 | 2 | | Denali National Park and Preserve (Agency : U.S.) |
| 245 | 1 | 0 | Annual report / Ꞥc National Park Service, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Denali National Park and Preserve. |
| 588 | 0 | | 2005; title from cover. |
| 610 | 2 | 0 | Denali National Park and Preserve (Agency : U.S.)
Ꞥv Periodicals. |
| 651 | | 0 | Denali National Park and Preserve (Alaska) Ꞥv
Periodicals. |
| 651 | | 0 | National parks and reserves Ꞥz Alaska Ꞥz Denali National Park and Preserve Ꞥv Periodicals. |

Mount McKinley National Park (Agency : U.S.) Authority Record

010		no2005119225	Date of Establishment
046		¶s 1917-02-26 ¶t 1980-12-02 ¶2 edtf	Date of Termination
110	2	Mount McKinley National Park (Agency : U.S.)	
410	1	United States. ¶b National Park Service. ¶b Mount McKinley National Park	
510	2	¶w r ¶i Successor: ¶a Denali National Park and Preserve (Agency : U.S.)	Relationship to Later Corporate Body

Denali Bibliographic Record Example 3

- 110 2 **Mount McKinley National Park (Agency : U.S.)**, ≠e author.
- 245 1 0 Backcountry management plan, Mount McKinley National Park.
- 264 1 [Alaska] : ≠b [Mount McKinley National Park], ≠c [1976]
- 651 0 Outdoor recreation ≠z Alaska ≠z **Denali National Park and Preserve** ≠x Planning.

SYCAMORE RUN CASE STUDY



“Squaw” Names

- Hundreds of geographic names in the U.S. had the derogatory term “squaw” as part of the name
- Many authorized access points for geographic and corporate body names in library catalogs had this term because it was part of a place name
- As the BGN changed the place names, authority records were changed, when appropriate
- In 2022, the BGN finished this huge renaming effort

Sycamore Run (Allegheny County, Pa.)

- 010 sh 94008914
- 151 **Sycamore Run (Allegheny County, Pa.)** Former Heading
- 451 #w nne #a Squaw Run (Allegheny County, Pa.)
- 550 #w g #a Rivers #z Pennsylvania Broader Term for Type of Feature
- 670 GNIS, viewed online September 10, 2022 #b (In response to the Department of the Interior Secretarial Order 3404 this is the list of U.S. Board on Geographic Names approved official Sq_ replacement names ... Squaw Run [changed to] Sycamore Run) Sycamore Run (Stream; Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; 40.4845128999999, -79.8772723)
- 688 Application History Note → Heading changed from Squaw Run (Allegheny County, Pa.) to Sycamore Run (Allegheny County, Pa.) in December 2022.

Impact on Related Authority Records

- sh 94009023 changes from **Squaw Run Watershed (Allegheny County, Pa.)** to **Sycamore Run Watershed (Allegheny County, Pa.)**
 - See SHM H 800 *Rivers, Valleys, Watersheds, Etc.*
- n 80025214 remains **Squaw Run Area Watershed Association**
 - If the corporate body changed its name, that would be a new authority record

Sycamore Run Bibliographic Record Example

- | | | | |
|-----|---|---|---|
| 110 | 2 | | Greenhorne & O'Mara. |
| 245 | 1 | 0 | Squaw Run area / Ꞥc prepared by Greenhorne & O'Mara, inc., using stereo-photogrammetric methods from aerial photography flown April 1977. |
| 500 | | | "Base map copyright 1977 by Squaw Run Area Watershed Association, inc. ..." |
| 651 | | 0 | Sycamore Run Watershed (Allegheny County, Pa.) Ꞥv Maps. |
| 710 | 2 | | Squaw Run Area Watershed Association. |

Works Cited and Image Credits

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- U.S Department of the Interior. [Interior Department Completes Removal of Squaw Run from Federal Use](#)
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- TRIBLIVE “Squaw Run stream renamed as Sycamore Run” (<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/squaw-run-is-now-sycamore-run/>)

Cataloging Instructions

- Library of Congress. Subject Headings Manual (SHM) instruction sheets:
 - [H 690, Formulating Geographic Headings](#)
 - [H 800, Rivers, Valleys, Watersheds, etc.](#)
 - [H 405 Establishing Certain Entities in the Name or Subject Authority File](#)
 - [H 1925 Parks, Reserves, National Monuments, etc.](#)
- RDA instructions:
 - [11.13 Constructing Access Points to Represent Corporate Bodies](#)
 - [16.2.2 Preferred Name for Place](#)
 - [16.2.2.13 Places with the Same Name](#)
- [LC-PCC PS for 16.2.2.2](#)

Thanks for listening!

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what is
known must
be shared.®**



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QUEERING THE CATALOG^o

SACO Gender and Sexuality
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Cincinnati State

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Aurora (Colorado) Public Library





QUEER VOICES

creating and revising LC authority records used in cataloging resources **about, for, and by** people in queer communities

QUEER RELATIONSHIPS

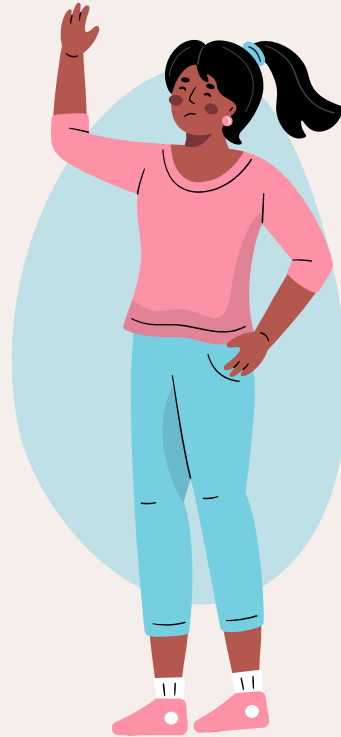
challenging cisgender and
heterosexual perspectives
as the standard



REPRESENTATION MATTERS

Sexuality is
diverse and can
be fluid¹

Gender identity
is not an
either/or



Lived
experiences are
diverse

Relationships
are
complicated
and varied

¹<https://www.health.harvard.edu/blog/sexual-fluidity-and-the-diversity-of-sexual-orientation-202203312717>

LGBT* COMMUNITY IN THE UNITED STATES

8%

OF THE U.S. POPULATION

**20
MILLION**

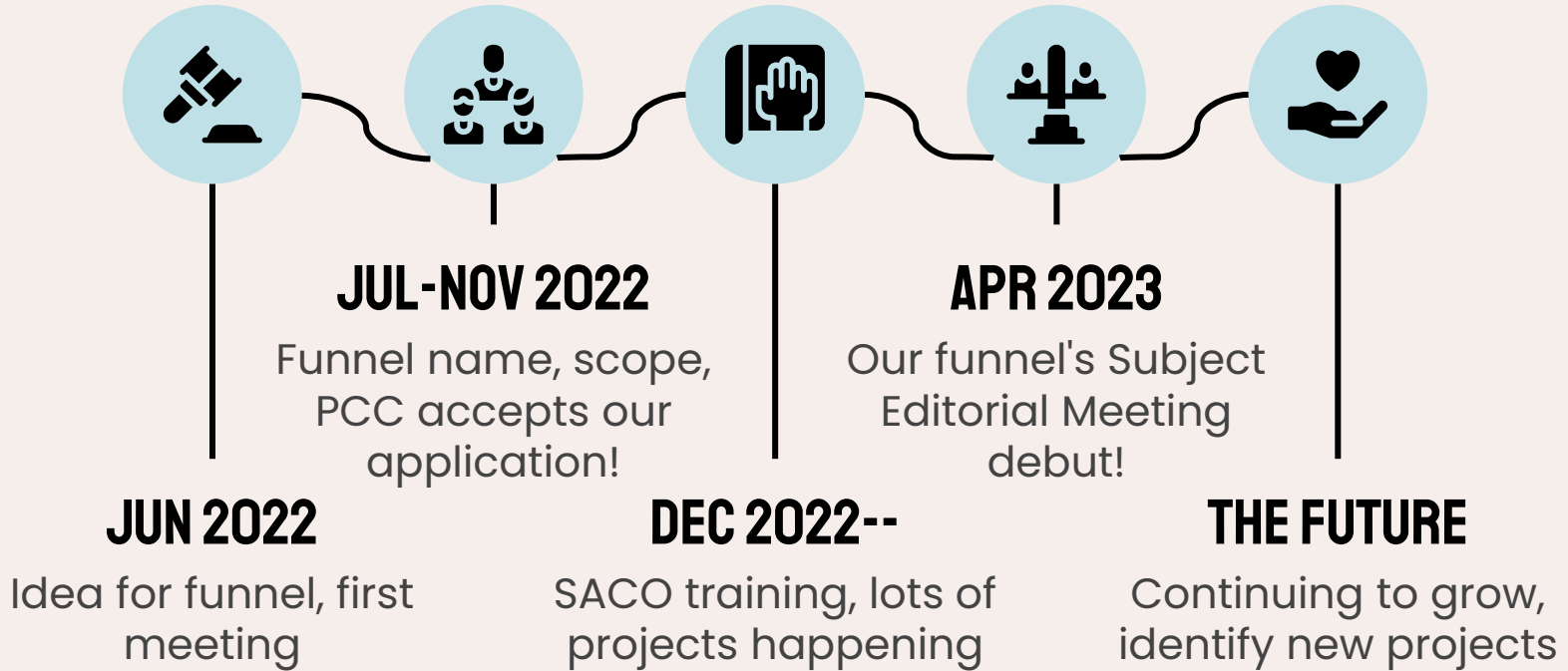
People identified as LGBT in the 2021 U.S. Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey²

2%

Identify with a sexual orientation other than lesbian, gay, bisexual, or straight

²<https://www.hrc.org/press-releases/we-are-here-lgbtq-adult-population-in-united-states-reaches-at-least-20-million-according-to-human-rights-campaign-foundation-report>

OUR TIMELINE



WHO WE ARE



65+

mailing list subscribers

~30

active members

6+

active project groups

3

co-chairs

WHERE WE ARE



CANADA (8 people)

Nova Scotia (3) Ontario (3)
Alberta (1) British Columbia (1)

UNITED STATES (57 people)

Illinois (10) North Carolina (8)
New York (4) Ohio (4)
California (3) Colorado (3)
Washington (3) Florida (2)
Massachusetts (2) Nevada (2)
New Jersey (2) Pennsylvania (2)
Virginia (2) District of Columbia (1)
Iowa (1) Kansas (1)
Kentucky (1) Mississippi (1)
Missouri (1) Nebraska (1)
Oklahoma (1) Oregon (1)
South Dakota (1) Tennessee (1)

WHERE WE ARE

40

Members in academic libraries

17

Public libraries

3

Government libraries

1

Library consortium

1

Museum

3

Other sectors

CURRENT PROJECTS

Subject Heading Changes

- Gender identity disorder -> Gender dysphoria*
- Sexual reorientation programs -> Conversion therapy*
- Gays -> Gay people
- Sexual minorities -> ????
- Sanitary napkins -> Pads (Menstruation)
- Pregnant women -> Pregnant persons

Subject Heading Additions

- Pansexuality
- Puberty blockers
- Menstrual products
- Tampons
- Period underwear
- Menstrual cups
- Menstrual products industry

GETTING INVOLVED

- ❑ you don't have to be a cataloger!
- ❑ no minimum time commitment
- ❑ help only with projects that interest you



THANKS!

Get involved or suggest a project:
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Rapid Harm Reduction Through Locally Preferred Subjects in WorldCat Discovery



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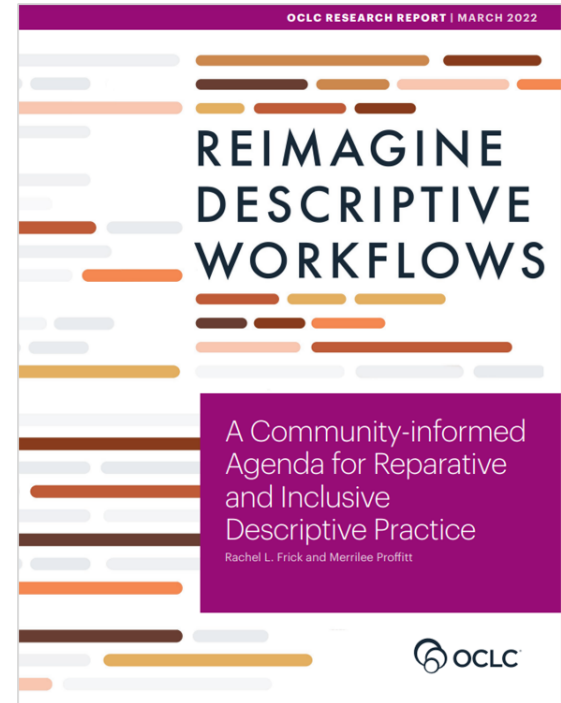
What we will cover

- How "Reimagine Descriptive Workflows" fueled this feature
- Locally preferred subjects in WorldCat Discovery
- Directions for future work

Origins of locally preferred subjects

Reimagine Descriptive Workflows

- Convening of library community broader than specific products
- Takeaways from working sessions:
 - Reduce harm rapidly while more effective solutions develop within the library community and library ecosystem
 - Multiplicity – global problems require culturally contextual solutions, not one-size-fits-all solutions



"Appropriate descriptive language is a complex space that centers on human identity and relationships."

Libraries as Development Partners

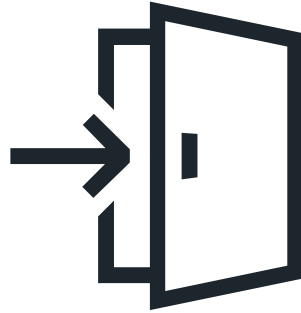
- Libraries are key development partners for this feature and the future improvements currently in development
- Discussions with libraries began in November 2021 and continued into March 2022
- The first release of this feature was in August 2022, with an additional release in October 2022

Locally preferred subjects in WorldCat Discovery

Locally preferred subjects



**Potentially
harmful
metadata**



**Locally
preferred
subjects**



**Your
users**

Local subject re-mapping template

	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Symbol	6xx Field	6xx 2nd indicator	6xx \$2 Value	Category	Subject Heading	Alternative Heading
2	OCL	650	0	n/a	Aliens/Illegal Aliens	Alien criminals	Noncitizen criminals
3	OCL	650	0	n/a	Aliens/Illegal Aliens	Alien detention centers	Immigrant detention centers
4	OCL	650	0	n/a	Aliens/Illegal Aliens	Alien property	Property of noncitizens
5	OCL	650	0	n/a	Aliens/Illegal Aliens	Aliens	Noncitizens
6	OCL	650	0	n/a	Aliens/Illegal Aliens	Aliens in art	Noncitizens in art
7	OCL	650	0	n/a	Aliens/Illegal Aliens	Aliens in literature	Noncitizens in literature
8	OCL	650	0	n/a	Aliens/Illegal Aliens	Aliens in mass media	Noncitizens in mass media
9	OCL	650	0	n/a	Aliens/Illegal Aliens	Aliens in motion pictures	Noncitizens in motion pictures
10	OCL	650	0	n/a	Aliens/Illegal Aliens	Children of illegal aliens	Children of undocumented immigrants
11	OCL	650	0	n/a	Aliens/Illegal Aliens	Children of illegal aliens--Education	Children of undocumented immigrants--Education
12	OCL	650	0	n/a	Aliens/Illegal Aliens	Children of illegal aliens--Education--Law and legisla	Children of undocumented immigrants--Education--Law and legislation
13	OCL	650	0	n/a	Aliens/Illegal Aliens	Illegal alien children	Undocumented immigrant children
14	OCL	650	0	n/a	Aliens/Illegal Aliens	Illegal aliens	Undocumented immigrants
15	OCL	650	0	n/a	Aliens/Illegal Aliens	Illegal aliens in literature	Undocumented immigrants in literature
16	OCL	650	0	n/a	Aliens/Illegal Aliens	Illegal aliens--Fiction	Undocumented immigrants--Fiction
17	OCL	650	0	n/a	Aliens/Illegal Aliens	Illegal aliens--Government policy--United States	Undocumented immigrants--Government policy--United States
18	OCL	650	0	n/a	Aliens/Illegal Aliens	Illegal aliens--United States	Undocumented immigrants--United States
19	OCL	650	0	n/a	Aliens/Illegal Aliens	Women illegal aliens	Women undocumented immigrants

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- Share their work and collaborate
- Benefit from the contributions of others
- Access/share region-specific re-mappings

Users see the terms you define

The screenshot shows a library search interface. At the top, a search bar contains the text "su: homeless persons" and is highlighted with a yellow box. Below the search bar, the results show "40,015 results in Libraries Worldwide". The first result is a book titled "Housing homeless persons: administrative law and the administrative process" by Ian Loveland, published in 1995. The book cover is visible on the left. The subjects for this book are listed in a yellow box: "People experiencing homelessness Legal status, laws, etc." and "People experiencing homelessness Legal status, laws, etc. Great Britain".

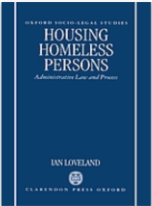
Subject search for “su:
homeless persons”

My library has chosen to
replace “homeless persons”
with “people experiencing
homelessness”

Item details display replaced subject

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Housing **homeless persons** : administrative law and the administrative process

Authors: [Ian Loveland](#)

eBook 1995
Oxford : Clarendon Press ; New York : Oxford University Press, 1995.

Summary: The size of Britain's **homeless** population has risen considerably since the introduction of the Housing (**Homeless Persons**) Act 1977. This study presents detailed empirical information on the manner in which three local authorities implemented the homelessness legislation.

More Author/Title Info: Ian Loveland.

Series: [Oxford socio-legal studies](#)
[Oxford socio-legal studies](#).

Physical Description: 1 online resource (ix, 379 pages) : illustrations

System Details: Master and use copy. Digital master created according to Benchmark for Faithful Digital Reproductions of Monographs and Serials, Version 1. Digital Library Federation, December 2002.

Contents: 1. The 'Right' to Council Housing? -- 2. Homelessness in Britain: Historical Perspectives -- 3. The Housing (**Homeless Persons**) Act 1977 -- 4. Eastern, Midland, and Western Councils -- 5. Doing the Job -- 6. Priority Need and Homelessness -- 7. Intentional Homelessness -- 8. Local Connection -- 9. Rehousing **Homeless Persons** -- 10. Legal Control of Administrative Discretion? -- 11. 'Welfare Rights, Law, and Discretion' Revisited.

Subjects: *Faceted Application of Subject Terminology*
[People experiencing homelessness Legal status, laws, etc](#)
Public housing Law and legislation Great Britain
[Great Britain](#)
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Public housing Law and legislation Great Britain
[People experiencing homelessness Legal status, laws, etc, Great Britain](#)
Source not specified
Housing Law

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Harmful language warning

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More Author/Title Info: Ian Loveland.

Series: [Oxford socio-legal studies](#)
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Subjects

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Direction for future work

- Libraries will be able to:
 - Define search expansions that support locally preferred subjects
 - Specify the authority source for local subject replacements

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