Name Authority Records – A Primer for Scholars and Researchers

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Overview of Briefing

- Name Authority programs in the context of scholarly identifier programs
- Name Authority Records (NARs) and identities
- Research supporting the creation of NARs
- Opportunities (present and future) for the role of linked data with NARs

Rival Programs

NACO Name Authority Cooperative Program
VIAF Virtual International Authority File
ISNI International Standard Name Identifier
ORCID Open Researcher and Contributor ID
ResearchGate
Other repositories

NACO

What is NACO?

A program of the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC)

Through this program, participants contribute authority records for personal, corporate, and jurisdictional names, uniform titles, and series to the LC/NACO Authority File. ...NACO participants also make changes to existing records within certain parameters.

VIAF

VIAF® (Virtual International Authority File) combines multiple name authority files into a single OCLC-hosted name authority service. The goal of the service is to lower the cost and increase the utility of library authority files by matching and linking widely-used authority files and making that information available on the Web

Global Distribution of VIAF Members



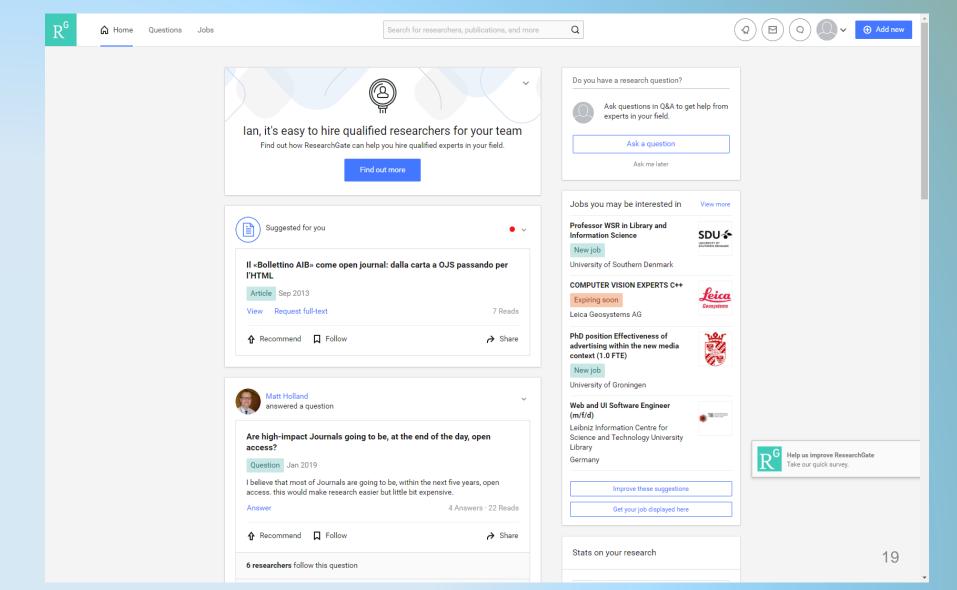
ISNI (International Standard Name Identifier)

The mission of the ISNI International Authority (ISNI-IA) is to assign to the public name(s) of a researcher, inventor ... etc. a persistent unique identifying number in order to resolve the problem of name ambiguity in search and discovery; and diffuse each assigned ISNI across all repertoires in the global supply chain so that every published work can be unambiguously attributed to its creator wherever that work is described.

ORCID

ORCID provides a persistent digital **identifier** that distinguishes you from every other researcher and, through integration in key research workflows such as manuscript and grant submission, **supports automated linkages** between you and your professional activities ensuring that your work is recognized.

ResearchGate



Personal Name Authority Records

- Names belong to <u>persons</u>
- NARs do not document <u>persons</u>
- NARs document <u>identities</u>
- NARs document <u>access points</u>
- Access points are based on <u>names</u>
- Access points are used as <u>headings</u>
- NARs have identifiers (LCCN)

Multiple Identities, Multiple Persons

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010 n 90628101
10010 Schneider, Peter
670 [Author of NSU 1873-1984] ...
670 [Author of The evolution of NATO] ....
670 [Co-author of BNCweb] ...
675 Wer ist wer, 1985-1989/90; ‡a Kürsch. Gel.
Kal., 1987; ‡a Kürsch. Lit. Kal., 1988; ‡a WW
Ger., 1980; ‡a WW in Switz., 1998/99
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Disambiguation: Request to Publisher

As you likely know, library catalogs provide a means of access whereby someone looking for materials entered under a person's name, in this case his, will retrieve pertinent records. When two or more people share a name, we attempt to formulate headings to differentiate each one, so that catalog users are properly informed and don't get unwanted records.

Request to Publisher

In his case, it is necessary to disambiguate him from numerous other people of the same name in the OCLC WorldCat database http://worldcat.org. For this purpose, I need to contact him directly.

Are you able to put me in communication with him? I realize that you don't likely give out people's information, but if you have his email address, please forward my message and hopefully he will respond directly to me.

Advice about NACO for Publisher

The work I do is part of an international project coordinated by the Library of Congress, the Name Authority Cooperative Program (http://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/naco/about.html), and will be copied by other librarians who find the record I prepare. Hence my concern to do the best possible job.

Single-Identity Record, as found

010 n 88239286
040 DLC ‡c DLC ‡d DLC ‡e rda
1001 Schneider, Peter, ‡d 1957670 His Alltag und Exotic, c1988: ‡b t.p. (Peter Schneider) p. 2 (b. 1957; studied German lit. and psychol.; works as journalist and psychol.)

Fields Added to Record

670 Email from Schneider, Feb. 5, 2019 ‡b (complete forename is Heinz-Peter, never used with publications; born on 9/20/1957; email ps@peterschneider.info)

670 Peter Schneider web site, viewed Feb. 6, 2019 ‡b under Kurzbiographie (psychoanalyst; lives in Zurich...) ...

Fields Added to Record

... under Publikationen (Alltag und Exotik; Die Psychoanalyse ist kritisch, aber nicht ernst; Freud, der Wunsch, der Mord, die Wissenschaft und die Psychoanalyse; ... Nichts Genaues weiss man nicht)

‡u

http://peterschneider.info/publikationen/publikationen.htm

Parsed-out Titles in Separate Fields

- 672 0 Alltag und Exotik
- 672 4 Die Psychoanalyse ist kritisch, aber nicht ernst
- 672 0 Freud, der Wunsch, der Mord, die Wissenschaft und die Psychoanalyse

Author NOT Responsible!

670 Email from Schulz, Nov. 12, 2018 ‡b (full name Wolfram Harald Schulz; born 11 July 1960; author of: Parteiensystem und Wahlverhalten in Venezuela (PhD thesis); not responsible for: Sueños de amor y de mar; Nachbarrecht in Wort und Bild; Arbeitslehre in der Gesamtschule; email Wolfram.Schulz@acer.org)

Titles Parsed Out

- 672 0 Parteiensystem und Wahlverhalten in Venezuela ‡f 1997
- 673 0 Handbuch Bau- und Bodenrecht ‡f 1986
- 673 0 Sueños de amor y de mar
- 673 0 Nachbarrecht in Wort und Bild
- 673 0 Arbeitslehre in der Gesamtschule

Single Person, Multiple Identities

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010 no2015139414
1001 Gancher, Sarah
5001 \upsilon \text{nnnc \upsilon a Ganchy, Sally
5001 ‡w nnnc ‡a Gisnash, Sahara
663 For works of this author written under other
   names, search also under: \pm b Ganchy, Sally;
   ‡b Gisnash, Sahara
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Documentation of Author's Response

670 Email from Gancher, February 2, 2015 ‡b (author of Salt N Pepa under pseudonym Sahara Gisnash; author of Great moments in NASCAR racing under pseudonym Sally Ganchy; has written under various pseudonyms for Rosen Publishing ...)

Question to Scholar

Are you also the author of any of these titles (or associated with them as editor, performer, etc.):

Code name Mr Right

Stage Managing Chaos: a Diary of the Old Vic Every day is Saturday: a Christian guide to a fantastic retirement

I don't believe so, but shouldn't assume. They are all by people entered in the WorldCat database http://worldcat.org under the same name as yours, or a variant thereof.

Scholar's Reply with ORCID ID

My outputs are linked to my ORCID identifier 0000-0003-0048-0924

You can also see my outputs by searching at http://nrl.northumbria.ac.uk/

None of the outputs below are mine.

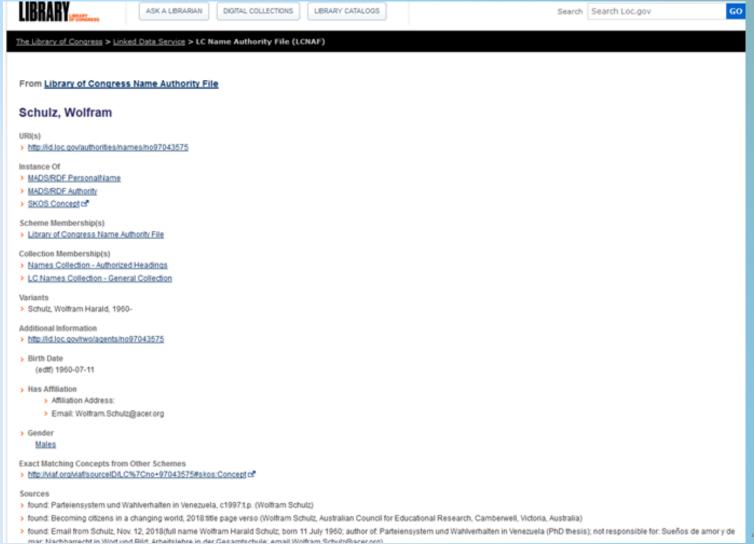
Linked Data Appended to Name Heading in Bib Record

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100 1_ Schulz, Wolfram, |e author.
|0
http://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/no97043575
|1
http://viaf.org/viaf/181798073
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\$0 - Authority record control number or standard number

Subfield \$0 contains the system control number of the related authority or classification record, or a standard identifier such as an International Standard Name Identifier (ISNI). These identifiers may be in the form of text or a Uniform Resource Identifier (URI).

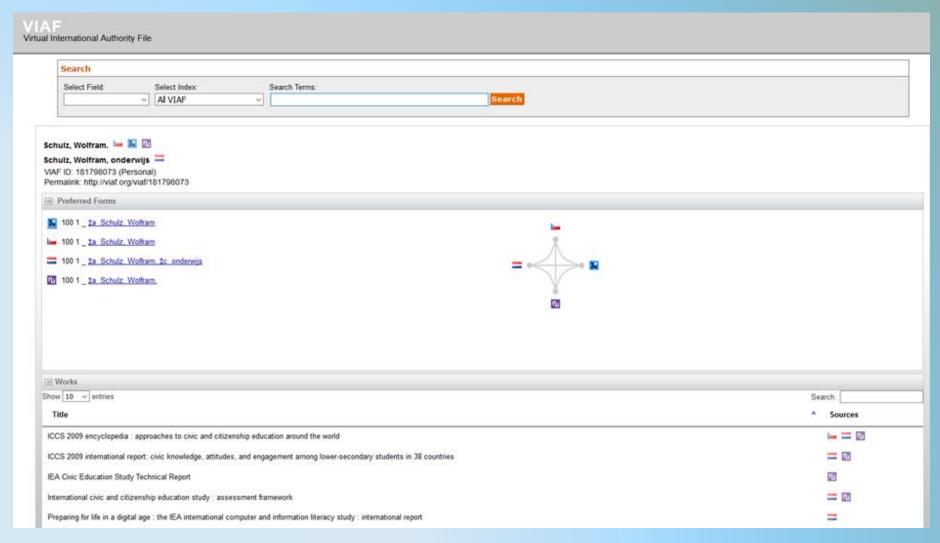
Display of Linked NAR



\$1 - Real World Object URI

Subfield \$1 contains a URI that identifies an entity, sometimes referred to as a Thing, a Real World Object or RWO, whether actual or conceptual. When dereferenced, the URI points to a description of that entity. A URI that identifies a name or label for an entity is contained in \$0.

Display of Linked VIAF Data



Name Authority Records

- NARs usually operate "in the background"
- NARs can contain information of use to scholars
- The creation of a NAR, in particular recording of data, is an act of scholarship
- Anyone can access NARs in the NACO program via the Library of Congress web site

http://authorities.loc.gov

Access to Authority Records via LC Web Site

The Library of Congress



LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AUTHORITIES

Using Library of Congress Authorities, you can browse and view authority headings for Subject, Name, Title and Name/Title combinations; and download authority records in MARC format for use in a local library system. This service is offered free of charge.

>> Search Authorities<<

Help on Searching Authorities - Frequently Asked Questions

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or switch to the

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to search for and display catalog records for the over 18 million books and other items in the collections of the Library of Congress.

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