

Experimenting with Controlled Vocabulary: Using the Cataloging Lab to Shape LCSH

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About Violet



Why?

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Who?

What would you do if someone in your library came to you and said, “Hey, why isn’t [such-and-such] an LC subject heading yet? Can you make that happen?”



SACO: Subject Authority Cooperative program (is a part of PCC)

PCC: Program for Cooperative Cataloging

PSD: Policy and Standards Division of the Library of Congress



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Asexuality (Sexual orientation)

LC control no. sh2016000238

Topical heading Asexuality (Sexual orientation)

Browse this term in [LC Authorities](#) or the [LC Online Catalog](#)

See also Sexual orientation

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Found in Work cat: 2014948221: Decker, Julie Sondra. The Invisible orientation : an introduction to asexuality, 2014: jacket (Julie Sondra Decker outlines what asexuality is, counters misconceptions, provides resources, and puts asexual people's experiences in context as they move through a very sexualized world.) page 3 (Asexuality is a sexual orientation currently estimated to describe 1 percent of the population. Asexuality is usually defined as the experience of not being sexually attracted to others.)
Asexualities feminist and queer perspectives, 2014: summary (Asexuality is predominantly understood as an orientation describing people who do not experience sexual attraction)
Asexuality Visibility & Education Network WWW site, Jan. 31, 2016.
Storms, Michael D. "Theories of Sexual Orientation." *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* 38, no. 5, 1980: page 785 (two-dimensional map of erotic orientation produces four sexual-orientation categories: asexual, heterosexual, homosexual, and bisexual)
Van Houdenhove, et al. "Asexuality: A multidimensional approach". *Journal of Sex Research*, 2015: page 669 (Asexuality is usually defined as a lack of sexual attraction (Bogaert, 2004), which is in line with the definition proposed by the asexual community stating that 'an asexual person is a person who does not experience sexual attraction')

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Why?

1. LC can't do it alone
2. All of us are responsible for the vocabulary we use
3. The more people involved, the more diversity of thought is introduced to headings
4. Because it's fun!
5. [secret ulterior motive]

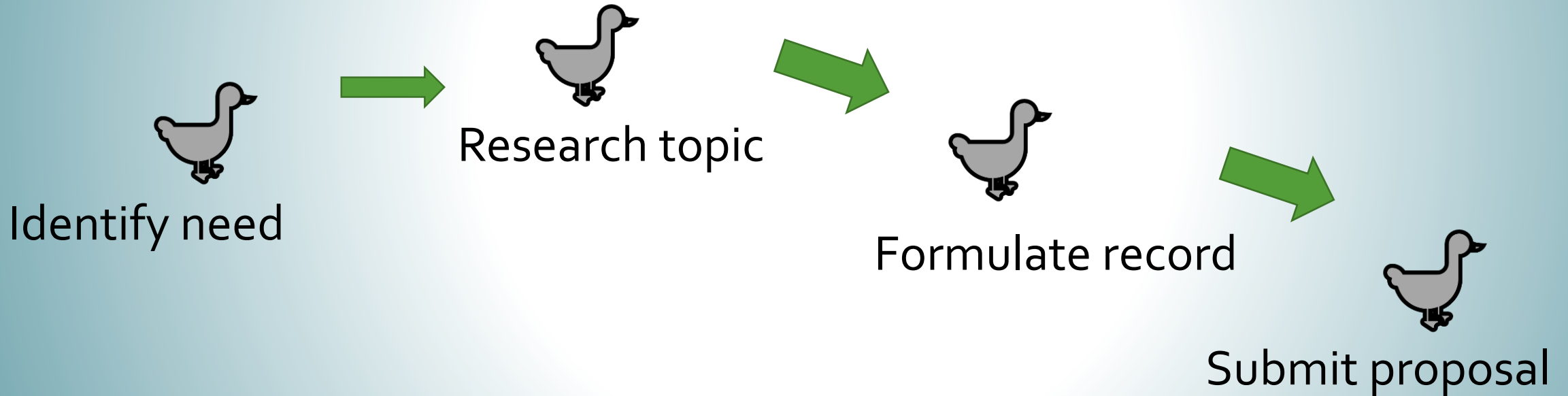
How?

The submission process

The review process



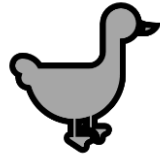
The submission process



The review process



Receive proposal



Make decision



Published approved list

6-10
weeks

How?

What do you need to know to research and formulate an LCSH proposal?

- SACO Participants' Manual (300 pages)
- SHM = Subject Heading Manual
- MARC (for authority records)
- subject expertise



DON'T PANIC

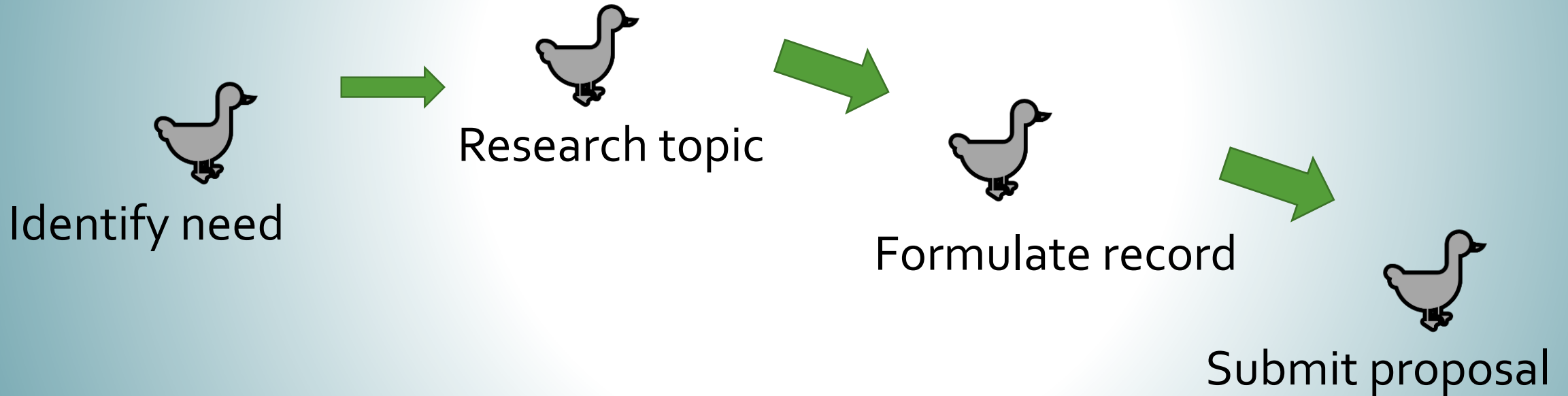
What?



The
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Lab

cataloginglab.org

The submission process



Cultural appropriation

You are here: [KB Home](#) ▶ [subjects](#) ▶ [Cultural appropriation](#)

University of Washington iSchool students Chris Lu and Katharine Roche-Sudar have been collaborating on a proposal to add a new LCSH for Cultural appropriation. Below is the result of their hard work!

Submitted as below March 7 2018

150 __ \$a Cultural appropriation






550 __ \$a Cultural property

670 __ \$a Borrowed power : essays on cultural appropriation, 1997.

670 __ \$a The ethics of cultural appropriation, 2012: \$b back cover (Because cultural appropriation is “usually seen as being inextricably bound with the oppression of minority cultures, the topic itself is often controversial and inspires passionate debates.”)

670 __ \$a World Heritage Encyclopedia, c2016, viewed online March 2 2018 : \$b definition of Cultural appropriation (“Cultural appropriation is a sociological concept which views the adoption or use of elements of

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Almost all of the information you need to propose a heading is available on the LC site!

Process for Adding and Revising LCSH:

<https://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/subject/lcsh-process.html>

LCSH home: <https://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/subject/>

Find the pdf form to propose or revise a heading!

Check out the summary of decisions!

See the lists of the most recently approved headings!

Find the most relevant Subject Heading Manuals!

SACO home: <https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/saco/index.html>

Thrill to all 300 pages of the SACO Participants' Manual!

Be inspired by all the SACO funnel groups & consider joining one!

Your action plan:

- ✓ Explore resources on the LC website
- ✓ Be on the lookout for your users' unmet needs
- ✓ Create an account on the Cataloging Lab and start researching
- ✓ Comment on someone else's heading
- ✓ Delve into the Cataloging Lab's suggested headings at cataloginglab.org/suggested-headings

Secret ulterior motive:

AUTONOMY!



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