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NACO Authority File

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Quick points

1) NACO – Name Authority Cooperative Program – coordinates work of program partners and sets and maintains standards

2) NACO Partners - hundreds of libraries, including but not limited to:
   - British Library
   - US National Library of Medicine
   - National Library of New Zealand
   - Biblioteca Nacional de México
   - US National Agriculture Library
   - University of Michigan
   - University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign and Chicago)
   - Harvard University Library
   - Yale University
   - Oxford University
Quick points (cont'd)

3) NACO Copy Holding Participants

- British Library, OCLC, SkyRiver, NLM
- Maintain full, local copy of NAF
- Changes to MARC format or cataloging coordinated w/LC
- OCLC and SkyRiver provide platform for contributions
  - Quality review
  - Support for new NACO participants
Quick points (cont'd)

4) 7.3M Identities (approximately)
   - 5.7M Personal Names
   - 1.6M Corporate Names (includes Conference Names)

5) Cross-references, See Also references (where appropriate)
   - Bachman, Richard ↔ King, Stephen
   - Clemens, Samuel ↔ Twain, Mark ↔ Conte, Louis de
   - Blair, Eric Arthur ↔ Orwell, George
   - Bell, Ellis ↔ Brontë, Emily
Data Access

- **LC Linked Data Service** ([http://id.loc.gov/](http://id.loc.gov/))
  - RDF (MADS/RDF, SKOS/RDF) – available as bulk downloads
  - XML (MADS/XML, MARC/XML)

- **LC Authorities** ([http://authorities.loc.gov/](http://authorities.loc.gov/))
  - Text
  - MARC

- **Cataloging Distribution Service**
  - MDS (MARC Distribution Service)
  - Weekly and daily bulk downloads as MARC, MARC/XML
LC/NACO - Scope

That which is required by NACO partners to accurately and faithfully manage authority control of the identities associated with their (mainly) bibliographic materials.
LC/NACO – Plans

- **Data**
  - **Changes for RDA**
    - Recode MARC records from AACR2
    - New fields (3XX) for identity disambiguation
    - Write out abbreviations in full
    - Many, many more
  - **Format/Exchange**
    - Topic is in-scope vis-à-vis Bibliographic Framework Transition Initiative

- **NACO**
  - RDA Cataloging, beginning March 2013

- **ID.LOC.GOV**
  - Continue to experiment with names data
    - Exploring explicit identification of pseudonyms
    - Continued integration of ID.LOC.GOV with internal services

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Questions?

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