NAME STANDARDIZATION

Defining Procedures and Practices
for Oklahoma State University's
Digital Resources and Discovery Services Team

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WHY STANDARDIZE AUTHOR NAMES?

- Name uses change throughout time
 - Professional development
 - ► Early career vs. established career
 - ► Associations with different roles/environments
 - Life
 - ▶ Marriage & divorce
 - Continuation of family, sharing of names (Sr., Jr., III, IV)
 - ► Individual choice (full name vs. nickname)
 - Ever-growing field
 - Other professionals have similar names
 - ► Name change necessary to better distinguish one's work
- Need to keep track of an author's publications despite name changes

Link all work to one verifiable name.

HOW DO WE STANDARDIZE NAMES?

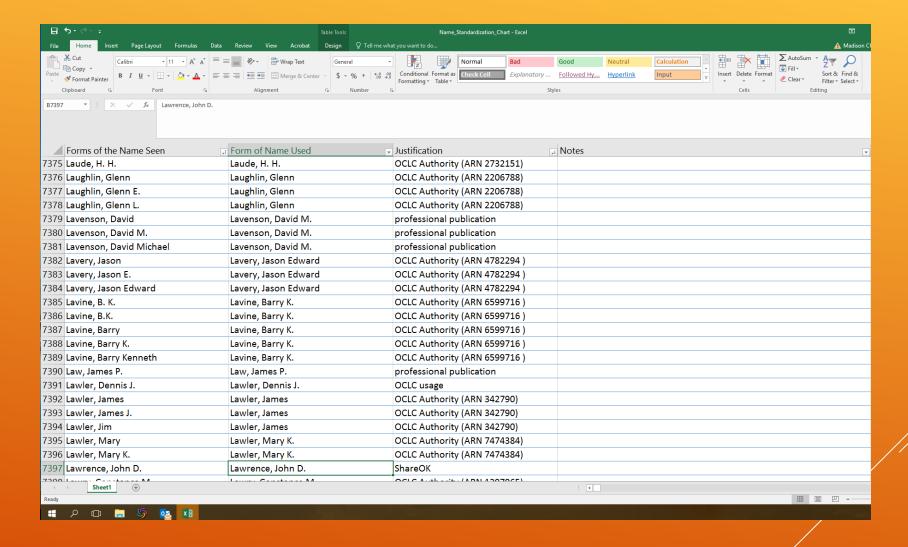
- ▶ Authority Control Files
 - **▶ LCNAF**
- Unique Numerical IDs
 - ▶ ORCID
 - ▶ VIAF
 - **► ISNI**
- Professional reputation
 - ▶ What name is used most regularly to define a person's work?
 - ▶ By what name will the research community know & recognize a person?
- Local practice
 - What name does the author prefer?
 - ▶ By what name does the local institution know & recognize them?

What will enable broad user access and discoverability? What resources does your team have?

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Revising and condensing our priorities and practices

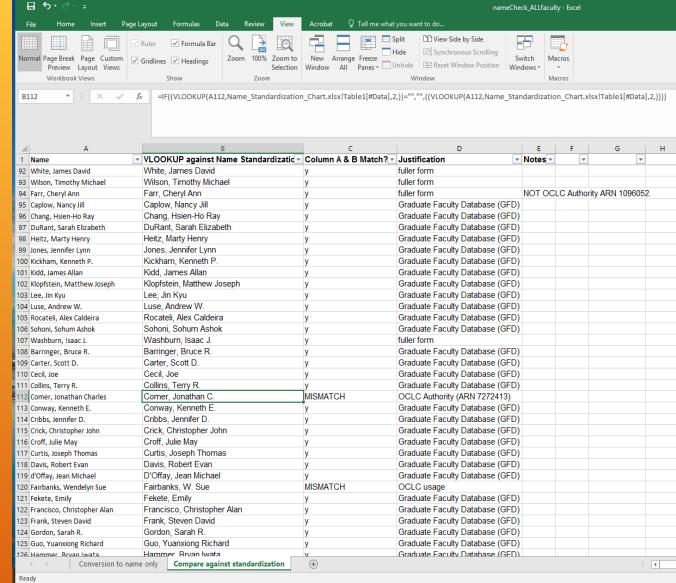
YOUR ROLE



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PROCESS

- You'll have a list of names from your created metadata
- You'll run this list through "Name Check Tool"
 - Paste your names in the "Name" column (Column A)
 - Column C, look for: "MISMATCH," "NA," and [BLANK]
 - If "MISMATCH"
 - Adjust name in metadata to authorized format (Column B)
 - Name is already justified. No further action.
 - If "NA" or [BLANK]
 - Compare to Name Standardization Chart, searching by last name
 - If other name variants present, note the authorized format and the justification. No further action.
 - If name does not come up at all on chart, proceed to steps to determine and justify an authority name format.



Always compare to the chart before proceeding!

RESOURCES

1) OCLC Connexion



- Our FIRST preference
 - Authority control
- Start here
- Exhaust all possibilities

2) Google



- Our BACKUP
 - Our research support to OCLC,
 - THEN, our other options
 - CV and/or faculty profiles
 - Professional publications

It's all about the research.

OUR FOCUS

- OCLC Connexion: Is there a verifiable authority file on OCLC Connexion?
 - > YES: Great! You're done!
 - ▶ NO or UNCERTAIN: Work with/proceed to Google
- ▶ On Google:
 - Follow these priorities
 - 1. Author's OSU faculty profile (CV)
 - 2. Publications (what can you track down?)
 - 3. Consistent usage of name across search results
 - If you can confirm the OCLC record, great!
 - ▶ If not, fine. You've found another good option
- ► <u>LASTLY</u>, consult the resource you're describing
 - What name is evidenced?

Prioritize our preferences for justification, but be flexible in how you research & verify the options!

CONSIDERATIONS & PRIORITIES

Current faculty

- OCLC authority record
- 2. Faculty profile page / CV
- 3. Google search
 - i. CV (if not on profile page)
 - ii. Publication evidence
 - iii. Consistent reference

Dated faculty

- OCLC authority record
- 2. Google search
 - i. CV (if available)
 - ii. Publication evidence
 - iii. Consistent reference
- 3. What is evidenced on the piece examined?

Is there an authority record? What is the author's expressed preference? What name is recognized and used?

#1 OCLC CONNEXION

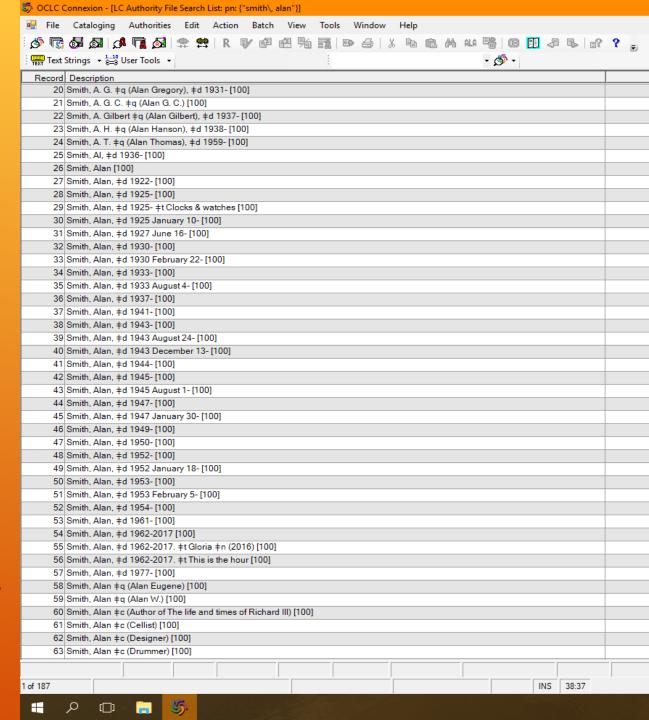
> To search for a name:

- Authorities
- ➤ Search → LC Names and Subjects
- Set to "Personal Names (pn:)"
- ► Shortcut: Shift + F2

List every possible imagined variant!

- Edralin, <u>Lucas Alan</u>
- Edralin, Lucas A.
- Edralin, L. A.
- Edralin, L.
- Edralin, L. Alan
- ► Edralin, <u>Luke</u>

More possibilities = greater chance of results



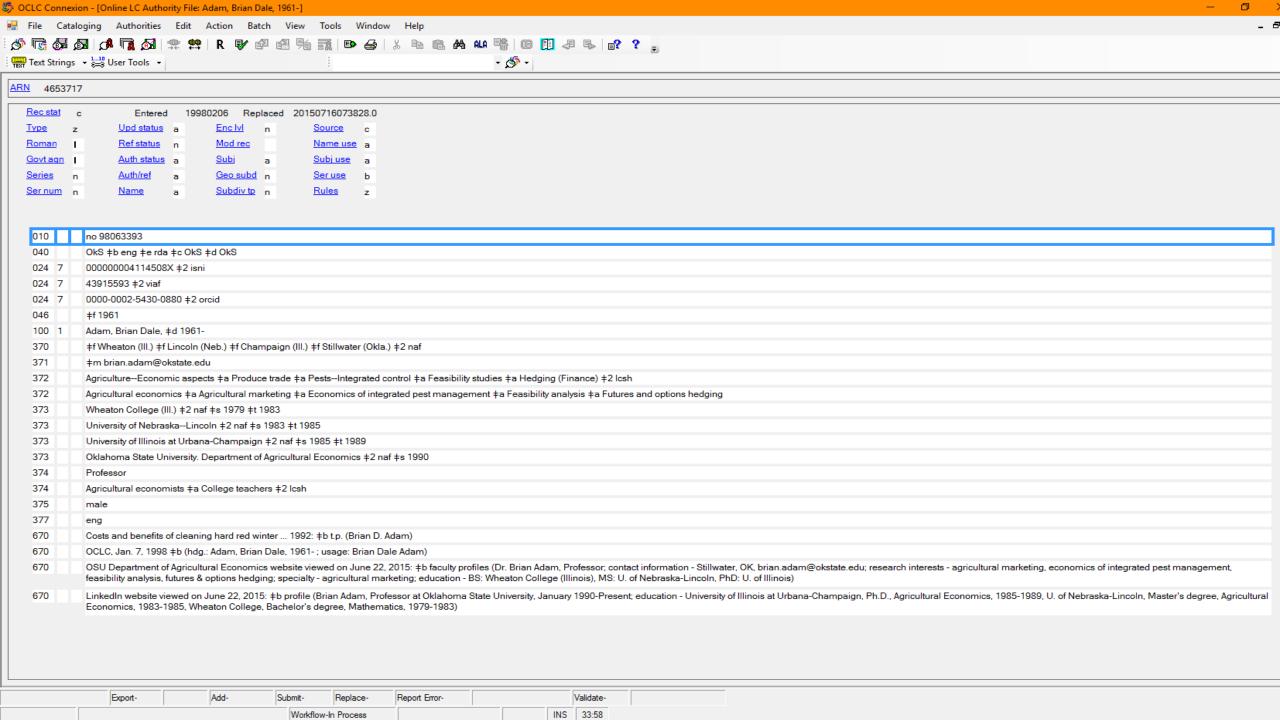
HOW TO READ AN OCLC RECORD

- Relevant MARC fields:
 - 040: institutional code (creator of authority record)
 - ▶ 100: authorized author name [THIS IS WHAT WE WANT!]
 - > **370**: location of work (city, state)
 - > 371: email / contact info
 - > 372: field of study/work
 - > 373: place/institution of work
 - > 374: position held/position title
 - > **400**: popular name variants
 - ▶ 670: publications; degrees obtained; summary statement of author & professional work

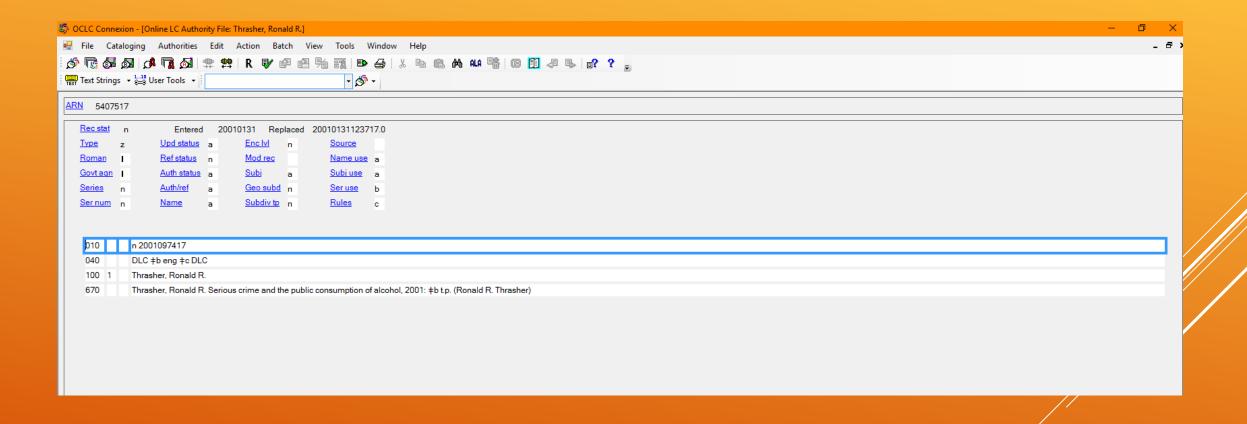
Each field offers certain clues...

COMMON FIELD VALUES (FOR OSU FACULTY)

- What to look for!
 - ▶ 040: **OkS**
 - ▶ 100: Is the name a <u>close or identical match?</u> [Again, this is the info we want!]
 - > 370: Stillwater (Okla.)
 - > 371: @okstate.edu
 - > 372: Is this what our faculty member specializes in?
 - > 373: Oklahoma State University; Okla. State Univ.; Ok. State Univ.; OSU
 - > 374: **Professor** or **College teacher**; other titles reflecting <u>field of study</u>
 - 400: <u>Does your variant fit into this category?</u>
 - 670: Compare against a CV or Google search. Any matches? May also find mention of Okla. State Univ. here.



SOMETIMES, ALL YOU GET IS...



What additional research can you do?

Proceed to Google: "[Author name] Oklahoma State University"

#2 OKSTATE FACULTY PROFILE PAGE / CV

PREFERRED:

- Bio page <u>contains</u> a resume to download
 - 1. Open resume.
 - Compare resume header with listed publications
 - 3. If the same, defer to resume header
 - 4. If different, select or make fullest version of the name

Ex.) "Alexis Smith" in the header;
"Smith, A. N." in the publications list;

Justified format: "Smith, Alexis N."

Most professional form and likely use of the name across publications.

Next best thing:

- ▶ Bio page <u>IS</u> a resume
 - Compare page header with listed publications
 - 2. If the same, defer to page header
 - 3. If different, Google select titles.
 - If a bio page name is supported, defer to bio page as justification.
 - ii. If different, defer to professional publication as justification

Not guaranteed to be as formal, BUT it expresses a name format acceptable to the author.

Use to verify possible OCLC records.

If no OCLC verified, use the CV/profile name as the justification.

#3 BROADER GOOGLE SEARCH

1. If no CV available on faculty profile page, search for one on Google! See if one appears!

2. General search:

- "[Author name] Oklahoma State University"
- Look for any articles, any professional references
 - ► What name is used most consistently?
 - ▶ If no consistency, what's the fullest, most distinguishing form of the name available?

3. Targeted search:

- Look up specific article names (if known)
- What name is used most consistently?

Cast a wide net.

#4) WHAT EVIDENCE YOU HAVE

- Not all faculty have extensive online profiles
 - Older faculty
 - Early history of OSU
- If no widespread evidence online, defer to what is expressed on the piece you have
- > BE HONEST!!!
 - > If you can't identify the name, don't add it!
 - > DO NOT try to MAKE NAMES UP!

JUSTIFICATION TERMS

- OCLC Authority (ARN [copy and paste ARN# here])
 - Copy and paste number from the OCLC record
 - ▶ DO NOT manually type!

2. Faculty Profile CV

- CV as downloaded/found on faculty profile
- ➤ CV if found on Google

3. Professional publication

- Journal articles/book chapters pulled from a Google search
- Verified consistent name usage from any/all resources

4. Local evidence

- As found on the piece we are describing/maintaining
- Exclusive to instances of older, dated faculty

Be thorough. Take the time to research. We want the highest preference available.

GRAB VARIANTS AS YOU GO!

When adding new names:

- Add whatever additional variants you may find while searching!
- REMEMBER: Include the final authorized name format as a variant!
 Otherwise, Name Check Tool will not recognize it!
- Hard work now = saved time later
 - Prevents you from re-justifying names you've already researched!
 - Reduces risk of accidentally giving the same person 2 different authorized name formats with different justifications!

Tackle it all upfront!

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I JUSTIFY SOME NAMES?

- You'll have your list with 4 columns:
 - 1. Name variants
 - 2. Authorized name format
 - 3. Justification
 - 4. Notes
 - ► Identify other records with similar names BUT different persons
 - ► Identify distinguishing features between OSU faculty with similar names (e.g. the departments of these faculty members)
 - Questions you may have
 - ► Flag names you're really uncertain about and recommend a double check
- Send this list to Madison (<u>madison.chartier@okstate.edu</u>)
- Madison will check and add these to the Name Standardization Chart

Research, propose, & send ahead for review!

SUMMARY

▶ Justification priorities:

- Name authority control
- 2. Express author preference
- 3. Professional publication evidence
- 4. Local record evidence

> Justification terms:

- OCLC Authority (ARN [#])
- 2. Faculty Profile CV
- 3. Professional publication
- 4. Local evidence

> Resources:

- OCLC Connexion
- 2. OK State faculty profile pages / CVs
- 3. Google
- 4. Local record evidence

Research & review process:

- Research/recommend name authorities
- 2. Submit list to Madison
- 3. Madison will add to Name Standardization Chart
- 4. Ask questions at any time throughout the process

Our goal: Streamlined efficiency with continued accuracy!

THANK YOU!

Questions?

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