

DARE to say NO

Addressing outdated and offensive classification

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Overview

- ★ Problems to be addressed
- ★ Remediation - resources, logistics, “DARE”
- ★ Projects underway at UCO and OCU

The Problem

Background

[Every Occurrence of N4 in the Library of Congress Classification Scheme – I Never Metadata I Didn't Like \(wordpress.com\)](#)

- Offensive Terms
 - N4, .N5, .O6 found throughout LCC
- Othering
 - 'Elements in the population A-Z' or 'Special topics A-Z' etc. – used in LCC to indicate people not considered part of the 'usual' population

Remediation

Resources

[Library of Congress Monthly List – June 18, 2021 \(classweb.org\)](#)

- Classification Web
 - Parentheses
 - “See...” reference

The screenshot displays two classification entries from the Library of Congress Classification Web. The top entry is for the call number (BR563.N4), which is linked to the subject heading "Negroes. African Americans" and includes a "see" reference to BR563.B53. The bottom entry is for the call number BR563.B53, which is linked to the subject heading "Black people. African Americans" and includes a "Cf." reference to BT82.7 Black theology. A red arrow points from the "see BR563.B53" text in the top entry to the call number BR563.B53 in the bottom entry.

(BR563.N4)	Negroes. African Americans	<input type="checkbox"/>
	see BR563.B53	
BR563.B53	Black people. African Americans	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Cf. BT82.7 Black theology	<input type="checkbox"/>

DARE

Decide, Access & Repair, or Eliminate

- ❑ Decide (to undertake the project)
- ❑ Access (change the metadata)
- ❑ Repair (the label, record, shelving location, etc)
- ❑ Eliminate (weed)

Logistics

- Changing metadata
 - Bib record and holdings record
- Relabeling
- Shifting and reshelving
- Weeding



Beginning to DARE

UCO Chambers Library

- List of held .N and .O items from catalog (Alma)
- Consulted Class Web for LOC updated call numbers
- Pulled and reclassified:
 - Archives items
 - Reference items
 - Newer main collection items

Location Name	Permanent Call Number	New Permanent Call Number	Updated?	Subject Area	Title	Publication Date	Barcode
Main	BF432.N5 E9 1971	BF432.B53 E9 1971	withdraw	Psych	The IQ argument: race, intelligence, and	1971	M000165218
Main	BF432.N5 L93	BF432.B53 L93 1975	yes	Psych	To wash an Aethiop white: British ideas	1975	M000165220
Main	BR563.N4 A27 2010	BR563.B53 A27 2010	yes	Hum/Phil	Moving the rock : poverty and faith in a Black	2010	M000989821
Main	BR563.N4 B56	BR563.B53 B56 1978	yes	Hum/Phil	Black apostles : Afro-American clergy	1978	M000169993
Main	BR563.N4 B88	BR563.B53 B88 1978	yes	Hum/Phil	Garveyism as a religious movement : the	1978	M000169994
Main	BR563.N4 C57	BR563.B53 C57 1979	yes	Hum/Phil	Wrestlin' Jacob : a portrait of religion in the	1979	M000169995
Main	BR563.N4 C66 1986	BR563.B53 C66 1986	yes	Hum/Phil	Soul theology : the heart of American Black	1986	M000169996
Main	BR563.N4 F3 1974	BR563.B53 F3 1974	yes	Hum/Phil	Black gods of the metropolis; Negro	1974	M000169997
Main	BR563.N4 F58 2016	BR563.B53 F58 2016	yes	Hum/Phil	The ground has shifted : the future of the	2016	M001026727
Main	BR563.N4 F7	BR563.B53 F7 1964	withdraw	Hum/Phil	The Negro church in America.	1964	M000169998
Main	BR563.N4 L6	BR563.B53 L6 1948	withdraw	Hum/Phil	The Protestant church and the Negro, a	1948	M000169999
Main	BR563.N4 M57 1975	BR563.B53 M57 1975	yes	Hum/Phil	Black belief : folk beliefs of Blacks in	1975	M000170000
Main	BR563.N4 M66	BR563.B53 M66 1993	yes	Hum/Phil	Under their own vine and fig tree : the	1993	M000575886
Main	BR563.N4 P49 2002	BR563.B53 P49 2002	yes	Hum/Phil	The Black church in the post-civil rights era /	2002	M000956367

UCO Chambers Library

- Majority of main collection items pulled and brought to non-stacks shelves (pictured, right)
- To be reviewed by librarian liaisons for weeding/retention
- Retained items will be reclassified



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- List of items with .N5; will complete these before moving to .O
- Consulted 050 fields in WMS records; are the indicators 00 or _4

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- Began with circulating materials, will move into special collections once completed

Reparative Call Number CleanUp 2022

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	A	B	
1	Old	New	
2	BR563 N4 F7		
3	E269 N3 Q3	E269 B53 Q3 1961	
4	F128.9 N3 O73		
5	GV875 N35 H43 2003	GV863 A1 H43 2003	
6	PS153 N5 G5		
7	PS153 N5 H5		
8	PS153 N5 M26	PS153 B53 M26 1968	
9	PS338 N4 M5		
10	PS591 N4 H3	PS591 B53 H3 1967	

Thank You!

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