

# Radical Cataloging:


## Using Alternative Subject Headings Locally to Promote Inclusiveness and Diversity

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# Today we will...

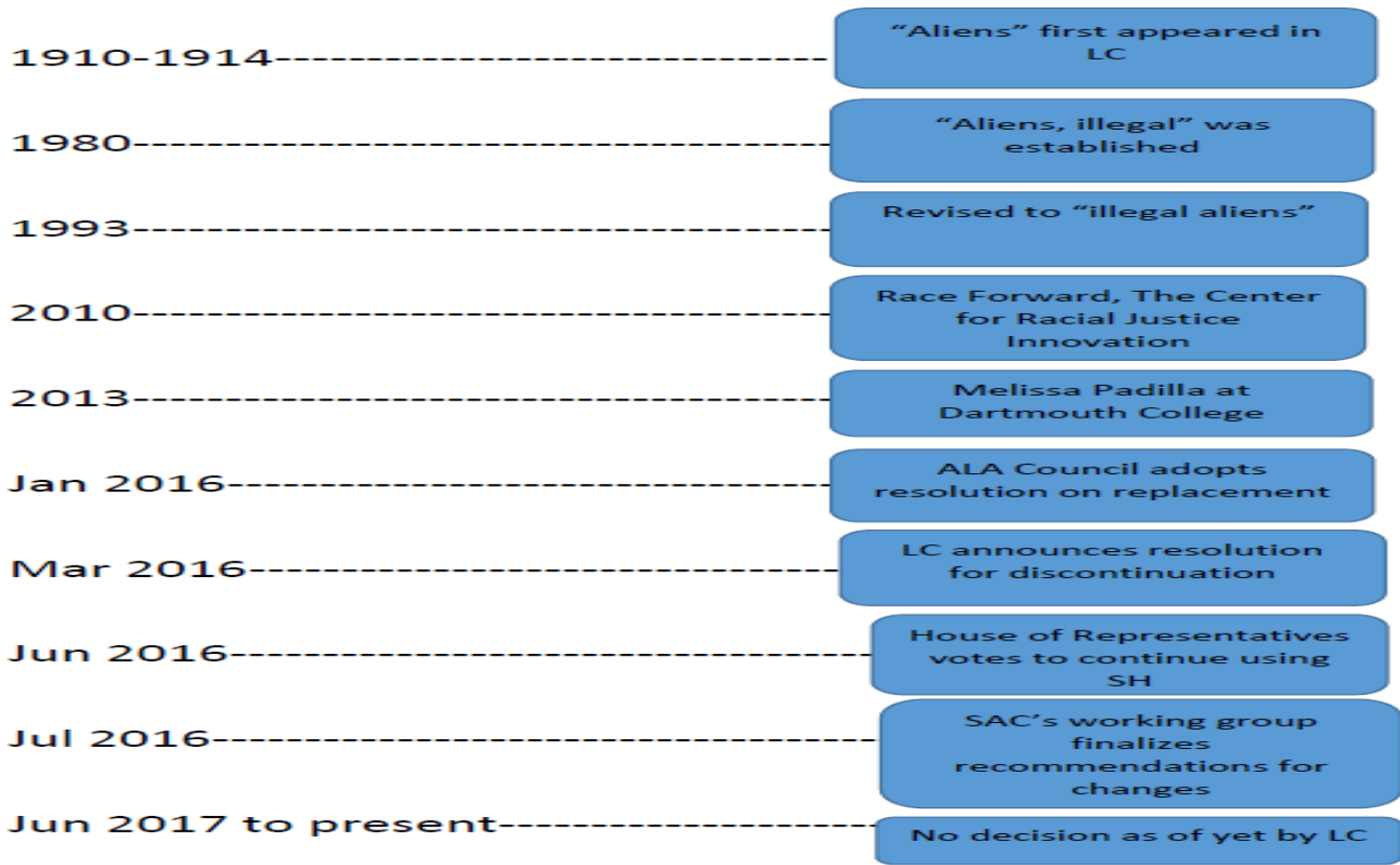
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# Radical Cataloging

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- “...refers to addressing the root—systemic, or structural—issues behind social problems. Radical cataloging, in this way, is not necessarily an attempt to do away with or subvert cataloging altogether, but is rather intended to address the root issues that can make access to information problematic.”



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Why NOT “Illegal Aliens” ?



# FOR SUPPORT>>ACRL DIVERSITY STANDARDS



## Standard 1. Cultural awareness of self and others

“...appreciating the importance of multicultural identities in the **lives of the people they work with and serve**”

## Standard 6. Language diversity

“...work to **foster a climate of inclusion aimed at eliminating discrimination and oppression** based on linguistic or other diversities.”

## Standard 9. Cross-cultural leadership

“...creation of **proactive processes** that increase diversity skills; empower colleagues, co-workers, and constituents from diverse backgrounds; share information about diverse populations”

FOR SUPPORT>>CU BOULDER UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES STRATEGIC  
PLAN 2016-2020



## Student Success Goal #4

## Student Success Goal #7d

# ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

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Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC)

Subject Analysis Committee (SAC)



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Which indexing & abstracting services use the alternative subject headings already?

- ERIC
- Sociological Abstracts (ProQuest)
- U.S. National Library of Medicine (MeSH)
- Worldwide Political Science Abstracts

Which resources use the negative LCSH terms?

- Government resources

# PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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**Project:** Use Create Lists and Global Updates to enhance bibliographic records in Sierra at **CU Boulder Libraries** by adding the alternative subject headings recommended by the Subject Analysis Committee for the following Library of Congress Subject Headings. Alternative SH include:

1. Aliens >> **Noncitizens**
2. Illegal Aliens >> **Undocumented immigrants**
3. Alien detention centers >> **Immigrant detention centers**
4. Children of illegal aliens >> **Children of undocumented immigrants**
5. Illegal alien children >> **Undocumented immigrant children**
6. Illegal aliens in literature >> **Undocumented immigrants in literature**
7. Women illegal aliens >> **Women undocumented immigrants**

# TWO ACADEMIC LIBRARIES IN COLORADO

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Regis University – Dayton Memorial Library  
(June 2017)



CU Boulder Libraries (June 2018)



# EXAMPLE (REGIS UNIVERSITY)

**Author** [Thorpe, Helen, 1965-](#)  
**Title** **Just like us [videorecording] / Helen Thorpe.**  
**Publication Info.** 2010.

Location	Call No.	Status
DML 1st Floor Video	<a href="#">F784.D49 M59 2010</a> DVD	AVAILABLE

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## Details

**Description** 1 videodisc (59 min.) : sd., col. ; 4 3/4 in.

**Note** Title supplied by cataloger.  
Presented as the concluding event of the 5th annual Regis University Diversity Day conference.  
On container label: Regis University, Dayton Memorial Library Media Services.

**System Details** DVD.

**Note** Lecture recorded in Denver, Colo., Apr. 7, 2010.

**Subject** [Mexican American women -- Colorado -- Denver -- Social conditions.](#)  
[Undocumented immigrants -- Colorado -- Denver.](#)  
[Denver \(Colo.\) -- Social conditions.](#)  
[Denver \(Colo.\) -- Social life and customs.](#)

# EXAMPLE (CU BOULDER)

**Author** Library of Congress. Congressional Research Service. issuing body  
**Title** **2014 Immigration Detention Policy Found to Breach the 1997 Flores Settlement Agreement : CRS Legal Sidebar**  
**Publication Info** [Washington : U.S. G.P.O.], 2015  
**Subject** U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
Illegal aliens -- United States  
Preventive detention -- United States  
**Undocumented immigrants**

[Connect to online resource](#)

LOCATION	CALL #	STATUS
Internet Access	CRS-2015-AML-0497 <a href="#">Nearby Call Numbers</a>	AVAILABLE

 Send via Text Message



**Description** 1 online resource (3 pages), digital, PDF file  
**Format** text; online resource  
**Note** Record is based on bibliographic data in ProQuest U.S. Congressional Research Digital Collection (last viewed Mar. 2017). Re individual research requires license from ProQuest, LLC  
"Sept. 11, 2015."

**OCLC or Other Control Number** crs20162617

**Call Number** CRS-2015-AML-0497

Permanent link to this record => <http://libraries.colorado.edu/record=b9465688~S3>

# Subject Vs. Keyword searches at CU Boulder

## A. Chinook The Libraries Catalog

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

How do I...?

Ask Us: email | chat | phone

Start Over MARC Display (Search History) ▾

SUBJECT ▾ noncitizens All Collections ▾ System Sorted ▾ Search

☐ Limit search to available items

"Noncitizens" is not used in this library's catalog.

**Aliens** is used instead.  
Try a search for Aliens.

## B.

 Chinook The Libraries Catalog

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

How do I...?

Ask Us: email | chat | phone

Hours | Off-Campus Access | Chinook Home | Libraries Home | CU-Boulder Home

Log in to My Chinook

Start Over Modify Search Another Search  Search Prospector to find it in another library (Search History) ▾

KEYWORD ▾ noncitizens ☐ Limit search to available items All Collections ▾ Search


Did you mean monitions? > more choices

3263 results found. Sorted by relevance | date | title .

Result Page 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 ... 66 Next

☒ Save Marked Records ☒ Save All on Page Add to My Lists

KEYWORDS (1-50 of 3263)

Relevance:  noncitizens found in the main title in entries 1-54

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Treatment of Noncitizens Under the Affordable Care Act

2016



▸ Add to My Lists

[Washington : U.S. G.P.O.], 2016

▸ Website

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How Did We Do This???

And **Why**???

# The tipping point

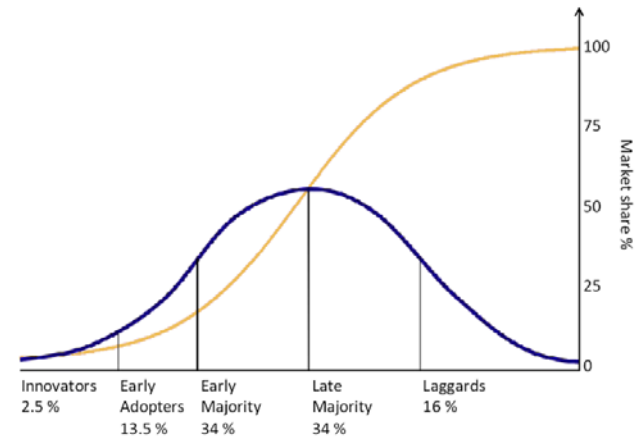


Image from Wikimedia, The Diffusion of Innovation



# These are real people

*There are more than 70 DACA students at  
the University of Colorado Boulder.*



# Logistical considerations

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7 million bibliographic records

Batch loading, batch updates

Ongoing maintenance

Cooperative cataloging environment

# Questions to ask

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- ❑ Keep LCSH and add alternative terms vs Replace LCSH
- ❑ Global editing capability
- ❑ Ongoing maintenance
  - How often
  - Who is responsible
  - Where is it documented
  - Can it be automated



# Keep LCSH and add alternative terms?

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## Replace LSCH?



Creator: Randen Pederson

# Global editing capability

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# Ongoing maintenance

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# Still to do

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Analyze search logs

Get feedback

Advocate for change at higher level

Reiterate – what other areas need similar attention?



# Local vs National?

How much attention  
should we give to  
making local changes  
vs advocating for  
change at the  
national level?

## Aliens

Here are entered works on persons who are not citizens of the country in which they reside.

URI(s)

- > <http://id.loc.gov/authorities/subjects/sh85003545>
- > [info.loc.gov/authorities/sh85003545](http://info.loc.gov/authorities/sh85003545)
- > <http://id.loc.gov/authorities/sh85003545#concept>

Instance Of

- > [MADS:RDF\\_Topic](#)
- > [MADS:RDF\\_Authority](#)
- > [SKOS\\_Concept](#) <sup>ca</sup>

Scheme Membership(s)

- > [Library of Congress Subject Headings](#)

Collection Membership(s)

- > [LCSH Collection - Authorized Headings](#)
- > [LCSH Collection - General Collection](#)
- > [LCSH Collection - May Subdivide Geographically](#)

Variants

- > [Allies--Legal status, laws, etc](#)
- > [Enemy aliens](#)
- > [Expatriates](#)
- > [Foreign citizens \(Aliens\)](#)
- > [Foreign population](#)
- > [Foreign residents](#)
- > [Foreigners](#)
- > [Noncitizens](#)
- > [Resident aliens](#)
- > [Unnaturalized foreign residents](#)

Broader Terms

- > [Persons](#)

Narrower Terms

- > [Alien property](#)
- > [Church work with aliens](#)
- > [Corporations--Foreign](#)
- > [Drago doctrine](#)
- > [Droit d'aubaine](#)
- > [Illegal aliens](#)
- > [Pilgrims and pilgrimages--Law and legislation](#)
- > [Repatriation](#)
- > [Security for costs](#)
- > [Stateless persons](#)





DO WORK  
THAT MATTERS  
*Vale la pena*  
- Gloria E. Anzaldúa

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Thank You! ¡Gracias!

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