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P Classification
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Session Outline

- Organization of the P Schedule
- Tables
  - Internal tables
  - External tables
- Examples
- List of resources
P Schedule Organization

- P-PA  General language. Greek and Latin.
- PB-PH  Modern European Languages
- PJ-PK  Oriental, Indo-Iranian
- PL-PM  Eastern Asia, Africa, Oceania, etc.
P Schedule Organization

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- PN     Literature (General)
- PQ     Romance Literatures
- PR, PS, PZ  English, American, Juvenile Literatures
- PT     Germanic Literatures
- P-PZ    Language and Literature Tables numbered 1-50

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Internal Tables

- Internal tables numbered P-PZ 1-50 should be applied first. (A few authors, e.g. Shakespeare, have their own tables.)

- Sometimes more than one internal table will be needed:
  - one to establish an author classification number,
  - the other to accommodate a specific literary work written by that author.
External Tables

Various tables in CSM: Classification and Shelflisting Manual may be applied, as needed, particularly:

- G63    Cutter Table
- G140   Dates
- G150   Translation Table
- G65    Preferred shelflist order for individual authors

Apply G65 and G150 only when the appropriate P-PZ table will not suffice.
Example: Table P-PZ31

Mark Twain

- American literature – Individual authors – 19th century

- PS1300-1348 Clemens, Samuel Langhorne (“Mark Twain”)
  (Table P-PZ31 modified)
Table P-PZ31

“0-48” applied to Twain = PS1300-PS1348

Table for Authors (49 nos.) [excerpts]

- 0 Collected works
- 3 Selections
- 5-22 Separate works, by title
- 31.A5-Z Biography, general works
- 34 Homes and haunts. Local associations. Landmarks.
- 35 Anniversaries, museums, etc.
Example: Table P-PZ31
Mark Twain

A book about Mark Twain:

- **Author:** Antonucci, David C.
- **Title:** Fairest picture : Mark Twain at Lake Tahoe / David C. Antonucci.
- **Publication date:** 2011
Mark Twain continued

A book about Mark Twain, continued:

- First subject heading:
  - Twain, Mark, 1835-1910 -- Homes and haunts -- Tahoe, Lake, Region (Calif. and Nev.).
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Table P-PZ31  Mark Twain

A book about Mark Twain, continued

- 34  Homes and haunts (from table)
- Mark Twain:  PS1300-1348
- PS1334 + A68 for main entry (David Antonucci) + 2011 for publication date =
- PS1334.A68 2011
Questions?
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Subarrange each title by Table P-PZ41 or P-PZ43
Table P-PZ31 modified

1300-1348 Clemens, Samuel Langhorne (“Mark Twain”) (Table P-PZ 31 modified)
Separate works
1305 Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (Table P-PZ41)
1306 Adventures of Tom Sawyer (Table P-PZ41)
...  
1312 Innocents abroad (Table P-PZ41)
Separate number for: Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

PS1300-1348: Mark Twain number range
Apply Table P-PZ31: Separate works range is PS 1305-1322.
PS1305 is number assigned to Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.
Subarrange PS1305 by Table P-PZ41)
Table P-PZ41
Separate works (1 number)

“0” in table = PS1305, as applied to H. Finn

0.A1 Texts. By date
0.A2A-.A2Z Texts. By editor, if given, A-Z
0.A21 Modern versions of early works
0.A3 Selections. By date
0.A31-.A69 Translations
0.A7-Z Criticism [cutter by main entry]
## Classification Web enhanced browser view: table 41 applied

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*Translations
Where the original language is English, French or German, omit numbers for original language in .A31-.A59 below*
Books about the Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

- PS1305 .N6 Norton, Aloysius A. Twain's The adventures of Huckleberry Finn, by A. A. Norton. 1966
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General works
Example: Table P-PZ40

Amy Tan

- American literature – Individual authors – 1961-2000
- PS3570.A-Z Surnames beginning with T
- The author number is determined by the second letter of the name
- PS3570.A49 Tan, Teresa [first author listed under PS3570 in LCCS.]
Example: Amy Tan

- PS3570.A48 = Author number LC has assigned to Amy Tan. Found by searching LC catalog by author or browsing by call number.
- .xA61-.xZ458 Separate works. By title.
- PS3570.A48 J6 = Title number assigned by LC for The Joy Luck Club
LC shelflisters’ table for .xZ5-.xZ999

- .xZ5-.xZ599  A-F (main entry)
- .xZ6-.xZ699  G-L
- .xZ7-.xZ799  M-R
- .xZ8-.xZ899  S-U
- .xZ9-.xZ999  V-Z “… Only a guide and any existing alphabetical arrangement … takes precedence …” (Fundamentals)
Example: Amy Tan, continued

- .xZ5-.xZ999 Biography and criticism. General works (from Table P-PZ40)


Example: Amy Tan, continued, biography and criticism

Example: Zou, Jianjun. Positive and negative dimensions of “Harmony” on the ethical thoughts in Amy Tan’s novels. PS3570.A48 Z96 2008
Questions?
Example: Amy Tan: Joy Luck Club

PS3570.A48 J6 = Title number assigned by LC for The Joy Luck Club

Applying external tables to a classification number for a separate literary work …
Title-specific criticism: The Joy Luck Club

- Apply CSM G65: Preferred shelflist order – Individual authors – Separate works – Criticism.
- The cutter for the original work’s title is expanded by 3 or by 3-39 and date.
- The 3-39 range allows for alphabetical arrangement by main entry.
Title-specific criticism: The Joy Luck Club: examples

- PS3570.A48 J638 2007 Women’s issues in Amy Tan’s The Joy Luck Club. [title main entry for collection of critical essays]
Applying external tables: translation table: Amy Tan

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Translations of:
The Joy Luck Club

- German: PS3570.A48 J615 1990
- Romanian: PS3570.A48 J6169 2005
- Spanish: PS3570.A48 J618 2002

Romanian is not in table; cutter adjusted to fit between Italian .x16 and Russian .x17
Multiple editions in the same year: The Joy Luck Club

- Apply CSM G140 Dates
- For later editions of the same work, use the imprint date. If another edition is received with the same imprint date, use the work letters starting with b.

Example: PS3570.A48 J6 1989b

[Work letter a is used for photocopies.]
Questions?
Creating a new classification number for an individual author

- Not found in LC Classification Schedules
- Not found in LC Catalog through an author search
- Not found in field 053 of an LC/NACO authority record
- Not found in OCLC WorldCat through an author search
- Not found in local library catalog through an author search
Building a 20\textsuperscript{th} century author number from scratch

Example:
Franco, Elaine A.
Up from ribbery : a dramatization of the history of the woman’s rights movement in the United States.
Copyright 1971 as an unpublished dramatic composition.
American Literature
Individual authors – 1961-2000

- F surname: PS 3556.A-Z
- The author number is determined by the second letter of the name
- PS3556.R…
- PS3556.R37 fits “theoretically,” but this number is already used for Frede, Richard.
Adjusting the author number

- Check LC Classification Schedules: PS3556.R37 = Frede, Richard
- Check LC Catalog under call number:
  PS3556.R3325 = Betsy Franco
  PS3556.R3326 = Marjorie Franco
- Author number for Elaine Franco should file between Betsy and Marjorie, but closer to Betsy, alphabetically.
- This is what I chose: PS3556.R33253
Creating a cutter number for title

- Author number is: PS3556.R33253
- Add second cutter number based on first word of title: Up = U6
- Add copyright date = 1971

The full classification number = 
PS3556.R33253  U6  1971
Questions?
Summary

- Consult LC classification P schedule and LC catalog to find a literary author number or range of numbers. Build one as needed.
- Apply the appropriate table or tables (preferring tables noted in schedule).
- Find or devise a literary work number and apply appropriate tables.
References

- Detailed outline of LC schedules: http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/lcc.html


- Library of Congress online catalog: http://catalog.loc.gov

- *CSM: Classification and Shelflisting Manual*. Available for purchase from LC Cataloging Distribution Service in print or as part of *Cataloger’s Desktop*. 
Thank You!

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