Doing Justice to the Humanities

Increasing Inclusivity with More Specific Subject Description

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Institutional Repository with 22,000 items

All of CU and affiliates (Barnard College, Teachers College, CU Medical Center, Union Theological Seminary)

350 Departments, Programs and Institutes

Mediated deposit

MODS XML metadata

Blacklight frontend
ProQuest Dissertation Subjects

222 in Arts, Business, Education, Humanities, and Social Sciences

189 in Behavioral, Natural, and Physical Sciences
Humanities in ProQuest

Education heavily represented — 47/222 headings

Area studies, history and literature delineated by broad adjectives and geographic terms — e.g. East European Studies, Romance literature, Modern history

Arts (13), Philosophy (8), Religion (10) and Law (5) underrepresented
1,800,000

FAST Subject Terms
Includes Geographics, Names, Titles, and Topics

ProQuest:
African History

FAST
Senegal
Congo (Democratic Republic)
History
Radicalism
Youth--Political activity
Labor unions
Forgetting FitzGerald’s Rubáiyát

ProQuest

Comparative literature

FAST

Poetry--Translations into English

Persian poetry

Rubā‘īyāt (Omar Khayyam)

FitzGerald, Edward, 1809-1883

English poetry

Memory in literature
Inclusivity and interconnection

Subject searches more useful to researchers

Item description leaner, not dependent on indexing abstracts

Faceted subjects allow for researchers to carve out a desired niche from the repository
Cataloger training

Focus on aboutness

Balancing specific and general

Increased assignment time—local cache of subjects or URI system preferred
Enrichment

15,000 records still need FAST subject assignment

Named Entity Recognition of Geographics has been best approach so far

More cataloger intervention required as concepts get more nuanced