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# LD4 Wikidata Affinity Group

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## Recording

- [https://stanford.zoom.us/recording/share/L--RLQlv3wfR1z4mBS\\_F2cdMr5WWamKvONn85p7vlaiwlumekTziMw?startTime=1574182118000](https://stanford.zoom.us/recording/share/L--RLQlv3wfR1z4mBS_F2cdMr5WWamKvONn85p7vlaiwlumekTziMw?startTime=1574182118000)

**Attendance** (if this is your first meeting, please write your name, Wiki\* username, institution or affiliation, and interest in Wikidata if you'd care to share)

- John Riemer (UCLA)
- Jeff Young and Karen Smith-Yoshimura(OCLC)
- Mairelys Lemus-Rojas (IUPUI)
- Merrilee Proffitt (OCLC and Wikimedia and Libraries User Group)
- Elyse Fox (Sacramento State University - looking to see how we can incorporate linked data into our records/workflow)
- Diane Shaw (Smithsonian)
- Martin Poulter (University of Bristol)
- John Skiles Skinner (Cornell) Invited to talk about Wikiconference NA
- April Gilbert (San Jose State University) (just want to learn more about Wikidata)
- Dina Herbert Wiki:DinaHerbert (National Archives & SNAC); Wanting to learn more about possibilities of WikiData for the [SNACCooperative Project](#)
- Christine DeZelar-Tiedman, Stephen Hearn (University of Minnesota)
- Alexandra Provo (NYU) user:Aap1890
- Jeannette Ho (Texas A&M University)
- Ryan Mendenhall, Alex Whelan, Melanie Wacker (Columbia University)
- Stephan Schindehette (OCLC)
- Jshieh (Smithsonian Lib)
- Kelli Babcock (University of Toronto Libraries)
- Anna Goslen (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)
- Christine Fernsebner Eslao (Harvard)
- Jordan Patterson (Memorial University of Newfoundland)
- Tom Ma (Harvard)
- Barbara Bushman (NLM)
- Lihong Zhu (Washington State University)
- Lori Robare (University of Oregon)

- Will Kent (Wiki Education)
- Karen Hwang
- Kay Teel (Stanford University)

## Agenda

- Announcements
  - [Survey](#) about Wikidata Working Hours and feedback on the Affinity Group
    - Please complete by Friday, December 6th at 11:59pm PST
- WikidataCon 2019 October 25-26 in Berlin, Germany recap
- [Program](#) and [recordings](#)
  - If you attended WikidataCon or followed virtually and want to talk about your experience, please add your name and topics below
    - Hilary Thorsen
      - [Overview](#)
        - [https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?title=File%3AWikidataCon\\_2019\\_-\\_state\\_of\\_the\\_project.pdf&page=6](https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?title=File%3AWikidataCon_2019_-_state_of_the_project.pdf&page=6)
      - [Structuring GLAM-Wiki initiatives with Wikidata](#)
        - [https://pt.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikip%C3%A9dia:GLAM/Projetos\\_em\\_portugu%C3%AAs](https://pt.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikip%C3%A9dia:GLAM/Projetos_em_portugu%C3%AAs)
      - [Wikibase meet-up](#)
    - Lena Denis, [Wikidata Bridge](#), [Libraries panel](#)
    - Martin Poulter, [WikiCite](#)
- [WikiConference North America](#) November 8-11 in Cambridge, MA, USA recap ([recordings](#))
  - [Blog post](#) about the conference by Merrilee Proffitt
  - If you attended WikiConference NA or followed virtually and want to talk about your experience, please add your name and topics below
    - John Skiles Skinner
      - [How libraries can use Wiki sourced data and give back](#)
      - [Contributing to non-free source discovery](#)
      - [Wikidata in digital humanities](#)
    - Alex Provo
      - [Strategies for comparing library content and Wikipedia](#) (mention of [Wikipedia and Wikidata Tools for Google Sheets](#))
      - [What we learn from building WikiLoop](#)
      - [Discussing AI and machine-learning in the Wiki environment](#) (mentioned Wikidata Art Depiction Explorer: [art.wikidata.link](http://art.wikidata.link))
    - Ryan Mendenhall
      - [Structured data on Wikimedia Commons](#)
    - Dina Herbert

- [Update on SNAC](#)
  - Links to relevant sessions
    - [Building a Wikidata Curriculum](#)
    - [Lettuce into the meal: a SNAC update](#)
    - [What we learn from building WikiLoop](#)
    - [Tools and techniques for identifying and addressing gaps](#)
    - [Mbabel-one click article creation for events](#)
    - [Discussing AI and machine-learning in the Wiki environment](#)
    - [Limits of Wikidata](#)
    - [Lightning talks](#)
    - [Building a scholarly knowledge base with Wikidata: a case study from Vanderbilt University](#)
    - [GLAMs embracing open access and Wikidata: Experiences from the Met Museum](#)
    - [Open Access at the Cleveland Museum of Art](#)
    - [Wikidata-fying Northeastern University's "Women Writers in Review" initiative](#)
    - [4 million in 4 weeks: A case study on bulk import of cultural heritage data on Wikidata](#)
    - [Building Scholia profiles](#)
    - [Wikidata Quicksheets](#)
    - Blog post on [WikiConference NA on HangingTogether](#)
- Next call 03 December 9am PST / 12pm EST / 17:00 UTC / 6pm CET ([Time zone converter](#)) on gadgets

## Notes

- Announcements
  - Would people like to keep having Wikidata working hours? There is a [survey](#)
  - Important for feedback and also for providing suggestions of future topics
  - We will discuss the results and make amendments if needed
  - Recapping two conferences today, add yourself to the space in the agenda if you want to share
- Hilary's experience at WikidataCon 2019 in Berlin
  - Theme was Wikidata and languages
  - Program notes, slides, videorecording, posters, etc. fully available, see links above
  - Overview of "birthday presents" since Wikidata birthday is end of October -- lots of new tools are debuted and other "gifts" to the Wikidata community in a celebration evening during the conference
  - For the first time this year, also an awards ceremony, much like Wikimania (also listed in full on a program page, with major winners on slide)

- Session of note: Glimpse over Wikidata
  - The quality of Wikidata is improving, the Wiki ecosystem is growing in libraries, and many Wikipedia articles now use Wikidata
  - In the future, looking for better data accessibility and better corrections. Looking for improvements to Wikibase, like federation allowing SPARQL across Wikibase instances.
  - Want to work on non-English info, patrolling efforts with trainable automated tools like [ORES](#), and faster query time avoiding timeouts
- Session of note: Structuring GLAM-Wiki initiatives with Wikidata
  - Project based in Brazil
  - Meant to increase efficiency and effectiveness of processes and workflows in GLAM-Wiki initiatives
  - Cultural heritage in Brazil underrepresented and not given resources, so Wiki is stepping in to do a lot of the work of exposing this data
  - Dedicated Wikipedia GLAM project page, contains dashboard of general contents but also a running task list, etc.
  - Group hosts YouTube video workshops describing tools and techniques
  - Working with national datasets and also local government ones, particularly in projects such as revealing military dictatorship archives
- Session of note: Wikibase meetup
  - (Many workshops and meetups over course of conference)
  - Project manager search ongoing
  - Telegram channel dedicated already, suggestion of starting video calls
- Other sessions of interest noted in slide
- Lena's experience at WikidataCon
  - Wikidata Bridge
    - Wikimedia tool to edit Wikidata through Wikipedia
    - Point is to leverage the information that we're feeding into Wikidata into various templates and platforms
    - Wikidata should never be where we're directing people, but it should be a tool in the background (theme that came up often in conference)
  - Libraries panel
    - We can use Wikidata in our own library data
      - Helpful for exposing our information to a wider community not searching a library catalog
      - Wikidata can enrich the data we already have
    - Gustavo Candela evaluating the quality of linked open data in digital libraries
      - Published a book on Opening GLAM Labs
        - Labs are a good idea because libraries are at once very specific and general institutions--GLAM lab is a natural environment for places across campus to work together to benefit any kind of learner

- Olaf Janssen created a map of public libraries across the Netherlands using Wikidata
      - Using Wikidata not as a destination but as a data source for creating a map product.
      - Encouraged public libraries to put photos of themselves.
    - Ursula Oberst--how can a small research library benefit from Wikidata
      - Web dossiers at Leiden and wanted to figure out how to use Wikidata with it
      - Made an interactive map to show different vocabularies and things they were tracking in lists
    - Adrian Pohl--North Rhine Westphalian Bibliography
      - Improve spatial subject indexing for a very regional vocabulary
      - Wikidata holds data kind of like authority file
      - Really effective SPARQL queries and Elastic search
    - LD4P2
      - Lena spoke about cartographic notebooks used in Wikidata to expose links between them in a way not possible in catalog
      - Challenge to capture hierarchical relationships that make sense to library community, but not to general community
- Martin Poulter's WikidataCon experience: WikiCite update
  - Wikidata is being filled with cataloging of scientific journal articles (might not be the long-term home of the information). Presently 26 million papers.
    - Wikidata could be/is used to aggregate citations used in Wikipedia
    - Could keep track of which papers are retracted or have errata attached
    - Could attach articles to better filled out author ids
    - [Scholia](#) is the best tool to browse these data.
  - There could be a Wikibase db for bibliographic citations; it's not yet clear where to store the data. Wikicite isn't a project yet, but in the long term, with some software development, it could be.
  - Liam Wyatt is the new Wikicite co-ordinator at the Wikimedia Foundation, has funding to support events that promote accessibility of citations outside the English-language scholarly publishing industry.
- John Skiles Skinner experience at WikiConference North America
  - Attended at MIT
  - Theme = reliability/credibility
  - Where good and bad data come from, how to select it, when it's misleading
  - Also had a birthday party for Wikidata
  - Attended a session about the basics of Wikidata and tools currently under development to make it as easy as possible, enjoyed editing for the first time and got lots of guidance on it
  - Symbiosis seen between Wikidata and library projects, several Digital Humanities projects using Wikidata



- Topic of next WAG call = gadgets
- Send gadget suggestions to Hilary