

**“When you have a minute,
tell me everything you know”**

**Express cataloger training for
ETDs**

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University Libraries

Who are we?

- Mike Monaco (Coordinator, Cataloging Services)
- Tracie Pickett (Library Specialist)
- Jennifer Davis (Library Specialist)
- Gregg Harris (Access & Discovery Specialist)
- Joy Ramos (Library Cataloging Specialist)

Who are we?

University of Akron:

- OhioLINK member
- 210 Graduate programs
 - Clinical mental health counseling
 - (Business)
 - Polymer science
 - Social work
 - Nursing
- 1,635 graduate students (Fall 2023)
- 500-700 Masters and 100-150 PhDs annually

Why catalog ETDs?

- Precedent of cataloging print theses & dissertations
- Searchable OhioLINK repository
 - Limited search capability
 - Folksononymous access
 - Separate silo
- Promote UA's research output (local catalog, WorldCat)



Search by title, author, keywords, etc.

[Participating Institutions](#)



Files

[YuanH_dis \(final comments\).pdf \(7.73 MB\)](#)

Structures and Properties of Polymer Nanocomposite Sub-Micron Thin Films

Yuan, Hongyi

Permalink: http://rave.ohiolink.edu/etdc/view?acc_num=akron1399299085

Year and Degree

2014, Doctor of Philosophy, University of /

Abstract

Polymer nanocomposite sub-micron thin films have been developed to overcome the insufficient understanding on their structure. In this research aimed at overcoming this difficult problem, several systems were chosen, samples were prepared, and experimental methods including SIEBIMM

Firstly, bio-derived polymer / clay nanocomposites were developed. X-ray scattering and TEM results suggest that the improved dispersion of C30B also improved the continuous morphology useful for barrier applications.

Committee

Alamgir Karim, Dr. (Advisor)

Matthew Becker, Dr. (Committee Member)

Kevin Cavicchi, Dr. (Committee Member)

Sadhan Jana, Dr. (Committee Member)

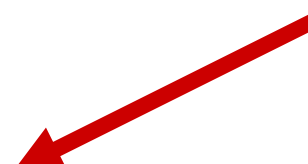
Matthew Shawkey, Dr. (Committee Member)

Pages

169 p.

Subject Headings

[Engineering](#); [Film Studies](#); [Materials Science](#); [Nanotechnology](#); [Polymers](#)



Harvesting ETD records for cataloging & Pre-cataloging with MarcEdit



OhioLINK
Connecting Libraries, Learning & Discovery
A Division of the Ohio Department of Higher Education
An OH-TECH Consortium Member

Electronic Theses & Dissertations Center

Pull “new” records with OAI
metadata harvester

Make batch edits in MarcEditor

Save in Connexion online save file



MarcEditor



OCLC

Task edits in MarcEditor

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- Edit 502
- Insert 588
- Change embargo note to a 506 note
- Add \$e to some fields
- Cosmetic changes (change title to sentence case, etc.)

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The Backlog

Bottlenecks and gaps in uploads and “harvesting”

Loss of cataloging staff

700 + records in ETD Center and not in local catalog in 2020

Backlog reached a high of 915 (fall 2021)

October 2023 we began the training

Express training

1. Started with descriptive cataloging (October 2023)
 - a. OhioNET webinars for background on MARC, descriptive cataloging
 - b. OCLC Connexion documentation and webinars
 - c. 2-hour workshop on basics of transcription and MARC encoding with field-by-field examples
2. Documentation
 - a. Existing cataloging manual writeup (aimed at more experienced catalogers)
 - b. Additional notes maintained by learners (Gregg mainly)
3. Descriptive edits reviewed by the experienced catalogers until the new catalogers were comfortable
4. Then access points addressed (names, subject analysis) (December 2023)
 - a. OhioNET webinars for background on LCSH, authority records
 - b. Workshop focused on LC SHM, “best practices,” ClassWeb
 - c. Occasional discussions in cataloging meetings

Peer review, peer learning

“Circle” of peer review

Questions/problems escalated to catalogers

Authority work to me

Results

Backlog reduced!

Each new cataloger has a dozen or more originals since December

“Proof of concept”

Challenges as a trainer

- Unreliable copy
- Subjects often extremely technical and narrow
- Limited time

Jennifer Davis

How did I get here?

- BA Visual Arts Education, University of Akron, 2006
- MLIS Archival Studies, Kent State University, 2022
- Library Specialist at University Libraries, University of Akron, January 2023-present

How is it going? What has helped?

- Monthly meetings
- Peer review / Peer scaffolding
- Paced learning/Chunking
- Stay organized!

Tracie Pickett

Experience

- BA in Pan-African Studies, BA in Sociology, Kent State 2018
- Began working in libraries in 2017
- Will graduate from Kent State in August 2024 with MLIS
- Since 2017 I have worked in public libraries, academic libraries, a law library, and special collections and archives.
- None of my previous positions involved cataloging

Preparing for ETDs

- OhioNet webinars
- Mike's workshop
- Notes

My setup

1. Take out my notes
2. Open Connexion and Sierra
3. Open Teams ETD Cat group
4. Gregg's and Mike's notes
5. OCLC BibFormats
6. LOC Linked Data Service
7. RDA Toolkit
8. Begin ETD record



Gregg Harris

Why?

- Manage our library's electronic resources and am the project lead for migrating from Sierra to Alma.
- Wanted to get a better understanding of cataloging as we prepare to migrate.
- Hopefully this will enable me to better communicate with our library's catalogers and better understand problems that the new system might bring.

What was good about the process?

- Peer-review enabled us to learn from each other
- Enjoyed trying to find the most appropriate subjects (although had to set a time limit for myself)
- Getting to see what our students are working on

Challenges

- Trying to remember everything that needs to be done but not spend more time than I have on cataloging.
- Making assumptions that because something was right previously it will continue being correct.

Additional Documentation

- Initially setup to help myself but eventually shared with the group.
- There are a lot of different sources for information (internal documentation, external documentation, personal knowledge shared by catalogers, etc). It's difficult to remember where everything is without documentation.
- It's also useful to have a place to share feedback to discuss the best way to handle oddities that come up or avoid making similar mistakes.

Joycelyn Drozd Ramos

- Worked in libraries since 1980
 - Perry-Castaneda Library
 - Harry Ransom/Humanities Research Center at The University of Texas, Austin
 - The University of Texas Law Library
 - Bierce library at The University of Akron (1989-present); also instructor in Anthropology
- Subject authorities & database maintenance
- Cataloging monographs, music, curriculum materials, kits, archival resources, rare books, and, since 2009, ETDs

Joy's tips for ETDs

1. Always check the catalog for author and title
 - a. “Embargoed” version of ETDs may have been cataloged
 - b. If you spot problems with the Sierra records, including access points, go ahead and correct them!
 - c. The author may have another thesis/dissertation; check for form of name and topic SH.
 - d. Other updates can trigger “new” records too, so be especially vigilant with ETDs that are 5 or more years old.
1. Check advisor(s) in the catalog
 - a. They generally supervise theses in similar areas, so these can suggest SH
 - b. If the access points vary in Sierra, choose the authorized heading (do examine the authority record to be sure it's our person)
 - c. If there are different forms in the catalog and/or OCLC bib records, refer the name to Mike for authority work

Joy's tips for ETDs (2)

3. If lab mates or other faculty are mentioned in the acknowledgements, you can search for their work for possible SH
4. Control 1xx, 6xx, and 7xx when possible
 - a. Beware mismatching topics and subdivisions: OCLC is only checking that a record for each component exists, not that they can be used together!
 - i. Is the subdivision “free floating” or only used in certain contexts?
 - ii. Is the SH a class of persons, a material, a chemical, etc.?
 - iii. For example \$x Testing, \$x Design, \$x Design and construction, \$x Properties, etc.
5. Beware of unqualified names
 - a. Might be a different person
 - b. Undifferentiated name headings (677 “THIS 1XX FIELD CANNOT BE USED UNDER RDA UNTIL THIS UNDIFFERENTIATED RECORD HAS BEEN HANDLED FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES IN DCM Z1 008/32”).
6. Save time in Connexion with text strings

Q&A

Follow up?

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Resources

OhioLINK ETD center: https://etd.ohiolink.edu/acprod/odb_etd/r/etd/search/

UA's ETD cataloging procedures:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Vg5l3kVieTRhakHvxwNs5F0XRFWu8ROP/view?usp=drive_link

OhioLINK's ETD cataloging standards: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-E67PzuAdUtglimA1woENwM2hNZHMOIU/view?usp=drive_link

Joy's ETD cataloging tips:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fa_99ifG9KTCHdnKMxfdy2Is-Msij60I/view?usp=drive_link

OhioNET training videos (members only): <https://www.ohionet.org/training-archive>