Thesaurus of Religious Occupational Terms (TROT)

Prepared by the Joint Taskforce on Best Practices in the Field of Religion

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Preface

At the 2014 Annual Convention of the American Theological Library Association (ATLA), the Technical Services Interest Group tasked the existing Best Practices in the Field of Religion Taskforce with creating a thesaurus of occupational terms in the field of religion which could be published as a standard and would then be available for use in the Occupations Field (374) of Name Authority Records. The Best Practices in the Field of Religion Taskforce was formed at the 2013 ATLA Annual Convention and tasked with creating a Best Practices document. In addition, the Taskforce was requested to reach out to the Catholic Library Association (CLA) and the Association of Christian Librarians (ACL) and ask them to join in this effort. The result is the ATLA/CLA/ACL Best Practices in the Field of Religion Taskforce. This thesaurus is the result of their combined efforts.

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Introduction

This Thesaurus has been accepted by the Network Development and MARC Standards Office Library of Congress as an official standard. The accepted acronym for this Thesaurus is TROT. Terms from this thesaurus may begin to be used in the 374 field of personal name authority records beginning September 1, 2016.

The following principles have been followed in the construction of this thesaurus.

- Only include religious occupations which might be necessary for names expected to be established in the name authority file.
- Combine occupations into broad categories which can be paired with the 372, 373 and 375 fields to bring specificity.
- Use LCSH terms where available.
- Avoid use of gender specific terms where possible.
- Avoid use of denomination specific terms, where possible.
- Include titles such as Reverend as see references only when they have been or are likely to be used, incorrectly, as occupations.
- Use plural terms to be consistent with LCSH.

Key:
   SN = Scope Note
Terms

Abbesses, Christian [LCSH]
UF
Christian Abbesses

Acharyas
SN
Brahmin head guide or instructor in religious matters; founder, or leader of a sect.
UF
Brahmin leaders

Apologists

Archbishops
SEE
Clergy

Archdeacons
SEE
Clergy

Archaeologists [LCSH]
RT
Biblical archaeologists
Classical archaeologists

Associate pastors
SEE
Clergy

Bhikkhus
UF
Bhikshus
Bhikshunis
Fakirs
Faqirs

Bhikshus
SEE
Bhikkhus
Bhikshunis
SEE

Bhikkhus

Biblical archaeologists
BT
Archaeologists
RT
Classical archaeologists

Biblical commentators
RT
Writers on religion

Biblical scholars [LCSH]
UF
Biblicists
Scholars, Biblical
NT
New Testament scholars
Old Testament scholars

Biblical studies teachers

Biblicists
SEE

Biblical scholars

Bishops
SEE

Clergy

Brahmin leaders
SEE

Acharyas

Brothers (Religious)
SEE

Monks

Buddhist authors [LCSH]

Buddhist monks [LCSH]
BT
Monks
Buddhist scholars [LCSH]
SN
Use for scholars of Buddhism
UF
Scholars, Buddhist

Canon lawyers
SEE
Canonists

Canonists [LCSH]
UF
Canon lawyers

Cantors (Church musicians)
SEE
Church musicians

Cantors (Judaism) [LCSH]
UF
Hazzan

Cardinals
SEE
Clergy

Catechists [LCSH]

Chaplains [LCSH]
SN
Clergy who are officially attached to the armed forces; legislative bodies; institutions; courts; hospitals, etc.
UF
Hospital chaplains
Clinical psychologists
Clinical therapists
Counselor
RT
Pastoral counselors

Children's ministers

Christian Abbesses
SEE
Abbesses, Christian
Christian authors [LCSH]

Christian broadcasters

Christian college teachers [LCSH]
  UF Christian college teachers

Christian editors

Christian educators [LCSH]
  UF Christian education directors
  Sunday school teachers
  Volunteer workers in religious education
  RT Directors of religious education

Christian education directors
  SEE Christian educators

Christian Hebraists [LCSH]

Christian historians [LCSH]

Christian librarians
  SEE Theological librarians

Christian philosophers [LCSH]

Christian publishers

Christian scholars [LCSH]
  SN Use for scholars of Christianity
  UF Scholars, Christian

Christian teachers
  SEE Christian college teachers

Christian writers
Church historians [LCSH]

RT

Religion historians

Church musicians [LCSH]

UF

Cantors (Church Music)
Contemporary Christian musicians
Gospel musicians
Liturgical musicians
Parish musicians
Pastoral musicians
Worship pastors

Church officers [LCSH]

UF

Church staff

RT

Clergy

Church staff

SEE

Church officers

Classical archaeologists

BT

Archaeologists

RT

Biblical archaeologists

Clergy [LCSH]

UF

Archbishops
Archdeacons
Associate Pastors
Bishops
Canons
Cardinals
Deans (Clerical)
Fathers (Clergymen)
Ministers
Parish Ministers
Parsons
Pastors
Priests
Presbyters
Rectors
Reverend
Church officers
Deacons
Deaconesses
Elders (Church officers)
Imams (Shi'ites)
Lay ministers
Preachers (Christianity)
Rabbis
Religious leaders
Rural clergy
Shinto priests
Zen priests

Clergy, Rural
See

Rural clergy

Clergy (Taoism)
SEE

Daoshis

Clinical psychologists
SEE

Chaplains
Pastoral counselors

Clinical therapists
SEE

Chaplains
Pastoral counselors

Clinicians
SEE

Pastoral counselors

Contemporary Christian musicians
SEE

Church musicians

Counselors
SEE

Chaplains
Pastoral counselors

Counselors, Pastoral
SEE

Pastoral counselors

Country clergy
SEE

Rural clergy

Daoshis
SN
Priest in Taoism
UF
Clergy (Taoism)

Deacons
SN
For Deacons who are ordained, use Clergy. For Deacons who are not ordained, or for whom ordained status is not known, use Deacons.
RT
Clergy

Deaconesses
SN
For Deaconesses who are ordained, use Clergy. For Deaconesses who are not ordained, or for whom ordained status is not known, use Deaconesses.
RT
Clergy

Deans (Clerical)
SEE

Clergy

Deans (Theological seminary)
SEE

Theological seminary presidents

Directors of religious education [LCSH]
SN
Use for full-time, paid and professionally trained officers in charge of the religious education program of the local church, temple, etc.
UF
Ministers of religious education
RT
Christian educators
Druze scholars [LCSH]
SN
Use for scholars in the field of Druze religion

Elders (Church officers) RT
Clergy

Evangelists [LCSH]
UF
Revivalists

Fakirs SEE
Bhikkhus

Faqirs See
Bhikkhus

Fathers (Clergy) SEE
Clergy

Gospel musicians See
Church musicians

Hazzan SEE
Cantors (Judaism)

Hebraists [LCSH]

Hindu authors

Hindu scholars [LCSH]
SN
Use for scholars of Hinduism
UF
Scholars, Hindu

Hospital chaplains SEE
Chaplains
Hymn writers
   UF
   Hymnists

Hymnists
   SEE
   Hymn writers

Imams (Mosque officers) [LCSH]
   RT
   Imams (Shiites)
   Mosque officers

Imams (Shiites) [LCSH]
   SN
   Term in Islam referring to the leader of the congregational prayers
   UF
   Muslim Priests
   RT
   Clergy
   Imams (Mosque officers)
   Rabbis

Islamic authors
   SEE
   Muslim authors

Islamic educators
   SEE
   Muslim educators

Islamic scholars
   See
   Muslim scholars

Jain monks
   SEE
   Yati

Jewish authors [LCSH]

Jewish college teachers [LCSH]

Jewish educators [LCSH]
Jewish priests
SEE
Rabbis

Jewish religious functionaries
SEE
Judaism--Functionaries

Jewish scholars [LCSH]
SN
Use for scholars of Judaism
UF
Scholars, Jewish
RT
Rabbis

Judaism--Clergy
SEE
Judaism--Functionaries

Judaism--Functionaries [LCSH]
UF
Jewish religious functionaries
Judaism--Clergy
RT
Rabbis

Khatibs
UF
Preachers (Islam)

Koranic scholars
SEE
Qur'anic scholars

Laity
SEE
Lay ministers

Lay ministers
UF
Laity
Volunteer Workers in Church Work
RT
Clergy
Liturgical musicians
   SEE
   
   Church musicians

Masters of spiritual sciences
   SEE
   
   Murshids

Ministers
   SEE
   
   Clergy

Ministers of religious education
   SEE
   
   Directors of religious education

Missiologists  [LCSH]
   BT
   Theologians

Missionaries  [LCSH]
   RT
   Clergy

Monks  [LCSH]
   UF
   Brothers (Religious)
   RT
   Buddhist monks

Mosque officers  [LCSH]
   RT
   Imams (Mosque officers)

Murshids
   SN
   Term in Sufism referring to a guide, a master of spiritual science
   UF
   Masters of spiritual science
   Shaikhs

Muslim authors  [LCSH]
   UF
   Islamic authors

Muslim educators  [LCSH]
Islamic educators

Muslim priests
SEE
Imams (Shiites)

Muslim scholars [LCSH]
SN
Use for Scholars of Islam
UF
Islamic scholars
Scholars, Muslim
Scholars, Islamic
RT
Shiite scholars
Suni scholars

New Testament scholars [LCSH]
BT
Biblical scholars
UF
Scholars, New Testament
RT
Old Testament scholars

Nuns [LCSH]
UF
Sisters (Religious)

Old Testament scholars
BT
Biblical scholars
UF
Scholars, Old Testament
RT
New Testament scholars

Parish ministers
SEE
Clergy

Parish musicians
SEE
Church musicians
Papyrologists

Parsons
SEE Clergy

Pastoral counselors
UF
Clinical psychologists
Clinical therapists
Clinicians
Counselors, Pastoral
Pastoral Psychologists
RT
Chaplains

Pastoral musicians
SEE Church musicians

Pastoral psychologists
SEE Pastoral counselors

Pastors
SEE Clergy

Popes [LCSH]

Practitioners (Christian Science)

Preachers (Christianity)
RT
Clergy

Preachers (Islam)
SEE Khatibs

Presbyters
SEE Clergy

Priests
SEE
Clergy

Qur'anic scholars [LCSH]

SN
Use for scholars of the Qur'an

UF
Koranic scholars
Qur'anic scholars
Scholars, Koranic
Scholars, Qur'anic

Rabbinical seminary teachers

RT
Theological seminary teachers

Rabbis [LCSH]

UF
Jewish Priests

RT
Clergy
Imams (Shi’ites)
Jewish scholars
Judaism--Functionaries

Rectors

SEE
Clergy

Rectors, Theological seminary

SEE
Theological seminary presidents

Religion historians [LCSH]

UF
Historians of religion
Religious historians

RT
Church historians

Religious Leaders [LCSH]

UF
Spiritual leaders

RT
Clergy

Reverend
SEE

Clergy

Revivalists
SEE

Evangelists

Rural clergy [LCSH]
UF
Clergy, Rural
Country clergy

RT
Clergy

Scholars, Biblical
SEE

Biblical scholars

Scholars, Buddhists
SEE

Buddhist scholars

Scholars, Christian
SEE

Christian scholars

Scholars, Hindu
SEE

Hindu scholars

Scholars, Islamic
SEE

Muslim scholars

Scholars, Koranic
SEE

Qur'anic scholars

Scholars, Muslim
SEE

Muslim scholars

Scholars, Qur'anic
SEE

Qur'anic scholars
Scholars, New Testament
SEE
New Testament scholars

Scholars, Old Testament
SEE
Old Testament scholars

Scholars, Shiite
SEE
Shiite scholars
Muslim scholars

Scholars, Sunni
SEE
Sunni scholars
Muslim scholars

Seminary Presidents, Theological
SEE
Theological seminary presidents

Shaikhs
SEE
Murshids

Shiite scholars [LCSH]
SN
Use for scholars of the Shiite branch of Islam
UF
Scholars, Shiite
BT
Muslim scholars

Shinto priests [LCSH]
RT
Clergy

Sisters (Religious)
SEE
Nuns

Spiritual leaders
SEE
Religious Leaders
Sunday school teachers
   SEE
     Christian educators

**Sunni scholars**
  SN
  Use for scholars of the Sunni branch of Islam
  UF
  Scholars, Sunni
  BT
  Muslim scholars

Talmudists

Theological librarians
  UF
  Christian librarians

Theological seminary presidents [LCSH]
  UF
  Deans, Theological seminary
  Rectors, Theological seminary
  Seminary presidents, Theological

Theological seminary teachers
  RT
  Rabbinical seminary teachers

Theologians [LCSH]
  RT
  Missiologists

Youth directors
   SEE
     Youth ministers

Youth ministers
  UF
  Youth directors
  Youth pastors

Youth pastors
   SEE
     Youth ministers

Volunteer workers in church work
SEE

Lay ministers

Volunteer workers in christian education
SEE

Christian educators

Worship pastors
SEE

Church musicians

Writers on religion
RT

Biblical commentators

Yatis
UF

Jain monks

Zen priests [LCSH]
RT

Clergy