

Thesaurus of Religious Occupational Terms (TROT)

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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

UF = Use for
RT = Related Term
BT = Broader Term
NT = Narrower Term

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 Minsters
Parsons
Pastors
Priests

Presbyters
Rectors
Reverend

RT

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 [LCSH]

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]

UF
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