

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA      DATE: June 8, 2012

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SUBJECT: Priority order of additions to authorized access points representing a person  
(9.19.1.1, 9.19.1.5, 9.19.1.6)

### Background

When constructing access points to represent persons, the second paragraph of RDA 9.19.1.1 includes an instruction for supplementing the preferred name: “Make additions to the name as instructed under 9.19.1.2-9.19.1.6, *in that order*, as applicable” (*emphasis added*).

The instruction also says *always* supply the Title or other designation associated with the person (9.19.1.2), and to supply the other additions: Date of Birth and/or Death (9.19.1.3), Fuller form of name (9.19.1.4), Period of activity of the person (9.19.1.5), and Profession or occupation (9.19.1.6) when needed to distinguish the person from another person with the same name.

In practice, catalogers have determined that the order of the last two attributes listed (Period of activity of the person and Profession or occupation) should not be mandated. In some instances, the Profession or occupation (e.g., Veterinarian) may be a more useful addition for identification/distinguishing purposes than Period of activity of the person (e.g., active 20th century). In other situations, Period of activity of the person may be better than occupation (e.g., active 17th century vs. Poet).

LC proposes to give catalogers the flexibility to apply their judgment.

### Proposed revisions

1. 9.19.1.1, second paragraph:

Make additions to the name as instructed under 9.19.1.2-9.19.1.6<sup>4</sup>, in that order, as applicable. Make additions to the name as instructed under 9.19.1.5-9.19.1.6, in any order.

[rest of instruction/examples unchanged]

2. 9.19.1.5:

If none of the elements specified under [9.19.1.3 RDA](#) (date of birth and/or death) or [9.19.1.4 RDA](#) (fuller form of name) is available to distinguish one access point from another, add either a term indicating period of activity of the person (see [9.3.4 RDA](#)) or a term indicating the class of persons engaged in the profession or occupation of the person (see 9.16).

[rest of instruction/examples unchanged]

3. 9.19.1.6:

If none of the elements specified under [9.19.1.3 RDA](#) (date of birth and/or death), or [9.19.1.4 RDA](#) (fuller form of name), ~~or [9.19.1.5 RDA](#) (period of activity of the person)~~ is available to distinguish one access point from another, add either a term indicating the class of persons engaged in the profession or occupation of the person (see [9.16 RDA](#) <sup>2012/01</sup>) or a period of activity of the person (see 9.3.4).  
[examples unchanged]

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#### 1. 9.19.1.1, second paragraph:

Make additions to the name as instructed under 9.19.1.2-9.19.1.4, in that order, as applicable. Make additions to the name as instructed under 9.19.1.5-9.19.1.6, in any order.

[rest of instruction/examples unchanged]

#### 2. 9.19.1.5 (to provide symmetry with 9.19.1.6):

If none of the elements specified under [9.19.1.3 RDA](#) (date of birth and/or death) or [9.19.1.4 RDA](#) (fuller form of name) is available to distinguish one access point from another, add either a term indicating period of activity of the person (see [9.3.4 RDA](#)) or a term indicating the class of persons engaged in the profession or occupation of the person (see 9.16).

[rest of instruction/examples unchanged]

#### 3. 9.19.1.6 (to provide symmetry with 9.19.1.5):

If none of the elements specified under [9.19.1.3 RDA](#) (date of birth and/or death) or [9.19.1.4 RDA](#) (fuller form of name) is available to distinguish one access point from another, add either a term indicating the class of persons engaged in the profession or occupation of the person (see [9.16 RDA](#)) <sup>2012/01</sup> or a period of activity of the person (see 9.3.4).

[examples unchanged]