

# THE GETTY VOCABULARIES Contribution Workshop

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# The Getty Vocabularies: Discover, link, access, retrieve, research, catalog, index

- Five structured vocabularies, compliant with (and map to) national and int'l standards for thesaurus construction
- Data related to art, architecture, cultural heritage, conservation, archaeology, archives and archival materials, visual surrogates, bibliographic materials
- Used for indexing, categorization, retrieval, and in management systems
- Developed in the late 1970s from a need within the museum and library communities
- Free, open, and collaborative
- International and multilingual

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Art and Architecture Thesaurus (AAT)

Terms for generic concepts, relationships, other data



**Union List of Artist Names (ULAN)** 

Names of people, corporate bodies, biographies, relationships



Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names (TGN)

Names for administrative and physical places (modern and historical), sites, coordinates



**Cultural Objects Name Authority (CONA)** 

Information about works of art (in development)



**Getty Iconography Authority (IA)** 

Iconographical narratives, religious / fictional characters, events, names of literary works etc

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## **Benefits**

• Quality: Terms and data vetted by scholars, institutions, and editorial specialists

Involvement: Expanding and enriching that data

- Credit: institution becomes a published, credited source for all contributed information
- The future: Linked Open Data contributions will travel



Image taken from https://medium.com/@kcoldiron/stress-purchasing-books-when-youre-surrounded-by-books-2860eb83d7e6

# Current Contributions & Editorial Projects

Additions (new concepts; added variant terms; Non-English terms– submitted in XML or via spreadsheet

**Translations** (primarily AAT; long-term initiative; XML)

**Editorial Additions** (additions/edits by GVP staff – sent via online contribution form, e-mail)

# Current Contributions & Editorial Projects

## **AAT**

Translations: full records for new concepts; variant terms in languages to be added to existing records

- Academia Sinica (Taiwan) Chinese; Pinyin, Wade-Giles, transliterations
- Netherlands Institute of Art History, RKD Dutch
- Staatliche Museen zu Berlin (German)
- Centro de Documentacíon de Bienes Patrimoniales, Santiago (Spanish)
- Canadian Heritage Information Network (CHIN) French
- In negotiation: Japanese terms, 15K French terms, Polish, etc.

Editorial Additions: digital technologies, fashion terms

artists' brushes (painting equipment, image-making equipment, ... Furnishings and Equipment (hierarchy name))

**Note:** Brushes made for use by artists from animal hair or synthetic material in a variety of shapes and sizes, but generally small enough to be handled with precision. The term pencil was used until the 19th century to describe small pointed sable or camel hair brushes. For larger brushes made for applying paint over large areas, especially as a protective coating, see "paintbrushes."

#### Terms:

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artists' brushes (preferred, C, U, LC, English-P, D, U, PN)
artist's brush (C,U,English,AD,U,SN)
brushes, artists' (C,U,English,UF,U,N)
                                                                          Chinese
畫筆 (繪畫工具) (C,U,Chinese (traditional)-P,D,U,U) ◆
huà bǐ (C,U,Chinese (transliterated Hanyu Pinyin)-P,UF,U,U)
hua bi (C,U,Chinese (transliterated Pinyin without tones)-P,UF,U,U)
hua pi (C,U,Chinese (transliterated Wade-Giles)-P,UF,U,U)
schilderspenselen (C,U,Dutch-P,D,U,U)
                                                                      Dutch
schilderspenseel (C,U,Dutch,AD,U,U)
penseel (schilder) (C,U,Dutch,UF,U,U)
penselen (schilders) (C,U,Dutch,UF,U,U)
                                                                German
Künstlerpinsel (C,U,German-P,D,B)
brochas de pintor (equipo de pintura) (C,U,Spanish-P,D,U,PN)
brocha de pintor (C,U,Spanish,AD,U,SN)
                                                                            Spanish
pincel (equipo de pintura) (C,U,Spanish,UF,U,SN)
pencils (brushes) (H,U,English,UF,U,N)
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#### Additional Notes:

Chinese (traditional) ..... 藝術家用於作畫的畫筆,以動物體毛或合成材料製作成不同形狀和大小,但通常尺寸不大以利於使用。直到十九世紀為止,均以「鉛筆」一詞代指貂毛或駱駝毛製成的小型尖頭畫筆。若指用來漆塗大面積的大型筆刷,特別是用來刷上保護外層的筆刷,則稱之為「畫刷」。

**Dutch** ..... Kwasten die voor kunstenaars zijn gemaakt en bestaan uit dierlijk haar of synthetisch materiaal, in verschillende vormen en maten maar in het algemeen klein genoeg om voor precisiewerk te gebruiken. De term 'penseel' werd tot de 19e eeuw gebruikt om kleine, gepunte kwasten van marter- of kameelhaar te beschrijven. Gebruik 'verfkwasten' voor grotere kwasten die worden gebruikt om verf op een groot oppervlak aan te brengen, met name als een beschermlaag.

**German** ..... Pinsel für die Benutzung durch einen Künstler, der aus Tierhaar oder synthetischem Material in einer Vielzahl an Größen und Formen hergestellt wird, in der Regel aber klein genug ist, um ihn mit Präzision zu führen. Der Begriff "Pencil" wurde bis in das 19. Jahrhundert hinein verwendet, um kleine, zugespitzte Zobel- oder Kamelhaarpinsel zu bezeichnen. Für einen größeren Pinsel, der verwendet wird, um Farbe auf großen Flächen aufzutragen, vor allem als Schutzanstrich, siehe "Malerpinsel".

# Current Contributions & Editorial Projects

## **ULAN**

- Getty Provenance Index thousands of names related to art sales (editing donors/patrons now)
- Museum of Modern Art reconciliation in progress
- African-American artists, reconciliation of East Asian names

4	А	В	С	D	E	F	G
1	Subject ID	Matching Term	Parent String	Pref Term		Biography	Matching Term Normalized
2	500475527	G\$04unther F\$04org	(temp.parent/ MoMA Artists, Persons, Artists, Top of the ULA	F\$04org, G\$04unther	R	German artist, 1952-2013	GUNTHERFORG
3	500475793	G\$04t other F\$04org	(Persons, Artists, Top of the ULAN list / hierarchy)	F\$04org, G\$04unther	D	Germa painter, sculptor, and photographer, 1952-2013	GUNTHERFORG
4	500254862	Guntler Forg	(Non-Artists, Top of the ULAN list / hierarchy)	K\$04uhne, G\$04unther		Germa architectural writer, born 1917	GUNTHERFORG
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6	500460304	Unkn wn Artist	(temp.parent/ MoMA Artists, Persons, Artists, Top of the ULA	Unknown Artist		Nation lity Unknown	UNKNOWNARTIST
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17	500023067	Carlos Rivera	(Persons, Artists, Top of the ULAN list / hierarchy)	Ribera y Fieve, Carlos Luis de		Spanish painter, 1815-1891	CARLOSRIVERA
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20	500460484	Vera Mukhina	(temp.parent/ MoMA Artists, Persons, Artists, Top of the ULA	Mukhina, Vera	R	Unknown artist	VERAMUKHINA
21	500083514	Vera Mukhina	(Persons, Artists, Top of the ULAN list / hierarchy)	Mukhina, Vera	D	Russian sculptor and decorative artist, 1889-1953	VERAMUKHINA
22							
23	500460505	Vadim Falileev	(temp.parent/ MoMA Artists, Persons, Artists, Top of the ULA	Falileev, Vadim	R	Unknown artist	VADIMFALILEEV
24	500058860	Vadim Falileev	(Persons, Artists, Top of the ULAN list / hierarchy)	Falileev, Vadim	D	Russian printmaker, born 1879	VADIMFALILEEV
25							
26	500460524	Sergei Gerasimov	(temp.parent/ MoMA Artists, Persons, Artists, Top of the ULA	Gerasimov, Sergei	R	Russian artist, 1885-1964	SERGEIGERASIMOV
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29	500460526	Boris Erdman	(temp.parent/ MoMA Artists, Persons, Artists, Top of the ULA	Erdman, Boris	R	Unknown artist	BORISERDMAN
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32							
33	500460537	Aleksandr Volkov	(temp.parent/ MoMA Artists, Persons, Artists, Top of the ULA	Volkov, Aleksandr	R	Russian painter, draftsman, and poet, 1886-1957	ALEKSANDRVOLKOV
34	500095663	Aleksandr Volkov	(Persons, Artists, Top of the ULAN list / hierarchy)	Volkov, Aleksandr	D	Russian painter, draftsman, and poet, 1886-1957	ALEKSANDRVOLKOV
35							
36	500460540	Aleksandr Labas	(temp.parent/ MoMA Artists, Persons, Artists, Top of the ULA	Labas, Aleksandr	R	Unknown artist	ALEKSANDRLABAS
37	500102572	Aleksandr Labas	(Persons, Artists, Top of the ULAN list / hierarchy)	Labas, Aleksandr	D	Russian painter, 1900-1983	ALEKSANDRLABAS
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# Current Contributions & Editorial Projects

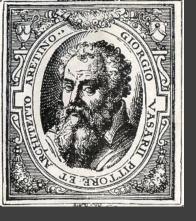
## **TGN**

- Modern world data loads via NGA (National GeoSpatial Agency)
- Archaeological sites, historic kingdoms and empires (AATA: Abstracts of International Conservation Literature, plus editor's additions

**CONA, IA** – developments ahead

# Contributing to the Vocabularies – Step by Step

- Term and content analysis what to contribute and how much?
- Contact: vocab@getty.edu for initial discussion on content, delivery format
- Sample data to Vocab technical team
- Letter of Agreement
- http://www.getty.edu/research/tools/vocabularies/guidelines/index.h
   tml



# Contributing to the Vocabularies – Required Fields - ULAN

## Minimum Required Fields for Contributing New Terms to ULAN

- Preferred name
- Optional: variant names
- Hierarchical position (Person, Corporate Body, Unknown)
- Source for name(s) one scholarly source needed, or own institution
- Gender
- Life dates (can be estimated)
- Role (ex: painter, architect, patron, etc)
- Nationality
- Display biography (can be concatenated if necessary)

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Schnabel, Julian (American painter and printmaker, born 1951)



Note: American artist, New York.

#### Names:

Schnabel, Julian (preferred, V, index, LC)

Julian Schnabel (V,display)

Shenabel, G'iuli'an (⋃)

שנאבל, ג׳וליאן (∪)

#### **Nationalities:**

American (preferred)

#### Roles:

artist (preferred)
painter
printmaker
sculptor

Gender: male



### **Sources and Contributors:**

שנאבל, ג׳וליאן ...... [GRL] ...... Library of Congress Authorities database (n.d.) n 82243633

Julian Schnabel ...... [GRISC, MoMA Preferred, VP]

Artists Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) New York (2000-)

...... Artists, Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) New York (2000-)

...... Getty Vocabulary Program rules

...... Harald Szeemann papers, Finding Aid, GRI Special Collections (2011-)

Schnabel, Julian ....... [AVERY Preferred, BHA Preferred, CL-Courtauld Preferred, GRISC

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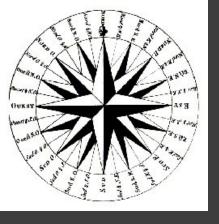
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# Contributing to the Vocabularies – Required Fields - TGN

## Minimum Required Fields for Contributing New Terms to TGN

- Preferred term
- Hierarchical position (first level subdivision level, if known)
- Source(s) for term one source is needed
- Place type (ex: inhabited place, river, archaeological site, etc)
- Not required but recommended: coordinates, variant names

## Balasagun (deserted settlement)

Coordinates:

Lat: 42 44 49 N degrees minutes Lat: 42.7460 decimal degrees

Long: 075 14 55 E degrees minutes Long: 75.2480 decimal degrees



**Note:** Ancient city, the location of which is under some dispute, though it is believed that the minaret known as the Burana Tower is all that remains.

#### Names:

Balasagun (preferred,C,V)

Balāsaghūn (C,V)

Balāsāgūn (C,V)

Balasagyn (C,V)

#### **Hierarchical Position:**

World (facet)

.... Asia (continent) (P)

...... Kyrgyzstan (nation) (P)

..... Chüy (province) (P)

..... Balasagun (deserted settlement) (P)

#### Place Types:

deserted settlement (preferred, C) archaeological site (C)



#### Related geographic places:

located on .... **Silk Road** ...... (road) ...... (World) [7031416]

#### Sources and Contributors:

Balāsaghūn..... [VP Preferred]

...... Encyclopedia Britannica Online (2015-) "The Khitans"; accessed 20 October

2017

Balāsāgūn..... [VP]

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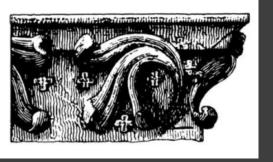
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# Contributing to the Vocabularies – Required Fields - AAT

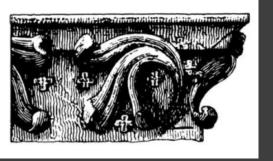
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- preferred term, Descriptor (with 3 scholarly sources)
- required if applicable, Alternate Descriptor
   (alternate descriptors, UFs "used fors")
- hierarchical position
- scope note
- sources for variant terms and scope note
- process is different for contributing data to pre-existing terms

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# Contributing to the Vocabularies – AAT

## For AAT translations

- Consortium for expertise; plan in place
- Concept-to-concept; can be certain hierarchies depending on need
- Regular communication with Vocabulary team
- Join the ITWG (International Terminology Working Group)

## For all AAT contributions

- Ensure true synonymy
- Use "bound terms" and not "compound terms"
- Include "qualifiers" for homographs
- Loan terms from source language are accepted and encouraged

# Contributing to the Vocabularies – Sourcing/Credit

All contributors / institutions help to create their "Full" and "Brief" credit (source) appearing in GVP records

Source is applied to:

- Concept level (as source of entire record, if new term)
- Term level (for each term contributed)
- Scope note

**ID:** 10000205

Brief Name: RKD, AAT-Ned

Full Name: RKD (Netherlands Institute for Art History; The Hague, The Netherlands). Dutch AAT

translation by Bureau AAT

# Contributing to the Vocabularies – Sourcing/Credit

## **Publishing:**

 If multiple contributors submit records for the same concept (AAT), person (ULAN), or place (TGN), the information is merged into one record, with contributors noted at certain key fields

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    solvente...... [CDBP-DIBAM Preferred]
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       ...... Getty Vocabulary Program rules
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    Spanish...... [CDBP-DIBAM]
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# Where does this data go?

- Getty vocabularies search engine hundreds of thousands of searches per year
- Collection Management Systems both in-house, and in software products
- Into the cloud as Linked Open Data, used by Wikipedia, Europeana
- Into online federated authority files such as VIAF
- Reproduced online by museums



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