**BACKGROUND:** Demographic group terms may be assigned in personal name authority records to describe group(s) with which a person self-identifies. This instruction sheet provides guidelines on the MARC 21 coding of LC demographic group terms when they are used to describe group(s) with which a person self-identifies. For full information on coding in authority records, see http://www.loc.gov/marc/authority/. For guidelines on assigning terms describing groups with which a person self-identifies, see L 490 - Assignment of terms: Entity Attributes for Persons.

1. **General rule.** In a personal name authority record, use the 368 field (subfield $c$), the 374 field, or the 375 field.

   The indicators are **blank**. The subfield contains an authorized term and does not end with a mark of punctuation unless the term ends in a closing parenthesis. A $2$ subfield containing $\text{lcdgt}$ is included at the end of each field.

2. **Repeatability of data elements.** 368 subfield $c$ and 375 subfield $a$ are repeatable. The 368 field and the 375 field are also repeatable. In choosing between repeating a field vs. repeating a subfield: If the only addition to an existing field is an additional term from the same vocabulary, repeat the subfield. If the vocabulary source differs, repeat the field. Overall best practice: repeat the field when needed for clarity.

3. **Examples.**

   100 1# $a$ Ailey, Alvin

   368 ## $c$ African Americans $2$ lcdgt

   375 ## $a$ Males $2$ lcdgt

   100 1# $a$ Curie, Marie, $d$ 1867-1934

   368 ## $c$ Nobel Prize winners $2$ lcdgt

   374 ## $a$ Physicists $a$ Chemists $2$ lcdgt

   375 ## $a$ Females $2$ lcdgt

   100 1# $a$ Jennings, Jazz

   375 ## $a$ Transgender people $2$ lcdgt