SNAC Editorial Policy and Standards Working Group: **Relationship** Types

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Relationship Types

What

One of SNAC's great powers is providing connections among historical figures and their related materials

Where

Looked to existing relationships available in SNAC as well as expanding to those in development by RiC.

Why

Expanding relationship types from those currently available in SNAC will allow for making those connections more clearly and decisively.

ESWG's work

Current

Working through a list of relationships types defined by RiC, that were listed to be added to SNAC during the implementation of controlled vocabulary management.

These terms have not yet been added.

Policy

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- Creating definitions for each
- relationship type that will be made
- available in SNAC once vocabulary
- management is implemented, so
- editors and users can understand the
- specific meaning of each relationship.

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Expansion: Indigenous & Enslaved Description Groups

Looking at these lists with our inclusive and specialized description groups, have realized that more specific relationships are needed to be inclusive of differing communities.

will speak to this during their

editors and users.

- Representatives from those groups
- presentations, but we are meeting
- quarterly to discuss relationship types
- and ensure that needs are met in
- balance with ensuring clarity for

Thanks for listening!

We are seeking volunteers to join us in this work! Please reach out to **elizabeth_coup@harvard.edu** if you'd like to join ESWG and push this project (and other policies) forward!