

SNAC January 2019 Newsletter

News from the Operations Committee

Happy New Year, SNAC Cooperative!

General Updates

SNAC Deputy Director Ivey Glendon is leaving the University of Virginia Library and SNAC to begin a new position at the Library of Congress, Senior Library Information Systems Specialist. She will be working for familiar faces at the Library of Congress, Beacher Wiggins and Judith Cannan. While we are very sad to lose Ivey, we are also very happy for her as well. Congratulations Ivey!!

Joseph Glass, SNAC Technical Lead, is scheduled to become a parent in early February. While we are all anxiously awaiting the joyful arrival of a new Glass, the blessed event will mean that Joseph will be on leave for eight weeks. During Joseph's absence, we will have in place procedures to ensure that the public and development sites are up and running. During Joseph's leave, all technical issues should be reported to Daniel Pitti: dpitti@Virginia.edu.

Communications:

Check out the new [SNAC public web pages](#)! In December the Communications Working Group updated the About page and added an FAQ page to the site. The SNAC Cooperative Ethos is also now publicly available. Thanks to Joseph Glass for setting up the SNAC Portal for easy editing and direct link to the public website.

Developer's Update (Joseph):

Not-Same Assertions

Editors now have the option to mark two constellations as Not-Same, if they represent different people and should never be merged. This is especially helpful when two constellations share similar names, life dates, or other life facts and could be easily confused as being the same person. Marking them Not-Same prevents incorrect merging of commonly confused identities.

Maybe-Same Assertions

There are 9 possible matching Constellations.

Washington, George, 1732-1799 (Spirit)

<http://n2t.net/ark:/99166/w6b01xrb> (person)

No biographical history available for this identity.

Compare

Compare to Merge

Mark Not Same

SNACSchool:




The SNACSchool Working Group informs all SNAC editors of a change in policy for the **External CPF SameAs** element:

Wikidata v. Wikipedia policy announcement:

The SNACSchool Working Group along with the SNAC Standards and Editorial Working Group announce a change for the External CPF (Same As) element. Going forward, SNAC editors should use Wikidata links instead of Wikipedia links for this element. The justification being that Wikidata Q identifiers are persistent, and the Wikipedia URL is not.

The intention is to use the Wikidata Q identifier exclusively. SNAC can use the Wikidata Q identifier to provide other Wiki links “on demand,” as many research users will likely prefer Wikipedia articles to Wikidata entries.

Editors should enter the External CPF (sameAs) element as follows:

Relation Text	Wikidata	
Role	sameAs	
URI	https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q214477	



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Julia Carolyn Child

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Standards and Editorial Policy:

Other Announcements