SNAC March 2019 Newsletter

News from the Operations Committee

Our next SNAC Partners Meeting will be Sept. 2019 at the National Archives in Washington, DC. <u>Please take this short survey to tell us what the best dates for you are</u>. If you have questions, contact <u>Dina Herbert</u> at NARA.

We are pleased to announce that Sue Perdue will be the Deputy Director of SNAC. In addition to her SNAC role, Sue is Director of Digital Strategy at Virginia Humanities (<u>https://www.virginiahumanities.org/</u>). Sue is a documentary editor, and currently is a member of the Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation for the U.S. State Department. She was also director of the Mellon Foundation funded People of the Founding Era (PFE; <u>https://pfe.rotunda.upress.virginia.edu/</u>).

We are further pleased to announce that Jason Jordan has joined SNAC as a programmerdeveloper. Initially, while Joseph Glass is on parent leave, Jason will focus on ingesting new batches of CPF data into SNAC: People of the Founding Era biographies; Encyclopedia Virginia biographies (<u>https://www.encyclopediavirginia.org/</u>), and more.

And finally, with respect to Joseph Glass' parental leave, it began yesterday! He and Amanda are the pleased, proud parents of a baby girl, Willow Verity Glass. Congratulations to Joseph and Amanda.

General Updates

Communications:

The Communications Working Group continues efforts to update the SNAC public website.

Developer's Update (Joseph and Jason):

SNACSchool:

The Team met on February 14, 2019, for it's quarterly meeting, under leadership of Dina Herbert. In the works for the Team are possible SNACSchool training events: Spring 2019; August 2019, Austin, Texas, and the SNAC partners' meeting in early Fall. If you or your colleagues are interested in a Spring training, please contact <u>Dina Herbert</u> or <u>Jerry Simmons</u>.

Standards and Editorial Policy:

Technology Infrastructure:

On February 20, the Technology Infrastructure Working Group opened their regular conference call to Cooperative Members to view Mark Custer's demonstration of the tool OpenRefine, http://openrefine.org/. The demo was recorded and is available here https://yalelibrary.zoom.us/recording/play/napIPdNx14dVyrJITYaBjDVNoWOEAUjJ_6drEhjKF0aYtQHOOem9FC2qxHtwDxWC?continueMode=true. For more information about the demonstration, see Mark's email of February 22 sent to the snac-coopmembers listserv.

Other Announcements