

SNAC August 2019 Newsletter

News from the Operations Committee

General Updates

Directors:

Daniel Pitti and Sue Perdue attended DH2019 in Utrecht. Both presented on SNAC at a pre-conference workshop--[Libraries as Research Partners in Digital Humanities](#)--at the Royal Library in The Hague, and then later at the conference proper met with Deborah Cornell, College of William & Mary, and Samantha Callaghan, King's College Digital Lab, to discuss the [Georgian Papers Programme](#) (GPP) at the Royal Library and Royal Archives at Windsor Castle. Bill Stocking, Manager of the Royal Archives, is discussing with Daniel a data exchange agreement with between GPP and SNAC. You can find a description of the workshop [here](#).

Ethan Gruber, American Numismatics Society (ANS), developer of xEAC and EADitor has modified xEAC to work with the SNAC Application Programming Interface ([API](#)). He used xEAC to align ANS descriptions with SNAC descriptions and then put new data into SNAC, including new person descriptions as well as resource descriptions for both archival and bibliographic holdings at ANS. Please see [Ethan's Blog](#) describing the work.

SNAC has extended an invitation to Venkat Srinivasan, Archives at the National Centre for Biological Sciences, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bangalore to speak at the SNAC Members' Meeting in September.

Communications:

The Communications Working Group created an agenda and discussion topics for the member meeting in September. If your institution or Working Group has items of interest for Communications, please do not hesitate to contact the Chair, Kelly Spring, at springk18@ecu.edu.

Developer's Update:

SNACSchool

SNACSchool will happen on Friday, August 2nd, at the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library on the University of Texas-Austin campus starting at 9 a.m. We can accept new students as late as August 1st, so please contact [Jerry Simmons](#) (cell 410-533-3029) to register and to receive logistical information about this event.

SNACSchool will happen again in September during the SNAC Partners' meeting week, on Wednesday, September 18th, at the Smithsonian Libraries facility at the National Museum of Natural History (where they exhibit the Hope Diamond!). For this event, we will welcome our two new SNACSchool instructors, Jodi Berkowitz (UNC-Chapel Hill) and Kitt Messick (Getty Research). Please contact [Dina Herbert](#) at NARA for registration. This will be a full training event on SNACSchool Modules 2 through 8. It will be offered in a classroom setting as well as remotely via GoToMeeting.

NARA Liaisons Team:

The NARA Liaisons Team welcomes back Dina Herbert from her leave time with new baby Shai! The other half of the NARA Liaisons Team is thrilled to have Dina back in the mix, if only part-time in late July. Dina will return to a full-time schedule in August.

Reminder! The NARA Liaisons Team will be onsite at the SAA conference registration center presenting the SNAC information table, which has now become a tradition. This will be our fourth year! We are still looking for SNAC partners to help staff the table during the conference! Please add your name to this [spreadsheet](#) if you can spend even a couple of hours here and there.

You can find Jerry Simmons, Sue Perdue, and other SNAC partners behind the new SNAC table banner featuring Harriet Tubman! This new banner is printed on soft, foldable nylon and can be easily stowed and transported. If you have plans to present a SNAC information table at a future event, please contact [Jerry Simmons](#) to have the banner shipped to you.

Editorial and Standards Policy:

The Citations in SNAC: Sources and Format policy has been approved by the Operations Committee and will be public on the SNAC Portal soon. The ESWG has been working on improving the policy creation workflow and approval policy and have created a policy checklist to ensure all draft policies run through the same approval process.

Technology Infrastructure:

Other Announcements

Outreach

Member Meeting

The meeting will take place at the U.S. National Archives Building in Washington, DC and run from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 19, and from 9:00-3:30 or 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 20. A full agenda with final times will be sent in August. SNAC School will be Wednesday, September 18 at the Smithsonian's Natural History Museum so allow an extra night for your travel (nights of Sept. 18 and 19).

As a reminder, you are responsible for arranging your own travel for this meeting. Lunches and dinner are on your own. This will give you greater options for meals and an opportunity to get out and stretch your legs. Unfortunately, we are unable to pay for travel costs for members this year.

For more information see the email of July 19 from Sue Perdue to snac-coopmembers, or email Sue directly at ssh8a@virginia.edu.