

# SNAC August 2020 Newsletter

## From the Operations Committee

### Announcements

Director, Daniel Pitti ([dpitti@virginia.edu](mailto:dpitti@virginia.edu))

- We are pleased to announce the newest members of the Cooperative: the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum and the Corning Museum of Glass.
- The California Digital Library (CDL) in collaboration with the University of Virginia (UVa) Library and OCLC has been awarded a \$982,175 two-year grant to establish the foundations for a national-level archival finding aid network -- working in close partnership with statewide/regional aggregators and LYRASIS (ArchivesSpace).

The UVa component of the project will focus on technical research and prototyping of systems to support comprehensive and persistent aggregation of finding aids at scale -- which, when fully realized, could serve as a solution for existing regional/statewide aggregators, and electively, local individual institutions. The technical research and prototyping, among other activities, will involve exploring integrations with SNAC. Daniel Pitti will serve as the PI at UVa.

### SNACSchool reminder ...

Training events are set for September 23, October 21, November 18, and December 16. Please email [Dina Herbert](mailto:dina.herbert@snac.org) to reserve a space. Classes are capped at 25 participants.

### SNAC Stats

The following includes some general statistical information about SNAC's research portal. The Operations Committee began providing this information in March of this year and plans to continue to do so on a monthly basis.

As of reporting time (July 27, 2020), there were 3,735,767 identity constellations and 2,092,042 resource descriptions in SNAC. In the past month, SNAC had over 45,000 users and referred over 4,000 visitors to holding institutions sites.

### Wikipedia edit-a-thon event

The National Archives, Library of Congress, and Smithsonian are organizing a month-long virtual Wikipedia edit-a-thon for the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment and voting rights for white women. During August there will be a push to edit pages on Wikipedia and participate in virtual events. No experience necessary and help will be available throughout the month! Information about the event is [here](#). If you're not ready to edit Wikipedia, work on associated SNAC records. Check out this list of SNAC records associated with the event that need updating. [Google Spreadsheet is here](#); you'll need to request access to edit.

## SNAC @SAA

Members of the SNAC Cooperative will be presenting at the 2020 Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting. Susan Pyzynski, Rachael Hu, Alexander Duryee, and John Dunning will discuss recent developments from the Working Groups and implementing SNAC in regular processes. The presentation will be made [available online for viewing](#) during the week of SAA's meeting.

Jerry Simmons presented at the SAA Description Section annual meeting regarding the next phase of SNAC.

## Working Group Updates

### Communications:

*Faith Charlton, Chair ([faithc@princeton.edu](mailto:faithc@princeton.edu))*

The Communications Working Group would again like to thank everyone for completing the SNAC Newsletter survey. As was mentioned in the last newsletter, one key piece of feedback we received from respondents is that members would like to see stories from institutions on how they are integrating SNAC into their practices. The Operations Committee is committed to start providing this information via the newsletter and/or via additional avenues and platforms, for example, the all-(Cooperative) partner meetings. For those who may be interested, we are sharing the survey results. You can find them [here](#) and [here](#).

We would love to add more members to our group! If you're interested in joining, please email [faithc@princeton.edu](mailto:faithc@princeton.edu).

### Developer's Update:

*Joseph Glass, Lead Developer ([jhg2v@virginia.edu](mailto:jhg2v@virginia.edu))*

A working prototype of the Data Extraction Web Service is now live on SNAC-dev. Found on the [Processing Dashboard](#), this service extracts EAD into tsv files ready-formatted for uploading data into SNAC with the OpenRefine extension or by the SNAC API.

## SNACSchool and the NARA Liaisons Team:

*Jerry Simmons ([jerry.simmons@nara.gov](mailto:jerry.simmons@nara.gov)) and Dina Herbert ([dina.herbert@nara.gov](mailto:dina.herbert@nara.gov)),  
Co-chairs*

The SNACSchool Team will roll out new training to cover all recent changes to the SNAC user interface. The August 5th class is already at capacity, but please consider joining classes in the coming month for a complete overview of screen and tab changes, and new functionality.

The SNACSchool Team continues to recruit new members to participate in training development and to serve as SNACSchool instructors. Please consider volunteering for the Team! Contact [Jerry Simmons](#) with questions.

## Technology Infrastructure:

*Alex Duryee ([alexanderduryee@nypl.org](mailto:alexanderduryee@nypl.org)) and Iris Lee ([ilee@amnh.org](mailto:ilee@amnh.org)), Co-chairs*

Following TIWG's meeting with ArchivesSpace representatives, the group continues reviewing the ArchivesSpace Agents module redesign, with a focus towards data imports/exports to and from EAC-CPF and SNAC.

## Editorial Standards:

*Susan Pyzynski, Chair ([pyzynski@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:pyzynski@fas.harvard.edu))*

The Working Group met July 13, the minutes can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EYN9xpFb4bneh2yW0AjjNEhECHt3vlckvlpEfsfVloY/edit>

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