

# SNAC October 2020 Newsletter

## From the Operations Committee

### Announcements

Director, Daniel Pitti (dpitti@virginia.edu)

We are very pleased to welcome a new Cooperative member: Emory University Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives and Rare Book Library!

The Cooperative Annual Meeting was held the afternoons of September 24 and 25. Given Covid-19, the meeting was held virtually and was open to both members and non-members. 228 people registered for the September 24 session and 233 for the September 25 session. Approximately 60% of those registered attended. Thanks to those who participated!

The meeting was recorded. Links to videos of the presentations are available on the SNAC website, and can be found on [SNAC's YouTube channel](#).

Please note, the next meetings of the SNAC Communications, Editorial Standards and Policy, and SNACSchool working groups will be open to anyone interested in observing what the groups are working on. See the WG sections below for details.

### SNACSchool reminder

Training events will take place on October 21-22, November 18-19, and December 16-17, all from 1-4 pm eastern (10 am-1 pm pacific); training is over 2 days. Please email [Dina Herbert](#) 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 monthly.

As of reporting time (Sept 29), there were 3,731,802 identity constellations and 2,093,245 resource descriptions in SNAC. In the past month, SNAC had over 92,800 users and referred over 4,158 visitors to holding institutions' sites.

# Working Group Updates

## Communications:

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

The Communication Working Group's next meeting, which will be held October 28, 2-3pm EDT, will be open for anyone interested in attending. We will be discussing two upcoming projects: revising the SNAC presentation template and drafting a communications strategy. Please contact Faith Charlton for login information if you plan to attend.

## Developer's Update:

*Joseph Glass, Lead Developer ([ihq2v@virginia.edu](mailto:ihq2v@virginia.edu))*

The SNAC OpenRefine Extension now supports inserting basic Constellations, including with Resource Relations! Next upgrades will include improving data validations and error messages. Last month we tested the extension by uploading 3300 CPFs from The HistoryMakers project and were very pleased with the results.

The [Concept Vocabulary system](#) is available in the initial beta on SNAC-Dev. The development team will be upgrading the vocabulary weekly as we refine the editing interface, add features and incorporate feedback from our editors.

## 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 NARA SNAC Liaisons, along with the SNACSchool Team, invite cooperative members to join the upcoming joint meeting with the SNAC Editorial Standards and Policy Working Group. Your input in such discussions promotes the development of SNACSchool curriculum as well as editing guidance and policy.

October 19, 3-4pm EST (joint meeting with Editorial Standards and Policy)

<https://harvard.zoom.us/j/98419173928?pwd=OFZhMU5PZ2ZuV2lvUGpKVmNBMGE2UT09>

## Technology Infrastructure:

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

The TIWG held an open meeting on September 30.

## Editorial Standards:

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

Open meeting: October 19, 3-4pm EST (joint meeting with SNACSchool team)

Following meeting (ESWG only): November 17, 3-4 EST

<https://harvard.zoom.us/j/98419173928?pwd=OFZhMU5PZ2ZuV2lvUGpKVmNBMGE2UT09>

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