

SNAC November 2020 Newsletter

From the Operations Committee

Announcements

Director, Daniel Pitti (dpitti@virginia.edu)

We are very pleased to welcome new Cooperative members:

Boston Public Library
Harry Ransom Center
Reclaim the Records
University of Southern California

SNACSchool

Training events will take place on 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](mailto:Dina.Herbert@princeton.edu) to reserve a space. Classes are capped at 25 participants.

The SNACSchool Team also announces three training events for 2021! The events are as follows: January 13-14, February 16-17, and March 16-17. Please email [Dina Herbert](mailto:Dina.Herbert@princeton.edu) 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 (October 28, 2020), there were 3,734,331 identity constellations and 2,098,243 resource descriptions in SNAC. In the past month, SNAC had over 125,000 users and referred over 4,465 visitors to holding institutions' sites.

Working Group Updates

Communications:

Faith Charlton, Chair (faithc@princeton.edu)

The Working Group is beginning to develop a comprehensive communications plan to strategize management of SNAC's various communications platforms and tools.

Developer's Update:

Joseph Glass, Lead Developer (jhg2v@virginia.edu)

The development team is in the process of upgrading the search engine in SNAC. The upgrades will allow searching for variant names from the main and advanced search pages as well as improved search results for names with diacritics or special characters.

SNACSchool and the NARA Liaisons Team:

Jerry Simmons (jerry.simmons@nara.gov) and Dina Herbert (dina.herbert@nara.gov), Co-chairs

The SNACSchool Team, under leadership from Dina Herbert, is excited to present updated editor "cheat sheets" to assist folks in their editing work. You can find these all on the [SNAC Website](#) under the [SNACSchool Extra Materials](#). There you'll find PDFs for cheat sheets on:

- [Name Elements](#)
- [SNAC Relationship Types](#)
- [SNAC Editing Cheat Sheet - Persons](#)
- [SNAC Editing Cheat Sheet - Corporate Bodies](#)
- [SNAC Editing Cheat Sheet - Families](#)
- [Authority ID Cheat Sheet](#)
- [Adding Images To SNAC](#)

These should serve as a useful refresher if it's been some time since you've edited in SNAC.

The SNACSchool Team, under leadership of the National Archives SNAC Liaison Team, continues to seek volunteers. Involvement on the team includes attending quarterly meetings, participating in the development of training materials, and volunteering as an instructor during SNACSchool events. Please contact [Jerry Simmons](#) if you are interested in volunteering!

Technology Infrastructure:

Alex Duryee (alexanderduryee@nypl.org) and Iris Lee (ilee@amnh.org), Co-chairs

The TIWG discussed potential projects with Editorial Standards Working Group (ESWG) representatives regarding record creation forms for smaller repositories. The group also began developing lightweight import profiles for SNAC EAC-CPF to ArchivesSpace, and planned to review the EAC-CPF revision draft pending its release.

Editorial Standards:

Susan Pyzynski, Chair (pyzynski@fas.harvard.edu)

The minutes to the October 19 joint ESWG_SNACSchool meeting can be found here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EgNdKMyQqefHO5VcoTZTkXqopxU6BAuBWUChtpoYd88/edit>

The next ESWG meeting will be held November 17, 3-4 EST.

The SNAC Cooperative monthly newsletter provides news about SNAC activities and is sent to our Cooperative Members listserv, which is open to anyone interested in SNAC. Those interested in subscribing to the listserv can do so here: <http://lists.village.virginia.edu/mailman/listinfo/snac-coopmembers>.

To comment on or request more information about the SNAC newsletter please contact the Communications Working Group Chair, Faith Charlton, at faithc@princeton.edu or fill out the contact form at <https://snaccooperative.org/contact>.



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