

# SNAC June 2021 Newsletter

From the Operations Committee

## Announcements

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

Please join me in welcoming the Military Women's Memorial as a new Cooperative member.

## SNACSchool Trainings

SNACSchool training calendar for the remainder of 2021:

- June 16-17
- July 21-22 / training event for Restoring Indigenous Authority Edit-a-thon
- August 4 - (1-day event during SAA conference week)
- September 22-23
- October 13-14
- November 17-18
- December 15-16

Classes are limited to 25 students. Please email [Dina Herbert](mailto:Dina.Herbert@princeton.edu) to reserve your spot.

## SNAC Stats

*The following includes general statistical information about use of SNAC's research portal.*

As of reporting time (Tuesday, May 25, 2021), there were 3,723,659 identity constellations and 2,102,350 resource descriptions in SNAC. In the past month, SNAC had over 70,000 users and referred over 4,300 visitors to holding institutions' sites.

## SNAC-related Publications

*We invite Cooperative members to share articles, blog posts, and any other published content about SNAC and SNAC-related topics or projects. Please send citations, with links, to Faith Charlton, Chair of the Communications Working Group at [faithc@princeton.edu](mailto:faithc@princeton.edu).*

## Member News

*We invite Cooperative members to share news about SNAC-related projects or initiatives that they are undertaking, such as workflows and policies for creating or enhancing identity constellations, or if*

members want to highlight identity constellations. Please send a short (150-words max) blurb to Faith Charlton, Chair of the Communications Working Group at [faithc@princeton.edu](mailto:faithc@princeton.edu).

Lesley Parilla, Fred W. Smith Library at Mount Vernon, and Dina Herbert, NARA, are working on an editathon of the enslaved peoples owned by George Washington and, separately, Martha Washington. For this project, the group will work with Mount Vernon volunteers who are descendants of the enslaved from Mount Vernon. Volunteers will fill out a google form with the information and using OpenRefine the material will be ingested into SNAC. We hope to begin working with volunteers in the next few weeks.

## Working Group Updates

### Communications:

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

SNAC Twitter is back! Thanks to the Communications Twitter sub-working group, SNAC's Twitter account (@SNACcooperative) is active again. The team is currently working on a form for members that are interested in sharing news about SNAC-related projects or highlighting identity constellations, particularly individuals or organizations from marginalized or underrepresented groups. Stay tuned!

### Developer's Update:

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

We are currently expanding our Holding Repositories using information from the [RepoData](#) project. This improvement will include adding new repositories, programmatic merging and cleanup of already existing repositories within SNAC, and adding address and contact where possible.

### 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 is writing its first drafts of documentation for the SNAC OpenRefine plugin, which will walk users through the process of installing OpenRefine and the plugin, preparing data, working with metadata in OpenRefine, and publishing to SNAC.

### Editorial Standards:

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

Minutes to the May 17th meeting can be found here:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1x3etr59VxGvk\\_PUsHsF8wBY6hnh68ZvoOPY5-RR8NT8/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1x3etr59VxGvk_PUsHsF8wBY6hnh68ZvoOPY5-RR8NT8/edit)

The group has started work on a draft list of Repository Types, and continues to work on the Occupations element.

## Reference and Research:

*Marisa Bourgoïn, Chair ([BourgoïnM@si.edu](mailto:BourgoïnM@si.edu))*

Members of the R&R working group have been working on reviewing reference queries submitted to SNAC with the goal of developing standardized responses and workflows. The initial analysis can be found [here](#). We will be looking at another set of tickets to confirm the initial findings. We are also beginning work on updating the SNAC FAQs.

## SNACSchool:

*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 pages of the portal now contain new SNACSchool 3.2 - [materials](#) to reflect changes to SNAC-Dev and SNACcooperative.org (production) editing screens. We have also integrated more examples for name forms and embedded links to SNAC policy and guidance directly into the module PDFs. [Extra materials](#) now include expanded [Name Elements](#) and [Relationship Types](#).

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*<http://lists.village.virginia.edu/mailman/listinfo/snac-coopmembers>.*

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