SNAC July 2021 Newsletter

From the Operations Committee

Announcements

Director, Daniel Pitti (dpitti@virginia.edu)

Please join me in welcoming the Vassar College Libraries as a new Cooperative member.

Over the summer, the Cooperative will have not one, not two, not three, but four developers working on various initiatives. While only one of the developers is full time, having four active at the same time will help us significantly advance work in several areas:

- OpenRefine SNAC plugin.
- ArchivesSpace SNAC plugin.
- Controlled Vocabularies maintenance model: occupations, subjects, activities, demographic groups (of one kind or another: what categories and policies are under development) and relations vocabulary for CPF to CPF, Resource Description and Place.
- Simplified form input.
- Begin work on module for maintaining place entities.

Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars! SNAC's Operations Committee is excited to announce that its Annual Meeting is currently slated to take place September 29th and 30th. Like last year, the meeting will be fully virtual via Zoom, and will be conducted in two, three-hour sessions from approximately 1-4 EDT/10-1 PDT.

To ensure that members' interests are reflected in the meeting's agenda, we are seeking your feedback! If you have ideas or suggestions for what you'd like to learn or hear about, or if there is something you'd like to present regarding your work with SNAC, please reach out to Jerry Simmons, Operations Manager, at jerry.simmons@nara.gov by July 20.

Thank you, and we hope to see you in September!

SNACSchool Trainings

SNACSchool training calendar for the remainder of 2021:
- 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 to reserve your spot.

SNAC Stats

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

As of reporting time (Tuesday, June 29, 2021), there were 3,722,212 identity constellations and 2,102,984 resource descriptions in SNAC. In the past month, SNAC had over 107,000 users and referred over 4,200 visitors to holding institutions' sites.

SNAC-related Publications

We invite Cooperative members to share articles, blog posts, and any other content they've published about SNAC and SNAC-related topics or projects. For inclusion in the newsletter, please send citations, with links, to Faith Charlton, chair of the Communications Working Group at faithc@princeton.edu. If you'd like to highlight content on SNAC's Twitter, please use this form to submit your request.

Check out this blog post by Sarah Rigdon, an Archives Technician in the Research Room in the National Archives at St. Louis, MO, SNACing with the PEPs: Discovering Henry Reuterdahl and his Compelling Artistic Relationship with the U. S. Navy in *The Text Message*, a blog of the Textual Records Division at the National Archives.

The National Archives Catalog Newsletter for June 10, 2021, "Pride in the Archives," referenced the court case about U.S. airline pilot Karen Ulane and encouraged readers to check out her SNAC record.

Member News

We invite Cooperative members to share news about SNAC-related projects or initiatives they are undertaking, such as workflows and policies for creating or enhancing identity constellations, particularly those of individuals or groups from underrepresented communities, or if members want to highlight identity constellations. For inclusion in the newsletter, please send a short (150-words max) blurb to Faith Charlton, chair of the Communications Working Group at faithc@princeton.edu. If you'd like to highlight news on SNAC's Twitter, please use this form to submit your request.

Colleen McFarland Rademaker, Manager, Archives and Special Collections and Joe Schill, Archivist, will present "From Pandemic Pastime to Pivotal Program: Archival Authorities at The Corning Museum of Glass" at the Museum Archives Section Meeting during the SAA's Annual Conference. They will discuss how updating agent records in ArchivesSpace led the Rakow Research Library (of The Corning Museum of Glass) to SNAC. The section meeting will take place on Zoom from 2-3:30 PM (ET) on July 6, 2021 and will be recorded. The presentation is one of three that will occur at the beginning of the section meeting, which is open to all. Registration required. Meeting Registration - Zoom

Working Group Updates

Communications:
Faith Charlton, Chair (faithc@princeton.edu)

Have SNAC-related information that you'd like to post to SNAC's Twitter account (@SNACcooperative)? The Communications Working Group invites Cooperative members to share news about SNAC-related projects, initiatives, or events, or to highlight identity constellations, particularly those of individuals or groups from underrepresented communities, which we will post on SNAC Twitter. Please use [this form](#) to request a scheduled tweet!

Developer's Update:
Joseph Glass, Lead Developer (jhg2v@virginia.edu)

[Snaccooperative.org](#) will be down for maintenance for a short time on July 5th. During that time editing, searching, and all actions requiring a log-in will be disabled until maintenance is complete. Feel free to reach out to *jhg2v@virginia.edu* if you have any questions or concerns about the scheduled downtime.

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

The TIWG has prepared its first draft of OpenRefine documentation and is readying it for publication this summer.

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

June 21 meeting minutes: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tMwoXTarjy_fanEY-YwW8-453HqLTYwBfITaz2au8RY/edit
Next meeting is July 19, 3:00 ET

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