

SNAC December 2021 Newsletter

From the Operations Committee

Announcements

The Technical working group and development team recently completed a major cleanup of over 185,000 duplicate CPFs. The process involved querying for CPFs with a high likelihood of duplication by name and reviewing candidates before programmatically merging records. This process will greatly decrease duplication in SNAC and improve data quality.

SNACSchool Training

SNACSchool training calendar for the remainder of 2021:

- December 15-16

SNACSchool dates for 2022:

- February 23-24, 2022
- March 23-24, 2022
- April 27-28, 2022
- May 25-26, 2022
- June 22-23, 2022
- August 24, 2022 (one-day event at SAA at Simmons University; details to follow)

Classes are limited to 25 students. Please email [Dina Herbert](#) to reserve your spot.

Reference and Research SNACSchool Pilot

Please join the SNACSchool team and the Reference and Research Working Group for the pilot of the SNAC R&R Module. The class will be December 9, from 1-3pm Eastern/10am-12pm Pacific. Registration for this event is limited to 30; reserve a spot by emailing Dina Herbert by December 8. [More information here.](#)

SNAC Stats

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

As of reporting time (Tuesday, Nov 30, 2021), there were 3,548,326 identity constellations and 2,104,618 resource descriptions in SNAC. In the past month, SNAC had over 165,409 users and referred over 4,600 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, Communications Working Group chair at faithc@princeton.edu. If you'd like to highlight content on SNAC's Twitter, please use [this form](#) to submit your request.

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, Communications Working Group chair at faithc@princeton.edu. If you'd like to highlight news on SNAC's Twitter, please use [this form](#) to submit your request.

Working Group Updates

Communications:

Faith Charlton, Chair (faithc@princeton.edu)

The working group has begun to highlight identity constellations of individuals or groups from underrepresented communities via SNAC's Twitter account (@SNACcooperative), starting with some of the constellations that were revised during the [Indigenous edit-a-thon](#) that took place last October. As a reminder, if your institution has constellations you'd like SNAC to share via its Twitter account, please use [this form](#) to submit a request!

Developer's Update:

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

The development team is preparing a batch merge of over 10,000 libraries, museums and archives as part of the ongoing Holding Institution cleanup in SNAC.

Technology Infrastructure:

Alex Duryee, Chair (alexanderduryee@nypl.org)

TIWG is reviewing and cleaning up SNAC's list of placenames in preparation for more sophisticated geographic modeling.

Editorial Standards:

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

Our November meeting minutes:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1s8-zUGF7IZ9yCKc8RpFADlivqSO2gfxIPBAZILeYXYQ/edit>

Our next meeting will be December 14, 3:00PM, on a Tuesday, a change from our useful 3rd Monday of the month.

Reference and Research:

Marisa Bourgoin, Chair (BourgoinM@si.edu)

The working group met on November 9 to review the new SNAC school reference module and to provide some updates on the working group's responses to help tickets. Our next meeting will be December 14 at 1pm Eastern.

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. For those interested in subscribing to the listserv, please email snaccooperative@gmail.com. Past issues of the newsletter are available on [SNAC's website](#). 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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