

SNAC January 2022 Newsletter

From the Operations Committee

Announcements

Director, Daniel Pitti (dpitti@virginia.edu)

The Operations Committee would like to wish everyone a happy new year. We hope that everyone is doing well considering the wide variety of challenges.

New Member

The Cooperative is pleased to welcome Iowa State University as a member.

Governance Documentation

In an effort to formalize SNAC's governance structure and members' participation in SNAC operations, the Operations Committee has authored documentation with information about [SNAC administration, working groups](#), and [SNAC's code of conduct](#). We ask that members take time to review this information. Please send any questions or comments to Daniel Pitti (dpitti@virginia.edu) or Jerry Simmons (jerry.simmons@nara.gov).

SNACSchool Training

SNACSchool will take a Winter Break during January 2022, when the SNACSchool Team works to revamp the curriculum and add a new module. This new module, Using SNAC for Reference and Research, will be featured every two month (proposed), separate from the regular SNACSchool training for create and edit. Please watch for special announcements here in the newsletter and also via the SNAC Cooperative listserv.

SNACSchool 4.0 debuts in February 2022 with the following schedule:

- 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.

SNAC Stats

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

As of reporting time (Monday, Dec 31, 2021), there were 3,547,486 identity constellations and 2,105,182 resource descriptions in SNAC. In the past month, SNAC had over 118,867 users and referred over 4,140 visitors to holding institutions' sites.

In 2021 SNAC had over 1,214,600 visitors.

Developer's Update

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

In addition to the rollout of the Vocabulary System, the development team is working on improvements to the SNAC Editing interface, maps, and the geographic name cleanup.

Working Group Updates

Communications:

Faith Charlton, Chair (faithc@princeton.edu)

Technology Infrastructure:

Alex Duryee, Chair (alexanderduryee@nypl.org)

The TIWG continues to analyze and identify patterns for programmatic cleanup of SNAC's geographic names.

Editorial Standards:

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

ESWG met with the Enslaved Description Subgroup in December to check in on status and how we can help their work going forward. Our next meeting is January 24 at 3:00PM (ET).

Reference and Research:

Marisa Bourgoin, Chair (BourgoinM@si.edu)

Member News and Publications

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, or highlight identity constellations, particularly those of individuals or groups from underrepresented communities. We

also 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 a short (150-words max) blurb for news, or citations with links for publications, to Faith Charlton, Communications Working Group chair at faithc@princeton.edu. If you'd like to highlight news or content on SNAC's Twitter, please use [this form](#) to submit your request.

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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