SNAC February 2022 Newsletter

From the Operations Committee

Announcements
Director, Daniel Pitti (dpitti@virginia.edu)

ArchivesSpace + SNAC Plugin Demonstration

SNAC will host an ArchivesSpace+SNAC plugin demonstration, co-sponsored by Lyrasis, on March 8, 2022 at 2 pm ET. Registration in advance will be required to attend. Please join us for the demonstration and following discussion.

Governance documentation reminder

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).

SNAC Slack channel

SNAC has added a new "chat" channel to its Slack workspace! The intention of this channel is to provide an informal platform for Cooperative members and enthusiasts to chat about all things SNAC: projects, initiatives, workflows, tips + tricks, etc. Please note that SNAC administrators will not be monitoring the channel regularly. If you have any specific questions, please send them to snaccooperative@gmail.com. You can join SNAC's Slack workspace using this invite link!

SNACSchool Training

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](mailto:) to reserve your spot.

March 16 will be the first of the new SNACSchool module, Using SNAC for Reference and Research. Email [Dina Herbert](mailto:) to reserve your spot; more details and future dates to follow.

The SNACSchool Team welcomes anyone interested in joining the SNACSchool Team to contact [Jerry Simmons](mailto:) about opportunities with the Team.

SNAC Stats

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

As of reporting time (Thursday, January 27, 2022), there were 3,546,724 identity constellations and 2,109,013 resource descriptions in SNAC. In the past month, SNAC had over 112,000 users and referred over 5,700 visitors to holding institutions' sites.

Developer's Update

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

The Concept Vocabulary System is now on snaccooperative.org. This system allows editors to add, edit, and update controlled vocabularies in SNAC. The system enables preferred and alternate vocabulary terms, sources, broader and narrower hierarchies, and more. Additional features and refinements to the system will continue in the upcoming months.

Working Group Updates

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

If you're excited about SNAC and want to help spread the word, then the SNAC Communications Working Group is for you! The working group is currently looking for a new chair.

As chair, you'll work with a fantastic group to support and further develop SNAC communications goals. And being chair is a super resume booster! You needn't be a member representative to serve. Anyone from a member institution is welcome, so please pass this opportunity along to those who may be interested. Chairs are asked to serve a two-year term if possible, and the time commitment is about 5 hours per month. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact outgoing chair, Faith Charlton, at faithc@princeton.edu. Information about participating in SNAC working groups can also be found on [SNAC's website](http://).

If you want to be a part of the Communications Working Group, but aren't ready to chair, that's okay. We'd love to have you join the team! Please reach out if you're interested.

The working group has created a "chat" channel in SNAC's Slack workspace to provide Cooperative members to chat about all things SNAC. Please see more information under Announcements above.

Technology Infrastructure:
Alex Duryee, Chair (alexanderduryee@nypl.org)

The TIWG has completed the first round of cleanup on SNAC's list of place names, and will do another round this month.

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

Two new policies are now available on the SNAC website:

Assigning FAST Subject Headings https://portal.snaccooperative.org/node/587

Ethos for Care in Editing Records https://portal.snaccooperative.org/node/588

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.

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