



# SNACSchool 3.2

## Module 1:

## SNAC Introduction

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## SNAC Cooperative

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## What is SNAC?

**SNAC is a free, online resource** that helps users discover biographical and historical information about persons, families, and organizations that created or are documented in historical resources (primary source documents) and their connections to one another. Users can locate archival collections and related resources held at cultural heritage institutions around the world.

**SNAC is an international cooperative** including, but not limited to, archives, libraries, and museums, that is working together to build a corpus of reliable descriptions of people, families, and organizations that link to and provide a contextual understanding of historical record

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The [Members](#) and [Volunteer Editor](#) sections are the places to find out more about becoming a member if you aren't already. There is also an up-to-date list of current members.

The [Editorial Policy](#) section has lots of information that you'll want to check out about citations, demographics, plantations, and also our ethos statement and editing requirements

The [Other Resources](#), [Annual Meetings](#), and [Newsletters](#) sections have some very helpful information about the Cooperative itself including links for helpful tech pieces (GitHub, API, etc.)

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## Editorial Ethos statement

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SNAC is fundamentally about archival records – specifically the people, organizations, and families that create them and are documented by them. We are committed to grounding our descriptions of these archival agents in archival evidence, and in so doing we consciously privilege the types of information that are likely to be documented in the archival record, or which we believe are most crucial to understanding the context in which archival records are created. We also recognize that although archives are essential to understanding the record of human endeavor, they are inherently incomplete and subjective. Silences – unintentional and purposeful, benign and harmful – exist in all archives, and those gaps will inevitably be reflected in the descriptions found in SNAC. We acknowledge these perils and limitations to archival description work. Our aim is to convey honest, transparent, and helpful context to archival researchers, not exhaustive or laudatory chronicles of our subjects. However, when our descriptions misrepresent individuals, organizations, or families – especially the living – we will do our best to work with individuals and communities to remediate errors, privacy concerns, or conspicuous omissions.

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The SNACSchool menu has all the important information you'll need for SNACSchool today and editing moving forward.

You'll find the most current modules in the [modules menus](#).

In the [Extra Materials](#) section you'll find PDFs for:

- Review Assignments for this class
- User Interface and Account Information
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- SNAC Relationship Types
- SNAC Editing Cheat Sheets
- Authority File List
- Authority ID Cheat Sheet
- Adding Images To SNAC

There's a [self paced module](#) for the History of SNAC and you've hopefully already had a look at that. There's also a [calendar](#) for upcoming classes.

This is the **demo version**. Edits made to these Constellations will not be permanent.

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