

Social Networks and Archival Context Cooperative Program

The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration, the University of Virginia, and the California Digital Library are pleased to announce the launch of the Social Networks and Archival Context Cooperative Program.

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NARA will serve as the secretariat of the SNAC Cooperative, and the Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities at the University of Virginia, in collaboration with the California Digital Library, will host the technical platform.

2015-2017 Member Institutions

- American Institute of Physics
- American Museum of Natural History
- George Washington University
- Getty Research Institute
- Harvard University
- Library of Congress
- National Archives and Records Administration
- New York Public Library
- Princeton University
- Smithsonian Institution
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- University of California, Irvine
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- Yale University

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SNAC promises to change the way history is imagined and written.

For all that the digital revolution has revolutionized, the heart of research lies within the primary record embedded in archives large and small. The pioneering work of SNAC will unlock that record, revealing connections and patterns invisible to us now.

— Ed Ayers
Bancroft Prize-winning historian

SNAC employs state-of-the-art computational techniques

to unlock information originally recorded for specific purposes in library and other archival finding aids to make them usable in new contexts... [SNAC] humanizes our understanding of the way knowledge emerges from communities of knowledge creators and seekers...

— Alan Liu
English professor, UC Santa Barbara

[SNAC] will connect my collections to related ones elsewhere, and it will help connect end-users with collections everywhere...

a central resource for the description of the people and groups documented in archives will result in a measurable economy of scale...

— Mike Rush
Archivist, Yale University

SNAC Timeline: From Project to Program

