Having a Nosh with SNAC

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**Definitions**

**Description/cataloging** … application of standard content rules to devise a *finding aid*.

**Authority control** … the process of establishing the preferred form of heading, such as a proper name or subject, for use in a catalog, and ensuring that all catalog records use such headings.

Once established, the form is usually recorded in an *authority file* for future reference, along with cross-references from other forms of the heading, to ensure consistency. (Society of American Archivists Glossary)

**Name authorities and authority files** … establishing preferred/authorized forms of proper names (person, corporate body and family names), then filing/storing the information about the names in systems for indexing and retrieval.
The vision for SNAC began in its research and development phase in 2010.

It depended on two description standards:

**Encoded Archival Description (EAD)**, an encoding standard for machine-readable finding-aids developed in the late 1990’s.

**Encoded Archival Context-Corporate Bodies, Persons, and Families (EAC-CPF)**, a standard for encoding and exchanging authoritative information about the context of archival materials, especially the creators.
## SNAC History

### Early Partners & Key Players:
- Daniel Pitti (SNAC R&D/EAC-CPF/UVA)
- Laura Campbell (retired, Chief Information Officer, Library of Congress)
- Anne Van Camp (Director, Smithsonian Institution Archives)
- Don Waters (Program Officer, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation)
- Clifford Lynch (Director, Coalition for Networked Information)

### National Archives:
- David Ferriero (Archivists of the United States)
- Pamela Wright (Chief Innovation Officer)
- John Martinez (Office of Innovation)

California Digital Library (CDL), University of California

### Timeline:

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Rationale for SNAC

EAD from the John Bigelow Papers finding aid:

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Heschel, Abraham Joshua, 1907–1972
Person Authority Record

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Role(s): Related to 3 catalog description(s)
贡献者在 2 描述中的角色
Subject in 1 description(s)

Variant Name(s): Heschel, Abraham Joshua, 1907-1972
Heschel, Abraham J. (Abraham Joshua), 1907-1972
Heshel, Avraham Yehoshua, 1907-1972
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Appraising Ideals and Values in the Changing World of Children and Youth
From RG: 220
Sound Recordings Relating to Children and Youth
This sound recording features speeches from the White House Conference on America, and Marion Hanks, member of the Church ...
National Archives Identifier: 5720102. Local Identifier: 220-WHCCY-1
Creator: White House Conference on Children and Youth (1960 : Washington...

Photographs and Sound Recordings, 1/26/1909 - 1960
From RG: 220
This series consists of photographs and sound recordings pertaining to the
participation in WHCCY activities. Two sound recordings ...
National Archives Identifier: 346389. Local Identifier: 91-25, 92-18, EL-D12-...
Creator: National Committee for Children and Youth.

1960 - 1960. Appraising Ideals and Values in the Changing World of Children and Youth


University of Pennsylvania Library

Appraising Ideals and Values in the Changing World of Children and Youth

From RG: 220

Sound Recordings Relating to Children and Youth

This sound recording features speeches from the White House Conference on Children and Jewish Ethics and Mysticism at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and Marion..

National Archives Identifier: 5720102 Local Identifier: 220-WHCCY-1
Creator: White House Conference on Children and Youth (1960 : Washington, D.C.)

Photographs and Sound Recordings, 1/26/1909 - 1960

From RG: 220

This series consists of photographs and sound recordings pertaining to the White House. Included in the photographs are images of Danny Kaye's participation in WHCCY activities.

National Archives Identifier: 3416383 Local Identifier: 91-25, 92-18, EL-D12-0382/0383
Creator: National Committee for Children and Youth.
This section of Heschel’s record highlights links to library and archives collections where he is “referenced in” the materials, or treated as a subject. For example …

Includes correspondence from Heschel to **Bernard J. Bamberger** held at the **American Jewish Archives**

Heschel’s card from the **Index to Declarations of Intention for Citizenship** held at the **National Archives NYC**

Educator, philosopher, and foundation consultant, **Scott Milross Buchanan**, has correspondence at **Houghton Library, Harvard**

Committee minutes, financial records, and more from **Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, YU**

Records of the **Herbert H. Lehman Institute of Talmudic Ethics** including notes from speakers at **JTS**

These references also provide links to the descriptions of the collection, by title and repository name.
Introducing the SNAC Record

- The nodal point for the description of a corporate body, an individual, or a family
- Similar to a traditional authority record (preferred name, variant name(s), etc.)
- Contains all the components of the entity’s description
SNAC Record...

- enables sharing, discovery, and display of standardized information in an electronic environment
- facilitates discovery of contextual relationships amongst record-creating entities
- facilitates linking descriptions of creators to descriptions of records and other entities in context
correspondedWith Berlinski, Alfred, 1888-1899.
Next Steps…

- More technological updates
- Sustainability beyond grants
- Growth of the cooperative, especially international partners
The "First Passover Seder Dinner" given by Jewish Welfare Board to men of Jewish Faith in the American Expeditionary Forces in order that they may observe the Passover Holidays. Paris, France. NAID: 531147