

# CUNY Academic Commons - Design/UX #10658

## Condense sitewide footer

2018-11-04 12:00 PM - Matt Gold

<b>Status:</b>	Resolved	<b>Start date:</b>	2018-11-04
<b>Priority name:</b>	Normal	<b>Due date:</b>	
<b>Assignee:</b>	Sonja Leix	<b>% Done:</b>	0%
<b>Category name:</b>	Design	<b>Estimated time:</b>	0.00 hour
<b>Target version:</b>	1.14.8		
<b>Description</b>			
Perhaps this should wait for our redesign, but in the interest of improving the site in the meantime, I wonder if there are things we can do to condense the sitewide footer that shows up on all Commons blogs. I think it would be better if it took up less vertical space. Screenshot attached and a live version here on a page without much content -- <a href="https://academic-portfolio-template.commons.gc.cuny.edu/research/">https://academic-portfolio-template.commons.gc.cuny.edu/research/</a>			
<b>Related issues:</b>			
Related to CUNY Academic Commons - Bug #13859: Reset current blog in BP MPO A...		<b>Resolved</b>	<b>2021-01-20</b>

### History

#### #1 - 2018-11-06 10:40 AM - Sonja Leix

I'll take a stab at this to make sure the condensed footer looks good on smaller devices too.

#### #2 - 2018-11-06 11:05 AM - Matt Gold

Thanks, Sonja!

#### #3 - 2018-11-13 11:10 AM - Boone Gorges

- Target version set to 1.15

Tentatively putting into 1.15 but we may consider moving back, depending on implementation details.

#### #4 - 2018-12-12 10:29 AM - Sonja Leix

- File *cuny-footer-option-1\_size-1.png* added
- File *cuny-footer-option-1\_size-2.png* added
- File *cuny-footer-option-1\_size-3.png* added
- File *cuny-footer-option-1\_size-4.png* added
- File *cuny-footer-option-2\_size-1.png* added
- File *cuny-footer-option-2\_size-2.png* added
- File *cuny-footer-option-2\_size-3.png* added
- File *cuny-footer-option-2\_size-4.png* added

Matt and team,

I took a stab at the condensed footer and came up with two versions. They don't vary much in height, but they help incorporate the footnote better into the footer. Let me know your thoughts and which one works better in your opinion.

cuny-footer-option-1\_size-1.png

cuny-footer-option-1\_size-2.png  
cuny-footer-option-1\_size-3.png  
cuny-footer-option-1\_size-4.png

cuny-footer-option-2\_size-1.png



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**#5 - 2018-12-13 01:05 PM - Matt Gold**

Thanks for your work on this, Sonja. I think your versions definitely look better than what we have, but I wonder whether we can do more to condense it further. For instance, do we need the "This site is part of . . ." text if we have the CAC logo there and it links to the homepage? Can we add a licensing image to the [Help](#) | [Contact Us](#) | etc list so that we don't have to have that CC license statement? If you could give another shot at condensing this, I would appreciate it.

**#6 - 2018-12-14 11:09 AM - Sonja Leix**

Thanks for your feedback, Matt! Absolutely, I'm in favor for removing or consolidating anything that is not necessary in the footer. I'll work on a new option for this.

**#7 - 2018-12-14 11:39 AM - Matt Gold**

Thanks!

**#8 - 2018-12-18 11:49 AM - Sonja Leix**

- File *cuny-footer-rev1\_size-2.png* added
- File *cuny-footer-rev1\_size-3.png* added
- File *cuny-footer-rev1\_size-1.psd* added
- File *cuny-footer-rev1\_size-4.png* added
- File *cuny-footer-rev1-v2\_size-1.png* added

I've worked on an updated version. Removed the copy and added a link for the license. One version has the CC icon in it too. I'd suggest to go with this if we're looking to add more emphasis on the license. Thoughts?

**#9 - 2018-12-18 12:35 PM - Matt Gold**

Thanks, Sonja! I like the two most compact versions -- 3 and 4

**#10 - 2018-12-18 12:42 PM - Sonja Leix**

- File *deleted (cuny-footer-rev1\_size-1.psd)*

**#11 - 2018-12-18 12:47 PM - Sonja Leix**

- File *cuny-footer-rev1\_size-1.png* added

Decision made by Matt during today's dev meeting: We'll go with implementing the CC license link without the CC icon. See mockup attached and also these screen sizes:

[https://redmine.gc.cuny.edu/attachments/9936/cuny-footer-rev1\\_size-2.png](https://redmine.gc.cuny.edu/attachments/9936/cuny-footer-rev1_size-2.png)

[https://redmine.gc.cuny.edu/attachments/9937/cuny-footer-rev1\\_size-3.png](https://redmine.gc.cuny.edu/attachments/9937/cuny-footer-rev1_size-3.png)

[https://redmine.gc.cuny.edu/attachments/9938/cuny-footer-rev1\\_size-4.png](https://redmine.gc.cuny.edu/attachments/9938/cuny-footer-rev1_size-4.png)

Boone please implement.

**#12 - 2018-12-18 12:47 PM - Sonja Leix**

- Assignee changed from Sonja Leix to Boone Gorges

**#13 - 2018-12-18 03:35 PM - Boone Gorges**

- Target version changed from 1.15 to 1.14.3

Thanks! I may have to push this off to 1.14.4, depending on time constraints.

**#14 - 2018-12-26 10:45 AM - Boone Gorges**

- Target version changed from 1.14.3 to 1.14.4

**#15 - 2019-01-08 10:50 AM - Boone Gorges**

- File Screenshot\_2019-01-08\_15-40-25.png added

- File Screenshot\_2019-01-08\_15-42-39.png added

- Status changed from Assigned to Testing Required

- Target version changed from 1.14.4 to 1.14.5

Hi all - With apologies, I'm going to push this to the next release. I just managed to put together a first implementation, and I have some questions that should be addressed before shipping.

First, the addition of the CC link under the logo means that the left-hand side becomes considerably wider. Depending on browser, it starts to break into a second row around a 1080px viewport, which is quite wide. Notably, the container on the main site only has 940px of horizontal space. Sonja's mockups suggest that we should bump the right-hand CUNY box under the left-hand CAC box as soon as the CAC links start to break into a second line, but IMO this is very jarring on large screens, especially on the main site. I suggest that, at widths > 885px, we instead allow the CAC links to break to a second line, but keep the left-right orientation of the CAC-CUNY containers. I've attached a screenshot of what this looks like on the main site footer.

Second, the relative sizes of logos and fonts on my current machine don't quite match what's in Sonja's mockups. You can't notice this at large widths, but it becomes apparent when the viewport is narrow. I've attached a screenshot of a 375px view (iPhone 6) and you can see that the CAC links break differently from what Sonja suggests (though note that I've bundled each link with its preceding separator, ensuring that there won't be a line-break in the middle of a link), and that the browser decides to insert a line-break into the CUNY links at a different place than on Sonja's mockups. Much of this is probably due to differences in OS/browser/system fonts. My question is: how much effort should we put into enforcing an identical look across all platforms? IMO these cross-platform differences are native to the web and are acceptable, but happy to discuss.

After this morning's release, I'll push these changes to cdev so that you can play with widths in a live environment.

Sonja, could you please review?

**#16 - 2019-01-09 11:33 AM - Boone Gorges**

The changes are now in place on cdev.

**#17 - 2019-01-22 11:46 AM - Boone Gorges**

- Target version changed from 1.14.5 to 1.14.6

This is about to be shipped as part of the 1.14.5 release. As I think it's generally a good improvement, I'm going to keep it in. But I'll bump the ticket to the next release in case there are clean-up design tasks we'd like to perform before then.

**#18 - 2019-01-22 01:49 PM - Sonja Leix**

Boone Gorges wrote:

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That works for me!

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enforcing an identical look across all platforms? IMO these cross-platform differences are native to the web and are acceptable, but happy to discuss.

Thanks for bringing this up. As long as the fonts within the footer are the same that works for me. Those are the usual browser related realities, no worries there from my side.

Thanks for this Boone!

**#19 - 2019-01-22 01:51 PM - Boone Gorges**

Thanks, Sonja! If it's not too much trouble, would you mind having a look at the footer as it's currently implemented on the production site? Given your feedback here, I think we can probably close the ticket, but it would be great to get your signoff on the actual implementation first.

**#20 - 2019-02-11 10:32 AM - Boone Gorges**

- Assignee changed from Boone Gorges to Sonja Leix

- Target version changed from 1.14.6 to 1.14.7

I think there are two outstanding issues here:

1. Matt and team were going to review the language around the CC license, to see whether we needed to be more verbose about "defaults" or whatever.
2. Sonja was going to take a look at the footer as implemented on production, to be sure I haven't missed anything huge with regard to styling.

**#21 - 2019-02-11 08:54 PM - Sonja Leix**

Boone Gorges wrote:

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1. Matt and team were going to review the language around the CC license, to see whether we needed to be more verbose about "defaults" or whatever.

Matt, will there be any design implications for the footer in regards to the CC license review?

2. Sonja was going to take a look at the footer as implemented on production, to be sure I haven't missed anything huge with regard to styling.

Reviewed in production (I think you mentioned it's already pushed to the live site). Everything is looking good except for one small change:

- Please adjust text-align for #wrapper .sitewide-footer div to left aligned.  
Also note: in production we have a duplicate footer on the my-commons page (<https://commons.gc.cuny.edu/my-commons/>)

**#22 - 2019-02-11 10:27 PM - Boone Gorges**

Thanks for having a look, Sonja.

Please adjust text-align for #wrapper .sitewide-footer div to left aligned.

Can you please share a screenshot or a link that shows what effect this will have? I'm not seeing anything at a glance, but I may be looking in the wrong place.

Also note: in production we have a duplicate footer on the my-commons page (<https://commons.gc.cuny.edu/my-commons/>)

I'm not seeing this. Can you share a screenshot, and steps to reproduce? Does it happen only after clicking Load More or something like that?

**#23 - 2019-02-26 12:52 PM - Boone Gorges**

- Target version changed from 1.14.7 to 1.14.8

**#24 - 2019-03-05 12:19 PM - Sonja Leix**

- File duplicate-footer.png added

- File footer-center-aligned.png added

Boone Gorges wrote:

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See screenshot attached  
footer-center-aligned.png

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See screenshot attached  
duplicate-footer.png

#### #25 - 2019-03-05 05:06 PM - Boone Gorges

- Status changed from Testing Required to Staged for Production Release

Thanks, Sonja. The left-justify issue only came up on the main site, and only on mobile, which is why I wasn't seeing it. Fixed in <https://github.com/cuny-academic-commons/cac/commit/d3d2bca95211db694425853ed62cfcf67226455b>

I finally managed to reproduce the double-footer issue after much experimentation. I tracked it down to a bug in the bp-mpo-activity-filter plugin, which is fixed in <https://github.com/cuny-academic-commons/cac/commit/8b74e2c24deca4fdb60ade2b986bbb4e547be3e7>

#### #26 - 2019-03-12 11:20 AM - Boone Gorges

- Status changed from Staged for Production Release to Resolved

#### #27 - 2021-01-20 03:48 PM - Raymond Hoh

- Related to Bug #13859: Reset current blog in BP MPO Activity Filter plugin added

### Files

Screen Shot 2018-11-04 at 11.58.11 AM.png	50.2 KB	2018-11-04	Matt Gold
cuny-footer-option-1_size-1.png	124 KB	2018-12-12	Sonja Leix
cuny-footer-option-1_size-2.png	131 KB	2018-12-12	Sonja Leix
cuny-footer-option-1_size-3.png	129 KB	2018-12-12	Sonja Leix
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duplicate-footer.png	495 KB	2019-03-05	Sonja Leix
footer-center-aligned.png	102 KB	2019-03-05	Sonja Leix