



## CALL FOR PAPERS

“Using the Tools of Today & Tomorrow to Understand the Past”

14<sup>th</sup> New England Regional Genealogical Conference  
26-29 April 2017, Springfield, Massachusetts

Presentation proposals are welcome from **now until 12:00 noon on 1 March 2016** for the 14th New England Regional Genealogical Conference to be held 26-29 April 2017 in Springfield, Massachusetts.

NERGC has these formats for presentations:

- Lectures during the conference or for presentations in a Wednesday “Day” track are one hour each, including questions and answers.
- Workshops (Wednesday only) are two to three hour presentations on any genealogy topic.
- Wednesday “Days” are one-day tracks with one-hour lectures devoted to particular topics:
  - Beginning DNA Day: where to start, why to test, who to test, where to test, how to figure out what it all means, and what to share with others.
  - Librarians’ Day: resource-centered presentations suitable for librarians.
  - Professional Day: presentations on advanced methodology, repositories, software and apps, marketing, invoicing, website design, blogging, and education planning by and for professional genealogists.
  - Society Leadership Day: make your genealogy society thrive, engage and support members, solve society issues, and manage membership lists, websites, publication projects, volunteer recruitment, and events.
  - Technology Day: cutting edge topics and tools for finding, organizing, analyzing, and presenting genealogical information (Windows, Mac OS, mobile).
- Workshops (Thursday-Saturday) are two-hour interactive events for the technology classroom.

In keeping with our Conference theme, “Using the Tools of Today & Tomorrow to Understand the Past,” successful proposals will address:

- New England’s repositories (archives, libraries, historical societies).
- Understanding and analyzing genealogy records on paper and online.
- Successful research planning and project implementation.
- New research methodologies and strategies, including technology and techniques.
- Genealogy research focused within social, cultural, racial, or ethnic groups.
- Family history writing and publishing in print and on the web.
- Technology: the Cloud, social media, high tech solutions, and apps for genealogy, what’s new on the Web;
- Social and cultural history related to genealogy;
- What to do when there is no vital record;
- New uses of sources (such as religious, civil, cemetery, military, and newspapers);
- Photography & Heirlooms;
- Engaging our Youth.

Lecture presenters receive \$225 per presentation plus a \$25 bonus for submitting their syllabus materials on-time. Honoraria for workshop presenters are pro-rated based on the length of the session. All presenters receive a complimentary conference registration. NERGC does not cover travel, hotel, or *per diem* expenses.

You must submit your speech and workshop proposals through the NERGC Program Portal. This mechanism permits you to enter up to **six** presentation proposals, but you only have to enter your

personal information once. Go to our portal at <http://www.nergc.org/2017/call-for-papers.html> to submit your proposals.

Enter once:

- Speaker's full name, address, email, and telephone numbers.
- Brief speaker biography (50 words or less) for Conference brochure.
- Requirements such as audio/visual, whiteboards, or other special requirements.
- Previous lecture experience.

Enter once for each speech proposal:

- Title (will be truncated to eight words).
- Short lecture summary (will be truncated to 30 words) for Conference brochure.
- Brief but comprehensive outline or abstract connecting to Conference theme.
- Audience level: beginner, intermediate, advanced, professional.
- Check box: Lecture in the regular program, Wednesday Day track, Wednesday workshop proposal, or proposal for the Conference technology classroom (Thursday to Saturday).
- Society or organization sponsorship (if applicable).

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