



# 14th New England Regional Genealogical Conference **NERGC 2017**

## *Using the Tools of Today & Tomorrow to Understand the Past*

**MASSMUTUAL CENTER SPRINGFIELD, MA  
26-29 APRIL 2017**

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## USING THE TOOLS OF TODAY & TOMORROW TO UNDERSTAND THE PAST

The New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, Inc. (NERGC) invites you to join us at our fourteenth genealogical conference — *Using The Tools Of Today & Tomorrow To Understand The Past* — in Springfield, Massachusetts. NERGC 2017 will help attendees explore:

- New research pathways, methodologies, and strategies, including technology and online resources;
- Ethnic genealogy of many types;
- New approaches for navigating and utilizing record sources (such as civil, religious, cemetery, military, and newspapers);
- Social history and family heirlooms;
- New England, New York, & New Jersey repositories;
- Successful research planning & project implementation; and
- General genealogical research skills & techniques.

NERGC 2017 will bring together genealogists and family historians from a variety of backgrounds. Whether you are just beginning the search for your family, are already an advanced researcher, or even a professional genealogist, the conference will provide you with an ideal opportunity to advance your knowledge and research skills.

In addition to the wealth of knowledge shared by expert genealogists, there will be time to explore the exhibit hall to *understand the past* and make new connections at the Society Fair, Special Interest Groups, and Ancestors Road Show — and plenty of opportunities to meet hundreds of other attendees at the Conference who share your love for genealogy.

Watch our Facebook page, E-zine, Blog, and website ([www.NERGC.org](http://www.NERGC.org)) for developing information.

## CONFERENCE FACILITIES

**THE MASSMUTUAL CENTER** is conveniently located in downtown Springfield, MA, a venue that combines the best of big-city accessibility and services with small-town hospitality and affordability. Springfield is easily reached from two major interstate highways and Bradley International Airport, which is just twenty minutes from the convention center. First-class hotels, restaurants, and special attractions are all within walking distance of the MassMutual Center.

We are offering a choice of two collaborating conference hotels:

### **SHERATON SPRINGFIELD MONARCH PLACE HOTEL**

[www.sheratonspringfield.com](http://www.sheratonspringfield.com)

**Address:** One Monarch Place, Springfield, MA 01144-1099

**Amenities:** Internet in guest rooms, business center, fully equipped fitness center, indoor pool, sauna and massage treatments, and two restaurants

**Reservations:** 413-781-1010; Mention “New England Regional Consortium” to receive the group rate or click [HERE](#).

**Deadline:** March 28, 2017

Rate: \$145 per night. Check-in: 3:00 p.m. Check-out: Noon

**Parking:** \$17.00 per diem, per vehicle; \$7.00 parking available for day guests. (May be adjusted to match prevailing rates.)

### **SPRINGFIELD MARRIOTT**

[www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bdlma-springfield-marriott/](http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bdlma-springfield-marriott/)

**Address:** 2 Boland Way, Springfield, MA 01115.

**Amenities:** Free wireless high-speed Internet; indoor swimming pool; fitness center; and two restaurants.

**Reservations:** 888-236-2427 or 413-781-7111. Mention “GCI” to get the group rate or click [HERE](#).

**Deadline:** April 4, 2017

Rate: \$139 per night. Check-in: 4:00 p.m. Check-out: Noon

**Parking:** \$17.00 per diem, per vehicle; \$5.00 parking available for day guests, with validation at the hotel registration desk. (May be adjusted to match prevailing rates.)

## SOCIETY FAIR

On Thursday, April 27, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., genealogical, historical and family societies from all over New England will provide information about their organizations. The Society Fair will be in the corridor outside the Exhibit Hall and is open to the public at no cost. (Information: [phyl@meganet.net](mailto:phyl@meganet.net))

## ANCESTORS ROAD SHOW

Does your research need a jump start? Are you just beginning and don't know where to start? Do you need help reading and analyzing an old document? Have you hit that proverbial brick wall? Having someone with experience and expertise analyze your work might provide you with a new perspective to help you continue your research. This is your chance to consult with a professional genealogist.

Twenty-minute Road Show consultations will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and are limited to one per registered conference attendee. More information and a questionnaire will be posted on [www.NERGC.org](http://www.NERGC.org)

## EXHIBIT HALL

The Exhibit Hall has it all - books, maps, educational opportunities. The space is flexible and inviting. It is adjacent to the meeting rooms and dining area. The Exhibit Hall will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. NERGC offers unopposed Exhibit Hall hours so you will not have to choose between attending lectures and visiting the vendors. In addition, there will be a presentation area in the Exhibit Hall where short lectures on special subjects and product demonstrations will be given. (Info: [Dave@OldBones.info](mailto:Dave@OldBones.info))

There are many new activities this year because we have the entire conference center for four days!

## LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES

We are inviting libraries and archives with special collections of interest to genealogists and researchers to join us in Springfield. Tables and chairs will be set-up outside the Exhibit Hall for them to provide information and answer questions from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. This will be a good chance to learn about local resources for research.

(Information: [phyl@meganet.net](mailto:phyl@meganet.net))

## CONFERENCE BLOG

Keep up-to-date with breaking news about the many special events and conference activities that are planned. Find out more information about the lectures, speakers, exhibitors, hotels, research facilities, & the City of Springfield. Check out the blog to get the most out of the conference: [www.nergc.blogspot.com](http://www.nergc.blogspot.com)

## JOIN US ON FACEBOOK

Thinking about attending NERGC? Join the conversation on Facebook at - [www.facebook.com/NERGC](http://www.facebook.com/NERGC). Get to know other attendees, check out the photos from past conferences and write on the NERGC wall. Don't miss out on the excitement.

## CONFERENCE E-ZINE

The conference E-zine, a digital newsletter that provides information and updates about the Fourteenth New England Regional Conference will be sent periodically to all those on our E-zine email list. If you would like to receive the E-zine, please provide your e-mail address on the registration form. Back issues of the E-zine are posted on the NERGC webpage at <http://www.NERGC.org/E-zine.html>

## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are an essential part of NERGC, and we welcome additional help. You don't even have to be an attendee to volunteer! If you, or a spouse or friend, can give us one or more hours of your time during the conference, e-mail Mary [mchoppa@myfairpoint.net](mailto:mchoppa@myfairpoint.net).

## WE VALUE THE INPUT OF GENEALOGICAL QUERIES OUR PARTICIPANTS

We solicit input from each conference participant. Once compiled and distributed, your input helps make each NERGC conference the best yet! Subscribe to the E-zine to learn more about NERGC's participant-centered approach.

## SPECIAL MEAL, MOBILITY, HEARING, & VISION NEEDS:

Registrants with special meal requirements and/or mobility, hearing or visual special needs as outlined in the American with Disabilities Act must detail those requirements in writing to NERGC by March 15th, 2017.

Our registration process gives those with special meal needs the option of summarizing your requests in writing as you purchase luncheon or banquet tickets.

Registrants with mobility, hearing or visual needs should note their needs during the registration process in the space provided. Additionally feel free to contact Pamela Roberts, EdD, Physical Therapist and NERGC Volunteer at [drpampt@gmail.com](mailto:drpampt@gmail.com) or call or text 860-428-2406. Pam will work with you to plan your conference experience, coordinate your equipment needs for items such as assistive listening devices or mobility scooters and coordinate special seating requirements for you to best see and hear presenters. She will share referrals to local resources for equipment and services needed but not available through the conference venues.

## SIGs - Special Interest Groups

Enthusiasm is high for these popular, informal mini gatherings which will be held on Thursday, April 27th, at 7:15 p.m. It's an opportunity to meet and share with conference participants and hosts on a wide range of topics. The topics are: Blogging, DNA, Polish & Eastern European, French-Canadian, Irish, Italian, Scandinavian, Jewish, and African-American genealogical research.

A Query Board will be set up in the lobby area of the conference center. Please review this to see if any cousins are in need of your assistance.

Clearly write your query on a card provided and post for assistance. If you are interested, please indicate a contact method and say 'ok to post.' Those with permission granted will be posted on our website after the conference. The preferred format uses standard abbreviations and the date written as 27 July 1927. Show birth, death, marriage in that order, with event location shown before date and all known information stated before the question is asked. Remember to include your contact information!

## SAMPLE QUERY:

JONES, Mehetable, b. Hartford CT abt 1790, m Middletown, CT 23 Mar 1823 to BUSHNELL, John b. Hartford OR Wethersfield, CT c 1785 Need bdt, par of John. Janet Johnson <address> or <email>.

## GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH TOUR

Interested to learn more about where you can do genealogical research in Western Massachusetts? Register now for the Springfield Genealogical Bus Tour during the 2017 NERGC Conference. Wednesday, April 26, 2017 10 a.m. to 2pm. - leave & return from the Mass Mutual Convention Center. Sights: Forbes Genealogical Library, Springfield Archives, Irish Cultural Center, Springfield Armory, and Springfield Cemetery. You can return to any of these sites for research during the conference.

Cost: \$35; lunch available on your own at the Irish Cultural Center "Pub"

Registration: See the Activities section on the NERGC Registration Form  
Deadline: February 28, 2017 – space is limited!

Questions?—Contact David Martin at [davidchina\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:davidchina_2000@yahoo.com)





## OUR 2017 FEATURED SPEAKERS



**F. Warren Bittner**

F. Warren Bittner is a genealogical researcher and lecturer, with thirty years of research experience. He holds a Master of Science degree in history from Utah State University, and a Bachelors of Science degree in Business from Brigham Young University. His master's thesis looked at the social factors affecting illegitimacy in nineteenth-century Bavaria. He is fluent in Mandarin Chinese, and in 1989-1990 he studied Chinese at a graduate level at the Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies in Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C. He is the owner of Ancestors Lost and Found, a small genealogical research firm. For six years he was the German Collection Manager for the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, where he coordinated contracts to microfilm and index records at 102 archives in seven countries and where he planned the German book acquisitions and internet publications. Before that he worked for four years in the extraction unit of the Family History Library, where he was coordinator of third-party indexing projects and where he developed and trained volunteers in Spanish indexing projects. He has also worked as a Reference Consultant at the Family History Library on both the U.S. and International reference counters. He has done research in more than fifty

German archives and in more than forty U.S. archives and record repositories. In 2010 he was assistant director of the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and he is a former member of the board of directors for the Utah Genealogical Association. He made several appearances on the PBS television series, Ancestors 2. He is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, the National Genealogical Society, Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society, and the Palatines to America, Colorado Chapter, and the Sacramento German Society. He is married to Nancy Ruth Christensen and is the father of three children.



**Kenyatta D. Berry**

Kenyatta D. Berry is a genealogist, businesswoman and lawyer with more than 15 years experience in genealogical research and writing. A native of Detroit, Ms. Berry graduated from Bates Academy, Cass Technical High School, Michigan State University and Thomas M. Cooley Law School. She began her genealogical journey while in law school and studying at the State Library of Michigan in Lansing. Ms. Berry has deep roots in Detroit; her ancestors have lived in Detroit since the late 1920's.

She is the Past President of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) and on the Council of the Corporation for the New England

Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) in Boston. Research interests include African American, Southern and Slave Ancestral research. Ms. Berry is an avid Detroit sports fan and loves to watch the Lions, Tigers and Red Wings from her home in Santa Monica.



**Thomas MacEntee**

What happens when a "tech guy" with a love for history gets laid off during The Great Recession of 2008? You get Thomas MacEntee, a genealogy professional based in the United States who is also a blogger, educator, author, social media connector, online community builder and more.

Thomas was laid off after a 25-year career in the information technology field, so he started his own genealogy-related business called High Definition Genealogy. He also created an online community of over 3,000 family history bloggers known as GeneaBloggers. His most recent endeavor, Hack Genealogy, is an attempt to "re-purpose today's technology for tomorrow's genealogy."

Thomas describes himself as a lifelong learner with a background in a multitude of topics who has finally figured out what he does best: teach, inspire, instigate, and serve as a curator and go-to-guy for concept nurturing and inspiration. Thomas is a big believer in success, and that we all succeed when we help each other find success.

## PRE CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017

Wednesday is technically the day before the conference, but since we have the whole building for the whole day, why not take advantage of the space? Well, we are! We have an entire day of special events planned for 'the day before'! Optional Special Tracks, a conference favorite, have been expanded from Librarians and Technology to include DNA, Societies, and Professionals. In addition, there are stand-alone workshops you can attend without a conference registration. And, to cap off the day – a special reception and tour at the Museum of Springfield History (MOSH)! It's an extra day to spend with other genealogists and family historians getting to know each other and the Springfield, Massachusetts area.

#### BEGINNING DNA DAY –

##### *SPONSORED BY FAMILY TREE DNA*

Beginning DNA Day provides the opportunity for genealogists to review topics that are focused on a DNA-oriented audience and might not otherwise be included in a general conference trying to reach a broad audience. The cost includes four seminars, a lunch presentation, and a luncheon sponsored by FamilyTree DNA (FTDNA). Seats are limited so register early.

8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

#### **Registration and Welcome**

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

#### **Understanding DNA for Genealogy – Jim Brewster**

A review of current DNA tests and their application for the Genealogist.

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

#### **Fundamentals of Autosomal DNA – Blaine T. Bettinger**

Armed with a small handful of basic concepts, genealogists can understand autosomal DNA and add this powerful tool to their genealogical toolbox.

Noon - 1:15 p.m. Lunch, Courtesy of FTDNA

#### **Family Tree DNA overview – Janine Cloud**

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

#### **Advancing Your Research with DNA Group Projects- Janine Cloud**

Joining a group project can help enhance both one's experience with DNA testing and traditional genealogy. Learn about the types of projects and which is best for you.

2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

#### **Five Tips to Make Sense of Your DNA Testing- Diahna Southard**

Overwhelmed with autosomal DNA? I can teach you in 45 minutes 5 tips you can implement and understand today, so you can find your ancestors tomorrow.

#### PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGIST DAY

##### *SPONSORED BY EXCELSIOR COLLEGE INCLUDES DOOR PRIZES FROM GRIP AND VIRTUAL INSTITUTE*

NERGC's first Professional Day will provide an opportunity for professional genealogists to review items that are focused on a professional audience and might not be included in a general conference trying to reach a broad audience.

8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

#### **Registration and Welcome**

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - **Get Paid For Your Passion: Setting Rates-** *Elissa Scalise Powell CG CGL*

Considerations for establishing rates, financial policies, standard charges, expenses, and debt recovery are discussed to help professionals (whether practicing or exploring) decide their own business policies.

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. – **Time Management: Balancing the Demands of Many “Clients”** - *Angela Packer McGhie CG*

Professional genealogists balance client research, writing projects, volunteer positions, speaking opportunities, administrative tasks and more. Come learn strategies for managing your workload, scheduling projects, prioritizing tasks, and staying focused.

Noon - 1:15 p.m. – Lunch, Courtesy of EXCELSIOR COLLEGE

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - **Organizing Research Results in Writing** - *Catherine Wiest Desmarais CG*

Professional genealogists need to become proficient at writing research reports. We will cover writing the starting-point summary and research goal, maintaining a research log, organizing your findings, and expedient ways to cite sources.

2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. - **Genetic Genealogy for Professional Genealogists** - *Blaine Bettinger PhD., JD.*

Learn about the issues professional genealogists encounter when adding DNA services to their toolbox. Also useful for people asking relatives to test and managing multiple testing accounts.

## LIBRARIANS' DAY

### SPONSORED BY PROQUEST

All librarians and local historians who work with genealogy-related research materials will benefit from this special event. A Certificate of Continuing Education will be available on request depending on the attendee's home state.

8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

#### **Registration and Welcome**

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

#### **Making the Financial Case for Genealogical**

##### **Librarianship – Curt B. Witcher, MLS, FUGA, IGSF**

The value to their community of family and local history collections, and the expertise of the librarians associated with these collections, will be explored

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 A.M.

#### **Online Resources Off the Beaten Path – Curt B. Witcher, MS FUGA, IGSF**

In an era when large information aggregators in the genealogy space combine with the pervasive strategy of “just Google it,” get a close look at the “alphabet soup” of bibliographic sites from NUCMC (National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections) and DPLA (Digital Public Library of America) to WorldCat and many in between.

Noon– 1:30 p.m. Lunch, Courtesy of ProQuest

#### **ProQuest Information and Learning – William Forsyth**

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

#### **Fostering Family History Services at Your Library –**

##### **Dr. Rhonda L. Clark, Clarion University**

Participants will hear about ideas for family history programming and outreach. Of particular note will be programming and collaboration with other family history institutions, including collaborative digital access to reference services and resources.

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

#### **Genealogy and Local Family History Discussion – Panel Of Speakers And Genealogy Librarians**

Submit your burning questions for an interactive discussion between our expert panel and attendees. This facilitated discussion will include issues and questions arising from the day's presentations.

## SOCIETY MANAGEMENT DAY

For the first time, we're offering a special track for Society Management. This track is geared toward society leaders, members, and those interested in learning more about running societies. Please use this as both a learning and networking experience – meet other society leaders, discuss your situations, share ideas – participate with the presenters via questions and discussions.

8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - **Registration and Welcome**

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

#### **Men Are on Blogs, Women Are on Facebook**

*Michelle D. Novak*

In this talk we'll look at what everyone is talking about—posting. What are the main uses of a Blog? Social Media? What is the difference between creating and spinning content? Why is the space in between so muddled? And how you or your Society can separate the two and create a clear and dynamic Social Media plan.

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.–

#### **More Than A Program: Event Planning for Your Society**

*Elissa Scalise Powell*

Discussion of various society events, how to plan them, and tips drawn from experience for: one-day seminar, ancestor road show, virtual lectures and classes, educational courses, SIGs, and field trips.

Noon - 1:15 p.m.

**Lunch, on your own or join the DNA luncheon (see registration form for extra lunch charge)**

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

#### **Connecting with the Next Generation: Join the Conversation! - Jen Baldwin**

Most organizations are focused on connecting with young genealogists online or on social media. But how do you reach them in your offline community? A round-table discussion format will allow attendees to participate in the conversation.

2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

#### **Society Scramble: Why Us vs. Them Is Doomed to Fail**

*Michelle D. Novak*

Few industries have seen as much upheaval as genealogy. What once was a niche hobby is now a multi-billion-dollar business—and it is poised to get much bigger. In its wake, too many Societies have been left scratching their heads about what to do next and how to find their audiences.

***Lunch is not included; you are invited to join the DNA group for their lunch at an additional cost.***





## TECHNOLOGY DAY

NERGC's third Tech Day will be held on Wednesday, 26 April 2017. The 2017 event will offer two tracks - Research with Technology and Advanced Tools. Tech Day provides the opportunity for genealogists to review items that are focused on a technically-oriented audience and might not otherwise be included in a general conference trying to reach a broad audience. Seats in each track are limited and registration is not complete until you select which track you will attend.

### TRACK 1 - RESEARCH WITH TECHNOLOGY

8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

#### Registration and Welcome

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

#### **Project Management: Your Genealogy Project; Your ANYTHING Project – Jennifer Baldwin**

Managing any project, whether it is research, a society event, or something completely different, can be an easier and more efficient process with one or more of digital tools. Learn about basic project management apps that can assist you in being more organized and effective.

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

#### **Creating Family History EBooks: Your Blueprint for Success- Lisa Alzo, M.F.A.**

Learn the exact blueprint to go from blank page to published family history even if you're busy, intimidated by writing, or don't know where to start.

Noon - 1:15 p.m.

**Lunch, on your own or join the DNA luncheon (see registration form for extra lunch charge)**

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

#### **Using Pinterest for Genealogy – Pamela Guye Holland**

Are you visually oriented? Pinterest can map and display your genealogy. Learn all about Pinterest and how to create boards for families, research locations, an ancestor's life events, and more.

2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

#### **Free Genealogy Classes, Webinars, and Online Learning – Dayna Jacobs**

A look at what is available for free online

### TRACK 2 - ADVANCED TOOLS

8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

#### Registration and Welcome

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

#### **Beyond Pedigree Charts: Using Genealogy Software's Research Tools – Dayna Jacobs**

Genealogy software has powerful tools to make you a more effective researcher; learn how to see information in a new way, track your research, and plan your next steps.

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

#### **Evernote for Everything Else – Jennifer Patterson Dondero**

Give yourself an edge by creating a genealogy toolbox that goes beyond research results. Evernote can help you keep and find "everything else."

Noon - 1:15 p.m.

**Lunch, on your own or join the DNA luncheon (see registration form for extra lunch charge)**

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

#### **MyHeritage's Unique Matching Technologies - Daniel Horowitz**

Technology has revitalized genealogy, opening many new frontiers for research while maintaining the thrill of the detective hunt. MyHeritage's key technologies are precisely the intersection of technology and genealogy

2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

#### **There's an App for That- Donna Moughty**

Carrying your genealogy with you (at all times) makes your smart phone or tablet a unique tool.

***Lunch is not included; you are invited to join the DNA group for their lunch at an additional cost.***

## WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS

These workshops are stand-alone offerings – no conference registration is required to attend.

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

### Getting Started on Your Family History Research

*Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, Inc.*

If you've been doing genealogy research for a year or less, this is the workshop for you. Members of MSOG will provide helpful organizational and research tips. What resources are available? How do you find more than birth-death-marriage information? How do you keep all that information organized? How do you get your family members excited? You will receive a copy of the entire presentation, which includes forms and web links.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### Designing Family History Books Entirely by Yourself

*Stephen Denker*

Family history book content and design - what to include - examples - preparing and enhancing images and research materials for publication. How do we take this mass of stuff and share it with our family?

In this session, we will discuss how to design and construct a book for self-publishing. I will demonstrate using specific examples to illustrate techniques and options; how to combine written information with images on pages to better engage the interest and attention of your readers; and techniques for enhancing individual documents and other research material for publication.

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

### Using Military Records to Track Ancestors From War through Peace

*Craig Scott*

Military records aren't just for war research. They can tell us about an ancestor's family and the full span of life. Join a nationally recognized military records expert to learn how to research your ancestor's life story using military and pension records.

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

### Using Deeds to Solve Genealogy Problems

*Carol Prescott McCoy*

Often overlooked, deeds and land records can provide useful clues to finding and learning about our ancestors. This is especially true for areas where Probate Records have been destroyed. Deeds can help you find ancestors who have escaped the census taker and can provide information on family relationships, migration patterns, wealth, neighbors and more. Learn how to find them, how to read them, and how to use them to solve genealogy problems.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING: NERGC MEETS MOSH

Please join us at 6 p.m. for a fun and informative social evening at the Lyman & Merrie Wood Museum of Springfield History and Archives. The locals refer to it as "MOSH." To get an idea of the venue, you can visit their website [here](#).

The Library Association has graciously provided NERGC with the entire facility for our Wednesday event. The event will take place in the "Great Hall" at a cost of \$25.00 per attendee. Refreshments will include cheese, fruit, hors d'oeuvres, and mini dessert pastries with a cash bar. (The Great Hall is indicated as "SIS Hall" on the diagram of the building at the website linked above).

All attendees will be taken in small groups to tour the facility of the Lyman & Merrie Wood museum and the enormous collection stored in the archives in the lower level of the building. The Library and Archives holds a large collection of French Canadian records, the Loiselle Index, over 20,000 genealogy books, 6,000 microforms, 25,000 photos and 1.3 million archival documents, as well as diaries, deeds, account books, land transfer documents and photographs, some of which date back to 1636 and the founding of Springfield by William Pynchon.

## CONFERENCE POLICIES

**Cancellation Policy** - Cancellations postmarked before 10 April 2017 will be subject to a \$15.00 processing fee. No refunds are available after 10 April 2017.

**Syllabus** - A link to the electronic syllabus will be sent to all registrants approximately one week before the conference. Other syllabus options are available on the registration form.

**Workshops** - Workshops provide a unique opportunity for learning in a small group and thus have limited participation. Workshops on Thurs, Fri, & Sat require conference registration and will substitute for 2 presentations in the conference schedule.

**Waiver of Liability** - By registering for this conference you agree and acknowledge that you are participating in NERGC and its associated events and activities out of your own free will and are fully aware that possible physical injury may occur to you as a result of my participation in these events. You acknowledge that you are able to participate in NERGC events and activities and that you do hereby assume responsibility for your own well-being. You agree not to allow any other person to participate in your place.

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Sessions start on Thursday morning. There are 94 open sessions, 8 workshops, 3 luncheons, and 2 dinner banquets to fill your days and evenings. The full schedule is listed on the following pages. See the registration form for meal options.

**Please note:** Anything with the bold border is an additional cost above the conference registration fee. Some presentations are sponsored by an organization. For each presentation you will find three pieces of information: the sponsoring organization (if applicable), the session number, and the presenter's designation of audience experience (B=Beginner, I=Intermediate, A=Advanced).

### THURSDAY APRIL 27, 2017

#### THURSDAY MORNING:

**9:00-11:00  
Workshop**

T-101 - B - **After the Test: Exploring Ancestry DNA Results**  
Your DNA test results are in but now what? This hands-on workshop will guide you through your Ancestry DNA results and introduce third-party tools for interpretation.

**Jennifer Zinck**

#### THURSDAY EVENING:

It's a long day and it's going to be a busy evening – order a box supper for a quick evening meal so you can enjoy all the activities! Our dining room will be available for seating. Box suppers **MUST BE**

Pre-Ordered by 1 April 2017.

Choices: Italian Sub, Turkey Club, Chicken Caesar Wrap, or a Vegetarian Option. Includes chips, sweet treat, fruit and soft drink.

**10:00-11:30**

**Opening  
Session**

NEHGS

Conference Welcome followed by:  
**T-102- What Can Our Ancestors Teach Us About Genealogy?**  
Did genealogists of the past have any idea what the future had in store for them? Were their predictions about genealogy accurate or off base? **Mary Tedesco** takes a lighthearted look at genealogical forecasts that anticipated the "tools of today."

**5:30 p.m.**

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**7:00 p.m.**

#### **SOCIETY FAIR -**

Genealogical, historical and family societies from all over New England will provide information about their organizations. The Society Fair will be set-up in the corridor outside the Exhibit Hall and is open to the public at no cost.

**12:00-1:15 -  
Luncheon**

MGC

T-103 -Scarce New World: Will Privacy Kill Genealogy?

**Thomas MacEntee**

**7:15 p.m.**

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**8:30 p.m.**

#### **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS –**

Eight informal mini gatherings offer an opportunity to meet and to share with conference participants and hosts on a wide range of topics. Check out upcoming e-zines, the NERGC blog and Facebook page, and [www.nergc.org](http://www.nergc.org) for specific topics and for more information.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON

THURSDAY		1:30-2:30	3:00-4:00	4:30-5:30
Jumping Into Census Records		T-104 – I - Beyond Population: Researching in the U.S. Special Census Schedules  Angela Packer McGhie	T-112 – B - Bridging the Decades: Little Used Clues from the U.S. Census  Elissa Scalise Powell	T-119 – I - Is That Lawyer or Sawyer? Using the British Census  Kathryn Smith Black
Finding Elusive Relatives	NEAPG	T-105 - A - Finding Someone Who Eluded Census Records  Carol Prescott McCoy	T-113 – I - Hunting for Hippies & Other Elusive Ancestors  Charlene Key Sokal	Featured Speaker T-120 – B - They’re Alive: Searching for Living Persons  Thomas MacEntee
Genealogy Heirlooms in the Attic		T-106 – B - Using Bibles in Genealogical Research  Pam Stone Eagleson	T-114 – I - Planning a Future for Your Family’s Past: Where Will Your Research and Collectibles Go?  Marian Wood	DFAW T-121 – B - Saving the Past for the Future: Preserving Family Objects  Edwin W. Strickland
Genealogy Can Be Deadly	Featured Speaker	T-107 - B - Death Records as a Starting Point  F. Warren Bittner	T-115 – B - Digging for Clues Among the Dead  Helen Shaw	T-122 – B - The Cemetery: A Valuable Resource for Genealogists  Brenda Sullivan
Treasure Hunts		T-108 – I - Fingerprinting Our Families: Ancestral Origins as a Research Key  Curt B. Witcher	Featured Speaker T-116 – I - Genealogy Do-Over: A Year of Learning from Research Mistakes  Thomas MacEntee	T-123 – I - Diamonds in the Rough: Manuscript Collections  Shellee A. Morehead
Tri-State Trifecta		T-109 - B - Genealogical Resources and Services at the Connecticut State Library  Richard C. Roberts	T-117 – I - Tour of New York State General Research Repositories  Jane Wilcox	T-124 – B - Treats and Treasures: New Jersey Repositories  Michelle Chubenko
Technology for Genealogy		T-110 – I - Navigating Around FamilySearch  Kathryn Smith Black	T-118 – B - Planting a Family Tree Online with MYHeritage.com  Daniel Horowitz	T-125 – B - Helpful Tips & Tricks to Use FamilySearch.org  Cherie Bush
1:30-3:30 Workshop		T-111 – I – Paleography: Reading Old Handwriting Hone your skills at hand-written documents with interactive games and hands-on practice.  Edward W. Strickland II		Ancestry T-126 – B - Meet John Smith: Tracing Ancestors with Common Monikers  Juliana Szucs

## FRIDAY MORNING

FRIDAY		8:30-9:30	10:00-11:00
New England Research	WMGS	F-201 – I - The Rich Research Resources of Western Massachusetts  Dave Robison	RIGS F-209 – B - Your Basic Toolbox for Rhode Island Research  Cherry Fletcher Bamberg
Irish Ancestry	PCGS	F-202 – I – First Generation Irish  Margaret Sullivan	F-210 – I - Locating Famine Immigrants in Griffith's Valuation  Donna Moughty
French-Canadian Ancestry		F-203 – B - French-Canadian Genealogy: Getting Started  Margaret Fortier	AFGS F-211 – A - Finding your French-Canadian Immigrant Origins in Europe  Michael Leclerc
Eastern European Ancestry	JGSG	F-204 – B – Jewish Names and Eastern European Locations: Who the Heck Is Ida Gaskell?  Meredith Hoffman	Featured Speaker F-212 – B - Where Was your Ancestor Really from? Germany's Shifting Borders  F. Warren Bittner
Refresh Your Research by Taking a Fresh Look	Featured Speaker	F-205 – B - Ten Ways to Jumpstart Your Genealogy  Thomas MacEntee	SSGS F-213 – I - Breaking Down Brick Walls with Collateral Research  Marian Pierre-Louis
Genealogy Potpourri		F-206 – B - Fashion Clues to Understanding Who Your Ancestors Really Were  Maureen Taylor	F-214 – I - The New Deal: Putting Genealogists To Work  Michael L. Strauss
Technology for Genealogy		F-207 – I - A Virtual Tour of New Hampshire's State Archives  Diane Gravel	NEHGS F-215 – I - Exploring AmericanAncestors.org  Alice Kane

### 9:00-11:00 Workshop F-208 – B - Italian Genealogy Demystified

This workshop takes an in-depth look at Italian records & repositories for genealogical research in Italy. Sound boring? Not on your life. You'll be motivated to book the next flight to Italy!

**Mary Tedesco**

11:00-12:00

Unopposed exhibit hall time

### 12:15-1:30 Luncheon Sponsored by NEAPG

F-216 – **Table Topics**

Members of NEAPG will lead discussions on a variety of topics during lunch.



## FRIDAY AFTERNOON & EVENING

FRIDAY 1:45-2:45		3:15-4:15	4:45-5:45
New England Research	MGS F-218 – B - Finding Maine Ancestors: Strategies, Resources and Repositories  Carol Prescott McCoy	FGS F-225 – I – Using Connecticut’s “Early General Records” to Learn More About Your Ancestors Richard C. Roberts	F-232 – I - Vermont: New England’s Last Frontier  Catherine Desmarais
Irish Ancestry	F-219 – B - Mapping Irish Locations Online  Pamela Guye Holland	F-226 – B - Jumping the Pond: Finding the Origins of Your Irish Ancestor  Donna Moughty	TIARA F-233 – I - Prejudice and Pride: Irish Immigrants in "Know-Nothing" Boston  Margaret Sullivan
French-Canadian Ancestry	F-220 – I - French-Canadian Immigrants and Catholic Sacramental Records  Denise Picard Lindgren	F-227 – I - Beyond Repertoires and Indexes: Finding and Using Original Documents in French-Canadian Research Michael Leclerc	ACGS F-234 – B - Tracking your Ancestor Across the Border into Quebec  George Findlen
Eastern European Ancestry	PGSCTNE F-221 – B - Introduction to Polish and Eastern European Family History Jonathan Shea & Matthew Bielawa	F-228 – I - Overcoming Brick Walls in Eastern European Research  Liza Alzo	F-235 – B - Ukrainian Genealogy  Michelle Chubenko
Understanding Evidence	F-222 – A - Ya Gotta Use ALL the Records  George Findlen	BCG – Ed. Fund F-229 – A - Confronting Conflicting Evidence  Pam Stone Eagleson	Featured Speaker F-236 – A - Complex Evidence: What it Is, How it Works, and Why it Matters  F. Warren Bittner
It's Time to Write that Family Story	Featured Speaker F-223 – I - Writing to Engage Your Reader F. Warren Bittner	F-230 – A - Writing Up Your Research  Scott Andrew Bartley	F-237 – I - Book Publishing for Genealogists – Using Today’s Tools  Linda L. Roghaar
Technology for Genealogy	F-224 – B - Grandma Married Whom?!? Evaluating Online Genealogical Information  Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer	Family Search F-231 – B - Adding Documents, Sources, and Citations to FamilySearch Family Trees  Robert Raymond	F-238 – B - Fixing Your Family Tree on FamilySearch  Kathryn Smith Black
1:30-3:30 Workshop F-217 – B - Photo Detecting 101: Photo Identification Tips and Techniques Learn how to identify individuals in photographs by researching photographers, dating costume clues and comparing facial characteristics. Maureen Taylor			Ancestry F-239 – B - Coming to America: Finding Arrival Records & Stories on Ancestry  Juliana Szucs

6-7 Social Hour  
7-9 Banquet

The Changing Genealogy Landscape: How Technology and Media are Impacting the Genealogy Community with **Kenyatta D. Berry**

## SATURDAY MORNING

SATURDAY		8:30-9:30	10:00-11:00
African-American Genealogy	Featured Speaker	S-301 – B - An Introduction to African American Genealogy  Kenyatta D. Berry	S-309 – I - Freedman's Bureau Records: Invaluable To All Southern Research  Diane Richard
Military Records		S-302 – I - The Great War: Researching Your World War I Ancestors  Michael L. Strauss	NEHGS S-310 – B - Colonial and Revolutionary War: New England Military Records  David Allen Lambert
Don't Be Overwhelmed	Featured Speaker	S-303 – B - Managing the Genealogy Data Monster  Thomas MacEntee	S-311 – I – Rows and Columns to the Rescue: Genealogy Fun with Spreadsheets  Joanne Riley
Social History Might Hold the Key	CCGS	S-304 – B - Where? Why? When? Historical Context and Our Ancestors Lives  Joan Frederici	Featured Speaker S-312 – I - Understanding and Researching Illegitimacy  F. Warren Bittner
New York, New York	NYG&B	S-305 – I - NYC Municipal Archives: Undiscovered Collections & Vital Records  Susan Miller	NYG&B S-313 – I - The New York Gateway: Immigration, Emigration and Migration  Jane Wilcox
Loving the Law and Legal Records	CSG	S-306 – I - Land Records: More Than Metes the Eye  Edwin W. Strickland	S-314 – B - Using Online Resources to Find and Analyze the Law  Jill Martin
Technology for Genealogy		S-307 – B - Being More Than Just Social on Social Media  Jen Baldwin	S-315 – B - Your DNA in Action: Real Time, Hands-On Fun  Diahan Southard

### 8:30-11:30 Workshop

S-308 – B - Portuguese Research  
**Sponsored by MSOG**  
Reading & understanding Portuguese Baptism, Marriage, Death, and Passport records will be examined in detail.  
**Michael J. Hall**

11:00-12:00

Unopposed exhibit hall time

### 12:15-1:30 – Luncheon

**Sponsored by APG**  
  
S-316 —: **Forget Me Not: Remembering Our Grandmothers' Stories**  
  
**Jane Wilcox**

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON & EVENING

SATURDAY	1:45-2:45	3:15-4:15	4:45-5:45
African-American Genealogy	<b>Featured Speaker</b> S-318 – I - One Drop of Blood: What Old Laws Mean to Today's African-American Genealogist  Kenyatta D. Berry	S-325 – B - Your DNA and Your Origins  Diahan Southard	<b>Featured Speaker</b> S-332 – I - Your Enslaved Ancestors: Breaking Through the 1870 Barrier  Kenyatta D. Berry
Using Records Astutely	<b>CPGC</b> S-319 – I - Where Are Those Missing Catholic Records?  Bryna O'Sullivan	<b>CAS</b> S-326 – B - Using Newspapers to Track Your Family, Character by Character  Janeen Bjork	<b>GSV</b> S-333 – I - Lies and Half-Truths: Why Records Are Wrong  Michael Dwyer
Social History Might Hold the Key	<b>MSOG</b> S-320 - I - Social History of Early Massachusetts  Seema Kenney	<b>CMGS</b> S-327 – I – Finding Family Information in School Records  Pam Stone Eagleson	<b>Mass. Mayflower</b> S-334 – A - Apprentices, Indentured Servants and Redemptioners  Peggy Lauritzen
Overcoming Obstacles	S-321 – I - Obscure and Neglected Sources: New Paths to Genealogical Success  Diane Gravel	S-328 – I - Family Clusters and Chain Migrations: Keys to Tracing Immigrant Ancestors  Shellee A. Morehead	S-335 – I - Gathering the Family Story: Non-Confrontational Strategies  Dave Robison
Making Breakthroughs Identifying Women	S-322 - A - Identifying a Women's Parents Through Whole Family Research  George Findlen	S-329 – I - Researching Women in 18th Century New England  Nancy Smith	S-336 – I - Did Gramma Have a Filling Station? Married Women's Businesses  Sara Campbell
Loving the Law and Legal Records	<b>NEHGS</b> S-323 – B – Understanding Probate and Deed Records in New England  David Allen Lambert	S-330 – I - From Bankruptcy to Equity: Your Ancestor in Federal Court Records  Michael L. Strauss	<b>NHSOG</b> S-337 – I - Justice of the Peace Records: Miscellany, Mischief, Marriages and More  Diane Gravel
Technology for Genealogy	S-324 – B - Researching Finns  Diane Richard	S-331 – I - Tools & Techniques for Finding Living Family Online  Jennifer Zinck	S-338 – I - Online Tools to Organize and Collaborate with Cousins  Kelli Jo Bergheimer

### S-317 – I – Creating a Free Family Website with Word Press

**1:30-3:30 Workshop**

Share your family anecdotes, photos & videos while you collaborate with relatives to create a family legacy. You will create a basic family website during this hands-on workshop.

**Carla Cegielski**

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**6-7 Social Hour**

**7-9 Banquet**

How to Deal with Other Genealogists without Going Crazy

**Thomas MacEntee**

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES:

*(As submitted before the 3/1/16 Deadline)*

**Lisa A. Alzo**, M.F.A., is a freelance writer, instructor, and internationally recognized lecturer, specializing in Slovak/Eastern European genealogical research, writing your family history, and using the Internet to trace female and immigrant ancestors. She is the author of ten books and hundreds of magazine articles. F-228

**Jen Baldwin** has been working in the realm of professional genealogy since 2010. Her research focus is on the Western United States, gold rush history, and fraternal societies. She is currently the Data Licensing Manager, North America for Findmypast; and is host of #genchat on Twitter. Jen lectures, writes, and consults on a variety of genealogy and social media related topics, and was part of the research team for Genealogy Roadshow, season two, on PBS. She is a proud volunteer for the War of 1812 Preserve the Pensions campaign and the Larimer County Genealogical Society (CO). S-307

**Scott Andrew Bartley** specializes in colonial New England. Drew has edited many books and scholarly journals. He is the genealogist for the Early Vermont Settlers to 1784 for the New England Historic Genealogical Society and consulting editor for the Register. He works for "Finding Your Roots" and edits/researches for Brewster/Allerton. F-230

**Kenyatta D. Berry** (see Featured Speaker Page for biographical information) Friday Banquet, S-301, S-318, S-332

**Kelli Bergheimer** is a writer, teacher, editor, small business owner, and nature photographer. Kelli holds a B.A. in Biology, and M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction, and an M.S.M. in Management. Currently, Kelli runs three small businesses-- Writers Etc., a k-12 math and science textbook editing company; Geo-Centric Learning, a geography-based middle school curriculum company; and Mess on the Desk, a genealogical organization company. S-338

**F. Warren Bittner** (see Featured Speaker Page for biographical information) T-107, F-212, F-236, F-223, S-312

**Janeen Bjork** applied the detective and analytic skills gained in her 30-year television research career to her family tree after a sister-in-law recruited her to genealogy. Even advanced genealogists in her presentations have been surprised by the family stories they found in online newspapers after applying Bjork's methods. S-326

**Kathryn Smith Black** is a retired chemical engineer who has volunteered at a local FHC for more than 25 years and at NEHGS. She has done extensive research into her English ancestry as well as the Connecticut, New Hampshire and New York ancestry of her husband. T-110, T-119, F-238

**Cherie Bush** is a deputy Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch International. She has been a family history enthusiast for many years. She currently serves as a board member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies. T-125

**Sara Campbell** is a lecturer and educator in Western Massachusetts, where she has been active in the genealogical community for 25 years. Her background as a civil engineer sometimes gives her a unique perspective on her research. She blogs about history at RememberingAncestors. S-336

**Michelle Tucker Chubenko** is a professional genealogist who researches families in the Mid-Atlantic states, Oklahoma/Indian Territory and those with Ukrainian ancestry in Poland. Her blog, JerseyRootsGenealogy, focuses on research in the Garden State from colonial settlement to current day. She has attended GRIP, IGHR, and SLIG and a ProGen17 graduate. T-124, F-235

**Carla S. Cegielski** is a freelance genealogical researcher, lecturer, and web designer. She specializes in creating websites for busy professionals and small societies. Carla is currently the webmaster for the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Ohio Genealogical Society, and many others. She has been designing websites since 1997. S-317

**Christine Crawford-Oppheimer**, MLS: librarian, archivist, and writer. Publications: book, and articles in many genealogical magazines. VP for Programs / Publicity for Dutchess County Genealogical Society; Vice-Chairman for Lineage Research for NSDAR, New York State, District IX. Member of several genealogical and professional societies. Author of Long Distance Genealogy. F-224

**SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES:***(As submitted before the 3/1/16 Deadline)*

**Catherine B.W. Desmarais**, CG is a Board-certified genealogist, author, and educator, Catherine B.W. Desmarais, CG, owns Stone House Historical Research and co-administrates the Virtual Institute of Genealogical Research. She is the current Vice-President of the Association of Professional Genealogists, and specializes in Vermont, Irish, and forensic genealogy research. F-232

**Michael Dwyer** is a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists. His published articles have appeared in The Register, The American Genealogist, American Ancestors, and Vermont Genealogy, among others. He teaches history and English at Otter Valley Union School in Brandon, VT. S-333

**Pam Stone Eagleson**, CG®, of Kennebunk, Maine is a researcher, writer, and teacher. She has attended IGHR, NIGR, SLIG, and GRIP. Pam is a member of several local and state genealogical societies and serves on the National Genealogical Society's Board of Directors T-106, F-229, S-327

**George Findlen** is a certified genealogist and certified genealogical lecturer. He has published articles on Acadian and French-Canadian families in US and Canadian journals since 2000, and speaks at national, regional, and state venues. He serves on the NGS board and on the editorial board of the NGSQ. F-222, F-234, S-322

**Cherry Fletcher Bamberg**, FASG is a devotee of Rhode Island research, who has written dozens of articles and several books about these fascinating people. She has edited Rhode Island Roots, the journal of the Rhode Island Genealogical Society since 2002 and serves as a consulting editor for the NEHG Register---on Rhode Island topics, of course. She is a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists. F-209

**Margaret R. Fortier** is a genealogical researcher, speaker, and writer. She focuses on 19C immigration to New England, specializing in French-Canadian and Italian-American ancestry. She serves as the vice-president of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists and belongs to NGS, APG, and NEHGS. F-203

**Joan M Frederici** has been interested in her family history for most of her life, but has been actively researching for the past 15 years. After retirement, she completed the BU Genealogical Research program. She joined Cape Cod Genealogical Society, where she has been active on the Education Committee. In June, 2015, she was elected president of the Society and is currently in that position. S-304

**Diane Gravel**, a Board-certified Genealogist, Diane has lectured at national conferences, the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, and the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh. She has served on APG's Board of Directors, is Vice President of the N.H. Society of Genealogists, and is a trustee of the Thornton Public Library. F-207, S-321, S-337

**Michael J. Hall** has a BS in Anthropology from BYU. He is the Deputy Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch.org International. His duties include working with Libraries, Archives, and Historic and Genealogical Societies worldwide. His research includes his Portuguese-American ancestry, local history, and military records. S-308

**Meredith Hoffman** is a professional genealogist and popular lecturer who specializes in researching Jewish immigrant ancestors. She holds degrees in Linguistics from UC-Berkeley and is a graduate of the Boston University Genealogical Research Program and IGHR (Institute for Genealogical and Historical Research). F-204

**Pamela Guye Holland** lives in Westford, Mass., and has been conducting genealogical research since 2001. Her specialties are Genetic Genealogy and Irish research. She serves on the board of TIARA, is a professional genealogist and also works part-time at NEHGS. She can be found at [www.GenealogyByPamHolland.com](http://www.GenealogyByPamHolland.com). F-219

**Daniel Horowitz** was born in 1971 BS.c. in computer engineering (2002), Specialization in education (1994). Teacher of "Searching for My Roots" project (Venezuela 1990-2005). MyHeritage Chief Genealogist (since 2005), provides key contributions in the product development, customer support and public affairs areas; holds board level positions in IGRA and IAIGS. T-118

Genealogist **Alice Kane** joined the NEHGS library staff in 2012 after nearly 20 years of service at the Boston Public Library. She is manager of NEHGS's library patron services and consultations. Alice's genealogical specialties include Chinese-American, Massachusetts and New England genealogy, cluster research, database searching, maps, and migration. F-215



## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES:

*(As submitted before the 3/1/16 Deadline)*

**Seema Kenney** is an experienced software instructor and a professional genealogist. Her known roots are deep in New England as well as England, Germany, and Sweden. She has a certificate in Genealogical Research from BU, completed ProGen and is an active member and officer of several societies. S-320

**David Allen Lambert** is the Chief Genealogist at NEHGS in Boston. He has been on the staff since 1993. David is an author and recognized international speaker on the topics of genealogy and local history. S-310, S-323

**Peggy Clemens Lauritzen**, AG, was involved in genealogy before she was even born. With her experience as a Family History Director, she frequently speaks at genealogical societies, workshops, seminars, and webinars where she loves bringing genealogy to life. She has recently completed several Legacy QuickGuides on Appalachia, which are also available on [www.legacyfamilytree.com](http://www.legacyfamilytree.com) and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), and is an instructor at Ancestry Academy. S-334

**Michael J. Leclerc** is the former Chief Genealogist at Mocavo, and an internationally-renowned genealogist. He has authored numerous articles for magazines and scholarly journals, and edited several books. A popular genealogy presenter, Michael served on the boards of the Association of Professional Genealogists and the Federation of Genealogical Societies. You can reach him at [www.michaeljleclerc.com](http://www.michaeljleclerc.com) and at [Facebook.com/michaeljleclerc](https://www.facebook.com/michaeljleclerc). S-211, F-227

**Denise Picard Lindgren** has earned the Genealogical Research Certificate from BU and is an alumna of SLIG, IGHR, and GRIP. A former technical writer and editor, she now helps proofread the NGSQ. Her major interest is genealogical publishing. In 2014 she took first place in MSOG's biennial writing contest. F-220

**Jill E. Martin** is Professor and Chair of Legal Studies at Quinnipiac University, Hamden, Connecticut. She holds a J.D. (Albany Law), and a M.A. (Yale). She is admitted to practice law in New York and Connecticut. She completed a certificate in Genealogical Research at Boston University, and attended NIGR and IGHR. S-314

**Thomas MacEntee** (see Featured Speaker Page for biographical information) T-103, T-116, T-120, F-204, S-303, Saturday Banquet

**Carol Prescott McCoy**, Ph.D., President of Find-Your-Roots.com in Brunswick, Maine, McCoy conducts research and educates people about genealogy and family history. A Director of the Maine Genealogical Society, and past-president of the Portland chapter, she concentrates on Maine, New England, New York and West Virginia. She has a Ph.D. from Rutgers University, and B.A. from Connecticut College. T-105, F-218

**Angela Packer McGhie** teaches at major genealogical institutes and lectures at national and regional conferences. She served as administrator of the ProGen Study Program for six years and is now on the board of directors. Angela is the past president of the National Capital Area Chapter of APG. T-104

**Sue Miller** is the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society Director of Education; editor of the NYG&B's magazine the New York Researcher; a managing editor of the New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer; and has researched her New England and New York families for more than 20 years. S-305

**Shellee Morehead**, PhD, CG is an author of scientific articles in national and international journals, an adjunct instructor of Biology, a genealogist, writer and speaker. Recent speaking events include NGS and OGS. Her specialties include Rhode Island, Italian, and French-Canadian research and genetic genealogy. T-123, S-328

**Donna Moughty**, a Professional Genealogist and former Regional Manager for Apple Computer, Donna has been conducting family research for over 20 years. She teaches and lectures on a variety of subjects locally and at national conferences and institutes and takes groups to Ireland each October to research. F-210, F-226

### **Bryna O'Sullivan**

A Connecticut based professional genealogist, Bryna O'Sullivan enjoys teaching genealogists of all backgrounds and conducting specialty research in Connecticut, cross-border, and Luxembourg-American genealogy. S-319

**Marian Pierre-Louis** is a House Historian and Genealogy Professional who focuses on New England research. She specializes in educational outreach through webinars, internet broadcasts and video. Marian is the host of the Genealogy Professional podcast, a show committed to helping genealogy professionals become better business people. F-213

**SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES:***(As submitted before the 3/1/16 Deadline)*

**Elissa Scalise Powell**, CG, CGL, is a western Pennsylvania researcher, co-director of the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh, Past-president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, an instructor for Boston University's Genealogical Research Certificate course, "Professional Genealogy" course coordinator at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research. T-112

**Robert Raymond** is a FamilySearch deputy CGO, and a director of the National Genealogical Society. He is a popular speaker and the shadow writer of a top ten genealogical blog. Robert is a genealogical technologist with more than 30 years' experience in technology and genealogy. F-231

**Diane L. Richard**, Principle of MosaicRPM, has early 20th century emigrant ancestry. Specializes in NC and southern records. Lectures on NC research, genealogy society initiatives, and research tools. Editor of UpFront with NGS and the NCGS Journal and a regular contributor to Internet Genealogy. She has done research for and appeared on WDYTVA? S-309, S-324

**Joanne Riley** is the University Archivist and Curator of Special Collections at UMass Boston's Joseph P. Healey Library. She is dedicated to digital humanities and community archiving in all of their forms, enjoys playing with data and is an avid family history buff. S-311

**Richard Clarke Roberts**, retired Unit Head of the Connecticut State Library's History and Genealogy Unit, is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and holds masters degrees from the University of Connecticut and the University of Rhode Island. He is president of the Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor and of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. He is on the Board of the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council and a member of the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists, the New England Historic Genealogical Society, and the Association for Gravestone Studies. He was Co-Chair of NERGC's 2007 Hartford and 2011 Springfield Conferences and Tri-Chair of the 2015 Conference. T-109, F-225

**Dave Robison** of Old Bones Genealogy of New England lectures on family research at all levels. He holds BU's Genealogy Research Program certificate, is President of Western Mass. Genealogical Society, past president of the New England Chapter of APG and holds memberships in genealogical associations in the US and Canada. F-201, S-335

**Linda L. Roghaar** has spent decades in book publishing helping writers get published. In 2007, she recognized that advances in technology could benefit authors and developed an exciting, collaborative platform that combines standards of traditional publishing with today's innovative publishing tools. She now helps genealogists get their stories written, edited, and published. F-237

**Helen Shaw**, CG(sm) is president of the Maine Genealogical Society and legislative liaison for the Maine Old Cemetery Association. As an anthropologist, her approach to family history is that of a community wide study. T-115

**Jonathan Shea** is a professor of foreign languages at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain. He is the author of several books and numerous articles on genealogical research methodology and the translation of documents from Polish, Russian Latin and German. He has given presentations on these topics internationally in a wide variety of venues. Prof. Shea also serves as the president and reference archivist for the Polish Genealogical Society of Connecticut and the Northeast and leads genealogy research tours to Europe annually. F-221

**Nancy Smith's** decades-long passion for genealogy has been fueled by advances in technology, DNA, and inspiring leaders within the genealogy field. She has completed courses in Advanced Research Methodology and Determining Kinship Reliably with the GPS at the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh and has attended the British Institute. She is a ProGen alumna. Her work has been published in Lifelines, American Ancestors, and Rhode Island Roots. S-329

**Charlene Key Sokal**, MSLS, is a professional genealogist, researcher and historian focusing on NY, PA, MA and IN. She was the former supervisor of the Local History/Genealogy Department of the Worcester Public Library, Worcester, MA T-113

**Diahan Southard**, a microbiology graduate, has spent 15 years in the genetic genealogy industry. In her current position as Your DNA Guide, she provides personalized, interactive experiences to assist individuals and families in interpreting their genetic results in the context of their genealogical information. S-315, S-325

**Michael L. Strauss**, AG is a professional genealogist and nationally recognized genealogical lecturer. He is an approved genealogist with the U.S. Army on MIA's from Vietnam, Korea, and WWII and a qualified expert witness in court in PA, NY, NJ, and VA. Strauss is a licensed Private Investigator in Virginia. F-214, S-302, S-330

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES:

(As submitted before the 3/1/16 Deadline)

**Edwin W. Strickland II** is self-taught genealogist with over 40 years experience. He is a Past President and a Governor of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists; charter member of the Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor, having served as President and as Genealogist for nearly 30 years; charter member of the Connecticut Professional Genealogist Council where he is a consultant for their Ancestors Road Shows and current Vice-President. T-111, T-121, S-306

**Brenda Sullivan/Gravestone Girls** are cemetery educators and artists that lecture on art history, lead cemetery tours, teach gravestone rubbing classes and create sculpted art pieces from the faces of old Colonial New England gravestones. T-122

**Margaret Sullivan** is Archivist to the Boston Police Department. Her research and writing focuses on line of duty deaths, early women, African American, and Jewish officers. A Fellow at the Massachusetts Historical Society and former Vice-President of TIARA, Margaret has been researching her own Irish ancestors for more than 20 years. F-202, F-233

**Juliana Szucs** has been working for Ancestry.com for more than 16 years. She began her family history journey trolling through microfilms with her mother at the age of 11. She has written many articles for online and print genealogical publications and wrote the "Computers and Technology" chapter of The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy. T-126, F-239

**Maureen A. Taylor** specializes in solving photo mysteries for clients and organizations. F-206, F-217

**Mary M. Tedesco** is a professional genealogist, speaker, and author; a Hostess on the popular PBS television series *Genealogy Roadshow*; and the Founder of ORIGINS ITALY, a firm specializing in Italian genealogical research. She can be contacted at [www.originsitaly.com](http://www.originsitaly.com). T-102, F-208

**Jane E. Wilcox** is contributing editor of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Record and serves on the NY State Archives Advisory Board. She speaks at national genealogy conferences and institutes and hosts The *Forget-Me-Not Hour* podcast at [www.BlogTalkRadio.com/JaneEWilcox](http://www.BlogTalkRadio.com/JaneEWilcox). Jane specializes in colonial and early statehood New York and area research. T-117, S-313, S-316

**Curt B. Witcher**, MLS, FUGA, IGSF is the Genealogy Center Manager for the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is a former president of FGS and NGS, and the founding president of the Indiana Genealogical Society. He serves on numerous councils and advisory boards, and co-edits PERSI. T-108

**Marian Wood** is a textbook author, an avid genealogist, and a genealogy blogger (<http://climbingmyfamilytree.blogspot.com>). A frequent speaker at genealogy clubs in Connecticut and Westchester county, NY, Marian has been researching family history for nearly twenty years. Her interests include genealogy and social media, online research, and motivating the next generation. T-114

**Jennifer Zinck** is a genealogical speaker and educator who specializes in the intersection of traditional and genetic genealogy. Jennifer serves as President of the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council. She is a graduate of the Boston University Genealogical Certificate Program, CAFG Forensic Genealogy Institute, ProGen 13, SLIG, and IGHR. T-101, S-331

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### Thursday, 27 April

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<b>Full Registration</b>		\$120	\$150	
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Thursday			\$90	
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Maximum apply	DNA Day (Includes Lunch)	\$40	\$50	
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	Society Day (No Lunch)	\$40	\$50	
	Tech Day Track 1 (No Lunch)	\$40	\$50	
	Tech Day Track 2 (No Lunch)	\$40	\$50	
	Wednesday DNA Lunch Add-On	\$24	\$24	
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	Thurs Workshop Paleography T-111	\$25		
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	Fri Workshop Photo Detecting F-217	\$25		
	Sat Workshop Portuguese Research S-308	\$25		
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THURSDAY	Continental Breakfast	\$14	
	Luncheon T-103 (MacEntee)		
	Chicken Parmesan	\$25	
	Filet of Sole	\$29	
	Penne with Veg & Marinara	\$25	
	Box Supper		
	Italian Sub	\$20	
	Giabatta Turkey Club	\$20	
FRIDAY	Chicken Caesar Wrap	\$20	
	Continental Breakfast	\$14	
	Luncheon F-216 (Table Topics)		
	Salad Caprese	\$20	
	Classic Caesar Salad	\$19	
	Chef Salad	\$19	
	Banquet – Kenyatta D. Berry		
	Chicken Piccata	\$35	
SATURDAY	New England Scrod	\$35	
	Vegetarian Lasagna	\$31	
	Continental Breakfast	\$14	
	Luncheon S-316 (Wilcox)		
	Grilled Chicken Bradford	\$25	
	Baked New England Cod	\$29	
	Vegetable Stir-Fry	\$25	
	Banquet – Thomas MacEntee		
	Orange Glazed Chicken	\$35	
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