



GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF PITTSBURGH

29 July–3 August 2018, at Daemen College, Amherst, NY

Registration opens Feb. 14, 2018, at www.GRIPitt.org

Choose one of the following courses to attend for the entire week.

INTERMEDIATE GENEALOGY: Tools for Digging Deeper

Coordinator: **Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA**



Have you moved beyond the initial stages of researching your family history? Maybe you have done a lot online but know there's more to be done elsewhere. Do you need a firmer foundation before taking advanced or specialized courses? Would you like more experience with in-depth evaluation of documents and setting up research plans? The course covers 19th through 21st century U.S. records and online resources. Make sure you bring a copy of some of your own family history research to use in putting your new learning to work.

PRACTICAL GENETIC GENEALOGY

Course Coordinator: **Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D.**

Have you taken a DNA test and want to know how to work with the results? In this course, basic DNA inheritance patterns and analysis are described in an easy-to-understand way. Inheritance of all four types of DNA are covered: Y (direct paternal line), X (unique inheritance for males and females), mitochondrial (direct maternal line), and autosomal (inherited from all ancestral lines). Practical exercises and demonstrations will build understanding, along with how to use third party tools.



ADVANCED GENETIC GENEALOGY

Course Coordinator: **CeCe Moore**

Be prepared for a fast-paced learning experience intended for the genealogist who has experience applying DNA testing to family history research and has a strong foundational understanding of genetic genealogy concepts. We will demonstrate and discuss methods used by expert genetic genealogists to get the most out of DNA results, utilizing all four types of DNA, in conjunction with documentary evidence to advance knowledge of an individual's family tree. Genetic genealogy's application to unknown parentage search will also be examined and resources explored for when unexpected results are encountered. We will end each day with a discussion session to enhance and reinforce the day's coursework.

MASTERING THE ART OF GENEALOGICAL DOCUMENTATION

Course Coordinator: **Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL, FASG**



Documentation lies at the heart of respectable genealogy. Without clear and complete citations to supporting sources no family compilation or report can be credible. Therefore, all serious genealogists document their work. Course students will learn how to understand their sources well enough to describe them. Then they will learn how to apply that knowledge to crafting citations. This hands-on course will help students gain understanding of how to create conventional citations with artistry, clarity, completeness, conciseness, and competence.

REFINING INTERNET AND DIGITAL SKILLS

Coordinator: **Cyndi Ingle (of CyndisList.com)**

This course will progress through several computer and internet topics including: organizing our computers and digital filing; digital planning for a typical research plan; effectively searching the Internet, online databases and records repositories; learning the ins and outs of several popular, and necessary, repositories online and how to take notes and create citations for these online repositories; technology tools that enhance the research experience: spreadsheets, tables, timelines, maps, foreign language translation, etc.; the final product of a research plan or project. We will talk about photographs and the scanning and filing of digital images. We will discuss technology options for publishing a final report, whether that takes place on a web site, a digital family tree, a blog, or by creating a printed book. And last, but certainly not least, we will discuss whether or not a complex research problem can be solved solely online, with specific references to meeting the GPS, the Genealogical Proof Standard, thus inspiring the attendees to use everything they've learned over the week to successfully move forward in their research.



ADVANCED LAND RESEARCH: BEYOND DEEDS

Coordinators: **Rick Sayre, CG, CGL and Pam Sayre, CG, CGL**



Land genealogy is as important as people genealogy for overcoming family history research barriers. This course explores land distribution in the current United States by colonial powers, private land claims, federal land records at both the National Archives and the General Land Office, and local-level county or town deeds. Students will learn about the Public Land Survey System and the metes and bound system. Course content illustrates the use of land records to prove kinship. Use of software and Internet resources for finding land records, mapping, and deed platting is demonstrated.

TOOLS AND STRATEGIES FOR TACKLING TOUGH RESEARCH PROBLEMS

Coordinator: **Kimberly Powell**

A hands-on workshop/practicum focused on tools and methodologies for tackling tough research problems. This course will be methodology-focused, rather than records-focused, and includes a mix of lectures, interactive case studies (with class participation) and plenty of hands-on practice (such as analyzing documents, creating a research plan, creating timelines, using charts and spreadsheets, etc.) The emphasis is on research planning, analysis and correlation of evidence, and research methodologies.



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