



GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF PITTSBURGH

22-27 July 2018, at La Roche College, Pittsburgh, PA

Registration opens 14 Feb 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.

CHURCH RECORDS: DENOMINATIONS AND PROBLEM SOLVING

Coordinator: **Rev. David McDonald, D. Min., CG**

Learn the nature and history of various sects and traditions in order to understand your ancestors and what type of records each religion kept and for what purposes. The differences and similarities in traditions will help in understanding ancestors who "switched" religions.



FUNDAMENTALS OF FORENSIC GENEALOGY for the 21st Century

Coordinators: **Catherine B. W. Desmarais, CG; Kelvin Meyers; Michael Ramage, J.D., CG**



Come explore your potential role in the fast-growing field of forensic genealogy. The instructors - all experienced, practicing forensic genealogists - will cover a broad spectrum of topics including the types of work in which forensic genealogists engage, skills in "reverse genealogy" (descendant research), work products, and an exploration of standards as they relate to forensic genealogy.

WALKING IN PENN'S WOODS: Pennsylvania Research

Coordinator: **Amy E. K. Arner**

Researchers who have experience working with original records (such as deeds and probate files), but are not familiar with the idiosyncrasies of Pennsylvania records will enjoy the course focus on typical record types you will encounter, with hands-on exercises. If you want to know more about the lives of your Pennsylvania ancestors, join us for five days of digging deeper into the wealth of resources that await you in Penn's Woods.





WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST! Research Methods for the Hidden Members of the Family

Course Coordinator: **Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL**

The women of our families – mothers, sisters, wives – and the children they bore and raised comprise far more than just a hidden half of our families: women and children greatly outnumbered the menfolk. Yet they left fewer traces in the records and researching these family members effectively poses challenges for any genealogist. This course begins to answer the question of why we should – and how we can – research women and children first.

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

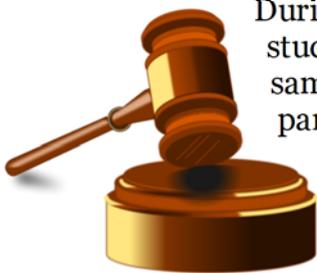
Course Coordinator: **CeCe Moore**

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.

YOU BE THE JUDGE:

PRACTICUM USING STANDARDS TO EVALUATE GENEALOGICAL WORK

Course Coordinator: **Jeanne Larzalere Bloom, CG**



During this course—a supervised practical application of Genealogy Standards—students will be the judges. Each day students will evaluate genealogical work samples of unknown quality to determine whether the samples meet, partially meet, or do not meet standards. From these exercises students will gain insight into the mindset and the habits involved in consistently producing work that meets standards. Students will develop evaluation strategies to identify weaknesses in their writing or in the writing of others. Students will begin to develop the evaluation skills needed to assess the quality of their work and the work of others. This is a forum for discussions of each standard and for substantive genealogy questions.

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