

TRILOGY GENEALOGY CLUB'S 10th ANNUAL FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE
A.I. in Genealogy: From Artificial Intelligence to Ancestor Insights

SESSION SYNOPSES AND SPEAKER BIOS

Morning Sessions: UNDERSTANDING TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES IN GENEALOGY

Session 1 (all):	This keynote address will explore the transformative role of AI in genealogy. We will look at how AI is currently integrated into genealogical research, offering a balanced view of its advantages and challenges. Attendees will gain insights into AI-driven tools and the enhancement of research accuracy and speed. We will also discuss critical issues like data privacy and the importance of validating information. The session aims to inform and inspire, showing how AI is making genealogy research more accessible and efficient. It will provide practical advice for genealogists at all levels on utilizing AI tools effectively.	BONNIE BOSSERT is a Genetic Genealogist. She has taught a 4-hour “DNA Kindergarten” course for several years for genealogy enthusiasts and lectures on a variety of genealogy topics. She is a board member of the Investigative Genetic Genealogy Accreditation Board (IGGAB), an independent non-profit group developing an exam and standards for the field of Investigative Genetic Genealogy. She provides Genetic Genealogy and DNA analysis with her ATCG Genealogists team to identify unknown parentage and break down brick walls.
Artificial Intelligence for Genealogy		
Session 2 (all):		
Investigative Genetic Genealogy		

Afternoon Sessions: IT'S MORE THAN JUST A NAME: ADDING VALUE WITH HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Session 3 (12:45 – 2:15) -- CHOOSE 1 (Break-Out A or B)

Break-Out A: Mamie's Love Letter: Finding Sources and Documenting a Life	Learn how I took a mysterious letter, conducted research to determine who the letter was written to, and brought her story to life. After this course, I hope you will be excited to turn the documents you find about your ancestors into stories to share. This course will provide some basic research techniques and ideas on how to provide context to your ancestor's life. But most of all you'll see why you should never make assumptions and why thorough research is important. This course is for beginning to intermediate researchers.	KATHLEEN ACKERMAN's interest in family history began ~2006 when she went back to school, receiving a Bachelor of General Studies/Family History degree from BYU, and a Master of Science in Genealogical, Heraldic & Paleographic Studies with Distinction from the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland. Her specialties are English & Scottish research and paleography. She serves on the board of the International Society for British Genealogy & Family History.
Break-Out B: What Does That Document Really Say? Analyzing Sources	Let's take another look at that document. What does it really tell you? What is the source of the data? <i>Who</i> is the source of the data? Are we assuming details? How do we draw responsible conclusions? In this discussion, we will look at various types of documents and attempt to discern the good from the bad. We will look at these documents with a “new” eye.	SUZANNE BRAYER earned a BA & MA in History, and enjoyed a career in secondary education for 26+ years. After retirement from public education, she became a professional genealogist. She has been involved in research, lecturing and teaching classes throughout the state of Arizona for over 16 years. She is also an instructor for WVGS and is a member of AZGAB.

Session 4 (2:30 – 4:00) -- CHOOSE 1 (Break-Out C or D)

Break-Out C: When It Takes a Village: Applying Cluster Research Techniques	Sometimes tracking one's ancestors tests all one's research acumen and is best approached by broadening one's research to include family members, associates and neighbors. This presentation will outline a program for solving genealogical research problems via cluster and collateral research techniques. Topics will include appropriate application, research planning, commonly used resources and documents, and case studies successfully tracking individuals from Europe to the United States, overcoming name and residential changes and using DNA evidence.	EMILY GARBER is a genealogy researcher, writer and speaker, and an anthropological archaeologist by training (BA and MA). She has been studying Jewish ancestry since 2007 both in the US and Europe. She holds a certificate from Boston University's Genealogical Research program, is on the board of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies, and chairs the Phoenix Jewish Genealogy Group.
Break-Out D: Tracking Your Immigrant Ancestors	We will look at search strategies, the role history played in the emigrant's reasons for leaving his home, migration patterns, records immigration has produced, and how to find these records.	SUZANNE BRAYER (please see bio in Session 3/Break-Out B)