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GENEALOGY CONFERENCES & EVENTS A SELECTION FOR 2018

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JANUARY

Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy

January 21-26, 2018

<https://ugagenealogy.org/aem.php?eid=24>

SLIG primarily offers high-intermediate to advanced-level courses, with some intermediate courses geared to strengthen the core understanding of the research process.

FEBRUARY

Family History Technology Workshop

February 27, 2018, BYU, Provo, Utah

<https://fhtw.byu.edu/>

Research talks, developer presentations and lightning talks. Handwriting recognition, automated record transcription, data modeling, machine learning, natural language processing, visualization, human interaction, user experience. Any technology that makes family history better.

RootsTech 2018: Family History and Technology Conference

February 28- March 3, 2018, Salt Lake City, Utah

<http://www.rootstech.org/>

RootsTech, the largest family history event in the world, has a line-up of world-class speakers, thrilling entertainment, over 200 engaging classes, and a huge expo hall, there's something for everyone, no matter the age or skill level.

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MARCH

Victoria Family History Centre Conference

March 9-10, 2018, Victoria Family History Centre, Victoria, BC

<http://victoriafhc.org/index.html>

This year's speakers include Karen Inkster Vance, MA, a trained teacher, researcher and writer who has enjoyed researching her family history for over 25 years. She is an author, and has overseen the writing and production of a number of documentary films.

Dupage County Genealogical Society 43rd Annual Conference

March 10, 2018, Naperville, Illinois

<https://dcgs.org/cpage.php?pt=129>

The program sessions are offered in 4 tracks, each with 4 sessions, 16 workshops in total. Tracks include: Getting Started, Focus on European Research, DNA, and Organizing and Methodology.

Speakers include Blaine Bettinger, John Philip Colletta, Steve Szabados, and Katherine R. Willson.

15th Annual Congress on Australasian Genealogy and Heraldry

March 9 – 12, 2018, Sydney, Australia

<https://ashm.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/congress2018/genealogyheraldry>

This congress is held every three years and brings together passionate family historians from around Australia, New Zealand and many parts of the world. The aim is to provide a great range of speakers, the opportunity to speak with sponsors and exhibitors, the chance to share experiences with both new and old family history friends, and to do all this in a relaxed and friendly environment.

APRIL

Fairfax Genealogy Society Annual Spring Conference

April 6-7, 2018, Falls Church, Virginia

<http://www.fxgs.org/cpage.php?pt=61>

The 2018 theme is *The Joy of Genealogy*. The Conference offers two days of in-depth presentations – 60 workshops to choose from – by nationally-recognized genealogists, designed to enhance genealogical research skills and provide something of interest for every level of genealogist. Includes opportunities for one-on-one consultations.

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BC Genealogical Society 2018 Seminar

April 7, 2018, Coquitlam, BC

http://www.bcgs.ca/?page_id=2511#.Wl-tS4WcGUk

This year's speakers will include Mary Kathryn Kozy on the topic of DNA. More information TBA.

Ohio Genealogical Society 2018 Conference: Blazing New Trails!

April 11-14, 2018, Columbus, Ohio

<http://www.ogsconference.org/>

This three-and-a-half day conference, organized by the Ohio Genealogical Society, offers over 80 lectures with workshops scheduled every day covering all phases of genealogical study, lineage society inductions, a vendor hall, special evening events and plenty of genealogical fellowship and fun events.

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society: Gen-A-Rama 2018

April 13-14, 2018, Oshkosh, Wisconsin

<https://wsgs.org/>

This year's theme is Rediscovering Your Love of Genealogy – Moving from Overwhelmed to Organized. Featured speakers will include Tony Burrows, an internationally known genealogist, author and lecturer, and Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Association (FUGA). He is also the founder and CEO of the Center for Black Genealogy.

Yakima Valley Genealogical Society Spring Seminar

April 14, 2018, Tieton, Washington

<https://yvgs.net/eventListings.php?nm=74#er132>

Speaker will be Tom Jones, with the following topics: Finding "Unfindable" Ancestors; Five Ways to Prove Who Your Ancestor Was (Some reliable & Others Not Reliable); Five Proven Techniques for Finding Your Ancestor's European Origin; Solving the Mystery of the Disappearing Ancestor.

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society 2018 Conference

April 20 – 22, 2018, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

<http://genealogysaskatoon.org/links/blogs>

This year's theme is *Your Family History: Finding and Assembling the Pieces*. Details TBA.

Qualicum Beach Family History Society Conference: Unlocking the Past

April 20-21, 2018, Parksville, BC

<http://www.qbfhs.ca/workshops/unlocking-the-past-2018-conference/>

This year's speakers include Thomas MacEntee, Lesley Anderson, and Tara Shymanski. Topics include DNA, Ten Ways to Jumpstart your Genealogy, Searching Effectively on Ancestry, Canadian Records, and much more.

The Scottish Association of Family History Societies Conference

April 21, 2018, Glenrothes, Fife, Scotland

<https://safhs2018.fifefhs.org/>

This years' theme is *Was Your Ancestor a Convict?* Featuring the launch of The Fife Kalendar of Convicts, 1790-1880 CD/digital download. The day of talks, workshops, stalls and exhibits will be opened by Mr. Robert W Balfour, Lord-Lieutenant of Fife.

Alberta Genealogical Society GenFair: All Roads Lead to Family

April 21, 2018, Edmonton, Alberta

<http://www.abgenealogy.ca/2018-ags-genfair>

GenFair is the Alberta Genealogical Society's outreach program to promote the interest in genealogy and for the public to find answers to their questions: "What is genealogy and family history?" "Can DNA really assist in some of my genealogical challenges?" Several members and vendors will help answer your queries through one-on-one conversations, computer look-ups, and presentations. There are door prizes, merchandise for sale, community think-tanks and so much more.

Abbotsford Family History Day

April 28, 2018, 30635 Blueridge Dr., Abbotsford, BC

www.abbotsfordfamilyhistory.com

Designed to help you fortify and preserve your family history across generations through seasoned speakers and stories.

M A Y

National Genealogical Society (NGS) Conference: Paths to Your Past

May 2-5, 2018, Grand Rapids, Michigan

<http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/register/>

One of the largest genealogy conferences, with over 150 workshops to choose from covering all aspects of genealogy for beginning and experienced researchers.

Clans and Surnames Family History Research Week

May 14-18, 2018, Nenagh, Tipperary, Ireland

<https://www.conferize.com/clans-and-surnames-irish-family-history-week-may-2018>

A must for those researching their Irish roots, providing information on planning, developing, and implementing Irish family history research, and overcoming brick walls. Includes lectures, fieldtrips, evening entertainment and one-to-one consultations with professional genealogists.

JUNE

Genealogy Jamboree 2018

May 31st & June 1-2 2018, Los Angeles Marriott, Burbank, Airport Hotel, Burbank, CA

<http://genealogyjamboree.com/>

Jamboree welcomes all attendees interested in genealogy. Over 100 workshops. Over 60 speakers. Includes a one-day special on genetic genealogy, a one-day special on writing your family history, as well as the jamboree sessions. Something for everyone.

Ontario Genealogical Society Annual Conference

June 1st-3rd 2018, Guelph, Ontario

<https://conference2018.ogs.on.ca/>

Three days of inspiring lectures, workshops, displays, and other learning opportunities on all aspects of genealogy, including Canadian research, British research, Irish research, Aboriginal research, DNA, writing your family history, and more.

Tracing Your Irish Ancestors

June 3 - 12, 2018 Belfast, Dublin, Derry Londonderry

<https://www.ancestryireland.com/family-history-conference/summer/>

This is a tour-based conference that combines instruction and research at several locations with tours of various sites of genealogical interest. See website for itinerary and details.

Palatines to America German Genealogy Society

June 13 – 16, 2018, Buffalo, New York

<https://www.palam.org/2018aRegistrationFINAL.pdf>

A national organization dedicated to finding German-speaking ancestors and their place of origin, this conference will provide research assistance and instruction whether your ancestors are from Germany, Austria, Alsace, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Lichtenstein, Poland, Russia, Denmark, Netherlands, East Prussian, Pomerania, Brandenburg, Silesia, Galicia, Bohemia or other German-speaking areas. More conference details TBA.

J U L Y

Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe 2018 Conference

July 27-29, 2018, Calgary, Alberta

https://www.sggee.org/convention/convention_news.html

This 20th anniversary conference will offer workshops and programs for researching German ancestors in Poland and Volhynia.

American Historical Society of Germans from Russia 2018 Conference

July 30 – August 2, 2018, Hays, Kansas

<http://www.ahsgr.org/?page=2016Convention>

Expect an outstanding lineup of compelling speakers, both domestic and international, as well as the Society's extensive bookstore and research rooms, top-notch entertainment, and a chance to meet new friends and to reconnect with old at this convention

BYU Conference on Family History and Genealogy

July 31 – August 3, 2018, BYU Conference Centre, Provo, Utah

<https://familyhistory.ce.byu.edu/>

The 50th annual BYU Conference on Family History and Genealogy will offer more than 100 classes on topics including: DNA research, methodology, writing your family history, photo preservation, online tools, international research and Scandinavian research.

A U G U S T

International Conference on Jewish Genealogy

August 5th- 8th 2018, Warsaw, Poland

<http://www.iajgs2018.org/>

Learn from the world's leading genealogy experts and network with other attendees who are researching their family history. Meetings for all experience levels, from first-timers to conference veterans. Hands-on mentoring with experts in the field. In-depth DNA workshops. Databases, translators, and search tools available to all. In addition to workshops, attendees will be able to tour the places where their ancestors lived.

The Federation of East European Family History Societies

August 6 -10, 2018, Salt Lake City, Utah (25th annual)

<http://feefhs.org/>

Participants will have a chance to learn from a variety of experts with years of experience in dealing with the records and the institutions that preserve them. The presentations address the major countries, record types, and languages. In personal consultations, speakers will deal with individual questions concerning ancestry in any of the Eastern European countries.

Northwest Genealogy 2018 Conference

August 15th-18th, 2018, Arlington, Washington

<http://stillygen.org/cpage.php?pt=50>

This year's speakers include Beth Foulk, Cece Moore, and Peggy Lauritzen. More information TBA.

The German-Australian Genealogy & History Alliance Conference 2018

August 17 – 19, 2018, Adelaide, South Australia

<http://germanheritage.org.au/conference>

The GAGHA conference theme is *Australisches Deutschtum: Reconnections - Recollections - Resilience*. This conference will be the first time researchers from across Australia will gather to network and discuss German-Australian history, heritage and culture. Consider telling your story whether it be from research, a project, an exhibition or your society. Hear from some of the finest researchers in Australia and overseas discuss their projects and help you undertake and present your own research.

Federation of Genealogical Societies 2018 Conference

August 22 -25, 2018, Fort Wayne, Indiana

<http://www.fgs.org/cpage.php?pt=43>

FGS conferences are open to anyone with an inkling of finding their past and provide a unique setting to interact, connect, and learn from many of the world's expert genealogists. Drawing people from all over the U.S. and around the world, FGS conferences promise to deliver an unparalleled educational and enlightening experience for everyone year after year. FGS returns to the Hoosier State in 2018 providing attendees convenient access to Allen County Public Library which houses one of the largest genealogical research collections available with records from around the world.

Secret Lives Conference 2018

August 31 – September 2, 2018, Hinckley, Leicestershire, UK

<http://www.sog.org.uk/books-courses/secret-lives-conference-2018/>

Theme: *Secret Lives – Hidden Voices of our Ancestors*. Four major genealogical organisations in the UK are coming together to host a major family history conference. Lectures will be aimed at family historians interested in tracing ancestors who may be less represented in mainstream records, whose voices are difficult to hear or who might be overlooked or indeed elusive. The conference lectures and after dinner talks are expected to feature nationally and internationally known genealogical speakers.

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S E P T E M B E R

Tracing Your Irish Ancestors

September 5 – 12, 2018, Belfast, Dublin, Derry Londonderry

<https://www.ancestryireland.com/family-history-conference/autumn/>

This is a tour-based conference that combines instruction and research at several locations with tours of various sites of genealogical interest. See website for itinerary and details

Genealogy Cruise: Alaska

Sept 7-14th, 2018, to Alaska

<https://www.unlockthepastcruises.com/2018cruisealaska-program/>

There will be up to 45 presentations in 2-3 streams. Research Help Zone sessions will provide opportunities for one-on-one or small group help from experts. There is also an optional "land" conference the day before the cruise.

British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa Annual Conference

September 28 – 30, 2018, Ottawa, Ontario

<http://www.bifhsgo.ca/>

A wide variety of workshop offerings on topics relating to family history research in the British Isles. This year's focus is on England & Wales genealogy, and genealogy methodology.

Kelowna & District Genealogical Society 2018 Conference

September 28 – 30, 2018, Kelowna, BC

<http://www.kdgs.ca/>

Exciting speakers, genealogical marketplace, one-on-one consultations, lots of great door prizes, raffles, lots of fun & lots of information. Details TBA.

O C T O B E R

Senior Expo & Genealogy Roots Conference

October 4 – 5, 2018, Sandy, Utah

<https://seniorleafexpo.com/>

This two-day event will have 12 different genealogy classes, an expo hall, computers to implement training, and Keynote speakers.

Finding Your Roots Seminar

October 13, 2018, Surrey, BC

www.findingyourroots.ca

Free! At the Surrey Family History Centre (6270-126 Street), the 2018 event will have over 35 classes. Pre-registration required, beginning early September. Sessions run 8:30am to 4:00pm.

International Society for British Genealogy and Family History: British Institute 2018

October 15th-19th 2018, Salt Lake City, Utah

<https://isbgfh.org/>

The Institute strives to further education about the records and the locations that are important to genealogical research. Classes are intentionally small in order for the participants to experience individual instruction. All classes are held in a Salt Lake City hotel near the Family History Library in the morning, with research at the Family History Library in the afternoons.

D E C E M B E R

Salt Lake Christmas Tour 2018

December 2 - 8, 2018, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah

<https://sites.google.com/site/saltlakechristmastour/>

This event is renowned for the genealogy research success of its attendees, many of whom come back year after year. The *Salt Lake Christmas Tour* is known for the quality of the professional genealogists that work with the attendees on a daily basis - Monday through Saturday. It offers the highest ratio of professional researchers to attendees of any genealogy research tour using the Family History Library.