

# Midwestern PROOTS

Registration Guide 2019



# Why Midwestern Roots?

Explore your family's Midwestern roots with a variety of nationally renowned speakers at the Crossroads of America, featuring Lisa A. Alzo, Blaine T. Bettinger, Juliana Szucs, D. Joshua Taylor and more!

#### At Midwestern Roots you can expect:

- Nationally renowned speakers and local experts covering the latest on DNA, technology resources, methodology and ethnic research
- A variety of classes, sessions and workshops on topics such as preservation, digitization, organization of family heirlooms and writing your family story
- · Lunches and free parking
- Easily accessible restaurants nearby
- Generous conference discount for anyone with a valid student ID

Librarians may earn continuing education credits at this conference.

Conveniently located at the Marriott East in Indianapolis, conference goers are well-located to continue their research.

- Indiana State Archives a few minutes down the road
- Downtown Indianapolis, Indiana Historical Society and Indiana State Library – 15 minutes from the conference center
- Allen County Public Library and Genealogy Center two hours northeast
- Other Midwestern genealogy research locations such as National Archives Great Lakes Region, Michigan Archives, Ohio History Connection and Kentucky Historical Society – only a few hours away

Indianapolis is just a short trip from many Midwestern metropolitan areas. The conference center is conveniently located off I-465 with free parking and two hotels. Multiple registration options are available so you can plan on attending all three days or just the portion of the conference that fits your schedule.



# Kick It Off Right

July 17 | 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center 450 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis Come early for a Stuff You Missed in History Class live show about New Harmony, Indiana, and utopian societies! \$20; \$15 IHS members and Midwestern Roots registrants

# Preconference Activities | Thursday, July 18, 2019

Registration and Packet Pickup Indianapolis Marriott East | 7202 E. 21st St. 3 to 8 p.m.

#### Indiana Experience

Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center 450 West Ohio Street | 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Free with conference registration; free parking at the History Center

With each paid conference registration, you receive a complimentary pass to visit the *Indiana Experience*. Join us for a fun-filled day of activities including Destination Indiana, You Are There, the W. Brooks and Wanda Y. Fortune History Lab, the Basile History Market and the William H. Smith Memorial Library.

Genealogy Resources Library Workshop Indiana State Library | 140 N. Senate Ave. 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Free with conference registration; free parking at the History Center

This workshop is designed especially for frontline library workers and volunteers who answer questions from genealogy patrons. Seating is limited to 50 participants.

8:15 to 9:15 a.m. | Welcome and registration

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. | Indiana Research Library Panel with Allen County Public Library, Indiana Historical Society, Indiana State Archives and Indiana State Library.

**1 to 2 p.m.** | Getting the Most Bang for Your Buck at the Library with Ari Wilkins

Lunch is on your own. Workshop concludes with a tour of the Indiana State Library.

## Lecture

Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center 450 West Ohio Street

Free parking at the History Center



# **Expedition DNA: A Map to Buried Treasure!** 1 to 3 p.m.

\$35; \$30 IHS members

Discover hidden clues in your DNA results and uncover new paths toward solving family mysteries. Genealogy is a treasure hunt; the prize we seek is our ancestors and their stories. Andrea Ackermann and Ann Raymont from the Central Indiana DNA Interest Group will be your navigators on this genealogy quest. Learn how to find and use the hidden clues in your DNA results. There are hints that can uncover new paths toward the answers to your family mysteries. Ann and Andrea will also show you how to incorporate DNA evidence with traditional research. By the end of the class, you will have a map to your own elusive genealogy.

# Workshops

# Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center 450 West Ohio Street

Free parking at the History Center

# Organizing for Genealogy Success 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.

\$20; \$15 IHS members

Keeping organized is the most important genealogical favor you can do for yourself. Too often, genealogists can't put their fingers on the document they need when they need it most. Tina Beaird will give you tips on organizing your files and advice on properly citing your sources for future reference.

# Preserving Your Family History 10 to 11:15 a.m.

\$20: \$15 IHS members

How can you tell if that image of your great-great-grandfather is a tintype or daguerreotype? What is the best way to display a treasured family document? In this session, Nadia Kousari, Kathy Lechuga and Stephanie Gowler will teach you how to identify the different types of photographs in your collection and get tips for the best ways to preserve, store and share your photos, documents, books and albums.

# Tricks for Researching the Built Environment 10 to 11:30 a.m.

\$30; \$25 IHS members

Architecture and neighborhood research helps genealogists connect place to family history. Whether you're starting with a specific house, a business address or an intersection, there are numerous online and in-house collections at historic institutions that can assist with your research. In this session, Jordan Ryan will highlight strategies for doing architectural research and the types of nontraditional records available for Marion County, Indiana.

# **Digitizing for Pros and Hobbyists** 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

\$20; \$15 IHS members

Susan Sutton, David Turk and Karen DePauw will give you information on how to digitize your records for future use. You'll learn the spectrum of digitizing, from equipment choice to finding your scans later.

# Family Heirlooms and Family Narrative 1 to 2:30 p.m.

\$30: \$25 IHS members

Items passed down from generation to generation are some of our most valuable personal possessions, but do our families know their stories? Do we have our family heirlooms marked for future generations? Lauren Peightel will help you discover ways to weave family history and object research into captivating stories. Tamara Hemmerlein will talk about how to care for and mark your family heirlooms so the next generation can carry on their rich narrative.

# Writing Your Family History

2 to 2:45 p.m.

\$20; \$15 IHS members

Learn to write about your ancestors and your research journey in this session focusing on good storytelling and essential writing skills. Teresa Baer, managing editor of IHS Press, and Rachel Popma, editing team lead for Legacy Tree Genealogists, will discuss the basics of writing family history. Topics include how to get started, the importance of audience and purpose, the building blocks of effective communication, considerations of genre and format, and documentation.

# Genealogy and Social Media 2 to 2:45 p.m.

\$20; \$15 IHS members

Interested in connecting with others through genealogy? Then social media may be the right tool for you. Amber Oldenberg will talk about what to post, when to post and which social media platform is best for you.

# The Nuts and Bolts of Publishing Your Family History 3 to 3:45 p.m.

\$20, \$15 IHS members

Whether you're interested in submitting your genealogical work for publication in a periodical or in preparing a family history book for relatives, this session will help you prepare a professional presentation. Experienced authors and editors Teresa Baer and Rachel Popma discuss how to determine if your work is ready for publication, how to locate publishing opportunities, self-publishing versus traditional publishing, the editorial process and copyright.

# **Computer Labs**

Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center 450 West Ohio Street

Free parking at the History Center

# **Using Fold3 to Research Your Veteran Ancestors** 10 a.m. to noon

\$45; \$37 IHS members

Fold3 is an amazing research tool to trace your military ancestors. Tina Beaird will guide you through the website as you mine for genealogical details about your ancestors from the Revolutionary War to World War II and beyond.

# **Ancestry Computer Lab**

1 to 3 p.m.

\$45; \$37 IHS members

Are you getting all you can from the records and tools on Ancestry? Juliana Szucs will guide you through the resources and tools available on the site, sharing strategies that will help you find the best route to your ancestors.

# **Research Opportunities**

#### **Come Early and Research**

The Indianapolis area is home to a number of genealogical research facilities, ranging from county libraries and area museums to national organizations. Find a complete list with contact information on the conference website.

#### **Indiana Historical Society**

Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center 450 West Ohio Street Thursday Research Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Free; free parking available

**Indiana State Archives** 

6440 E. 30th St.

Thursday Research Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Free; free parking available

#### **Indiana State Library**

315 W. Ohio St.

Thursday Research Hours: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Free

## Indianapolis Public Library - Central Library

40 E St. Clair St.

Thursday Research Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Free

# **Family History Research Center**

900 E Stop 11 Rd., Indianapolis

Tuesday and Thursday Research Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free

# **Get Connected**

# Indianapolis Marriott East 7202 E. 21st St. | 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Free; Cash bar

Network with fellow genealogists and conference speakers! Indiana Historical Society President and CEO Jody Blankenship will present welcoming remarks and introductions.

# Midwestern Roots 2019 Indianapolis Marriott East | Friday, July 19, 2019

# 9 to 10 a.m. | Session F1

# Family History: What the Future Holds D. Joshua Taylor | F1

The future of family history is hard to predict. Advances in technology and new online resources will continue to lead us to newfound discoveries and a deeper understanding of our past. Together we will journey to the future to learn what it may hold for anyone who pursues the past.

#### 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. | Sessions F2-F5

# You Just Got Your Ancestry DNA Results! Now What? Juliana Szucs | F2

Your results are finally in! Juliana Szucs walks you through your ethnicity estimate, migrations and matches.

## Friends of Friends: Quakers and African-American Communities, Wilma Moore Memorial Lecture Ari Wilkins | F3

Well-known for their anti-slavery views, Quakers began to migrate to slave-free territories in the 19th century. As they migrated from the South, Quakers emancipated and traveled with their newly freed slaves. Once settled, the sect continued their abolitionist cause by supporting the Underground Railroad. In turn, free blacks established their own settlements, maintaining ties with the Quaker community.

# Finding the Roots of Your Family Legends D. Joshua Taylor | F4

Just because Great-Aunt Mable said your ancestor was from Scotland doesn't mean she was. Learn how to uncover the truth behind family legends and stories and how to integrate them into your personal writing and research.

# Researching in Ohio Liz Plummer | F5

Do you have ancestors who settled in or perhaps stayed shortly in Ohio? Learn about the archives, libraries and genealogical societies with their treasure trove of family history resources that will help your research.

#### 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### Lunch

# 1 to 2 p.m. | Sessions F6-F9

## Search Angel Boot Camp Steven Frank | F6

Learn the skills you need to be a volunteer search angel and help adoptees reconnect with their birth parents. Have you ever been contacted by an adoptee who matched your DNA test? Perhaps you wanted to help them but didn't know where to start. Many adoptees who test do not understand genealogy searching and rely on search angels to assist them in interpreting their results. This session will provide an overview of the tools you need to get started. Learn to identify common ancestors and family groups, estimate relationships, build trees and identify birth parent candidates. Frank's approach focuses on AncestryDNA and does not require advanced knowledge of DNA to get started.

# **Latino and Hispanic Genealogy: The Basics**Nicole Martinez-LeGrand | F7

Latino is one of the largest cultures in the United States and in the Western Hemisphere. Learn about Latino and Hispanic culture through genealogy in the United States and in Latin America. This course speaks to the history of colonization in Latin American countries to present day immigration to the United States.

# Tracing Your Veteran's Military History, from the Revolutionary War to WWII Tina Beaird | F8

Many of us have veteran ancestors. During this session, explore how to find their military documents and use collateral resources like newspapers, county histories, letters and photos to describe your veteran's experience.

# Finding and Understanding Historic Medical and Hospital Records Sarah Halter | F9

Explore the existence, availability and meaning of historic medical and hospital records and the information they can provide using case studies from the collection of the Indiana Medical History Museum.

#### 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. | Sessions F10-F13

# Mining Probates on Ancestry for Family History Gold Juliana Szucs | F10

There are more than 18 million probate records on Ancestry. Are you mining them effectively or just scratching the surface? Learn how to effectively dig into this rich collection.

## Overcoming Brick Walls in Eastern European Research Lisa Alzo | F11

Sorting out Eastern European surnames, identifying ancestral hometowns and deciphering old country records to connect families are just a few of the obstacles often encountered along the way. Through case studies, this session will demonstrate lesser utilized research tactics and discuss repositories and key resources used to locate information about your elusive Eastern European ancestors.

# Putting It Together: A Case Study D. Joshua Taylor | F12

Follow a family from the early 1800s to the early 1900s as they migrated from Pennsylvania to Idaho. Watch as records from the home – family bibles and letters – are combined with newspapers, tax records, census records, cemetery records, family files and other records to compile the family history.

# Using the Indiana Historical Society for Genealogy Research

#### Amy Vedra | F13

Amy Vedra will highlight the use of Indiana Historical Society collections for genealogy purposes. She will go beyond researching dates to enriching your family history with historical materials.

#### 4 to 5 p.m. | Sessions F14-F17

# Essential Technology for Genealogists D. Joshua Taylor | F14

Genealogists do not necessarily need to be on the "edge" of technology; however, they should be aware of new technologies that can further their research efforts. Come see the list of technology every genealogist needs.

# Your German Ancestors Betty L. Warren | F15

Review the basics of German genealogical research to connect with your Germanic family history.

# Oral Histories: How to Get the Most Out of a Casual Conversation

#### Nicole Martinez-LeGrand | F16

Oral histories are essential for all levels of researchers. This session will offer you methods on how to prepare and conduct an oral history interview, and tips and tricks to get the most out of your interviews.

## Mitten Roots: Family History Research in Michigan Kris Rzepczynski | F17

This session will explore Michigan's migration patterns and the abundant genealogical resources available in print and online.

## 7 p.m. | Banquet and Session F18

# Past Inspirations: Family History through the Centuries D. Joshua Taylor | F18

Though the methods used by genealogists more than 100 years ago may differ from today, many remain the same. Embark on a voyage of humor and inspiration as we explore past motivations of men and women who engaged in family history in the course of the past 200 years.

# Midwestern Roots 2019 Indianapolis Marriott East | Saturday, July 20, 2019

# 9 to 10 a.m. | Session S19

# The Latest Trends in DNA Evidence and Analysis Blaine T. Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D. | S19

New tools, techniques and tricks for genetic genealogists are always being created and developed. This lecture examines the very latest developments in the field and helps you understand how these new tools can be incorporated into your research.

#### 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. | Sessions S20-S23

# **Understanding GEDmatch and Other Third-Party Tools**Blaine T. Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D. | S20

Although DNA testing companies provide their own analysis of test results, there are third-party tools that allow test-takers to learn even more about their genomic heritage, including admixture calculators, the identification of genetic cousins and segment mapping. We'll explore some of these tools and learn how to wring every dollar out of your test results.

# Silent Voices: Telling the Stories of Your Female Immigrant Ancestors Lisa Alzo | S21

Most historical records have been created for and/or about men, making it more challenging to research and write about female ancestors. This session will demonstrate effective ways to discover your female ancestors and how to document the important roles their lives played in society, various methods for writing about your female ancestors, and options for publishing your family history.

## Funeral Home Collections: Utilizing Genealogical Societies and Others for Crowdsourcing Ari Wilkins | S22

What useful information can you get from a funeral home for genealogical research? Funeral home records can contain so much more than a death certificate and obituary. Files can reveal the deceased's and the family's extended genealogical information, church affiliations, financial status and even how they planned for the future. This lecture also describes processing a large donated funeral home collection using a genealogical society.

# Explore the Kentucky Bluegrass Betty L. Warren | S23

Discover the repository locations where you can research the records of your ancestors in Kentucky.

#### 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### Lunch

# 1 to 2 p.m. | Sessions S24-S27

# Midwestern Treasures on Ancestry Juliana Szucs | S24

Learn about some of the unique resources that can be found on Ancestry that can tell the story of your ancestors who lived in America's heartland.

## Combatting Stigma and Myth Involving American Indian Heritage

#### Carolina A. Castoreno-Santana | S25

Many people in the United States from various backgrounds believe they have Native American heritage due to family lore. Often the story involves an Indian Princess, usually Cherokee. The idea of Native identity has become a novelty in modern society and promotes stereotypes that are harmful to Native people. With the popularity of DNA tests to trace ancestry, the claims of Native heritage are challenging concepts of identity and sovereignty in tribal communities. In this session, we will dispel myths of Indian royalty, family legends and the commodification of Native identity in the 21st century. We will discuss the importance of genealogical work and traditional Indigenous ways of knowing and tracing lineage that shape how identity and ancestry are explored in Native communities.

# Mapping your Success: Employing Maps for Genealogical Research

#### D. Joshua Taylor | S26

Learn how to go beyond the basic "political map" for genealogical research. Explore maps tracing boundary changes, religious groups, political districts, migration routes and more.

# Resources for Genealogists at the Indiana State Archives Vicki Casteel | S27

What resources are available for genealogists at the Indiana State Archives? What are genealogists' favorite collections? Learn more about lesser-known resources, as well as the new and updated collections available on the Indiana Digital Archives. Special emphasis will be placed on locating naturalization records.

#### 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. | Sessions S28-F31

# Using Chromosome Mapping to Time Travel and Tell Stories

#### Blaine T. Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D. | S28

DNA evidence helps us break through brick walls and confirm decades of research, while introducing an entirely new generation of people to genealogy. It also allows us to create maps linking specific segments of DNA to our ancestors. But how many of us stop to consider the story behind that mapped segment of DNA on chromosome 13? Or the miles and years traveled by the piece of DNA on chromosome 22?

# *Up North: Tracking African-American Migration Patterns to Northern Industrial Cities*Ari Wilkins | S29

During the Great Migration, many African-American families left the South for the promise of a better life in the North. Learn about the motives for migration, patterns and methods for tracking your ancestor.

# Diseases, Disasters, Distress: Bad for Your Ancestors, Good for Genealogy! Lisa Alzo | S30

Wouldn't it be nice if all the branches on our family trees were filled with bright shiny leaves that reflected only good kin and happy times? The truth is, most of our pasts are dotted with blemishes, and bad things did happen, often to good people. History is blanketed with disheartening tales of devastation and loss. Certainly, it may be difficult for us today to comprehend the everyday adversity that befell our ancestors or the lasting hardships they endured as a result. This session will discuss how diseases, disasters and distress may have impacted your family's history.

# Researching Ancestors in the Old Northwest Territory, 1788–1803

#### Eric E. Johnson | S31

Explore the resources available for researching ancestors who lived in the Old Northwest Territory between 1788 and 1803.

#### 4 to 5 p.m. | Sessions S32-S35

# Combining DNA and Documentary Evidence: When is Enough Enough? Blaine T. Bettinger Ph.D., J.D. | S32

DNA evidence is becoming increasingly easy to obtain as the size of the testing company databases grows. But do you need DNA evidence for every genealogical analysis? If you do incorporate DNA evidence, how much do you need? Which is more important: DNA evidence or documentary evidence? Together we will examine these and other questions that you should consider when gathering and reviewing DNA evidence.

# Finding the Last Slave Owner Ari Wilkins | S33

Locating the last slave owner is essential in African-American research. Explore records that will help transition your research from 1870 into the Antebellum era.

# Online Resources: Religious Archives and Organizations D. Joshua Taylor | S34

Whether you are searching for a member of the Baptist, Quaker or Methodist religion, innovations in digital collections have provided tremendous resources. Collections found at university, public and private repositories will be examined.

# Illinois Digital Resources Tina Beaird | S35

There are several Illinois websites for finding your Land of Lincoln ancestors. From CARLI to IDA, Tina will show you how to find maps, newspapers, phone books, company magazines, yearbooks and more. Illinois has it all! Learn how to dig into these online resources and get to know your Illinois ancestors.

# Menus\*

# Friday Lunch

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Summer salad buffet Cookie or brownie Coffee and iced tea

## **Friday Banquet**

7 p.m. banquet 6 p.m. reception with cash bar

Arugula salad
Harvest chicken with apples,
cranberries, goat cheese and cider reduction
Sweet and yukon potato mash
Fresh green beans
Individual strawberry shortcake
Coffee and iced tea

\*Subject to change

#### **Saturday Lunch**

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sandwich buffet Fruit salad and chips Cookie or brownie Coffee and iced tea

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# Meet the Speakers



Andrea Ackermann, M.S., M.H.A., is a genealogist who incorporates genetic genealogy in her research methods. She is experienced in using DNA techniques to solve unknown parentage and brick wall ancestor problems. Her traditional research focuses on the Midwestern

United States and its associated immigrants and settlers. She is one of the leaders in the Central Indiana DNA Interest Group and gives lectures on genetic genealogy and other traditional genealogical topics. She is a project administrator for the Wastell surname project at Family Tree DNA. Andrea has attended the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh, and completed an 18-month program in professional genealogy (ProGen).



**Lisa A. Alzo**, M.F.A., is a freelance writer, instructor and internationally recognized lecturer specializing in Eastern European research and nonfiction writing. She is the author of 11 books and hundreds of magazine articles, and works as an online educator and writing coach.



M. Teresa Baer is the managing editor of the Indiana Historical Society Press in charge of ethnic, immigration and family history publications, including *The Hoosier Genealogist: Connections*, as well as children's historical fiction and nonfiction. Teresa authored *Indianapolis: A* 

City of Immigrants – used widely in central Indiana schools – and compiled Finding Indiana Ancestors: A Guide to Historical Research, which won national awards. She writes on both genealogical and historical topics.



**Tina Beaird** is the owner of Tamarack Genealogy and is a genealogy and local history librarian at the Plainfield, Ill. Public Library. She holds a master's degree in library and information science with a specialization in archives/preservation from Dominican University. Tina has won

multiple research and digitization grants to preserve and digitize historic documents and photographs. Currently, she is a board director for the Illinois State Genealogical Society, the Northern Illinois Historic League and the Illinois State Historic Records Advisory Board as well as a commissioner for the Illinois World War One Centennial Commission. Tina is also an active member of the Society of American Archivists and the American Library Association. Tina lectures at the

national, state and local level on topics including genealogical methodology, Scottish research, military records and archival preservation.



**Blaine T. Bettinger**, Ph.D., J.D., is a professional genealogist specializing in DNA evidence. He is the author of the long-running blog *The Genetic Genealogist*, and frequently gives presentations and webinars to educate others about the use of DNA to explore their ancestry.



Vicki Casteel is the director of patron and outreach services at the Indiana State Archives where she has worked for 22 years. She also manages the Indiana Digital Archives. She has a master's degree in Archives and Records Administration from the San Jose State University School of Information. She is also an avid genealogist and DNA enthusiast.



Carolina Castoreno-Santana is the executive director of the American Indian Center of Indiana. She is an enrolled member of Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas and is also of Mescalero Apache and Yaqui descent. At Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, she pursued

her bachelor's degree in an individualized major focusing on multicultural and diversity studies and served as the president of the Native American Student Alliance. Carolina continued doctoral studies at Florida International University in Global and Sociocultural Studies. Her graduate work focuses on indigenous communities and academic activism in Latin America. She has presented on topics surrounding indigenous identity and rights at the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education, and other diversity conferences across the state and country. Carolina is a writer, activist, student and mother who is dedicated to social justice, the preservation of native identity, decolonization efforts and education for and of indigenous peoples of the Americas.



Karen DePauw is the coordinator of Local History Services at the Indiana Historical Society where she works with small museums and heritage organizations throughout the state. She serves as a coach for Heritage Support Grant applicants, administers the traveling exhibits program,

and offers consultations and workshops on various topics regarding collections care. Karen earned a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in historic costumes and textile conservation, knowledge she has drawn upon for two publications: *The Care and Display of Historic Clothing* in 2017 with Rowman and Littlefield Publishers and *The House of Worth: Fashion Sketches, 1916 – 1918* in 2015 with Dover Publications. Karen currently serves on the board of the Association of Indiana Museums and as a member of the American Association for State and Local History Field Services Alliance, and is an active member of the Costume Society of America.



**Steven Frank** is a professional birth searcher and attorney. Since 2015, he has helped more than 100 adoptees and persons of unknown parentage reconnect with their birth parents through the use of commercial genetic tests such as AncestryDNA. In 2016, Steven testified

before the Indiana State Judiciary Committee as an expert on commercial genetic testing. In April 2017, Steven was the Indiana Adoptee Network's 2017 Angel in Adoption Award recipient for his work reuniting Indiana adoptees with their birth parents. Steven is also a team leader with the Central Indiana DNA Interest Group, in which capacity he regularly lectures on genetic genealogy topics throughout central Indiana.



Stephanie Gowler is the paper conservator for the Indiana Historical Society. She holds a bachelor's degree in English literature from Earlham College, a master's in library and information science, a certificate in book arts from the University of Iowa and a certificate of advanced

study in conservation from the University of Texas at Austin. Stephanie has worked in conservation since 2003 at a wide range of cultural heritage institutions including Northwestern University Library, the Indiana State Library, the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, Bethany Theological Seminary and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Film Archive. She is a professional associate of The American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works.



**Sarah Halter** is the executive director of the Indiana Medical History Museum. She is the immediate past president of the Indiana Association of Museums, vice president of the League of Women Voters of Indianapolis and secretary of the Southern Association for the History of Science and Medicine. She

also serves on the board of directors of the John Shaw Billings History of Medicine Society and the advisory board of the Center for Ray Bradbury Studies at IUPUI.



Tamara Hemmerlein is director of Local History Services at the Indiana Historical Society. As the former Hoosier Heritage Alliance coordinator, she implemented Indiana's Connecting to Collections project. She has worked with the IHS Local History Services and Development divisions to

develop and implement the Heritage Support Grant program, a five-year, multimillion-dollar regranting program funded by Lilly Endowment Inc., designed to educate local history organizations about best practices in grant writing and fundraising. As the director of a field services office, Tamara has experience working in and with local history organizations, libraries, museums and historic sites. She works with her team to design workshops, conduct site visits, provide consultations, facilitate community and organizational meetings, help with board development and training, and coach small to mid-sized organizations through the challenges they face.



Eric E. Johnson is the vice president of Development for the Ohio Genealogical Society. He is also the chairperson for its lineage society, The Society of the Families of the Old Northwest Territory. He serves as the registrar general for the General Society of the War of 1812 and as the registrar/

genealogist for the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Ohio. Eric is also a member of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, the Swedish Colonial Society and the Company of Military Historians. He is a retired lieutenant colonel in the United States Air Force. Eric is the author of 13 books on the War of 1812 and the American Civil War.



Nadia Kousari Nadia Kousari is the visual reference librarian at the Indiana Historical Society. She uses her varied academic background and experience in library work and the history of photography to assist patrons and staff in a variety of research questions and digitization projects.



Kathy Lechuga is the book conservator at the Indiana Historical Society in Indianapolis and a professional associate of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works. Previously, she was the conservation lab manager at the Preservation Lab, a collaborative lab

created between the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, and the University of Cincinnati. Prior to that, Kathy was assistant conservator for the University of Notre Dame Hesburgh Libraries where she had previously completed her third year conservation training internship. She earned her master's degree in information studies and certificate of advanced studies in conservation from the University of Texas at Austin in 2010.



Nicole Martinez-LeGrand considers herself a community collaborator first and a museum professional second. Her experience inside and outside the museum field varies, which has given her a unique skillset. This has helped the institutions she has served reach communities near and far.

As the coordinator for multicultural collections in the Archives and Library Division at the Indiana Historical Society, she has built collections spanning 100 years of cultural history that are publicly available for researchers of all levels. Her areas of expertise are in community outreach and development, and Latino and Hispanic genealogy.



Amber Oldenburg is the owner and chief researcher at One Branch at a Time. She considers herself an accidental genealogist, having discovered her passion for genealogy a couple years ago. She completed her degree in family history research from Brigham Young University-Idaho. She

volunteers with the Genealogical Society of Marion County, where she currently serves as the secretary, as well as with the Indiana Chapter of Palatines to America. Amber also volunteers her time indexing records for FamilySearch and the National Archives. She is actively involved with her local chapter of the Association for Professional Genealogists. She specializes in United States Midwest research, but also has experience with German and British Isles research. When she is not working for clients or researching her own ancestors, she can be found at genealogy conferences, reading a book, traveling with her family or baking.



**Lauren Peightel** is the coordinator of Genealogy and Family History Programs at the Indiana Historical Society where she helps create classes and presents around the state. She also serves as Midwestern Roots Conference Committee co-chair. History and family tales were as commonplace as

bedtime stories in the Peightel household, so it surprised no one when her passion for history and storytelling continued through her education and career. Lauren graduated from Seton Hill University and Johns Hopkins University's graduate Museum Studies program. Before joining the IHS team, she helped library and historical society guests with genealogical and local history research as well as collection management in central Pennsylvania, and worked as an independent inventory technician with the Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum. Lauren believes everyone has a story to tell and is passionate about helping others find and share their family stories for the next generation.



Elizabeth (Liz) L. Plummer, MLIS, is the outreach reference archivist for the Ohio History Connection in Columbus, Ohio. It is home to the State Archives of Ohio with its many state agency, legislative and judicial records. Included in its collections are birth, death, marriage, probate, land and

military records, in addition to letters, diaries, photographs, maps, atlases, newspapers and much more. Liz has helped genealogists discover records that will help their research for more than 20 years. She speaks extensively to local genealogical and historical societies in Ohio on genealogy-related topics. Her areas of interest related to Ohio are vital records, adoption, immigration, naturalization, prisoners, mental health, children's homes, and German immigration.



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