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APG Members Honored at 2025 National Genealogical Society Conference

The National Genealogical Society (NGS) presented awards at the 2025 Family History Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, to those whose work highlights excellence in genealogy scholarship and service. The following APG members were amongst those honored:

Peggy Clemens Lauritzen AG, AGL, FOGS (pictured below), was awarded the Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern Lifetime Achievement Award, recognizing an individual whose positive influence and leadership have fostered unity and helped make family history a vital force in the community.



Claire Prectel Kluskens, JD, was named a NGS Fellow (FNGS), recognizing outstanding work in service to NGS and in the field of genealogy. She is the subject matter expert for genealogy/census-related records at the US National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and is a senior reference

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archivist for both genealogy and digital projects.

Pam Pracser Anderson, CG, was named winner of the Family History Writing Competition for *"It's a Family Affair: Tracking James P. Walters of New York, South Dakota, Pennsylvania, and Oregon."*

Jenifer Kahn Bakkala was presented with the Award for Excellence: Genealogy and Family History Book for *Ancestral Lines of Iain W.F. Shepherd and Helen Waugh (Gray) Shepherd*, co-authored with Eileen Curley Pironti.

Jane E. Wilcox was presented with the 1st Place Award of Excellence for *Methods and Sources Book for New York State Archives Guide for Family Historians, Biographers, and Historical Researchers*.

Elizabeth Swanay O'Neal, CG was presented with an Award of Merit to recognize exceptional contributions to the field of genealogy over a period of five or more years.

William Burchfield received a Certificate of Appreciation for his work as local events chair for the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Conference Committee.

Melissa Thatcher received a Certificate of Appreciation for her work as Volunteer Chair of this year's Conference.

Congratulations to all!



Top, left to right: Claire Prechtel Kluskens, Pam Pracser Anderson, Jenifer Kahn Bakkala, and Jane E. Wilcox. Bottom, left to right: Elizabeth Swanay O'Neal, William Burchfield, and Melissa Thatcher.



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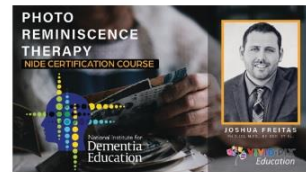


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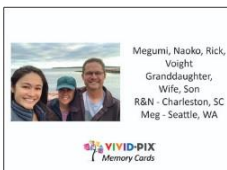


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APG Presents Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

On 2 May 2025 in Chicago, Illinois, APG President Suzanne L. Hoffman presented Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., the host of PBS's genealogy and genetics series *Finding Your Roots*, with a certificate of appreciation from the association.

Dr. Gates, the Alphonse Fletcher University Professor and Director of the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research at Harvard University, was in Chicago to receive the annual Newberry Library Award for his contributions to the humanities during the library's annual Award Celebration. (You can read more about this at <https://www.newberry.org/news/newberry-award-celebration-honors-henry-louis-gates-jr>).

"Dr. Gates has been an incredible partner in helping raise public awareness of the genealogy profession through his work on *Finding Your Roots*," said Hoffman. "APG is pleased to offer him this small token of appreciation in honor of his past and future contributions."



Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., accepts his Certificate of Appreciation from APG President Suzanne L. Hoffman

2025 APG Professional Management Conference Registration Opens Soon

We are currently putting the final touches on the schedule for this year's Professional Management Conference (PMC), to be held virtually from 18–20 September 2025. The agenda for the PMC will be available soon at <https://www.apgen.org> with details about the keynote, sessions, workshops, and other events.

On Thursday, 18 September and Friday, 19 September the PMC will offer a combination of lectures, panel discussions, and shorter “Tip Talks” providing focused practical advice from experts.

Saturday, 20 September will feature workshops. Workshops have a nominal fee (in addition to full conference registration) and spaces are limited. Workshops will not be recorded.

(All sessions on Thursday and Friday will be recorded and available for viewing through 31 January 2026.)

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Registration will open in mid-June 2025 and is a benefit of APG membership. The conference fee is US \$175 if purchased by 17 August 2025. Registering before that date saves US \$25. Don't miss this opportunity to build your skills and grow your genealogy business at the 2025 Virtual PMC!

Not an APG member? Join today! (See p. 20 for details on how to do so.)

To see the latest information on the PMC, or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, visit www.apgen.org.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Michelle Dwyer Cohen



As usual, there's never a dull moment in the head office!

We spent much of the last month getting ready for our attendance at the National Genealogical Society Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. I hope members who attended the event enjoyed meeting board members and booth volunteers, and that our members who were speaking got selfies with our speaker sign!

We were also hard at work with the Professional Management Conference committee on the finishing touches for our APG conference in September. Registration will be opening very soon, and we are excited to showcase some changes, such as the introduction of tip talks—quick info that you can apply immediately to your genealogy practice—and some additional on-demand content that you can watch during or after the conference.

The Board's Chapter/SIG Liaison, Jessica Taylor, hosted a very informative session for Chapter and SIG reps where we heard from the 2024 Chapter Excellence winner, APG Mid-Atlantic, on some of their ideas. All chapter reps have now been connected via a message board where they can support each other with ideas for programming and events. Visit the chapter page to find a chapter near you geographically, or one that supports your research interests.

President Suzanne Hoffman and other board and committee members met with nearly 20 new members in May to hear about their reasons for joining APG and what we can do to support them. We are trying to host three or four of these events each year, so if you have just joined us, you'll see an invitation to attend one in the future.

In the meantime, though, if you need help, the APG team is here to assist! Please contact me at admin@apgen.org or Kaye Ford at assistance@apgen.org if you need anything – our virtual door is always open.

APG Mission Statement

To support those engaged in the business of genealogy through advocacy, collaboration, education, and the promotion of high ethical standards.

APG Board Meeting in October

The next APG Board meeting will be held 23 July 2025 at 2:00 p.m. ET via Zoom (for worldwide time equivalents please visit <https://www.timeanddate.com>). All current APG members are welcome to attend.

Closed Captioning will be available. Register for the event [here](#).

Recent APG Board Meeting Actions

At the recent APG Board meeting on 23 April 2025, the following actions were decided upon:

- The Board voted to support the CRAIG (Coalition for Responsible AI in Genealogy) guidelines - see <https://craigen.org> for more information.
- The Board voted to convert the APGQ to a digital only publication, beginning in March 2026 (See May eNews).
- The Board overturned a 2023 decision to restrict 75% of professional development events to members; more events will be open to the public, but syllabi and recordings will remain a benefit of membership.
- The Board voted to enforce the "Based In" section of member profiles. Members may choose not to use the field at all for privacy reasons; but if they are using the field, they may have no more than two locations in the Based In section, and those places must be a place (or places) of residence, or a place (or places) of business for the member.

For details of future board meetings please visit https://www.apgen.org/board_meetings.php.



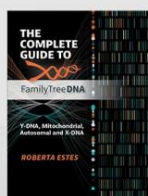
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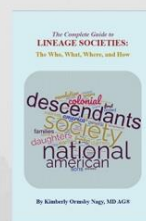
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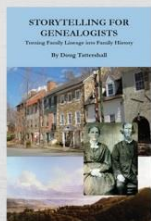
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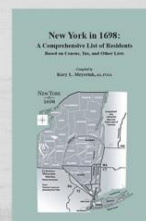
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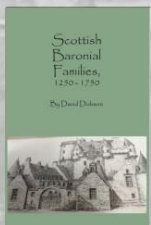
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Rich Venezia provides the latest news on APG's advocacy efforts.



You can read more about the demise of the proposal to restrict access to vital records in New York State [here](#) in a statement from the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. Thanks again to all who took quick action on this!

There is also a new bill in New York State in relation to records access. The New York State Senate has passed legislation specifying that records relating to a hospital patient deceased for fifty years or more will no longer be subject to privacy protections. You can read more on this [here](#). The legislation needs to be passed in the State Assembly, and signed by the Governor. If based in New York, be sure to call your Assembly member and urge them to pass it! Find your Assembly member at this [link](#).

We continue to implore our US-based members to contact their elected officials to discuss the importance of additional funding to NARA. NARA is on life support and needs our help. Find your member of Congress [here](#). Visit <https://fundnara.com> for more information.

Remember that the Advocacy Issues message board exists so members can alert other members about important issues related to records preservation and records access advocacy. You can find that message board here: https://members.apgen.org/members/forum/topic_list.php?bid=3752441. Please stay tuned for more ways to advocate, and be sure to let us know if you come across issues you would like us to be aware of and/or for which we can help advocate. Contact us at advocacy@apgen.org or via the message board.

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A VALUABLE MEMBER BENEFIT

APG's recent membership survey showed that the **APG Quarterly** (APGQ) is one of our most valued member benefits; have you checked it out lately?

The APGQ features articles relevant to professionals within the genealogy community, as well as those interested in going pro. If you're looking for ways to build and maintain your genealogy career, we've got you covered.

Explore the APGQ web pages at apgen.org, where you will find:

- **Full issues** of APGQ in PDF format (from 1979-2025)
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Latest New Voices Recording Now Available

In case you missed it, **Reparative Genealogy**, the latest in our New Voices series, was a hit! You can watch the recording [here](#).

APG NEW VOICES WEBINAR SERIES



Our presenters were also looking for knowledgeable volunteers to help them add resources to their website related to DNA and AI.

If you are interested, please send an email to Lotte and Briyana at info@reparations4slavery.com.

The Listening Committee

In 2022, the Listening Committee was established to “foster two-way communication between the members and leadership of APG.” At the time, members could bring issues to the Listening Committee as questions, suggestions, and/or complaints. And that opportunity is still available!

You can review the APG 2025 Workplan posted in the APG Member’s Area: **Members > Association Governance > Board Meetings**, and then scroll down to **APG Workplans**. Please let the Listening Committee know if you have any feedback about our workplan via listening@apgen.org.



What the Committee will do:

The committee’s purpose is to listen to and collect our members' feedback, and transmit those comments, without filter or censorship, to the leadership and/or staff that is dealing with the relevant area. Most comments will then be addressed directly by the leadership or staff, directly to the party, if known. The comments can be anything related to our operation, events, activities, or strategic direction. We want open and honest communication, and can bear the bad with the good. This is your organization, and it is imperative that we continue to serve the needs of our members.

What the Committee won't do:

The Listening Committee will not share confidential information about any member. They are not involved in Professional Review cases. They also do not share specifics of work in Board committees, since the results of that committee work form the backbone of our Board meeting agendas.

We look forward to hearing from you, and working with you to make APG the best that it can be!

Join Us for the Next APG Global Gathering: Let's Talk Research

Join your genealogy colleagues from around the world for a special event with networking and discussion at the 19 June 2025 APG Global Gathering, open to all. The Global Gathering will feature breakout rooms for APG members (and those interested in becoming members) to socialize, exchange ideas, share research tips, or ask questions focused on the area represented by each room. The Global Gathering will not be recorded.

In celebration of several June holidays, the breakout rooms will be:

- African American Research (Juneteenth)
- Y-DNA (Father's Day, UK and US)
- Military Records Research (Flag Day and Anniversary of D-Day)
- Religious Records Research (Corpus Christi, Europe)
- LGBTQ+ Research (Pride Month)
- Caribbean Research (Caribbean American Heritage Month)

You can register for the event at <https://members.apgen.org/Calendar/moreinfo.php?eventid=168183>.

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MEMBERS' NEWS

ASG Awards 2025 Continuing Genealogical Research Grants

Congratulations to Michelle Tucker Chubenko, AG, AGL, and Emily H. Garner, on being awarded Continuing Genealogical Research Grants from the Fellows of the American Society of Genealogists (<https://fasg.org>) for the 2025 grant cycle:

Michelle received a grant to support her project **A Genealogist's Guide to Austrian Land Cadastres for the Crownland of Galicia**. When the U.S. declared war in 1917, all three million U.S. residents from the Austro-Hungarian empire were declared enemy agents; tracing their origins now is aided by precise mapping of land ownership and boundaries.

Funds will support Michelle's work in transcribing the necessary languages, as well as providing access to these under-used and little understood Austro-Hungarian records.



Emily's grant will support her project **American Jewish Genealogy: From the Past to the Future**, a synthesis of Jewish genealogy perspectives to be gained through a collection of interviews with leading scholars and study of papers of senior contributors to the field, including Rabbi Malcolm Stern, FASG.

Funds will support Emily's travel, access, and research.

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Proposed New Special Interest Group for the Mediterranean

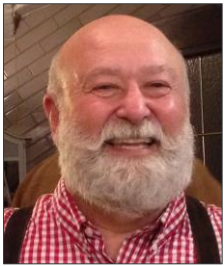
Are you passionate about genealogical research connected to the Mediterranean region? Discussions are underway about the possibility of creating a Special Interest Group focused on Mediterranean research, entitled **Mediterranean Ancestry Research & Exploration (M.A.R.E.)**.

This proposed group will focus on the genealogical, historical, and cultural research of families from more than twenty-five countries and territories bordering the Mediterranean Sea, including Greece, Italy, Turkey, Lebanon, Israel, Egypt, Spain.

If you have personal research interests, client work, or cultural ties to the Mediterranean region, and would like to connect with others who share your passion, please contact John Daskalakis at rizesgen@gmail.com to express interest or learn more.

New Investigative Genetic Genealogy Accreditation Exam Launches

Forensic Genealogy Special Interest Group board member Andrew Hochreiter announces major new initiative



The **Investigative Genetic Genealogy (IGG) Accreditation Exam** has officially launched and is now open for registration.

This exam marks a major milestone in the professionalization of IGG work. The Investigative Genetic Genealogy Accreditation Board has worked steadily to lay the foundation for a formal accreditation process—guided by input from practitioners, educators, law enforcement, and forensic science professionals.

The exam is open to individuals working in or planning a career in IGG—in both law enforcement and private sectors. If you would like to learn more about the content and structure of the exam, please visit <https://www.iggab.org/exam.html>.

Candidates who pass the exam will earn the Accredited Investigative Genetic Genealogy (AIGG) designation, be listed in the forthcoming AIGG Registry, and receive a complimentary one-year membership to the IGG Association.

The goal of accreditation is to promote ethical, consistent, and professional practice across the field—ensuring public trust and continued access to this powerful tool for justice.

A Marketing Toolkit for Members can be found in the APG website **Members Area**, under **Business Resources**.

APG Committees

APG has sixteen committees currently serving the organization. You can find details on their members and work at <https://apgen.org/committees.php>.

CHAPTER AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) NEWS

Colorado Chapter



On Saturday 2 August 2025, at 10:00am MT (please visit <https://www.timeanddate.com> for worldwide time equivalents) we will welcome former APG president Annette Burke Lyttle to present "Answering the Call: Crafting Successful Presentation and Course Proposals."



In this presentation Annette will demonstrate the secrets behind writing dynamite proposals for genealogical speaking and teaching. She will cover finding calls for proposals, analyzing them to understand what the organizers want, and turning that understanding into exciting proposals that program committees for conferences and institutes will want to say yes to.

This Zoom presentation is open to all, but you must register at <https://coloradoapg.org>.

Southeast Chapter



Mark your calendars! The APG Southeast Chapter will host a virtual meeting entitled "Records Access & Advocacy" on Thursday, 24 July 2025, at 7:30 p.m. ET (please visit <https://www.timeanddate.com> for worldwide time equivalents). The talk will be focused on one of the most pressing issues in our field: records access and genealogical advocacy at both the regional and national levels.

Join us for a dynamic panel discussion featuring Alec Ferretti, Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL, J. Mark Lowe, FUGA, and Susan Court, JD, as they share insights and strategies for effectively engaging with county and state repositories. Learn how you can play a role in broader efforts to protect and expand access to the records that genealogists rely on every day. This is a great opportunity to gain practical guidance and get involved in issues that affect us all. To register, please visit <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ygYTGrYKR0movzoSXQyeJQ>.

Have a question for the panel? Submit it here:

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To join our chapter, please complete the membership application at <https://bit.ly/SoutheastAPG>. No dues are required. If you have any questions, please contact us at apgsoutheast@apgen.org. And don't forget to check our box on your APG profile page if you join!

New England Chapter



On 9 April three members of New England (NEAPG) were part of an effort to bring issues of interest to genealogists and historians to our representatives in Washington, DC, on Family History Hill Day. They met with staff or their own representatives to explain why National Archives policy and budget issues are important.

We also hosted a virtual joint meeting with the Mid-Atlantic chapter on April 23. It was fun to network over lunch and get acquainted with our neighbors to the south.

Finally, on 25 April NEAPG celebrated our gathering formerly known as the "holiday" party, now permanently celebrated well into spring when weather is not expected to interfere. We had three members who attended for the first time. Thanks again to Jennifer Shoer for hosting in New Hampshire. A book swap was enjoyed by all, and we discussed how we all need to rotate our libraries periodically!



Members of the New England Chapter gathered in New Hampshire in late April.

Great Lakes Chapter



Many Great Lakes Chapter members enjoyed attending the recent Ohio Genealogical Society Conference in Sandusky, Ohio, from 30 April to 3 May 2025. A hybrid chapter meeting was held at the event (see below).

For more on the Great Lakes Chapter, please visit our website at <https://www.greatlakesapg.org>.



Above: Members of the Great Lakes Chapter held an in-person/Zoom meeting during the recent Ohio Genealogical Society Conference in Sandusky, Ohio.

Right: Great Lakes Chapter members Julie Cahill Tarr, Dawn Carey Henry, and Chapter President Kelli Jo Bergheimer at the recent Ohio Genealogical Society Conference.

Photo credits: Elissa Scalise Powell, CG.



Mid-Atlantic Chapter



Thank you to the New England Chapter for hosting a fantastic networking social on 23 April, where many of our members exchanged ideas and built connections. Thanks also to those who met us in Annapolis in April.

On Wednesday, 30 April, Mid-Atlantic and other APG members enjoyed a morning tour of the Maryland State Archives, led by Rachel Frazier, director of reference services, in which the group got up close and personal with unexpected genealogical artifacts, including embroidery, which the archive has painstakingly restored. Conservationist Edward Heimiller explained the process of mending and reinforcing the embroidery without disturbing the integrity of the original sampler. (With thanks to Kris Jackson, the trip's Maryland host).



Mid-Atlantic APG members and guests at Maryland State Archives. Photographer: Shamus Williams.

Upcoming Trips

We will be visiting several archives this year. Please email midatlanticapg@gmail.com with any questions.

- Wednesday, 11 June: Delaware Public Archives in Dover (see p. 15)
- Wednesday, 20 August: Philadelphia City Archives in the morning, with an optional tour of nearby Yards Brewery in the afternoon
- Co-hosted with the New Jersey Chapter: Tuesday, 21 October: New Jersey State Archives in morning, possibly with the New Jersey State Library in the afternoon

We are looking at organizing a Pittsburgh meet-up during GRIP's in-person week. If you'll be in or near Pittsburgh between 13–17 July and are interested in meeting up, let us know at midatlanticapg@gmail.com.

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Mid-Atlantic Chapter June Activities

Tech Exchange: Generated Reports

Sunday, 8 June, at 6:00 p.m. ET

Register: <https://bit.ly/3Z3mrZA>

No matter which software program we use, all of us at some point need to create Pedigree Charts, Family Group Sheets, and other formatted, usually generated, reports. What software do you use for generated reports, and what are the pluses and minuses? Come and share!



Second Tuesday with Bryan Cheeseboro

Tuesday, 10 June, at 12:00 noon ET

Register: <https://bit.ly/43CmME9>

Bryan Cheeseboro is an American Civil War historian and a park ranger with the National Park Service, assigned to the Civil War Defenses of Washington. A longtime reenactor with Company B, 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, Bryan has shared his expertise through appearances on American Battlefield Trust's Zoom Goes the History series and Antietam Live!, and as a contributor to the Emerging Civil War blog.

Behind-the-Scenes Tour of the Delaware Public Archives

Wednesday, 11 June, 9:30 a.m. ET in Dover, Del.

Register: <https://bit.ly/4jhRPuA>

Join Mid-Atlantic APG for breakfast, behind-the-scenes access, and hands-on research at the archive!

Happy Hour with Hope! chat

Monday, 23 June, at 7:00 p.m. ET

Register: <https://bit.ly/3YXKrNJ>

Come chat about all things genealogical.

FORGEN study group

Sunday, 29 June, at 7 pm ET

Topic: Chapter 1: Missing and Unknown Estate Heirs: Law and Procedure

Check the FORGEN Facebook group for the zoom link. Please note that FORGEN is a Mid-Atlantic group, not a Forensic SIG group. Email midatlanticapg@gmail.com for further details.

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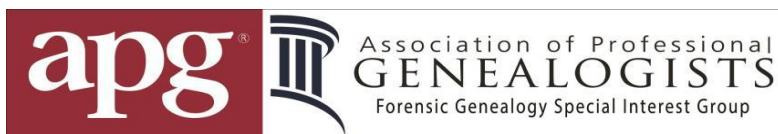
Britain, Ireland and the Isles Chapter



On Tuesday 15 July we will hold an informal chat event from 7:00 p.m. BST (please visit <https://www.timeanddate.com> for worldwide time equivalents). A link will be emailed to members who are signed up to the Chapter on the APG website.

For more on the chapter please visit https://www.apgen.org/britain_ireland_and_the_isles.php.

Forensic SIG



APG Forensic SIG will have its first “Book Club” event on 24 June 2025, 8:00 p.m. ET; doors open at 7:30 p.m. ET for networking (please visit <https://www.timeanddate.com> for worldwide time equivalents).

Paul Fronczak will discuss his books, and reserve some time for questions and answers about the continuing mysteries surrounding his biological family. Please be sure to read Paul Fronczak’s new book, *True Identity*, and bring your questions!

Paul J. Fronczak is the inspiration behind *The Fronczak Files*. As a co-host, he brings listeners inside his personal journey, while helping others uncover their hidden truths. He is an American author, actor, musician, and motivational speaker known for his remarkable life story. Born in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in 1963, Paul is internationally known for his connection to the still open 1964 Baby Fronczak kidnapping—one of the oldest kidnapping cold cases in the history of U.S. law enforcement. He was found abandoned in Newark, New Jersey in 1965, and mistaken for the infant who was taken from his mother’s arms in a Chicago Hospital a year earlier. Given over to the Fronczak family and raised as Paul Fronczak, he took a DNA test in 2012 and confirmed a long-held suspicion—he was not the kidnapped child. When he discovered his real identity, Jack Rosenthal, he also learned he’d been born a twin—and that, more than a half-century later, his twin sister Jill was still missing.



Since the beginning, Paul has shared his story with the world. He’s appeared on several major network shows including ABC’s 20/20 and CNN. He’s been featured in dozens of newspaper stories and telecasts. He has written two books: *The Foundling: The True Story of a Kidnapping, a Family Secret, and My Search for the Real Me* and *True Identity: Cracking the Oldest Kidnapping Cold Case and Finding My Missing Twin*. He was also featured in *The Lost Sons*, a documentary film based on his first book now streaming on HBO MAX.

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Forensic SIG Membership Meeting Dates for 2025

- 26 August 2025—"Military Repatriation"—Amanda Gonzalez from SNA International
- 16 September 2025—"Contingency Fees in Europe"—Marcus Schönherr & Hector Birchwood. (NB: this program will be held at 2:00 p.m. ET to accommodate international members)
- 28 October 2025—"Forensic Investigations – Case Study"—Robert Taft from Moxxy
- 9 December 2025—"Dual Citizenship: Italian, Polish, Irish"—Franchesca Werden, Michal Petrus, David Ryan. (NB: this program will be held at 1:00 p.m. ET to accommodate international members)

Annual APG Forensic SIG Dues:

APG Forensic SIG dues should be paid when you renew your APG membership. Dues are no longer collected on a calendar year basis. Everyone who paid in 2023 or 2024 for the calendar year 2024 is considered paid until their renewal, even if that renewal is in the first half of 2025.

If you have any questions about the Forensic Genealogy SIG, please contact us at apgforensic@gmail.com.

***** Please see p. 12 for news from ForGEN board member Andrew Hochreiter of the new Investigative Genetic Genealogy Accreditation Exam which has just launched *****



Do you have news to share?

If you have news that you would like to share with APG colleagues, please drop a note to eNews Editor Chris Paton at enews@apgen.org, and copy Executive Director Michelle Dwyer Cohen at admin@apgen.org

APG Code of Ethics and Professional Practices

One of the principal objectives of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) is to encourage high standards of ethical conduct and professional practice in dealings with clients and other members of the public. To further that objective, all members of APG agree to adhere to the *APG Code of Ethics and Professional Practices* (hereinafter, *Code of Ethics*).

The *Code of Ethics* serves to promote (1) a truthful approach to genealogy, family history, and local history; (2) the trust and security of genealogical consumers;

(3) careful and respectful treatment of records, repositories and their staffs, other professionals, and genealogical organizations and associations.

For details on the code please visit https://www.apgen.org/code_of_ethics.php

APG Welcomes New Members

APG is committed to fostering an inclusive community in which all participants are treated with dignity and respect, regardless of (but not limited to) ethnicity, sexual orientation, sex, gender, marital status, disability, age, religion, socioeconomic status, nationality, or political affiliation.



The following new members have joined APG between 19 April and 26 May 2025:

Jane Turton, Glen Waverley, Australia; **Fernanda Guedes**, São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil; **Margaret Henry**, Oakville, Ontario, Canada; **Edmond Chidiac**, Baabda, Lebanon; **Jake Lewis**, Cambridge, England; **Hannah Field**, Gorham, Maine, USA; **Olivia Henriques**, Jersey City, New Jersey, USA; **Jennifer Barber**, Golden Valley, Minnesota, USA; **Mackenzie Wells**, Allentown, Pennsylvania, USA; **Jennifer Raymond**, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, USA; **Martha Runnette**, Westminster, Colorado, USA; **Paula Hartzell**, Colmesneil, Texas, USA; **David Seamons**, Logan, Utah, USA; **Cindy Gooch**, St George, Utah, USA; **Ed Byrnes**, Audubon, Pennsylvania, USA; **Keith Windsor**, Corral de Tierra, California, USA; **Joseph Tritchler**, Whitsett, North Carolina, USA; **Dominique McCafferty Snapp**, Wildomar, California, USA; **Matthew Morgan**, Fayetteville, North Carolina, USA; **Shannon Hartlep**, Walnut Grove, California, USA; **Jennifer Pardi**, Gray, Maine, USA; **Jari Honora**, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA; **Julie Hamilton**, Germantown, Maryland, USA; **Kelli Evans**, Upland, California, USA; and **Tatiyanna Counts**, Summerville, South Carolina, USA.

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