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# APG eNEWS



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## 2026 APG PMC Call for Proposals Now Open; Announcing Track for Newer Professionals

APG is excited to announce that proposals are now being accepted for the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Professional Management Conference (PMC), to be held virtually from 14-17 October 2026. This year's PMC will also feature for the first time a special track for newer professionals. The theme for the 2026 PMC is "Research to Revenue: Raising the Bar."

APG is now accepting proposals for presentations designed to help our members grow their businesses and stay informed about trends within the world of professional genealogy. **The deadline for submissions is 22 March 2026 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern time.**

Visit [https://www.apgen.org/2026\\_pmc\\_call\\_for\\_proposals.php](https://www.apgen.org/2026_pmc_call_for_proposals.php) to learn more about the types of presentations, submitting your proposal, the selection process, and compensation policy. Proposals from both members and non-members are welcome.

In addition to the traditional lectures, workshops, and panel discussion formats, the PMC Committee is bringing back last year's TipTalk format. These are focused presentations covering one aspect of a topic, in 20 minutes of presentation time followed by 5 minutes of Q&A time.

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New to the PMC this year is the **New Professionals Track**. These sessions will cover topics targeted towards genealogists in business five years or less, including (but not limited to):

- Fields of genealogy and diversifying income streams - Different career options
- Self-employment - Considerations and requirements for setting up a business
- Client Acquisition and Relationship Management
- Project management and operations – tools for getting started and options as the business grows

More PMC details will be coming soon; stay tuned!

## Scholarship Applications Now Open for 2026 PMC

Scholarship applications are now open for the 2026 APG Professional Management Conference (PMC). **The deadline to apply is 11:59 pm ET on 30 April 2026.**

This year's conference will be held virtually, 14-17 October 2026. More details about the program and speakers will be available later this year, but for those of you unfamiliar with the PMC, please [visit the 2026 Professional Management Conference page](#) on our website.

APG offers two scholarships for the event:

- 1) **The APG New Professional Scholarship**, recognizing an aspiring or new professional (less than 5 years as a professional genealogist) with a strong interest in growing their career as a professional; and
- 2) **The Kenyatta D. Berry African American Research Scholarship**, recognizing an aspiring professional with a significant interest in pursuing a career in African American genealogy.

The scholarships are open to APG members and to members of the public. For full details on these awards, including criteria, eligibility, and a list of past recipients, visit our Awards & Scholarships page at [https://www.apgen.org/apg\\_awards\\_and\\_scholarships.php](https://www.apgen.org/apg_awards_and_scholarships.php).

The APG Awards Committee looks forward to seeing your applications!

### Let People Know You Are A Member of APG!

Speaking at a conference soon? Please add “Member of the Association of Professional Genealogists” to your speaker bio for the event. An easy and free way to promote APG!



## Recent Advocacy Updates



*Alec Ferretti (left) is the Chair of APG's Advocacy Committee and a member of the Board of Directors.*

### New York State Issues

APG's Advocacy Committee continues to fight for access to New York State (NYS) birth, marriage, and death certificates. Last year, we successfully opposed a provision in the proposed NYS budget which would have seen the end of vital records access as we knew it. There have been several developments since then, although the ultimate goal of timely access to the documents is not yet achieved.

Working with New York Senator James Skoufis, we helped to draft a bill that would have required the state Department of Health (DOH) to contract with an organization like FamilySearch to scan and publish the NYS historical vital records. This sailed through the legislature early last summer but was then vetoed by Governor Kathy Hochul in October 2025. In her veto message, she claimed that legislation was not necessary in this case and instead directed the DOH to assess ways to improve customer service.

As part of her proposed FY 2027 budget, which is being debated in the NYS legislature right now, Governor Hochul proposed \$7 million USD in funding specifically to scan vital records and hire more staff. This is obviously good, but without further interventions, the records will still all be contained in-house at the DOH, and we will be dependent on the DOH to fulfill requests, and they do not have a good track record of doing that. In fact, recently, **the DOH confirmed** to the local news that all genealogy order fulfilment is indefinitely paused at this time.

We have continued working with Senator Skoufis' office about ways forward, and we will be making our case to local Albany media in the coming weeks. While there may be a need for broader outreach from the greater genealogy community about a specific vital records bill in the future, for the moment we are mostly just going to have to see how the budget fight plays out.

However, there is another bill pending for which I am hoping that we can gather support. New York bills **S4713A/A3733A** would amend Mental Health Law 33.13 to open up the state's hospital records fifty years after a patient's death. In New York, there are hundreds of thousands of cubic feet of institutional records that by statute are inaccessible to anyone. This bill's enactment would mean that for the first time, genealogists would have access to them.

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APG is seeking organizations, especially those with a nexus in New York, to submit memos of support for the bill. APG wrote one last year which can be found on our [Advocacy web page](#). If your organization would like to be involved, please send a memo by 20 March 2026 to [advocacy@apgen.org](mailto:advocacy@apgen.org).

### Opposition to Consolidation of Archives Oversight Boards in New York City

On 19 February 2026, APG submitted a letter to the New York City Council Committee on Governmental Operations, State & Federal, expressing opposition to [Int. 0087-2026, Consolidation of Archives Oversight Boards](#). This letter suggests that the legislation be amended to codify the archives board's independence from the Department of Records and Information Services (DORIS). The current proposal would remove the board's oversight abilities by vesting all power with the Commissioner of the agency itself. In the letter, we stated that "APG members' work and our clients' understanding of New York City's history depends on reliable stewardship of public records and consistent enforceable access to them." Read the letter at <https://www.apgen.org/advocacy.php>.

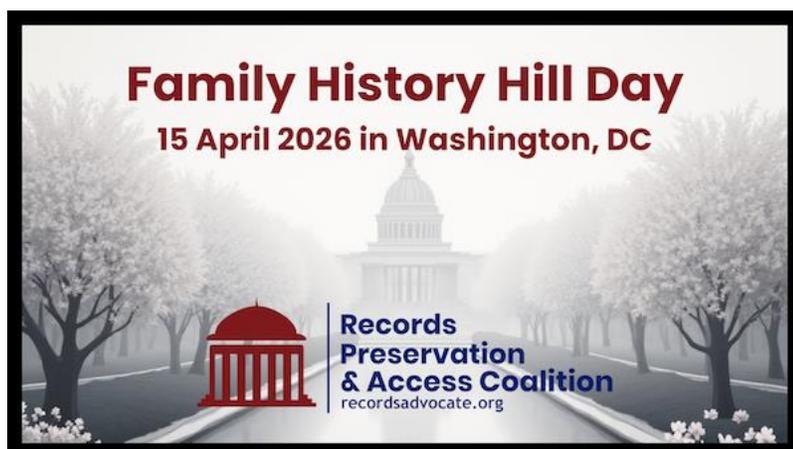
### Support of the Bring Our Heroes Home Act and the Missing Armed Forces and Civilian Personnel Records Collection

In mid-February, APG submitted a letter to United States Senators Mike Crapo and Jeanne Shaheen urging the Senate to pass the **Bring Our Heroes Home Act** and to coordinate with the House of Representatives to create the **Missing Armed Forces and Civilian Personnel Records Collection**. The letter also repeated APG's previous support of providing additional funding for the US National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), so that it can fulfil its commitments and better serve researchers. The Missing Armed Forces and Civilian Personnel Records Collection would coordinate with agencies to identify, schedule and transfer records to NARA. NARA archivists with appropriate training, in coordination with equity-owning agencies as required, would then be able to make the appropriate information accessible to families on a timely basis. Read the letter to Senators Crapo and Shaheen at <https://www.apgen.org/advocacy.php>.

### RPAC Hill Day 2026

APG is pleased to be a supporter of the Records Preservation and Access Coalition (RPAC). RPAC is organizing Family History Hill Day in Washington, DC, on 15 April 2026. This event gives family historians a chance to speak directly with lawmakers about the importance of records access and preservation, and to share how much our community relies on records for research.

Registration for Family History Hill Day includes virtual advocacy training on 25 March 2026 at 7:00 p.m. ET (US). RPAC will assist in scheduling appointments for registrants, however, some legislators require the appointments be made by their constituents online. Visit the RPAC blog to find out more and register at <https://www.recordsadvocate.org/register-for-family-history-hill-day-on-15-april-2026/>.



## Join APG at the 2026 Register of Qualified Genealogists Conference



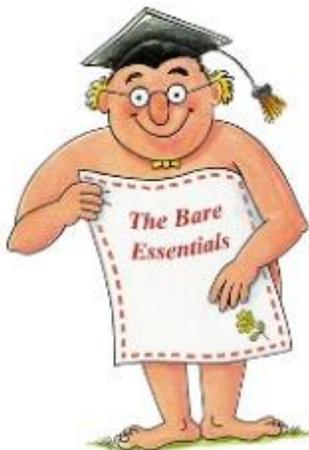
APG is pleased to be a sponsor of the 2026 Genealogy Conference of the Register of Qualified Genealogists (RQG).

Join RQG members, non-members, researchers, students, and professionals from related disciplines on 25 April 2026 in Birmingham, UK for a day filled with high-level discussions, professional development, and exchange of expertise. Guided by the conference theme, Exploring the Past, Embracing the Future, the program will reflect on the foundations of genealogical research while engaging critically with new methodologies, technologies, and ethical frameworks shaping the profession.

To register, visit:

<https://www.qualifiedgenealogists.org/2026-conference>

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## Will We See You at the 2026 NGS Family History Conference?

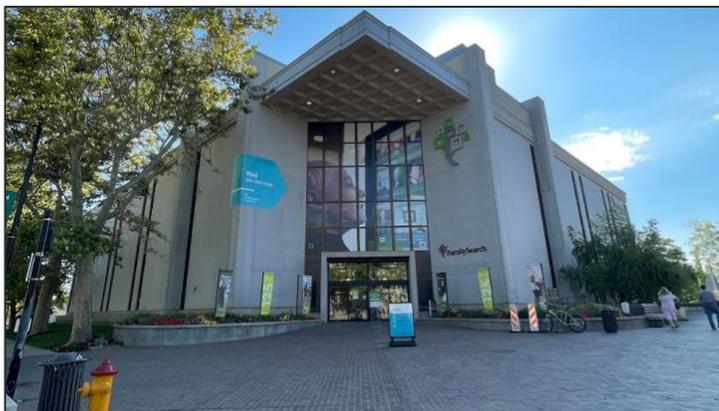
APG is pleased to be a sponsor of “America at 250”, the National Genealogical Society Family History Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana, 27-30 May 2026. We are working on some exciting plans for the conference and for our booth in the Expo Hall.

**New this year!** APG and our Forensic Special Interest Group are pleased to sponsor the APG "Day in the Life of a Professional" Track at NGS. This new series gives you a closer look at the day-to-day of a professional genealogist, with a focus on Forensic Genealogy, Next-of-Kin Research/DNA/Investigative Genetic Genealogy, and More Jobs in Genealogy. Read more about the sessions and speakers in this track at <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>.

An impressive number of APG members will be speaking at the conference. We are so proud every time we see "APG Member" listed in the bios of so many of these talented conference speakers!

If you are planning to attend in person, we are planning to have a meetup for members during the NGS Conference (details to come soon). Finally, don't forget volunteering at the APG booth! It is a fantastic way to network with colleagues and learn more about what APG has to offer.

We look forward to seeing you in Fort Wayne!



## Member Meetup at RootsTech

Thursday 5 March 2026  
5:15–7:00 PM MST  
FamilySearch Library  
Salt Lake City

## Allison E. Beard Takes on New Role as eNews Editor



We are pleased to announce that **Allison E. Beard** of Columbia, Maryland, USA (left), APG's Communications Manager, has signed on as the new editor of the monthly *APG eNews*.

For nearly thirty years, Allison has led communications and marketing efforts for several non-profit associations, trade groups, and advocacy organizations in the Washington, DC, area, including stints as editor of membership newsletters and magazines. Her second career in genealogy and family history research started in 2020, but she has had a lifelong interest in telling the stories of those who have come before us. Allison received her BA from the University of Delaware and did MA work in American Studies at the University of Maryland College Park.

## Welcome Amber Oldenburg as APG Advertising Sales Manager



APG is pleased to announce that **Amber Oldenburg** of Brownsburg, Indiana, USA (left), APG's Social Media Specialist, will be taking on a new role of APG Advertising Sales Manager for the Association.

An experienced social media manager, speaker, and professional genealogist, Amber has experience working with many companies and groups in the genealogy world. The owner of One Branch at a Time, she has been an online instructor in the Family History Research program at Brigham Young University-Idaho since 2020. Amber specializes in United States Midwest research and is currently working toward professional accreditation with the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists in the North Central United States region.

### ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### Michelle Dwyer Cohen



Welcome to all of our new members who have joined us since the start of the year! And welcome back to all of our renewing members!

By the time you read this issue of the *eNews*, I will be on my way to Salt Lake City, along with many other members of APG, for the world's largest genealogical event, RootsTech. APG will host a mini-classroom in our booth for the first time, so please stop by and see what we will be offering to prospective clients as well as prospective members. And don't miss the APG member meetup at the FamilySearch Library on Thursday evening! I hope to see many of you there.

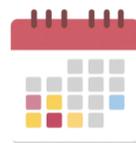
During the month of March, traffic to our website tends to spike, driven by our presence at RootsTech, so make sure your profiles are up-to-date and ready to go. In case you missed it, check our online webinar library ([https://members.apgen.org/members/learn/course\\_list.php](https://members.apgen.org/members/learn/course_list.php)) to find the members-only session from last month on updating your profile for maximum visibility through our search engine.

We have also just launched our [call for proposals](#) (see page 1) for APG's Professional Management Conference (PMC) this year, being held virtually from 14–17 October 2026. Do you have something that's really working well for your business, that you think would benefit other members? Maybe it's the perfect topic for a TipTalk (a 20-minute session). Perhaps you and a group of your APG friends have differing views on a subject that would make a great panel discussion.

We are open to new ideas, and we want to hear what's working for you. The Continuing Education and PMC committees worked together this year, reviewing results from Continuing Education reporting, to help shape what topics will be available at this year's conference.

Each time members volunteer, contribute an idea, and/or answer a survey, we make APG better for everyone. We are glad you are here.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS: APG BOARD MEETINGS



Observe the APG Board of Directors at work in 2026! Members are invited to attend meetings of the Board virtually via Zoom as they make important decisions concerning association policy. We look forward to seeing you.

*All meetings held at 2:00 PM Eastern Time*

- 6 May 2026
- 22 July 2026
- 4 November 2026

[Register at apgen.org/events](https://apgen.org/events)

## Announcing the 2026 APG Professional Development Webinar Schedule

APG's Professional Development Committee (PDC) has finalized the dates and topics for this year's webinars. Read more about the webinars and register at [apgen.org/events](https://apgen.org/events). If your company or society is interested in underwriting an APG webinar, contact Amber Oldenburg at [admgr@apgen.org](mailto:admgr@apgen.org).

Members can access recordings and handouts from most webinars in the APG Webinar Library. For all events, please visit <https://www.timeanddate.com> for worldwide time equivalents.

### The Ethical Genealogist: Seeking Truth with Care, Context, and Compassion

26 March 2026, 4:00–5:00 p.m. ET (US)

Presenter: **Gary L. Ball-Kilbourne, PhD, CG, CGL**



Professional genealogists sometimes face situations requiring their discernment of what is right and ethical as they interact with clients and colleagues. Presenter Gary Ball-Kilbourne (left) will provide principles and guidance for acting within such situations during this webinar. Participants still have time to submit questions in advance concerning ethical quandaries encountered in their genealogical work [using this link](#).

Register at <https://members.apgen.org/Calendar/moreinfo.php?eventid=191215>.

### 2026 Professional Development Webinars:

#### Conquering Resistance, Procrastination, and Imposter Syndrome

30 April 2026, 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET (US)

Presenter: **Rhonda Lauritzen**

#### Not American Enough: The Challenges and Beauty of Puerto Rican Genealogy

13 May 2026, 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET (US)

Presenter: **Luis Ariel Rivera**

*Sponsored by APG's DEI Committee*

#### Strategically Marketing Your Genealogy Business: Turning Your Passion into a Viable Business

18 June 2026, 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET (US)

Presenter: **Dr. Penny Walters**

#### Personal Research Guide: A Professional Tool for Efficient Casework

30 July 2026, 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET (US)

Presenter: **Bonnie Wade Mucia, AG<sup>®</sup>, AGL<sup>™</sup>**

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**Vital Records in the Russian Empire and Soviet Union: Systems, Laws, and Current Access**

27 August 2026, 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET (US)

Presenter: **Alexandra Kazyrevič**

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**How Does Writing Fit Into Your Career?**

24 September 2026, 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET (US)

Presenter: **Sunny Jane Morton**

**AI for the Professional Genealogist**

11 October 2026, 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET (US)

Presenter: **Robert Cameron Weir**

**Safeguarding Minority Heritage with Professional Genealogy**

4 November 2026, 4:00-5:00 p.m. ET (US)

Presenter: **LaDonna Garner, M.A.**

*Sponsored by APG’s DEI Committee*

**African Genealogy: An Integral Part of the Future of Genealogical Research**

14 December 2026 (Time to Be Announced)

Presenter: **Chukwudi Emmanuel Ewa**

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## MEMBERS' NEWS

### Congratulations to LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson



**LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, JD, LLM, CG<sup>®</sup>, FASG** of Washington, DC, USA, (pictured at left) was recently awarded the Utah Genealogical Association's (UGA) Fellow (FUGA) Award. Her research centers on African American families that survived slavery. In 2025, APG awarded LaBrenda the Kathleen W. Hinkley Professional Achievement Award that recognizes exemplary professional achievement in the genealogical field.

### Newly Accredited Members

Congratulations to the following members on their recent accreditations:



**Dr. Geraldine Knatz** of Long Beach, California, USA, has earned the Certified Genealogist credential by the Board for Certification of Genealogists (<https://www.bgc certification.org>).



**Jennifer A. Zinck, CG<sup>®</sup>, AG<sup>®</sup>** of North Granby, Connecticut, USA, has received her Accredited Genealogist Lecturer™ from the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (<https://icapgen.org>). She has also completed her commitment for eight issues of the *Connecticut Genealogy News Magazine*.



**Hollie C. Bevan, AG<sup>®</sup>** of Grantsville, Utah, USA, and **Suzanne M. Trotter-Martin, AG<sup>®</sup>**, of Sunset, Utah, USA, have renewed their Accredited Genealogist certifications from ICAPGen.

### Have you any news to share?

If you have news to share with APG colleagues, please drop a note to the editor at [enews@apgen.org](mailto:enews@apgen.org), and copy Executive Director Michelle Dwyer Cohen at [admin@apgen.org](mailto:admin@apgen.org).

# APG PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGY SYMPOSIUM

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## Take Advantage of Early Bird Pricing for the 2026 Professional Genealogy Symposium

The schedule for the one-day **APG Professional Genealogy Symposium** on 24 June 2026 is now available! The event is being held in partnership with the Strathclyde Institute for Genealogical Studies (SIGS) and is open to all, with no requirement to be an APG member.

**Take advantage of the discounted early bird pricing, available through 31 March 2026:**

- **Early Bird Registration for In-Person Attendance: £110 (£160 after 1 April)**
- **Early Bird Registration for Virtual Attendance: £95 (£110 after 1 April)**

The Symposium will be held in a hybrid format, with most sessions available online. Experience the energy of Glasgow, a vibrant and welcoming city full of culture and creativity, or tune in from the comfort of your home wherever you are in the world.

Visit the event web page to view the full schedule. All participants will receive access to recordings of the presentations, which will be available for two months post-event. Registration includes access to bonus recordings to watch at your leisure, featuring sessions on UK accounting practices and professional genealogical writing.

Self-catering accommodation has been reserved at Caledonian Court, a Glasgow Caledonian University residence. This accommodation is competitively priced and a 20-minute walk to campus. Please note accommodation places are limited, so reserve your spot today!

The Symposium will be followed by the SIGS' two-day conference **Beyond the Family Tree: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on AI, DNA, Education and Community in Genealogy** from 25–26 June 2026. We look forward to seeing you in Glasgow or virtually! Registration is now open at [apgen.org/pgs2026](https://apgen.org/pgs2026).

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## CHAPTER AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) NEWS

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### Writers SIG



The Writers SIG has selected a new logo that will soon be added to the APG website. Be sure to check it out!

SIG member Jennifer Zinck, CG®, AG®, AGL™, presented Feedback is a Gift at our February meeting. She says, “an engaging session where we’ll rethink feedback as a supportive partnership that can strengthen genealogical writing, improve clarity, and elevate the reader’s experience.” While feedback may sound scary, receiving and accepting it will improve our writing skills.

The 18 March 2026 meeting of the SIG will feature speaker Rhonda Lauritzen, who will help us Organize Complex Writing Projects for Success. Big projects need an organizational structure and systems to stay on track and avoid becoming overwhelmed. This class shares what the presenter wished someone had taught her when she first began doing historical research and writing books. Learn best practices Rhonda has picked up along the way, including the specific files and infrastructure she set up at the start of each project. Finally, the webinar will introduce new AI technologies and automations to make quick work of what used to be tedious...without sacrificing your unique voice. See which tools save time without a ridiculous learning curve.

#### Upcoming Writers SIG Speakers

If any of the upcoming topics interest you, join us on the third Wednesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. ET (US). SIG dues are \$20 USD a year for 11 excellent speaker presentations. Find more information on the Writers SIG at [https://www.apgen.org/writers\\_sig.php](https://www.apgen.org/writers_sig.php).

- 15 April 2026 – **Beyond the Obvious: Uncovering Stories in Probate Records** with Jill Nock, AG®
- 20 May 2026 – **Forty Years of Writing and Editing: You’d Think I’d Know What I Was Doing** with Barbara Vines Little, CG®, FNGS, FUGA, FVGS
- 17 June 2026 – **New York State Archives Guide: Your Turn** with Jane E. Wilcox, FGBS
- 15 July 2026 – TBA
- 19 August 2026 – **Indirect Evidence Overturns a Direct Evidence Conclusion: From Hypothesis to Published Article** with Julie Miller, CG®, CGL™
- 16 September 2026 – **Bringing Identities into Focus Using the Correlation Power of Airtable** with Amberly Beck, AG®
- 21 October 2026 – **Men of the Same Name: Research Tools & Methodology** with Rebecca Whitman Koford, CG®, CGL™
- 18 November 2026 – **Lessons from Locality Guides** with Jeff Damron

## South Central Chapter



**NEW!** The South Central Chapter is excited to extend complimentary membership to APG members for the calendar year 2026 to 1 January 2027. Sign up at [www.southcentralapg.org](http://www.southcentralapg.org).

Congratulations to the new officers of South Central Chapter! They are: President **Suzanne Harmon**; Vice President **Breya Warnstaff-Dunshea**; Secretary **Belinda Brouette**; and Treasurer **Charleen Mullenweg**.

### Upcoming South Central Chapter Events

Join the South Central Chapter on the third Tuesday of each Month at 7:00 p.m. Central for our meetings (information at [tinyurl.com/sccapgmeetings](http://tinyurl.com/sccapgmeetings)).

#### **Disclosing Generational Trauma**

17 March 2026, 7:00 p.m. Central (US)

Presenter: **Diane Harvey, LCSW**

#### **Membership Meeting**

21 April 2026, 7:00 p.m. Central (US)

#### **Guide to One-Hour Meetings**

19 May 2026, 7:00 p.m. Central (US)

Chapter Secretary Belinda Brouette will give tips on how to run an hour-long meeting. Following the meeting is an article discussion group.

## Britain, Ireland and the Isles Chapter



Join APG's Britain, Ireland and the Isles Chapter for our next meeting on Wednesday 11 March 2026 at 11:00 AM GMT. A link to join an informal virtual chat will be emailed to members who are signed up to the Chapter on the APG website.

Learn more about the chapter at [https://www.apgen.org/britain\\_ireland\\_and\\_the\\_isles.php](https://www.apgen.org/britain_ireland_and_the_isles.php).

## Southeast Chapter



**Southeast Chapter Board Meeting** - 12 March 2026 at 2:00 p.m. ET (US)

Register at [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/0W1TI5iMQGmM\\_wKQKRfy5Q](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/0W1TI5iMQGmM_wKQKRfy5Q).

**Chapter General Meeting** - 26 March 2026 at 7:30 p.m. ET (US)

**Five Men, One Name: Which Jacob Good did Elizabeth Spigle Marry?**

Presenter: Cathy Duncan

Register at

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81538911390?pwd=4f3QOLNK1q3HhGl1CqjsL8qbERD4uk.1>

### **NEW! Body Doubling Sessions**

The Southeast Chapter is now hosting weekly, one-hour body doubling sessions at 10:00 a.m. ET (US) every Friday. Need to find some accountability or motivation? Come once, come often! Register at

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/sEubtborS0iO8Gz2BrNpNw#/registration>.

Open to all APG members.

### **NEW FOR CHAPTER MEMBERS! BCG Accountability Group**

Are you "on the clock" with BCG? Come chat with fellow Southeast members, remain accountable for your progress, and discuss the challenges and rewards of the certification journey! Starting 20 March 2026 at 11:00 a.m. ET (US). We will decide at the first meeting whether to meet monthly or more frequently. Register at:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/WpH5it\\_0S627Pd2ZvUz-kg#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/WpH5it_0S627Pd2ZvUz-kg#/registration). Not a Chapter member yet? Join at <https://airtable.com/appziugc5FnA36pi5/pagK1Bv52loFVjxoN/edit>.

### **Weekly Chats**

Want to network? Problem solve? Commiserate? Ask a business question? Learn more about our various committees? Drop in to the Southeast Chapter's weekly chats to find a welcoming place for your professional (or personal) genealogy woes and triumphs. We meet on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. ET (US) and Fridays at 1:00 p.m. ET (US).

#### **Tuesday Weekly Chats at 7:30 p.m. ET (US)**

Register at <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/4Yjy4MsvSFmKBVnnvvSI0g>

10 March 2026

24 March 2026

#### **Friday Weekly Chats at 1:00 p.m. ET (US)**

Register at <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/JH4CkGZeQ9alsW2ocnpYZg>

6 March 2026

20 March 2026

## Forensic Genealogy SIG



Beginning in March 2026, SIG members will receive an email with a link to register for the monthly member meeting held via Zoom. To register for the meeting, click the registration link provided in the email. This will open a form in your browser; fill in the required fields, click "Register," and save the confirmation email containing the final join link.

### **Forensic SIG Sponsors Track at NGS Family History Conference 2026**

APG's Forensic SIG is pleased to sponsor the APG "Day in the Life of a Professional" Track at the NGS Family History Conference 2026 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. This track features many of our members and highlights Forensic specializations. See all the sessions in this track and read more at <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>.



### **Join us for the next Forensic SIG Event**

#### **Tips and Tricks in Microsoft Word for Forensic Genealogists**

Tuesday 24 March 2026, 8:00 p.m. ET (US)

Presenter: **Eva Holmes, CG<sup>®</sup>, AG<sup>®</sup>**

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. for networking

Most of us spend just enough time learning software to get the job done. Who has time for anything more!? The truth is that investing just a few hours mastering software you already own can pay dividends in future saved time. Learn how to use Templates, Styles, AutoText, the Navigation Pane, and keyboard shortcuts to report research more efficiently and effectively. Your reports will be more consistent with less effort. Instructions and examples will be provided for both Mac and PC (please note that not all features are available in both platforms).



**Eva Holmes, CG<sup>®</sup>, AG<sup>®</sup>** (left), is a professional genealogist, educator, and writer from Portland, Maine. Prior to transitioning to professional genealogy, she worked as an information technology consultant and project manager. Eva is the executive editor of \*Crossroads\*, the quarterly publication of the Utah Genealogical Association and has published articles in periodicals including the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*. She also works with individuals to write, edit and publish their personal memoirs & family history.

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### **Upcoming Programs from the Forensic SIG**

#### **Exploring GEDmatch: Tools and Strategies for Every Researcher**

28 April 2026, 8:00 p.m. ET (US)

Presenter: **Dr. Patricia Coleman**

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. ET (US) for networking

#### **FIGG Innovation & Collaboration through the NTVIC**

26 May 2026, 8:00 p.m. ET (US)

Presenter: **Dr. Claire L. Glynn**

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. ET (US) for networking

#### **Part 1: Finding Your Way - Example Paths to Careers in Forensic Genealogy**

23 June 2026, 2:00 p.m. ET (US)

Panel discussion with **Kecia G. Lofton, CG<sup>®</sup>**, **Wendy McLean**, **Alison Wilde, AIGG**, and **Angela J. Harris, CG<sup>®</sup>**

Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. ET (US) for networking

### **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 2024 or 2025 for the calendar year 2025 is considered paid until their renewal, even if that renewal is in the first half of 2026.

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## A VALUABLE MEMBER BENEFIT

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## Welcome 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 between 16 January and 16 February 2026:

**Philip Anderson**, Bangor, United Kingdom; **Vanessa Andrade**, San Antonio, TX, USA; **Annette King Battle**, Archdale, NC, USA; **Michele Ryan Bewley**, Amherst, NY, USA; **Vanessa Boucher**, Newton, MA, USA; **Dai Davies**, Hatchet Lake, Nova Scotia, Canada; **Alessandra Di Maio**, Casalnuovo di Napoli, Italy; **Virginia Esposito**, Casalnuovo di Napoli, Italy; **Alexandru Grigorescu**, Bucharest, Romania; **Lisa Headley**, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada; **Michael Hebert**, Louisville, KY, USA; **Amy Holmes**, Saint Paul, MN, USA; **Dr. Michelle Deanee Johnson**, Pearisburg, VA, USA; **Delaina Jones**, Yeadon, PA, USA; **Mary Letson**, Montclair, NJ, USA; **María José Llano Tamayo**, Mexico City, Mexico; **Maria Elena Martinez-Sweat**, Broussard, LA, USA; **Steven Matschikowski**, Howell, MI, USA; **Richard McKendrick**, Helmsdale, United Kingdom; **Jennifer L. McSparin**, Marion, IL, USA; **Jaymie Middendorf**, Denver, CO, USA; **Tracey Nicole Miller**, Cincinnati, OH, USA; **Sandra Moffatt**, Algonquin Highlands, Ontario, Canada; **Karrisa Moseley**, Fort Worth, TX, USA; **Peggy Oskarsson**, Malmö, Sweden; **Bronwyn Paschalidis**, Portland, Victoria, Australia; **Eric Schubert**, Lancaster, PA, USA; **Angie Shumway**, Leesburg, GA, USA; **Karen M. Skelton**, Greensboro, NC, USA; **Tadej Trnovšek**, Poljčane, Slovenia; **Chloe Walker**, Houston, TX, USA; **Dawn M. White**, Von Ormy, TX, USA.

A huge welcome to all!



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