

Gearing Up for NGS Conference 2026



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APG is pleased to be a sponsor of "America at 250", the National Genealogical Society (NGS) Family History Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana, 27-30 May 2026. We have more than fifty members speaking at this year's conference (see page 3) and expect to see many more in the Expo Hall!

Member Meetup - 27 May 2026

Join us for the APG Member Meetup on Wednesday, 27 May 2026 from 4:00–5:00 p.m. at the Allen County Public Library. Let us know that you are planning to attend by completing our sign-up form at

<https://members.apgen.org/members/form.php?orgcode=APG&fid=10376903>.

Consider Volunteering at the APG Booth

Spending one or two shifts in the APG booth is a fantastic way to network with colleagues and learn more about what APG has to offer. Sign up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054CADAA2BA4FFCE9-63189302-volunteer>.

APG and our Forensic Special Interest Group are pleased to sponsor the **APG "Day in the Life of a Professional" Track at NGS 2026**. This series gives you a closer look at various jobs in professional genealogy with sessions led by industry experts.

Thursday 28 May 2026, 2:30-5:00 p.m.

More Jobs in Genealogy

Speakers: Peggy Lauritzen, EvaAnne Johnson, Alec Ferretti

Friday 29 May 2026, 2:30–5:00 p.m.

Next of Kin Research/DNA/Investigative Genetic Genealogy

Speakers: Hope Glidden, Lorie Cousin, Chelsea Hanrahan

Saturday 30 May 2026, 2:30–5:00 p.m.

Forensic Genealogy

Speakers: Catherine Desmarais, Michael Ramage, Kelvin L. Meyers

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Welcome New Members!

The members listed below have joined APG between 26 March 2026 and 22 April 2026; welcome to APG! Many of these new members joined as a result of taking the new **APG Professional Readiness Tool**. Share it with a friend today!

- Tamara Buzyna Adams, Alpharetta, GA, USA
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D. Joshua Taylor • Kate Townsend • Stewart Traidman • Robert Cameron Weir •
Megan Clark Young • Jennifer Zinck

Speakers subject to change; check the official schedule for the most up-to-date information.

Advocating for Records Access on Capitol Hill

By Alec Ferretti, Chair, APG Advocacy Committee



APG members Lorrie Martin and Tricia Seguine visiting Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar of Florida on Hill Day (Photo by Tricia Seguine)



APG members David Rencher (at left) and Melissa Thatcher (right) visiting US Senator Mark Kelly on Hill Day (Photo by Melissa Thatcher).

In mid-April, I attended the third annual **Records Preservation and Access Coalition (RPAC) Hill Day** in Washington, DC, along with APG President Tricia Seguine, Past President Suzanne Hoffman, and APG Advocacy Committee Member Barb Bombaci, CG®. I represented a New York delegation, where I partnered with a representative of the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society, to attend scheduled meetings with both of our Senators' offices.

The major focus of our meetings was the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), emphasizing how the agency supports core government functions that support not only genealogical research, but also government accountability and public access to the documentary record of the United States. We raised our perennial concerns about funding. NARA's FY 2027 congressional justification requests USD \$419.7 million in discretionary budget authority, down from the FY 2026 enacted USD \$454.264 million.

Within that, operating expenses would fall from USD \$421 million to USD \$404.842 million, and the electronic records Initiative would fall from USD \$30 million to USD \$20 million.

We stressed that cuts like these have real consequences: slower digitization, greater strain on reference services, weaker preservation capacity, and reduced access for the public. We urged Congress to protect NARA from cuts and to recognize that access to federal records is part of the basic infrastructure of a developed nation.

Hill Day gives APG the opportunity to bring that message directly to Capitol Hill, and I was proud to help ensure that genealogists' voices were part of that conversation. However, this is a team effort. Our members must similarly let their members of Congress know how important NARA is to both our history and our small businesses. As we urge every year, please write to your representatives and visit fundNARA.com for more information.

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Separately, APG is excited to announce that we have launched a **new Advocacy Issue Report form** to help members alert the organization to advocacy problems affecting genealogists, historians, archives, and public records access.

The form (available on the APG Advocacy homepage at <https://www.apgen.org/advocacy.php>) gives members a structured way to report issues such as closures, new fees, delays, digitization problems, privacy-based restrictions, harmful legislation, court cases, and other barriers to access, while also sharing links, documents, and information about urgency and desired outcomes. This new tool will help APG identify patterns, evaluate which issues may require monitoring or action, and respond more effectively to records-access challenges as they arise.

GET INVOLVED!

Advocacy Special Interest Group

APG members are welcome to join the Advocacy Special Interest Group (SIG), which provides support to those with an interest in advocacy issues impacting access to and preservation of historical records. The SIG convenes 2–4 times annually; there is no cost to join. Sign up at <https://members.apgen.org/members/form.php?orgcode=APG&fid=10276699>.

Advocacy Message Board

The Advocacy message board is the place to ask questions and offer insight into advocacy issues. Sign up for message boards at https://members.apgen.org/members/forum/board_list.php (login required).

APG Adds Lobbyist to Assist Advocacy Efforts

The Board and the Advocacy committee are excited to announce that we now have a lobbyist in New York State who is helping us pro bono for 2026!

Campbell H. Wallace, Esq. began his legal career in the New York State Assembly, where he advised members of various committees including Insurance, Health, and Higher Education. Since 2008, he has provided legal and legislative representation to clients in select industries, including insurance and the design and engineering professions. He also works with our friends at [Reclaim the Records](#).



A partner at the firm Pastel Rosen & Wallace, LLP, Campbell is an attorney and lobbyist licensed in New York, and has lobbied extensively in New York, Connecticut and New Jersey.

Campbell's work has advanced multiple clients' legislative, regulatory, and political initiatives, including most recently securing the passage of landmark legislation allowing employee ownership of design firms.

Our 2026 Blueprint: Launching APG's Latest Work Plan

It's hard for me to believe we are in May already. This year is flying by! I hope members are also busy, with both your businesses and your goals for the year in full swing.

If you have not yet had a chance, please take a moment to read [APG's 2026 Work Plan](#) to see what our plans are for the year; it is available in the Members section of our website under Association Governance > Board Meetings (login required). We welcome your questions and comments.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Indiana for the National Genealogical Society Annual Family History Conference ([sign up here for booth volunteer spots!](#)) at the end of the month.

Members will see in this *eNews* issue that we are asking you to check your email settings to ensure that you are getting messages from APG. These are not just messages from us but also messages from potential clients! We discovered that a few members were missing contact form emails when they contacted me about the issue.

This example is a great reminder to all members: **if you are having an issue with something related to the website, or APG operations, please contact us** or please talk to your chapter representatives:

- Admin@apgen.org (me)
- Assistance@apgen.org (Kaye Ford)
- Listening@apgen.org
- Websitecommittee@apgen.org

We are all here to help you, but we cannot fix issues if we don't know about them.

Thanks for being an APG member and helping the association be the best it can be.



Michelle Dwyer Cohen
admin@apgen.org



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: **Q2 APG BOARD MEETING - 6 MAY 2026** **2:00 p.m. Eastern (US)**

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

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

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Thank You to our Outgoing Booth Coordinator

Jen Shaffer, APG's Booth Coordinator, has announced her departure from the role she has held since 2023. Jen is leaving to focus on her rapidly-expanding business as The Formidable Genealogist. For the last three years, she has served as APG's representative at numerous in-person and virtual genealogy conferences, including RootsTech, the National Genealogical Society Annual Conference, and AAHGS.



Between coordinating booth volunteers, recruiting new members, networking with existing members, and updating the appearance of the APG booth and materials, Jen reinvigorated our presence at conferences after the COVID-19 pandemic.

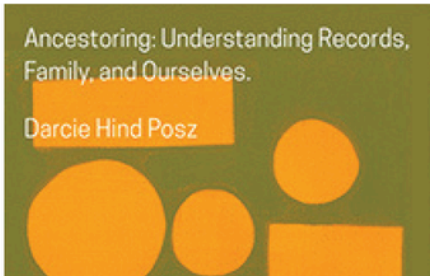
Jen has a passion for genealogy and takes great pride in fostering this passion in others, and we have been the lucky beneficiary of that dedication for the last few years. We wish Jen all the best!

APG will be launching the search for our next Booth Coordinator later this year; the Booth Coordinator is an independent contractor who attends both in-person and virtual conferences on behalf of the association, serving as the public face of APG during industry events. Questions? Email admin@apgen.org.



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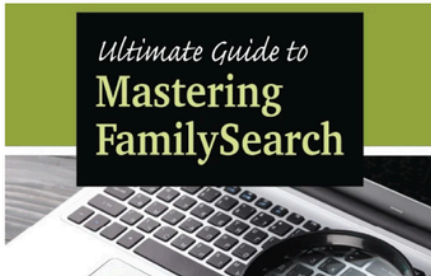
NEW RELEASES



ANCESTORING: Understanding Records, Family, and Ourselves
by Darcie Hind Posz

Ancestoring is divided into three parts. Understanding Records affirms the importance of placing records in their historical context. Understanding Family helps us to ask the question, "Why?" and to be objective when uncovering our ancestors' decisions and actions. Understanding Ourselves helps us to acknowledge our own biases in analyzing our ancestors' records and decisions.

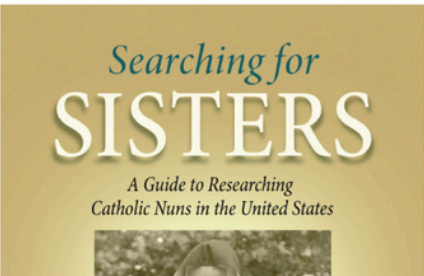
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ULTIMATE GUIDE TO MASTERING FAMILYSEARCH
by Dana Ann Palmer

FamilySearch.com is a vast treasure trove of genealogical sources from North America and around the world, containing over 20 billion records. And, amazingly, it's FREE! Whether you are new to genealogy or an experienced genealogy professional, this guide is the best book to help you be successful finding ancestors on FamilySearch.

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Searching for Sisters: Researching Catholic Nuns in the United States
by Sunny Jane Morton

An estimated 350,000 Catholic nuns and sisters have served people of all backgrounds in the United States—staffing schools, running hospitals, tending the wounded in war—yet they remain largely hidden in the historical record. This volume presents a step-by-step method for researching women religious through their archives, guiding readers to surviving records and revealing the impact of these remarkable women on families and local history.

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We're Listening!

The APG Membership/Listening Committee would love to hear your feedback.

Please send us your questions, concerns, suggestions, or compliments. We will review your input and make suggestions to appropriate APG committees to make changes and update systems as needed.

To have your say, contact listening@apgen.org.

Don't Miss the First-Ever APG Professional Genealogy Symposium!

There are only a few weeks until the start of the hybrid **APG Professional Genealogy Symposium** on 24 June 2026! Offered in partnership with the Strathclyde Institute for Genealogical Studies (SIGS), this one-day event is open to all with no requirement to be an APG member.

Whether you plan to join us in person in Glasgow or attend virtually (most sessions will be available online), there is something for everyone. Visit **the event web page** to view the full schedule.

All participants will receive access to recordings about two weeks after the event and will be accessible for two months. Registration also includes access to bonus recordings, featuring sessions on UK accounting practices and professional genealogical writing.

Register today at apgen.org/pgs2026. Rates are:

- In-Person Attendance: £160
- Virtual Attendance: £110

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** on 25 and 26 June 2026.

We are pleased to offer a full day of practical sessions at the Professional Genealogy Symposium. Here are just two of the sessions being offered:

Challenges and Options: Accepting Payments

Speaker: Markus Schönherr

Accepting payments from overseas clients can be challenging. While most of Europe uses the SEPA bank transfer system, in the USA, people still send cheques via mail. Many clients are elderly, or estates/attorneys, not very flexible in making payments. This talk focuses on payment methods crossing national and continental boundaries.



Increase Productivity with Free Technology Tools

Speaker: Risa Daitzman Heywood, CG®

Discover free technology tools to streamline your genealogy practice and increase your productivity. Examples for research, citations, time tracking, and task organization will be demonstrated. Learn how to find and evaluate options that match your unique workflow.



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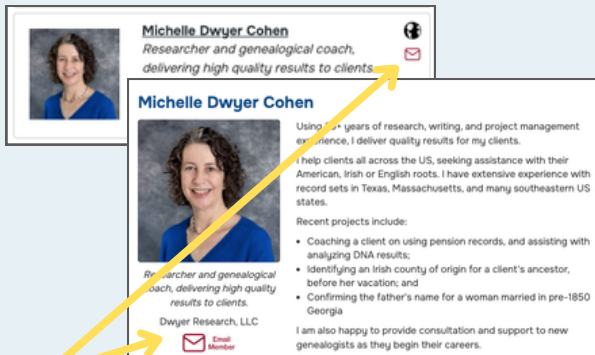
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Make Sure You Are Receiving Messages From the APG Member Directory

Several members have reported they are not receiving contact form emails from the APG Member Directory. An email is sent when a website visitor clicks the small red envelope next to or beneath a member's profile image (see below for examples).

Email providers may occasionally block communications from unfamiliar senders. To ensure you receive important messages from potential clients and broadcast emails from APG, you may want to add the following email addresses to your contacts list:



- admin@apgen.org
- groupmessaging@viethconsulting.com
- no-reply@viethconsulting.com

If you continue to experience difficulty receiving messages through the Directory or from APG, contact webmaster@apgen.org.

CONTINUING EDUCATION



APG would like to thank everyone who submitted proposals earlier this year for the 2026 Virtual Professional Management Conference (PMC). Notifications to selected speakers are in progress; the final schedule will be available soon at www.apgen.org/PMC2026.php.

PMC 2026 will feature three and one-half information-packed days of sessions with experienced genealogists, industry experts, and other leaders in the genealogy community.

Sessions and workshops will include in-depth exploration of topics such as marketing, business management, speaker training, writing and publishing, client relationships, organization and time management, technology, and more.

To learn more about PMC 2026 sponsorship opportunities, contact Advertising Manager Amber Oldenburg at admgr@apgen.org or view the flyer on our PMC web page.

How Are You Doing With Your Continuing Education Requirements So Far This Year?

Ask The Experts at the Continuing Education Drop-In Discussion

Tuesday, 12 May 2026

10:00-10:30 p.m. ET (US)

Note: this is 7:00 p.m. PT on 12 May and Noon Wednesday 13 May AEST (Australia)

Do you prefer virtual or in-person instruction? Join members of APG's Continuing Education Committee for a 30-minute drop-in discussion on virtual vs. in-person education! There will also be time to get information and ask questions about APG's Continuing Education requirement and to discuss your own education plans for 2026.

Register at

<https://members.apgen.org/Calendar/moreinfo.php?eventid=220676>.



Upcoming APG Webinars & Events

View the full calendar at apgen.org/events

Not American Enough: The Challenges and Beauty of Puerto-Rican

Genealogy

13 May 2026

3:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern (US)

Presenter: Luis Ariel Rivera

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Puerto Ricans have been American citizens for more than a century, yet their records and history are often overlooked or misunderstood in genealogical research. In this webinar, presenter



Luis Ariel Rivera (left) will explore the rewards and challenges of tracing Puerto Rican ancestors, from American-created records beginning in 1910 to rich

Spanish-era sources that support thorough, standards-based work, along with the many online and on-island collections that illuminate earlier generations.

A personal case study, grounded in traditional records and DNA, will demonstrate how Puerto Rico's unique political status shapes both identity and the research process, while offering practical tools for navigating its rich and complex documentary landscape.

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

18 June 2026

3:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern (US)

Presenter: Dr. Penny Walters

Building a successful genealogy business requires more than research expertise—it demands strategy, clarity, and a strong brand.



In this webinar, presenter Dr. Penny Walters (left) will explore how to assess readiness, define a niche, and position your services to stand out in a competitive market.

Learn how to develop a practical business plan and apply proven marketing principles, including the 4Ps and AIDA, using both digital and in-person strategies. With attention to cultural awareness, international markets, and meaningful specialization, this webinar will highlight how tailored services and consistent delivery build client trust. Gain practical tools to attract clients and support long-term, sustainable growth.

For worldwide time equivalents for all webinars & events, please visit

<https://www.timeanddate.com>.


Lori Harris Receives 2026 Gen-Fed Lackey Award




Lori Harris of Yellow Springs, OH, was recently announced as the winner of the 2026 Richard S. Lackey Memorial Scholarship from the Gen-Fed Alumni Association.

Lori Harris first volunteered at the Greene County (OH) Records Center and Archive, and subsequently joined the staff. In her role, Lori works with original documents, certifies records, and assists the public with records requests. She is the corresponding secretary for the Greene County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. Lori also started a nonprofit organization, the Preservation Society of Clinton, which is working on a cemetery project. She earned the Boston University Certificate in Genealogical Research in May 2021 and is a graduate of ProGen 64.

The Genealogical Institute on Federal Records is a non-profit corporation founded in 1950. Each year they conduct a one week program for the in-depth study of federal records held by the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and College Park, Maryland. Their mission is to provide quality advanced genealogical education about records created by the Federal Government to experienced researchers, without regard to sex, race, creed, color, or nationality.


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Member Publications



Judy Nimer Muhn Ed.M., FSA-Scot, of Milford, MI, USA, recently announced the publication of *Genealogy-At-A-Glance: Acadian Research*, by Genealogical Publishing Company.



Maria (Ree) Jean Hopper of Montvale, NJ, USA, recently updated her book *The Hopper Family Genealogy; Descendants of Andries Willemszen Hoppe(n); New Amsterdam 1651-1658*.

The title is now a three-volume series: Volume I covers the first six generations; Volume II the seventh and eighth generations; and an index in Volume III.



Lisa A. Kerr of Branchburg, NJ, USA, recently published *The Rainbow of Dysfunction, Family Ties Unveiled: A Color-Coded Journey of Self-Discovery Through Your Family Tree*. The book

provides a way of identifying the traumas, learning about the circumstances, and offering healing from intergenerational family issues.

Certifications and Accreditations



Colette Hokanson, AG®, of Herriman, UT, USA, has received a second Accredited Genealogist certification for Norway from the International Commission for the Accreditation of Genealogists (ICAPGEN).



David E. Rencher AG®, CG®, FUGA, FIGRS, FNGS, of Riverton, UT, USA, has renewed his Accredited Genealogist certification for Ireland from ICAPGEN.

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Dialogues on Mental Health Records Symposium: 24-25 September 2026 in Austin, Texas

Registration is now open for the **Dialogues on Mental Health Records Symposium**, sponsored by the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health. The event will be held in Austin, Texas 24-25 September 2026 and will bring together archivists, historians, genealogists, descendants, former patients, and hospital administrators working together to address historical mental health records.

Speakers include: Dr. King Davis, The Central State Hospital Digital Library & Archives Project; Sarah Koonts, Retired State Archivist of North Carolina; Adrienne Fikes, Family Historian and Founder of the #16Greats Project; and Diedra Clark, Historic Preservation & Grant Coordinator, Texas Health and Human Services.



Dialogues on Mental Health Records

Hogg Foundation *for* Mental Health

The Symposium will also feature community-building activities, collaborative problem solving on the challenges of historical mental health records, and more.

For the full agenda and to register, visit https://utexas.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_07GbXTvx85x9cvY.

Indiana State Archives Seeking Feedback

The Indiana State Archives is preparing to move into a new downtown location later this year, creating a convenient research corridor alongside the Indiana State Library and the Indiana Historical Society.

As part of this transition, the Archives is asking researchers and genealogists to weigh in on several issues which could help fund additional staff and Saturday hours for research.

Your feedback can help improve access for everyone who relies on these records. You do not need to be a resident of Indiana to complete the survey.

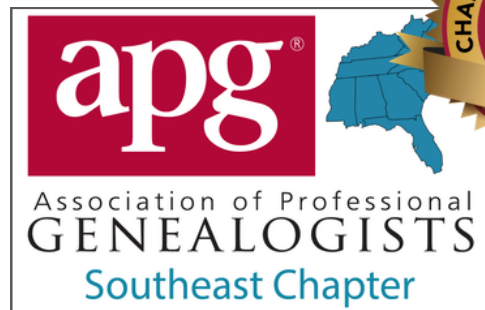
Please take a few minutes to complete the short survey at <https://forms.office.com/g/eebVHAZg5V> and share your perspective. Your voice matters.



Southeast Chapter Wins 2025 Chapter/SIG Excellence Award

APG President Tricia Seguine will present the 2025 Chapter/Special Interest Group Excellence Award to the APG Southeast Chapter. The chapter was singled out for a number of achievements in 2025, including:

- Growing the membership from five active members in March 2025 to 128 members in 32 states by December, and expanding from Georgia to include Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.
- Holding a “Record Access & Advocacy Panel” webinar focused on their region
- Launching a Chapter website, newsletter, and weekly chats
- Forming new committees and groups, including: Book Club; Presentation Practice; Writing & Editing; and Business Practices; and groups for each state covered by the chapter.
- Established system of external communication utilizing the apgen.org email address, apgen.org Message Boards, a Chapter Facebook group; and the Chapter webpage.



Additional benefits created by the chapter that have been implemented in 2026 include: a BCG certification accountability group; body doubling sessions (open to all APG members); and a study group for North Carolina Research: Genealogy and Local History by Helen F.M. Leary, CG®, FASG (led by Amy Pittman).

The Southeast Chapter’s current leadership includes Hope Glidden (President), Jennifer Dunn (Vice President), Christine E. Neumann (Secretary), Lisa Weaver (Treasurer), and Sarah Fullem (Chapter Representative).

At this time, there is no charge for APG members to join the Southeast Chapter. Learn more about the Southeast Chapter at www.apgen.org/southeast_chapter.php.

CHAPTERS AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



Contributed by Jill Morelli, Program Director, jkmorelli@gmail.com

The Puget Sound-APG Chapter, recipient of the Golden Chapter Award in 2022, meets once a month virtually on the fourth Monday of every month except June, July, August, and December. We are characterized by programs that bring in the leaders and innovators in genealogy.

Our reach is larger than just those states bordering the Sound. We welcome all members, particularly those from the Pacific Northwest, including Canada. All are welcomed to visit and to join our chapter.

Welcome to Our New Officers



President:
Karin Coppernoll,
PLCGS



Chapter Rep:
Bonnie Anderson,
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Secretary:
Nicole Cohn



Treasurer:
Michelle
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May Meeting

A Dash of History, A Pinch of Story: Cookbooks as Cultural Windows

25 May 2026

7:00 p.m. PDT (US)

Presenter: Gena Philibert-Ortega

Join PS-APG and presenter Gena Philibert-Ortega (right) for a discussion about cookbooks as an important cultural element to family history and story telling.



Gena is an author, researcher, and instructor whose focus is genealogy, social and women's history. She holds a Master's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (Psychology and Women's Studies) and a Master's degree in Religion.

To register for the meeting, go to the APG Event Calendar, to the date of the meeting, click on it and "Register for this Event." You can also set up a calendar reminder.

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Upcoming Monthly Programs

26 May 2026

8:00 p.m. EDT (US)

FIGG Innovation & Collaboration through the NTVIC

Presenter: Dr. Claire L. Glynn

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

23 June 2026

2:00 p.m. EDT (US)

Part 1: Finding Your Way - Example Paths to Careers in Forensic Genealogy Panel Discussion

Panelists: Kecia G. Lifton, CG®, Wendy McLean, Alison Wilde, AIGG, and Angela J. Harris, CG®

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



The chapter is excited to extend complimentary membership to APG members.

Sign up at www.southcentralapg.org.

Guide to One Hour Meetings

19 May 2026

7:00 p.m. Central (US)

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



Summer Boot Camp

May - August

3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Central (US)

Once a month participants will examine an article, design a short locality guide, create a research log and author a very short proof. Participants will be given certificates of completion and a small prize.

Sign up at

<https://members.apgen.org/Calendar/moreinfo.php?eventid=220563>.

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Members Gather at RQG Conference



APG members attending the 2026 RQG Conference (from left to right): David Ryan, Nicholas Dixon, Rhiannon Lloyd, Emma Devroey, and Ciara Chivers. Photo courtesy of Ciara Chivers.

A number of APG members recently attended a conference in Birmingham, United Kingdom, on 25 April 2026, that was organised by the Register of Qualified Genealogists (RQG). This enjoyable event was sponsored by APG and the speakers included three APG members: Dr. Sophie Kay, David Ryan, and Dr. Nicholas Dixon.

Next Chapter Meeting

15 May 2026

3:00 p.m. BST

Join the Britain, Ireland and the Isles Chapter for our next get-together on 15 May. A link to join the informal virtual chat will be emailed to members who are signed up to the Chapter on the APG website.

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Chapter Board Meeting

Tuesday, 5 May 2026

3:00 p.m. ET (US)

Register at

<https://members.apgen.org/Calendar/moreinfo.php?eventid=220698>

Body Doubling Sessions

Fridays at 10:00 a.m. ET (US)

Need to find some accountability or motivation? The Southeast Chapter is now hosting weekly, one-hour body doubling sessions every Friday at 10:00 a.m. ET (US). **There will be no session on 29 May 2026.**

These sessions are open to any APG member who needs the accountability or motivation to work on any research or writing projects. We'll take a few minutes to say what we are working on; cameras will remain on, and microphones off. The chat function can be used to ask questions.

Learn more about body doubling.

Register at

<https://members.apgen.org/Calendar/moreinfo.php?eventid=220665>.

Chapter General Meeting

Thursday, 21 May 2026

7:30 p.m. ET (US)

After the business portion of the meeting, we will have an open floor discussion about business tips, tricks, and problems. Register at

<https://members.apgen.org/Calendar/moreinfo.php?eventid=220637>

Weekly Chats

All APG members welcome! Drop-in to our weekly chats to find a welcoming place for your professional (or personal) genealogy woes and triumphs.

Tuesday Weekly Chats at 7:30 p.m. EDT (US)

Register at

<https://members.apgen.org/Calendar/moreinfo.php?eventid=191159>

- 5 May 2026
- 19 May 2026

Friday Weekly Chats at 1:00 p.m. EDT (US)

Register at

<https://members.apgen.org/Calendar/moreinfo.php?eventid=191158>

- 15 May 2026
- 29 May 2026

For worldwide time equivalents for all webinars & events, please visit

<https://www.timeanddate.com>.

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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 per year for 11 excellent speaker presentations. Find more information on the Writers SIG at www.apgen.org/writers_sig.php.

20 May 2026

8:00 p.m. ET (US)

Forty Years of Writing and Editing: You'd Think I'd Know What I Was Doing

Presenter: Barbara Vines Little, CG®, FNGS, FUGA, FVGS

Join us for a lively discussion with Barbara Vines Little (right) who will discuss the assumptions you shouldn't make, issues you need to plan for (some under your control and some not), and most of all what to do when "life happens" in the middle of writing and editing.



17 June 2026

8:00 p.m. ET (US)

New York State Archives Guide—Your Turn

Presenter: Jane E. Wilcox, FGBS

SIG Member Accomplishments



Denise E. Cross of Berlin, MA, USA, published "Occupational Clues to an Immigrant's Identity: A Case Study" in the *NGS Magazine*, April-June 2026, p.27-32.



Ted Georgas, CG® of Palatine, IL, USA, published "How Frederick C. Hageman and Abraham Lincoln Made Chicago a Great City," in *Chicago Genealogist*, Spring 2026; Chicago Genealogical Society.

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Mid-Atlantic Chat

Thursdays at 12:00 p.m. ET (US)
7, 14, 21, and 28 May 2026

Join us for our weekly genealogy chat. All APG members are welcome. Register at <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/FqreWHwFSRitjRxPQhxXEw>.

Accreditation Station

Monday, 4 May 2026
Monday, 18 May 2026
Monday, 1 June 2026
7:00 p.m. ET (US)

A bi-monthly support group for members pursuing accreditation. For more information, email MidAtlanticAPG@gmail.com.

Mid-Atlantic Chapter Board Meeting

13 May 2026
7:00–9:00 p.m. ET (US)

Our bi-monthly board meetings are held via Zoom and open to all Mid-Atlantic members. Check your email for the link or contact MidAtlanticAPG@gmail.com.

Happy Hour with Hope! Chat

25 May 2026
7:00 p.m. ET (US)

Come chat about all things genealogical. Register at <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/rHIHguQEY6AZCVNEMxchw>.

Second Tuesday: A Wynn Case Study

12 May 2026
12:00 p.m. ET (US)

Presenter: Valerie Williams

Join us when Valerie Williams of Family Links You Genealogy of shares a "Wynning" genealogical coincidence. Register at

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/OznbHGc0QzaSlluHuKtA8g>.

Mid-Atlantic General Meeting:

Ethical Storytelling
27 May 2026

7:00 p.m. ET (US)

Presenter: Laurianne Schell



Genealogical research often uncovers stories that are as challenging as they are compelling. Join presenter Laurianne Schell (left) to explore how to approach

those discoveries with care, addressing both ethical and legal considerations through practical examples. Register at

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87424183155?pwd=P63KlaQVqWBXglsgfFYIEbSXPBmaaa.1>

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