

Call for Papers
2008 BYU Family History and Genealogy Conference
“Strengthening Ties That Bind Families Together Forever”
29 July – 1 August 2008

Proposals are now being accepted for the 2008 BYU Family History and Genealogy Conference, which will be held Tuesday–Friday, 29 July–1 August at the Conference Center, BYU campus, Provo, Utah.

Each presentation will be 60 minutes in length, which includes time for questions and answers. Each presentation should reflect the latest status of research and publication on this topic. **Please do not submit more than eight proposals.**

The deadline for proposals is Monday, 3 March 2008. We welcome proposals that allow participants to gain new skills and helpful information in the following areas of family history and genealogy:

- Getting started in family history
 - Classes specifically designed for those never having done research
 - Other beginner topics
- Using computers and new software to simplify research
- Using new technologies for family research
- Research methodology: using BCG standards, research process, pedigree analysis, evidence evaluation, tracing immigrants, etc.
- Beginning, intermediate, and advanced research methodology in:
 - England
 - Ireland
 - Scotland
 - Wales
 - Germany
 - Scandinavia
 - United States
 - Canada
 - Other world areas
- Presentations for expert and professional researchers
- Writing and publishing family histories, journals, articles
- Family organizations and collaboration
- Family History Center support and family history consultant training

Presentations should not only inform, but should provide **step-by-step instructions** to help the participants use the class materials. **All syllabus materials should reflect the content of classes, both in detail and in sequence of instruction.**

Presentation style must be PowerPoint, lecture, or Internet. Conferences and Workshops will provide PC laptop computers with wireless Internet connection. Speakers should plan to bring their PowerPoint slide show on a flash drive, CD-ROM, or DVD-ROM. Be sure to have available a backup copy of your presentation. If yours is an Internet presentation, you must have screen shot backups in case of Internet failure.

Proposals should include:

- Full name of presenter
- Title
- Brief description of presentation for advertising brochure and Web page (50 words maximum)
- Audience skill level (beginner, intermediate, or advanced)
- Medium of presentation
 - PowerPoint
 - Lecture
 - Internet—Requires screen shot backup in case of Internet failure.
 - If it is necessary to make an overhead presentation, overheads must be created using at least a 20-point font and contain updated information
- Requested audio/visual equipment in addition to computer and LCD projector which will be in each room
- Current e-mail, mailing address, telephone number(s), and fax number (if any)
- List your previous experience presenting at conferences or workshops in the past three years, including titles of presentations
- Brief biographical sketch for the syllabus (50 words maximum)

Compensation: Speakers participating in the Conference will receive:

- Complimentary registration
- Conference syllabus
- \$100 per presentation, plus a bonus of \$50 per presentation if your camera-ready syllabus materials (1) follow the syllabus guidelines listed above and (2) are submitted by midnight on Monday, 23 June 2008. Out-of-state speakers selected to present four or more presentations will also receive accommodations, \$100 towards travel, and a cafeteria meal card covering the days of the conference.
- If an in-state speaker is speaking both in the morning and in the afternoon of a specific day, lunch will be provided.

Please e-mail lecture proposals in Word or Acrobat format no later than 3 March 2008. **NOTE:** Microsoft Word documents are preferred.

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