Call for Papers

“Strengthening Ties That Bind Families Together”
Tuesday, July 28 through Friday, July 31, 2015

Proposals are now being accepted for the 2015 BYU Conference on Family History and Genealogy which will be held Tuesday, July 28 through Friday, July 31, at the BYU Conference Center in Provo, Utah.

Proposals are accepted via Qualtrics. You may submit up to eight proposals by clicking on the following link: https://byu.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_2ubCVRc7fS1LXvSd.

The deadline for proposals is Monday, January 26, 2015. 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 who never have done research
- Vendor demonstration classes
- Classes for youth
- Writing, preserving, and sharing histories online (blogging, photos and stories)
- Digital technologies
- Using computers, technology and the Internet for research
- Record types (probate, immigration/naturalization, church, newspapers, military, etc.)
- Beginning, intermediate, and advanced research methodology in:
  - British Isles (England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales)
  - Germany
  - Scandinavia
  - United States—state and regional topics
  - Other countries and international regions (these presentations may not be compensated)
- Family History Center support and family history consultant training

Presentations should inform and provide step-by-step instructions to help participants use the class materials. 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 the topic. All syllabus material should reflect the content of classes, both in detail and in sequence of instruction.
Presentation style must be PowerPoint or Internet. BYU Conferences and Workshops will provide in each classroom a laptop computer with Internet connection and an LCD projector. Speakers should plan to bring their PowerPoint slide show on a flash drive, CD-ROM, or DVD-ROM in a format readable by Windows. Be sure to have a backup copy of your presentation available. If yours is an Internet presentation, you must have screenshot backups in case of Internet failure.

Please be prepared with the following information for your proposals:

- Full name of the presenter
- A brief biographical sketch of the presenter for the syllabus (50 words maximum)
- Title of the presentation
- Class description (50 words maximum), to be used for an advertising brochure and web page, that includes detailed information about the main topics to be discussed in the class
- Audience skill level (beginner, intermediate, or advanced)
- If your presentation deals with a country, research topic or technology that is likely to draw fewer than 15 students, indicate whether you will teach the class without compensation
- Medium of presentation
  - PowerPoint
  - Internet (requires screen shot backup in case of Internet failure)
- Any audiovisual equipment needed in addition to a computer and LCD projector, which will already be in each room
- Current e-mail, mailing address, telephone number(s)
- A list detailing your previous experience presenting at conferences or workshops in the past three years, including titles of presentations

Compensation

Speakers participating in the conference will receive:

- Complimentary registration
- Conference syllabus on CD
- $100 per presentation
- If your proposal is accepted, a syllabus must be submitted or the class will be canceled; a bonus of $50 per presentation will be given if your camera-ready syllabus materials:
  - follow the syllabus guidelines listed on the acceptance letter
  - are submitted by midnight on Monday, May 18, 2015
- Out-of-state speakers selected to give 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
- Presenters of classes that are expected to draw less than 15 students will receive $50 compensation for their camera-ready syllabus (if submitted on time) and complimentary registration

Please submit presentation proposals via the following link no later than Monday, January 26, 2015: https://byu.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_2ubCVRe7fSLXvSd.

Initial acceptance (pending on University approval*) of presentation proposals will be sent by the program committee by the end of March 2015.

*Further instructions on how to acquire this approval will be given in March.