

# PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

**Paul Abbott** is currently a product manager at FamilySearch working with digital imaging and processing. In this role, he was responsible for defining and developing the next generation of digital tools and processes needed to rapidly gather and publish collections for FamilySearch. Paul has worked for companies such as Novell, IBM and Ancestry.com.

*"Tools and Methods for Digitally Capturing Records" Level: All Levels, Wednesday 4:00–5:00 p.m. 2254 CONF*

**Kenneth L. Alford** is an associate professor at BYU who teaches religion and family history courses. A retired U.S. Army colonel with almost 30 years of active duty military service, he previously taught at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the National Defense University in Washington, D.C.

*"Deciphering Military Service Records" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Tuesday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2295 CONF*

**Cathy Anderegg** is currently serving as a missionary with the Product Services team of the Family History Library. She has direct responsibility for teaching New FamilySearch to Family History Library patrons.

*"New FamilySearch Advanced Issues" Level: Advanced, Tuesday 2:45–3:45 p.m. 2260 CONF*

**C. Lynn Andersen AG®**, was born and raised in Kentucky. She is an avid genealogist and dedicated to helping people find their missing ancestors. Lynn is accredited in mid-South states research. She served a part-time service mission for the Church and Family History Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, assigned to Family History Center Support and Worldwide Support Services, quality assurance team. She was director of the Tooele Valley Family History Center for 5 ½ years. As director, Lynn developed a family history training program for center patrons and taught family history classes for the Tooele Institute of Religion. She has also taught at local genealogical conferences.

*"Beginning Genealogy Basics" Level: Beginner, All Day Tuesday 1031 C JFSB*

*"Internet Solutions to Mid-South States Research Problems" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Friday 2:45–3:45 p.m. 2258 CONF*

**David S. Barss AG®**, is a project manager and team leader for record linkage in the Historical Family Reconstitution unit of FamilySearch. He is an accredited genealogist for research in the New England and Midwestern states. He has been with the Family History Department since April 1990.

*"The Harvest Within—Building Community Trees" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Thursday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2254 CONF*

**Danielle Batson, AG, MLS** is a United States and Canada research consultant at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. She has a four-year degree from BYU in family history and is an accredited genealogist for the Midwestern states. She has worked as a professional genealogist since 1997.

*"U.S. Naturalization Records" Level: Intermediate, Tuesday 2:45–3:45 p.m. 2295 CONF*

*"New York State Research" Level: Intermediate, Thursday 2:45–3:45 p.m. 2287 CONF*

**Ben Bennett** is chief of staff for FamilySearch Patron Services and product manager for the FamilySearch Wiki. He has been in the high-tech industry and customer care for more than 14 years. He joined FamilySearch in 2009 with a focus on driving improvement and innovation helping in partners and patrons find their ancestors. Prior to joining FamilySearch, Ben held various positions at Microsoft, most recently responsible in Windows Global Support where he was in more than 3 million direct customer interactions each year and tens of millions of indirect interactions via key partners (such as HP, Dell, Lenovo and others). Ben attended BYU for undergraduate studies and Seattle University for graduate/MBA studies.

*"Who Wants to be a Family History Millionaire?" Level: All Levels, Tuesday 9:45–10:45 a.m. 2254 CONF*

**Tara Bergeson** is currently an Area Manager at FamilySearch Patron Services. In this role, she is responsible for all FamilySearch Support efforts in the southern United States. Prior to this position, Tara worked in FamilySearch Support providing management support to missionaries worldwide. Before joining FamilySearch, she worked as a Network Operations Manager responsible for accounts throughout the United States such as Citibank, MasterCard, and eBay.

*"Consultants and Tools to Work with FamilySearch" Level: All Levels, Friday 8:30–9:30 a.m. 2254 CONF*

**Laura Best** is a popular author, lecturer, and genealogist. CEO of EchoRoad, Laura creates products that link families' heritage. Laura has written five books on genealogy techniques. Her book *Genealogy for the First Time* has been translated into five languages and is in stores and libraries throughout the world.

*"Genealogy Online for the First Time" Level: Beginner, Tuesday 2:45–3:45 p.m. 2258 CONF*

*"Finding Family Information and Clues in Cemeteries" Level: All Levels, Wednesday 4:00–5:00 p.m. 2265 CONF*

**F. Warren Bittner**, a genealogical researcher and lecturer, holds an MS in history from Utah State University. He is the former German collection manager for the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, where he planned microfilming, indexing, book acquisitions, and internet publications. He has researched extensively in U.S., German, and Swiss records.

*"No Source Stands Alone—Many Records Lead to Grandma: A Case Study in City Research" Level: Intermediate, Wednesday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2258 CONF*

*"Understanding and Researching Illegitimacy: A Case Study" Level: Intermediate, Friday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2265 CONF*

**Claire V. Brisson-Banks**, BS, AG®, is a Roger Williams University graduate, accredited in England and a professional researcher for U.S./Canada, Scotland and Web 2.0 technology. She owns Timeless Genealogy and is currently on staff at the Family History Library, Salt Lake City, UT, as the staff information services specialist. She is working on an MLIS (2010). She is a member of multiple societies and has written articles for various genealogical and academic publications.

*"The Quest for Your English Ancestors" Level: Advanced, Thursday 4:00–5:00 p.m. 2295 CONF*

*"Scottish Highlanders in America" Level: Intermediate, Friday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2295 CONF*

*"New England Research" Level: All Levels, Friday 2:45–3:45 p.m. 2265 CONF*

**Karen Clifford**, AG®, FUGA, develops curriculum and teaches online genealogy courses at Monterey Peninsula College in California and Salt Lake Community College. She has written several college textbooks on genealogy and genealogy credentialing, and also numerous family histories as president of www.GRAOnline.com. She currently serves on the ICAPGen Testing Committee.

*"A Tool Chest for Tracing 19th Century Immigrants" Level: All Levels, Tuesday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2258 CONF*

**Lee Cormier** received a bachelor's degree in information management from Brigham Young University and an MBA from the University of Utah. He is currently a senior product manager at FamilySearch, where he has worked for the last five years. Lee previously worked for several companies, including Symantec and Intel, managing the product life-cycles of various software and hardware offerings in the areas of disaster recovery, SMB routers, and virus protection.

*"New FamilySearch Collaborative Techniques (Disputes Out, Discussion In)" Level: Intermediate, Tuesday 4:00–5:00 p.m. 2254 CONF*

*"New FamilySearch Collaborative Techniques (Disputes Out, Discussion In)" Level: Intermediate, Thursday 2:45–3:45 p.m. 2254 CONF*

*"Question and Answer Panel on New FamilySearch" Level: All Levels, Thursday 4–5 p.m. 2260 CONF*

**Apryl Cox**, AG®, is an accredited genealogist, an APG member, and an ICAPGen officer. She does client research and consultation, teaches genealogy classes and lectures at national, state and local conferences.

*"Church of England Parish Chest Records" Level: Intermediate, Tuesday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2265 CONF*

*"England's Pre-1858 Probate Records" Level: Intermediate, Thursday 11 a.m.–noon 2295 CONF*

*"Very Basic Latin for Genealogists" Level: Beginner, Friday 9:45–10:45 a.m. 2295 CONF*

*"Pedigree Analysis" Level: Intermediate, Friday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2267 CONF*

**Tim Cross** has been product manager for New FamilySearch for the past five years. Prior to working for the LDS Church, Tim worked in the computer industry for PriceWaterhouse; Booz, Allen & Hamilton and Novell. Tim is currently responsible for working with FamilySearch affiliates.

*"Question and Answer Panel on New FamilySearch" Level: All Levels, Thursday 4:00–5:00 p.m. 2260 CONF*

*"FamilySearch's Development Community" Level: All Levels, Friday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2254 CONF*

**Yvonne Curry** is a professional researcher with experience in U.S., Canadian, and Italian research. She successfully completed the NGS home study course. She has served as a FHC volunteer and on the library committee of the California Genealogical Society. She currently teaches genealogy classes at the Logan Regional Family History Center.

*"Connecting With Cousins: Using the Internet to Locate Distant Relatives and Collaborate with Cousins" Level: All Levels, Friday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2258 CONF*

**Luana Darby** is a professional genealogist and family history graduate of BYU, working on a master's degree in Library and Information Science. She is also working toward accreditation in Midwest research. The owner of Lineages by Luana, she has lectured at NGS, UGA, BYU and ICAPGen conferences. She is currently serving as president of UGA.

*"Using State Archives and Local Library Sites Online" Level: Intermediate/Advanced, Wednesday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2260 CONF*

*"From the Heartland—Utilizing Online Resources in Midwest Research" Level: All Levels, Wednesday 4:00–5:00 p.m. 2260 CONF*

*"Read All About It—A Guide to Newspapers Online" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Friday 9:45–10:45 a.m. 2258 CONF*

*"State Census Records—A Hidden Resource" Level: All Levels, Friday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2260 CONF*

**David Dilts**, AG® is a Senior Reference Consultant in U.S. Reference at the Family History Library. He has served in ICAPGen and the Utah Genealogical Association. Recent presentations: ICAPGen, BYU Computerized Genealogy, UGA, Fresno CA, San Jose CA, Grand Junction CO. He is accredited in LDS Records and German research.

*"Civil War Research" Level: All Levels Friday 8:30–9:30 a.m. 2265 CONF*

*"Research Logs: The Most Important Tool for Organizing Your Research" Level: All Levels, Friday 2:45–3:45 p.m. 2260 CONF*

**Suzanne Earnshaw** is a professional genealogist and family historian. She holds a BA in family history from BYU and this year will have earned a MA in history of families. Suzanne has completed numerous genealogical consulting projects for individuals and families. She also consulted as a lead genealogist for the BYU Broadcasting television show, *The Generations Project*.

*"British Imperialist Records" Level: Intermediate, Tuesday 9:45–10:45 a.m. 2295 CONF*

**Stephen Kent Ehat** is a California attorney living in Lindon, Utah. He recently served as the director of the Lindon Family History Center, serving six stakes in Lindon and Orem, Utah. He has performed family history research since 1969 and is proficient in American, German, French, Irish and Italian research. He has performed descendency research for many years.

*"So You Think You Know How to Read a Census—How to Do it Right and Avoid Error" Level: All Levels, Tuesday 9:45–10:45 a.m. 2260 CONF*

*"Secret Tools for Descendency Research—Why and How to Do It" Level: All Levels, Thursday 2:45–3:45 p.m. 2258 CONF*

*"Back-Door Research Breaks Through Brick Walls" Level: All Levels, Friday 9:45–10:45 a.m. 2265 CONF*

**Loretta Evans, AG®** specializes in researching the Midwestern United States. Her writings have appeared in magazines such as *Ancestry*, *Everton's Genealogical Helper*, and the *Ensign*. She and her husband currently serve in the Salt Lake City Family and Church History Mission.

"Dead Men Do Tell Tales" Level: All Levels, Tuesday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2267 CONF

"Illustrate Your Family History Using Unusual Sources" Level: All Levels, Wednesday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2267 CONF

"U.S. Vital Records Online" Level: All Levels, Friday 8:30–9:30 a.m. 2258 CONF

**Barry J. Ewell** resides in Riverton, Utah. He is the founder of MyGenShare.com. He is a writer and researcher with extensive genealogical experience in Internet and field research, digital and software resources and mentoring genealogists. Research interests include eastern U.S., United Kingdom, Scandinavia, Germany, and Russia.

"If Sherlock Holmes Were a Genealogist" Level: All Levels, Tuesday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2258 CONF

"Capturing the Image: Digital Photography and Scanning for the Genealogist" Level: All Levels, Tuesday 4:00–5:00 p.m. 2258 CONF

"How to Conduct, Record, Edit and Use Oral and Audiovisual Interviews" Level: All Levels, Wednesday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2260 CONF

"Learn the Tech to Trace Your Roots" Level: All Levels, Wednesday 2:45–3:45 p.m. 2254 CONF

**Colleen Fitzpatrick, Ph.D.**, author of *Forensic Genealogy*, is an award-winning feature writer and columnist for *Ancestry* magazine. She has been recognized by the international press for her work with the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory. Her article on her work on the "Hand in the Snow" identification will appear in *Scientific American*, summer 2010.

"Not Just the Facts Ma'am, Give Me the Big Picture" Level: All Levels, Tuesday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2267 CONF

"Forensic Genealogy—CSI Meets Roots" Level: All Levels, Tuesday 2:45–3:45 p.m. 2267 CONF

"A Different Kind of DNA Talk" Level: All Levels, Wednesday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2258 CONF

"The Unknown Child on the Titanic Identified!...Identified!?" Level: All Levels, Thursday 4:00–5:00 p.m. 2287 CONF

**Scott Flinders** is the Sr. Product Manager at FamilySearch.org responsible for the FamilySearch Indexing product. As Product Manager, he is responsible for the overall direction and customer satisfaction of the software used by indexers throughout the world. Scott has over 13 years of product management experience in the software industry, including companies such as Novell, Iomega and NTT.

"FamilySearch Indexing" Level: All Levels, Friday 9:45–10:45 a.m. 2260 CONF

**Diane VanSkiver Gagel** is a college instructor, freelance writer, and professional genealogist. She has a M. A. in American Studies and has lectured nationally and locally on a variety of topics. She is Past President of The Ohio Genealogical Society. She is the author of four books: *Ohio Photographers, 1839-1900*; *Windows on the Past: Identifying, Dating, and Preserving Photographs*; *Directory of Photographers in the United States and Canada in 1888 & 1889*; *The Laubers: A Journey of Faith*. She is also the author of the *NGS Guide to the States: Ohio*.

"Windows on the Past: Dating, Identifying, and Caring for Historic Photographs, Part 1" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Tuesday 9:45–10:45 a.m. 2265 CONF

"Windows on the Past: Dating, Identifying, and Caring for Historic Photographs, Part 2" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Tuesday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2265 CONF

"The Petticoat War: Women's Roles in the Civil War Era" Level: Intermediate, Tuesday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2295 CONF

"Reading Between the Lines: Expanding on a Military Record" Level: Intermediate, Wednesday 9:45–10:45 a.m. 2265 CONF

"It's Easier Than You Think: Correctly Citing Your Sources" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Friday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2265 CONF

**Cynthia Doxey Green, Ph.D.** was an Associate Professor at BYU, teaching and researching family history and British emigration, before moving to North Carolina in 2008. New opportunities have opened up for her now to research Southern genealogy and to serve in the local Family History Center.

"To Combine or Not Combine? That is the Question . . . in New FamilySearch" Level: Beginner, Tuesday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2260 CONF

"British Emigrants and their Records" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Tuesday 4–5 p.m. 2265 CONF

"How Did Y'all Find Your Family? Beginning Southern Research" Level: Beginner, Wednesday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2295 CONF

"Truth or Fiction? When Family Story Meets Recorded History" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Wednesday 2:45–3:45 p.m. 2267 CONF

**Jennifer P. Hansen AG®**, graduated from Brigham Young University with a degree in Family History and Genealogy. In 1999 she received her genealogy Accreditation in Danish research. She works as a professional researcher. Other experience includes: acquisitions genealogist for Ancestry.com and teaching research classes and writing for genealogical magazines.

"Beginning Scandinavian Research" Level: Beginner, Thursday 9:45–10:45 a.m. 2265 CONF

"Which Hans Jensen in Mine? Navigating Patronymics in Scandinavian Research" Level: Intermediate, Thursday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2265 CONF

"Scandinavian Church Records" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Thursday 4:00–5:00 p.m. 2265 CONF

**Mary E.V. Hill, MLS, AGCM** (Southern States & Eastern States); reference librarian BYU, 1989-1992; genealogy instructor BYU, 1992-1995; Family History Library 1995-2006. LDS missionary: Family History Library 2006-2008; family history consultant. Author of *Saga of a Southern Loyalist: William Riddle*; *Angel Children*; and *Family Roots Organizer Video Series*. UGA Crossroads. Lecturer - U.S. research methods and genealogical organization; mother and grandmother.

"Colonial Immigrants: Who They Were and Where They Came From" Level: Intermediate, Wednesday 9:45–10:45 a.m. 2295 CONF

"Tracking Families Using the Draper Manuscripts" Level: Advanced, Wednesday 2:45–3:45 p.m. 2295 CONF

"New Jersey: In the Middle of Things" Level: Intermediate, Thursday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2265 CONF

**Leslie Albrecht Huber** is a freelance writer and speaker and has worked as a professional genealogist. She is the author of nearly 100 articles in magazines and journals as well as a newly released book, *The Journey Takers*. Leslie also serves on the board of several genealogical societies.

"Get Organized! Take Control of Your Research Projects" Level: Beginner, Tuesday 9:45–10:45 a.m. 2258 CONF

"Beyond Names and Dates: Uncovering Your Ancestor's Stories" Level: All Levels, Wednesday 9:45–10:45 a.m. 2267 CONF

"How to Write a Page-Turning (But True) Family History" Level: All Levels, Wednesday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2267 CONF

"Eight Ways to Cross the Ocean" Level: Intermediate, Thursday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2267 CONF

**Baerbel K. Johnson, AG®** is a research consultant at the Family History Library . She holds degrees in Family and Local History Studies and Sociology from BYU, and has extensive research experience. Member of ICAPGen, NGS, the German Professional Genealogists Association, and the German Society for Computer Genealogy.

*"Using German Church Records" Level: Beginner, Wednesday 9:45–10:45 a.m. 2258 CONF*

*"German Research on the Internet: Compiled Town Genealogies and Parish Register Indexes" Level: All Levels, Wednesday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2265 CONF*

*"Solving German Emigration Problems" Level: All Levels, Wednesday 4:00–5:00 p.m. 2258 CONF*

**Robert Kehrer** worked for 12 years as a molecular geneticist identifying disease genes by building very large family pedigrees. He has an MBA and worked in the technology industry managing strategic alliances and driving market strategy. For the last 3 years Robert has worked for FamilySearch as a product manager in the Family History Library, producing the public APIs and is currently managing the features of the FamilySearch.org beta.

*"FamilySearch 2010 and Beyond" Level: All Levels, Wednesday 2:45–3:45 p.m. 2260 CONF*

**Echo King, AG®** graduated from Brigham Young University with a degree in Family History. She specializes in English research. Echo currently serves as the ICAPGen Renewal Secretary and has worked for Ancestry.com for over nine years.

*"Using the Censuses of England, Wales and Scotland on Ancestry" Level: All Levels, Thursday 9:45–10:45 a.m. 2295 CONF*

**Nancy Waters Lauer** is a researcher, lecturer, college instructor, published writer, and award-winning author. She is a member of several local and national genealogical societies including APG, GSG, and serves as the current secretary for ISFHWE. She is a college instructor and conducts genealogical lectures on the local, state, and national level.

*"When a Brick Wall Crumbles onto the Wrong Path—A Case Study" Level: Beginner, Tuesday 4:00–5:00 p.m. 2295 CONF*

*"Grandma Lived in Maryland—Research Repositories and Internet Sites" Level: Beginner, Thursday 9:45–10:45 a.m. 2287 CONF*

*"Humor, Drama, Suspense: Capture it all with Microsoft® PowerPoint" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Thursday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2254 CONF*

*"Your Ancestor Was... Occupations of our Ancestors" Level: Beginner, Friday 8:30–9:30 a.m. 2260 CONF*

*"Demystifying Microsoft® Excel" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Friday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2267 CONF*

**Daniel C. Lawyer** is a senior product manager for FamilySearch where he develops the FamilySearch.org web site; the integration of new FamilySearch, Record Search, and Research Wiki, Forums. His vision is to evolve FamilySearch into a site that helps friends and family work together to connect to their common roots.

*"The Future of FamilySearch (Something Big is Coming Soon)" All Levels, Thursday 8:30–9:30 a.m. 2258 & 2260 CONF*

**Terry Nels Lee** is currently an Area Family History Adviser for the Utah South Area. He is a Professor Emeritus at the BYU Marriott School of Management.

*"Did Your Ancestors Have an Original Homestead?" Level: All Levels, Tuesday 9:45–10:45 a.m. 2267 CONF*

**Russell S. Lynch, AG®, MLS**, works for FamilySearch in collection management. He serves on committees for genealogical societies and library associations.

*"Connecting New FamilySearch Ancestors with Utah Records" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Wednesday 9:45–10:45 a.m. 2260 CONF*

**Ruth Ellen Maness, AG®, Sr.** Research Consultant, International Unit FHL; Co-author, Passport to Paradise..., Legacy of Sacrifice...; Lecturer, Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), National Genealogical Society (NGS), BYU, ICAPGen conferences; Instructor, UGA Salt Lake Institute; Author, Scandinavia – Questions & Answers in Everton's Genealogical Helper.

*"Scandinavia-Unique Record Sources" Level: All Levels, Thursday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2287 CONF*

*"The Chicken Walked Here: Learning to Read Germanic and Scandinavian Gothic Script" Level: All Levels, Thursday 2:45–3:45 p.m. 2265 CONF*

**Bill Mangum** has 18+ years of experience in the software industry working for FamilySearch.org, Citrix, Novel, WordPerfect, and others. He has worked for FamilySearch for over 7 years and has learned a lot from dedicated genealogist and archivists from around the world. He finds great reward in bringing communities together to accomplish more than any one of them could do alone.

*"Community Indexing" Level: All Levels, Friday 2:45–3:45 p.m. 2295 CONF*

**Alan E. Mann, AG®**, is accredited in England and Australia research, and is a Community Manager for FamilySearch (formerly Family History Library Information Services manager, British reference consultant, Automated Resource Center supervisor). He teaches Applied British Research for BYU, writes columns, reviews, and articles for various magazines, and lectures around the country on the Internet and British research. Alan has been an officer or director of UGA, GenTech and of the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History. Alan has been program chair for many conferences and is co-founder and co-chair of the BYU Computerized Genealogy conference. (1998-2002, 2006-10)

*"Tapping Into the Crowd: Harnessing Social Networking" Level: All Levels, Tuesday 2:45–3:45 p.m. 2254 CONF*

*"Helping You Give So You Can Receive: The FamilySearch Community" Level: Beginner, Thursday 9:45–10:45 a.m. 2254 CONF*

*"Search Engines: Getting More from Google and Using More than Google" Level: Intermediate, Thursday 4:00–5:00 p.m. 2254 CONF*

*"A Look at English Research on the Internet" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Friday 2:45–3:45 p.m. 2254 CONF*

**Lorinda Mann** has been doing family history research for over thirty years. She taught family history at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, Colorado and Wray Community College. She has worked for the Family History Library and done professional research. Lorinda has written articles for UGA Quarterly, the OGSA of America based in Minneapolis, and has also written five family histories. She served as the president and program chair of the German Chapter of UGA. Serving as Stake Family History Consultant, she chaired five family history conferences in the Taylorsville South Stake. She has lectured at local family history conferences, BYU, and also in Massachusetts, Nebraska, Florida, California, Massachusetts and Minnesota. She is the mother of six children and grandmother of ten.

*"Organizing, Editing and Improving Your Family History for Publication" Level: Intermediate, Wednesday 4:00–5:00 p.m. 2267 CONF*

**Kahlile Mehr, MA, MLS, AG®**, has thirty years experience working LDS Family History. He is the current manager of the Slavic/Germanic collection. He has visited archives throughout Eastern Europe. He has published twenty-two articles and a book on family and local history topics. He serves on the boards of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies and the Federation of East European Family History Societies.

*"Baltic Research" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Friday 8:30–9:30 a.m. 2287 CONF*

*"Russian Empire Genealogy Primer" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Friday 9:45–10:45 a.m. 2287 CONF*

*"Polish Gazetteers and Maps Online" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Friday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2287 CONF*

**Ruth Lapioli Merriman AG®**, is the manager of International Reference in the Family History Library. She graduated from BYU with a Bachelor's degree in English and a Master's degree in Library science. She is an accredited Italian researcher with ICAPGen and is passionate about Italian genealogy.

*"Italian Marriage Records, More Than You Think" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Wednesday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2287 CONF*

*"Vivant Linguae Mortuae!" Understanding Latin in European Church Records" Level: Beginner, Wednesday 2:45–3:45 p.m. 2265 CONF*

*"Italian Research on the Internet" Level: Beginner, Friday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2287 CONF*

**Kory L. Meyerink, MLS, AG®, FUGA**, Vice-President of ProGenealogists in Salt Lake City. Former product manager for Ancestry, and publications coordinator for the Family History Library. Past President of UGA, founding director of the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. Editor and author of Printed Sources, adjunct professor for BYU and SJSU.

*"What Could Have Happened: Creating and Proving Hypotheses to Solve Tough Problems" Level: Intermediate, Thursday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2258 CONF*

*"Genealogical Keys to the Keystone State (Pennsylvania)" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Thursday 4:00–5:00 p.m. 2267 CONF*

*"Electronic Passenger Lists: Promises and Pitfalls" Level: Intermediate, Friday 9:45–10:45 a.m. 2254 CONF*

**Denise Mortorff** is a retired university lecturer with 35+ years family history experience: staff member – local history collection; author - nationally recognized genealogy; administrator - family history project and DNA study; one-name study administrator; presenter with current research interest in Medieval and Early Modern records particularly related to bridging Colonial ancestry to British Isles.

*"Apprenticeship-Becoming a Craftsman, Tradesman, Freeman" Level: Intermediate, Thursday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2295 CONF*

*"Ecclesiastical Jurisdictions and Probate Records" Level: Intermediate, Friday 8:30–9:30 a.m. 2295 CONF*

**Sylvia Murray** is a researcher for 32 years and Genealogy Teacher for 27 years. Lecturer at seminars and workshops. Topics range from beginners classes on techniques, record location, effective internet research, specific record type, religion, or subjects requested by local groups. I use story telling techniques to increase retention, motivation, and solving dead ends.

*"Homesteads in the United States" Level: All Levels, Wednesday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2295 CONF*

*"Great Plains States Overview" Level: All Levels, Wednesday 4:00–5:00 p.m. 2295 CONF*

*"Central Great Plains States, Kansas and Nebraska" Level: All Levels, Thursday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2287 CONF*

**Jean Naisbitt** graduated from BYU with AS degrees in Genealogy and Library Science. She was a Stake Family History Director for over ten years before serving a mission to Zimbabwe, Africa. She and her husband have also served two missions to the Family Search Worldwide Support Zone in the Family and Church History mission. They've recently been called to serve a fourth mission at the Humanitarian Center in Salt Lake City, giving V.I.P. Tours. She is pursuing her BS degree from BYU in Family History.

*"Inherited Aunt Blanche's Records: Sort, De-junk, and Save the Family's Jewels" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Thursday 9:45–10:45 a.m. 2267 CONF*

**Elder Dennis B. Neuenschwander** served a mission to Finland as a young man and presided over the Austria Vienna East Mission from 1987–1991. Prior to his call as a General Authority, he was responsible for the acquisition of genealogical sources throughout Eastern Europe. Called as a general authority in 1991, Elder Neuenschwander served in the Presidency of the Seventy from 2000–2004. He is married to Joni Kay Lee. Elder Neuenschwander was granted emeritus status at the October 2009 General Conference.

*"It Is More than About Names" Level: All Levels, Tuesday 8:30–9:30 a.m. 2258 & 2260 CONF*

**David Obee** is the co-author (with Sherry Irvine) of Finding Your Canadian Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide, published by Ancestry in 2007. He has compiled eight other books for Canadian genealogists, and has given more than 300 talks about genealogical and historical research to genealogical society meetings and conferences, libraries, and community groups. Dave runs CanGenealogy, a link site that is selective and sorted for ease of use. Dave is a genealogical columnist for Canada's History Magazine. He has visited 17 countries in Europe, and has done genealogical research in most of them. He has a keen interest in the world war battle areas in France, Belgium and Luxembourg.

*"Destination Canada" Level: All Levels, Thursday 9:45–10:45 a.m. 2258 CONF*

*"Mining the Canadian Census" Level: Beginner, Thursday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2258 CONF*

*"Canadian Genealogy on the Internet" Level: Intermediate, Thursday 4:00–5:00 p.m. 2258 CONF*

**Ismael Orrantia** started doing genealogy 20 years ago researching his ancestors in the northern part of Chihuahua, Mexico visiting the archives. Moved to Salt Lake City, Utah in 1998 and continued his research in the Family History Library. Served as a volunteer in the Family History Library for two years. He has researched ancestors back to the mid 1500s on his father's and mother's side to the Indians in Oaxaca, Mexico (Toltecs). He is currently working as a Latin-America Research Consultant in the Family History Library.

*"Learning to Read Spanish Documents" Level: Intermediate, Friday 2:45–3:45 p.m. 2287 CONF*

**David Ouimette**, CG, manager of Content Strategy at FamilySearch, prioritizes historical records for acquisition and online publication for family history research. He specializes in the records of Ireland, Quebec, and New England. David lectures at national genealogical conferences and institutes. He authored *Finding Your Irish Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide*.

*"What's New in Irish Family History on the Internet?" Level: Beginner, Tuesday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2260 CONF*

*"Irish Land and Property Valuation Records Tuesday" Level: Intermediate, Tuesday 4:00–5:00 p.m. 2265 CONF*

*"Discovering Your French-Canadian Heritage" Level: Beginner, Thursday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2267 CONF*

**Barbara Renick** is a frequent lecturer at national genealogical conferences; teaches at the Orange Regional Family History Center; and has authored several books and instructional videos. Her book titled *Genealogy 101: How to Trace Your Family's History and Heritage* was sponsored by the National Genealogical Society for their 100th Anniversary.

*"Publishing" Level: Intermediate, Tuesday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2254 CONF*

*"Ask and Ye Shall Receive: Help Online" Level: All Levels, Wednesday 9:45–10:45 a.m. 2254 CONF*

*"Collaboration: Past, Present and Future" Level: All Levels, Wednesday 2:45–3:45 p.m. 2258 CONF*

*"Techniques for Searching Library Catalogs Online" Level: All Levels, Thursday 2:45–3:45 p.m. 2260 CONF*

**George R. Ryskamp**, JD, AG®, Associate Professor of History at BYU, is the author of numerous books and articles and a regular lecturer at national and international conferences. An Accredited Genealogist specializing in Spanish language research and United States probate and legal systems, he has each year for twelve years taken group of students to Spain, France and/or Italy to learn firsthand how to research in archives.

*"Spain and Latin America Online" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Wednesday 9:45–10:45 a.m. 2287 CONF*

*"Follow the Flow: U.S. Probate Research" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Tuesday 4:00–5:00 p.m. 2260 CONF*

*"European Civil Registration Records" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Wednesday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2265 CONF*

*"Connecting New FamilySearch Ancestors with Original Records" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Wednesday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2254 CONF*

*"Research in Dutch When You Don't Know Much" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Wednesday 4:00–5:00 p.m. 2287 CONF*

**Joseph Shumway** AG®, is a native of Star Valley, Wyoming. Joseph discovered genealogy at the age of 12. He now works full-time as a professional genealogist with ProGenealogists, Inc in Salt Lake City. Joseph is an Accredited Genealogist with a wide range of geographic specialties including England, Wales, Scotland, U.S., Italy, Hungary, Latin America and Jewish research. He lives in Grantsville, Utah.

*"Has it All Been Done?" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Tuesday 4:00–5:00 p.m. 2267 CONF*

**Heidi Sugden** AG®, has been employed by the Family History Library for ten years. She is accredited in French Research.

*"Learn to Read French Church and Civil Records" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Wednesday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2287 CONF*

*"How to Find French Ancestors Online" Level: All Levels, Wednesday 2:45–3:45 p.m. 2287 CONF*

**Samantha Ann Sulser** is a Data Analyst for FamilySearch, the largest genealogical organization in the world. Her work includes extensive knowledge of New FamilySearch and temple ordinance data. She has a B.S. and Master's degree in accounting.

*"Submitting Names for the Temple" Level: All Levels, Tuesday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2254 CONF*

*"Submitting Names for the Temple (Repeat)" Level: All Levels, Thursday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2260 CONF*

*"New FamilySearch Tips, Tricks and Resources" Level: All Levels, Friday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2254 CONF*

**Kelly R. Summers**, AG®, received her B.A. in Family and Community History from BYU. Her specialty is U.S. research with expertise in U.S. Midwestern. Kelly is also experienced in Spanish & Latin American research. Kelly teaches and lectures on many genealogical topics including methodology, technology, and specific record types found in U.S. and Spanish research. She currently teaches part-time Beginning Family History & Genealogy, Religion 261 at BYU. Kelly is currently serving as a Commissioner for the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (ICAPGen).

*"Beginning Genealogy Basics" Level: Beginner, Tuesday All Day 1031 C.JFSB*

*"Getting to Know ICAPGen" Level: All Levels, Friday 8:30–9:30 a.m. 2267 CONF*

*"Working With Documents and Citing Sources" Level: Intermediate, Friday 9:45–10:45 a.m. 2267 CONF*

**Ron Tanner** is a product manager for the Family History Department. He assists in the research and design of new FamilySearch and companion products. Currently Ron's assignments include: overall product delivery for new.familysearch.org; website look and feel for new.familysearch.org; Asia rollout; and future product direction for FamilySearch. Ron has a master's degree in Computer Science from BYU and has previously worked as a product manager and engineer at Novell, Citrix, and Bell Laboratories. Ron and his wife CheRee have four children.

*"Question and Answer Panel on New FamilySearch" All Levels, Thursday 4:00–5:00 p.m. 2260 CONF*

**Amanda Terry** is a Senior Data Specialist for FamilySearch, the largest genealogical organization in the world. She has extensive knowledge of New FamilySearch, submission policies, and served as a Temple Recorder. She has a B.A., Master's degree in Education and is currently pursuing a Master's in Instructional Design and Educational Technology.

*"Submitting Names for the Temple" Level: All Levels, Tuesday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2254 CONF*

*"Submitting Names for the Temple (Repeat)" Level: All Levels, Thursday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2260 CONF*

*"New FamilySearch Tips, Tricks and Resources" Level: All Levels, Friday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2254 CONF*

**Tristan L. Tolman, AG®**, is a professional genealogist, author, editor, and publisher. She has a BA in Family History and Genealogy from Brigham Young University, and is accredited in the Mid-Atlantic States. Tristan has been actively involved in the genealogical field for nearly twenty years. She currently serves on the board of directors of the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (ICAPGen). She specializes in U.S. research, documenting early LDS ancestry, and preparing genealogical information for publication. She and her husband Blair are the parents of five children.

*"Writing a Quality Research Report" Level: Intermediate, Friday 2:45–3:45 p.m. 2267 CONF*

**Linda K. Turner** is a professional researcher and lecturer specializing in Midwest, Eastern states and urban U.S. research. She has worked extensively with a large, private clientele and several research companies. She currently manages probate research operations for a law firm in Illinois, and is an online instructor for Brigham Young University. She currently serves as chair of ICAPGen.

*"Evidence Analysis" Level: Intermediate/Advanced, Friday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2258 CONF*

**Curt B. Witcher** is the Manager of The Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN. He is a member of the Genealogy Committee of the American Library Association, a former president of both the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the National Genealogical Society, and the current as well as founding president of the Indiana Genealogical Society. Curt is the co-chair of the Genealogy Publications Committee of the Indiana Historical Society and a member of Indiana's State Historical Records Advisory Board. He is a fellow of the Utah Genealogical Association (FUGA), a fellow of the Indiana Genealogical Society (IGSF), and a recipient of both the Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern Humanitarian Award and the National Genealogical Society's P. William Filby award for outstanding, life-time contributions to genealogical librarianship.

*"This I Believe: The Urgent Need to Record Living History" Level: All Levels, Wednesday 8:30–9:30 a.m. 2258 & 2260 CONF*

*"Preserving Your Family History: A Practical Mini-Course, Part 1" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Thursday 9:45–10:45 a.m. 2260 CONF*

*"Preserving Your Family History: A Practical Mini-Course, Part 2" Level: Beginner/Intermediate, Thursday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2260 CONF*

*"The Papers Before the Records: Exploring Old Northwest Territory Sources" Level: All Levels, Friday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2260 CONF*

**Gary T. Wright** is currently Senior Product Manager of Digital Preservation at FamilySearch. In this role, he is responsible for guiding FamilySearch to become a world leader in digital preservation. Gary earned a Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Colorado. Before joining FamilySearch, he directed enterprise storage marketing, services, and solution development for prominent storage technology companies such as IBM, HP, LSI, and StorageTek. Gary is also the author of *The Light of Ancient America*, an award winning composer, and a violinist with the Orchestra at Temple Square.

*"Preserving Your Family History Materials Digitally" Level: All Levels, Wednesday 11:00 a.m.–noon 2254 CONF*

**Anne Wuehler** is a librarian and advises people who are searching for their British ancestors. She's especially interested in helping people who are starting in a new country or those using a particular record for the first time.

*"English Research: A Beginner's Guide" Level: Beginner, Thursday 2:45–3:45 p.m. 2295 CONF*

*"English Court Records Before 1750" Level: Intermediate/Advanced, Friday 1:30–2:30 p.m. 2295 CONF*

**Stephen C. Young AG®**, was born and raised in London, Ontario, Canada. He earned a Bachelor's degree at Brigham Young University in Family and Local History (1985) and a Masters degree in American History (emphasis in Public History) at Bowling Green State University in Ohio (1990) and completed some doctoral work at Wayne State University in Detroit. An employee of the Family History Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints since 1988, Stephen has enjoyed several assignments during this time in the Family History Library administration, and a four year appointment (1992–1996) in England supervising the British 1881 Census Project. His genealogical research accreditation in English Canadian research has been active with ICAPGen since 1989, and he specializes in English, United Empire Loyalist and Ontario research and history. Currently Stephen is assigned as a FamilySearch project manager with responsibilities in working with other genealogical organizations in the cooperative indexing and publication of historical records in Canada, the British Isles, and the South Pacific.

*"Loyalist Research: Background, Resources, Strategies" Level: Beginner, Thursday 2:45–3:45 p.m. 2267 CONF*