

Meet Our Featured Speakers:

John Colletta, Ph.D.



John Philip Colletta is one of America's most popular genealogical lecturers. Entertaining, knowledgeable and experienced, he is based in Washington, DC. For 20 years he conducted workshops for the National Archives and taught courses for the Smithsonian Institution and local universities. Today he lectures nationally and is a faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University (Birmingham, AL) and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (Salt Lake City). His publications include two manuals -- *They Came in Ships: A Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor's Arrival Record* and *Finding Italian Roots: The Complete Guide for Americans* -- and numerous how-to articles. His latest book -- *Only a Few Bones: A True Account of the Rolling Fork Tragedy and Its Aftermath*. His Ph.D. in Medieval French Literature is from The Catholic University of America.

Roberta Estes

Project Director, Lost Colony DNA Project



Roberta Estes has been a professional scientist and business owner in the information technology arena for 25+ years and a genealogist since 1978. In 2005, she formed DNAeXplain, a company providing individual analysis of DNA results and genealogical assistance. Her genealogy specialty is southern colonial records, focused primarily in Virginia, Tennessee and NC. Minority records, reflecting her mixed heritage are of particular interest, specifically Native Americans, slaves, and other indentured individuals. In 2000, thanks to FamilyTreeDNA, the infant scientific field of DNA for genealogy emerged, allowing DNA to be used to trace individuals to common ancestors.



Matthew E. Kaplan, Ph.D.

Associate Staff Scientist
Arizona Research Laboratories
Division of Biotechnology
University of Arizona

Matt is a Ph.D. candidate at University of Arizona's Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. Matt worked on several research projects using the Y chromosome and mitochondria DNA to investigating the population genetics and population history of Jewish populations. In April of 2005, Family Tree DNA and the University of Arizona teamed up to provide public DNA testing for National Geographic and IBM's Genographic Project. Matt is now the Project Lead of the Human Origins Genotyping Laboratory at the University of Arizona. Matt's research group performs all public testing for the Genographic Project for the entire world, and has tested over 240,000 samples since April 2005.



Rick Kittles, Ph.D.

Scientific Director, African Ancestry, Inc.
Associate Professor, The University of Chicago, Department of Medicine

Kittles received his Ph.D. in Biological Sciences from George Washington University. Dr. Kittles went to Howard University in 1998 and helped to establish a national cooperative network to study the genetics of hereditary prostate cancer in the African American community. As Co-Director of Molecular Genetics at the National Human Genome Center at Howard University, he established large-scale, high throughput genotyping and DNA sequencing. Dr. Kittles' research exploits gene genealogy in studies of population history and disease associations. He has had a strong research focus on using DNA to trace ancestry of African Americans and has published articles on prostate cancer genetics of African Americans. Dr. Kittles has worked extensively with the PBS series "African American Lives."

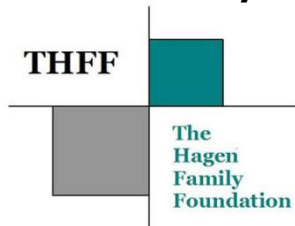
Lynn Turner, AG



Hispanic Records Division, Family Search Indexing
LDS – Salt Lake City, Utah

Lynn Turner graduated with a BA in Family History and Genealogy from Brigham Young University with an emphasis in Spain and Latin American family history. Lynn currently works as the supervisor of the Collection Management International team of the Family and Church History department where he defines FamilySearch Indexing projects, and prioritizes the acquisition of new record collections for most international countries. He also teaches the Computers and Technology in Family History course at Brigham Young University. He is an accredited genealogist in Spain research. Besides presenting in the United States, Lynn has also presented at genealogy conferences in Spain, Colombia, and Peru.

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Meet Our Breakout Sessions Speakers:



Middle River Press

Judy Borich

Middle River Press, CEO

Judy Borich graduated from the University of North Florida, majored in art, minor in photography and worked as a staff the Bradenton Herald, The Orlando Sentinel, and the Sun Sentinel. Having lived in Florida all of her professional career, she now combines her love for family history, stories, pictures and Florida, as well as a passion for books, as a publisher for Middle River Press.



Daughters of the American Revolution

Debbie Duay, Ph.D.

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Debbie Duay received her Ph.D. in Adult Education from Florida Atlantic University. She has over nine years of experience in genealogy, and she has taught numerous classes and workshops throughout Florida on researching family history. Her area of expertise is researching and documenting early American ancestry. Currently, she is the Regent (President) of the Lighthouse Point Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).



Genealogical Society of Broward County

Virginia Fletcher

Genealogical Society of Broward County

Virginia Fletcher is a charter member of the Genealogical Society of Broward County. She has served as the GSBC President four times, on the Board of Directors over eighteen years, and has been the Chairman of the Library Committee for ten years. She has taught genealogy professionally for the City of Plantation and was a professor at Nova College from 1978-1989. She is a long-standing member of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Daughters of American Colonists (DAC), Daughters of Colonial Wars (DCW), and Colonial Dames of America (CDA) the Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America. She has published five books – three family histories and two county records indexes. In 2007, she was inducted as a Broward County Pioneer.



Alvin Sherman Library

Kim Garvey
Alvin Sherman Library

Kim Garvey is an Instructional and Outreach Librarian for Genealogy at Nova Southeastern University's Alvin Sherman Library, Research and Information Technology Center located in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. She holds a B.S. in History from the University of South Florida, a M.I.L.S. in Information & Library Science and an M.S. in History from the University of Southern Mississippi. She is a member of the National Genealogical Society, the Irish Genealogical Research Society, and the Florida State Genealogical Society among others.



Sherry Hondros
ProQuest

Sherry Hondros, Sales Development Executive, has been with ProQuest Information and Learning since 1997. She is a former teacher, and has over twenty years of sales experience in the education market, selling textbooks, software, computers, and networking. Sherry received her B.A. from Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, North Carolina, and has pursued and completed some post-graduate studies.

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Elise Friedman
International Society of Genetic Genealogists

Elise Friedman is a member of the International Society of Genetic Genealogy, volunteers as JewishGen's DNA Projects Coordinator, manages several DNA studies through Family Tree DNA and co-authored a Jewish Y-DNA cluster case study that was published in the AVOTAYNU and FORUM genealogy magazines. Ms. Friedman is also an Information Technology professional in South Florida and holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering from The Pennsylvania State University.



Genealogical Society of Greater Miami

John Christensen
Genealogical Society of Greater Miami

John earned a Bachelor's degree in History from the University of Maryland and a Master's in Urban Planning from the University of Virginia. For the last 20 years, he has worked as a Title Examiner and Abstractor in Virginia and later in South Florida. He has been an avid genealogist for more than 25 years, specializing in courthouse research in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Nebraska and South Florida. He has been collecting and preserving both family and vintage photographs for over 20 years and his lecture will focus this subject. He is currently the recording secretary for the Genealogical Society of Greater Miami, Inc.



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Richard Meijome

Plantation Family History

Richard has over 25 years working in the Financial Services industry where he gained international exposure highlighted by years in Latin America, North America and Europe. He is currently Managing Partner at Lodestar Capital Advisors, LLC. Richard has a BA degree in Spanish Literature and an MA in Latin American Studies with an emphasis in economics from Brigham Young University.



African Ancestry

Gina Paige

African Ancestry

African Ancestry is the world leader in tracing maternal and paternal lineages of African descent. With the industry's largest and most comprehensive database of over 25,000 indigenous African samples, African Ancestry determines specific countries, and more often than not, specific ethnic groups of origin with the highest level of detail, accuracy and confidence.



Jewish Genealogical Society of Broward County

Michael Sofman

Jewish Genealogical Society of Broward County

Michael S. Sofman, M.D. is currently the President of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Broward County, Inc, also serving as Newsletter Editor. He is a local physician, having graduated from Georgetown University and Rutgers Medical School. He has been researching his family's history for about 7 years, and has served on the Board of the JGSBC for the past 4 years. He has lectured many times for the group, and will give an overview of getting started in Jewish Genealogy.