

International Black Genealogy Summit Presents



“Reconnecting  
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Allen County Public Library  
Fort Wayne, IN  
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**SUMMARY OF THE IBGS LECTURES**

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<b>TRACK A</b>	<b>FRIDAY, 10:00 – 11:00 am</b>
Lecture 1	Frazine K. Taylor
	Tracing Your African Americans Ancestry: Where to Start
	Audience Level: Beginning
	This presentation not only stresses how to begin a family history, but emphasis is placed on the information found and how to analyze the correctness of the data. Primary and Secondary sources are discussed at length so that the researcher will determine its usefulness.
	Brief Bio: For speakers bio see link <a href="http://www.newsouthbooks.com/aagenealogy">www.newsouthbooks.com/aagenealogy</a>
Lecture 2	Angela Y. Walton-Raji
	Avoiding Pitfalls in Native American Research
	Audience Level: Beginning-Intermediate
	An outline of the steps to avoid will be emphasized with the importance of connecting with the local history, thus avoiding invention of native groups who lived hundreds of miles from the community where the family has been documented.
	Brief Bio: Angela Walton-Raji author of <i>Black Indian Genealogy Research</i> is the only genealogist to speak regularly at the National Museum of the American Indian. Featured in the documentary “ <i>Black Indians, an American Story</i> ” her work is part of the Smithsonian Black Indian traveling exhibit, <i>IndiVisible</i> , opening in 2009.
Lecture 3	Carolyn Corpening Collins Rowe
	There’s More in Them Thar Census Schedules
	Audience Level: Intermediate
	This lecture is designed to make researchers aware of little known facts and tips about each census that make each one slightly different from every other one. For example, Which census was the first to count US citizens living abroad? Or Which census asked for the degree of Indian blood and to which tribe the respondent belonged?
	Brief Biography: Carolyn C. C. Rowe is the Immediate Past President of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS) and the Vice-President of the Prince George’s County Maryland Chapter. She regularly conducts workshops on topics ranging from beginning genealogy to slavery. The author and lecturer has attended and/or presented at numerous AAHGS, FGS, and NGS Conferences.

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Lecture 4	James Ison, AG, CG
	Using the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS) for African American Research
	Audience Level: All
	When records with direct evidence exist, life is good. Typically that doesn't last long in African-American research. Learn to use your GPS for further success.
	Brief Bio: Jim Ison, AG, CG is past Director of the FamilySearch Center at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. Currently a manager at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah and President of the SLC Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

<b>TRACK B</b>	<b>FRIDAY, 1:00 – 2:00 PM</b>
Lecture 5	Tony Burroughs, FUGA
	Researching Contraband Camps
	Audience Level: Advanced
	What happened to the families of African American Civil War soldiers? In many cases, they were in contraband camps where the soldiers initially lived. Historians estimated one million blacks lived within Union lines. Learn the history, where the records are, and how to access them.
	Brief Bio: Tony Burroughs authored <i>Black Roots</i> , taught genealogy at Chicago State University for fifteen years and appeared in: <i>Oprah's Roots</i> , <i>African American Lives</i> , & <i>Ancestors</i> (PBS), <i>The Real Family of Jesus</i> (Discovery Channel), <i>Remembering Roots</i> (BBC), <i>CBS Sunday Morning</i> , <i>CBS News</i> , & <i>ABC World News Tonight</i> . He received <i>Distinguished Service Award</i> from NGS.

Lecture 6	Drusilla Pair
	The Power of Blogging
	Audience Level: All
	Workshop will demonstrate the basics of blogging, ranging from the technical aspects of blog creation, publishing and upkeep, to ways to steer traffic to a blog.
	Brief Bio: Drusilla Pair has been tracing her family history in Virginia and North Carolina since 1994. She has conducted various genealogical workshops at family reunions, churches, libraries, cultural festivals, and local and national genealogical societies for more than ten years.

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Lecture 7	Daniel Horowitz
	Genealogical Resources in Latin America
	Audience Level: Beginning-Intermediate
	Genealogical online resources and databases available for research in Latin America: institutions, cemeteries, establishments and records; what to look for and how to find it.
	Brief Bio: Born in Venezuela, (1971). Computer engineering BS.c., (2002), Specialization in education (1994). Herzl-Bialik School, (1991-2005): Teacher and director of the genealogy project. Founding member of Venezuelas JGS- AGJUVE (2001). Member of Genealogical Societies in Israel. Board member of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies. Working at MyHeritage (since 2006).

Lecture 8	Cherie Bush and Karen Jepson
	What’s New at FamilySearch.org
	Audience Level: All
	FamilySearch.org is a free, genealogical website. New and valuable information is being added on a regular basis. This class will discuss new resources available as well as the vision and future of FamilySearch products. The African American Resource page will be highlighted.
	Brief Bio: <u>Cherie Bush</u> is a specialist with the FamilySearch Support Division of the Family History Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She has a B.A. in Business Administration from Utah State University. She has represented family history interests in library, genealogical and tourism forums. Cherie is on the Executive Committee of the Utah Chapter of AAHGS. Brief Bio: <u>Karen Jepson</u> is the Community Relations Manager for the Family History Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She has a B.A. in Spanish and French, with an emphasis on secondary education from Brigham Young University. In addition to her enthusiasm for family history, Karen has been a member of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir for 20 years. Karen is on the Executive Committee of the Utah Chapter of AAHGS.

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<b>TRACK C</b>	<b>FRIDAY, 2:30 -3:30 PM</b>
<b>Lecture 9</b>	<b>Eric A. Smith</b>
	The Great Migration: Goin’ to the Promise Land, Chicago
	Audience Level: All
	The purpose of this session is to help the participants to appreciate this historical event as one of the great movements in the social history of the African American diaspora. Also the participants will learn that the black family structure did not fall apart during the Great Migration, its adaptation and strength was anchored in the movement. Brief Bio: Not available at this time. Reference Syllabus at Conference
<b>Lecture 10</b>	<b>Deborah Abbott, PhD and Char McCargo Bah</b>
	He Owned Our People: One Plantation, Two Families, Two States-North Carolina & Virginia
	Audience Level: Intermediate to Advance
	Two genealogists discover linkage to the same slave owner. These slave descendants discuss the different methods used in finding their ancestors and common slave owner.
	<i>Brief Bio:</i> Deborah A. Abbott, Ph.D. is President of the African American Genealogical Society, Cleveland, Ohio. She is an adjunct faculty member at the Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. Deborah has presented at FGS; holds membership in NGS, GSG, & UGS. She has been researching since 1990. <i>Brief Bio:</i> Char McCargo Bah has two undergraduate degrees and has been doing genealogical research since 1981. She has been a contributing author in three books. Char holds membership in a dozen or more genealogical societies including NGS, VGS and AAHGS. Her most recent television appearance has been on the 2007 PBS History Detectives.

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Lecture 11	Lisa Parry Arnold
	The African-American Collection at Ancestry.com
	Audience Level: All
	The African-American Collection at Ancestry.com is continually expanding. This lecture will cover the most popular pillars of this collection used by African American researchers nationwide as well as provide a view into the newest records which enable those researchers to dive into pre-Civil War era records. It will also provide instruction on how to utilize the special search tools to enhance your research
	Brief Bio: Lisa Parry Arnold is a Brigham Young University graduate with a major in Family History. Lisa works as the Content Manager for <a href="http://Ancestry.com">Ancestry.com</a> , specializing in African American records. She served as Chair of the 2005 Philadelphia African American Family History Conference. Lisa is frequent presenter and an active member of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), founding President of the Philadelphia Area Chapter and currently serving as Chapter Coordinator of the Utah Valley Chapter. She attends national genealogical conferences regularly and teaches Family History classes in her local community.

Lecture 12	Reginald Washington
	Gateway to Family Research: Records of the Panama Canal
	Audience Level: Beginning - Intermediate
	The lecture will include a discussion of the value, use and availability of records of the Panama Canal housed at the National Archives and Records Administration for family research. The presentation will examine and provide examples from selected records series relating to Panama Canal personnel, labor service contracts, births, deaths, marriages, hospital mortuaries, sailing list, and courts.
	Brief Bio: Reginald Washington is an archivist/genealogy records specialist with the Access Programs Staff (NWC) of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). He lectures frequently on records and research procedures at the National Archives and has served as the African American Genealogy Specialist at NARA for the past fourteen years. He is a past member of the Editorial Advisory Board for the <i>National Genealogical Society Quarterly</i> .

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<b>TRACK D</b>	<b>SATURDAY, 9:00 – 10:00 AM</b>
<b>Lecture 13</b>	<b>Shamele Jordon</b>
	Freedmen’s Bureau: Field Office Research Strategies
	Audience Level: Beginning - Intermediate
	Learn strategies to help you to search for ancestors in the Freedmen’s Bureau field office records and learn about the life of your ancestor during reconstruction.
	Brief Bio: Shamele Jordon is a researcher, lecturer, writer and podcaster. Her biographical highlights include: researcher for the PBS series <i>Oprah’s Roots: An African American Lives Special</i> and <i>African American Lives II</i> ; former president of the African American Genealogy Group in Philadelphia, PA. lecturer at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research in Birmingham, AL.

<b>Lecture 14</b>	<b>Shelley Murphy</b>
	Genealogy File and Time Management
	Audience Level: Beginner - Intermediate
	Basic file and time management overview. Tips and tools to have and use, learning how to be organized, maintain files and key research tips.
	Brief Bio: Shelley Murphy was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, now residing in Charlottesville, VA, daughter to Calvin and Verna M. (Worden) Murphy, proud mother of two adult children and sister to four brothers. She holds a Masters in Organizational Management and her genealogy research experience is 20+ years.

<b>Lecture 15</b>	<b>Jari C. Honora</b>
	Catholic Sacramental Records: A Source for Louisiana Researchers
	Audience Level: Intermediate to Advance
	The presentation will give a brief introduction to Catholic Louisiana. It will also identify the archdiocese and dioceses in Louisiana and their archival holdings. A case study will also be presented which demonstrates the nuances involved in utilizing sacramental records for free families of color and slaves.
	Brief Bio: Jari Honora is New Orleans native and a proud Creole with roots dating back more than two centuries along the Bayou LaFourche in Louisiana. An avid historian and genealogist, since age 11, he has given workshops and presentations to gatherings of the African American Genealogical Connection, the Louisiana Creole Research Association, and is a member of both. He is also a member of the Jefferson Historical Society and the National Genealogical Society. He received the Federation of Genealogical Societies Youth Award in 2007. He also contributed a biographical work on Pierre Caliste Landry, the first mayor of color in the United States, to the <i>African American National Biography</i> , published by Oxford University Press.

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Lecture 16	Bennett Greenspan
	DNA & African Americans
	Audience Level: All
	African Americans who are interested in Genealogy have a particularly challenging time with genealogy beyond 1870; however with DNA testing it is possible to determine the deeper ancestry of one’s family. This lecture will show how DNA is used to determine ancestral connections and to place an approximate place of origin for the family members.
	Brief Bio: Not available at this time. Reference Syllabus at Conference

Lecture 17A	Tim Pinnick
	Finding and Using African American Newspapers
	Audience Level: Beginner – Intermediate and interested Researchers
	Learn the advantages of using African American newspapers, including their use in solving research problems. Participants locate relevant material in a hands-on practicum.
<b>NOTE</b>	<i>This is a hands-on two hour class with limited enrollment to 32 students. Attendees must register for this class separately by sending an e-mail to <a href="mailto:Info@BlackGenealogySummit.com">Info@BlackGenealogySummit.com</a> with Lecture 17A/B Computer Registration in subject line.</i> Basic knowledge of computers and use of the internet would be required.
	Brief Bio: Independent scholar, lecturer, author, and family historian with 23 years overall research experience including all the major U.S. repositories. Author of “Finding and Using African American Newspapers” released May, 2008. Region 2 board member of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

<b>TRACK E</b>	<b>SATURDAY, 10:30 – 11:30 AM</b>
Lecture 17B	Tim Pinnick
	Finding and Using African American Newspapers
	Audience Level: Beginner – Intermediate and interested Researchers
	Learn the advantages of using African American newspapers, including their use in solving research problems. Participants locate relevant material in a hands-on practicum.
	<i>Pre-requisite/Consideration: See Lecture 17A for details. This is the 2nd class.</i> Basic knowledge of computers and use of the internet would be required.

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Lecture 18	B. Arkela Revels, PhD
	Mama Uztah Say! A Biography of Love for an African American Mother
	Audience Level: All
	This is a genealogy journey of an African American mother who reveals oral stories of her parents’ mixed ancestries back to a plantation and of kin folks from Spain. It shows how a beginner goes from small amounts of oral stories, raw data, a self-developed family chart, and to determine what to do with the research.
	Brief Bio: B. Arkela Revels, Ph. D., is a 2007 graduate of the University of Iowa from the Honors Interdisciplinary Studies Program and received a Masters in African American World Studies Program. Dr. Revels’ dissertation “ <i>Mama Uztah Say!</i> ” <i>A Biography of Love for an African American Mother</i> weaves a narrative biography and autobiography into oral stories with history, migration, multi-cultures, literature, vernacular language, and genealogy.

Lecture 19	David E. Paterson
	Reconnecting Lost Links in the Reconstruction Period
	Audience Level: Intermediate - Advance
	Discusses freed people’s criteria for selecting surnames, and suggests ways researchers can use surnames to explore potential links to kinfolk and connections to the enslaved past.
	Brief Bio: <a href="#">AfriGeneas Slave Research Forum</a> manager, historian David Paterson specializes in the U.S. slavery and Reconstruction periods. His slavery-related work has been published in Gates & Higginbotham (eds.), <i>African American National Biography</i> (2008), the <i>American Archivist</i> (Spring/Summer 2001), and is forthcoming in the <i>Journal of Southern History</i> (November 2009). Paterson lives in Norfolk, Virginia.

Lecture 20	LaDonna Garner, CG SM
	Recording Your Family Health History
	Audience Level: Beginning-Intermediate
	Like family trees, family health histories can help connect generations. Unlike family trees, they trace habits and risk factors that may pass generation to generation.
	Brief Bio: LaDonna Garner, CG, is a professional researcher and volunteer focusing on S.E. Missouri and African-Americans. She is St. Louis Genealogical Society, AA-SIG Leader; Newsletter Editor and recent Vice-President, Jefferson County Genealogical Society; member of several societies including APG and NGS. She is pursuing a Historic Preservation B.S., Southeast Missouri University.

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Lecture 21	Rev. Khadijah Matin, M.S.
	Evidence of Faith: Demonstration Model of Incorporating Faith History in the Family History Process
	Audience Level: All
	Personal family and historical references will help us re-discover how we can ‘bear witness’ to the role of faith/practices in the African American journey. Through the use of story-telling techniques and historical documentation, and group interaction will bring renewed awareness to the history of faith
	Rev. Khadijah Matin is a historical storyteller and adult educator, synthesizing her passion for genealogy, history and personal narratives and faith-based studies. Currently facilitates intergenerational workshops with Pickney Productions and the Significant Elders program, with recent performances at the Harlem Stage Theatre. Deeply rooted in community, she has served as a consultant and cultural beacon for numerous organizations and institutions planning programs celebrating heritage nationwide. Khadijah Matin is National President of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society and serves as National Board member of the Kansas Institute for African American and Native American Family History (KIAANAF).

TRACK F	SATURDAY, 2:15 – 3:15 PM
Lecture 22	Bernard Wilson
	Publishing and Self-Publishing
	Audience Level: Intermediate - Advance
	The objective of this lecture is to provide the beginning research author with ideas on publishing or self-publishing of their research, memoirs or historical data that has been uncovered through their research.
	Brief Bio: Bernard Wilson has over thirty years of experience as a genealogist, compiler, author and a member of two genealogy societies. A team member of the Arizona Historical Society-Tucson’s (AHS) online photo historical resource entitled: Arizona Memory Project, Tucson’s Territorial Pioneers. He has written four books and produced 2 maps, current book title is <i>The Black Residents of Tucson and Their Achievements; A Reference Guide</i> . He is the Treasurer of the AAHGS Tucson Chapter, Inc. and editor of the chapter’s newsletter, <i>The Digger</i> .

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Lecture 23	Nathania A. Branch Miles
	Telling the Story: Beyond Trees and Charts
	Audience Level: All
	The workshop is planned to give the attendees the basic fundamentals in writing a family newsletter. The newsletter is designed to share family history, genealogical finds (help on road blocks), family news, update on family reunion activities, use of the internet and to keep the lines of communication open between the generations.
	Brief Bio: Nathania (Nay) A. Branch Miles has been a member of the Prince George’s County <b>Maryland</b> Chapter of AAHGS for 6 years. She currently serves as Recording Secretary at the National Office and the Prince George’s County Maryland Chapter. In 1991, Nay’s began her genealogical research as a “collector” of family information - trying to find the common ancestor of her Georgia ancestors and an elusive paternal grandmother from York County, South Carolina, who was born in 1888, but did not show up in the census until 1930. <b>Nay</b> has uncovered many new kinship and ties via the internet and by word of mouth.
Lecture 24	Curt Witcher, MLS, FUGA, IGSF
	Mining the Mother Lode: Using Periodical Literature for Genealogical Research
	Audience Level: Intermediate
	This lecture identifies the major types of periodical literature, what indices are available and how they can be most effectively used, and where one can find specific publications. Special attention is given to the Periodical Source Index as the largest and most comprehensive subject index in the genealogical field.
	Brief Bio: Curt B. Witcher is the Manager for The Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN where he has worked for more than thirty years. He also serves as general curator for that institution’s Rare and Fine Book Collection. He received his B.A. in history and English, and his M.L.S. in Library and Information Science from Indiana University.
Lecture 25	Donna Odom
	Creating A Family History
	Audience Level: Beginner
	Workshop on assessing the scope of the project, gathering information from family photographs and documents, and ideas for how to present the family history. <i>Participants should bring examples of family photos and documents</i>
	Brief Bio: Not available at this time. Reference Syllabus at Conference

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Lecture 26	Sam T. Ward
	Creating Genealogical Tools Using Microsoft® Excel
	Audience Level: All – Beginner excel experience
	This lecture demonstrates a set of Excel features that can be used by novice and low experienced spreadsheet users to create tailored genealogy forms and worksheets.
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	Brief Bio Since his April 2008 retirement from aerospace, Sam Ward has been aggressively researching his family history toward a goal of publishing a family memoir. He is applying the Excel skills he honed during his military and aerospace careers to create tools to aid his genealogy efforts.

<b>TRACK G</b>	<b>SATURDAY, 3:30 – 4:30 PM</b>
Lecture 27	Tamela Tenpenny-Lewis
	“Etched in Stone” Preserving the Black Family Through Oral, History, Death Records, Obituaries and Tombstone Inscriptions
	Audience Level: Beginning-Intermediate
	Oral history enables people who have been hidden from history to be heard, death records substantiate their existence, obituaries provide time frames, lineage and show community involvement with the deceased. Tombstones remain standing long after the individual and community cease to exist. How do we use these valuable tools to preserve our family history? How do we preserve their stories, their papers, the family treasures, and their final resting place?
	Brief Bio: Organizer/Charter Member-AAHGS, Arkansas Chapter - Chapter President 1998-2005, Treasurer 2006-Currently; Vice President of Genealogy, National Organization of AAHGS (Washington, DC) 2003-2006 – Organized AAHGS National Conferences 2003 DC, 2004 Arkansas, 2005 DC, 2006 Salt Lake, Co-assist 2007 – Boston. Recipient of the James Dent Walker Award 2007; AAHGS Life Member

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Lecture 28	Eric Basir
	Photo Restoration From Start to Finish Demonstration
	Audience Level: All
	Learn how to scan, restore and print a photo like the pros from beginning to end. Fast, but fun. <b>Audience members are encouraged to bring photos from which Eric will choose one to use during this demonstration.</b>
	Brief Bio: Eric Basir owns a photo retouching studio in Evanston, IL. He serves the genealogical community as a teacher and author of “Ask the Retoucher,” a column for genealogical publications. He recently published his first book “Digital Photo Restoration Book I.” In service to the genealogical community, Eric’s studio sponsored the launch of <a href="http://Lostandfoundphotos.net">Lostandfoundphotos.net</a> , a free service to provide genealogists a forum to identify lost or unknown photographs.
Lecture 29	Char McCargo Bah
	Some Were Freedmen and Some Were Slaves: Finding Their Women Slave Masters - Virginia
	Audience Level: Intermediate - Advance
	Tracing a female back to her slave owner can be very different, especially if the female’s marriage took place in slavery. This lecture will cover several enslaved women whose slave owner was located.
	Brief Bio: Char McCargo Bah has two undergraduate degrees and has been doing genealogical research since 1981. She has been a contributing author in three books. Char holds membership in a dozen or more genealogical societies including NGS, VGS and AAHGS. Her most recent television appearance has been on the 2007 PBS History Detectives.
Lecture 30	Patsy M. Fletcher
	Ancestors on Holiday: Places of Leisure of 19 <sup>th</sup> Century African Americans
	Audience Level: All
	The topic presents the activities, vacation/leisure settings for African Americans of the 19th century, including religious gatherings and sites developed specifically for people of color.
	Brief Bio: Patsy M. Fletcher, MS, MA, of Washington, DC serves on the board of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society. A community development consultant and independent researcher, Fletcher’s interests are genealogy, Underground Railroad, and Post-Reconstruction communities. She is a contributor to <i>African American Architects: A Biographical Dictionary, 1865 – 1845</i> (2004) and <i>The Economics of Historic Preservation</i> (2005, rev).