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Speaker	Track	Lecture Title	Brief Description
Barcomb, Kristin	Military	Grandpa Was a Tail-gunner: Researching Army Air Corps Ancestors	Learn ways to overcome an absence of personnel records to identify an ancestor's unit(s) and discover details about his or her individual WWII experience.
Barcomb, Kristin	Military	The Men & Women of the YMCA and How They Impacted WWI	Learn how 35,000 volunteers and 26,000 American YMCA employees contributed to the war effort here and abroad. Discover records and resources that tell their story.
Barcomb, Kristin	Technology	A Genealogist's Guide to Maximizing Internet Archive	The Internet Archive is a powerhouse for family history researchers. This session focuses on how to get the most out of its tools and content.
Bergheimer, Kelli	DNA	Understanding Inheritance Patterns: Y, mt, at, X-DNA	Use autosomal-DNA, Y-DNA, mt-DNA, and X-DNA inheritance patterns to help you do targeted testing.
Bergheimer, Kelli	DNA	Understanding Your DNA Health Reports	Do you have a health report from 23 & Me or Promethease? Learn how to analyze and talk to your doctor about your risk factors.
Brophy, Michael	DNA	Forensic Genealogy: Law & Order Meets Family History	Forensic genealogy is an emerging field involving cases with legal ramifications. Explore this area of heir research, adoption, citizenship and immigration casework and military repatriation.
Brophy, Michael	Ethnicity/ Nationality	Shamrocks in Cyberspace: Irish Genealogy Databases	Information about our Irish ancestors is exploding on the internet. The best websites for Irish research are explored and analyzed.
Brophy, Michael	Midwest	Adoption Research in the MidWest: History, Genealogy, Legacy	Adoption research requires special research methodologies and often runs into roadblocks due to current law and privacy concerns. Historic context is presented with research tips.

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Brophy, Michael	Midwest	The Orphan Train Movement: Ohio, the Midwest, and Beyond	From 1854 and 1929, children were transported from New York to the Midwest in search of a new home. Explore their history, genealogy, and legacy.
Bush, Angie	DNA	Tips and Techniques for Writing about Your DNA Matches	It can be challenging to include DNA test results in conclusions. Learn some techniques to incorporate all of the evidence into a genealogical conclusion.
Cassara, Michael	Technology	Digital Organization for Everyone	As genealogists, we are constantly seeking better ways to organize our treasures. Make sense of your electronic chaos, and get organized, digitally!
Cassara, Michael	Technology	Facebook Groups: *Now* I'm a Believer!	In our social media age, Facebook Groups offer an exciting way for family historians to connect with relatives near and far, known and unknown.
Cooke, Lisa Louise	Professional	Solving Unidentified Photo Album Cases	Through exciting case studies you'll discover how to use free tech tools, careful analysis, and ingenuity to potentially turn your unmarked photos into identified treasures.
Earl, Daniel	Midwest	Signed, Sealed & Delivered: Mail Order Brides in the American Midwest	This lecture looks at mail order brides and matrimonial newspapers from the turn of the last century, focusing on the Midwestern US.
Foulk, Beth	Midwest	Jayhawkers & Border Ruffians: The Migrant Groups of Bleeding Kansas	New England and Missouri migrants entered Kansas to discuss slavery. Learn why and how they got to Kansas and the records that tell their stories.
Foulk, Beth	Midwest	Kansas Settlers: The Pursuit of Land before 1900	The land battle was a conflict between Native Americans, railroad barons, pioneer-squatters, Homesteaders, Civil War Veterans, jayhawkers and more. The story plays out in the records.

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Garner, LaDonna	Methodology/ Skillbuilding	The Dusty Register: Researching Missouri Courthouse Records	Missouri courthouses are rich in genealogical resources but are often underused. Maximize your research with county registers and records in the Show Me State.
Garner, LaDonna	Midwest	Patches 'n Pieces: Researching Documents for Rural Missouri African Americans	Patch together evidence to prove African American ancestors existed in rural Missouri by understanding the records encountered, stitched with local history as footprints.
Garner, LaDonna	Technology	Useful Maps & Apps for Genealogy Research	Explore several underused historical map collections and no cost mapping applications that aid the trail of your ancestors.
Gillespie, Patti	Methodology/ Skillbuilding	Census Sense: Clues and Conundrums for Intermediate	Learn about the use of federal census headings and codes, alternate federal censuses, and state censuses. The value of a research timeline is also demonstrated.
Gillespie, Patti	Methodology/ Skillbuilding	Local Sources Lead to Ancestral Answers	Finding long distance local documents from home is a methodology for both online and offline efforts. Enjoy 4 stories of research success using these tips.
Gillespie, Patti	Military	Military Pension Records: Vital Records in Disguise!	Military pensions often provide amazing records of birth, death, and marriage. Pre-WWI pensions demonstrate the detail and impact on each serviceman's family tree.
Hedgecock, Laura	Professional	Practical Tools for Family History Writers	Learn about software, apps, and websites which help family historians find context, develop ancestor and personal story ideas, and hone their writing skills.
Hill, Richard	DNA	Finding Family with DNA Testing	See how DNA tests find and reunite lost relatives, from the first adoptee success story through the positive and negative consequences of today's huge databases.

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Hill, Richard	DNA	Understanding the Ethnic Ancestry in Your DNA Test	Learn all about the ethnicity estimates included with many DNA tests and see how seven testing companies report the ethnicity percentages for the same person.
Hill, Richard	DNA	Y-Chromosome Insights & Strategies	Learn all about Y-DNA tests and see how testing the right males can break through genealogical brick walls in your family tree.
Holl, Scott	Ethnicity/ Nationality	Jumping the Pond: Discovering Your German Ancestor's Place of Origin	Finding the ancestral place origin is essential research progress. This lecture will review sources and methods for discovering this oft-elusive piece of data.
Holl, Scott	Ethnicity/ Nationality	Of Non-Noble Lineage: Deutsches Geschlechterbuch as a German genealogical resource	Deutsches Geschlechterbuch's 221 volumes offer information for more than 4000 non-noble German families. Their standardized format makes the data accessible to the non-German speaker.
Holl, Scott	Ethnicity/ Nationality	When is a Lutheran not a Lutheran? The (German) Evangelical Synod	Nineteenth-century German immigrants established Evangelical Synod congregations wherever they settled. This lecture will review the denomination's history and offer tips for researching congregational records.
Jones, Karen	Methodology/ Skillbuilding	Illegitimacy, Desertion & Divorce: Using Indirect Evidence to identify Nicholas Mauer	Utilizing indirect evidence, comparative timelines, and historical context we will prove that the Nicholas Mauer of Germany, Indiana, and Minnesota is the same man.
Jones, Karen	Professional	Writing for Publication in Scholarly Genealogical Journals	Submitting articles for publication in peer-reviewed scholarly journals is discussed, including the submission process, common mistakes, and working with an editor.
Jones, Tom	Methodology/ Skillbuilding	Five Proven Techniques to Finding Your Ancestors' European Origin	Any of five kinds of searches can overcome the three major challenges in finding Americans immigrants in European records.

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Jones, Tom	Professional	When Does New Found Evidence Overturn A Proved Conclusion?	Even thorough research can overlook relevant sources. What happens when useful information or DNA test results appear after a researcher establishes a conclusion?
Koford, Rebecca	Military	Military District of Ohio & Federal Bounty Land Records	Ohio was settled in part by land warrants obtained by service to the Revolutionary. Discussion involves finding federal records for bounty-land.
Koford, Rebecca	Military	Missing— Presumed Dead: A Case Study of a Civil War Soldier’s Records	Following one Civil War soldier, we shape his story, record by record. His story is dramatized with federal and non-federal records and contextual social history.
Lacopo, Michael	DNA	Solving 18th Century Genealogical Dilemmas with Autosomal DNA	Autosomal DNA analysis is critical for genealogical problems utilizing the Genealogical Proof Standard. It can identify ancestors when the paper trail is meager or non-existent.
Lacopo, Michael	DNA	Using Y-DNA Testing for Advanced Problem Solving	How can Y-DNA testing bring success to genealogical research? How do you interpret those confusing results? Learn how to make Y-DNA testing work for you!
Lacopo, Michael	Methodology/ Skillbuilding	I Am Poor, Obscure, Plain, and Little. Researching the Invisible Ancestor	If your ancestors had little money, did not buy and sell land, leave wills or probates, or purchase grave stones, how do you find them?
Lacopo, Michael	Methodology/ Skillbuilding	Magnificent, Magical, Mesmerizing Manuscript Collections	Genealogists grossly underutilize manuscripts. This lecture will help you locate them, understand what information they can yield, and use them to break down brick walls!
Lovelace, Janice	Midwest	Dawes Act Allotment Land for Native American Freedman in Oklahoma	Do you have Native American Freedmen ancestors in Oklahoma? Did they get Dawes Act allotment land? Find the records of their land.

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Lovlace, Janice	Military	Buffalo Soldiers in the Western Frontier	Post Civil War, Black soldiers were stationed in the West to assist new settlers. What was life like for these “Buffalo Soldiers?”
Lyttle, Annette	Midwest	Exodusters: 19th Century Freedmen’s Colonies in Kansas	After the Civil War, many Freedmen moved to homesteading colonies in Kansas. Learn about this important chapter in the history of American migration.
Lyttle, Annette	Military	Finding the Stories of Military Women in WWI	Thousands of women served in and with the military in the Great War. Learn how to uncover their stories in official records and other resources.
Lyttle, Annette	Professional	Why, When, Where, How & Who: Hiring A Professional Genealogist	Sometimes we need help to break through brick walls, find elusive records, or determine our next research steps. Learn how to hire a professional genealogist.
McMillin, Teresa	Ethnicity/ Nationality	Read the Tabloids: German Church Records	German church records sometimes deliver extra information, competing with our modern tabloids. This talk is an entertaining learning experience, providing insights into our ancestors’ societies.
McMillin, Teresa	Ethnicity/ Nationality	So You’ve Found Your Town of Origin: Now What?	If you’ve found the name of your ancestor’s German town of origin, but are new to researching in German records, this will get you started.
McMillin, Teresa	Methodology/ Skillbuilding	Naturalization: The Path to Citizenship	Did your ancestor become a citizen? This lecture explores the history of the laws and the process involved. Learn how to find the resulting records.
Milner, Paul	Ethnicity/ Nationality	Irish Emigration to North America: Before, During and After the Famine	Examine migration patterns from Ireland to the US and Canada, including the Scots-Irish looking at the push and pull factors, and how to find origin.

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Milner, Paul	Ethnicity/ Nationality	Irish Land Records	Learn what land records exist for Irish research, 17th Century to the present. Understand why they were created, how to access, use and interpret.
Milner, Paul	Ethnicity/ Nationality	Tips and Tools for Navigating the English Probate System	England's probate records can be complicated. Learn simple processes to identify the appropriate courts to search and what you are likely to find.
Morelli, Jill	Methodology/ Skillbuilding	Whether the Weather and Its Impact on Our Ancestors	Weather has affected our ancestors whether they are farmers or urban residents. Local, regional and worldwide impacts of the weather will be reviewed.
Morelli, Jill	Military	Dissecting a Civil War Pension Packet—Union and Confederate	Learn about the history of these records, typical contents and the impact of the law for both Confederate and Union pension packets."
Morelli, Jill	Professional	Friedrich Christian Eiler: Proving Identity with Scant Clues	Not all our ancestors were exemplary citizens. With one data point, which was wrong, we piece together the less than exemplary life of Friedrich Eiler.
Muhn, Judy	Ethnicity/ Nationality	Researching Indigenous People: First Nation, Native, Indian	Researching indigenous peoples of the U.S. and Canada utilizes unique record groups, strategies. Learn about records, spiritual and family concepts from a Native woman's experience.
Muhn, Judy	Technology	You CAN Take It With You: Mobile Technology for Genealogy!	Utilizing cell phones, tablets and laptops in genealogy is quicker when using mobile apps, social media groups and membership organizations. Don't lug heavy notebooks!
O'Neal, Elizabeth	Military	Resources for Researching Your War of 1812 Ancestor Online	Find out about what valuable genealogical resources are available to bring your War of 1812 ancestor's service to life.

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O'Neal, Elizabeth	Technology	Using Ebay, Etsy, and Other Sites to Find Family History Treasures	Learn how to locate family heirlooms using effective search strategies and how to use popular sales and auction sites as a family history research tool.
Palmer, Dana	Methodology/ Skillbuilding	Smooth Sailing - Discovering Ship Passenger Lists	Learn how to be successful finding your ancestors in ship passenger records.
Powell, Elissa	Professional	Baker's Dozen Steps to Writing Research Reports as You Go	Become an efficient researcher who can record and analyze results in a report that enhances the research process no matter who the recipient is.
Powell, Elissa	Professional	Show Me the CarFax: The Purposes of Genealogical Documentation	Like buying a used car using "Carfax," good genealogy needs documentation. Otherwise, we may end up with a "lemon" or "crash" into a "brick wall."
Russell, Judy	Methodology/ Skillbuilding	Horse Thieves, Sabbath Breakers and Disobedient Children: Early Missouri Laws	The laws our ancestors lived by tell the story of earlier times, and Missouri laws tell of Blue Laws, wild animals, and children needing humbling.
Russell, Judy	Methodology/ Skillbuilding	Of Delinquents and Common Scolds: Women, Children and Criminal Justice	The crimes only women could commit. The things that landed kids in jail. All creating records for genealogists to use in our family histories.
Russell, Judy	Midwest	Courting Missouri: The Courts of the Show-Me State	Understanding the roles of Missouri's trial and appeals courts and the records our ancestors left there is crucial to finding clues to family history.
Sayre, Pamela	Midwest	Clues in Missouri Migration	Many westward migrants stopped a short time or stayed for several generations in Missouri. Where did they come from and where did they go?

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Sayre, Pamela	Midwest	Missouri Research from a Distance	Missouri records and information are available via the Internet: find federal land sales, births, deaths, probate files, court cases, military service, maps and newspaper records.
Sayre, Pamela	Professional	Don't Underutilize Adobe Acrobat Pro	Many users underestimate Adobe Acrobat Pro by only creating simple PDF documents. Learn to master all the powerful features to produce excellent professional publications.
Sayre, Rick	Methodology/ Skillbuilding	Government Documents: Territorial Papers of the United States and American State Papers	Petitions and other interactions with the government provide significant family information. Examples from the Midwest will demonstrate the genealogical relevance and uniqueness of these publications.
Sayre, Rick	Midwest	General Land Office Website: Essential for Midwest Research	Many think this website is nearly complete—far from it. Patents, maps, and tract books are being added. Learn how to find your ancestor's land.
Sayre, Rick	Military	Finding Your Ancestors in Military Bounty Land Applications	Many bounty land records rival pension records in their value. Find these records and locate bounty land, including state bounty land using online tools.
Scott, Craig	Midwest	Missouri Units in the Civil War	Missouri unit organizations during the Civil War are the most complex of any state. This was especially true for Confederate organizations, like the State Guard.
Scott, Craig	Military	Civil War Prisoner of War Records	POW records from during the Civil War and after can be an interesting resource. Learn what records exist in and outside of the CMSR.
Scott, Craig	Military	Native American Wars During & After the Civil War	After the Civil War federal policy gave the Native Americans two choices; assimilate or live peacefully on reservations. Some thought there was a third choice.

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Scott, Craig	Military	Records of Forts and Posts	Army forts and posts record keeping fall into three periods: before 1821, and before and after WWI. National Archives record groups deal with these records.
Sparrow, Beth	Methodology/ Skillbuilding	Christian Research: Baptists, Lutherans and Methodists	This will cover church records for the Christian denominations of Baptists, Lutherans and Methodists.
Stamm, Pat	Methodology/ Skillbuilding	Digging through Deeds—Is It Worth It?	Ancestors bought or sold property. Digging through deeds is laborious and tedious. But when you examine and analyze deeds, you unlock a genealogical treasure trove.
Stamm, Pat	Methodology/ Skillbuilding	Our Ancestors Appeared in Congressional Records	Congressmen enacted bills to solve problems. Many of these bills contained family details. See how these Congressional Records may help expand your family history.
Stamm, Pat	Technology	Using Technology to Stay Abreast in Genealogy	Genealogy and learning evolved over the last decade. But some phenomenal, quality online learning is available as close as your laptop, smart phone, or tablet.
Stanbary, Karen	DNA	Blasting the Myth: Mitochondrial DNA Evidence Is Useful for Genealogy	This lecture blasts the myth that mtDNA tests don't have practical application for research. Errors in mtDNA interpretation are explored. Practical application examples are illustrated.
Stanbary, Karen	DNA	DNA—A Power Tool in the Genealogist's Toolbox	DNA test results are much more than ethnicity reports. We explore the practical applicability of DNA tests to everyday genealogical problems in unexpected ways.
Stanbary, Karen	DNA	Illinois Case Studies: Integration of DNA & Documentary Evidence	Case examples demonstrate research strategies integrating evidence from documentary and genetic sources to prove genetic relationship conclusions.

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Stanbary, Karen	Professional	DNA Evidence and the Genealogical Proof Standard	This lecture summarizes and provides practical examples of the new and modified DNA-related standards within the context of the elements of the Genealogical Proof Standard.
Strauss, Michael	Military	Deeds Not Words: Researching the Merchant Marines	Without the sacrifice and dedication of the Merchant Marines, officially formed in 1936, our wars of the twentieth century could have turned out quite different.
Strauss, Michael	Military	Military Draft Records and the Selective Service System	The local militia provided for the common defense, bringing families together in crisis; evolving into national acts for men to serve under arms during war.
Strauss, Michael	Military	Reconstructing the Past: Understanding Military Record Loss	Military research is not without challenges. Several events have destroyed key records, but also provide opportunities to discover new ways to document an ancestor's service.
Stuart-Warren, Paula	DNA	DNA Done? Now Find those 20th & 21st Century Relative Connections	DNA results are in but who are these people? Locate 20 and 21st century relatives via indexes, databases, people finders, with tips on record restrictions.
Stuart-Warren, Paula	Ethnicity/ Nationality	Researching Midwestern & Plains States Native American Connections	Many Indians in these states are well-documented and connected. Learn the resources, repositories, and methodology to determine tribes and find extensive records.
Stuart-Warren, Paula	Methodology/ Skillbuilding	What Organizations Did Your Ancestors Join? Oh, the Records That Exist!	They did join (rich, poor, city, rural) and the records are vast. Examples of records, finding aids, and locations of these records are shared.
Swett, Lauri Jean	Midwest	Genealogy Research in Kansas City	Kansas City is home to several major repositories. From steamboats to wagon trails to jazz and sports, opportunities for historic and specialized research abound.

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Swett, Lauri Jean	Professional	Skills to Grow Your Genealogy Business	Do you have the genealogy and business skills to start or grow your genealogy business? What skills are they? Let's explore ways to improve them.
Taylor, Maureen	Technology	Common Sense & Budget Minded Tips for Preserving and Organizing Photo Archives	You can tame even the most unruly photo collection by following the advice in this lecture. Weeding, preserving, and filing won't seem so overwhelming.