



# Welcome to the RootsTech Family History Fair

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Kentucky Historical Society

Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History

100 West Broadway, Frankfort KY

The full [RootsTech](#) Conference has just concluded its 4th year this past February in Salt Lake City, Utah! To celebrate and share the learning opportunities found within the largest family history conference in the country, organizers of the RootsTech Conference have selected several sessions for recording and later presentation at Family History Fairs around the world. The Kentucky Historical Society was selected as one such venue for a Family History Fair! After registration and the opening session at 10am, concurrent sessions will be shown throughout the day, with several mini-breaks and a large break for lunch\*.

## What to expect:

1. Doors and Library open at 9:00am.
2. Please check-in at the table in Commonwealth Hall (Broadway Entrance), or the Welcome Center at the Ann Street Entrance. **(Pre-Registration is required: [khsrefdesk@ky.gov](mailto:khsrefdesk@ky.gov))**
3. The opening session will take place at 10:00am in the Brown-Forman Room (Through the Hall of Governors)
4. The remaining sessions throughout the day will take place in the Brown Forman Room, the Klotter Classrooms, and the Keeneland Gallery.
5. Full session list with room assignments can be found below.
6. Syllabus material for each session can be found online through various sites (Use the RootsTech session numbers provided in this program to find the associated syllabus): RootsTech Syllabus site - <https://rootstech.org/about/syllabus-materials/> (downloads available for unknown length of time) or Kentucky Ancestors Online - <http://kentuckyancestors.org/> (pdf downloads available only through the weekend of the event)
7. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available in the Brown Forman Room only.
8. Speaker profiles can be found at the end of this program.

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Opening Session: 10:00-11:00am Brown-Forman Room (9 on map)

Speakers: Judy Russell and Dr. Spencer Wells

Judy Russell is a certified genealogist with a law degree who enjoys helping others understand the interplay between genealogy and the law. She blogs and maintains The Legal Genealogist website.

Dr. Spencer Wells serves as the director of the Genographic Project—a partnership between IBM, the Waitt Family Foundation, and National Geographic to capture a genetic snapshot of humanity.

## 11:00-11:15 Break

## 11:15-12:15 Sessions

Room	Title	Speaker	Description
Brown-Forman Room (9 on map)	Information Overload: Managing Online Searches and Their Results (Beginner) *Syllabus: GS1375	D. Joshua Taylor	When using a search engine pressing Search often yields a large amount of search results. Discover ways to manage online searches and read between the lines" of your results. This presentation includes search engines and popular family history websites.
Klotter Classrooms (6 on map)	Begging for Spit (Intermediate) *Syllabus: RT1066	Blaine Bettinger	One of the biggest challenges facing genealogists is asking family members and non-genealogists to undergo DNA testing. Together we'll examine novel and interactive ways to encourage participation by making these individuals stakeholders in DNA testing.
Keeneland Gallery (7 on map)	Basic Online Resources for the Beginning Genealogist (Beginner) *Syllabus: GS1252	Lisa Alzo	When you're new to family history, diving into the research process can seem overwhelming. This session will walk beginners through the exciting journey of genealogy. Learn what information is online, how to effectively search databases, and share information with others.

\*Syllabus retrieval site: <https://rootstech.org/about/syllabus-materials/>

## 12:15-1:30 Lunch\* Break (Brown-Forman)

\*Lunch available pre-order only, served in Brown-Forman, or on your own.

## 1:30-2:30 Sessions

Room	Title	Speaker	Description
Brown-Forman Room (9 on map)	Getting the Most Out of Ancestry (Beginner)  No Syllabus available	Crista Cowan	Are you getting the most out of your Ancestry.com subscription? During this hour we will cover the five major areas of the Ancestry.com website and show you our favorite tools for advancing your family history research.
Klotter Classrooms (6 on map)	Advanced Techniques for Use of Autosomal DNA Tests to Break Through Genealogical Brick Walls (Advanced)  *Syllabus: RT1374	Tim Janzen	This presentation will describe innovative techniques to analyze your autosomal DNA test results. Concepts such as phasing and triangulation will be introduced. Examples of challenging genealogical research questions that have been solved using autosomal DNA will be given.
Keeneland Gallery (7 on map)	How to Scan an Elephant: Digitizing Your Family History from Artifact to Zombie (Intermediate)  *Syllabus: RT1205	Denise Levenick	Go beyond the flatbed scanner to achieve best results with your digital camera, mobile scanner, or smartphone to digitize awkward keepsakes and oversize items. Discover new archival storage options including DVDs, cloud storage, and more. Sponsored by M-DISC™

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## 2:30-2:45 Break

## 2:45-3:45 Sessions

Room	Title	Speaker	Description
Brown-Forman Room (9 on map)	A Beginners Guide to Going Paperless (Beginner)  *Syllabus: RT1257	Randy Whited	This introduction to digital organization will go over the basics of scanning, formatting and organizing your paper and "born-digital" documents. If you don't know where to begin, this is the session for you.
Klotter Classrooms (6 on map)	How to Use YouTube for Family History: Setting Up Your Own YouTube Channel (Intermediate)  *Syllabus: RT1508	Lisa Louise Cooke	If you have a free Google account, you can have a free YouTube channel for your family history. Come learn everything you need to know: Setting up Your channel, uploading your first video, customizing your channel layout, organizing channel playlists.
Keeneland Gallery (7 on map)	Effective Database Search Tactics (Intermediate)  *Syllabus: RT1325	Kory Meyerink	Your research success depends on knowing the best way to search each different collection. Boolean, truncation, keyword, fielded data, proximity, phrase, wild cards and wild words are not foreign terms, but rather your keys to genealogical success!

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# Speakers

Speaker	Bio
Alzo, Lisa	Lisa A. Alzo, MFA, is a freelance writer, instructor, and internationally recognized lecturer, specializing in Slovak and Eastern European genealogical research, writing your family history, and using the Internet to trace female and immigrant ancestors. She is the author of nine books and numerous magazine articles.
Bettinger, Blaine	Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., JD, is an intellectual property attorney, popular speaker on DNA topics, and the author of the long-running blog The Genetic Genealogist ( <a href="http://www.thegeneticgenealogist.com">www.thegeneticgenealogist.com</a> ).
Cooke, Lisa Louise	Lisa Louise Cooke is the owner of Genealogy Gems, a multi-media production company, and host of The Genealogy Gems Podcast at <a href="http://www.genealogygems.com">www.genealogygems.com</a> . Her podcasts bring genealogy news, research strategies, expert interviews, and inspiration to genealogists in 75 countries around the world. Lisa is the author of four books, including Turn Your iPad into a Genealogy Powerhouse, and The Genealogist's Google Toolbox, a regular contributor to family history magazines, producer of the video series Google Earth for Genealogy, and over 50 videos at the Genealogy Gems YouTube Channel, and a popular international speaker.
Cowan, Christa	Crista Cowan has been with Ancestry.com since 2004; her involvement in family history, however, reaches all the way back to childhood. She frequently speaks at local and national genealogy events around the country. Watch her live show, The Barefoot Genealogist, every Tuesday and Thursday at 1:00 p.m. (Eastern) on <a href="http://livestream.com/ancestry">http://livestream.com/ancestry</a> .
Janzen, Tim	Tim Janzen is a family practice doctor in Portland, Oregon. He has had an interest in genealogical research for over 35 years and has particularly been involved in Mennonite genealogical research for the past 15 years. Glenn Penner and he are the co-administrators of the Mennonite DNA project at <a href="http://www.mennonitedna.com">www.mennonitedna.com</a> . Tim has a strong interest in many areas of genetic genealogy, particularly in regards to phasing and autosomal DNA analysis. He is a consultant to the genetics company 23andMe as one of their ancestry ambassadors. He has given many presentations about genetic genealogy and Mennonite genealogy.

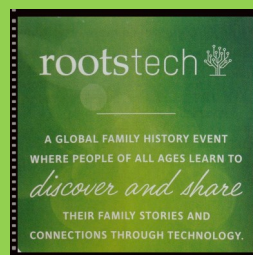


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Speaker	Bio
Levenick, Denise	Denise May Levenick is a family historian, writer, and speaker with a passion for preserving and sharing family treasures of all kinds. She is the creator of the award-winning family history blog, The Family Curator <a href="http://www.TheFamilyCurator.com">www.TheFamilyCurator.com</a> and author of <i>How to Archive Family Keepsakes</i> (Family Tree Books, 2012). Denise is a frequent contributor to family history magazines and online publications, and presenter for webinars and workshops. She is a former high school English and Journalism teacher, and holds a master's degree in English literature.
Meyerink, Kory	Kory L. Meyerink, MLS, AG, FUGA, co-founder and senior genealogist at ProGenealogists. He is a former product manager for Ancestry and publications coordinator for the Family History Library. He is a past president of UGA and founder of the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. He is an editor and author of <i>Printed Sources</i> and an adjunct professor for BYU and SJSU.
Taylor, D. Joshua	D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS is the lead genealogist for <a href="http://findmypast.com">findmypast.com</a> and a nationally known and recognized genealogical author, lecturer, and researcher. Active in the genealogical community, Joshua is the current President for the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS). He has been a featured genealogist on NBC's <i>Who Do You Think You Are?</i> and the new PBS series, <i>Genealogy Roadshow</i> .
Whited, Randy	A genealogist for over thirty years, Randy Whited is a Director with the Federation of Genealogical Societies and is co-chair of its education committee.

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