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Welcome to our 43rd Annual Conference

Our day starts at 7:30 a.m. with check-in at Registration, located immediately to the left when you enter the main entrance. You MUST show a photo ID to obtain your name tag and wear your name tag the entire day. With your name tag you receive five door prize tickets and a program list (if you need one.) Don't forget, a hardcopy of the syllabus is NOT provided at the conference. Please remember to print and bring with you the pages you consider important or download this syllabus to your mobile device for use at the conference. The first sessions begin at 9:00 a.m.

Volunteers and committee members wearing a DCGS logo button are available to help direct you through the venue. Logistically, you enter the atrium of the NIU Conference Center. Exhibitors are located here and just down the hall to the right, past the café, in Exhibit Hall. Conference sessions, starting at 9:00 a.m., are in the auditorium on the first floor and in three tiered classrooms on the second floor. Seating is on a first come first served basis; out of respect for the speakers and attendees please do not enter after the start of session. There are stairs and an elevator to access the second level.

The auditorium is to the right of the entrance, where you see the large wooden wall. Past the auditorium, on the far back wall, is Room 101[ABC]. The door prize containers are located just outside this room on the far left. You will find coat racks in the hallway on the right, adjacent to room 101 near room 105. Rooms 101 and 105 are the dining rooms. Your name tag contains your dining room assignment. Feel free to sit anywhere in your assigned room for lunch.

After check-in, put on your name tag, PRINT your name on your door prize tickets (or attach return address labels,) browse door prizes and place a ticket/s in the corresponding containers. The door prize containers are removed by 10:30 a.m. The list of winners will be provided on each lunch table. You will collect your prizes after lunch from the DCGS table on the second floor.

It's time to mingle! Meet old friends, make new friends and check out the exhibitors! The next few pages of the syllabus have all the exhibitors and layouts for the Atrium and Exhibit Hall.

DCGS table is located on the 2nd floor, just off the elevator. Buy raffle tickets here, priced at two for \$5 or five for \$10. Please bring cash, exact amounts \$1, \$5 and \$10 will be helpful and/or your checkbook. Our White Elephant and Freebie tables are located in the same area, as well as our Membership Chair, who is accepting applications. We have the syllabus available on a flash drive for \$5. And you can place orders for a 3-Gen Name Tag, only \$8. See details near the end of the syllabus.

ATM – located on the first floor.

Café Arbor Vitae – located on the first floor, coffees, teas, snacks, are available for purchase.

Classrooms contain signage at the door indicating room number, speaker and session topic. We have done our best to allocate the room assignments for each speaker/topic based on your selections at the time you registered. It's OK if you don't remember or change your choice but know that **seating is on a first come first served basis**. The first session starts at 9:00 a.m. **Out of respect for the speakers and attendees please do not enter after the start of session.**

1 st floor	Auditorium (all sessions for speaker John Philip Colletta)
2 nd floor	Room 260 (all sessions for speaker Blaine Bettinger) Room 261 (all sessions for speaker Steve Szabados) Room 266 (all sessions for speaker Katherine R. Willson)

Restrooms – there are three large restrooms, two on 1st floor and one on the 2nd floor.

Water – there are three water stations available with hot and cold water.

Wi-Fi – free Wi-Fi is available throughout the facility, connect to [NIU Guest](#), no password required.

NIU staff and DCGS volunteers are located throughout the facility to help you get to where you are going.

We are looking forward to a great day and hope you enjoy yourself. Post conference, we will be sending an electronic survey requesting feedback to improve future conferences.

~Your DCGS Conference Committee

Northern Illinois University, NIU-Naperville is located at 1120 E. Diehl Rd, Naperville, IL 60563



The NIU Conference Center - Naperville is located on the south side of Diehl Road just west of Freedom Drive across from the Hampton Inn - Naperville.

Exhibitors

[Ancestors Stuff](#)

[ArkivDigital](#)

[CAGGNI - Computer Assisted Genealogy Group Northern Illinois](#)

[DAR - Anan Harmon Chapter](#)

[DAR - Perrin-Wheaton Chapter](#)

[Family Tree Tours](#)

[Fountaindale Public Library](#)

[Fox Valley Genealogical Society](#)

[Fun Stuff for Genealogists](#)

[Illinois State Genealogical Society](#)

[Maia's Books](#)

[McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society](#)

[Midwest Genealogy Center of Mid-Continent Public Library](#)

[SAR - Fox Valley Chapter](#)

[Scottish Genealogy Group of the Illinois St. Andrew Society](#)

[The Newberry](#)

[The Tapestry](#)

Door Prizes

Door tables are in the Atrium outside of Room 101. Deposit your tickets in the containers in which you are interested or all in one container if you so choose. Thank you all for your generous donations.

Provided by DCGS: <i>Genealogy Classes (4 draws)</i>	Provided by DCGS: <i>3-Gen Name Tags (5 draws)</i>
Provided by Carole Magnuson: <i>Genealogy Goodies (notebook, file organizer, writing tips)</i>	Provided by Carole Magnuson: <i>The Portable Genealogist Quick Sheets</i>
Provided by Carole Magnuson: <i>DNA Quick Sheets (Genetic Basics, Organize & Gedmatch)</i>	Provided by Carole Magnuson: <i>DNA Quick Sheets (Get Started, Organize & Gedmatch)</i>
Provided by Rose Lehne: <i>Legacy Family Tree Software & User Guide</i>	Provided by Midwest Genealogy Center of Mid-Continent Public Library: <i>Travel mugs</i>
Provided by ArkivDigital: <i>3-month subscription to image database of Swedish church records and other historical records</i>	Provided by McHenry Co IL Genealogical Society: <i>Free registration to the MCIGS 2018 Summer Conference</i>
Provided by Tapestry: <i>Handcrafted copper family tree with 19 photo frame charms</i>	Provided by Fox Valley Genealogical Society: <i>one year society membership</i>
Provided by CAGGNI: <i>Tote bag with 8-gig datastick + 1-yr of CAGGNI newsletters + genealogy-related book and magazine</i>	Provided by AncestorStuff.com: <i>one Genealogy At A Glance "Immigration Research" by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, CG, MFA; One 15 generation pedigree chart</i>
Provided by Fun Stuff for Genealogists: <i>Goodie Bag</i>	Provided by DAR – Perrin-Wheaton Chapter: <i>Book – My Father Was A Soldier: Real Daughters of the American Revolution</i>
Provided by Illinois State Genealogical Society: <i>one year society membership plus Insider's Guide to Illinois Genealogy</i>	Provided by DCGS: <i>Book – Index to the Naturalization Records of DuPage County, Illinois</i>
Provided by Ancestry: <i>DNA KIT</i>	Provided by Tina Beaird: <i>one year Pritzker Military Museum & Library membership</i>
Provided by Rita Schneider: <i>Book – IRISH MARRIAGES, an index 1771 to 1812</i>	Provided by Rita Schneider: <i>Irish Research 3-Set quick sheets by Donna M. Moughty</i>
Provided by The Newberry: <i>Book – Polish Past in America 1608-1865 by Miecislau Haiman, reprint of 1939 original.</i>	Provided by Marsha Peterson-Maass: <i>Book – Fundamentals in Genealogy Basics for Everyone</i>
Provided by DCGS: <i>Genealogy Classes (4 draws)</i>	Provided by DCGS: <i>3-Gen Name Tags (5 draws)</i>
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Provided by Rose Lehne: <i>Legacy Family Tree Software & User Guide</i>	Provided by Midwest Genealogy Center of Mid-Continent Public Library: <i>Travel mugs</i>

Raffle

2 tickets/\$5 5 tickets/\$10



7 Chances to WIN!

- (2) Ancestry World 1 yr. subscription
- Fold3 1 yr. subscription
- GenealogyBank 1 yr. subscription
- MyHeritage 1 yr. subscription plus DNA kit
- Legacy Webinars 1 yr. subscription plus family tree software
- Newspapers 1 yr. subscription

**Raffle tickets are available at the DCGS table on the 2nd floor.
Winners drawn at lunch; first draw gets first choice.**

Founders Memorial Award

In 2012, the Board of Directors of the DuPage County Genealogical Society created the Founders Memorial Award, in the name of Sandra Hargreaves Luebking, to honor members who give extraordinary service to the Society. In addition to a framed Certificate of Appreciation, the Award provides a lifetime membership to DCGS.



Today, the Founders Memorial Award goes to

Nancy R. Thomas

~for her steadfast commitment to the Society
over many years in the positions of
President from 1979–1981 and 2009–2012,
a member of the Conference Committee,
a member of the Publications Committee,
directing the TNG DuPage Families project and
her assistance in the many aspects of the Society.

2018 Conference Committee and Volunteers



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Committee	Maureen Fawkes	Jerry Gieraltowski	Bill Hendron
	Rhea Hunter	Rose Lehne, Conference Chair	
	Don Mack	Carole Magnuson	Nancy Ristau
	Rita Schneider	Nancy Thomas	Jennifer Warner
Volunteers	Julie Bartimus	Ginny Christensen	
	Mary Kay Dougherty	Donna Freymark	Judy Gaddess
	Jean Gieraltowski	Jennifer Moore	Bruce Timms

DCGS 2018 Annual Conference Evaluation Survey

As we did last year, we will email an evaluation survey for your feedback on your conference experience. The email is sent from SurveyMonkey, a resource that helps us analyze the results to determine what we have done right and where we need improvement. We make changes based on your feedback; your response is greatly appreciated.

Join the 2019 committee; contact us at conference @dcgs.org.

Speakers



Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D., is an intellectual property attorney by day and a DNA specialist by night. In 2007 he started The Genetic Genealogist (www.thegeneticgenealogist.com), one of the earliest blogs on the topic. Dr. Bettinger has been interviewed and quoted on personal genomics topics in Newsweek, New Scientist, Wired, and others. He is the author of *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*, and co-author with Debbie Parker Wayne of the award-winning *Genetic Genealogy in Practice*, the world's first genetic genealogy workbook.



John Philip Colletta, Ph. D., is a nationally known speaker with a well-deserved reputation for warmth, wit and a great sense of humor. A faculty member of the Institute for Genealogy and Historical Research (University of Georgia, Athens) and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy since 1995, he has also lectured for Boston University's family history program. Besides addressing groups across the country, Dr. Colletta lectures regularly at national NGS and FGS conferences, where he has delivered banquet talks and keynote addresses. He has authored many articles, 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 a narrative family history with instruction, *Only a Few Bones*. In 2014, The Teaching Company released Dr. Colletta's 15-lesson course, "Discovering Your Roots," as one of their "Great Courses" on DVD, CD and streaming.



Steve Szabados has given numerous presentations to groups in Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin and wants to share his passion for Family History. He is a member of the Illinois State Genealogical Society, Polish Genealogical Society of America and a genealogy volunteer at the Arlington Heights Library. He is a columnist for the Polish American Journal and has written several books on genealogy which include: *Polish Genealogy*, *Polish Immigration to America* and *Write Your Family History*.



Katherine R. Willson of Ann Arbor, MI is a highly acclaimed and professionally trained national public speaker. Her passion for genealogy combined with practical and creative strategies keeps her audience fully engaged and actively participating in these energetic, entertaining presentations.

2018 Program

7:30	Registration Browsing – Door Prizes – Raffle Tickets(at the DCGS table)	Atrium & 2 nd Floor
9:00	Session 1	Room
A	Naturalization Records, Colonial Times to Mid-20th Century John Philip Colletta	AUD
B	Introduction to DNA Blaine Bettinger	260
C	Your Next Step: Write Your Family History Steve Szabados	261
D	Finding Photos of Your Ancestors Online & Offline Katherine R. Willson	266
10:00	Break for browsing exhibitors and networking (30 minutes)	ALL
10:30	Session 2	Room
A	Using Original and Derivative Sources: How to Evaluate Evidence John Philip Colletta	AUD
B	Using Autosomal DNA to Explore Your Ancestry Blaine Bettinger	260
C	Beyond the Basics: Hints to Solve Your Brick Walls Steve Szabados	261
D	Filling Out Your Family Tree Without Breaking the Bank Katherine R. Willson	266
11:45	LUNCH BUFFET [see your name tag for dining room assignment] browsing the exhibitors and networking	Room 101 & 105
1:00	Session 3	Room
A	Our National Archives: The Astounding Institution and How to Use It John Philip Colletta	AUD
B	Using Autosomal DNA for 18th and 19th Century Mysteries Blaine Bettinger	260
C	Polish Immigration to America - When, Where, Why and How Steve Szabados	261
D	What Stories are You Missing From the State & Federal Census Info? Katherine R. Willson	266
2:00	LAST break for browsing exhibitors and networking (30 minutes)	ALL
2:30	Session 4	Room
A	State Archives: What They Are and How to Use Them John Philip Colletta	AUD
B	Advanced Third-Party Tools Blaine Bettinger	260
C	Polish Genealogy – Four Steps to Successful Research Steve Szabados	261
D	They Didn't All Come Through Ellis Island! Finding/Analyzing Passenger Lists Katherine R. Willson	266

PHOTOS















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