

Presenter Biographies

Warren Bittner, MS, CG™ is a genealogical researcher and lecturer. He is a trustee for the Board for Certification of Genealogists. He holds a Master of Science degree in history from Utah State University. His master's thesis looked at the social factors affecting illegitimacy in nineteenth-century Bavaria. He is an award-winning author, and has coordinated German research tracks at The Samford Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research in Birmingham, Alabama, and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. For six years, Warren was the German Collection Manager for the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. He has done research in more than fifty German archives and in more than forty U.S. archives and record repositories.

Wilhelm G. Doos, Ph.D. is a long standing member of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, a member of the Board of Directors, and an active member of their Historical Research and Archive Committees. He has been actively researching Russian Germans in the North Caucasus and has published in the AHSGR Journal.

Ehregard Egbert is a native of Austria. For the last 5 years, she has been working on the International Floor in the Family History Library.

Joe Everett, MLS, is a genealogy librarian at FamilySearch, managing patron services in international family history centers. Joe was previously the head of International Reference at the Family History Library and a technical services librarian, cataloging Slavic and Germanic records. He also spent several years as content manager at Ancestry.com. Joe earned a B.A. in Russian Language and Family History/Genealogy (Germanic emphasis) from Brigham Young University and a Master of Library Science from Emporia State University (Kansas). He has been active in library and genealogical associations and has lectured and published articles Central & East European research.

Baerbel K. Johnson, BA, AG®, works for FamilySearch, supporting the German-language family history centers in Europe and providing research support within the international genealogical community. Previously, she had worked as reference consultant at the Family History Library for 20 years.

Daniel Rick Jones, MS, AG®, is an Accredited Genealogist specializing in Swiss and German research. His interest in genealogy began when as a youngster he would pore of his mother's Book of Remembrance, but his love of family history took off at the age of 13 when he earned his Genealogy merit badge as a Boy Scout. He has been awarded a BA in Family History/Genealogy at Brigham Young University and a MS in Early Modern European History at the University of Utah. Daniel has been working professionally since 2003, with on-site archives research experience in Switzerland and a dozen other countries. Daniel is currently a research specialist at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Fritz Juengling, Ph.D., AG®, received his Bachelor's degrees in German Studies and Secondary Education at Western Oregon University, his Master's and Doctorate in Germanic Philology with minors in both English and Linguistics at the University of Minnesota. He has taught all levels of German, English, Latin and Old English (Anglo-Saxon) at the high school and university levels. He is an Accredited Genealogist® for Germany and the Netherlands through the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists and a German, Dutch, and Scandinavian Research Specialist at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Marek Koblanski, BS, AG®, was born in Poland. He has been doing research for over 30 years, and has been an accredited genealogist since 1988. He studied in Poland and Germany, and has done research in Eastern Europe, Germany, and Austria.

Kurt Matthia, MA, began personal family German, Polish, Czech, Ukrainian and Romanian family research, including Jewish lines, in the 1970s and has maintained a successful personal family history website since the early 1990s. He has been assisting Family History Library guests with Central and East European research since 2004.

Jilline Maynes, AA has been happily involved in family history for over 20 years. Currently, she is a student of Family History at Brigham Young University. Her emphasis is Germany and Midwestern states. She has worked for the Nauvoo Community Project at the Center for Family History and Genealogy at BYU researching LDS polygamous families. In the spring of 2015, Jilline had the opportunity to work as an intern researching German census records with Dr. Roger P. Minert at BYU. Presently, she is working on Dr. Minert's German Immigrants in American Church Records project, where the goal is to identify the hometowns of German immigrants.

Greg Nelson, MA, is the Content Strategy specialist for East Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa in the Records Division of the Family History Department. His research interests are in Central and East Europe with an emphasis on Russia and Ukraine.

Sonja Nishimoto, AG®, has been employed by the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, since May 1989. She has been a professional Germanic and Slavic researcher since 1982. She is accredited in German and Swiss research.

Gwen Oryall is from Payson, Utah and shares a long-term love and devotion to family history. She first learned Danish and to put microfilms on the readers at age 8, following the example of her mother. She has worked with Danish, Norwegian, Swedish, Scottish, German, French, Spanish, Latin, American and Pioneer Heritage. Gwen was able to work in the first LDS extraction program as a youth doing Scandinavian records and now enjoys family search indexing. Gwen is a registered nurse and loves helping others.

Heather Stewart BA, received a bachelors degree in Family History from Brigham Young University emphasizing in both Russian and British research and handwriting. Formerly worked at the Family History Library as the East European Research Specialist. She speaks and reads the Russian language and is proficient at working with documents in Russian, Ukrainian, and Polish.

Heidi G. Sugden, MA, AG®, has been employed at the Family History Library for over 20 years as a Reference Consultant, specializing in French, Austrian and German research.

Careen Barrett-Valentine, BA, AG®, has been doing professional European Family History research since 2007. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Family History from Brigham Young University, and is accredited for research in the Germany region by the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (ICAPGen).

Darrell Jack Weber, Ph.D., Education: University of Idaho BS and MS, University of California, Davis PhD, University of Wisconsin, Madison. Post Doc. Positions: University of Houston, Assistant Professor 4 years, Brigham Young University Professor 33 years, Scientific publications with 170 articles.

The Family History Library Presents

EUROPEAN FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

12-16 September 2016

Research at the World Famous Family History Library in Salt Lake City



*Classes taught at the **Church History Museum Theater (Lower level)**
45 N. West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah
and lab classes taught at the **Family History Library B1 Lab**
35 N. West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah*

Classes Include:
**Regional classes for Germany, Switzerland, Poland,
Czech Republic, and Russia and other European
research topics**



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For beginner to
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190 Seats in-house available
through registration

Registration Begins
1 Aug 2016
at
<https://www.eventbrite.com>
(see inside for links)

There are two registrations,
one for webinar and another
for in-house attendees.

European Family History Conference

The Family History Library and the Research Specialists of the European Reference Team invite you to a free, never before offered, week-long conference focused exclusively on European research. The conference, which will be held September 12th - 16th, 2016, is perfect for beginning and intermediate genealogists interested in learning about records of European localities and Family History Library collections.

Come and spend a week at the world renowned Family History Library learning from our expert staff of genealogists as well as experienced guest genealogists. Learn how to effectively use historical records and how to do research in several European countries. Explore such topics as census, church, immigration, and vital records. Learn more about German, Swiss, Russian, and Polish research. Discover new techniques, strategies, and methodology to apply to your genealogical research problems.

Seating in the **Church History Museum Theater** is limited to 190 participants, so be sure to register early to secure a spot.

Registration begins 1 Aug. 2016 for webinar guests:

<http://bit.ly/29vC93P>

Registration begins 1 Aug. 2016 for in-house attendees:

<http://bit.ly/29teGka>

Please bring your free tickets provided through your Eventbrite registration for entrance at the door.

500 spots will be available to webinar attendees and 26 seats available for in-person labs which will all be held in the **Family History Library B1 Lab**. 100 spots available for webinar LABS.

A **syllabus** will be provided which you can download from the FamilySearch Wiki. Here is the Link:

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/2016_European_Family_History_Conference

We hope this conference will not only be informative and instructive, but that it will also encourage and inspire you to continue your family history research. Perhaps this will be just what you need to break through that 20 year old brick wall research problem. We look forward to working with you!

Please note that there are several Labs running concurrently with another class. Labs will be held in the Family History Library B1 Lab on the first lower level. All other classes will be held in the Church History Museum Theater in the lower level.

We will use Eventbrite to process your registration. Your information will be processed in accordance with their privacy policy located at <http://www.eventbrite.com/privacypolicy>.

Class Schedule

	Monday Sept. 12	Tuesday Sept. 13	Wednesday Sept. 14	Thursday Sept. 15	Friday Sept. 16
9:00am – 10:00am	<p>Baerbel Johnson</p> <p>Finding German Ancestors Online-Resources and Records</p> <p>This class demonstrates websites you can use to find your German ancestors.</p> <p>Daniel Jones</p> <p>Lab: Swiss Names and Places This computer lab class will focus on online resources to help identify surnames and places, as well as showing new ways to maximize your research in Switzerland.</p>	<p>Dr. Fritz Juengling</p> <p>Old German Script Part 1</p> <p>This class is designed to give family history researchers who read little or no German a basic working knowledge of old German script. This class is the first of a three-part series on handwriting and documents.</p> <p>Note: Be sure to download the handouts for this class from the FamilySearch Wiki.</p>	<p>Kurt Matthia</p> <p>Poland and Galicia Jewish Research: A Template for East European Research Part 1</p> <p>Explores prerequisites for finding Jewish ancestors in Poland and Galicia: (1) knowing original family and personal names, (2) knowing the town of origin, and (3) having enough family dates and relationships to positively identify ancestor(s) in old-world record sets.</p>	<p>Kurt Matthia</p> <p>Research in the Czech Republic</p> <p>Become familiar with Czech Research resources and methodology.</p>	<p>Gwen Oryall</p> <p>Bessarabia Then and Now: Researching our ancestors and locating helpful resources</p> <p>The attendee will be able to understand how to find ancestors and resources in the former Bessarabia are now located in Moldavia and Ukraine.</p>
10:15am – 11:15am	<p>Baerbel Johnson</p> <p>Internet Sources for Locating Your 19th Century German Emigrant</p> <p>New online resources for locating immigrant origins become available every day. Learn about U.S. and German websites containing lists of emigrants and emigration history from various parts of Germany, including search tips and hints for navigating foreign-language sites.</p>	<p>Dr. Fritz Juengling</p> <p>Old German Script Part 2</p> <p>This class is designed to give family history researchers who read little or no German a basic working knowledge of old German script. This class is the second of a three-part series on handwriting and documents.</p> <p>Note: Be sure to download the handouts for this class from the FamilySearch Wiki.</p>	<p>Kurt Matthia</p> <p>Poland and Galicia Jewish Research: A Template for East European Research Part 2</p> <p>Explores methods for searching indexes and record sets from Poland and Galicia. Tools discussed include JewishGen.org, szukajwarchiwach.pl, Genealodzy.org, YadVashem.org, and other Jewish and civil indexed or browse-only records.</p>	<p>Heather Stewart</p> <p>Russian Alphabet, Language and Handwriting Part 1</p> <p>In this the course, the students will learn to recognize and identify Russian letters both typed and handwritten. They will also learn key words and phrases typically found in the church books enabling them to find key genealogical information contained in the documents.</p>	<p>Dr. Wilhelm G. Doos</p> <p>Russian Germans in the North Caucasus</p> <p>This class will focus on the history and development of the Caucasus in the Russian Empire and how it came to be colonized by Germans. Emphasis will be placed on identifying various German colonies using a variety of maps .</p>
11:30am – 12:30 pm	<p>Daniel Jones</p> <p>Introduction to Swiss Research</p> <p>Researching in Switzerland can be rather quirky but very rewarding. Come and learn how to use those quirks to find your Swiss ancestors in records available in the Family History Library, in Swiss archives, and online.</p>	<p>Dr. Fritz Juengling</p> <p>Extracting information from German church and Civil Records</p> <p>This class is designed to give beginning family history researchers a basic working knowledge of such records. This is the third part of a three part series on handwriting and Documents.</p> <p>Ehregard Egbert</p> <p>Lab: Kartenmeister.com Finding Places in the former German Area of Poland.</p>	<p>Sonja Nishimoto</p> <p>Discovering Polish Websites</p> <p>This class will present several of the current online record sources that are now available for Polish research including the records found at the Polish State Archives.</p> <p>Ehregard Egbert</p> <p>Lab Genteam.at - a necessity when researching in the Czech Republic and Austria</p>	<p>Heather Stewart</p> <p>Russian Alphabet, Language and Handwriting Part 2</p> <p>In this the course, the students will learn to recognize and identify Russian letters both typed and handwritten. They will also learn key words and phrases typically found in the church books enabling them to find key genealogical information contained in the documents.</p>	<p>Dr. Darrell Weber</p> <p>The Volga German settlements in Russia</p> <p>Learn about the family history records of the German populations along the Volga. Catherine the Great invited Germans to settle the area along the Volga river around 1767-1770. Some 40,000 Germans came and settled here.</p>
	Lunch Break 12:30-2:00	Lunch Break 12:30-2:00	Lunch Break 12:30-2:00	Lunch Break 12:30-2:00	Lunch Break 12:30-2:00
2:00pm – 3:00pm	<p>Careen Valentine</p> <p>German Research Strategies for Eastern Provinces.</p> <p>This class will teach you how to be certain all surviving church and civil records have been identified. You will learn how to find supplementary records that may contain genealogical information in the absence of church and civil registration records.</p>	<p>Jilline Maynes</p> <p>German Census Records 1816-1916</p> <p>Ready for something new in German research? Until recently, little has been known or reported about censuses taken in Germany. Come and discover this excellent, untapped genealogical source. This class will discuss why, when, and where censuses were conducted as well as the content and accessibility of this record set.</p>	<p>Greg Nelson</p> <p>Co Kraj, To Obyczaj: Records of the Polish Partitions</p> <p>We will discuss the records of each partition and how best to access them in finding members of your Polish/Prussian/Silesian/Galician/Austrian/Russian family.</p>	<p>Greg Nelson</p> <p>On Eagle's Wings: Records of the Russian Empire and the Soviet Republics</p> <p>The territory that once made up the Russian Empire and then the Soviet Union contains billions of records that can be difficult to find. We will explore the best ways to find family members whether they lived during the time of a tsar, the hammer and sickle, or in one of the former Soviet republics.</p>	<p>Heidi Sugden</p> <p>Latin for Genealogists</p> <p>Learn how to read Latin birth, marriage and death records.</p>
3:15pm – 4:15pm	<p>Heidi Sugden</p> <p>Research in German Archives</p> <p>Learn how to prepare for a research trip to Germany, including how to find the right archive.</p>	<p>Warren Bittner</p> <p>German Historical Maps and Territories</p> <p>Learn about the 300 independent territories that have now merged to become modern Germany and how to find their records.</p> <p>Ehregard Egbert</p> <p>Lab: Kartenmeister.com Finding Places in the former German Area of Poland.</p>	<p>Marek Koblanski</p> <p>Sources for Polish Research and Gazetteers</p> <p>This class will help to find sources for Polish research and includes gazetteers to find information about places of registration.</p>	<p>Joe Everett</p> <p>Introduction to Russian Research</p> <p>Learn about essential historical background, research resources, and methods needed for tracing ancestors from the former Russian Empire.</p>	