

2026 New York State Family History Conference

Call for Presentation Proposals

Theme: *New Perspectives and Best Practices*

Dates: September 18–19, 2026

Location: New York City & Online

The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society (NYG&B) invites proposals for its 2026 New York State Family History Conference, “*New Perspectives and Best Practices*.” Livestreamed from New York City, the conference will feature on-site, remote, and on-demand sessions available to all registrants. Submissions are open October 14, 2025 and close December 15, 2025.

This year’s theme explores fresh approaches, innovative tools, and proven research methods that help genealogists strengthen their skills, uncover new sources, and deepen their understanding of New York’s diverse past.

Topics of Interest

The NYG&B is seeking proposals related to:

- New York records and repositories
- Innovative research strategies, methodology, and analysis
- Emerging tools, trends, and technologies shaping New York family history
- Foundational genealogical skills and best practices
- Migration and settlement patterns
- Immigration and immigrant communities
- New Yorkers of color and historically underrepresented stories
- DNA and genetic genealogy
- Military service and records
- New York biographies and case studies

Examples should connect to New York whenever possible. Preference will be given to presentations not previously delivered at other regional or national conferences. The NYG&B warmly welcomes proposals from both new and returning speakers, particularly those focusing on research skills that benefit genealogists at all experience levels.

Presentation Formats & Honoraria

Each presentation should be approximately one hour (50 minutes, with 10 minutes for questions) or 30 minutes (20–25 minutes, with 5–10 minutes for questions). Formats may include individual lectures, panels, or discussions. A select number of on-demand speakers may also be invited to participate in livestreamed panel discussions during the conference.

Livestreamed from NYC: A limited number of presenters will deliver sessions live from New York City.

Livestreamed from speaker's location: Selected speakers may present live from their own locations.

On-demand: Pre-recorded sessions will be available to all conference registrants.

Speakers selected for livestreamed or on-demand sessions will receive **full conference registration** and a **\$250 honorarium per session** (subject to meeting applicable deadlines). Those presenting in person in New York City will also receive **reasonable travel reimbursement**. Proposals for sponsored presentations will also be considered, provided they align with the conference theme and overall goals of the event.

Speakers are encouraged to submit up to **eight proposals** best suited to the conference theme.

Submission Details

Proposals can be submitted online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NYGBConf>.

All proposals will receive independent assessment and internal review by the NYG&B education team. Final selections will reflect the conference theme, overall quality, and program balance. All acceptances and declinations will be sent by February 27, 2026.

All accepted speakers will be required to submit a syllabus (up to four pages) for each session in print-ready format by June 15, 2026. Accepted speakers providing on-demand sessions must submit all recorded materials by July 20, 2026.

Questions? Contact education@nygbs.org.

Deadline for presentation proposal submissions: December 15, 2025