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2027 New York State Family History Conference
Call for Presentation Proposals

Theme: Avenues and Approaches
On Demand: September 14 through November 15, 2027 with Livestream sessions September 24–25, 2027
Location: Albany, New York & Online

The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society (NYG&B) invites proposals for its 2027 New York State Family History Conference, *"Avenues and Approaches."* Livestreamed from Albany, the conference will feature on-site, livestreamed, and on-demand sessions available to all registrants. Submissions are open November 20, 2026, and close **January 5, 2027**.

Genealogists approach research from multiple directions. Researchers approach tracing ancestral histories from various perspectives using traditional and contemporary methods. different avenues to upgrade their skills (including cutting-edge tools), sourcing original documents, and exploring newly digitized records. No matter where we are from, we come together in New York State and virtually to find commonalities in travel and migration patterns, break through brick walls, and discover new (or new to us) record sets. Each of these avenues and approaches offers an opportunity to learn and share the stories of New York family history in the Empire State and beyond.

Topics of Interest

The NYG&B is seeking proposals related to:

- Innovative research strategies, methodology, and analysis
- New York records and repositories
- Emerging tools, trends, and technologies shaping family history
- Foundational genealogical skills
- Advanced practices in genealogy
- Capital district themes
- Migration and settlement patterns
- New York and New Yorkers' impact across the country and around the world
- 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 Albany: A limited number of presenters will deliver sessions live from Albany.

On-demand: Pre-recorded sessions will be available to all conference registrants from September 14. through November 15, 2027.

Speakers selected for on-demand sessions will receive virtual **New York State Family History Conference registration** and a **$250 honorarium per session** (subject to meeting applicable deadlines). Those presenting in person in Albany will also receive **reasonable travel reimbursement** (including transportation, lodging, and other expenses). 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.

APG Collaboration in 2027
Speakers also applying to present for the Association of Professional Genealogists' Professional Management Conference (PMC) in Albany September 22–23, 2027 must do so with distinct program titles and descriptions for each conference and ***cannot submit or re-submit the same program for consideration to both conferences***, either before or after the selection results. **PMC and NYSFHC selection processes are independent.**

Submission Details
Proposals can be submitted online at Call for Presentations: New York State Family History Conference 2027

All proposals will receive independent assessment and internal review by the NYG&B education team. Selections and notifications will be made by **March 15, 2027.**

All accepted speakers will be required to submit a syllabus (up to four pages) for each session in print-ready format with a consistent title and tested links by **June 15, 2027**. Accepted speakers providing on-demand sessions must submit all recorded materials by **July 27, 2027.**

Questions? Contact **education@nygbs.org**.
Deadline for presentation proposal submissions: January 5, 2027.