

 2017 INTERNATIONAL
Germanic Genealogy Conference
INTERNATIONAL GERMAN GENEALOGY PARTNERSHIP

CONNECTIONS International. Cultural. Personal.

28 – 30 July 2017
Friday ■ Saturday ■ Sunday
Conference

27 July 2017
Thursday
Partner Society Leader Day
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Germanic Genealogy Society
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"Herman the German" Monument in New Ulm, Minnesota © Adam Smith



INTERNATIONAL GERMAN
Genealogy Partnership

Previously the German-American Genealogical Partnership

Welcome

We are looking forward to an exciting conference in July

with German family researchers coming together from many countries.

This is a global conference organized by a global partnership. The International German Genealogy Partnership — originally the German-American Genealogical Partnership — has organized a conference offering researchers new dimensions in learning from

our stellar lineup of speakers, making connections, offering research assistance and sharing information.

An all-star lineup of speakers awaits you, including well-known international people such as Roger Minert, Ernest Thode, Dirk Weissleder of Germany, Baerbel Johnson, Fritz Juengling, Michael Lacopo, James Beidler, Paula Stuart-Warren, Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, Jill Morelli, Stephen Morse and other international speakers from Germany and Australia.

The conference — “CONNECTIONS: International. Cultural. Personal.” — offers 70 presentations over three full days. It also offers a unique opportunity for German genealogists like you to make personal connections with other attendees.

This is the Partnership’s first-ever conference. Come make history with us and attend one of the largest German genealogy events ever held in the United States.

Executive Committee, International German Genealogy Partnership

Minnesota’s strong German heritage is the setting for the 2017 International Germanic Genealogy Conference.

Two million people living in Minnesota — nearly 40 percent of its population — are descendants of immigrants from German-speaking countries. In fact, about 40 percent of the population of the five-state region (Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota) is of German ancestry. German surnames abound and more people than ever are researching their ancestral ties back to the homeland.

Conference Location

Venue for the conference is the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest Hotel, 7025 Northland Drive North, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, a suburb of Minneapolis. The hotel is located near major highway corridors within the Twin Cities area of Minneapolis and Saint Paul. www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/misprw-minneapolis-marriott-northwest

Daily parking is free in the hotel’s large surface parking lot.

Free Wi-Fi is available in the conference center and throughout the hotel.

Getting There

The Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport is 25 miles from the conference venue and hotels. Shuttle, taxi, car rental and other transportation options are available at the airport. See conference website for more information.

Lodging

Hotel rooms at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest Hotel are fully booked for the 2017 International Germanic Genealogy Conference.

Additional nearby hotels in the Arbor Lakes area of Maple Grove also offer special conference rates. Go to www.iggpartner.org or the Germanic Genealogy Society website www.ggsminn.org for hotel details and how to make reservations. Free shuttle service to and from the conference at the Marriott Northwest will be provided to people staying at the Arbor Lakes hotels who need a ride.



Lake Harriet, Minneapolis ©Felicephoto.com

Registration

Early registration begins February 1 at discounted conference rates. Additional discounts are available to members of societies that have joined the Partnership. Regular registration begins April 1. Register online at www.iggpartner.org using PayPal or complete and mail the registration form on page 5.

On-site registration without meals for walk-in attendees is on a space-available basis.

On-site registration at the conference opens Thursday, July 27, at 3 p.m.

Cancellations are accepted until July 1. Refunds are subject to a \$50 service fee.

Special Needs

Attendees with special needs should notify the Partnership by email at info@ggsminn.org per the federal Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) by July 1.

This would include both physical and food-related special needs. Check the appropriate box on the registration form.

Daily Menu (See Registration Form for pricing)

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Breakfasts – hot breakfast buffet

Friday Speaker Lunch Buffet – grilled salmon, roast pork loin, assorted side dishes and desserts

Saturday Speaker Lunch Buffet – grilled chicken bruschetta, Hungarian beef goulash, assorted side dishes and desserts

Sunday Speaker Lunch Buffet – seared chicken, tenderloin tips, assorted side dishes and desserts

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Box Lunches – sandwiches to be determined

Special Event Menu

Thursday evening, Biergarten – bratwurst and cash bar

Friday evening, Connections Social – German-oriented hors d’oeuvres (no charge) and cash bar

Saturday Dinner Banquet (*choose one*) – German: smoked pork loin, side dishes and dessert, or American: seared salmon, side dishes and dessert

Of Note

- Fees apply for all speaker lunches.
- Food orders must be placed by June 30.
- Meals will not be available for onsite walk-in registrants.
- Per Marriott Hotel policy, all food and beverages in the public and conference areas must be provided by the hotel.
- Vegetarian/Gluten-Free and other special food restrictions should be noted on the registration form.
- Partner organizations can host events in executive suites, which will be available in the evenings. Other hospitality rooms may be made available at no cost after daily sessions end. Reservations can be made at the conference hospitality table. Informal hospitality times will be available at no cost in the four main conference rooms at the end of the last daily session.

International German Genealogy Partnership

The purpose of the Partnership is to expand cooperation among societies nationally and internationally to help make individual societies more successful in serving their members, including enabling members to make personal connections worldwide.

Founded in 2015 by genealogy society leaders in America and Germany, the Partnership currently joins German genealogy societies and leaders across America, Germany, Canada, England and other European countries.

Societies joining the Partnership range in size, some with numerous branch societies. The Germany-based Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Genealogischer Verbände includes more than 65 societies.

A number of major initiatives are being undertaken including this 2017 International Germanic Genealogy Conference, the first of what is to become a series of biennial conferences hosted by different Partnership societies.

Membership in the Partnership is for organizations rather than individuals. The benefits of an organization belonging to the Partnership flow through to its individual members. Individuals are encouraged to offer their talents to the Partnership's international efforts.

Current Partnership Members, as of December 15:

Germanic Genealogy Society (GGS), Minnesota
Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Genealogischer Verbände (including 65+ member societies), Germany
Pommern Regional Group of Minnesota, Minnesota
Ahnenforscher Stammtisch Unna und Umgebung, Germany
All Things German (ATG) interest group of Greater Omaha Genealogical Society (GOGS), Nebraska
Anglo German Family History Society, England
German-Bohemian Heritage Society (GBHS), Minnesota
Germans in St. Louis, Missouri
German Genealogy Group Inc. (GGG), New York
German Interest Group of the Hamilton County Genealogical Society, Ohio
German Interest Group of the San Diego Genealogical Society, California

German Interest Group for Temecula Valley Genealogical Society, California
Genealogisch-heraldische Arbeitsgemeinschaft Roland zu Dortmund e.V., Germany
German SIG of Villages Genealogical Society, Florida
German Special Interest Group (GSIG) of St. Louis Genealogical Society, Missouri
German Ancestral Studies (GAS) Research Group, Maryland
Germanic Genealogy Society of St. Louis, Missouri
Immigrant Genealogical Society of Burbank, California
Jefferson Genealogical Society of Metairie, Louisiana
Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society, Maryland
Oldenburgische Gesellschaft für Familienkunde e.V., Germany
Ostfriesen Genealogical Society of America (OGSA), Minnesota
Palatines to America (PALAM) (including 7 state chapters)
Pommern Special Interest Group of Immigrant Genealogical Society, California
Pommerscher Verein Freistadt Germantown, Wisconsin
Sacramento German Genealogy Society, California
Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe (SGGEE), Canada
Southwest Florida Germanic Genealogy Society, Florida
Verein für Computergenealogie e.V., Germany

Conference Speaker Biographies

Kim Ashford is a professional genealogist, speaker and owner of the Twigs and Branches Genealogy Service. She is the past president of the Germanic Genealogy Society of Minnesota (GGS), a member of APG and co-chair for the 2017 International Germanic Genealogy Conference. She is one of the founders of the International German Genealogy Partnership.

James M. Beidler is the author of "Trace Your German Roots Online: A Complete Guide to German Genealogy Websites" and "Family Tree German Genealogy Guide," and writes "Roots and Branches." He writes an award winning weekly newspaper column on Genealogy in Pennsylvania and is a columnist for German Life Magazine.

Gail Shaffer Blankenau, M.A., is a professional genealogist, speaker and author, specializing in German genealogy, land records, and lineage research. Gail enjoys speaking and writing about genealogy. Her articles have appeared in many genealogical magazines.

Ingeborg Carpenter, M.A., is the president of the Sacramento German Genealogical Society. She is a native German, has worked intensively with the German language through teaching, tutoring, translating, and studying at the university level. She has taught the old German handwriting and performs German research and translation duties.

Bill Cole, M.A., is the vice president of the Sacramento German Genealogy Society and co-chair for the 2017 International Germanic Genealogy Conference. He is a master storyteller and writer. He is sought after as a professional speaker/trainer.

Kent Cutkomp is a past president and current program chair of the Germanic Genealogy Society of Minnesota and co-chair for the 2017 International Germanic Genealogy Conference. He has given lectures in Germany and the United States, and he is the co-author of "Germanic Genealogy: A Guide to Worldwide Sources and Migration Patterns." He is one of the founders of the International German Genealogy Partnership.

Lois Hemmeter Edwards has more than 25 years of experience researching German ancestors. She has written the book, "Beginner's Guide to Germanic Genealogy" published by GGS. She has been a presenter at numerous genealogy workshops.

Werner Esser, Dr.-Ing., of Germany, serves as a member of supervisory board of Stadtwerke Bonn North Rhine-Westphalia. He has been the president of the Pfälzisch-Rheinische Familienkunde e.V. since 1996.

Richard Haberstroh, Ph.D., AG, is an accredited genealogist in German Genealogy. He has been involved in German research since 1984. He is the author of the book, "The German Churches of Metropolitan New York: a Research Guide," published by The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society.

Kenneth W. Heger has published articles in numerous state and regional publications. He managed the program at the National Archives and Records Administration for five years. He is a frequent speaker at annual conferences and the National Institute on Genealogical Research.

Debra A. Hoffman is the assistant director of the Genealogical Institute on Federal Records. She is a professional genealogist and the owner of Hoffman Genealogical Services. She is a frequent speaker at genealogical societies.

Benjamin Hollister, of Australia, has been a professional researcher for 20 years. He is convenor of the Germanic and Continental European Special Interest Group of South Australia and an international regional representative for APG.

Cynthia Spurgat Jacobson has been researching her family for 20 years. She is a member of FEEFHS and GGS. She writes weekly blogs on Genealogy for German Lutherans in Suwalki Province (G-GLISP) on the Internet.

Baerbel K. Johnson, AG, a native German, is an international reference consultant at the Family History Library with more than 20 years' experience in European family history. She has published journal articles, contributed material for several books, and lectured at various conferences. She is a member of the APG.

Abbreviations

APG	Association of Professional Genealogists
AG	Accredited Genealogist®
CG	Certified Genealogist®
GGS	Germanic Genealogy Society of Minnesota
FEEFHS	Foundation for East European Family History Studies
FMGS	Fellow, Minnesota Genealogical Association
FUGA	Fellow, Utah Genealogical Association
OSGA	Ostfriesen Genealogical Society of America

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Fritz Juengling, Ph.D., AG, is a research consultant on the international floor of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, where he specializes in German, Dutch and Scandinavian research. He is a frequent speaker at genealogical societies.

Timo Kracke is a board member for Verein für Computergenealogie e.V. and Oldenburgische Gesellschaft für Familienkunde e.V. He is the voice of the German Podcast “der Genealoge” and founder of the Kids-Genealogy project “die Familienforscher.” He is an author and blogger and lives in Ganderkesee, Germany.

Ursula C. Krause is a professional genealogist, teacher and speaker from Berlin. She is the founder of Rootseekers Genealogical Research. She did research for “Finding Your Roots” and an award-winning documentary the “Upside Down Book.”

Michael D. Lacopo, DVM, is well versed in research from a methodical and scientific viewpoint strengthened by his background in medicine. He has lectured nationally and internationally since 2004.

Nathan Machula is a professional genealogist specializing in German Research and a DNA Specialist.

Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG, author of the “Guide to Hanover Military Records, 1514-1866,” helps clients discover their German ancestry and specializes in reading German script. She is a popular national speaker.

Roger P. Minert, Ph.D., AG, is a professional genealogist accredited by the FHL for research in Germany and Austria. He is a professor of family history at Brigham Young University. He is the author of the new book “German Census Records 1816-1916.” He has published many other genealogical books.

Jill Morelli focuses her work on teaching, lecturing, writing and client work. She lectures regularly to local and regional genealogical and non-genealogical groups.

Stephen P. Morse, Ph.D., is the creator of the One-Step Webpages, for which he’s received numerous awards. He is a computer professional with a doctorate degree in electrical engineering.

Bryna O’Sullivan is a professional researcher and a French-to-English translator. She specializes in Luxembourg-American research. She has a blog page and is the owner of the Charter Oak Genealogy website.

Wade Olsen is a life-long genealogist with a focus on German and German Bohemian ancestry. He has a passion for travel and is enthusiastic about connecting people with their heritage.

Toni Perrone has been speaking to genealogical societies since 1981. She is the co-founder of the Immigrant Genealogical Society and the Temecula Valley Genealogical Society. She is the current president of the Pommern Interest Group of the Immigrant Genealogical Society.

Sigrid Pohl Perry, Ph.D., was born in Wedel, Germany and immigrated to Illinois in 1952. Sigrid has worked with archives and special collections at Northwestern University Library since 1981. A member of SGGEE and has served on the Board of Directors since 2011.

Yogi Reppmann, Ph.D., is a historian and wrote the draft of a book “How to do Genealogical Research in Schleswig Holstein.” He specializes in an immigrant group of a small number of democratic revolutionaries who emigrated from Europe in the late 1840s and early 1850s.

Shirley Riemer is the author of “The German Research Companion,” and co-author of “A Handbook for Your Visit to the Homeland of your Ancestors.” She has served as editor for “Der Blumenbaum” and been a member of the Sacramento Genealogical Society for many years. She has made 45 visits to Germany.

Joanne Daerr Ryder is the founder of the Southwest Florida Germanic Genealogy Society. She is a member of the Florida State Genealogical Society speakers bureau.

Donna Schilling and Charles Schilling, Ph.D., Donna has given presentations to various local groups in Iowa about Pomerania and other topics. They have been to the Pommern area several times and she is in process of writing a book tentatively titled “German Genealogy in Pomerania: Kreis Schlawe.”

Carolyn Schott is the founder of the Black Sea German Research Community and formerly a board member of the Germans from Russia Heritage Society and editor to their publication. She has been a speaker since 2007.

Donald P. Schwert, Ph.D., is a retired professor of geology at North Dakota State University. He researches his German/Polish/Kashubian ancestors whose histories reflect the struggles and successes associated with immigration into the U.S.

Paul Sternberg, past president of GGS, and past chairman of the Pommern Regional Group (PRG) of Minnesota, and is the current webmaster for PRG. He is co-author of “Germanic Genealogy: A Guide to Worldwide Sources and Migration Patterns,” and has written several books on Pomerania.

Paula Stuart-Warren, CG FMGS, FUGA, is an internationally recognized genealogical educator, researcher and consultant. She has lectured at conferences in many states and Canada. She is a member of the APG and a past board member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies. She has written many articles on various research facilities and types of records.

Ernest Thode is the author of many German genealogical books such as “Address Book For Germanic Genealogy.” He has published many other genealogical books. He has been a genealogical columnist, teacher, librarian, translator and German genealogical lecturer throughout the U.S. for many years.

John Vanek has experience as a researcher and writer for the Smithsonian Institute’s National Museum, the Minnesota Historical Society, Hagley Museum, etc. He is the owner of GeneALOGIC Family Research Services.

Dirk Weissleder, of Germany, is a lecturer and independent company consultant. He is the chairman of the DAGV (Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Genealogischer Verbände e.V.). He is one of the founders of the International German Genealogy Partnership.

Kathy Wurth is a researcher, speaker, volunteer, and owner of Family Tree Tours, specializing in ancestral trips to Germany. Kathy is facilitator of specialized groups researching in Bavaria and Niedersachsen, Germany.

Thursday Schedule — July 27, 2017

Pre-Conference Events

(Register for these events using the registration form on page 5.)

Partner Society Leader Day

8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Leaders of societies that are members of the International German Genealogy Partnership are invited to meet partnership colleagues in person and participate in strategic planning discussing the partnership organization and

exploring how individual societies are reaching out to members, how societies can share their resources while protecting their value to members, how societies internationally can interact on leadership and membership levels, and more.

The day will also include time to connect in small groups.

Biergarten at Germanic-American Institute 6 to 9 p.m.

Kick off the conference by joining your colleagues for a social evening at the Biergarten including a light German supper sponsored by the Germanic-American Institute, 301 Summit Ave., Saint Paul. Shuttle buses will provide transportation to and from the conference venue and the Arbor Lakes hotels.

Track	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Skill Building	<p>F-101 Plenary 1st Half: The International German Genealogy Partnership (IGGP) Story <i>Kent Cutkomp</i> How the IGGP partnership began, how it has grown, and its projects and goals. (B/I/A)</p>	<p>F-103 Introduction to Using German Parish Records <i>Gail Shaffer Blankenau, M.A.</i> Hesitant to start on your Germanic heritage because of language, handwriting, and record availability? Learn how to navigate parish records — even if you don't speak German. (B)</p>	<p>F-108 German Church Records and Civil Records — Language, Format, and Content <i>Lois Hemmeter Edwards</i> Knowing what to expect in German church or civil records can make them easier to read and can increase the amount of information you procure. Familiarity with old German script is helpful but not required. (I)</p>
Specialized Topics	<p>F-102 Plenary 2nd Half: IGGP Vision of the Future. Connections: International. Cultural. Personal. <i>Dirk Weissleder</i> A vision of the future for the International German Genealogy Partnership and for German genealogy research. (B/I/A)</p>	<p>F-104 Finding Your Ancestors in German Directories <i>Ursula C. Krause</i> In Germany, more and more directories are online, some are even indexed. Learn where to find them, how to work with them, and how to interpret directory information. (I)</p>	<p>F-109 Cyrillic Parish Records: A Guide to Documents <i>Sigrid Pohl Perry, Ph.D.</i> Presentation of the Cyrillic alphabet, dates, key words and basic information for deciphering the most crucial data in birth and death records — primarily in Napoleonic format. (A)</p>
Regional		<p>F-105 Researching German Roots in the Czech Republic <i>Baerbel K. Johnson, AG</i> Germans have lived in today's Czech Republic for hundreds of years. Now records are available online: gazetteers, maps, church records, probates, and more. Learn to identify the archive that holds your records and to navigate the websites. (B/I/A)</p>	<p>F-110 "Heimat Treffen": A Networking Case Study in Pomerania <i>Donna and Charles Schilling, Ph.D.</i> The presenters will share experiences as they traveled to the homeland, joining fellow Pomeranians who were expelled after WWII. (The Schillings will be hosting a Connections Session on creating Heimat Treffen.) (B/I/A)</p>
Technology/ Regional		<p>F-106 From DNA to Genetic Genealogy: Everything You Wanted to Know but were Afraid to Ask <i>Stephen P. Morse, Ph.D.</i> The study of genetics has now entered the genealogy field. This presentation introduces genes, chromosomes, and DNA — and how it's inherited. Utilize this knowledge to find unknown relatives and learn about your very distant ancestors. (B/I/A)</p>	<p>F-111 "She Bore Her Suffering with Christian Fortitude": Using Religious Newspapers and Periodicals <i>Michael D. Lacopo, DVM</i> Denominational newspapers are incredible sources, often containing obituaries and biographical information decades before traditional community newspapers did. Learn where to find them, what they contain, and how to use them. (B/I/A)</p>
Bonus			

Lunch 12:00 — 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

3:30 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

F-115 You Know Where, and You Know When; I'll Let You Know How They Lived*Ingeborg Carpenter, M.A.*

Names and dates are necessary, but knowing how our ancestors lived will make their story come to life. (B/I/A)

F-120 I Have a German Ancestor! How Do I "Cross the Pond"?*Joanne Daerr Ryder*

This presentation discusses what you must know before "crossing the pond": your ancestor's German name, where he was born, his religion, and some idea of his life span (birth to death). Let the adventure begin! (B)

F-113 Breathe Life into Your Genealogy with the Power of Story*Bill Cole, M.A.*

Storytelling is recognized today as a top communication skill. Learn how to uncover, craft, and deliver powerful stories that touch others and breathe life into your genealogy. (B/I/A)

*Luncheon Ticket Required
See Registration Form*

F-116 World War I Era U.S. Alien Registrations*Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA*

U.S. WW I alien registrations and draft registrations contain family history information for German ancestors. Learn where to find those that still exist and what they contain — with a bonus for non-citizen ancestors who resided in Minnesota. (I)

F-121 German Census Records 1816-1916*Roger P. Minert, Ph.D., A.G.*

The traditional mystery of German census records can now be explained. Frequency, content, methodology, and accessibility of these records in the thirty-eight states of the German Empire will be explained and illustrated. (B/I/A)

F-117 Luxembourg-American Genealogy: the Basics*Bryna O'Sullivan*

Luxembourgers immigrating to the U.S. were often misidentified as being from other German speaking areas. Learn tactics for determining that your family is in fact Luxembourger and unique resources for tracing these ancestors on the American side. (B/I/A)

F-122 Ostfriesen Genealogy: An Overview*Jill Morelli*

This is an introduction to Ostfriesen genealogy, its records, traditions and culture. Basic skills will be covered, along with discussion of naming conventions, Ortsippenbücher, and unique and relevant record sets in the U.S. (B)

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F-114 The Status of Your German Ancestor*Roger P. Minert, Ph.D., A.G.*

This presentation discusses the feudal system in Germanic territories in Europe. The structure of classes is described with an emphasis on correctly placing our ancestors on that social scale continuum. (B/I/A)

*Luncheon Ticket Required
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F-118 Genealogy Beyond the Y Chromosome: Autosomes Exposed*Stephen P. Morse, Ph.D.*

Recent advances in genetic genealogy make it possible to trace all lineages by testing the autosomes. With some limitations, autosomes can be used to find ethnic mixes and recent cousins. (B/I/A)

F-123 Historical Geo Information System GOV*Timo Kracke*

The GOV is a historical geo information system like an advanced electronic gazetteer. Find place information like coordinates, properties, former names and affiliations. Integrate the unique GOV ID into your software or website. (I)

F-124 Donauschwabens — Who Were They?*Toni Perrone*

Explanation of the German Danube Swabians, their migration to Hungary, and an overview of Banat history. Details of their lives in Yugoslavia and Romania, the expulsion and genocide of 1944-1948, and relocation to the U.S. (I)

Saturday Schedule — July 29, 2017

Track	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Skill Building	<p>SA-201 Meyers Orts Gazetteer <i>Fritz Juengling, Ph.D., AG</i> Meyers Orts has now been indexed, put online, and coupled with the Karte des Deutschen Reiches. This version has many features that set it apart from all others and make it an invaluable tool for German research. (B/I/A)</p>	<p>SA-206 Using FamilySearch.org for German Research. Dig Deep! <i>Kim Ashford</i> The FamilySearch home page just scratches the surface of what is available. Grab your shovels and learn how to dig deep to find treasures of information from this free source. (B/I/A)</p>	<p>SA-211 Cashdollar, Blackwelder, Pennypacker: German Surnames, but Changed in America <i>Ernest Thode</i> Translations, spelling conventions, and suffix changes are just some of the reasons behind German surname changes that occurred in America. (B/I/A)</p>
Specialized Topics	<p>SA-202 Too Many Marys: Solving Identity and Same Name Conundrums <i>Jill Morelli</i> We will examine three common identity issues faced by genealogists: fragments of information about an emigrant, too many of the same name in the correct locale, and little or no information about an individual. (I) <i>Sponsored by OGSA</i></p>	<p>SA-207 Research in German-American Newspapers <i>Kent Cutkomp</i> Learn the history of German language newspapers in the U.S., where to find them, and what valuable research information they contain. (B/I/A)</p>	<p>SA-212 Start Your Research For German Ancestors with genealogy.net <i>Timo Kracke</i> Genealogy.net is the largest open access database for German language records. Discover historic city directories, a genealogical wiki, the GOV, user-contributed GEDCOM files, heritage books, the powerful metasearch, and more. (B/I/A)</p>
Regional	<p>SA-203 Genealogical Research in Lithuania, East and West Prussia <i>Cynthia Spurgat Jacobson</i> Those researching Germans in Lithuania, East and West Prussia must be familiar with various administrative jurisdictions and languages, their different manners of record keeping, the current locations of those records, and more. (I)</p>	<p>SA-208 Die Pfalz: Understanding and Researching in Palatine Records <i>Richard Haberstroh, Ph.D., AG</i> A study of the history of the Rheinpfalz, an introduction to the wide variety of records available and how to best access them, both online and in person. (A)</p>	<p>SA-213 Mennonite Research: The Forgotten Swiss Germans <i>Michael D. Lacopo, DVM</i> The Mennonites came to America in the 18th century from Germany and the 19th century from Switzerland. Learn how research techniques and repositories in America and Europe can help you locate your Anabaptist ancestor! (B/I/A)</p>
Technology/Regional	<p>SA-204 German Research Gem: Back Issues of Genealogical and Historical Periodicals <i>Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA</i> Genealogical and historical societies and other organizations in the U.S. have published periodicals for decades. Articles have covered culture, migration, military, churches, and other aspects of German ancestry. (B/I/A)</p>	<p>SA-209 Researching Former German Provinces in the East <i>Nathan Machula</i> Discussion of the records available for researching ancestors from the former German provinces east of modern Germany, including East and West Prussia, Posen, Silesia, half of Pomerania, and part of Brandenburg. (B/I/A)</p>	<p>SA-214 A Snapshot of the World Our Ancestors Lived in; Austrian Empire 19th Century <i>Wade Olsen</i> This presentation will help genealogists develop a better understanding of the situation in the Germanic regions of Europe, especially Bohemia and the domains under Austrian Habsburg rule. (B/I/A)</p>
Bonus	<p>SA-205 One-Step Webpages: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools <i>Stephen P. Morse, Ph.D.</i> The One-Step website started as an aid for finding passengers in the Ellis Island database. It expanded and evolved to include about 200 web-based tools divided into 16 separate categories including genealogical searches and more. (B/I/A)</p>	<p>SA-210 He Took Her Name: Understanding German Farm Names <i>Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG</i> Learn about the custom of German farm names, the possibility that a man might have to change his surname to inherit a farm, and the potential impact on your research. (B/I/A)</p>	

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SA-218 Beginner's Luck: From Place Name to German Birth Record

Lois Hemmeter Edwards

This session leads you through several scenarios with the goal of finding the German birth record of an immigrant ancestor. Starting with a place name, learn to locate it, determine the parish, and access and decipher the records. (B)

SA-223 Off to America!

Ursula C. Krause

Learn about German records by following the life of German dairy farmer Friedrich Stange who emigrated in 1855. Hear his story, see the records used to overcome brick walls, and discover why he left Brandenburg. (B)

SA-216 Our German Ancestors and Their Occupations – A Bit of Social History

Baerbel K. Johnson, AG

An overview of German society between the 16th and 20th centuries, from feudalism to the industrial age and an explanation of how feudal controls, taxes, and other obligations affected our ancestors lives. (B)

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SA-219 Researching in Germany

Shirley Riemer and Roger P. Minert, Ph.D., AG

Conducting family history research in an ancestral home town in Europe can be most satisfying, but also very challenging — even for the experienced professional. The presenters have co-authored a book by the same title. (B/I/A)

SA-224 German Guilds and Their Records: A Possibility for Filling Gaps when Church Records are Missing

Fritz Juengling, Ph.D., AG

This presentation will cover the purposes and organization of guilds, various record types kept by guilds and how these can fill gaps or extend research when other record types are missing. Discussion of some occupations included. (I)

SA-220 Discovering Your Black Sea German Ancestors

Carolyn Schott

This presentation will give an overview of the history of Germans immigrating to the Black Sea area, some background on the different routes they took, and the forces that eventually led them to leave this region. (B/I/A)

SA-225 Navigating Luxembourg's Civil Registration

Bryna O'Sullivan

Luxembourg has one of the earliest systems of civil registration. This presentation will introduce the history of that system, identify how it can be accessed, and discuss its basic content. (I)

SA-217 German Immigrant Waves: Contrasts and Sources

James Beidler

“Pennsylvania Germans” in the 1700s were a different breed than the “German Americans” who immigrated in the 1800s. This presentation shows the differences in geography, economic class, religion, and aspirations. (B)

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SA-221 From Rural to Urban: Researching a Story of Mass Emigration from Northern Westpreußen to Buffalo, N.Y., U.S.

Donald P. Schwert, Ph.D.

Church records from northern West Prussia reflect the early history of a group of farm families who immigrated in the 1880s. They settled in Buffalo, New York where their histories continue in the ledgers of Saint Boniface Parish. (B/I/A)

SA-226 Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Hanover Military Records

Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG

Discover male ancestors in the Kingdom of Hanover's military records available to researchers in the U.S. Even if an ancestor didn't serve, conscription lists might name him. (B/I/A)

SA-222 Hessen: The Land of Hansel and Gretel

Toni Perrone

Come and discover the connection between Hessen folklore and Hansel and Gretel. We will discuss the history and border changes of Hessen through the centuries and learn the part Hessens played in the U.S. Revolutionary War. (I)

Sunday Schedule — July 30, 2017

Track	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Skill Building	<p>SU-301 Make Sense out of Census Records – an Overview: Fact or Fiction? <i>Bill Cole, M.A.</i> Census Records in North America contain a wealth of knowledge to jumpstart your genealogy. What is there and what isn't? Learn how to approach finding your ancestors with targeted precision and appropriate care. (B)</p>	<p>SU-306 German Names: Their Origin and Distribution <i>Fritz Juengling, Ph.D., AG</i> We will discuss the origin of German given names and surnames and their geographic distribution, taking into account dialects and foreign influences. We will also look at an online names distribution website. (B/I/A)</p>	<p>SU-311 The "Push" and the "Pull": Decision-Making of the 19th Century Emigrant <i>Jill Morelli</i> This presentation compares and contrasts the scholarly explanation for emigration/immigration and the reasoning seen in a rare 37 page letter written by the instructor's immigrant ancestor. (B) <i>Sponsored by OGSA</i></p>
Specialized Topics	<p>SU-302 Misspelled German Place Names <i>Ernest Thode</i> Discussion of the many reasons German place names are misspelled, i.e., same name, actual German variant spellings, umlauts/essets, misreading script, dialects, and much more. (A)</p>	<p>SU-307 Immigration and Citizenship in the Early Years of the Republic: Records of the American Consulate in Bremen, 1797-1850 <i>Kenneth W. Heger</i> The American Consulate in Bremen kept detailed records that fill major gaps in other Federal records. Consulate records document consular marriages, passport applications, substantial data on emigrants and more. (I)</p>	<p>SU-312 They Joined, They Wrote, They Associated: Finding Records of Germanic Organizations and Other Collections <i>Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA</i> Did your ancestors belong to German heritage, charitable, religious, political, social, or other organizations in the U.S.? Learn about specialized finding aids, searchable databases and other resources to locate these records. (I)</p>
Regional	<p>SU-303 An Alsatian-American Case Study <i>Richard Haberstroh, Ph.D., AG</i> This lecture follows an Alsatian family that arrived in America in 1835, uses circumstantial evidence to determine a birthplace and discusses available Alsatian records, including internet sources. (B/I/A)</p>	<p>SU-308 What's a Palatine Anyway? <i>James Beidler</i> Many immigrants hailed from the Palatinate area of southwest Germany in the 1700s. Learn about the origin of this name, the history of the area, its people and records, and why it was an emigrant hotbed for three centuries. (B)</p>	<p>SU-313 Online Resources for German Research in Formerly Eastern Areas <i>Baerbel K. Johnson, AG</i> Digital record collections for Poland and the former Austrian Empire are introduced. The primary focus is on church records, but indexes, resources and reference tools are also discussed. (B)</p>
Technology/Regional	<p>SU-304 Parting Ways: Finding Your German Families in Australia <i>Benjamin Hollister</i> Many Germans who immigrated to America had siblings who chose to go to Australia and New Zealand instead. This presentation introduces the repositories and sources available to assist in finding these Antipodean relatives. (I)</p>	<p>SU-309 Internet Resources for Pomeranian Research <i>Paul Sternberg</i> In this presentation, learn how to use Pomeranian internet resources in your genealogical research. (I)</p>	<p>SU-314 1848er Democratic Revolutionaries and the German Mass Migration to the Midwest <i>Yogi Reppmann, Ph.D.</i> The "Forty-Eighters" emigrated from Europe after fighting unsuccessfully for liberty, democracy, and national unity. They provided an intellectual transfusion influencing the history of the United States. (B/I/A)</p>
Bonus	<p>SU-305 The Godparent Thing – Overcoming Brick Walls in Your German Research <i>Ursula C. Krause</i> Lost your German ancestors? Reading and interpreting church records mixed with socio-historical information, historical maps, and regional history can help you find out more about your ancestors and overcome brick walls! (A)</p>	<p>SU-310 Baltimore: The Golden Door for Immigrants <i>Debra A. Hoffman</i> Baltimore was a major entry point for immigrants to America. Learn about Baltimore's history and the sources available to document individuals who arrived through this port. (B/I/A)</p>	<p>SU-315 German Jewish Genealogical Resources <i>Toni Perrone</i> This lecture will explain ways to find your surname location and your ancestral town in Germany. It will cover resources on and off the internet such as religious and emigration/immigration records, town lineage records, and more. (B)</p>

Lunch 12:00 — 2:00 p.m.

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5:00 p.m.

SU-318 German Church Books – Baptismal Records

Kathy Wurth

This class shows how to read baptismal records and gives background on what a woman's life was like during the time period from 1600 to 1900, including pregnancy, choosing Godparents, illegitimacy, and the christening service itself. (B/I/A)

SU-323 Top Tips in Reading German Parish Records

Gail Shaffer Blankenau, M.A.

Get the most out of your ancestor's baptism, marriage, and death records. Learn how to use paleographic strategies to decipher difficult handwriting; with numerous examples from a range of Germanic states. (B)

SU-316 Incorporating Social History into Your German-American Research

Michael D. Lacopo, DVM

Family history should be more than names and dates. Social history and its bearing on genealogical research will be covered and a "must-read" bibliography for serious researchers will be discussed. (B/I/A)

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SU-319 Pioneers and Colonists: Background of Germans in Eastern Europe

James Beidler

For centuries, German-speaking enclaves existed in Eastern Europe. This presentation introduces and gives historical background about these "Germans outside Germany." (B/I/A)

SU-324 Using Digital Libraries to Research Your German Ancestors

Baerbel K. Johnson, AG

Explore some major digital libraries. Find reference books like gazetteers, parish register inventories, historical newspapers, city directories, images, and maps. Use these to place ancestors in a socio-historical context. (B/I/A)

SU-320 Workshop: How to Read German Birth, Marriage, and Death Records and Special Features of the Palatinate

Werner Esser, Dr.-Ing.

Learn to read 19th century German records, find out what information they contain, and how to search the entries. Look at pre-1793 records in Palatine church books. (B)

SU-325 The United States and the Grand Duchy of Baden, 1830-1917

Kenneth W. Heger

Learn how to access the records of the American consulates in the Grand Duchy of Baden, a great source for finding information about Americans returning to or traveling through the area. (B/I/A)

SU-317 Tracking the Tribe; or How to Get Around a Wall When You Can't Find the Door

Sigrid Pohl Perry, Ph.D.

Using ship manifests, censuses, obituaries, etc., learn strategies to find traces of relatives/friends of an elusive ancestor whose information will provide new avenues to search. (I)

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SU-321 The End of Anonymity: How I Identified My Anonymous Sperm Donor Father and What It Means for Donors and Birth Parents Everywhere

John Vanek

The technical and emotional aspects of the search for an anonymous donor father and the broader implications of DNA for people who counted on anonymity. (B/I/A)

SU-326 German-Bohemians: Why They Left Their Homeland and Where They Settled in the U.S.

Wade Olsen

After centuries in Bohemia, the mid to late nineteenth century became the prime time to begin a new life in America. Our ancestors were brave and sometimes desperate, and they endured unbelievable hardships along the way. (B/I/A)

SU-327 IGGC Exclusive: Family Mining – A New Methodology for Global Surname Based Research

Dirk Weissleder

Trace the history of your surname, find others with the same last name, and create a "family reunion" for those sharing a common surname. (B/I/A)

Conference Highlights

Four simultaneous presentation tracks and a partial fifth track; more than 20 daily presentations; 70 presentations overall
All-star lineup of internationally known speakers, including Germany and Australia
Presentations on regional specialties including Ostfriesen, Luxembourg, Palatinate, Bremen, Alsace, Baden, Black Sea Germans, Austria, Czech Republic (Bohemia), Danube Swabians, Hessen, Pomerania, West Prussia, East Prussia, Lithuania, eastern Europe, former eastern German provinces, Australia, and others

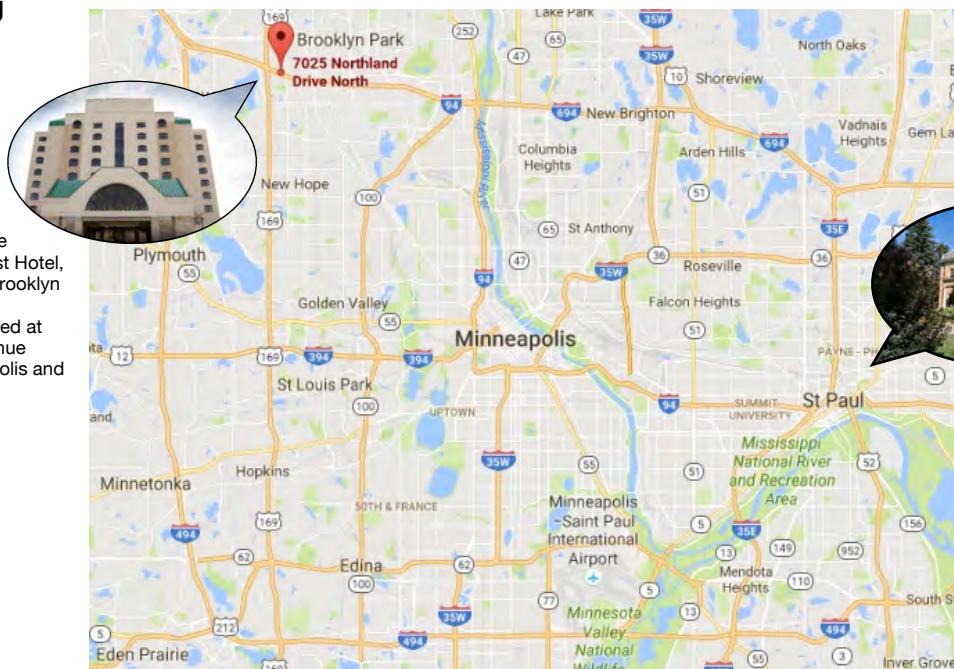
Attendees can enter their geographic areas of research interest into a database prior to the conference and connect with others researching the same areas
Daily "Connections" time for attendees to meet others who share common areas of research
Opening plenary presentation on Friday; the story and future plans of the International German Genealogy Partnership
Evening banquet on Saturday with entertainment

Lunchtime options each day; two are speaker lunches
Study rooms with computers and expert personal assistance in German script, language and research
Hospitality rooms in executive suites and in the conference area of the Marriott
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Each Partnership society can hold member gatherings during conference downtime

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