

Call for Papers

2012 BYU Conference on Family History and Genealogy “Strengthening Ties That Bind Families Together” Tuesday through Friday, July 31 – August 3

Proposals are now being accepted for the 2012 BYU Conference on Family History and Genealogy, which will be held Tuesday through Friday, July 31-August 3 at the BYU Conference Center in Provo, Utah.

Each presentation will be 60 minutes in length, including time for questions and answers. Each presentation should reflect the latest status of research and publication on the topic. **Please do not submit more than eight proposals.**

The deadline for proposals is **Monday, March 5, 2012**. We welcome proposals that allow participants to gain new skills and helpful information in the following areas of family history and genealogy:

- Getting started in family history
 - Classes specifically designed for those who have never done research
 - Other beginner topics
- Using new technologies for family research
- Research methodology: research process, pedigree analysis, evidence evaluation, tracing immigrants, etc.
- Beginning, intermediate, and advanced research methodology in:
 - British Isles (England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales)
 - Germany
 - Scandinavia
 - United States (regional topics)
 - Canada
 - Other world areas
- Family organizations and collaboration
- Writing, editing and publishing family history
- Family History Center support and family history consultant training

Presentations should not only inform, but should provide **step-by-step instructions** to help participants use the class materials. **All syllabus material should reflect the content of classes, both in detail and in sequence of instruction.**

Presentation style must be PowerPoint, lecture, or Internet. BYU Conferences and Workshops will provide in each classroom a laptop computer with Internet connection and an LCD projector. Speakers should plan to bring their PowerPoint slide show on a flash drive, CD-ROM, or DVD-ROM in a format readable by Windows. Be sure to have available a backup copy of your presentation. If yours is an Internet presentation, you must have screen shot backups in case of Internet failure.

Proposals must include:

- Full name of presenter
- Brief biographical sketch for the syllabus (50 words maximum)
- Title of presentation
- Class description to be used for advertising brochure and web page (50 words maximum) that includes detailed information about the main topics to be discussed in the class
- Audience skill level (beginner, intermediate, or advanced)
- If your presentation deals with a country, research topic or technology that is likely to draw fewer than 15 students, indicate whether you will teach it without compensation
- Medium of presentation
 - PowerPoint
 - Internet—requires screen shot backup in case of Internet failure
- Requested audio/visual equipment in addition to computer and LCD projector, which will already be in each room
- Current e-mail, mailing address, telephone number(s)
- A list of your previous experience presenting at conferences or workshops in the past three years, including titles of presentations

Compensation

Speakers participating in the Conference will receive:

- Complimentary registration
- Conference syllabus
- \$100 per presentation
- a bonus of \$50 per presentation if your camera-ready syllabus materials:
 - follow the syllabus guidelines listed above
 - are submitted by midnight on **Monday, June 4, 2012**
- Out-of-state speakers selected to present four or more presentations will also receive accommodations, \$100 toward travel, and a cafeteria meal card covering the days of the conference.
- If an in-state speaker is speaking both in the morning and in the afternoon of a specific day, lunch will be provided.
- Presenters of classes that are expected to draw fewer than 15 students will not receive compensation for the presentation or camera-ready syllabus.

Please e-mail presentation proposals in Microsoft Word format no later than **Monday, March 5, 2012**, to:

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Initial acceptance of presentation proposals will be sent by the program committee by the end of March or early April 2012.