Call for Papers

2019 BYU Conference on Family History and Genealogy
Tuesday, July 30 through Friday, August 2, 2019

Proposals are now being accepted for the 2019 BYU Conference on Family History and Genealogy which will be held Tuesday, July 30 through Friday, August 2, at the BYU Conference Center in Provo, Utah.

Proposals are accepted through the BYU recruiting system. You will be required to have a BYU Net ID. If you do not have a Net ID, click here to create one. You may submit up to eight proposals by clicking on the following link: Submit Proposals and Apply Here

The deadline for proposals is **Sunday, January 13, 2019**. We welcome proposals that allow participants to gain new skills and receive helpful information in the following areas of family history and genealogy:

- Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced techniques in family history (We are very interested in Intermediate and Advanced topics, but welcome beginning as well.)
- Vendors interested in sharing insights to their products (will not be compensated)
- Writing, preserving, and sharing histories online (blogging, photos, and stories)
- Digital technologies and using computers, technology, and the Internet for research
- DNA and Forensic genealogy
- Record types (probate, immigration/naturalization, church, newspapers, military, etc.)
- Pre-1850 Methodologies
- Intermediate, and advanced research methodology in:
    - British Isles
    - Europe
    - Scandinavia
    - United States
    - Other countries and international regions
- Family History Center support and family history consultant training
- Engaging youth in family history

Presentations should inform and provide **step-by-step instructions** to help participants use the class materials. Each presentation will be 50 minutes in length, with 10 minutes at the end for questions and answers. Presentations should reflect the latest trends and advancements in research and sources. **All syllabus material should reflect the content of classes, both in detail and in sequence of instruction.**

Presentation style must be PowerPoint or Internet. BYU Conferences and Workshops will provide a laptop computer with Internet connection and an LCD projector in each classroom. Speakers should plan to bring their PowerPoint slideshow on a flash drive, in a format readable by Windows. Be sure to have a backup copy of your presentation available. If you plan to use an Internet presentation, you must have screenshot backups in case of Internet failure.

Note: If you presented at our conference in 2018, please consider submitting alternate proposals for the 2019 conference. In order to best serve the needs of our conference attendees, repeated lectures from 2018 will not be considered as readily as newer proposals. We are looking for more intermediate and advanced classes.

Please be prepared with the following information for your proposals:
- Full name of the presenter
- A brief biographical sketch of the presenter for the syllabus (50 words maximum)
- Title of the presentation
- Class description (50 words maximum), to be used for an advertising brochure and web page Include detailed information about the main topics to be discussed in the class.
- Audience skill level (beginner, intermediate, advanced or all)
- Current e-mail, mailing address, telephone number(s) – Please make sure to have these updated in the BYU system so we are able to contact you.
- A list detailing your previous experience presenting at conferences or workshops in the past three years, including titles of presentations
- Provide and indicate if you wish postnominals, certification or accreditation be included with your name on the program (if you are selected to present)

Compensation
Speakers participating in the conference will receive:
- Complimentary registration
- Conference syllabus on flash drive
- $100 per presentation
- If your proposal is accepted, a syllabus must be submitted or the class will be canceled. A bonus of $50 per presentation will be given if your **camera-ready syllabus materials** meet the following requirements:
  - follow the syllabus guidelines listed on the acceptance letter
  - are submitted by midnight MST on **Monday, June 3, 2019**
- Out-of-state speakers selected to give **four or more** presentations will also receive accommodations (airfare and hotel, and lunch covering the days of the conference). All other accommodations must be paid for by the speaker. Please notify Ann Baxter at ann.baxter@byu.edu or 801.422.4852, if you are willing to present without compensation for travel and lodging. This will allow us to include more out-of-state speakers.
- If an in-state speaker is presenting both in the morning and in the afternoon of a specific day, lunch will be provided.

Please submit presentation proposals via the following link no later than midnight, **Sunday, January 13, 2019**: Submit Proposals and Apply Here

Initial acceptance of presentation proposals will be sent by the program committee by the beginning of April 2019.