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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Friday through Sunday, June 5-7, 2015
Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Hotel
2500 Hollywood Way
Burbank, California

RESEARCHING AFRICAN AMERICAN ROOTS AT THE 2015 GENEALOGY JAMBOREE

Full track (9 sessions) tailored for
African American Research on Friday and
Saturday

- DNA Testing
- Searching for Ancestors and Living Relatives
- Connecting with Slave Owner's Descendants
- The Great Migration
- Occupations
- African-American Research on Ancestry.com
- Women in the Civil War
- Property Rights - At the Courthouse
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Bernice Alexander Bennett is an author, lecturer, family historian and researcher. She is also the president of BB's Genealogy Research and Educational Services, LLC, and she is also the producer and host of *Research at the National Archives and Beyond! Blog Talk Radio*. She has presented her research at several genealogical events, including Jamboree. She is co-author of *Our Ancestor, Our Stories*.

- Friday 6/5/2015. 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner: The Emotional Side of DNA Testing." This interactive presentation will discuss emotional reactions associated with discovering new relatives; ancestry results, and other unanticipated findings.
- Saturday 6/6/2015. 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. "Searching for the Living and Connecting with the Slave Owner's Descendant." Participants will hear a case study of research strategies to find living relatives and an unexpected connection with the slave owner's descendant.



Angela Walton-Raji has a national reputation as genealogist, author and lecturer. Her book, *Black Indian Genealogy Research*, is the only book of its kind focusing on the unique Oklahoma Freedmen Records. Beyond her public appearances, she hosts 3 blogs, 3 websites, and she hosts the ongoing African Roots Podcast.

- Saturday 6/6/2015. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. "Nurses, Matrons, Laundresses & Cooks, Women of the Civil War." From the Civil War battlefield to hospital wards, women, rich and poor, served the men who fought. This session shows how to find records of the nurses, matrons, laundresses and cooks in the Civil War.



Nicka Smith is a professional photographer, speaker, and documentarian with more than 14 years of experience as a genealogist. She has extensive experience in African-ancestored genealogy, reverse genealogy, and family reunion planning and execution. She is also an expert in genealogical research in the Northeastern Louisiana area, sharing genealogy with youth, documenting the ancestral journey, and employing the use of new technology in genealogy and family history research.

- Friday 6/5/2015. 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. "Tracing Slave and Slave Owner Ancestors with DNA and Genealogy." The history of slavery in America has made our DNA a complex cultural stew. In this session, learn how to combine traditional genealogy and DNA research to confirm or deny slave, slaveholder, and ancestral ties to one of history's most peculiar institutions.
- Saturday 6/6/2015. 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. "Going, Leaving: African American Genealogy and the Great Migration." They were called by better jobs, better opportunities, and really, they wanted to make a better us. Learn about why one of the biggest migrations ever is hardly ever talked about and how to successfully document your ancestors who participated in it.



Judy G. Russell, the Legal Genealogist, is a genealogist with a law degree. She writes, teaches and lectures on a wide variety of genealogical topics, ranging from using court records in family history to understanding DNA testing. She is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, from which she holds credentials as a Certified GenealogistSM and Certified Genealogical LecturerSM. Her blog, chosen as one of the American Bar Association's top 100 in 2013 and 2014, appears at www.legalgenealogist.com.

- Friday 6/5/2015. 2:30 p.m. -3:30 p.m. "Property Rights and Wrongs: African Americans at the Courthouse." From being treated as property to having their property stolen by those who used the law against them, African Americans' experience at the courthouse had only one bright spot: it created records for the descendants of slaves and slaves owners alike.



Michael Nolden Henderson, Lt. Cmdr., U.S. Navy retired is a genealogist and family history researcher who began his journey almost 30 years ago. Henderson is the author of *Got Proof! My Genealogical Journey Through the Use of Documentation*, his memoir detailing his discovery of an enslaved ancestor who gained her freedom in 1779. Henderson is the first and only African American member of the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Recipient of the 2013 James Dent Walker Award for Excellence in African American Genealogical Research, Henderson was featured in a segment of the PBS program, *History Detectives* in 2010.

- Saturday 6/5/2015. 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. "Black Women, White Men: Embracing the Forbidden Fruit of Genealogy." Relationships between black women and white men have left interesting legacies for their descendants. Explore how these relationships can sometimes lead to unlikely connections to American history.



Crista Cowan has been employed by Ancestry.com since 2004 and is known as "The Barefoot Genealogist" with a weekly internet show designed to help people discover their family history. Crista has spent thousands of hours discovering, documenting and telling family stories.

- Saturday 6/5/2015. 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. "Ancestry.com Resources for African American Research." This presentation will focus on the records and resources available on Ancestry.com to assist in research into African American families from the 1700s to today. Join Crista Cowan as she shares some case studies in African American research using records available through Ancestry to solve difficult research problems. Special focus will be given to search tips and tricks.



Friday, June 5, 2015 - 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Panel Discussion - Bernice A. Bennett, Angela Walton-Raji, and Nicka Smith. "Reaching Out and Reaching In: Developing an Inclusive Multi-Cultural Genealogy Society." This session will focus on developing an inclusive multi-cultural genealogical society.

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