

Submission Deadline: September 1, 2023



## The Journey of Our Ancestors: *Tracing Our Western Pennsylvania Roots*

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50th Anniversary Conference

2024

The Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society announces a **Call for Presentations** for the 2024 WPGS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, "Tracing Our Western Pennsylvania Roots: The Journey of Our Ancestors."

The conference will be held June 21–22, 2024 in Pittsburgh, PA, and virtually. Presentations will be recorded and made available to participants for 30 days.

WPGS is seeking new presentations from dynamic speakers on the following topics:

- Immigration/Migration
- Western Pennsylvania Records and Repositories
- Methodology
- Western Pennsylvania Case Studies
- Writing/Organizing Your Research
- DNA in Genealogy.
- Religious and/or Ethnic Groups

### Presentation Requirements

Presentations should be 50 minutes in length with an additional 5 to 10 minutes allotted for Q&A. Speakers agree to have their presentations recorded and made available to participants for 30 days.

### Submission Requirements

Submit proposals in PDF format, and include the following information:

- Speaker's full name, mailing address, telephone, and email address.
- Presentation title, not to exceed 20 words.
- Lecture summary for program brochure, not to exceed 25 words.
- Brief but comprehensive lecture outline, not to exceed one page.
- Speaker's biography, not to exceed 50 words.
- Speaker's recent lecture experience, including a listing of national or regional conferences where the speaker has presented in the last two years. **Speakers of all experience levels are welcome to apply.**

Presenters may submit proposals for up to (3) three lectures. Please do not submit lecture proposals that are freely available online.

## Timeline

- September 1, 2023: Presentation proposal deadline.
- October 15, 2023: Notifications of acceptance sent out to speakers.
- November 1, 2023: Deadline for speakers to accept invitation to speak.
- December 1, 2023: Marketing Material due.
- February 15, 2024: Syllabus materials due.

## Additional Requirements for Selected Presenters

Selected presenters will also be required to provide the following information and materials for marketing purposes and for the syllabus:

- Photo
- A 2–4 page handout due by February 15, 2024. The handout and speaker biography provided with the submission will be included in the conference syllabus distributed to conference attendees.

Further information will be provided with your notification of acceptance.

## Compensation Package

- Conference speakers will receive a \$250 honorarium for each one-hour lecture.
- Selected speakers will receive a complementary registration to the 2024 WPGS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference.
- Travel expenses considered for non-local presenters.

[Submit Proposals Here](#)

## Questions?

If you have questions, please contact [speakers50@wpgs.org](mailto:speakers50@wpgs.org)

The Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society is a non-profit, 501(c)(3), tax-exempt organization of amateur and professional family historians and genealogists dedicated to the study and preservation of family history. Since 1974, WPGS has been dedicated to the study and preservation of family history, mainly in Western Pennsylvania, and aims to provide members with genealogically-related information, connections, and resources to enable your family history research, wherever it may take you.

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