



2017 INTERNATIONAL
Germanic Genealogy Conference
GERMAN-AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL PARTNERSHIP

CONNECTIONS International. Cultural. Personal.

2017
28 – 30 July
Friday ■ Saturday ■ Sunday
Minneapolis, Minnesota USA

The inaugural international conference of the German-American Genealogical Partnership. A unique opportunity for genealogy researchers like you—

- **Make personal connections** with people from the United States, Germany and other countries.
- Choose from **70 presentations over 3 full days** by an all-star lineup of Germanic genealogy experts from the United States, Germany and Australia.
- Join the conference **surname and locality database** to match up with others attending.
- Use **study rooms** equipped with computers and expert personal assistance in German script, language and research.
- Take advantage of impromptu **gatherings by region or special interest.**
- Settle down in casual seating for 1-on-1 discussions with **others you've connected with.**
- Explore the field of genealogy **exhibitors and vendors.** And much more.

Speakers and Schedule on the Back

Pre-Conference Events

Society Leader Day

Thursday, July 27, the day before the conference officially begins. Strategic planning discussions among leaders of societies that are members of the German-American Genealogical Partnership. Open to leaders of non-Partnership organizations in the afternoon.

Biergarten

Thursday evening, July 27. Kick off the conference by joining us for a social evening at the Biergarten sponsored by the Germanic-American Institute, Saint Paul. Shuttle buses available.

Conference Highlights

- Four simultaneous presentation tracks and a partial fifth track, for more than 20 presentations each day and 70 presentations overall
- Five distinguished international speakers from Germany and Australia
- Six speaker lunches
- Day 1 Opening Plenary presentation for everyone; two Partnership leaders tell the German-American Genealogical Partnership story and plans for the future
- Day 2 Evening banquet
- Three lunch-time options: two speaker lunches, or visit with others you've connected with in the Great Hall
- Hospitality rooms at executive suite and main hotel levels
- All conference presentations and vendor/exhibitor areas are on the same floor for ease of mobility
- Several societies plan to hold annual meetings during conference downtime

Sample Daily Schedule

- 8:00 a.m. — First session begins
- 9:30 a.m. — Second session begins
- 11:00 a.m. — Third session begins
- 12:00 p.m. — Lunch (three options)
- 2:00 p.m. — Fourth session begins
- 3:30 p.m. — Fifth session begins
- 5:00 p.m. — "Connections" gatherings by region or special interest

Conference Website at www.GGSMN.org

For the latest on the conference schedule, speakers, registration and other information, visit the website of the Minnesota-based Germanic Genealogy Society, conference host, at www.GGSMN.org, click "2017 GAGP Conference."

All-Star Lineup of Presenters

Conference presenters include, in alphabetical order of last name: Kim Ashford, James Beidler, Gail Shaffer Blankenau, Ingeborg Carpenter, Bill Cole, Kent Cutkomp, Lois Hemmeter Edwards, Werner Esser (Germany), Richard Haberstroh, Kenneth W. Heger, Debra A. Hoffman, Benjamin Hollister (Australia), Cynthia Spurgat Jacobson, Baerbel K. Johnson, Fritz Juengling, Timo Kracke (Germany), Ursula C. Krause (Germany), Michael D. Lacopo DVM, Nathan Machula, Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, Roger P. Minert PhD AG, Jill Morelli, Stephen P. Morse, Wade Olsen, Bryna O'Sullivan, Sigrid Pohl Perry, Yogi Reppmann, Shirley Riemer, Joanne Daerr Ryder, Dr. Charles and Donna Schilling, Carolyn Schott, Donald P. Schwert, Paul Sternberg, Paula Stuart-Warren CGSM FMGS FUGA, Ernest Thode, John Vanek, Dirk Weissleder (Germany), Kathy Wurth

Conference Venue and Lodging

Minneapolis Marriott Northwest Hotel, 7025 Northland Dr. N., Brooklyn Park, Minnesota.

A block of rooms is set aside for conference attendees. To reserve a room, call 1-877-303-1681 and say you are attending the Germanic Genealogy Conference.

Or reserve online at <http://TinyURL.com/HLUWQQJ>. Reserve early to ensure availability.

Conference Registration

Begins in January 2017 at an early-bird discounted rate, April 1 at the regular rate. Rates will be affordable and typical of major genealogy conferences. To be announced on the conference website and registration packet.

You'll be able to register online at the conference website or in print using the registration form.

Questions

Email at Partnership@GGSMN.org

Inquiries from Sponsors and Exhibitors are welcome. Please email at Partnership@GGSMN.org.

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