

Palm Springs Genealogical Society

Decoding your DNA Seminar

Saturday, February 23, 2019 9 am – 4 pm
Rancho Mirage Library and Observatory
71-100 Hwy 111, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

Presenting – Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D.



Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D. is a professional genealogist specializing in DNA evidence. In 2007, he started the Genetic Genealogist, one of the earliest blogs on the topic (www.thegeneticgenealogist.com). Blaine is the author of *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*, and co-author with Debbie Parker Wayne of the award-winning *Genetic Genealogy in Practice*, the world's first genetic genealogy workbook. He also co-authored "*Genetics for Genealogy*" with Judy Russell in 2018's *Professional Genealogy: Preparation, Practices & Standards* (Elizabeth Shown Mills, Author and Editor).

Blaine is or has been an instructor for genetic genealogy courses at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR), Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP), and Virtual Institute of Genealogical Research. Blaine is a graduate of ProGen Study Group 21, a trustee for the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society's Board of Trustees, and a board member of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

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Registration Fee: \$45 (Includes Lunch)

Make check payable to PSGS

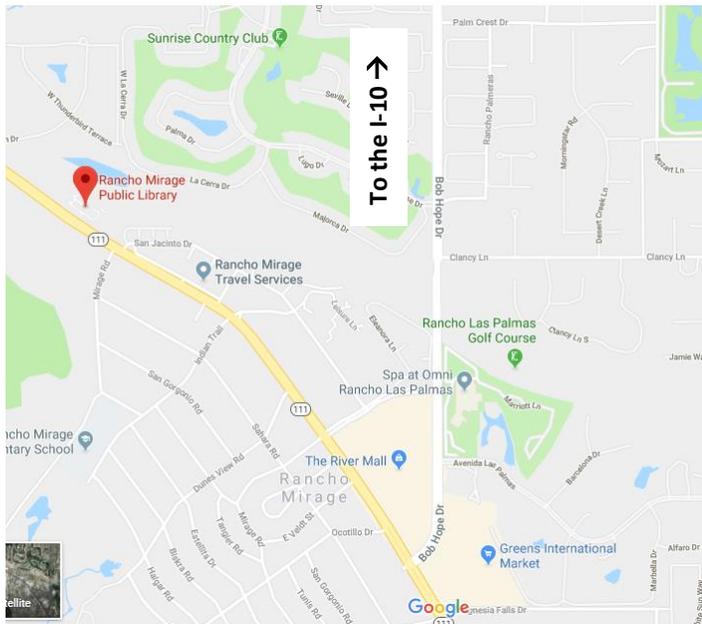
Seating is limited to first 144 registrants.

Last day to register is February 8, 2019.

For further information please call (760) 285-4728

Circle one of the following three Lunch Choices from Aspen Mills:

- A – Roast Beef Sandwich on an Italian roll
- B – Turkey Breast on a cranberry spice bread
- C – Field of Greens Salad



Directions from I-10:

Take exit 130 onto Bob Hope Drive. Head south on Bob Hope Drive. Drive 5.4 miles, then turn right onto Rancho las Palmas Drive. In .3 miles, turn right onto Highway 111. In .7 miles, the Rancho Mirage Public Library is on your right.

Palm Springs Genealogical Society 2019 DNA Seminar - Schedule of Sessions

- 9:00 am** **Library opens - Sign In**
- 10:00 am** **Introduction to DNA** – In addition to learning about Y-DNA and mtDNA, we'll learn about the newest tool available to genealogists, autosomal DNA. Genealogists can use these tools together with traditional research to explore their ancient ancestry, find genetic relatives, and break through brick walls.
- 11:00 am** **Morning Break**
- 11:30 am** **Using Autosomal DNA for 18th and 19th Century Mysteries** – Even though our 18th and 19th century ancestors have been dead for decades, their DNA still survives in their descendants. Learn how to use autosomal DNA to attack and potentially solve genealogical mysteries and brick walls for ancestors who were born or lived in the 1800's, 1700's, and beyond. Together we'll also examine some of the ways that leaders in the field have attacked or solved their 18th and 19th century mysteries using autosomal DNA
- 12:30 pm** **Lunch Break**
- 1:15 pm** **Raffle drawings**
- 1:30 pm** **Are You Doing Everything to Identify Your DNA Matches?** – In this lecture, we will examine numerous ways you can use a match's profile to identify who they might be. We will also examine ways to use the In Common With tool and the Shared Matches tool to estimate how that elusive match is related to you.
- 2:30 pm** **Afternoon Break**
- 3:00 pm** **Using GEDmatch and DNAPainter to Analyze Your Autosomal DNA** – Although DNA testing companies provide their own analysis of test results, there are third-party tools that allow test-takers to learn even more about their genomic heritage, including admixture calculators, the identification of genetic cousins, and segment mapping. Together we'll explore some of these tools and learn how to wring every dollar out of your test results!