

## ***Researching Family in Pennsylvania 2019***

Historical Society of Pennsylvania

### **Instructor Bios**

**Lee Arnold, DLitt et Phil** is the Senior Director of the Library and Collections and Chief Operating Officer, Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

**James M. Beidler** is the author of *The Family Tree Historical Newspapers Guide*, *The Family Tree German Genealogy Guide* and *Trace Your German Roots Online*. His weekly “Roots & Branches” column is an award-winning weekly newspaper column on genealogy that has run for nearly twenty years.

**Kim Bucklaw** is a former archivist and primary genealogical researcher for the Chester County Archives and Chester County Historical Society.

**Dawn King Carson** is a professional genealogical researcher and instructor at heart who specializes in the Southeastern Pennsylvania and the Southern New Jersey regions of the United States. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) and the APG Greater Philadelphia Area Chapter and the National Genealogical Society. She holds a certificate in genealogical research from Boston University and is a member of ProGen 24. She is a volunteer genealogist at the Camden County Historical Society, Camden County, NJ and an instructor for the Cherry Hill Recreation Department, Cherry Hill, NJ where she teaches a genealogy course titled *Uncovering Your Family History*.

**Sydney F. Cruice Dixon, MBA**, is the President of the Greater Philadelphia Area Chapter, Association of Professional Genealogists and a member of the planning committee for the Main Line Genealogy Club. She conducts genealogical research for clients as well as providing genealogy coaching for those clients who prefer to do their own family research.

**Sue Long, Ph.D.** completed her graduate work at Cornell University and received a PhD in 1975 in experimental psychology. Her area of genealogical expertise is in measures of wealth, land ownership, and biographies of the

people on Thomas Holme's map (the ultimate cluster genealogy for the early settlers).

**Aaron McWilliams** is a reference archivist at the Pennsylvania State Archives. His areas of expertise include Pennsylvania state land records, Pennsylvania's Revolutionary War militia, and genealogy.

**Judy G Russell, CG<sup>SM</sup>, CGL<sup>SM</sup>**, The Legal Genealogist, is a genealogist with a law degree, dedicated to helping folks understand legal concepts and terminology encountered when studying family history. Russell now serves on the faculty at the Institute for Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR), at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), at the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP), and at the Genealogical Institute on Federal Records (Gen-Fed) at the National Archives.

**Tammy Schane** is a public historian and development specialist who has worked for and volunteered with non-profits for more than 10 years. She worked for Heritage Conservancy in Doylestown, Pennsylvania as the membership coordinator and lead docent of tours of historic Aldie Mansion. Currently, she works for the Pennsylvania Land Title Association as the membership and programs coordinator in King of Prussia, PA. Tammy volunteers as a tour guide at Doylestown Cemetery and has researched and written the tour about the site's 19th-century tombstone symbols and their meanings. She contributed research to two other tours and served as the photographer for the book, "Stories from Beneath the Stones; A Walking Tour of Doylestown Cemetery," published in 2016. She lectures on her research of 18th- and 19th-century cemeteries to historical societies and other groups, and in 2016, she published a book called, "Engraved: The Meanings Behind 19th-Century Tombstone Symbols," which has sold more than 250 copies. Tammy holds a B.S. from Syracuse University in Journalism and History, and is currently pursuing a M.A. in Public History from LaSalle University. She lives in Doylestown, Pennsylvania and will always brake for a cemetery!

**Frank Southcott, MBA**, is the Researching Family in Pennsylvania program coordinator and is a professional genealogist who specializes in historic

Chester County, Pennsylvania, research and family history. He is the President, International Society for British Genealogy and Family History, which conducts the annual British Institute in Salt Lake City.

**Rich Venezia** is a New Jersey native who now calls Pittsburgh home, with roots in Italy, Ireland, England, Wales, and Prussia. He founded Rich Roots Genealogy in 2013. He was a member of the research team of Genealogy Roadshow (PBS) for two seasons, and also consulted on Follow Your Past (Travel Channel). Rich specializes in 20th- century immigrant ancestry. His main areas of focus include Italian, Irish, Pittsburgh and New Jersey/New York City research. A proud Italian dual citizen himself, he also assists clients with dual citizenship applications for Ireland and Italy. He holds a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University, and is the Immediate Past President of North Hills Genealogists. He spoke about "How to Grow Empathy From Uncovering Your Roots" at TEDx Pittsburgh 2017.