

# ILLINOIS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2015 FALL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup> - OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>  
OAK LAWN, ILLINOIS

**Second City:  
Was it Your  
Ancestors'  
First City?**



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## Featured Speaker

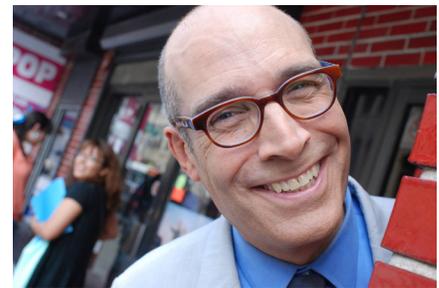
**Paula Stuart-Warren, CG<sup>SM</sup>, FMGS, FUGA**

Professional genealogist specializing in genealogical and historical research, lecturing, consulting, and writing. Her lectures, research, and consultations for individuals, societies, law firms, and Indian tribes seeking records and advice has taken her to many states, courthouses, archives, historical societies, and libraries.

## Friday Dinner Speaker

**Geoffrey Baer**

Multiple Emmy award-winning Public Television writer, producer and program host Geoffrey Baer is known for his masterful storytelling, conversational style, and contagious enthusiasm.



Other Presenters: **Tony Burroughs, FUGA; Thomas MacEntee; Ruth Ann Abels Hager, CG<sup>SM</sup>, CGL<sup>SM</sup>; Carol Chandler; Grace Dumelle; George Findlen; Janis Minor Forté; Jane G. Haldeman; and John C. Heider**



Co-host: Afro-American Genealogical & Historical Society of Chicago  
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(2015 ISGS Conferences) \$119.00 per night

## FRIDAY CONFERENCE PROGRAM

### AFTERNOON

- Noon **REGISTRATION AND VENDOR BROWSING**
- 1:30 **1A Burroughs: Tracing Your Ancestors Through Chicago or Other Cities and Towns** - Whether they lived in large cities or small towns, city dwellers can be tracked from year to year. While following this trail, genealogists can pinpoint deaths, marriages, migrations, and also discover occupations and employers. Methods, records, sources and case studies will be presented.
- 1B MacEntee: After You're Gone - Future Proofing Your Genealogical Research** - Have you ever considered what will happen to your years of genealogy research once you're gone? Learn how to ensure that your hard work carries on.
- 1C Heider: Saving Pieces of History** - John C. Heider, professional gravestone conservator, will talk about gravestone repair and cemetery conservation in our "silent cities."
- 2:30 **BREAK AND VENDOR BROWSING**
- 3:00 **2A Hager: Finding the First Landowner: Using Family Maps, Texas Land Survey Maps and HistoryGEO.com** - These three user-friendly resources have revolutionized and simplified the search process for the first landowner in the public domain states and Texas. Was an ancestor a first landowner in those states? You won't know until you check.
- 2B Forté & Haldeman: Loose Women, Policy Queen Pins and Black Ewes** - Is there a black sheep in your family? Gangsters and crooks in your ancestral closet? These 'persons of ill fame' usually produce more paper records than do the law-abiding citizen of the community. Generally, these dark shadowed individuals are of the male persona and called 'black sheep'. But occasionally, these shady characters are of the 'weaker sex' known as the 'black ewes'.
- 2C Findlen: The Wisconsin Historical Society Library & Archives: What Is In It? Everything!!!** - This talk describes the holdings of interest to genealogists in the Wisconsin Historical Society Library and Archives (two repositories in one building), and the services they provide to make your contact with them a pleasant one.
- 4:00 **VENDOR & SOCIETY SHOWCASE**
- 6:00 **RECEPTION & DINNER WITH SPEAKER - Geoffrey Baer: They Came to Chicago**

## SATURDAY CONFERENCE PROGRAM

### MORNING

- 8:00 **REGISTRATION AND VENDOR BROWSING**
- 8:15 **ISGS ANNUAL MEETING** - All members of ISGS are encouraged to attend. Non-members are also welcome although only ISGS members may vote.
- 9:00 **WELCOME & OPENING SESSION - Stuart-Warren: Why Do I Descend From THESE Families?**
- 9:30 **BREAK AND VENDOR BROWSING**
- 9:45 **3A Stuart-Warren: Genealogy Goldmine: Records of Old Settlers Organizations** - This lecture acquaints researchers with the wealth of information that can be found in many of the records of pioneer settler organizations. Finding places of origin and settlement dates for our migrating ancestors is often difficult, but these records may provide help.
- 3B Burroughs: Don't Get Burned: Getting Around the Great Chicago Fire of 1871** - The entire city burned in 1871, but many records survived to search for your Chicago ancestors. Learn which records survived, and methods of getting around the fire to break through your Chicago brick wall.
- 3C Chandler: The Orphan Train: The History & The Personal Side of the Story** - Carol first heard about the orphan trains when a friend of hers was told by her mother that her grandmother came west on an orphan train. She had never heard of them and the subject piqued her interest. She has been researching this important part of our history since 2008.
- 10:45 **BREAK AND VENDOR BROWSING**

- 11:15 **4A Stuart-Warren: The WPA Era: What it Created for Genealogists** - During tough economic times in the 1930s and 1940s, government programs put many people to work. The Works Progress/Projects Administration created a goldmine of records that are useful for today's genealogists. WPA record transcriptions, courthouse and manuscript inventories, indexes, city/county histories, and histories of businesses and families may exist for your ancestral locale.
- 4B MacEntee: Citing Sources & Evaluating Evidence** - You'll learn how to use the source citation templates, evidence evaluation features, as well as how to add/remove features to create a customized research log of your own. We'll cover how to look at a record and evaluate the evidence to determine if it proves or disproves the proof point. Finally, you'll see how you can add new source citation templates, add new columns and more.
- 4C Hager: Tools for Discovering Missing Links: Dred & Harriet Scott, A Case Study** - Researchers dream of finding a missing link to further their research. When that wonderful event actually happens, a look at the successful techniques can be beneficial. In the case of Dred and Harriet Scott, research uncovered significant new information about them and their family—beyond the Dred Scott Decision. Can these same research techniques help you?

## AFTERNOON

### 12:15 LUNCH & ISGS AWARDS PRESENTATION

- 1:45 **5A Stuart-Warren: Finding & Using Manuscripts and Special Collections Repositories** - So you have checked census, probate, church, naturalization, and other records. The obituaries, marriage, birth, and death records have also been located. Yet, you still have too many blank spaces on your family group sheets. You still don't have enough of the story about some ancestors to really know who they were. Your next step might be using manuscripts and checking out special collections in various repositories. Learn more about these treasures.
- 5B Dumelle: Newberry Library - 125 Years of Genealogical Gems** - The stacks of Chicago's Newberry Library bulge with maps, family papers, genealogies, railroad archives and much, much more. Learn what's available for your U.S. and European forebears and how to access it in person or from a distance. Special mention will go to ChicagoAncestors 2, the library's updated site for finding Windy City kin by address.
- 5C Forté: Researching the Digital Library on American Slavery** - Covering the period of 1767 to 1867, the DLAS is an on-line multi-topic searchable database of abstracts of court petitions and legislative actions for all southern counties, state legislatures and the District of Columbia. These court documents contain a wealth of genealogical and life-style information.
- 2:45 **BREAK AND VENDOR BROWSING**
- 3:15 **6A Stuart-Warren: Midwestern & Plains States Level Census Records** - Many Midwestern and Plains states have superb state census records. Learn about the indexes, the many personal details these censuses include, locating the censuses, and alternate sources.
- 6B Burroughs: From Census to Slavery** - Most African American researchers try to leap from census records to slave research, bypassing a multitude of records in between. A broad foundation between now and the Civil War will increase the probabilities of success during the slavery period.
- 6C MacEntee: The Genealogy Do-Over™: A Year of Learning From Mistakes** - Frustrated with the way you originally researched your genealogy? Were you a name collector? Did you not care or not even know about citing sources? Now there's hope and you get a "do-over" to include sound research practices and methodologies as well as new templates, tools and the latest technology to create a better body of family history research.

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Fri & Sat Sessions (w/Sat Lunch)	\$70	\$80	\$80	\$90	\$ ____		
Fri Session ONLY	\$25	\$30	\$30	\$35	\$ ____		
Sat Session ONLY (w/lunch)	\$55	\$65	\$65	\$75	\$ ____		
Friday Banquet <b>(NOT included in above prices)</b>	\$45	\$50			\$ ____		
ISGS Membership: Individual - \$35; Joint - \$40					\$ ____		
<b>TOTAL CONFERENCE FEES *No refunds after October 5th</b>					\$ ____		
<b>Friday Banquet (Purchase separately)</b> <b>(Please check one entree)</b> <input type="radio"/> Grilled Lemon Herb Breast of Chicken <input type="radio"/> Vegetable Phyllo Purse <input type="radio"/> Sliced Sirloin of Beef		<b>Saturday Lunch (included in registration fee)</b> <b>(Please check sandwich selection)</b> <input type="radio"/> Roast Beef & Provolone <input type="radio"/> Smoked Ham & Cheddar <input type="radio"/> Grilled Portobello					
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