



**For Immediate Release
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2018 FGS NATIONAL CONFERENCE CALL FOR PRESENTATION PROPOSALS

Deadline for Submissions is 14 July 2017

16 May 2017 – Austin, TX. The [Federation of Genealogical Societies](#) (FGS) announces that presentation proposals are now being received for the FGS 2018 Conference, “***On the Three Rivers—Past, Present & Future***” to be held 22-25 August, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The conference will be held in conjunction with the Allen County Public Library as local host. Outstanding nearby research facilities and attractions will enhance the conference experience. The deadline for submission of lecture proposals is **Friday, 14 July 2017**.

The program committee specifically seeks new and dynamic proposals that will provide exceptional and unique educational experiences for conference attendees. Proposals for workshops and sponsored talks are also encouraged. Categories for submissions include:

- Society Management
- Methodologies and Strategies
- Transportation
- Midwestern Records
- Military Records
- Repositories
- Record Types
- Technology
- Religious Groups
- Ethnic Groups
- Genetics and DNA
- Migration/Immigration

Please note that there are approximately 130 slots to fill and we are looking for presenters that can give talks on multiple topics. Speakers are encouraged to submit 6 or more presentations for the committee to consider. The committee reserves the right to contact presenters for more details and/or clarification of submission.

Submission Requirements

Each proposal should include:

- Speaker(s) name.
- Speaker(s) contact information, including mailing address, phone, email, and website, if applicable.
- Prior speaking experience.
- Speaker(s) biography.
- Speaker(s) brief brochure biography (40 word maximum).
- Lecture title (not to exceed 12 words).
- Lecture brochure description (50 word maximum).
- Lecture outline/summary.
- Lecture audio-visual requirements. FGS does NOT provide projectors, computers, or internet access for speakers.

Proposals should be submitted online at: <https://www.fgsconference.org/fgs2018-call-for-presentations/>

Questions can be directed to: program2018@fgs.org

Submissions are due no later than 14 July 2017.

Compensation

Selected speakers receive an honorarium, travel compensation, and conference registration as well as per diem and hotel nights based on the number of lectures presented. (Sponsored speakers only receive conference registration and syllabus materials. See more about sponsorships below.) Non-sponsored speakers receive compensation according to the FGS Conference Speaker Policy at: <https://fgs.org/cpage.php?pt=44>.

Sponsored Lectures

Societies and businesses are encouraged to submit proposals for sponsored talks. The sponsoring organization will cover its speaker's costs to present the lecture. Sponsored

speakers will abide by all speaker deadlines and syllabus requirements. Sponsored speakers will receive complimentary FGS conference registration.

Invitations to speak will be issued in October 2017. Syllabus format guidelines and deadline will be sent to speakers at that time. The deadline for acceptance and submission of signed speaker contracts is 1 November 2017.

About the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) was founded in 1976 and empowers the genealogical and family history community, especially its societies and organizations, by advocating for the preservation and access of records and providing resources that enable genealogical organizations to succeed in pursuing their missions. FGS helps genealogical societies and family history enthusiasts alike to strengthen and grow through online resources, *FGS FORUM* magazine, and through its annual [national conference](#) which provides four days of excellent learning opportunities for both societies and family history enthusiasts. Also, FGS was the driving force behind the Civil War Soldiers and Sailors project alongside the National Parks Service and since 2010, has been actively involved in Preserve the Pensions, an effort to raise more than \$3 million to digitize and make freely available the pension files from the War of 1812. To learn more visit fgs.org.

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