



# Palm Springs Genealogical Society

## *Decoding your DNA Seminar*

Saturday February 24, 2024 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Palm Springs Cultural Center

2300 E. Baristo Road, Palm Springs, CA 92262

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](http://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 on 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 \$65 (includes lunch) Make check payable to PSGS

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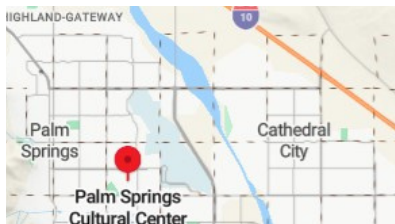
A - Roast Beef Sandwich on an Italian roll

B - Turkey Breast on a cranberry spice bread

C - Field of Greens Salad.

Last day to register is February 1, 2024.

For further information please call 760 285 4728



## Directions from I-10

Take exit 120 onto North Indian Canyon Dr. Turn right. Drive 7.2 miles then turn left onto E. Racquet Club Rd. In 1.5 miles the road becomes N. Farrell Dr. Continue on for about 6 miles. Turn right onto E. Baristo Rd.

## Palm Springs Genealogical Society 2024 DNA Seminar - Schedule of Sessions

**9:00 am Sign In**

**10:00 am The Different Types of DNA For Genetic Genealogy**

There are several different types of DNA available to genealogists, including Y-DNA, mtDNA, and autosomal DNA (atDNA). Genealogists can use these tools individually or together, in conjunction with traditional research, find genetic relatives and break through brick walls. Let's learn what these tests are, how they are different, and how you can use them!

**11:00 am Morning Break**

**11:30 am What to Expect from the DNA Testing Companies**

The Big Four testing companies are 23andMe, AncestryDNA, Family Tree DNA, and MyHeritage. Have you tested with all of them? If so, do you understand what you are seeing and how to utilize all the available tools? If you haven't tested everywhere, why might you want to test with each company? Together we will explore the Big Four and everything they have to offer!

**12:30 pm Lunch Break**

**1:00 pm Raffle drawings**

**1:30 pm How to Break Brick Walls with Shared Matching**

Shared matching is the most powerful tool the testing companies provide. It can be used to organize our DNA matches, verify known ancestral lines, break through brick walls, and more. In this lecture we will examine what this tool does and how we can harness it to maximize its power!

**2:30pm Afternoon Break**

**3:00 pm Understanding Ancestry DNA's ThruLines and SideView**

ThruLines and SideView are two powerful tools offered only at AncestryDNA. In this talk we will examine the benefits and limitations of these tools, and how you can utilize them in your research.