

Alabama Genealogical Society  
Winter/Spring Seminar 2020

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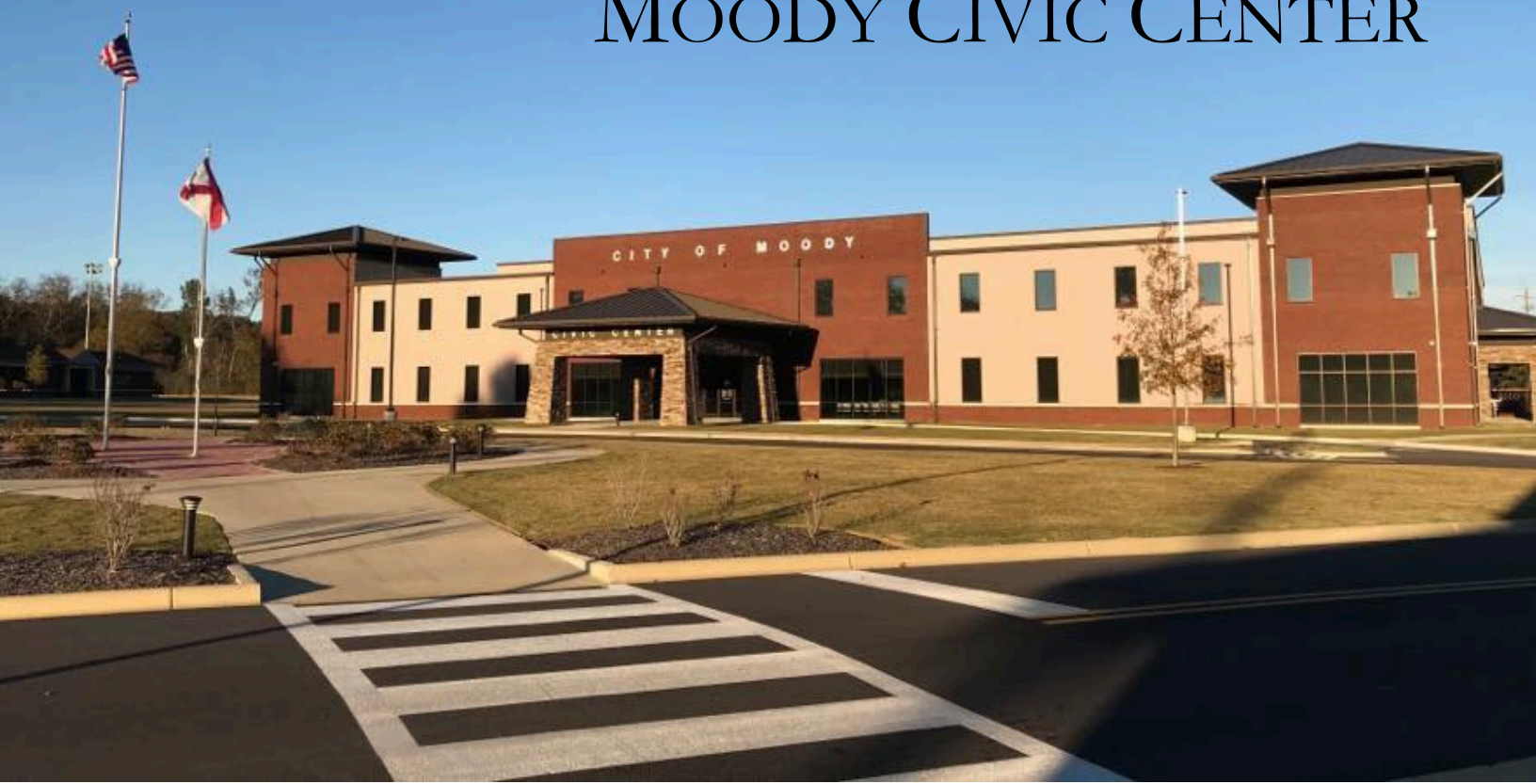
**HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT**

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*The treasure in your county archives  
or in your own DNA*

**Saturday, March 7, 2020**

**MOODY CIVIC CENTER**



# SEMINAR SCHEDULE

## HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

*The treasures in your county archives and in your own DNA*

Presenters: Drs. Dallas Hanbury and Liberty Evanko

8:30	Registration & Refreshments	11:45	Lunch ( <i>box lunches included with registration</i> )
9:00	AGS Business Meeting		
9:30	<p><b>The Records of Slavery at the Local Level (Hanbury)</b> While typically well-versed in using a wide range of records to conduct genealogical research, genealogists underuse local legal records, particularly those created prior to the Civil War concerning slavery. This presentation intends to bring awareness to widely-available pre-Civil War local legal records focusing on slavery. These records provide invaluable help locating African American and white ancestors in the historical record prior to the Civil War.</p>	1:15	<p><b>Who's hiding in your DNA? Part One (Evanko)</b> No matter which company you use, "hidden" within your DNA results are great genealogical discoveries. Discussion will include maximizing ethnicity results and mining your matches' profiles, even when they don't have a tree. Case studies such as "They always said I looked Mexican" and "Planning my trip to Ireland" will demonstrate these techniques.</p>
10:30	Break	2:15	Break
10:45	<p><b>Now What: Unexpected Discoveries in the Archives (A Guided Discussion) (Hanbury)</b> In the course of conducting genealogical research, we have all likely made unexpected discoveries. This guided discussion will help us learn from each other by collaboratively answering questions like: "Have you made an unexpected discovery while doing genealogy?", "How did this discovery shape your research going forward?", "How did this discovery inform your understanding about the contexts in which family members lived in the past?", "What do you do when you make an uncomfortable discovery?"</p>	2:30	<p><b>Who's hiding in your DNA? Part Two (Evanko)</b> DNA match lists can be overwhelming with their thousands of names and relationship predictions. This session will teach analysis techniques like the Leeds Method and Clustering that reveal the genealogy match lists hide in plain sight. Case studies such as "Where are the Rustons?" and "Going from 5 to 500 Evanko relatives" will demonstrate these techniques.</p>
		3:30	Door Prizes

# PRESENTERS



## **DALLAS HANBURY, PH.D.**

Montgomery County Archivist

Hanbury currently works as county archivist as the Montgomery County Archives in Montgomery, Alabama, where he has worked since December 2015. He holds a Ph.D. in Public History from Middle Tennessee State University. His research centers on genealogy, African American history, local government records, and institutional histories. His first book, *The Development of Southern Public Libraries and the African American Quest for Library Access, 1898–1963* is due from Lexington Books in 2020.

## **LIBERTY EVANKO, PH.D.**

Owner, Family Trees by Dr. E

Dr. Evanko (née Schwendiman) is an advanced genealogist who has been bringing heritages to life for more than 20 years. Incorporating DNA into genealogical research has become her passion. She enjoys providing family history education to individuals and groups, both the young and young at heart. In addition to her family history knowledge and skills, Dr. Evanko also holds a PhD in physics and astronomy from Brigham Young University. She can be contacted through her “Bringing Your Heritage to Life” website at <http://www.FamilyTreesbyDrE.com>.



# REGISTRATION

We strongly encourage you to register online through Eventbrite. Eventbrite is a PCI-compliant company, following the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards to protect your credit card and personal information. Follow one of these two links to register:

Members: <https://ags-spr-2020-members.eventbrite.com>

Nonmembers: <https://ags-spr-2020-nonmembers.eventbrite.com>

**Fees:** \$40 for members and \$50 for nonmembers. We will draw for door prizes at the end of the day.

**Special Considerations:** Video and audio recording of this program is prohibited, unless visual or auditory impairments require it. In that case, the recording cannot be shared beyond the one person.

**Surname Database:** Consider adding your family's surnames to the online Alabama Genealogical Society Surname Database before the event, in order to find other attendees working on your family lines: <https://gegbound.com/ags-surname-database/>.

**Questions:** Email any questions to [info@algensoc.org](mailto:info@algensoc.org). For more information about the AGS, visit [algensoc.org](http://algensoc.org).

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## AGS Winter/Spring 2020 SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM (if not using on-line registration)

*Complete one form per attendee*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Fee (check  
status):

Member (\$40)

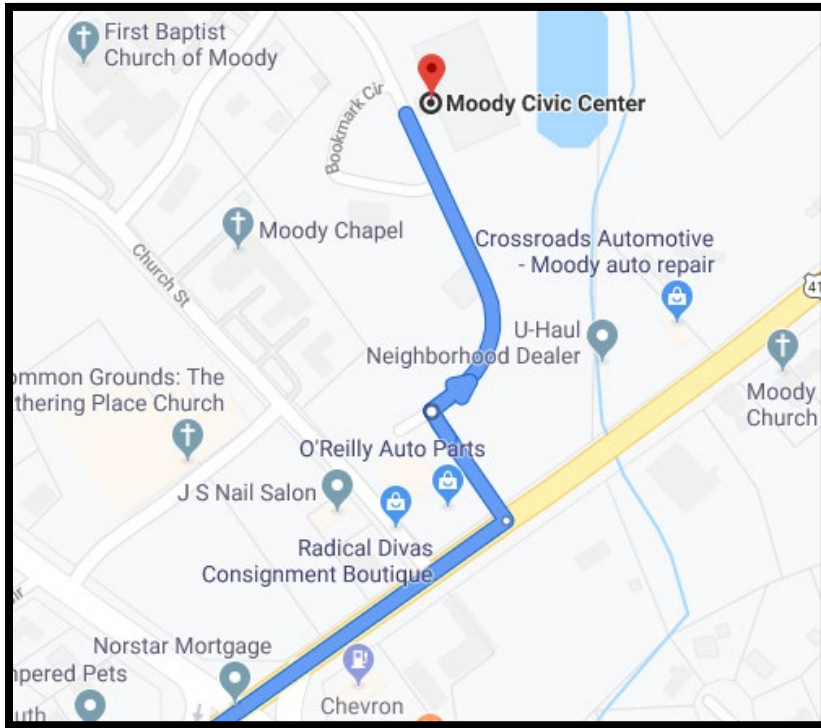
Nonmember (\$50)

Make checks payable to "Alabama Genealogical Society." We must receive your registration by Friday, February 28, 2020, to ensure you receive a handout at the event. Mail check with this form to:

AGS Seminar, P.O. Box 293921, Samford University, Birmingham, AL 35229

# DIRECTIONS & PARKING

## Moody Civic Center, 200 Civic Center Drive, Moody, Alabama 35004



Coming FROM Birmingham via I-20 take exit **144B** to merge onto US-411 N/Moody Pkwy toward Moody/Odenville. In about 2.5 miles should turn left onto Civic Center Lane and turn right onto Civic Center Drive. The Civic Center is on your right. Free parking is available.

Coming TOWARD Birmingham. As you approach the Moody area on I-20 you should take **exit 147**. Turn right onto Kelly Creek Road. Then in a short distance turn left onto the Park Avenue/Hwy 10. When you get to US-411 N/Moody Pkwy (turn right). In a short distance turn left onto Civic Center Lane and turn right onto Civic Center Drive. The Civic Center is on your right. Free parking is available.

