

## Alabama Genealogical Society Spring Webinar 2022



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### ***A Day of DNA: Furthering Your Genealogy with The Latest Tools***

Four webinar sessions will be prerecorded especially for our audience. The webinars will be available for all registrants for 30 days, starting March 7, 2022

#### ***Sessions:***

- **Using Y-DNA and mtDNA to Explore Your Ancestry**

Y-DNA and mtDNA testing have helped genealogists break through thousands of stubborn brick walls. Learn about the unique inheritance of Y-DNA and mtDNA in your family, how these tests can be used to explore your ancient ancestry, and how the results can identify your relatives both close and distant.

- **Harnessing the Power of Shared Matching**

Learn how to use autosomal DNA to attack and potentially solve genealogical mysteries and brick walls for ancestors who were born or lived in the 1800s and early 1900s.

- **Using DNA Painter to Map Your DNA**

DNA Painter is an easy-to-use third-party tool that enables you to assign segments of DNA shared with cousins to a map of your chromosomes. Together we'll look at this powerful tool, and how you can use it in your research.

- **Evaluating a Genealogical Conclusion Including DNA**

Someone tells you that they've proven their connection to a genealogical ancestor using DNA, but have they really proven it? Did they avoid the known pitfalls? Together we will discuss the most common pitfalls when using DNA evidence and propose the minimum requirements for a genealogical proof comprising DNA.

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## Program Cost

**Active AGS members** receive a discount on our two major educational programs each year. This set of four webinar programs are **available to you at \$30** (regular \$40)! AGS members may register at our member site: [Member Registration](#)

Nonmembers may register for this event for \$40 at the non-member site: [Non-Member Registration](#)

If you are not a member and would like to join AGS and attend for \$30, instead, you may join the organization here: [AGS Member Application](#). Then you may register at our member site: [Member Registration](#)

## About

**Blaine Bettinger**, Ph.D., J.D., is a professional genealogist specializing in DNA evidence. In 2007 he started The Genetic Genealogist ([www.thegeneticgenealogist.com](http://www.thegeneticgenealogist.com)), one of the earliest blogs on the topic. 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 in 2018's Professional Genealogy: Preparation, Practice & Standards (ProGen PPS) (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 for the Association of Professional Genealogists.