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Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D., or as he is known worldwide, **The Genetic Genealogist**, is an award-winning author, speaker, genealogist, collaborator, and instructor focusing on DNA evidence. With the recent launch of ChatGPT and other artificial intelligence tools, he has extended his expertise to the world of AI.

Blaine began his foray into direct-to-consumer genetics in 2003 with an autosomal DNA test. He went on to earn a Ph.D. in biochemistry with a concentration in genetics from SUNY Upstate Medical University, and followed that with a J.D. from Syracuse University College of Law.

Blaine established *The Genetic Genealogist* in 2007, one of the earliest blogs on the topic, and is the founder, in 2017, of *Genetic Genealogy Tips & Techniques*, a very active Facebook group with more than 75,000 members. More recently he launched another Facebook group, *Genealogy and Artificial Intelligence (AI)*.

Blaine is the author of *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy* and co-author 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*.

Blaine is a much sought-after speaker for local, state, and national organizations as well as leading genetic genealogy courses at IGHR, SLIG, GRIP, and Virtual Institute of Genealogical Research. He serves as a trustee for the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society and a member of the DNAngels Board of Directors since 2022. Blaine’s presentations can also be found at FamilyTree Webinars and YouTube.

An intellectual property and technology attorney, focusing on patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets, by day, Blaine also lays claim to two other important titles: Dad and “plant dad.”

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Virtual Fall Conference

10:00 am **Welcome**

10:15 am ***Autosomal DNA for 18th and 19th Century Mysteries***

Long ago ancestors live on in their descendants’ DNA. Using autosomal DNA, researchers can attack and potentially solve genealogical mysteries for ancestors who were born or lived in the 1800s, 1700s, and beyond.

11:15 am **Break**

11:30 am ***Are You Doing Everything?***

You just got a hit! Who is it? In this lecture, we will examine numerous ways you can use a match’s profile to identify who they might be and thus, how they might be related to you!

12:30 pm **Lunch**

1:00 pm ***Using Artificial Intelligence Tools for Genealogy***

Generative artificial intelligence (AI), a valuable new tool for genealogists, has both benefits and limitations that must be understood in order to utilize it efficiently and effectively. Learn how you can explore this new field without becoming overwhelmed!

2:00 pm **Break & Door Prize Announcements**

2:15 pm ***Ethical Issues Associated with Generative Artificial Intelligence***

Generative AI, while useful, can raise ethical issues for genealogists. We will discuss many of these issues including plagiarism and copyright infringement, so you can avoid problems while exploiting AI tools for your benefit.

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Do you plan to attend the livestream on 16 November? (circle one) Yes No

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Members and friends can make their research interests known during the conference. Please contribute three family lines you are researching. The cousin list will be emailed to all attendees.

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Conference Door Prizes

Live-streaming guests **only** will be sent a link to Door Prize Registration a few days before the conference. Check the prizes you're hoping to win and submit your door prize registration by 11:59 p.m., Thursday, 14 November. Winners will be announced after the third lecture on Saturday. Good luck!

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