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## **Public Events at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research**

### ***FamilySearch Family History and Genealogy Expo and Evening Lectures***

*Athens, GA, July 6, 2017*— Family history researchers of all experience levels will be gathering in Athens, GA to attend one of eleven week-long courses through the **Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)** hosted by the Georgia Genealogical Society at the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education & Hotel July 23 – 28, 2017. Two events during the week will be open to the public.

The **FamilySearch Family History and Genealogy Expo** is a free public event taking place Sunday, July 23, from noon until 5pm. No registration is required. Various genealogy and history related organizations and vendors, including expo sponsor FamilySearch and institute host Georgia Genealogical Society, will have displays to help those who are interested explore genealogy resources, organizations, and educational opportunities.

**Evening Sessions** are open to the public for \$15 each. Sessions include *How to Use GALILEO and the UGA Libraries' Resources* with Laura Carter, MEd, MLIS, SLIS on Monday; *Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG) Certification Seminar* with Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL and Richard G. Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA or *Why Great Grandpa Shaved Off His Mustache: Tales of our Ancestors and the Weather*, which includes true stories and sources for information about historical weather with John Philip Colletta, PhD on Tuesday; and *Private Archives: What They Are and How to Use Them* with John Philip Colletta, PhD on Wednesday. Sessions will be held from 7 to 8:15pm, July 24-26. Cash and credit cards will be accepted at the door, but register on the IGHR website by July 17th to guarantee a handout.

Parking is available in the adjacent UGA South Campus Parking Deck. Additional information is available on the IGHR website [ighr.gagensociety.org](http://ighr.gagensociety.org).

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The **Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)** provides an educational forum for the discovery, critical evaluation, and use of genealogical sources and methodology through a week of intensive study led by nationally prominent genealogical educators. Beginning in 2017, IGHR is hosted by the Georgia Genealogical Society with courses taking place at the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education & Hotel on the University of Georgia Campus in Athens, Georgia.