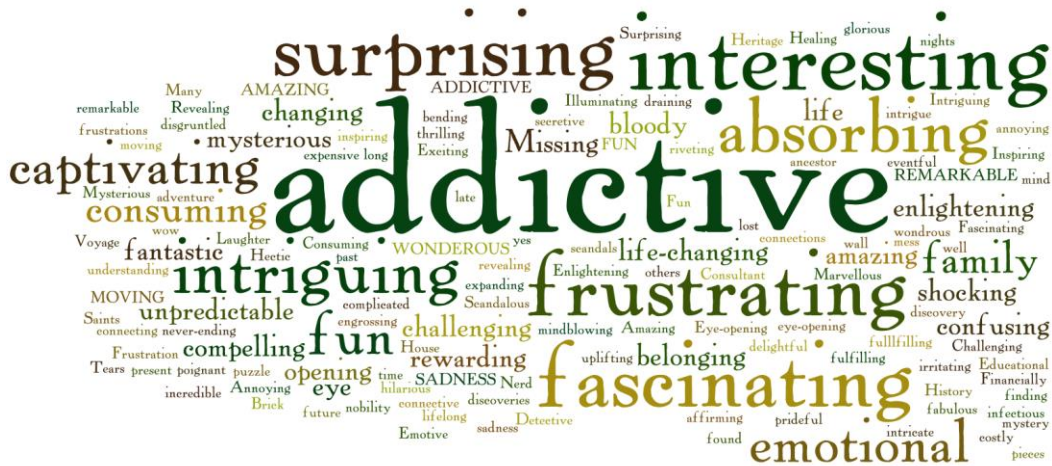


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Keynote Speaker: C. R. Gibbs

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8:30AM - 9:00AM Conference Check-in
9:00AM Welcome/Opening Remarks - LaJoy Mosby
 Introduction of Keynote Speaker - Nathania Branch Miles
 Keynote Address - C.R. Gibbs

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Noreen Goodson	Genealogy for Beginners (limited to 30 attendees)
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Carol Kostakos Petranek	Finding Hidden African-American Records on FamilySearch
Malissa Ruffner	The Georgetown Memory Project

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John Ashley	African Americans and the Vote
Panel Discussion with Bernice A. Bennett; Ada Anagho Brown; Melvin Collier; and James R. Morgan III	Back to the Motherland - Panelists share personal experiences and highlights of their journey to Africa.

LUNCH - Bring your own lunch; no coffee/caffeine allowed on premises; bottled water will be provided for all attendees. Nearby eateries on Van Dusen Road include: Subway, Panda West, and Bella Indian & Italian Cuisine

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Shannon Bennett Combs	Introduction to DNA and Family Research
Kareem Washington	Genetic Genealogy

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Join representatives from each AAHGS chapter or AASIG, to "Share and Tell Stories" from oral history to new family discoveries	Take a Seat - Open Round Table Discussion
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4:30PM - 5:00PM Door Prize Drawings - Noreen Goodson
 Closing Remarks - Frank Jenkins

Keynote Speaker



C.R. Gibbs is an author/co-author of six books and a frequent national and international lecturer on an array of topics. He has appeared on the History Channel, French and Belgian television, Gibbs wrote, researched, and narrated "Sketches In Color," a 13-part companion series to the acclaimed PBS series, "The Civil War", for the Howard University television station. The Smithsonian Institution's Anacostia Community Museum features Mr. Gibbs among its scholars at the Museum's Online Academy website. He is also a D.C. Humanities Council Scholar. In 1989, he founded the African History & Culture Lecture Series whose scholars continue to provide free presentations at libraries, churches, schools, and other locations in the Washington-Baltimore area. In 1997, he led 26 people across the continent of Africa. In 2002, Mr. Gibbs authored "Black, Copper, & Bright," the first book ever written on the District of Columbia's African American Civil War Regiment. He won the 2008 award for excellence in historic preservation public education given by the mayor of the District of Columbia. In 2009, the Congressional Black Caucus Veterans Braintrust honored Mr. Gibbs for his many years of articles and presentations on African Americans in the U.S. armed forces. He is also a member of the Company of Military Historians. In 2011, he appeared in an episode of the popular History Channel series, "How The States Got Their Shapes".

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Genealogy for Beginners



(limited to 30 attendees)

Beginning African American Research? - Watch Goodson hold your attention and get you inspired to really get started in depth with exploring your family history. This workshop provides novice African American researchers with some guidance, hands-on experiences and explanations concerning various aspects of researching your family's roots with emphasis on Maryland resources.
Worksheets will be distributed to attendees during this session.

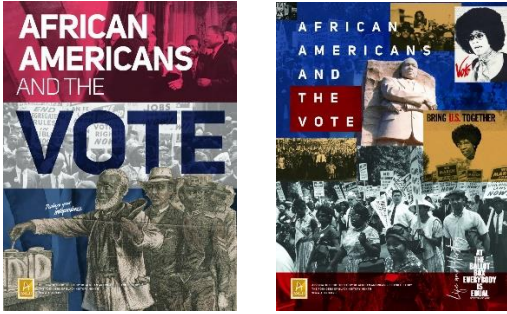






Noreen Goodson - Born and raised in Baltimore, MD; graduate of Morgan State College and Morgan State University; and elementary school teacher for 30 years in the Baltimore City Public School System. In 1981, she began researching her parents' families in Maryland, Virginia, and South Carolina. Currently the Corresponding Secretary of Baltimore's Agnes Kane Callum Chapter of AAHGS. Also a member of the Maryland Genealogical Society and of the historical societies of Maryland, Virginia, South Carolina, and Baltimore City. Currently researching the Goodsons' of Richland County, SC.

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<p>"Finding Hidden African-American Records on FamilySearch"</p> <p>FamilySearch.org</p>	<p>This session focuses on using the African-American collection of records that are NOT name indexed, but are found in the Historical Records Sections and the Catalog.</p>
	<p>Carol Kostakos Petranek serves as a Co-Director of the Washington, D.C. Family History Center where she coordinates classes, conferences and community outreach projects. The Washington DC Family History Center (FHC) provides free access to family history resources and internet genealogical websites, and hosts several special interest groups, including one specializing in African-American research. Carol volunteers at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. as a Genealogy Aide in the Research Room, and as a Volunteer Coordinator for a FamilySearch digitization project at the Maryland Archives. She writes and edits personal and family histories, and blogs about her research at SpartanRoots.wordpress.com.</p>
<p>The Georgetown Memory Project</p>	<p>The Genealogical Pursuit of Truth, Reconciliation, and Reunion - Researchers for the Georgetown Memory Project have identified over 7,000 direct descendants of the 272 African Americans sold by Maryland Jesuits in 1838. This presentation will introduce the project, highlight Maryland sources, methodology, and challenges; and preview efforts to preserve the work for future generations.</p>
	<p>Malissa Ruffner, JD, MLS, CG, has been the director of the Genealogical Institute on Federal Records (Gen-Fed) since 2015, and was the editor of the Maryland Genealogical Society Journal from 2017 to 2019. She has worked for the Georgetown Memory Project since 2016.</p>

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	<p>African Americans and the Vote - The year 2020 marks the centennial of the Nineteenth Amendment and the culmination of the women's suffrage movement. The year 2020 also marks the sesquicentennial of the Fifteenth Amendment (1870) and the right of black men to the ballot after the Civil War. Come and listen to John Ashley speak to the ongoing struggle on the part of both black men and black women for the right to vote. https://asalh.org/black-history-themes/</p>
 <p>Association for the Study of African American Life and History</p>	 <p>The 94th Annual Black History Luncheon Saturday, February 22, 2020 Washington Renaissance Hotel, 999 9th St. NW, Washington, DC. Luncheon Speaker, <i>Lonnie G. Bunch III</i>, Secretary of the Smithsonian Luncheon Emcee, <i>Maureen Bunyan</i>, Television News Anchor https://asalh.org/annual-black-history-luncheon/buy-luncheon-tickets/</p>
	<p>John Ashley current Secretary/Historian for the Bethel Dukes Branch, ASALH® (<u>Association for the Study of African American Life and History</u>) in Washington, DC and former ASALH® national board member. Attorney at Library of Congress Copyright Office - A specialty in intellectual property, copyrights, trademarks, patents, and entertainment law. Frequent presenter on rights of ownership in, and clearing rights to use, personal and family papers, records, documents, and ephemera.</p>

<p>Moderated by Bernice Alexander Bennett</p>	<p>Panel Discussion - Back to the Motherland Panelists share personal experiences and highlights of their journey to Africa</p>
	<p>Bernice Alexander Bennett is an award winning genealogist; author; lecturer; storyteller; producer-host of <u>Research at the National Archives and Beyond!</u> Blogtalkradio and; Board Member of the National Genealogical Society.</p>
	<p>Ada Anagho Brown, a native of Cameroon, launched <i>Roots to Glory Tours</i> in 2012 with the dream of reuniting African families and returning Africans in the Diaspora to the continent. As the third child of the current Chief of Ngwo of the Njikwa subdivision in Northwest Cameroon, she moved to the United States in 1975 when her father was on a diplomatic assignment. With her deep African roots and the strong African values and beliefs passed down to her from her childhood, Ms. Brown has facilitated the return of hundreds of African descendants as they traveled to the homeland of their ancestors. Among her many accomplishments, Brown was the lead organizer for the Panafest USA cultural festival. Additionally, she was a former member of the Advisory Committee of the Smithsonian Institute National Museum of African Art and the Montgomery County African Affairs Advisory Group.</p>
	<p>Melvin Collier has been conducting genealogy research for 26 years. He has published three books, <i>Ealy Family Heritage: Documenting Our Legacy</i> (2016), <i>Mississippi to Africa: A Journey of Discovery</i> (2008) and <i>150 Years Later: Broken Ties Mended</i> (2011). Because of his contributions to African-American genealogy, Melvin was awarded the 2016 Paul Edward Sluby, Sr. /Jean Sampson-Scott Meritorious Achievement Award. He has a Master of Arts in African American Studies from Clark Atlanta Univ. (2008). A former civil engineer, Melvin was also an archivist for six years at the Atlanta University Center. He is currently employed by the Department of Defense.</p>
	<p>James R. Morgan III is a graduate of Howard University having earned a Bachelor's degree in Communications and African American History. Mr. Morgan is a Prince Hall Freemason and is the current Worshipful Grand Historian & Archivist for Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia and is a Curatorial Consultant for the African American Civil War Museum. Mr. Morgan is an Honorary Fellow of the Phylaxis Research Society and a member of the James Dent Walker DC Chapter of AAHGS. He is also the author of "The Lost Empire: Black Freemasonry in the Old West (1867-1906)" which was the winner of the 2019 Dr. Charles H. Wesley Medal of History. He also serves as a regular panelist on both The Prince Hall Think Tank and Black Pro Gen Live on YouTube.</p>



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<p>Introduction to DNA and Family Research</p>	<p>This session will get you started with the basics of DNA and how to use DNA for genealogical research.</p>
	<p>Shannon Combs-Bennett, MSc, QG (Qualified Genealogist), is an award-winning author and lecturer who writes and speaks to groups across the US and internationally on a variety of topics from genetic genealogy to methodology. Shannon earned her Bachelors of Science in biology with an emphasis in genetics from Indiana University and her Masters of Science in Genealogic, Heraldic, and Paleographic Studies from the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow. She is the founder and owner of Trials and Tribulations (T2) Family History where she works with clients to solve their genealogical and genetic questions.</p>
<p>Genetic Genealogy</p>	<p>Expand your knowledge surrounding genetic genealogy, the use of genealogical DNA tests (DNA profiling and DNA testing) in combination with traditional genealogical methods, to infer biological relationships between individuals.</p>
	<p>Kareem Washington, Ph.D. - Grew up in Fort Washington, MD; graduated Morehouse College in 1995, and went on to receive a M.Sc. in Human Genetics and Ph.D Biochemical Genetics from the Department of Genetics and Human Genetics, Howard University, Washington, D.C. Post-doctoral Fellow in the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) branch of the NIH conducting research on improving delivery of genes into blood cells for gene therapy of Sickle Cell Disease. Currently, Graduate school Chair of the Department of Genetics and Human Genetics and Director of Graduate studies with an appointment as Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics and Child Health. Research focus involves understanding the genetic mechanisms controlling hemoglobin production and developing a gene therapy for correcting Sickle Cell Disease using an RNA technology called Spliceosome Mediated RNA trans-splicing (SMaRT).</p>

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<p>Take a Seat Open Round Table Discussion</p> <p>Facilitated by Bernice Alexander Bennett</p>  <p><i>Agnes Kane Callum</i> <i>Baltimore MD (BAAHGS)</i></p> <p><i>Central (Columbia) MD</i></p> <p><i>Montgomery County MD</i></p> <p><i>Prince George's County MD</i></p> <p><i>James Dent Walker</i> <i>Washington DC</i></p> <p><i>African American Special</i> <i>Interest Group</i></p>	<p>Share and Tell Stories from oral history to new family discoveries with representatives from each one of the host AAHGS chapters or AASIG.</p> <p>Engage in conversations at your table about family secrets/mysteries, roadblocks, research strategies, genealogy, personal experiences, resources, DNA, patience/persistence, etc.</p> <p>Take advantage of an informal opportunity to share and collaborate with other researchers on the same topics.</p> <p>Join in for a fun time of exchanging information and learning.</p> <p><i>(Topics/subjects will be introduced/initiated by a lead participant at each table)</i></p>
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