

**The Genealogical Society  
of New Jersey  
and  
The Central Jersey Genealogical Club**

**Present:**



**Spring Genealogy Seminar 2011**

**Featuring  
Megan Smolenyak  
Laura H. Congleton  
Carol Sheaffer  
Nancy C. Nelson**

**4 June 2011  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY  
Science Complex, Room 201  
2000 Pennington Rd  
Ewing NJ**



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## Schedule

### 9:00-9:45 – Registration and Coffee

#### 9:45-10:45 – Megan Smolenyak

##### *Trace Your Roots with DNA*

Genetic genealogy has graduated from pioneering research to one more tool in our family history arsenal, but just as the number of us taking DNA tests has grown, so have our genetic options. Megan will explain (in plain English!) how Y-DNA and mtDNA testing can be used to shed light on the paternal and maternal branches of your family tree, and how new, autosomal tests can reveal unknown facets in your family's past.

#### 11:00-12:00 – Laura H Congleton

##### *Identifying and Researching Civil War Ancestors*

Learn how to identify and research Civil War soldiers (Union and Confederate) using records available online and at various repositories. The lecture will focus on use of federal, state, and family records, and how to avoid common pitfalls.

### 12:15-1:15 Lunch

#### 1:30-2:30 - Carol Sheaffer and Nancy Nelson

##### *Don't Forget the Ladies: Finding and Identifying the Women in Your Past*

Female ancestors are of great importance as the keepers of family traditions, heirlooms, photos, memories, stories and records. Finding and identifying them using a variety of source records may lead to a greatly enhanced family history.

#### 2:45-3:45 - Laura H. Congleton

##### *Welcome to the Club: An Introduction to Lineage Societies*

Learn about different types of lineage societies, general membership requirements, the preparation of applications, and society records that can be used to help research your ancestors.

## Speakers

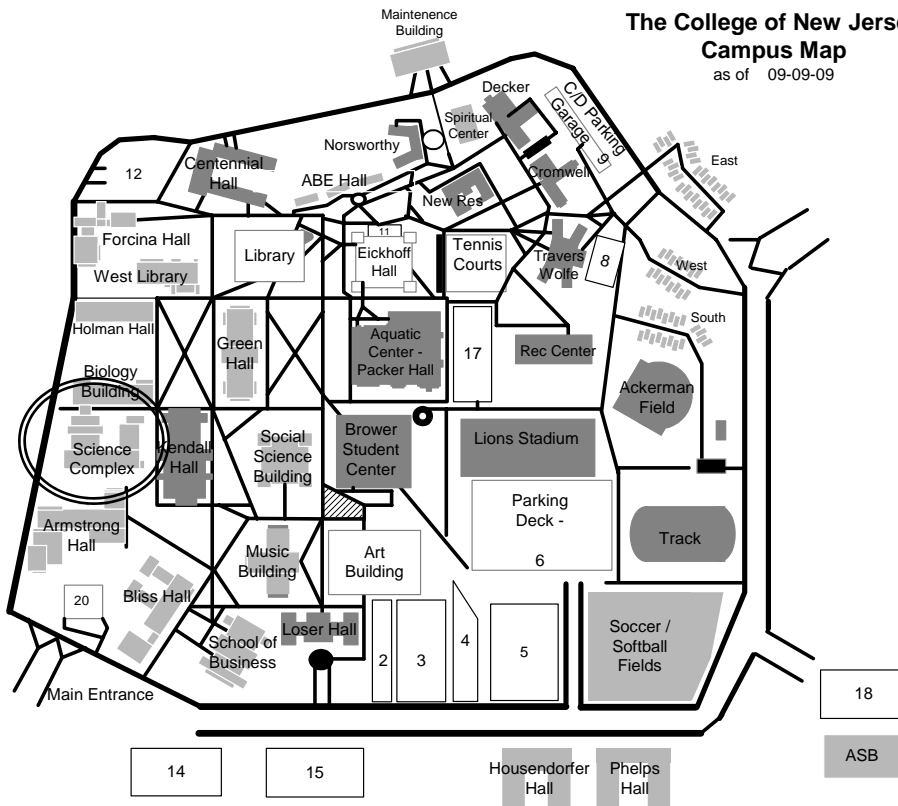
**Megan Smolenyak**, a popular writer, speaker and TV guest, does all she can to get the g-word out there and inspire others in their quest for roots. She has appeared on *Good Morning America*, the *Today* show, CNN, NPR, and the BBC. In addition to consulting on shows ranging from *Who Do You Think You Are?* to *Top Chef*, Megan is the author of five books, including co-author of *Trace Your Roots with DNA*. She is a Huffington Post contributor, and former Chief Family Historian and spokesperson for Ancestry.com.

**Laura H. Congleton**, a professional genealogist with more than 20 years experience in family history research, specializes in Civil War research and the preparation of lineage society applications. In 2005, Laura received a Larry J. Hackman Research Residency Award for Civil War research she has been conducting at the NY State Archives in Albany, compiling details on men from Owego (Tioga County, NY) who enlisted to fight for the Union. Laura is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society, the Genealogical Speakers Guild, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865.

**Nancy C. Nelson** has over 15 years of genealogical research experience and specializes in Burlington and Monmouth Counties in New Jersey. She is the Membership Chair and on the Board of Directors of The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, Membership Chair of Central Jersey Genealogical Club, Secretary of The General Forman Chapter, DAR and Second Vice President of The Philadelphia Chapter, United Daughters of The Confederacy. She is also a member of The Genealogical Speakers Guild, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and The Bordentown Historical Society.

**Carol M. Sheaffer** has 25 years of genealogical research experience, focusing on Central and Southern NJ, and the Philadelphia and Lancaster area in Pennsylvania. She is the President and Program Chair of The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, President of Central Jersey Genealogical Club, and Trustee of The Genealogical Society of New Jersey. She is also a member of The Association of Professional Genealogists, National Genealogical Society, Genealogical Speakers Guild, Daughters of Union Veterans of The Civil War, and numerous other historical and genealogical societies.

**The College of New Jersey  
Campus Map**  
as of 09-09-09



Enter Main Entrance and stay to the right.

Park in Lots 3 – 6 on your left.

The Spring Program is in the Science Complex, next to Kendall Hall. (see left edge of map)

Drop-Off Location: There is a circle in front of the Brower Student Center Accessible from Lot 4 for Drop-Off Only.

**Directions**

**From I-80**

Take I-80 East to the U.S. 206/Rte 183 exit. Keep right at the fork in the ramp. Merge onto US 206. Take the I-287 South ramp toward Somerville (I-78)/Princeton. Merge onto I-287 South. Take the US 202 South/US 206 South exit. See directions below from \*Continue on US 202 South.

**From the New York State Thruway**

Take the NY State Thruway/I-87 South. Take the I-287 South/Rte 17 South exit. Merge onto I-287 South. Take the US 202 South/US 206 South exit. \*Continue on US 202 South. At the Flemington Circle, continue on US 202/31 South. Exit US 202/31 onto Rte 31 South (Trenton). Follow Rte 31 South until the entrance to The College (about 1.5 miles past the junction of I-95, left at the fourth traffic light).

**From South on I-95**

Using I-95 North, continue into Pennsylvania, through Philadelphia. Continue on I-95 North into New Jersey. Take exit 4 (Route 31/Pennington Rd). Bear to the right off the exit ramp, you will be traveling south on Route 31. At the third traffic light (about 1.5 miles), make a left into the College entrance.

**From West on Route 78**

Take Rte 78 East into New Jersey. Continue to exit 17 (Rte 31 South/Flemington and Trenton). Continue south on Rte 31 into the Flemington Circle. Take Route 202/31 South. Exit at Route 31 South (Trenton). Follow Rte 31 South until the entrance to The College (about 1.5 miles past the junction of I-95, left at the fourth traffic light).

**From the Pennsylvania Turnpike**

Take the PA Turnpike/I-276 East to the Philadelphia/US 1 exit. Keep left at the fork in the ramp. Merge onto US 1 North Lincoln Highway. Stay straight to go onto US 1 North. Take the I-95 North exit toward Trenton. Merge onto Delaware Expressway/I-95 North. Proceed into New Jersey. Take exit 4 (Rte 31/Pennington Road). Bear to the right off the exit ramp, you will be traveling south on Rte 31. At the third traffic light (about 1.5 miles), make a left into The College entrance.

**From North on the New Jersey Turnpike**

On the NJ Turnpike, travel south to exit 7A, Trenton and Shore Points. Follow signs toward Trenton onto I-195 West. Follow signs marked 295 Princeton/Camden. Exit at "I-295 North/Route 1/95 South/Princeton." Continue on I-295 (becomes I-95 South) to exit 4. Turn left at the exit ramp onto Pennington Rd/Rte 31 South toward Ewing. At the fourth traffic light (about 1.5 miles), make a left into The College entrance.

# REGISTRATION FORM

**DEADLINE:** 28 May 2011

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Name (as you would like it on Nametag)

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Phone or Email (if we need to contact you)

(If paying by Credit Card)

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Please register by May 28 to ensure  
your syllabus and lunch choice.

(Late registrations and walk-ins welcome  
but printed syllabus and lunch cannot be assured.)

**Mail payment and this form (copies okay) to:**

GSNJ SPRING PROGRAM 2011  
C/O SCOTT HOLMES  
7 WAGNER COURT  
RINGOES, NJ 08551

**(Please make checks payable to GSNJ)**

**For more information:**

Website: [www.gsnj.org](http://www.gsnj.org)

E-mail: [programs@gsnj.org](mailto:programs@gsnj.org)

Phone: 732-365-2680

**Registration Fee:**

**Member: \$40.00**

**Non Member: \$45.00**

*Please indicate membership:*

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**Indicate Total: \$\_\_\_\_\_**

Lunch Includes:

sandwich, chips, cookie, beverage

**Mark Choice:**

Turkey Sandwich

Roast Beef Sandwich

Vegetarian

Where did you hear about this event?

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