Genealogy: The Family Researcher
Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr
Mondays, 10 - Noon, June 4, 11, 18

Do you know that a massive collection of archived, genealogical data is ready and waiting for you to dig in? The Oklahoma Historical Society’s Research Division offers resources beyond a family historian’s wildest dreams. Research Division staff members are eager to show you how to put it to work for you beginning with an overview of the resources located at the Oklahoma Historical Society, searching the OHS Card Catalog, and learning how to get the most out of your research. On June 11th, learn how to search Oklahoma Newspapers through the Gateway and including Chronicling America and other newspaper resources. On June 18th, we’ll learn how to navigate free online genealogy resources, including DPLA, Family Search, Internet Archives and resources at the Metropolitan Library.

Instructors:

Laura Martin, Deputy Director, Research Division, Oklahoma Historical Society
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Turkey: a partner in crisis
Of all NATO allies, Turkey represents the most daunting challenge for the Trump administration. In the wake of a failed military coup in July 2016, the autocratic trend in Ankara took a turn for the worse. One year on, an overwhelming majority of the population considers the United States to be their country’s greatest security threat. In this age of a worsening “clash of civilizations” between Islam and the West, even more important than its place on the map is what Turkey symbolically represents as the most institutionally Westernized Muslim country in the world. Topic Expert: Meredith Woodruff Garner, a Stillwater native, served in the Central Intelligence Agency’s Directorate of Operations, living and working for more than 25 years in Central Eurasia, the Near East, Africa, and Europe. She retired from the CIA in 2006 as its most senior female officer in operations.

Media and foreign policy
State and non-state actors today must maneuver a complex and rapidly evolving media landscape. Conventional journalism now competes with user-generated content. Official channels of communication can be circumvented through social media. Foreign policy is tweeted from the White House and “fake news” has entered the zeitgeist. Cyberwarfare, hacking and misinformation pose complex security threats. How are actors using media to pursue and defend their interests in the international arena? What are the implications for U.S. policy? Topic Expert: Jami Fullerton. Jami earned her doctorate from the University of North Texas and received her B.A. in journalism from the OU. She is a professor in the School of Media and Strategic Communications and holds the Peggy Layman Welch Chair in Strategic Communications at OSU. Dr. Fullerton’s research interests include cross-cultural communication, nation branding and advertising education.

The waning of Pax Americana?
During the first months of Donald Trump’s presidency, the U.S. began a historic shift away from Pax Americana, the liberal international order that was established in the wake of World War II. Since 1945, Pax Americana has promised peaceful international relations and an open economy, buttressed by U.S. military power. In championing “America First” isolationism and protectionism, President Trump has shifted the political mood toward selective U.S. engagement, where foreign commitments are limited to areas of vital U.S. interest and economic nationalism is the order of the day. Geopolitical allies and challengers alike are paying close attention. Topic Expert: Marten Brienen taught in both the African and Latin American Studies Programs at the University of Miami and served as the director of the Latin American Studies Program at the University of Miami. While he has worked on a variety of subjects, his ongoing interest is the struggle between marginalized populations and the interests of states in the process of national construction in Africa and Latin America. From that perspective, he has focused primarily on energy security, drug trafficking, and complex emergencies.
The Oklahoma Insurance Department is working hard to protect seniors from crooks trying to scam people out of their hard earned money. Commissioner John Doak notes, “seniors are especially susceptible because many of them have substantial savings, excellent credit and aren’t likely to go the police if they think they’ve been scammed.” Take the upper hand and learn the details of the latest scams and what you can do to protect your assets. Each week will feature a different speaker and topics including insurance fraud, Medicare fraud, investment fraud, banking fraud and current senior scams so that you’ll be armed with the knowledge you need to protect your nest egg. The National Center on Elder Abuse reports the average fraud takes about $30,000 out of a senior’s pocket. Don’t be a victim.

Instructors: Rick Wagonon has served in law enforcement, executive protection, terrorism preparedness and disaster response since June 1987. He holds Advanced Peace Officer certification within the State of Oklahoma and numerous nationally recognized instructor certifications. He has served in ranks from patrolman to chief; staff instructor and academy coordinator for two state police academies; and Training Coordinator for the Terrorism Preparedness and Response Service. He currently serves as Chief of the Anti-Fraud Unit of the Oklahoma Insurance Department. Rick has a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Leadership, a Master of Science degree in business management, and a Black Belt degree in Tomiki-Ryu Shodokan Aikido. He has served as an Adjunct Professor for a number of universities including OSU-OKC, UCO, and Southern Nazarene University.

Julie Bays joined the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office in 2002, where she has successfully prosecuted consumer fraud, civil antitrust and charitable trust cases. She was appointed Chief of the Consumer Protection Unit by former Attorney General Scott Pruitt. Ms. Bays’ responsibilities include enforcing the Oklahoma Consumer Protection Act which prohibits deceptive or unfair conduct in the course of consumer transactions. She handles non-profit issues such as proper charity registration, non-profit oversight and reviewing requests to revise charitable trusts. She also deals with the complex issues involving the privacy concerns of Oklahoma citizens such as data breaches and internet safety. Ms. Bays travels the state educating Oklahoma citizens on matters such as identity theft, Nigerian scams, home repair fraud, internet auction fraud, mortgage fraud and various other issues. Julie graduated with a Bachelors of Arts Degree, summa cum laude, from the University of Oklahoma in 1995 and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa in April 1995. She graduated from the OU School of Law.

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