



Orange sessions indicates continuing education credits available for therapists. Purple sessions indicate our genealogy track.

THURSDAY 3/19

4:00pm-7:00pm	Registration, Our Emcee for the conference is Nicole Price
6:00pm-9:00pm	Host Lauren LoGiudice: A comedy throwdown interspersed with Open Mic from our community with Mac n'Cheese bar, dessert, and cash bar Happy Hour
Open Mic & Comedy Show	Happy Hour starts at 6:00pm

FRIDAY 3/20

7:00am-8:00am Morning relaxation - Yoga

BREAKFAST 8:00am-9:00am

9:00am-10:45am Keynote address: "Uncovering Our History, Restoring Identity, Reimagining the Future" with Leslie Pate Mackinnon

11:00am-noon	<i>From Survival to Connection: The Importance of Healing Attachment Wounds Across the Life Span and Their Impact on Mental Health, Dr. Vicki Sanders, LMFT</i>	Reunion - After Math (Addition? Or Subtraction?), Joyce Maguire Pavao	The Business of Identity Building, Oliver and Melissa Leembruggen	Reclaiming Your Narrative: Eight Essential Tools for Writing Memoirs About Our Journeys, Patricia Knight Meyer	Same Roots, Different Gardens: The Journey from Strangers to Siblings, Ann Mikeska and Rebecca (Becky) Alarcon	Transnational/ Transracial adoptee (India to USA), Stephanie Fraser
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LUNCH noon-1:30pm

1:30pm-3:00pm	Living Beyond Acceptance: Ambiguous Loss, Disenfranchised Grief, and the Post-Acceptance™ Pathway, Paulette M Bethel, PhD, MCC, CTRC-A	Growing Beyond The Echo Chamber. Jean Widner, Rich Uhrlaub, and Steve Osborne	The Last to Know: How to Heal from Late Discovery. Moderator: Deidra Laverne McGee with Alicia Williams, Cynthia Boone, Ridghaus, and Diana Kayla Hochberg	Black and Adopted: Stories of Same-Race Family, Belonging, and Survival: Sandra Ceasar, Nikole Shaw, Eric Shaw	Loving Embrace: Patience & Persistence. Moderator Nicole Price with Joseph McGill and his daughter Charity Barriere Muhammad	Therapy That Understands: Working with a Therapist Who Gets It, Lisa Coppola M.ED, LMHC, LCPC and more
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SNACK 3:00-3:45pm

3:45pm-5:30pm	<i>Where are you on your journey? Healing from the lies of omission on parentage. Sharon Stein McNamara Ed. D., L.P.</i>	Connection Focus Groups (Debbie Olson & Lori Knisley organizing)	GROUPS INCLUDE:	Addiction & Destructive Behaviors Big Ethnicity Shift Genealogy Legislation and	Men's Focus Navigating Reunion & Family New DNA Surprise Parents	Rejection & Finding Closure Support Partners Writing No Preference
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DINNER 5:30pm-7:30pm (on your own)

7:30pm-9:30pm MOVIES: "Somebody's Daughter" with talk-back with Zara Philips or "Father Unknown" with talk-back David Quint, and a special documentary film screening on finding family with Aaron Long. Hors d'oeuvres & wine after the movies

SATURDAY 3/21

7:00am-8:30am Morning relaxation - Chairs Labyrinth with Michelle Spear

BREAKFAST 8:00am-9:00am

9:00am-10:45am **Plenary Community Panel: Honoring the Past, Embracing the Future: Bryan Post (adoptee), Joseph McGill (NPE Dad), and Aaron Long (Sperm Donor) with Moderator Brad Ewell**

11:00am-noon	Speaker Forum	<i>Digging Deeper: Making FamilySearch Work for You, Sheridan Steffler and Jessica Deem</i>	DNA Don't Lie: Reclaiming Broken Family Branches, Karlos & Kristopher Dillard	The Chair & The Couch: Cultural Socialization, Identity Formation, and Healing Pathways for Transracial Adoptees Stormey Nielsen and Imani Powell	Amend, Kill or Pass? Multiple Issues and Strategies, Rich Uhrlaub	Memoir Publishing Demystified, Michelle Tullier	Rejection Redefined: Building Resilience and Confidence, Kristin F. Hepler
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LUNCH noon-1:30pm

1:30pm-3:00pm	Panel Discussion	<i>Untangling DNA Mysteries: Building Networks, Finding Connections, Lorie Cousin, Tara Crawford, and Lara Schultz</i>	Who am I? Is this me? A Male Perspective. Moderator: Kendall Austin Stulce with Jonathan Casebere (A), Nick Ludwig (DCP), and Bruce-Paul Scott (NPE)	The Hidden Health Costs of Misattributed Parentage. Richard Wenzel, Lily Wood, Monica Bein, and Keith Sciarillo	The Power of Storytelling to Inspire Healing and Create Change: Jean Widner, Steve Osborne, and Elizabeth Barbour	Healing Together: The Power of Community, Nancy Patchak, Amy Ebbeson, Jill Stemmler	Living in Limbo: the Unique Grief of Liminal Loss. Amy Barker Jennifer Joy Phoenix, and Candace Cahill
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SNACK 3:00-3:45pm

3:45pm-5:30pm	Creative Workshop	<i>Finding the Living and the Dead: Online Strategies for Modern Genealogical</i>	Un-M-Othered: Writing Poetry to Heal Family Separation, Liz DeBetta	An Embodied Healing Practice, Brian Stanton and Cathy Leckie Koley	Writing the Truth: Identity, Inheritance, and the Stories We Don't Choose, Amy Jauman	Healing Heart Art, Pam Ewell	Letters Across Time: Writing to the Missing, the Unknown, the Gone, Kara Rubinstein Deyerin
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DINNER 5:30pm-7:30pm (on your own)

7:30pm-9:00pm **MOVIE: One Big Happy Family**

SUNDAY 3/22

7:00am-8:30am Morning relaxation - Chairs Labyrinth with Michelle Spear

BREAKFAST 8:00am-9:00am

9:00am-10:00am	Speaker Forum	<i>Connect with GRACE: Establish Solid Ground in Complex Family Relationships, Elizabeth Barbour</i>	Trolls and Other Internet Friends that Help You Tell Your Story, Brad Ewell	"Walk In Their Shoes" - Navigating First Contact, Catherine St Claire	Healing the Internal Family After DNA Discoveries: Basic IFS for Identity Integration, Angie Miller and Linda Pevac	What Makes Them "Get It"? Understanding Outsiders' Reactions to Parentage Discoveries, Jamie L Goodwin	<i>Stories That Heal: Using AI to Tell Your Story and Build Your Family Tree, Blaine Bettinger</i>
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10:15am-11:30am **Plenary Speaker: Laughing Our Way to Grace: A Conversation with Lisa Brenner hosted by Corey Stulce. The session will begin with a short, guided conversation, then conclude with audience Q&A.**

11:30am - noon Closing Ceremony - Honoring the Past, Embracing the Future