



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	<i>Morning relaxation - Yoga</i>	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 Speaker Forum	From Survival to Connection: The Importance of Healing Attachment Wounds Across the Life Span and Their Impact on Mental Health, Dr. Vicki Sanders, LMFT	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

LUNCH noon-1:30pm

1:30pm-3:00pm Panel Discussion	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 Affinity Groups	Where are you on your journey? Healing from the lies of omission on parentage. Sharon Stein McNamara Ed. D., L.P.	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	<i>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</i>
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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 *Digging Deeper: Making FamilySearch Work for You, Sheridan Steffler and Jessica Deem* 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**

LUNCH noon-1:30pm

1:30pm-3:00pm Panel Discussion *Untangling DNA Mysteries: Building Networks, Finding Connections, Lorie Cousin, Tara Crawford, and Lara Schultz* 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**

SNACK 3:00-3:45pm

3:45pm-5:30pm Creative Workshop *Finding the Living and the Dead: Online Strategies for Modern Genealogical* 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**

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 *Connect with GRACE: Establish Solid Ground in Complex Family Relationships, Elizabeth Barbour* Trolls and Other Internet Friends that Help You Tell Your Story, Brad Ewell "Walk In Their Shoes" - Friends that Help You Tell Your Story, Brad Ewell 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 **Stories That Heal: Using AI to Tell Your Story and Build Your Family Tree, Blaine Bettinger**

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*