

## **2018 biographies for presenters of programs for OHCE-GG**

**Jan. 17—Luann Sewell Waters--“Part 2 *Silent Storytellers*,” DVD of AR graveyards**

Luann has over 30 years experience teaching in workshops, classes and seminars across the United States. A native Oklahoman, she has a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology/Wildlife and a Masters of Science in Science Education, both from Oklahoma State University.

Other courses she teaches include: **Carved in Stone: Cemetery Symbols, Lewis & Clark Revisited, The Hows and Whys of Journaling, Oklahoma Wildlife Natural History and The Chisholm Trail.**

She is a member of the **Association for Gravestone Studies** and **Outdoor Writers Association of America.** [Lsw045@aol.com](mailto:Lsw045@aol.com)

**Feb. 21---Dr. Molisa Derk---“I see dead people—Caching in Cemeteries”**

Dr. Derk has a PhD in Computer Science, and has been teaching CS for about 20 years. Prior to that, she was in software development for about another 20 years. She has been caching for 2 years. She now teaches part time at OCCC. [ageingchild@hotmail.com](mailto:ageingchild@hotmail.com)

**Mar. 21---Michael McCoy--“A Hole in the Heart” (1 hour program)**

A graduate of DePauw University, with a degree in Political Science, Michael has spent much of his adult life mastering a number of trades. He has been a business manager, a designer of marketing and publicity materials, and a book editor and ghost writer, as well as a Christian Drama Director, Drama Writer and Drama Teacher.

For the last 8 years he has been a fulltime private *and* public "Family Research Genealogist". A member of several genealogical societies he is the owner of The Oklahoma Genealogist LLC, serving private genealogy clients as well as assisting publishers in genealogical research.

A member of “Find a Grave.com” and “Billiongraves.com”, Michael is also an avid cemetery researcher. He has developed a mini-seminar about the differences/similarities and the pros/cons of these two cemetery listing websites.

Michael has an interest in learning, sharing, teaching, and publicizing any materials regarding the cultures and histories of the Native Americans of Oklahoma and throughout the United States.

Additionally, he offers help to genealogists who have the information, the knowledge, and the desire to share their expertise, but who may need some assistance with public speaking skills. As a former member of Toastmasters, Michael is available to assist in developing and improving those skills.

Michael has his own version of "*Who do I think I am?*" He is a first generation American, having been an orphaned German baby who was later adopted by American parents and brought to the USA.

**April 18—Glenn R. Clure, Sr.-- "Formtool—a computer graphics program that all genealogists should have."**

A member of the OHCE Genealogy Group, Oklahoma Genealogical Society, OGS Computer Special Interest Group, Edmond Genealogical Society, and the Oklahoma City Astronomy Club.  
He is retired from General Motors Electrical Systems, Automation and Robotics Electrician.

Having varied interest in genealogy and family history, geology, astronomy, paleontology, histories of the Civil War, WWI and WWII with physical hobbies of stained glass, woodworking, camping and gardening.

He has 16 grand, great grand and great-great grand parents who were living in Oklahoma before statehood. He is a husband, father. Grandfather, brother, nephew and uncle.

The title of his program is "**Formtool—a computer graphics program that all genealogists should have.**" It is easy to use, powerful in application, cost effective (in other words, cheap!) It can make all of your charts, graphs, logs, and calendars to your needs, not to what's available.  
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**May 16—Dr. Pam Hill—“DNA and New Pathways for Finding Your Roots”**

Dr. Pam Hill, has been an educator for 40 years and is now semi-retired. She has had the hobby of genealogy since the mid 1980's and is a certified genealogist. She is the current Deputy Governor of the Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants and is very excited about the use of DNA to help identify potential descendants of the Mayflower fathers and mothers and other lineage societies. **hillpam6@gmail.com**

**June 20---Jan Davis-- What's in the State Archives”**

As the Administrative Archivist for the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, Jan Davis manages the State Archives, which houses the permanent records of state government dating back to statehood. Jan is also the Coordinator of the Oklahoma Historical Records Advisory Board, which works to provide resources and support for Oklahoma libraries, archives and museums that hold historical records collections. She has master’s degrees in Library and Information Studies and Business Administration from the University of Oklahoma. She is a Certified Records Manager, a Certified Archivist, and a Digital Archives Specialist.

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**July 18—Dr. Chad Williams—“Gateway Project of Okla. Historical Society”**

Dr. Williams is the Director of the Research Division of the Oklahoma Historical Society. He has been instrumental in the development of the OHS online research catalog which includes a variety of digitized records.

Prior to working full time in the Research Division he volunteered for three years and wrote his master’s thesis on “Digitization in the Archives of the Oklahoma Historical Society”. Williams’ OHS career began in the newspaper department where he worked in all aspects of newspaper preservation and public service.

In 2001 he served as Manuscript Archivist until being promoted to deputy director and director. **chadw@okhistory.org)**

**Aug. 15--Craig McKinley—“A Civil War Study: Not All Soldiers were Generals”**

Craig McKinley was raised on a cattle ranch in southern Oklahoma and graduated from high school in Elmore City. He received his undergraduate degree in Forestry from Oklahoma State University in 1968. He received his Master of Agriculture and Ph.D. degrees from Texas A&M University. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army in 1970 and subsequently served in the Medical Service Corps.

He spent six years with Potlatch Corporation in Warren, Arkansas as Management Forester and later as Director, Forestry Technical Services. In 1980, he joined the faculty of Texas A&M University where he taught several courses and supervised the pine genetic improvement program for the Texas Forest Service. Beginning in 1994, he spent five years at North Carolina State University serving as Extension Specialist and Departmental Extension Leader. He returned to Oklahoma in 2000 as Head of the OSU Forestry Department and in 2004 stepped into the role of Forestry Extension Specialist. He retired in 2013 and now holds the title of Professor Emeritus, Oklahoma State University. His hobbies include American history and collecting theme music from western movies. He is an Honorary Member of the Hollywood Stuntmen’s Hall of Fame and in 2010 was designated as a Distinguished Oklahoma Citizen by the Oklahoma House of Representatives. **craig.mckinley1@aol.com**

**Sept. 19—Kera Newby & Holly Hasenfratz.-----“Trash or Treasure: Should I Keep This?”**

**Kera Newby** has been the Digital & Manuscript Archivist at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum for six years. She has a background in History and Museum Studies, and her passion for art has led her to a career in museums.

**Holly Hasenfratz** has been the Digital & Institutional Archivist at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum for five years. She has a background in Public History and Museum Studies, and a specialization in 19<sup>th</sup> century photographic care and handling

**Oct. 17---Jan Beattie—“Col. John Singleton Mosby, the Gray Ghost of the Civil War”**

Jan is a native of California, but came to Oklahoma more than 25 years ago to attend college but never left. Now she is married with two children and retired by the medical field. She has degrees in Biochemistry and a Master's in Epidemiology from the Univ. of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. As a Specialist in Infectious Disease and Microbiology from the College of American Pathologists, she spent her career at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center. She was also an adjunct professor at the OU College of Medicine and Health Sciences Center for more than 16 years. Now she has time for genealogy hobby. She is President of the OHCE Genealogy Club in OKC and Secretary for Samuel King Chapter Daughter of the American Revolution in Edmond. She is also a Board Member of the Mountain Meadows Association and the Edmond Genealogical Society and holds memberships in several other organizations including OG, First Families of the Twin Territories and several others. She is also involved in “Cemetery Hopping” to help others locate the final resting places of their Oklahoma ancestors.

**Nov. 14—June Stone—“A Journey to the Land of Lincoln”**

June is a native Okie, born & raised in SW Logan Co. Always interested in family history & started doing research abt. 1970. Court Houses are her favorite place to search. I belong to several lineage societies & on the OK Gen. Soc. Board. [junestone@aol.com](mailto:junestone@aol.com)

**NOTE: this program is one week earlier than usual to not interfere with Thanksgiving Day preparations.**