



44th ANNUAL SPRING SEMINAR
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF MONROE COUNTY, MI
SATURDAY April 20, 2024
at the Monroe County Community College
Featuring Kris Rzepczynski &
Carl Katafiasz

8:00 am – 9:00 am Registration and Welcome (coffee and donuts)

9:00 am – 10:00 am Coming to America: Research with Ship Passenger Lists
This session will explore the available U.S. passenger lists and indexes, the genealogical information typically found in them, and strategies for finding arrival records of your immigrant ancestors.

10:00 am – 10:30 am Break

10:30 am – 11:30 am Wills, Thrills, and Chills: Digging into Probate Records
This session will provide an overview of probate records, the different types of records created, including wills, inventories, and calendars, the family history content to be discovered, and where to find them online and onsite.

11:30 am – 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Introduction to Eastern European Genealogy
This presentation will identify a majority of those countries that make up Eastern Europe; illustrate potential quandaries that may arise and provide a potential methodology to get one started in researching these lands.

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm Break

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm Research Your Search
This program will hopefully encourage individuals to look at their genealogies more in depth to potentially obtain additional more information of their ancestors.

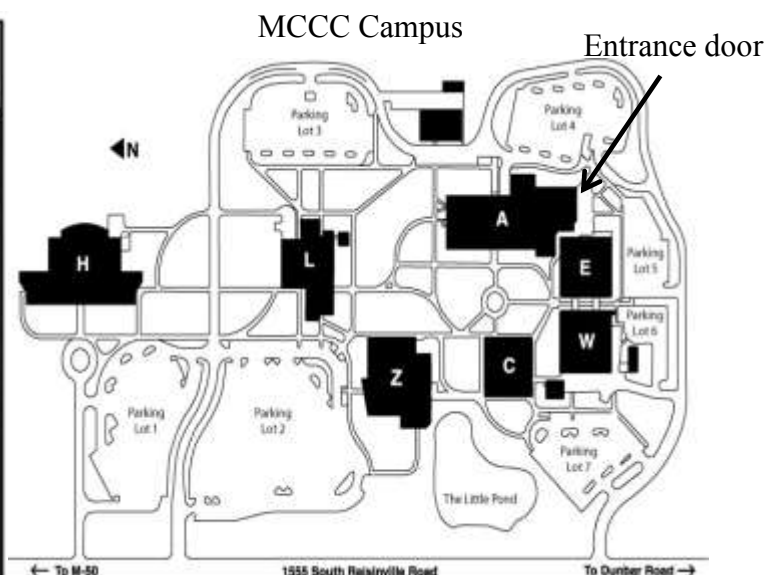
Bring your own lunch or visit a local restaurant

Cost is \$30 if you register before April 6, 2024

\$40 for late registrations

VENDORS — RAFFLE

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1555 SOUTH RAISINVILLE ROAD, MONROE, MI 48161



Mail this registration form (1 for each person attending) and registration fee (in \$US) made out to GSMC, to: Rick Grassley, 641 Godfrey Ave, Monroe, MI 48162-2731

If you have questions, please e-mail gsmcmi@gsmcmi.org.

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Registrations received by April 6th will be included in the Surname Index. Please PRINT no more than 4 surnames.

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NO REFUNDS AFTER April 6, 2024.

Kris Rzepczynski- I am an archivist at the Archives of Michigan in Lansing, with a special interest in genealogy and local history. For nearly 20 years (!), I've worked closely with local societies and researchers, both in assisting them with their research and in giving programs to their local groups. My position at the Archives has given me an interesting perspective on research, resources, and technological trends.

Carl Katafiasz- I was born and grew up in Toledo Ohio. Was first exposed to genealogy while working on my Master's Degree in History. Taught at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Preparatory for 8 years. Began my library career at the Ellis Reference and Information Center as their Government Documents Librarian in 1989 and in time became Special Collections Librarian and then Head of Adult Services. Left Monroe and became Head of Adult Services for the Civic Center Library in Livonia, Michigan in 2009 and retired in 2022. Currently volunteers at the Westland Family History Center and his local Church and works as a substitute librarian for the Livonia libraries.

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