SCOPE OF THE WORKSHOP

The 2015 Family History Technology Workshop will bring together developers, researchers, technology professionals, and users to discuss the future of family history technology and genealogical research. The workshop will feature developer sessions, lightning talks, technical presentations, panels, and demos to showcase emerging and future technologies.

DEVELOPER TALK

Give a 10 to 15 minute talk about new tools, libraries, or languages, accompanied by a demo of what is being developed. Our emphasis is on novel approaches that will impact the future of family history technology.

To submit an idea for a developer talk, send us a 1 - 2 paragraph description of what you will cover. Include a short biographical statement and a link to your developer profile on GitHub or other relevant sites.

LIGHTNING TALK

Give a 2 to 5 minute presentation on your latest work in family history technology. We welcome startups, new open source projects, work-in-progress, or strongly-held (but informative) opinions on where the future of family history technology will go.

To submit an idea for a lightning talk, send us a one paragraph description of what you will cover. Include a short biographical statement and a link to your product or web site and to your social media profile. Indicate whether you would also like to provide a demo in between sessions.

RESEARCH TALK

Give a 10 to 15 minute presentation on your research, including key ideas, algorithms and results. Topics could include data modeling, extraction, search, natural language processing, document processing, handwriting recognition, machine learning, expert systems, social networks, human interfaces, data visualization, mobile technologies, automated research, cloud computing, security, or other areas of computing as they relate to family history research. Working demos are strongly encouraged.

To submit an idea for a research talk, send a 1 - 2 page extended abstract, including citations, similar to what you would submit to a technical conference in your field of study. Include a short biographical statement and a link to your personal web presence and/or social media profile.

HOW TO SUBMIT

Presenters should submit the above information by January 19, 2015 to fhtw@internet.byu.edu. Submissions will be reviewed by members of the program committee.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Submissions Due: January 19, 2015
- Notification of Acceptance: January 30, 2015
- Workshop: February 10, 2014

Workshop Organization

General Chair: Bill Barrett
Program Chair: Daniel Zappala
Developer Chair: Dallan Quass

Program Committee

- Sue Dintelman, Pleiades Software
- Kirk Duffin, NIU
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- Christophe Giraud-Carrier, BYU CS
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- Doug Kennard, Historic Journals
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- James Mayfield, APL/JHU HLT
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- Jack Reese, Ancestry
- Patrick Schone, FamilySearch
- Doran Wilde, BYU ECEn
- Randy Wilson, FamilySearch
- Luther Tychonievich, University of Virginia
- Justin York, Find-A-Record
- Tom Wetmore, Dead Ends Software-

Registration

- $60
  Includes continental breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack, admission to all sessions
- $30
  Student registration

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