

# 2025 FEEFHS CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

(updated as of July 28, 2025)

Mountain Daylight Time	■ Wednesday, August 6				
8:00-8:15	Welcome: Milan Pohontsch Zoom Room 5				
	Zoom Room 1	Zoom Room 2	Zoom Room 3	Zoom Room 4	Zoom Room 5
8:30-9:30	Polish Census Records: Then & Now -Tadeusz Piłat  Polish	Genealogical Czech Grammar & Vocabulary -Brian Bela Schellenberg  Austro-Hungarian	Top Ten Secrets to Using MyHeritage -Daniel Horowitz  General	Why is Jewish Research Different From All Other Research? -Suzanne Hoffman  Jewish	Questions about the conference?  Ask Rayanne in this Zoom Room.  <u>But use Chat from 7:45-8:30.</u>
9:45-10:45	Ecclesiastical Records: Beyond Metrical Books -Tadeusz Piłat  Polish	Researching Old Hungarian Maps Online -Dorottya Szabo  Austro-Hungarian	Germans in America: Guide to Finding Your Ancestor's Hometown Emma Ruddy  German	Jewish Migration in the 18th & 19th Centuries: Exploring the Migratory History of Ashkenazi Jews -Suzanne Hoffman  Jewish	
11:00-12:00	Polish State Archives: Galician Records in Krakow & Przemysl -Alina Khuda  Polish	History of Birth, Marriage & Death Registrations in Hungary -Dorottya Szabo  Austro-Hungarian	Getting From There to Here: Bradshaw's Railway Guide & Other Tools -Emily H. Garber  General	Holocaust Research -Janette Silverman  Jewish	
12:00-1:30	■ LUNCH BREAK				
1:30-2:30	Polish Military During WWII -Kathy Kirkpatrick  Polish	Unlocking the Secrets of Austrian Land Cadastres: A Guide for Genealogists -Michelle Tucker Chubenko  Austro-Hungarian	Morse Code: Favorite Tools on Steve Morse's Website -Banai Feldstein  General	Jewish Research in Galicia Austria -Emily H. Garber  Jewish	Questions about the conference?  Ask Rayanne in this Zoom Room.
2:45-3:45	Let Tech Work for You: Harnessing the Power for AI, Apps & Tools -Kate Penney Howard  General	Searching for Ancestors Before, During & After the Austro-Hungarian Empire -James L. Tanner  Austro-Hungarian	German Geography & Jurisdictions -Fritz Juengling  German	Finding Jewish Records in Unexpected Places -Joanne M. Sher  Jewish	
4:00-5:00	Crossing the Ocean: Finding Your European History -Susan Weinberg  Polish	Navigating German Language Czech Church Records -Charlotte Champenois  Austro-Hungarian	Online Resources for Research in the Eastern Provinces of the German Empire -Baerbel Johnson  German	Jewish Immigrants -Janette Silverman  Jewish	
5:00-5:30	■ BREAK				
5:30-6:30	THE HUDDLES ■ Ukraine: Michelle Tucker Chubenko ■ Austria (without Hungary): Milan Pohontsch ■ Jewish Research: Janette Silverman ■ Russian Empire: Thom Edlund ■ Baltics: Patrick Monson and Lina Kuzminskaite			All Huddles are accessed through Zoom Room 5. From there, you will be put into the correct Breakout Room.	

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Mountain Daylight Time	■ Thursday, August 7				
	Zoom Room 1	Zoom Room 2	Zoom Room 3	Zoom Room 4	Zoom Room 5
8:30-9:30	<b>Decoding Cyrillic Records: Essential Skills for Family Historians</b> -Alina Khuda  <b>Russian Empire</b>	<b>Case Studies of Migration</b> -Roland Geiger  <b>Austro-Hungarian</b>	<b>Navigating German Town Lineage Books (OFBs)</b> -Charlotte Champenois  <b>German</b>	<b>WWII Displaced Persons: A Stateless People</b> -Michelle Tucker Chubenko  <b>General</b>	<b>Questions about the conference?</b>  <b>Ask Rayanne in this Zoom Room.</b>
9:45-10:45	<b>Accessing Notary Records: A Guide to Russian Empire Archives</b> -Alina Khuda  <b>Russian Empire</b>	<b>Religion &amp; Religious Jurisdictions in the Austro-Hungarian Empire</b> -Brian Bela Schellenberg  <b>Austro-Hungarian</b>	<b>German Names: Their Origins, Meanings and Distribution</b> Fritz Juengling  <b>German</b>	<b>Who's Your Daddy? The Hunt for Katharina Bohlander's Father</b> -Carolyn Schott  <b>Germans from E. Europe</b>	
11:00-12:00	<b>Strategies for Searching FamilySearch's Ukraine Collections</b> -Patrick Monson  <b>Russian Empire</b>	<b>Beginning Romanian Research</b> -Vicki Albu  <b>Austro-Hungarian</b>	<b>Solving Difficult German Emigration Problems</b> -Baerbel Johnson  <b>German</b>	<b>Geography of German Settlement in the Russian Empire</b> -Sandy Schilling Payne  <b>Germans from E. Europe</b>	
12:00-1:30	■ LUNCH BREAK				
1:30-2:30	<b>Introduction to Russian Empire Records</b> -Thom Edlund  <b>Russian Empire</b>	<b>Geo-Political Changes in the Banat</b> -Eileen Lund-Johnson  <b>Austro-Hungarian</b>	<b>Websites for German Research - Part 1</b> -Fritz Juengling  <b>German</b>	<b>What They Carried: Storytellings Through Objects</b> -Sandy Schilling Payne  <b>Germans from E. Europe</b>	<b>Questions about the conference?</b>  <b>Ask Rayanne in this Zoom Room.</b>
2:45-3:45	<b>Revision Lists of the Russian Empire</b> -Thom Edlund  <b>Russian Empire</b>	<b>Research in the Former Kingdom of Hungary - Part 1</b> -Kellie Scherbel Hale  <b>Austro-Hungarian</b>	<b>Websites for German Research - Part 2</b> -Fritz Juengling  <b>German</b>	<b>Ancestry Unveiled: Distinguishing Genealogy from Genetic Genealogy</b> -Aimee Rose-Haines  <b>DNA</b>	
4:00-5:00	<b>1897 Census of the Russian Empire</b> -Thom Edlund  <b>Russian Empire</b>	<b>Research in the Former Kingdom of Hungary - Part 2</b> -Kellie Scherbel Hale  <b>Austro-Hungarian</b>	<b>Lost in the Text? Strategies for Decrypting Genealogical Records in German</b> -Charlotte Champenois  <b>German</b>	<b>AI Handwriting Recognition &amp; Full Text Search Opens the Floodgates of Possible Research</b> -James L. Tanner  <b>General</b>	
5:00-5:30	■ BREAK				
5:30-6:30	<b>THE HUDDLES</b> ■ Polish: Tadeusz Pitat ■ Germans from Russia: Kahlile Mehr and Dave Obee ■ German: Fritz Juengling ■ Hungary (without Austria): Kellie Scherbel Hale ■ Banat Swabian: Eileen Lund-Johnson			<b>All Huddles are accessed through Zoom Room 5.</b> <b>From there, you will be put into the correct Breakout Room.</b>	

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	Zoom Room 1	Zoom Room 2	Zoom Room 3	Zoom Room 4	Zoom Room 5
8:30-9:30	<b>Non-Metrical Sources: Village Inventories, Lists of Peasant Obligations, 18th Century Galicia</b> -Michał Ciemata  Polish	<b>Where Did My Ancestors Come From in Eastern Europe?</b> -Zbigniew Stettner  Russian Empire	<b>Did Your Ancestors Disappear? A German Methodology Case Study</b> -Jalyse Ortiz  German	<b>On the Move</b> -Edie Adam  Germans from E. Europe	<b>Questions about the conference?</b>  <b>Ask Rayanne in this Zoom Room.</b>
9:45-10:45	<b>German Colonists &amp; Enclaves in Former Galicia</b> -Zbigniew Stettner  Polish	<b>Digital Archives of Eastern Europe: Unlocking Hidden Treasures</b> -Alina Khuda  Russian Empire	<b>Confirmation Records &amp; Micro-migration: Why Your Ancestor Moved Around &amp; How to Track Them</b> -Marissa Gardner  German	<b>Everything Old is New Again</b> -Edie Adam  Germans from E. Europe	
11:00-12:00	<b>Using Online Map Resources As Well As Cadastral Maps in Poland</b> -Tadeusz Piłat  Polish	<b>War &amp; Emigration from Germany to Russia 1760-1820</b> -Wayne Garman  Germans from E. Europe	<b>Mapping Your Ancestors Using Free Online Services to Build Interactive Maps</b> -Zbigniew Stettner  General	<b>Untangling Complex DNA: Advanced Tools for Challenging Genealogical Research</b> -Kate Penney Howard  DNA	
12:00-1:30	■ LUNCH BREAK				
1:30-2:30	<b>Websites for Genealogical Research: FamilySearch, Szukajwarchiwach, Geneteka &amp; More</b> -Tadeusz Piłat  Polish	<b>Russian Empire Military Records</b> -Thom Edlund  Russian Empire	<b>1816: The Year Without a Summer &amp; Its Impact on German Migration</b> -Carolyn Schott  Germans from E. Europe	<b>Filling in Those Pesky Blanks: Solving Maternal Surname Mysteries with DNA</b> -Kate Penney Howard  DNA	<b>Questions about the conference?</b>  <b>Ask Rayanne in this Zoom Room.</b>  <u>But 4:00-5:00, use Chat.</u>
2:45-3:45	<b>Displaced Persons During WWII, 1939-1969</b> -Kathy Kirkpatrick  Polish	<b>Russian Empire Metrical Books</b> -Thom Edlund  Russian Empire	<b>Strategies for Solving German Research Problems</b> -Baerbel Johnson  German	<b>Citizen Archivists Bringing Records to the Researcher</b> -Michelle Tucker Chubenko  General	
4:00-5:00	<b>Closing Session: <i>Romania--More Than Dracula</i></b> -Vicki Albu <b>Zoom Room 5</b>				
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