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# **A New Look at Genealogy**

**All-Day Workshop      Saturday, September 15, 2018  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Speaker: Colleen Fitzpatrick PhD  
Award Winning Researcher**

**Place: Plano Bible Chapel  
1900 Shiloh Road  
Plano, TX**

**Take Park Blvd or 14<sup>th</sup> Street east (toward  
Wylie) to Shiloh Road. Turn right from  
Park Blvd. or left from 14<sup>th</sup> Street. The  
church is on the east side of the road about  
1/4 mile south of Park Blvd.**

For more information go to  
<http://www.genealogyfriends.org>, email  
[genfriends@genealogyfriends.org](mailto:genfriends@genealogyfriends.org)  
or call 972-836-9436

**Before September 11 - \$45.00 for members  
\$50.00 for nonmembers  
After September 11 - \$50.00 for members  
\$50.00 for nonmembers**

**Bring your own lunch - Drinks will be  
available - lemonade, Coffee, and Tea.**

9:00 a.m. - Registration  
9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. – Forensic Genealogy -  
CSI meets Roots  
10:45 - 11:00 a.m. - Break  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – The Database Detective  
12:00 p.m. -- 12:45 p.m. - Lunch  
12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. - Door prizes  
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. – Hospital Records  
2:15 - 2:30 p.m. - Break  
2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. – DNA

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Well-known award winning forensic genealogist Colleen Fitzpatrick is our speaker at the Plano Genealogy Friends' annual workshop on Saturday, September 15. Check often with Genealogy Friends, [http:// www.genealogyfriends.org/](http://www.genealogyfriends.org/), for more on this.

Colleen Fitzpatrick, PhD, is a well-known Forensic Genealogist who consults for major military and civilian organizations. She has been a key member of the AFDIL team on the identification of the frozen arm and hand found in the wreckage of Northwest Flight 4422 that crashed in Alaska in 1948; the identification was featured worldwide in the print media and on MSNBC. She also worked with AFDIL on the identification of the remains of the Unknown Child of the Titanic. She has consulted on the Misha Defonseca case, in which the author of the international bestseller *Misha: A Memoire of the Holocaust* (known in Europe as *Surviving with Wolves*) was exposed as a fraud. Colleen is now the forensic genealogist for the possible discovery of the remains of Amelia Earhart and her navigator Fred Noonan on Gardner Island in the Pacific. Because she is highly multi-lingual with extensive international travel experience, she consults with county medical examiners and investment companies with an emphasis on international searches.

Fitzpatrick recently received awards for her recent forensic research in the following law enforcement cold cases.

1. Detectives with the Phoenix Police Department met and asked Fitzpatrick at the 2014 International Symposium on Human Identification to unlock the cold case. Through her work, it wasn't long before Fitzpatrick was able to unlock the cold case which allowed police to arrest and charge Byran Patrick Miller with the Phoenix Canal murders, <https://tinyurl.com/y8f628fd>. Forensic genealogy led police to Miller who is facing the death penalty for the 1990 murders of Angela Brosso and Melanie Bernas.

2. In another case, Fitzpatrick was able to match 37-year-old DNA that allowed the identification of the infamous Ohio 'Buck Skin Girl' as 21 year old Marcia King of Arkansas. Forensic Magazine, <https://tinyurl.com/y8flr83h>.

"My research strategy was to compare the Y-profile provided to me by the Phoenix Police Department with the genetic genealogy databases that are posted online on public websites," Fitzpatrick explained to Forensic Magazine. "I have developed [proprietary] search strategies and techniques to mine these databases for matches." (see <https://tinyurl.com/y8flr83h>) Fitzpatrick says she uses "public genetic genealogy databases in conjunction with historical records to generate leads to a suspect's identity through his ethnicity, nationality, and family history and geography. A match found in a Y-STR genetic genealogy database cannot identify a specific individual as a suspect— it can only produce a perpetrator's probable last name. Hopefully this will allow law enforcement to narrow their list of suspects, and ideally use conventional investigative techniques from there to solve the case." <https://tinyurl.com/yaacdk5>) She received her BA in physics from Rice University; her MS in physics from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina and her Ph.D. in nuclear physics. See Colleen's full resume at [http://www.forensicgenealogy.info/images/full\\_CV\\_march\\_2011.pdf](http://www.forensicgenealogy.info/images/full_CV_march_2011.pdf).