

# Family Genealogy Presentation



## Finding Your Family History: Using Free Resources and Resources Available at the Penn State Libraries for Genealogical Research

*Have you ever been interested in learning more about your family history?*

*Did you know that the Penn State Libraries provide access to a number of databases that lets you explore census records, immigration records, death certificates, old newspaper stories, and more?*

### Join us:



**September 10, 2024**

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Auditorium, located in the  
Student Community Center

*The event is free and open to the  
public. Refreshments will be served  
after the presentation.*

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In this departure from her usual research on rhetoric and theatre, Dr. Schrader shares some of her own family history stories and how the Penn State Libraries' databases and other free resources helped to shed light on some family questions and mysteries.

Attendees who wish to explore their own family history are encouraged to take notes during the presentation of the many databases and websites that may be of use.

### Presenter

**Dr. Valerie Schrader** is a professor of communication arts and sciences at Penn State Schuylkill. Her research centers on rhetorical messages in musical theatre, having published on productions like "Hamilton," "Wicked," and "Hadestown." She is also the author of the book, "Public Memory and the Television Series Outlander," which explores how the series shapes public memory of historical events. Dr. Schrader's students frequently present and win awards at academic conferences. In 2022, she was recognized as a distinguished teaching fellow by Eastern Communication Association and is currently the Vice President of the Pennsylvania Communication Association.