



*Kate Penney
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GENETIC GENEALOGIST & SPEAKER



ABOUT KATE

Kate Penney Howard is a genetic genealogist, specializing in brick wall work, HighRoH, and endogamy. During a bout with cancer, she discovered that she loves sharing her knowledge with other genealogists. She is intentional about addressing injustice and myths in her presentations.

Kate has presented at Rootstech, East Coast Genetic Genealogy Conference, the International Congress on Medieval Studies, NAAP/RTK's Untangling Our Roots, and the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). 2025 speaking engagements include Rootstech, Ohio Genealogical Society 2025, and Ontario Ancestors Webinar Series, as well as local library and genealogical society gatherings. Kate studied vocal music and earned a Master of Divinity from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis in 2011, and has been pastor of North Christian Church since her ordination in 2012.



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PRESENTATION TOPICS

- Squeezing All the Info Out of Your DNA Matches
- Colonial Origins & DNA
- Breaking Down Brick Walls with DNA
- Introduction to Genetic Genealogy
- Adoption & DNA
- Jewish Settlements in the Ohio River Valley: DNA Case
- When the DNA is a Thorny Thicket - Endogamy & HighRoH
- Murder in the Mountains: Grandpa's Birth Father in Court Records: DNA Case
- Breathing Life into Grandpa's V-Mail: Creating a Narrative History of WWII Service
- Solving Maternal Surname Mysteries with DNA
- An Ever-Growing Tree: Descendancy Research and DNA
- Let Tech Work For You: Harnessing the Power of Apps and Tools
- Beyond a Shadow of a Doubt: Using DNA to Affirm Documentary Evidence
- Facts and Fables: Crafting Your Family Narrative
- Building a Family Medical History When Adoption Obscures the Truth
- Genetic Genealogy, Empathy, and the NPE Community
- Using Artificial Intelligence to Amplify Your Genealogy
- Sleuthing Immigration and Migration Patterns with DNA
- Faith of Our Fathers (immersion into your ancestors' faith life, practice, and religious songs, customized to your region/ethnicity)
- Grandparents' Songs - the music that defined generations, customized to your interest.
- DNA Case studies can be designed for just about any region/time/ethnic background. For example, Ireland (using Y and atDNA), a Maltese diplomat fathering a child in VA during WWII, an extraordinarily interesting European-descent, 19th century con-man who is the ancestor of a famous R&B singer.

REFERENCES

I highly recommend Kate Penney Howard as an outstanding public speaker.

Over the past two years, I have had the privilege of attending several of Kate's speaking engagements, the last of which was a large group presentation at the Roots Tech 2024 conference in Salt Lake City. I can confidently say that Kate is one of the most engaging, insightful, and inspiring speakers I have encountered.

Kate possesses an exceptional ability to connect with audiences of all sizes and demographics. Her presentations are not only meticulously researched but are also delivered with a natural charisma that captivates the audience from start to finish.

One of the qualities that sets Kate apart is her ability to weave storytelling with practical, actionable insights. Kate has a unique way of breaking down complex topics into relatable and digestible content, which makes her presentations both educational and inspiring.

I wholeheartedly recommend Kate Penney Howard for any engagements.

Her passion, knowledge, and dynamic presentation style make her an invaluable asset to any event or organization. Should you require any further information or wish to discuss her qualifications in more detail, please feel free to contact me.

Lara P Schultz, (Genetic Genealogist) Lara-Schultz@comcast.net Sunset Beach, NC

I've listened to Kate Penney Howard present on multiple occasions, and each one has been flawless. She is always well prepared to educate on the topic at hand, whether it's cultural/societal trends, techniques to break down brick walls or navigate endogamy, or how to be empathetic to someone who is directly impacted by a DNA surprise.

I highly recommend Kate as a speaker, and look forward to discussing this with you further.

Jennifer Schweibinz (Genetic Genealogist) jaschweibinz25@gmail.com Sewell, NJ

Kate Penney Howard is a dedicated genetic genealogist. I have had the distinct honor of working alongside Kate in a professional capacity through DNAngels and can wholeheartedly attest to her talent, integrity, and deep commitment to the individuals and families she serves.

Kate's expertise as a genetic genealogist is unparalleled, particularly in cases that require specialized knowledge of endogamy and incest. She approaches each case with a unique combination of skill, patience, and empathy, ensuring that even the most challenging situations are handled with the utmost care. Her ability to unravel complex genealogical puzzles has proven invaluable in helping individuals understand their family histories, often in the face of sensitive and emotionally charged discoveries.

In addition to her work as a genealogist, Kate's background as a pastor further enhances her capacity for compassion and empathy. It is evident that she applies her pastoral skills in her daily interactions. Whether delivering difficult news or providing emotional support to those she assists, Kate demonstrates unwavering kindness and thoughtfulness.

Kate is also a gifted communicator and speaker. She has presented at numerous conferences across the country, including the prestigious RootsTech, where her ability to engage and inspire audiences is consistently evident. Her presentations are not only informative and easy to understand but also delivered with warmth and sincerity, further reflecting the compassionate nature she brings to all her endeavors.

On a personal level, it has been an incredible privilege to know Kate not only as a colleague but also as a friend. Her kind-heartedness and thoughtfulness have made a lasting impact on me, and I am grateful for the opportunity to work with someone of such high character and integrity.

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