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BLACK PEARLS OF GENEALOGY WITH DAVID ANTHONY TAYLOR

MARCH 11TH, 2025 | 12:00 PM | 4603 SOUTH HALL



OVERVIEW

This presentation will explore the Black Pearls of Genealogy website, TheBPOG.org, and the wealth of free tools it offers to support research into African American history. The website is thoughtfully designed to help individuals uncover documentation and resources that bridge the gap between the past and the present, making it an invaluable asset for genealogists and historians alike.

Established in 2023, BPOG is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and celebrating the rich histories of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC). Under David's leadership, the organization has divided its website into two primary sections: the Ancestral Memorials and the Research Portal.

Food will be served. This event will be recorded.

ANCESTRAL MEMORIALS

The Ancestral Memorials section is dedicated to honoring and commemorating the lives of the formerly enslaved, the United States Colored Troops (USCT), and past and current local heroes within BIPOC communities. This section emphasizes preserving their legacies through storytelling, community engagement, and memorial projects.

RESEARCH PORTAL

The Research Portal on the Black Pearls of Genealogy website is a comprehensive resource dedicated to uncovering and preserving African American history through genealogical research. It offers a wide array of tools and records to assist researchers in exploring the lives and historical contributions of people of color in the United States.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

David Anthony Taylor, based in Kalamazoo, Michigan, is a distinguished family historian, a disabled veteran, and the founder and Executive Director of the Black Pearls of Genealogy (BPOG). Taylor is a proud member of the Sons and Daughters of the Middle Passage, an organization honoring the legacy of those who endured the transatlantic slave trade. His commitment to genealogical research and education has led him to complete training at the Midwest African American Genealogy Institute (MAAGI), where he honed specialized techniques for African American family history research.

Taylor has also presented at the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS) National Conference. Through his involvement with BPOG, AAHGS, MAAGI, and his partnerships with leading institutions, Taylor plays a pivotal role in advancing the study and appreciation of African American genealogy and history. His leadership ensures that the stories of BIPOC communities are recognized, celebrated, and remembered for generations to come.



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