



CALIFORNIA AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S (CAAGS) 40th ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE

**“CELEBRATING THE TIES THAT BIND: 40 YEARS OF DISCOVERY
Honoring our Ancestors, Celebrating Our Journey”**

March 21, 2026

Westwood Ward
10740 Ohio Ave
Los Angeles, California 90024



Welcome to Los Angeles

- Pre/Post-Conference activities may include: Many things to do on your own, including researching in local libraries (Los Angeles Family Search Library, Los Angeles Central Library, National Archives at Riverside, Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan Libraries); visits to museums (California African American Museum, Banning House, Drum Barracks Civil War Museum, Museum of Tolerance, Japanese American Cultural-Community Center, Southwest Museum of the American Indian); theaters, movie studios, amusement and theme parks (Geffen Playhouse, Westwood Village/UCLA, Ronald Reagan/UCLA Medical Center, Universal Studios, others).
- CAAGS' 40th Anniversary Conference will consist of plenary and break-out sessions designed for family history and/or genealogy researchers at all levels - beginning, intermediate, advanced research methodologies, the importance of DNA testing, the military, special populations and relationships, diversity within the Black diaspora, African American history in California, other topics related to the conference theme.
- A variety of hotel and lodging options are available within approximately two (2) miles of the conference venue located at 10740 Ohio Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024, in the Westwood / West Los Angeles area. Accommodations range from full-service luxury hotels to modest and budget-conscious options.

Information: Email conference@caags.org, or call (323) 806-5634.

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High-End / Resort-Style Accommodations

- Beverly Hills Plaza- Hotel & Spa
- Hotel Bel-Air
- Century Park Hotel

Mid-Range / Modest Accommodations

- Courtyard by Marriott
- Palihotel Westwood Village
- Royal Palace Westwood Hotel

Budget-Friendly / Functional / Simpler Lodging

- Holiday Inn Express West Los Angeles
- Best Western Royal Palace Inn & Suites
- Wilshire Crest Hotel

Attendees are encouraged to make reservations early, as room availability and rates may vary.

Disclaimer: The hotels listed are provided solely for informational purposes. Inclusion on this list does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation by the event organizers, nor does it imply any partnership or special rate agreement. Suggest that you consult a travel website (i.e., Expedia) for rates, availability or other additional information.

TRANSPORTATION

A variety of transportation options to/from the conference venue exist in the areas:

- Uber
- Lyft
- Taxis,



Waymo Self-Driving Taxi



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PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

**Opening Keynote Session
CAAGS Co-Founder
Dr. Lonnie Bunch, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution**

CAAGS Passage (Video)

**“The Civil War in California”
Julian Della Puppa**

**“Black Pearls in Genealogy”
David Anthony Taylor**

**“Helping to Find Our People: The 21st Century Tool
Bridging Family Histories” (DNA)
Adrian Foushee**

**“Customizing Family Tree Maker: Unique Features”
Mark Olsen –**

***Celebrating Our Journey*
Honoring Our Ancestors**

Exhibit Hall – Virtual Exhibit Hall

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS JANUARY 31, 2026
REGISTRATION ENDS MARCH 10, 2026
NO SAME DAY REGISTRATION

HYBRID CONFERENCE FEES:

Conference fees rates are posted for those who attend in-person and virtually.

MEMBERSHIP

In-person and virtual conference attendees who choose to become members of CAAGS are offered a special rate for the **Individual Membership** category only.

- In-Person Attendees: Joining CAAGS as an individual member (\$30), allows non-member attendees to pay the conference fee indicated for CAAGS Members a special rate (**\$130** early bird or \$155 after January 31).
- Virtual Attendees: Joining CAAGS as an individual member (\$30), allows non-member attendees to pay the conference fee indicated for CAAGS Members a special rate (**\$105** early bird or \$135 after January 31).

DONATIONS

Conference attendees and all others who wish to support CAAGS may make a donation of any amount. No amount is too small.

REGISTRATION ONLINE

OR

REGISTER VIA MAIL:

DOWNLOAD/COMPLETE/PRINT [REGISTRATION FORM \(PDF\)](#)

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO CAAGS AND MAIL WITH REGISTRATION FORM TO:

CAAGS
P.O. BOX 8442
Los Angeles, CA 90008

REFUNDS: NO REFUNDS

For questions, call (323) 806-5634 or email conference@caags.org