

Laguna Niguel Library presents **“The Genealogy Speaker Series”**



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Saturday, November 5 at 11am

Colleen Greene: *“Digging Deeper with Mexican American Church & Civil Registration Records”*

The long history of formalized record keeping in New Spain and Mexico provides a wealth of information for researching Mexican ancestors. Church records date back to the early Spanish Colonial Era, and civil registrations went into effect shortly after Mexican Independence. These records are often described as the best family history records in the world due to the wealth of genealogical information typically included.

Learn how to find and analyze Mexico civil and church registration collections to build out your Mexican family history.

This class is ideal for those who have already identified their ancestral hometown(s) in Mexico.

Learning Objectives

- ◆ Gain a better understanding of how to locate and analyze Mexican Catholic church registers that record baptisms, marriages, and burials.
- ◆ Gain a better understanding of how to locate and analyze Mexican civil registrations that record births, marriages, and deaths.
- ◆ Learn how even a non-Spanish speaker can be successful at this research.

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