

## Special Issue

# Ethics and Family History: Challenges, Dilemmas and Responsibilities

### Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue aims to bring together a collection of work on current and developing ethical issues in the field of family history, and their implications for professional and non-professional practitioners, members of the public, commercial organisations, and institutions, policy makers and legislators. Contributions are invited from any relevant discipline (including humanities, law, genetics, health and social care, sociology) and from practitioners and professional genealogists. Topics relevant for this Special Issue include (but are not limited to) the following:

- How family historians perceive and manage ethical concerns in practice.
- Telling difficult stories ethically.
- The ethical relationship between family history research and current/historical issues of social justice.
- Genetic genealogy and the interests and rights of indigenous people.
- Ethical responsibilities to the dead.
- The implications of the commercialisation and commodification of family history research.
- Consumer DNA testing and the rise of forensic genetic genealogy.
- Codes of practice and ethical guidelines.

---

### Guest Editor

Dr. Helen Scholar

Independent Scholar, Greater Manchester, UK

---

### Deadline for manuscript submissions

closed (15 February 2024)



## Genealogy

---

an Open Access Journal  
by MDPI

---

Impact Factor 0.6  
CiteScore 0.7



[mdpi.com/si/175284](https://mdpi.com/si/175284)

*Genealogy*  
Editorial Office  
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5  
4052 Basel, Switzerland  
Tel: +41 61 683 77 34  
[genealogy@mdpi.com](mailto:genealogy@mdpi.com)

[mdpi.com/journal/  
genealogy](https://mdpi.com/journal/genealogy)





# Genealogy

---

an Open Access Journal  
by MDPI

---

Impact Factor 0.6  
CiteScore 0.7



[mdpi.com/journal/  
genealogy](https://mdpi.com/journal/genealogy)



## About the Journal

### Message from the Editorial Board

*Genealogy* is a scholarly journal that provides a venue for academic, cutting-edge contributions to the interdisciplinary field of genealogy studies. We welcome contributions that examine genealogies of family lineage, use genealogical considerations and methods in examining other historical processes (including migration histories, personal, social, and national identities, and social institutions) or study the construction of genealogical narratives. The journal is also interested in biographical studies and their contribution to the understanding of broader social and historical phenomena.

---

### Editors-in-Chief

Dr. Athena Leoussi

Department of Languages and Cultures, University of Reading, Reading  
RG6 6EE, UK

Prof. Dr. Natividad Gutiérrez Chong

Institute of Social Research, National Autonomous University of Mexico,  
Mexico City 04510, Mexico

Prof. Dr. Joanna Beata Michlic

UCL Institute for Advanced Studies, Centre for Collective Violence,  
Holocaust and Genocide Studies, University College London, London  
WC1E 6BT, UK

---

### Author Benefits

#### High Visibility:

indexed within Scopus, ESCI (Web of Science), and many other databases.

#### Rapid Publication:

manuscripts are peer-reviewed and a first decision is provided to authors approximately 26.3 days after submission; acceptance to publication is undertaken in 4.7 days (median values for papers published in this journal in the first half of 2025).

#### Recognition of Reviewers:

reviewers who provide timely, thorough peer-review reports receive vouchers entitling them to a discount on the APC of their next publication in any MDPI journal, in appreciation of the work done.