

# 2018 “TRACING YOUR GULLAH GEECHEE ROOTS”

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## Tracing Your Gullah Geechee Roots: The Low Country to the Gulf Coast

### July 13- 14, 2018 | Live and Live-Streamed Workshops

People living in the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor and Louisiana share many things including coastal landscapes, common ancestors from the same regions of West Africa, centuries of involvement in rice cultivation, similar fishing and foodways, and carefully preserved, prominent West African cultural retentions such as those rooted in the Ring Shout, the Easter Rock and jazz. The program will be led by genealogists who are experts in conducting family research in the Atlantic Southeast (North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida) and in Louisiana. They will share information on how to start your search and on the many places where you can go to find information and historical interpretation-- including our National Parks and the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor.

**The July 13, 2018** workshop is tentatively scheduled to be in-person only at the Acadian Cultural Center in Lafayette, Louisiana. Program will run from 1 pm CST – 4 pm CST.

**The July 14, 2018** workshop be broadcast live from the 3rd floor performance space at the New Orleans Jazz Museum. Free tickets will be available soon for people who want to participate live New Orleans. This program is presented by the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission, the International African American Museum's Center for Family History and Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve Louisiana. Program will run from 1 pm CST – 4 pm CST.

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### October 6, 2018 | St. Helena Public Library, St. Helena Island, SC | 1 pm – 4 pm

Learn how to find more of your Gullah Geechee family members and why understanding aspects of Gullah Geechee culture such as kinship-based living patterns and other customs, traditions and beliefs - some retained from their West African origins -- can help to inform your research and deepen your understanding of your family's history in the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor. You will also be introduced to the many resources that the Beaufort County library has on Gullah Geechee history and culture. This program takes place on the beautiful Sea Island of St. Helena. A community rich with important Gullah Geechee heritage sites like its storied praise houses, the historic Brick Church and the Penn Center -- one of the U.S.'s most important educational and cultural institutions. This program is presented by the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission and the International African American Museum's Center for Family History.