

Augusta Genealogical Society Augusta, Georgia Virtual Genealogical Program

Saturday, 27 May 2023
11:00 am - 12:00 pm EDT

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Presenting

Dr. Penny Walters

Business Professor, Bath Spa University

*“Searching For Ancestors
When You Were Adopted”*



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Adoption Files

This session will discuss the practical realities and the excitement and pain of researching a "new" family. We will look at the invaluable information that can be revealed to adopted people through DNA testing. Reunions may not go as well as expected; so some adopted people can find a lot of satisfaction in finding other relatives or constructing an ancestral tree, all of which can help with the impact on identity and personal narratives. Penny will reflect briefly on her own adoption story and discuss the variety of ethical dilemmas that can arise.

Dr. Penny Walters has been a university lecturer for 35 years, currently teaching Masters' Business studies at Bath Spa University, England and previously undergraduate Psychology and Ethics. Penny's interest in genealogy started after having her first baby and then wondering about her biological parents, because she was adopted. Penny has six mixed race children, who have enjoyed discovering their roots through DNA ethnicity results. Penny lectures internationally in-person, writes articles, and is sought after for a wide range of webinar topics. Penny has authored the books: *'Ethical Dilemmas in Genealogy'* (2019) and *'The Psychology of Searching'* (2020), available on Amazon in paperback or on Kindle. www.searchmypast.co.uk