

COLLEEN FITZPATRICK

Title

Genealogy and the six degrees of separation – how to find anyone in the world.

Summary

What if you could find anyone anywhere in the world? Wouldn't it make the "impossible" brick wall less daunting? If you are interested in exciting new ways of finding long lost cousins – or actually anyone, come hear this talk. The Six Degrees of Separation are History – we are closer than you think!

Abstract

What if you could find anyone you wanted anywhere in the world? Wouldn't it make the "impossible" brick wall less daunting and give you hope that you could locate a possible male relative to take a DNA test, or find the family member who has the family bible you saw as a child?

The Six Degrees of Separation is a popular way of describing how small the modern world has become – based on experiments that have shown that on the average any two people in the world are separated by only six steps. The Six Degrees is a measure of an individual's social network, connecting him to others.

But today, advances in communication technology—especially the Internet—have made it so much easier to "reach out and touch someone" – to short circuit your Six Degrees from someone else and find him in sometimes far fewer than six steps.

If you are interested in fun and exciting ways of finding long lost cousins – or actually anyone for that matter, come hear this talk. The Six Degrees of Separation are History – Come learn just how close we really are!

Audience

All levels