

Your DNA Story Has More Chapters Than You Think

What if from your DNA, you could find out that you're not just Irish, but related to the Ulster Irish who migrated in droves to the U.S.? Or descended from a group of African Americans in Maryland who left rural areas to put roots in cities. Or maybe the Acadians, who brought the French language and culture to Louisiana. What if you could see the people, places and migration paths in your family story?

Genetics has long been used to understand human history and migrations. However, due to limited samples or methods used, very few of these methods have shed insight into more recent human history over the last several hundred years.

In this class we will discuss the scientific methodology that we have developed that looks at how specific groups of people are connected through their DNA, what places they called home, and which migration paths they followed to get there—allowing genetics to reveal the history in a more recent time period than ever before. This new experience can unlock a view of your story and how it is potentially part of something a lot bigger.



