

# THE CLEMENS CONFERENCE SCHEDULE – 2019

## Wednesday – July 24

7:00-9:00 Opening Reception at Mark Twain Museum Gallery

## Thursday – July 25

7:45-8:30 Breakfast

9:00-9:50 Divining God

Mark Twain & God - Laura Pederson

Clemens in the Hands of an Angry God – Sarah Fredericks

Politics, Early and Late

How Sam Clemens' Missouri Roots Shaped Mark Twain's Political

Views – Don Bliss

“Weary as Hell”: Bob Dylan, Mark Twain, and “The War Prayer” – Hugh Davis

10:00-10:50 Telling Ghost Stories and True Stories with Mr. Mark Twain

Ghost Writing Twain/Writing Twain's Ghost – Ann Ryan

Mark Twain and “The N-Word”. Evolution of an Issue – Richard Henzel

The Wages of Whiteness

Tom Sawyer's Tables – Ryo Waguri

“Very Fine People on Both Sides”: Twain's Attack on the Cult of Victimhood –

Virginia Maresca

11:00-11:45 Plenary – Reading of Peter Beidler's Paper - Rafts and Rivercraft in *Huckleberry Finn*

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:20-6:00 Buses leave to visit Mark Twain Birthplace – Florida, Missouri

6:00-7:00 Dinner

7:30-9:00 Keynote Speaker – Historicizing Injun Joe – Kerry Driscoll

## Friday – July 26

7:45-8:30 Breakfast

9:00-9:50 Flirting with Becky and Huck

Reimagining Becky Thatcher – Melissa Scholes Young

“I ain't a-going to tell all”: Huck Finn's (Missing) Sex Life – Edward Shannon

Child Abuse, Literary Abuse

“Too Handy with the Hick'ry”: Child Abuse in *Huckleberry Finn* – Cara Codney

The Women Twain Loved ... To Mock: Examining Gendered Targets of Satire in the

Age of #MeToo – Debbie Cochran

- 10:00-10:50 Over There and Down Under  
 Mark Twain's Australia (and Mine) – Judith Yaross Lee  
 Nuremberg, the City of Exquisite Glimpses – Winston Kelley
- The Power of Thought  
 What is Mark Twain—a Determinist, A Free Will Thinker, or a Self-Determinist? –  
 Geoffrey Williams  
 The Strength to Know and Renew the Self: Mark Twain's Counterfactual Thinking in  
*Tom Sawyer* and *Huckleberry Finn* – Claire Zhenxu Fan
- 11:00-11:50 Plenary – Surprises Abound in Mark Twain's Library and Reading – Alan Gribben
- 12:00-12:45 Lunch
- 1:00-1:50 Plenary – The Mark Twain Comic Legacy: Wit, Celebrity, and Illusions of Intimacy –  
 Bruce Michelson
- 2:00-5:15 Trolley Ride to Mark Twain Museum, Jim's Journey Museum, Downtown Hannibal
- 5:30-6:30 Dinner
- 7:00 Trolleys transport for Mark Twain Cave Tour

### **Saturday, July 27**

- 7:45-8:30 Breakfast
- 9:00-9:50 Posers and Profits  
 Mark Twain and Estate Planning – Larry Howe  
 "I Wish We Could Hear of a Country That's Out of Kings": *Adventures of Huckleberry  
 Finn* and Aristocracy in America – Kumi Ikoma
- Structure, Imagery, and Style  
 The Centrality and Versatility of Nature and Animals in Mark Twain's Greatest Works -  
 Hamada Kassam  
 The Shape of the Story: Mark Twain's Manipulation of the Framework Structure –  
 John Davis
- 10:00-10:50 Storied Geography  
 The Devil's Joke: The Econo-Literary Legend of Cairo, Illinois – Matt Seybold  
 Mark Twain and the Legend of White Bear Lake – Michael Eckman
- Twain's Voice, Twain's Name  
 The Voice of Mark Twain, 1863-2019 – Kevin MacDonnell  
 The Mark Twain Name Game: Explanations, Perturbations, Confabulations &  
 Expostulations – Martin Zehr
- 11:00-11:50 Plenary – Reading It All, For Good and For Bad: Reflections on Writing the Mark Twain  
 Chapter for *American Literary Scholarship* – John Bird
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch

- 1:15- 2:45 Plenary – No Paine, No Twain – Terry Oggel moderator  
Mark Twain Becomes a *Jersey Boy*: His “Bromance” with Thomas Nast – John Pascal  
Paine’s Accounting of Arcady: What His Self-Editing Reveals About His Edition of  
Twain – Mary Eden  
“How Little One May Tell of Such a Life as His”: The Influence of A. B. Paine on  
Mark Twain’s Life and Legacy – Karen Lystra  
Paine Purifies Duneka, Sumer 1913 – Terry Oggel
- 3:00-3:50 Lost Cures, Lost Diaries  
Mark Twain & the Magnetic Rock Spring Water – Patrick Ober  
Nina: The Lost Diary of Nina Gabrilowitsch – Alan Rankin
- Connecticut and Massachusetts Yankees  
Hank Morgan’s Desire to be “Perfect” – Akari Ishihara  
Thoreau/Twain: Brothers on the River – Tammy Rose
- 4:00-5:00 Plenary – Mark Twain Now: An Encounter with the Editors – Moderator Ann Ryan, with  
Ben Click, Alan Gribben, Larry Howe, Chad Rohman and Matt Seybold
- 6:00-8:30 Trolleys to Mark Twain Riverboat for Dinner Cruise

**Sunday July 28**

- 7:45-8:00 Breakfast