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