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Cancún 98: American Humor Studies / Mark Twain Studies Conference Call for Papers, Seminars, Chairs, Respondents

The second American Literature Association Cancún, Mexico, conference, cosponsored by the American Humor Studies Association and the Mark Twain Circle, will convene on Thursday December 10, 1998, for an opening reception at 7:00 P.M. Full sessions will be offered Friday December 11, Saturday December 12, and concluding at noon on Sunday December 13. We hope not to offer conflicting sessions. This is a conference of specialists speaking to specialists (although non-specialists are welcome to attend) and was developed under the auspices of the American Literature Association and Alfred Bendixen. The University of Alabama Press will publish a book composed of eighteen papers from the 1994 conference under the title *American Humor: New Studies, New Directions* in April 1998.

Individual papers are desired on any topic relating to American Humor, Mark Twain, humor in translation, ethnic and dialect humor, performance comedy, television, popular humor; this conference seeks wide coverage. Selected studies of minor and major authors are also welcome. William J. Harris (Penn State) has developed a panel on Ishmael Reed; Dennis Eddings (Western Oregon U) is developing a panel on "Humor of Places" (how humorists use regional stereotypes of people and places), a panel on humor and dialect is projected, and proposals by prospective chairs of panels to be set up themselves should write at once for approval. We would also welcome round-table discussions featuring several participants in an open discussion forum.

To propose a panel, paper, forum, or serve as a chair or respondent (we need these), please write to David E. E. Sloane, University of New Haven, 300 Orange Ave., West Haven, CT 06516. To discuss possible topics, call Monday or Friday mornings (203) 777-0667 or leave a message at Dave's UNH office

203-932-7371 anytime. E-mail:
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Monday the 14th or the preceding Wednesday has proven to be an excellent day to visit Chichenitza or other sites on the Yucatan Peninsula. We will again be at the Presidente hotel, with its human scale, pre-season rates of roughly \$100/night, proximity to shopping, and beautiful beaches and pool; Airfare is in the \$400-600 range and Conference Registration will be \$45. You may attend the conference without having a specific program spot.

SAMLA 98

Call for Papers

I am soliciting papers for the Mark Twain Circle session at the SAMLA convention at the Hyatt Regency, Atlanta, Nov. 5-7, 1998. The topic of the session is "Mark Twain's Shorter Writings." Submissions concerning short stories, sketches, essays, and speeches are encouraged. Papers should not be longer than ten pages and should be sent by April 30, 1998, to this address:

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Collecting Mark Twain

Bloomington, IN—This May, the Indiana University Division of Continuing Studies and the Lilly Library will offer a week-long course, "Collecting Mark Twain." This course will be taught at the Lilly Library on the Bloomington campus and will make use of many of the Twain books and manuscripts in the collections of the Lilly Library and of the extensive collection of Nick Karanovich, the course instructor.

Scheduled for May 10-15, this course is designed for collectors, librarians and Mark Twain lovers of all kind. Topics will include personal and family items; books from Twain's library; autographs and manuscripts; images; publishers' promotional materials; first and other important editions of his published works; first

periodical appearances; movie materials; biography and criticism; and ephemera. The course will also examine Mark Twain's history and future with collectors, booksellers, autograph and manuscript dealers, and auctioneers. Participants will study some of the great collections and bibliographies, along with planning and building a collection.

Nick Karanovich is the instructor for Collecting Mark Twain. His Mark Twain collection has been described as "both the finest and most extensive in private hands." Karanovich has lectured and published widely on Mark Twain, and items from his Mark Twain collection were featured in an exhibition at the Lilly Library in the spring of 1991.

Tuition for the course is \$420 and includes all instructional materials and refreshment breaks and an opening reception. Housing, parking, and meals are not included in the tuition. Enrollment is limited and early registration is recommended. The registration deadline is May 1.

For more information contact Jane Clay, Division of Continuing Studies, Indiana University, 204 Owen Hall, Bloomington, IN 47405-5201, 812-855-6329, FAX: 812-855-8997; Internet: <jclay~@indiana.edu>
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Dates to Circle

May 10-15, 1998. "Collecting Mark Twain" course at Indiana University. See "Collecting Mark Twain" (p. 6) for details.

May 28-31, 1998. American Literature Association Annual Conference; San Diego.

Nov. 5-7, 1998. South Atlantic Modern Language Association Conference. See "SAMLA 98, Call for Papers" (p. 6).

Dec. 10-13, 1998. American Humor Studies / Mark Twain Studies Conference; Cancún, Mexico. See "Cancún 98" (p. 5) for details.

December 27-30, 1998. Modern Language Association Annual Conference; San Francisco, CA.

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ABOUT THE CIRCLE. The Mark Twain Circle of America was formed at an organizational meeting held at the 1986 Modern Language Association convention in New York; the membership has since grown to approximately 400. Current officers are displayed on p. 8. Past Presidents are Louis J. Budd, Alan Gribben, Pascal Covici, Jr., David E.E. Sloane, and Victor A. Doyno. Past Executive Coordinators: Everett Emerson, James D. Wilson, Michael J. Kiskis, and Laura Skandera-Trombley. Although many members are academic specialists, the Circle also includes many non-academic Twain enthusiasts. The Circle is in communication with other Mark Twain organizations, including those associated with sites important in his life, and cooperates with them.



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