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MARK TWAIN HISTORIAN TO PRESENT AT EVENT

Annual Mark Twain Celebration will feature the editor of the Mark Twain papers and renowned scholar Victor Fischer

The annual Mark Twain Celebration will take place during Alumni Weekend on Friday, October 25 at 2pm. The guest speaker will be Victor Fischer, principal editor of the Mark Twain Papers at the Bancroft Library, University of California-Berkeley. Fischer will talk about what it means to “edit” Mark Twain, with a special focus on Mark Twain’s letters, more than 12,000 of which are now known to survive, but which continue to be discovered at the rate of well over 100 a year.

Fischer has been an editor at the Mark Twain Project of The Bancroft Library since 1967. Among his publications are the trade and scholarly editions of The Prince and the Pauper (1979, 1983), volumes 3 and 4 of Mark Twain’s Letters, (1992, 1995), Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (2001, 2003), Mark Twain’s Letters, 1876–1880 (2007, web publication only), a special 125th anniversary edition of Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (2010), and, as one of a team of editors, Autobiography of Mark Twain, Volume 1 (2010), and Volume 2 (2013), published this month.

More than forty volumes edited by the Mark Twain Project have been published by the University of California Press to date and in 2007, the Project launched The Mark Twain Project Online, a web-based edition of Mark Twain’s works (marktwainproject.org).

The Project is based in the Mark Twain Papers of The Bancroft Library, at the University of California-Berkeley, the world’s largest and most comprehensive archive of manuscripts and documents by and about Mark Twain.

In addition to the lecture, many of the items belonging to McKee Library’s Duane and Eunice Bietz Collection of Mark Twain materials will be on display during the event. This collection was generously donated in October of 2010 and is now a focal point of McKee Library’s special collections.

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Monday - Thursday: 7:45 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Friday: 7:45 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Saturday: Closed