



ELMIRA 2017 QUADRENNIAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Elmira 2017, the Eighth International Conference on the State of Mark Twain Studies, will convene at Elmira College this August 3rd through 5th, 2017. The Conference will commemorate the 150th anniversary of Sam Clemens' participation in the famous Quaker City Tour to Europe and the Middle East. In addition, the Conference acknowledges the sweeping and ongoing importance of Mark Twain's satirical writings with its theme

The Assault of Laughter.

More than 50 scholarly papers will be presented over three days prepared by Mark Twain scholars from around the world. Ben Tarnoff, author of *The Bohemians: Mark Twain and the San Francisco Writers Who Reinvented American Literature*, will give the keynote address. Aaron and Adam Nee, co-authors, co-directors, and actors, within the movie "Band of Robbers" will give a screening of their film with a Q&A to follow. "Band of Robbers" re-imagines the characters Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn in contemporary times. Nathaniel Ball, with help from Kevin MacDonnell and the staff of the Mark Twain House and Museum in Hartford, Connecticut, will showcase items related to the Quaker City Tour.

Special presentations from Mark Twain collectors, special whiskey and spirit tastings from Finger Lakes Distillery, special dinners, and a Closing Picnic at Quarry Farm will round out the 2017 conference.

Go to www.marktwainstudies.org for constant updates on Elmira 2017

Conference Fees: The registration fees for Elmira 2017 - including all breakfasts, lunches, dinners, snacks, special receptions, and programs, is as follows:

Full Conference Registration	\$375
Daily Rate	\$140 per day

Housing Fees: Conference-goers will benefit by an option to stay in Elmira College's residential halls. The residential halls are organized into singles and doubles. Selection of specific room types will be based on a "first come, first serve" basis.

Lodging at EC Meier Hall (with A/C)	\$70 per night
Other EC Dormitories (without A/C)	\$50 per night

Monies are available from the Renée B. Fisher Foundation Fund to help international scholars present their work at the the Conference. This grant may be used to support travel and defray conference expenses (registration fees, lodging, etc.). Contact Dr. Joseph Lemak if you are interested in this opportunity.

Checks can be mailed to:
 Center for Mark Twain Studies
 Elmira College, 1 Park Place, Elmira, New York 14901.

Please make checks out to "Center for Mark Twain Studies."
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