

The Mark Twain Circle of America will sponsor two panels at the American Literature Association conference, which will meet 24-27 May 2018 at San Francisco's Hyatt Regency Hotel.

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**Panel 1. Mark Twain, Politics, and Satire**

Papers are invited examining Twain's wide-ranging critiques of the foibles of government (including—though not limited to—imperial hegemony, race relations, and the disparity between the ideological rhetoric of democracy and its lived reality). Papers exploring the relevance of his political satire to our highly fraught times are also welcome.

**Panel 2. Open Topic—New Directions in Mark Twain Studies**

Papers are invited on any aspect of Twain's work and legacy.