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## **Mercy Lecture Series Presents “Mark Twain Among the Indians”**



WEST HARTFORD, CONN. (October 25, 2013) – Mark Twain is considered one of America’s greatest authors and humorists whose writings and observations have provided insight into American history. Join Kerry Driscoll, Ph.D., professor of English at the University of Saint Joseph as she discusses her forthcoming book from the University of California Press, *Mark Twain among the Indians*, on **Tuesday, November 19, 2013, in the Crystal Room of Mercy Hall, on the university’s West Hartford campus at 1678 Asylum Avenue**. Admission, which is open to the public, is \$25 per person and includes lunch. Lunch is at 11:30 a.m. and the lecture begins at 12 p.m. For tickets, contact Stephen Kumnick, manager of the Annual Fund and Alumni Relations, at 860-231-5323 or [alumni@usj.edu](mailto:alumni@usj.edu).

Driscoll examines Twain’s attitudes toward, and often conflicting representations of, Native Americans in his work. Driscoll’s book charts the evolution of Twain’s views about Native Americans over the course of a literary career spanning nearly half a century, focusing on both the personal and cultural origins of this prejudice and the ways in which it gradually diminished over time.

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