SELECTED KEYNOTES/PRESENTATIONS

08/16 07/15	AMERICAN QUEEN STEAMBOAT Mississippi River Mark Twain Lecture Series Cruises
12/15	UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD – MAGDELAN COLLEGE Oxford, England "Mark Twain's 1907 Honorary Doctorate from Oxford"
11/15	BERMUDA NATIONAL LIBRARY Hamilton, Bermuda "When Mark Twain Was Still a Ginger"
1/14	MASTERWORKS MUSEUM OF BERMUDA ART Hamilton, Bermuda "Mark Twain in Bermuda"
9/14	KENSAL RISE LIBRARY London, England "Mark Twain in England"
2007-2016	THE BIG READ – NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS Keynotes and Teacher Workshops for The Adventures of Tom Sawyer (2009-present) New Rochelle, NY Abingdon, Virginia Carmel-by-the-Sea/Salinas, California Enterprise, Oregon Alexandria, Louisiana Irving, Texas St. Louis, Missouri St. Charles, Missouri Columbus, Georgia Ashland, Kentucky West Plains, Missouri
1998-2010	 COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY Williamsburg, Virginia "Teaching Twain in the 21st Century" (3/10) "Mark Twain in the Gifted Classroom: Personal, Meaningful, and Relevant" (3/08) "Celebrating Curiosity at Celebration" (3/01) "Passionate Pedagogy – Teaching Twain" (3/98)
6/12	UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS – 7 th ANNUAL LITERACY SYMPOSIUM Fayetteville, Arkansas "Common Core Standards in <i>Mark Twain: Words & Music</i> "
4/12	7th BIENNIAL M. JEAN GREENLAW CHILDREN'S LITERATURE CONFERENCE – STETSON UNIVERSITY DeLand, Florida "Controversial Literature and Critical Thinking: Why 'Banned' Books are Best"
11/11	ELMIRA COLLEGE – "TROUBLE BEGINS' SPEAKER SERIES Elmira, New York "The Making of Mark Twain: Words & Music"

2/09	LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY – ACADEMIC SPEAKER SERIES St. Charles, Missouri "Don't Shoot the Messenger: Controversies of Huckleberry Finn"
11/08	PRIMARY EDUCATION CONFERENCE Osage Beach, Missouri "Real Life, Real Writing: Mark Twain Shows the Way"
4/08	42 nd ANNUAL TESOL CONFERENCE New York, New York "Trading Places: Using Technology to Reverse Roles in the Classroom"
9/07	TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION FOR THE GIFTED CONFERENCE Nashville, Tennessee Keynote: "From High School Dropout to Ph.D. – An Underachiever's Odyssey" and presentation: "Was Mark Twain Gifted?"
10/06	FLORIDA ASSOCIATION FOR THE GIFTED CONFERENCE Daytona Beach, Florida "Was Mark Twain Gifted?" and "Hosting HATS: Gifted Summer Programs and Scholarship Opportunities in Florida"
8/06	MENSA WORLD GATHERING Orlando, Florida "Gifted Summer Programs and Scholarship Opportunities in Florida"
2/06	MINNESOTA EDUCATORS OF THE GIFTED AND TALENTED CONFERENCE Brainerd, Minnesota "Powerful Strategies for the Gifted" and "Practical Ways to Integrate Reading, Writing, and Thinking"
11/05	KAPPA DELTI PI CONVOCATION Orlando, Florida "Fostering Resiliency: Literature Can Help" and "Modeling and Incidental Learning: Practicing What You Teach"
10/05	FLORIDA ASSOCIATION FOR THE GIFTED CONFERENCE Orlando, Florida "Resiliency and Empathy through Literature" and "HATS Summer Programs and Academic Talent Searches at Stetson University"
5/05	5 th BIENNIAL M. JEAN GREENLAW CHILDREN'S LITERATURE CONFERENCE – STETSON UNIVERSITY DeLand, Florida "Diversity is more than Ethnicity: How Literature Promotes Empathy" and "From Writing to Publishing in 10 Easy Steps"
4/05	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS CONFERENCE Anaheim, California "Enhancing Math Instruction for English Language Learners"
12/04	DIVERSITY: STETSON UNIVERSITY GREEK ORGANIZATIONS DeLand, Florida "Diversity: Fear, Ignore, or Embrace?"
10/04	FLORIDA ASSOCIATION FOR THE GIFTED CONFERENCE Orlando, Florida "Behind the Façade: Risk Factors, Resiliency, & Coping"

5/04	WALLACE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM/ UNIVERSITY OF IOWA Iowa City, Iowa "Gifted Black Males in Prison" Preliminary Findings
11/03	KAPPA DELTA PI CONVOCATION St. Louis, Missouri "Got ESOL? Strategies that Work" (co-presented with Carol Corcoran and Mercedes Tichenor)
10/03	FLORIDA ASSOCIATION FOR THE GIFTED CONFERENCE Orlando, Florida "'Gifted ESOL' is Not an Oxymoron" and "Summer Programs, Above-Level Testing, and Scholarships: HATS and Stetson University"
5/00	WALLACE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM/UNIVERSITY OF IOWA Iowa City, Iowa "How Elementary Teachers Identify Gifted ESOL"
3/00	34 th ANNUAL TESOL CONFERENCE Vancouver, British Columbia "How Elementary Teachers Identify Gifted ESOL"
1/00	TOO MANY TO LOSE CONFERENCE West Palm Beach, Florida "The Realities of At-Risk Black Males"
11/99	FLORIDA ASSOCIATION FOR THE GIFTED CONFERENCE Altamonte Springs, Florida "Stetson University – Where We've Been, Where We're Going" and "Identification of Gifted ESOL Elementary Students"
3/98	WESLEYAN COLLEGE Mt. Pleasant, Iowa "Gifted and ESOL? Students Can Be Both"
11/97	KAPPA DELTA PI CONVOCATION St. Louis, Missouri "Portfolios: Showcasing the Pre-service Teacher to Reflective Practitioner"
8/97	WORLD COUNCIL FOR GIFTED & TALENTED CHILDREN CONFERENCE Seattle, Washington "Animating Your Summer Program"
11/96	FLORIDA COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS Daytona Beach, Florida "Model Building: Conceptual Math Can Be Hands-On"
11/95	KAPPA DELTA PI CONVOCATION Birmingham, Alabama "Flourishing in Florida as First Year Teachers"
11/95	FLORIDA COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS Ft. Lauderdale, Florida "M.A.T.H. I.S. F.U.N. (Making Activities to Teach How to Integrate Subjects for Understanding of Numbers)
1/95	MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION INSTITUE Stetson University – DeLand, Florida "Using YOUR Second Language in the Elementary Classroom"