

ICL-QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME: Gary Scharnhorst
PRESENT POSITION US: Distinguished Professor of English
University of New Mexico

GRANT PERIOD: March 1-July 31, 2007

BORN: 28 Dec 1950 in Wichita, Kansas
LANGUAGES: German (reading and basic
conversation)

GERMAN HOST INSTITUTION

Jena University

ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE

American literature/American Studies

AREAS OF RESEARCH

19th Century American literature and culture

POSSIBLE LECTURE TOPICS

"In Defense of American Literary Biography"

"'Ways That Are Dark': Appropriations of Bret Harte's 'Plain Language from Truthful James'"

"Mark Twain's Interviews and Why They Are Important"

"Nineteenth-Century Realism and the American West"

ACADEMIC TRAINING AND DEGREES

Ph. D. in American Studies from Purdue University (1978)

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Associate Professor and Associate Dean of Humanities, University of Texas at Dallas (1979-1987)

PUBLICATIONS (selected)

Biographies of Horatio Alger, Jr., Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Bret Harte.

Editor of *American Literary Realism*.

Editor in alternating years of *American Literary Scholarship*.

Forthcoming: *Mark Twain: The Complete Interviews* (U of Alabama Press, October 2006).
