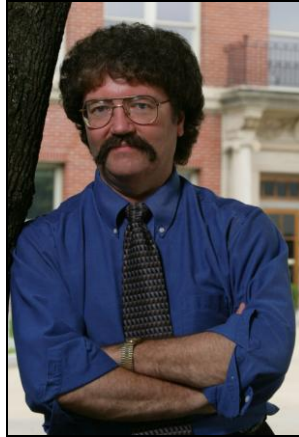


Workshop Spotlight: *We're Pleased to Present...*

Jeffrey Copeland



Workshop: "The Story Behind the Story: Conducting Background Research for a Book (or, How I Spent a Year in Dives, Diners, and Archives...)"

**Kirkwood Community Center, 111 S. Geyer,
Kirkwood 63122.**

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Date: Saturday, April 3, 2010

Time: 10 AM until noon

SLWG members attend for FREE; \$5 fee for non-members

Please [register in advance](#)

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Inman's War is a love story set during the tragedy and turmoil of WWII, a love story about a secret marriage and the courage of Inman Perkins, who joined a "Colored Battalion" in World War II and served in Italy. The book, and its sequel, *Olivia's Story*, were based on extensive interviews and research, inspired by the letters the author found in an old, battered suitcase.