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## Independence National Historical Park

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### Edgar Allan Poe, Secrets of the Purloined Letter

Join park rangers from the Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm to celebrate Poe’s 201<sup>st</sup> Birthday with renowned Poe scholar Richard Kopley as he speaks about “The Purloined Letter” which Poe himself regarded as his best tale of “ratiocination” (detective story). This program is free and open to the public.

**What:** Edgar Allan Poe, *Secrets of the Purloined Letter*  
with Penn State Professor Richard Kopley

**Where:** The German Society of Pennsylvania  
611 Spring Garden Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19123

**When:** Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Richard Kopley is Professor of English at Penn State, DuBois. He is the author of *The Threads of The Scarlet Letter*, editor of *Poe’s Pym: Critical Explorations*, and, most recently, *Poe and the Dupin Mysteries*. Kopley is the former president and an honorary member of the Poe Studies Association.

The Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site is located at 7<sup>th</sup> & Spring Garden Streets, just a few blocks north of Center City Philadelphia. The site is open Wednesday to Sunday from 9 AM – 5 PM, closed Monday and Tuesday. On street parking is usually available, or take SEPTA bus routes #43 or 47. For more information, visit [www.nps.gov/edal](http://www.nps.gov/edal) or call 215-597-8780.

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