



THE SAN FRANCISCO
SWEDENBORGIAN CHURCH

2014 Lecture Series



Sunday, March 16th, 5 p.m.

Swedenborg and Social Media: The use of Swedenborg's theology in poems by Edwin Markham

presented by

Janet Giddings of Santa Clara University, Religious Studies

Suggested Donation: \$15



This talk, present by scholar and descendant of American poet Edwin Markham, will focus on his staunch dedication to Swedenborg's thought and hope. Giddings' research of Markham has been both personal and professional. She is interested in his philosophical theology and social ethics and how he used poetry to exert both. In a recent conference paper, "Truly a Preacher: Religious Ideas and Themes in Poetry by the American poet Edwin Markham" she argues the strongest influences which help develop Markham's philosophical theology were from his mother and Emmanuel Swedenborg.

Giddings was born and raised in San Francisco. She earned a B.A. in Humanities and Religious Studies from Dominican University of California; a M.A. in Theology from University of San Francisco; and a M.A. in Philosophy from San Jose State University. Giddings has taught at the college level for 14 years. For the past 9 years she has taught religious studies at Santa Clara University; and 9 years at San Jose State University teaching philosophy of religion and applied ethics.

Join us one Sunday of each month at 5 p.m.
for a presentation on the art and history of the Swedenborgian
Church culminating in the 10th anniversary of our designation
as a National Historic Landmark on October 19, 2014



April 13 - *Seeing the Light: The Conservation of Porter's Stained Glass* presented
by Ariana Makau of Nzilani Glass and Douglas Stinson of the SFSC Council

May 4 - *Reclaiming an Arts and Crafts Guru: The Mystery of Joseph Worcester*
presented by Dr. Devin Zuber of the Pacific School of Religion

June 22 - Local filmmaker Ian Carr to premier an original film on the preservation
of Bruce Porter's stained glass windows

