



THE SAN FRANCISCO
SWEDENBORGIAN CHURCH

2014 Lecture Series



Sunday, May 4th, 5 p.m.

Reclaiming an Arts and Crafts Guru: The Mystery of Joseph Worcester

presented by

Dr. Devin Zuber of the Pacific School of Religion

Suggested Donation: \$15



Joseph Worcester, minister of the San Francisco Swedenborgian church and architectural guru to the west coast Arts & Crafts movement, remains much of an enigma. Though we can trace his profound contributions to various artistic circles, we know very little about his private life. Why did the San Francisco Swedenborgian church, under his leadership, develop into such an architecturally distinct church space that embodied Swedenborgian theology? The majority of Worcester's private papers and correspondence were burned at his death and only a few handwritten notes and clippings survive today. This talk explores the trove of private letters that the painter William Keith wrote to Worcester and document the importance of Worcester (and Swedenborgian theology) for the development of Keith's own painterly aesthetics.

Devin Zuber is an Assistant Professor of American Studies, Literature, and Swedenborgian Studies at the Swedenborgian House of Studies, Pacific School of Religion. Dr. Zuber's work has appeared in *Religion and the Arts*, *American Studies*, and *Variations*, and he is presently completing a book on Swedenborg's contribution to American environmental aesthetics.

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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



June 22 - *A Painter and A Pastor: The Spiritual Art in William Keith's Later Art*
presented by Rev. James Lawrence, Dean of the Swedenborgian House of Studies

July 20 - Local filmmaker Ian Carr to premier an original film on the preservation
of Bruce Porter's stained glass windows

August 17 - *That Morning in the Far West: The Reverend Joseph Worcester's
Bay Area Circle* presented by Dr. Gray Brechin

