

## CURRICULUM VITAE

Rev. James F. Lawrence, D.Min., Ph.D.  
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### Education:

Ph.D., Graduate Theological Union, 2012. Dissertation title: “And Speaking of Something Else: Biblical Allegoresis, Swedenborg, and Tradition” (Arthur Holder, thesis coordinator)  
D. Min., Graduate Theological Foundation, 1991  
M.Div. equiv., Swedenborg School of Religion, 1984 (ordained, General Convention of Swedenborgian Churches, 1984)  
Graduate Work, Brite Divinity School (Texas Christian University), 1980-1981  
B.A. University of Texas at Austin (Economics), 1978

### Work History:

2001-Present Dean, Swedenborgian House of Studies at Pacific School of Religion  
2012-Present Assistant Professor of Spirituality and Historical Studies, PSR/GTU  
2001-2012 Lecturer Swedenborgian Studies and History of Christianity, PSR/GTU  
1990-2001 Co-Pastor San Francisco Swedenborgian Church  
1988-1990 Co-Pastor, Church of the New Jerusalem, Fryeburg, Maine  
1986-1988 Assoc. Pastor, San Francisco Swedenborgian Church  
1984-86 Pastor, Church of the Open Word, St. Louis  
1989-2001 Executive Publisher, J. Appleseed & Co., General Convention  
1984-1989 Editor, *The Messenger*, General Convention monthly periodical

### Publications:

“Hermetic, Kabbalist, and Neo-Cartesian Fusion in Swedenborg’s High Modern ‘Science of Correspondences’” (in second edit with *Correspondence*, online peer-reviewed journal)  
Introduction to *Revelation Unveiled* by Emanuel Swedenborg (under contract, Swedenborg Foundation)  
Introduction to *Swedenborg, A Hermetic Philosopher* by Ethan Allen Hitchcock (under contract, Swedenborg Foundation)  
*Principles in Play: Essays in Honor of George Dole*, editor. Berkeley: Studia Swedenborgiana Press, 2010.  
“Telling the Old, Old Story Anew: George Dole’s Developmentalist Reading of the Bible,” in *Principles in Play: Essays in Honor of George Dole*. Berkeley: Studia Swedenborgiana Press, 2010.  
“Swedenborgian Spirituality,” in *The New Westminster Dictionary of Christian Spirituality*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2005.  
“Afterword: A Tribute to Wilson Van Dusen” in *The Presence of Other Worlds*, anniversary edition. West Chester, Penn.: Chrysalis Books, 2004.

*Swedenborgianism: A Spiritual Journey*. Newtonville, Mass.: J. Appleseed & Co., 2004.

“All in the Family: Reading a Swedenborgian Pluralism in the High Christology of John 14:1-7,” *Studia Swedenborgiana*, 2003, vol. 13, no. 1.

“An Extraordinary Season in Prayer: Warren Felt Evans’s Journey into ‘Scientific’ Swedenborgian Spiritual Practice,” *Studia Swedenborgiana*, 2002, 12:3.

[Introduction to the English edition] *Emanuel Swedenborg: The Development of His Thought*. Martin Lamm. (West Chester, Penn.: Swedenborg Foundation, 2000)

“Swedenborg’s Trail in the Coleridgean Landscape,” *Studia Swedenborgiana*, 1999, 11:2, 18-30.

[Introduction, 1997 translation] *The Last Judgment: In Retrospect*. Emanuel Swedenborg. (West Chester, Penn.: Swedenborg Foundation, 1997)

*Testimony to the Invisible: Essays on Swedenborg*, editor. (West Chester, Penn.: Swedenborg Foundation, 1995)

“Parables of Community in Europe: The Christian Mysticism of Steiner, Swedenborg, and the Brothers of Taize,” *Matrix: Explorations in Spirituality*, 1991, 2:2, 5-11.

“The Swedenborgian Church: An Exoteric Journey of an Esoteric Teaching,” *Gnosis: A Journal of the Western Inner Traditions*, 1989, 12 (summer), 55-61.

*Emanuel Swedenborg: Continuing Vision*, associate editor and contributor. (New York: Swedenborg Foundation, 1988)

### **Graduate Courses Taught:**

“The History of Christian Life and Thought” (co-taught with Randi Walker)

“Introduction to Christian Theology and History” (co-taught with Fumitaka Matsuoka)

“Theology and Ethics in Christian History” (co-taught with Michael Mendiola and Fumitaka Matsuoka)

“Christology and Pluralism”

“Swedenborg’s *True Christianity*”

“Christian Spirituality through a Swedenborgian Lens”

“Introduction to Swedenborgian Thought”

“Swedenborgian Church History, Polity, and Practice”

“Western Esoteric Traditions”

“Senior Integrative Seminar”

“Swedenborg in History”

“Constructive Swedenborgian Theology”

“Sport, Spirituality and Culture”

“Spirituality of Protestant Mysticism”

“Spiritual Disciplines for Leadership”

“Teaching Protestant Spiritual Disciplines”

“Sports, Spirituality, and Culture”

“Apocalypse Then and Now”

“Spiritual Formation for Leadership”

“Introduction to Comparative Mysticism”

### **Public Lectures:**

“Over the Rainbow” (Convention sermon at annual denominational assembly, Lees, Fla., June 1996)

- “Burning Hearts: Swedenborg and the Inner Sense Tradition”  
(Swedenborg Library, Chicago, June 2006)
- “‘Let There Be Light’: The Future of Teaching Biblical Spirituality” (paper presented at *Teaching the Spirit Conference* in honor of Sandra Schneiders, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, November 2006)
- “Kabbalah, Swedenborg, and the Divine Text” (public lecture  
Stonehouse Bookstore, Seattle, March 2007)
- “A Spiritual Universe: Swedenborg and the Infinite Bible”  
(Keynote lecture, 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary lecture, Church of the Holy City, Wilmington, Del., May 2007)
- “In the Space of Six Days: Swedenborg’s Alternative to Creationism and Atheism” (Urbana University, Inaugural Heritage Lecture, November 2008)
- “From Things Heard and Seen in the World: New Perspectives on Swedenborg” (Keynote lecture at annual meeting of Swedenborg Foundation, May 2009)
- “Translating Swedenborg Forward” (Colloquium on Future of the New Church, Philadelphia, October 2010)
- “Book of Revelation: End of the Bible and End of the World?”  
(Glencairn Museum, Philadelphia, September 2011)
- “Spirit in Architecture” (American Academy of Religion tour trip to San Francisco Swedenborgian Church, November 2011)
- “Religion and Spirit in Two San Francisco Scots: William Keith and John Muir” (St. Andrew Society of San Francisco, March 2012)
- “The Hitchhiker’s Guide to *Correspondentia*” (Mini-course at annual convention of the Swedenborgian Church of North America, Boston, July 2012)
- “Neo-Cartesian and Hermetic Fusion in Swedenborg’s ‘Science of Correspondences’” (Paper presented at conference on “Esotericism, Religion, and Culture,” UC Davis, July 2012)
- “Ecology, Economy, and Environmentalism in Dialog with Swedenborg’s Theology” (Conference Lecture and Workshop,

annual meeting of Pacific Coast Association of Swedenborgian Churches, October 2012)

“Swedenborg’s Book of the Dead” (Presentation to International Association for Near-Death Studies, East Bay, March 2013)

“Apocalypse Above: Swedenborg’s Unpredictable Reading of the Book of Revelation’s Predictions” (Annual Swedenborg Lecture, Urbana University, March 2014)

Forthcoming: invited lecture for the International 2015 Carl Bernhard Wadstrom Conference on Human Rights and the Abolition of Slavery (co-sponsored by University of Lund) in London June 2-4, 2015

**Professional Societies:**

American Society of Church History

The Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality

The European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism

Association for the Study of Esotericism