

*The Jane Austen Society of North America – Northern California Region
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Linda Greenberg has been a member of JASNA NorCal "since its early days in the last century". Born & raised in Boston, she received a B.A. in English (U. Mass.) and a Ph.D. in English Literature (U. of Wisconsin), with a thesis on "The Vicar of Wakefield". She moved to San Francisco in 1976 during an academic/economic slump. She is now enjoying the life of a retired social worker, reading as much as possible and singing and dancing when she can. In her words:

"I knew Oliver Goldsmith's delightful short novel "The Vicar of Wakefield" (1766) had been very popular in its own time and is still enjoyed today. I set out to discover from reading imitations and adaptations something about how Goldsmith's novel was perceived by its early audience. I was lucky enough to be able to spend a year in London reading musty old novels mostly in the British Museum. I had located a number of clerical-sounding novels like "The Curate of Coventry" and "The Vicar of Lansdowne" and knew that there were clerical heroes in works with less telltale titles. The talk will survey and comment on several of these novels, which, alas, do not hold up so well to my beloved Vicar. However, I think you'll find them amusing, especially if you are familiar with the original."

*The Clerical Hero in the later
18th-Century Popular Novel:
Who Were the Brothers and Heirs
of Goldsmith's Vicar of Wakefield?
a talk by Linda Greenberg*

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*Does Mr. Darcy deserve our Love?
a short talk by Anne Krause,
followed by a lively group discussion*

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*on Saturday, March 16th,
1 pm to 4 pm
at the Presidio Public Library
3150 Sacramento Street, (near Baker St.)
San Francisco, CA*



*In honour of the 200th anniversary
of "Pride & Prejudice",
Anne Krause will present a short
overview of the literary criticism
on arguably Jane Austen's most
fascinating hero, Mr. Fitzwilliam
Darcy. Why the mania for Darcy?
Does he deserve such devotion?*

*The talk will be designed to
provoke a lively discussion. We all
have strong opinions on Darcy;
come prepared to share them!*

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the website
<http://www.jasnanorcal.org> or contact Anne Krause at rc@jasnanorcal.org