

San Francisco Atheists

Every year, February 12 is celebrated worldwide as International Darwin Day. To join in this celebration of science and humanity, this month we welcome **Uta Grieshammer, PhD**, science officer with the **California Institute for Regenerative Medicine**, to discuss the promise and progress of stem cells research. According to CIRM, "researchers are making tremendous progress, funding clinical trials to try and cure HIV/AIDS, type 1 diabetes, some aggressive forms of leukemia, macular degeneration, and sickle cell disease. This work is made possible by the people of California who voted to create the agency when they approved Proposition 71 in 2004. Because we get our funding from the public, we feel it's important to let the public know how that money is being spent and how it is already leading to important developments in medical research."

Dr. Grieshammer spoke recently to the *Atheist Community of Silicon Valley* and *Sunday Assembly Silicon Valley* to rave reviews: "Fantastic talk! Dr Grieshammer's talk on what stem cells are (and are not) was exceedingly interesting and I learned a great deal", "Wonderful presentation!"

Saturday February 22, 4:30 pm
[Elephant & Castle Pub](#), lower level
424 Clay Street, near Battery
Near the Embarcadero Muni/BART station

Please note, this is the downstairs level of the pub. If you need elevator access, enter next door at the Club Quarters Hotel. You are welcome to bring drinks purchased at the bar.

Cash donations are encouraged to help us with the venue rental costs.

You are welcome to join us after the meeting for food and drinks in the pub.

Tickets are now on sale for the **2014 American Atheists National Convention** in Salt Lake City, Utah. Registration info [here](#).