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The Dagmar and Nils William Olsson Research Fellowship

This annual fellowship helps defray costs for one person doing research for an extended period of time at the Center and was established by Nils William Olsson (1909–2007), the leading authority in the field of Swedish-American studies, and his wife Dagmar (1913–2008).

The fellowship, which is in the amount of \$2,500 (taxable income), is open to anyone doing academic research on any aspect of Swedish-American history. It is not intended to be used for genealogical research. We particularly encourage graduate students and younger scholars to apply. The minimum stay required at the Swenson Center is three weeks, and the fellowship must be used within one year of notification.

Anyone interested in applying for the fellowship should submit a two-



The SAG editor Elisabeth Thorsell visiting with Nils William and Dagmar Olsson in their last home in Winter Park, FL, in April 2000. (Photo: Bengt Thorsell).

to three-page proposal to the Swenson Center outlining the proposed research topic. The proposal should also include a current curriculum vitae, as well as a statement showing how the resources of the Swenson Center are appropriate for the particular project.

The deadline for applications is **May 1, 2011.**

Send your applications to
The Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center,
Augustana College
639 38th Street
Rock Island, IL 61201-2296

Some past recipients of the Olsson Scholarship

2010

Dr. Brita Butler-Wall
Seattle, Washington
Women in the Bishop Hill Colony.

2009

Ms. Erika Jackson-Eckerly
Michigan State University
Scandinavian Preferred: Nordic Ethnic Identity, Gender and Work within Chicago, 1879-1933.

2008

Ms. Rachel Gianni Abbott
University of Alaska Fairbanks
Folklore and Material Culture among Swedish Immigrants in late Nineteenth-Century Utah.

2007

Dr. Elizabeth Baigent
Oxford University, U.K.
Swedish Immigrants in McKeesport, PA.

2007

Mr. Christopher Cantwell
Cornell University
Swedish Immigrants in Chicago and their Relationship to D.L. Moody.

2006

Mr. Christopher Jaffe
Northern Illinois University
Swedes and Other Ethnic Groups in Rockford, Illinois.

2005

Ms. Agnieszka Stasiewicz
Jagiellonian Univ., Krakow, Poland
Swedish Immigrant Children and Books Published for Them by the Augustana Book Concern.

2004

Ms. Joanna Daxell
Université de Sherbrooke, Canada
Swedish Literature in North America.

2003

Mr. Paul Lubotina
St. Louis University
Swedes and other Ethnic groups on Minnesota's Mesabi Iron Range.

2002

Dr. Lars Nordström
Beavercreek, Oregon
The Life and Work of Samuel Magnus Hill, a Pioneer Educator and Minister in Nebraska.

2002

Ms. Malin Glimäng
University of Hawai'i
The History of Swedish Female Immigration.

The scholarship was first awarded in 1997.