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The 2009 Olsson Scholar

– Erika Jackson-Eckerley

Erika Jackson-Eckerly of Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan has been chosen as the Olsson Scholar for 2009.

Ms. Jackson-Eckerly is working on a project which she describes as follows:

“The focus of my dissertation, titled ‘Scandinavian Preferred’: Nordic Ethnic Identity, Gender, and Work within Chicago, 1879-1933,” centers on the public and private representations of Swedish, Norwegian, and Danish women and men who navigated Chicago and transformed city spaces into their adopted homes.”

SAG hopes to present more on Ms. Jackson-Eckerly’s work in a future issue.

Survey on digitized Swedish American newspapers

Several institutions in the U.S. and Sweden are in the process of finding funding to digitize Swedish American newspapers. In order to find out what our users might be interested in, a survey will soon be available on our homepage at

www.augustana.edu/swenson.

Please watch for it and help us by filling out the short survey form online when it becomes available. It is

important that we hear from you so that we can design a product which accommodates the needs of as many of you as possible, so we hope that you will also spread the word about this survey throughout Swedish genealogy and academic web sites and e-mail lists.

Thank you!

A list of the Swedish-American Newspapers

The Swedish American newspapers on microfilm in the index are available to borrow via interlibrary loan throughout the United States. Please

contact your local library if you are interested in placing a request.

A link to the Index is found on the links page, page 30.



Interior view of the Swedish Lutheran Immigrant Home, 9 Water Street, New York, (N.Y.), started in 1895. The picture shows a boy sitting at a table in the sitting room. Undated.

From the Swenson Center's Photo archives.