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The Dagmar and Nils William Olsson Fellowship

This annual fellowship is designed to help defray costs for one person doing research for an extended period of time at the Center and was established by Nils William Olsson, a leading authority in the field of Swedish-American studies, and his wife Dagmar.

The fellowship, which is in the amount of \$1,500 (taxable income), is open to anyone doing academic research on any aspect of Swedish-American history. It is not intended to be used for research on a person's individual family history. 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- 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, 2004.

The address is *Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center*, Augustana College, 639 38th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201-2296

The Immigrant Letters Conference

The Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center will host an academic conference in October 2004 on the topic of Immigrant Letters.

The Immigrant Letters Conference will take place at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, on Friday and Saturday, October 15-16, 2004.

The Conference Keynote Address will be on Friday evening in Wallenberg Hall, with lectures on Saturday during the day by invited guest speakers.

Watch the Swenson Center's web site or the next issue of the Swenson Center's annual newsletter, *Swenson Center News*. More details and application information will be available at a later date.

If you are interested in attending the conference but do not have Internet access, send us your name and address and we will add you to a postal mailing list to receive application information as soon as it is available.

Welcome! We hope to see you in October!

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