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The Advisory Committee of the Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center has announced the winners of the Dagmar and Nils William Olsson Fellowship for 1996 and 1997. Each award is in the amount of \$1,500.00 and is aimed at financing a stay of at least three weeks of doing research at the Swenson Center.

The fellowship for 1996 has been awarded Dr. Roger Kvist, Associate Professor of History at the University of Umeå in Sweden. He has previously published extensively on the history of the Saami people, but has in recent years developed an interest in Swedish American history. He is currently conducting a study on Swedish immigration and the Civil War. One dimension of this work deals with the Swedish participation in the Union Army (see articles in *SAG* and the *Swenson Center News*), a topic he will continue to do work on during his tenure at the Swenson Center as the first Dagmar and Nils William Olsson Fellow.

The fellowship for 1997 has been awarded Edward Burton, a doctoral candidate at the Göteborg University in Sweden. He has a degree of B.A. from Bowdoin College in Maine and an M.A. from Lund University, also in Sweden. He intends to use his Dagmar and Nils William Olsson Fellowship doing research at the Swenson Center for his doctoral dissertation which deals with the relationship between Sweden and Swedish America during the period after World War II, with special emphasis on the era embracing the Viet Nam War.

One of the stipulations of the granting of the Fellowship is for the recipient to prepare a scholarly paper on the subject of his study for publication in a future issue of *SAG*.