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Happy Holidays!

This is the season for lussebullar and coffee, adventsstjärna and julehjerter. Most years this is a busy and exciting time. Despite the days getting shorter, there are holiday gatherings to look forward to and time to relax and recharge as we ring in the new year. 2020, however, has been a trying one (to put it mildly), and those festive holidays events have, for the most part, been put on hold. But hope (and a vaccine) is on the horizon and as Lucia promises, “dagen ska åter ny” and we have high hopes for 2021.

For SASS, 2021 will be full of development and growth. Although we are disappointed that we will not get to see each other in person in Seattle, the virtual conference space offers us an opportunity to experiment with tools and resources that we have not taken full advantage of before. It will allow us to reach colleagues across the globe in greater number than we have been able to in the past, while at the same time facilitating increased collaboration with our North American colleagues. The relaunch of News and Notes in May of 2020 has been great for member engagement (if I can toot my own horn a bit...), and it has already helped us to connect and share throughout the year in ways that we have not done in the past. In the coming months I will continue to explore new ways to use this platform to help us grow and thrive as a society. I am particularly excited to highlight the contributions of our institutional members in the January issue and to promote our North American programs in the February issue (so get me those profiles!).

Behind the scenes, the Executive Council is busy developing new initiatives and looking for new ways to support our members and the work that you do. We are excited to welcome all of our new council members in May, as well as welcoming two new executive council positions. Giving institutional members, independent scholars, and graduate students specific representation on the council will inject new energy into SASS and will help us to grow.

But before we can jump into the excitement of a new year (or first the excitement of a return to relative normalcy.... if that is possible), we can still take some comfort in the holiday season. Enjoy a cozy fire, (and quietly sigh at all the articles in American magazines about “hygge” and now also, apparently, “mys”), drink some cocoa, coffee, or glögg (or all three), and use your newly honed Zoom skills to visit with friends and family (instead of students and colleagues) for a few weeks. I, for one, am looking forward to two weeks away from any and all work for the first time since I started grad school in 2008 (I was shocked when I realized it had been that long too). Maybe I'll take a cue from Iceland and create my own personal Jólábókaflöð full of just-for-fun reading!

On behalf of SASS, god jul, glad chanukka, gott nytt år and just general varma lyckönskningar!

Kimberly La Palm

Executive Director and Master of Excessive Parenthetical Commentary

HONOR SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS

Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars is inviting applications for new chapters to be chartered at 2-year and 4-year institutions anywhere in the world.

Phi Beta Delta recognizes intellectual and professional achievement in international education, promotes the international experience such as study abroad, and supports academically based international programming such as webinars and special events like Chinese New Year. Founded in 1986, it is headquartered at Cal State-San Bernardino.

Students, staff, faculty, and community members who meet eligibility criteria may be nominated and inducted into the Society. Minimum student requirements are 30 credit hours in an associate degree program; 45 credit hours at the bachelor's degree level; or at the graduate level of: (a) one semester in a one-year master's degree, or two semesters in a two-year master's degree; and (b) two semesters at the doctoral level. Also required, a minimum 3.2 for undergraduates and 3.5 GPA for graduate students, and demonstrated excellence in activities and/or curriculum with international themes (study abroad not required). Membership is for life and carries with it many professional and personal benefits.



Is there anything you would like to share with the SASS membership?

Please send announcements and suggestions to newsandnotes@scandinavianstudy.org. If approved before the last day of the month, an-

nouncements will appear in the next month's issue. Please indicate if you would also like your announcement to appear on scandinavianstudy.org

In the Next Issue

Meet Our Institutional Members



Congratulations!

JAMES R. MASSENGALE AWARDED COMMANDER 1ST CLASS OF THE ROYAL ORDER OF THE POLAR STAR



JAMES R. MASSENGALE
Distinguished Research Professor
University of California, Los Angeles



We, at The Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study, offer our sincere congratulations to our friend and colleague Dr. James R. Massengale, Distinguished Research Professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, on the high honor awarded to him by His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden. James has been given this honor "...in gratitude for your dedicated lifetime work and research to highlight the older Swedish culture of music and finding and exposing important forgotten history of our treasured Swedish composers and musicians Carl Michael Bellman and Olof von Dalin and many more." Dr. Massengale will be presented with his medal at a yet unknown future date.

Congratulations on a well-earned honor!



REGISTER FOR SASS 2021

sass2021@scandinavianstudy.org

Abstract submission and registration for SASS 2021 is now open. Visit the website below to submit your abstract and register for our virtual conference

Call for Papers

The 2021 virtual SASS conference encourages papers and presentations on the presidential theme "Economies and Ecologies" but welcomes all proposals from the broad field of Scandinavian Studies. All proposals must include a title, abstract, and at least 3 identifying keywords.

The conference program committee will approve abstracts in early 2021. The stream chair(s) will receive those paper abstracts accepted to pre-approved streams in order to compile the stream schedule, while the conference program committee will compile and schedule all self-organized panels, roundtables, workshops, and those papers in the general pool.

Register Now!

You MUST register for the conference in order to submit a paper. Follow the "Register Now" link and

you will be asked to upload your abstract as part of the registration process. You DO NOT need to submit a paper to register. If you do not plan to present but would still like to attend, simply skip the "upload document" step.

Registration is discounted this year to encourage participation with our online annual meeting.

SASS 2021 Rates

SASS Member	\$80
<i>After February 28</i>	\$105
Non-Member	\$140
<i>After February 28</i>	\$165
Student Members	\$30
<i>After February 28</i>	\$55
Non-Member Students	\$55
<i>After February 28</i>	\$80
Independent Scholars	\$50
<i>After February 28</i>	\$75
Non-Member Independent Scholars	\$110
<i>After February 28</i>	\$135

SUBMIT

Submit an abstract and register at

[*https://cvent.me/BNVGmD*](https://cvent.me/BNVGmD)

ScandinavianStudies Editorship Search

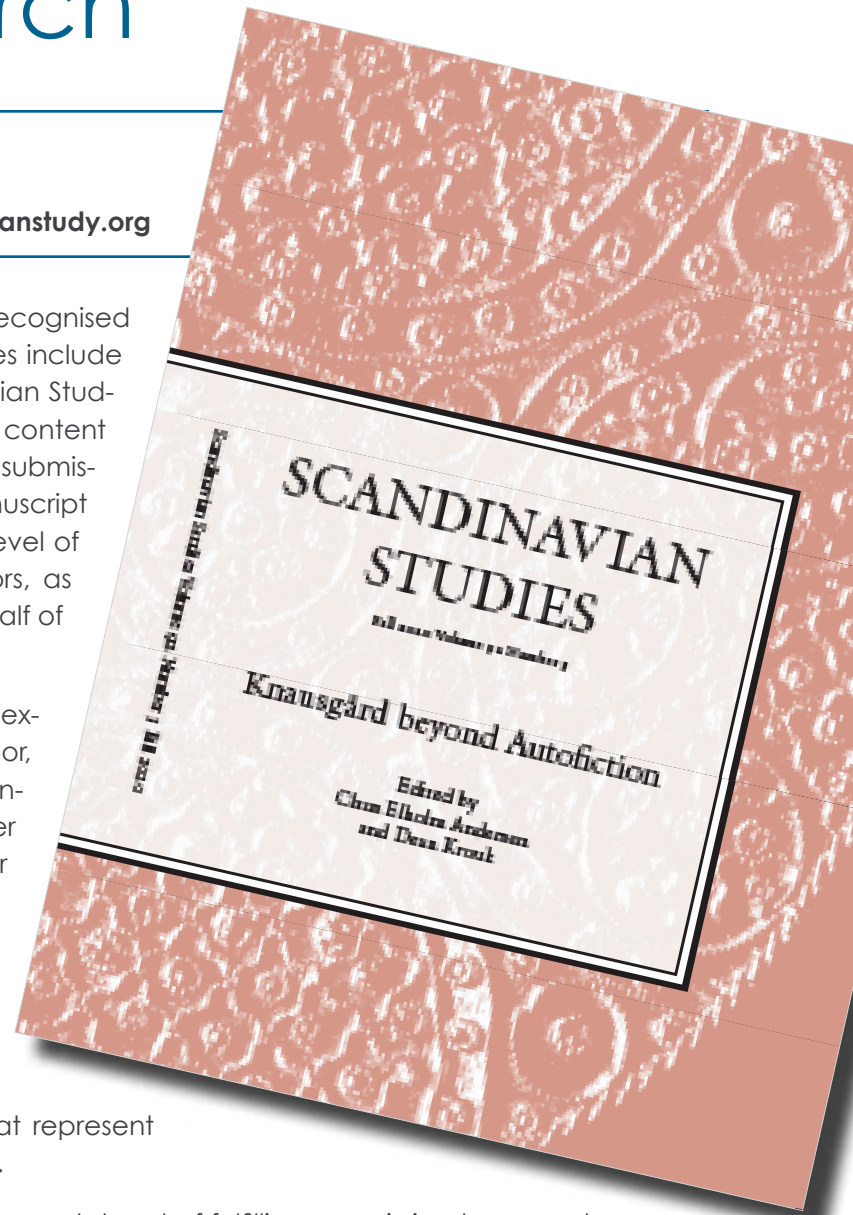
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SASS is seeking a new editor of its globally recognised journal, *Scandinavian Studies*. Responsibilities include publishing four issues annually of *Scandinavian Studies* in coordination with the publisher, selecting content for issues, commissioning special issues, reviewing submissions, managing peer review, and managing manuscript preparation. SASS is prepared to negotiate the level of support from the society with prospective editors, as well as providing resources for networking on behalf of the journal.

The ideal candidate is a member of SASS with experience with *Scandinavian Studies* (as an author, a reviewer, and/or a member of the advisory council) or substantial editorial experience with another peer-reviewed scholarly journal. The new editor should also be conversant with developments in the field of *Scandinavian Studies* in its entirety (the study of the languages, cultures, or societies of the Nordic region, past or present). *Scandinavian Studies* is a membership journal striving to reflect the diversity of our members and their work through the publication of articles that represent the field in North America, Europe, and the world.

The publication of *Scandinavian Studies* is a fundamental part of fulfilling our mission to support and advance the field of *Scandinavian studies*. As editor, you would help to shape the future of the field as well as the future of the Humanities.

Please contact Professor Verena Hoefig (verena@illinois.edu), Professor Andrew Nestingen (akn@uw.edu) and Dr. Kimberly La Palm with questions regarding this position, the responsibilities and the support SASS offers to its editors.



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SASS 2020–2021 Executive Council Elections

Direct all election related questions to: Andy Nestingen | akn@uw.edu

INSTRUCTIONS

The election of new members for the SASS Executive Council is now open. Please vote by January 31, 2021. The Executive Council is empowered to make all decisions for the Society, unless otherwise designated in the SASS constitution and by-laws.

The council is made up of SASS executive officers (Vice President, President, Financial Officer) and 10 representatives of the SASS membership. Representatives' terms are four or two years. There is an annual election to select one new representative for Scandinavian Language and Literature and one to represent Scandinavian Area Studies.

This year, there are two new positions being added to the executive council: Independent Scholars/Institutional Members and Graduate Students. The term for the independent scholars and institutional representatives is four years. The graduate student

representatives' terms are two years in length.

The candidates for executive office and the executive council shall be elected by the majority of votes from the membership of the Society which reach the Executive Director within sixty days of the distribution of electronic ballots (1/31/21). Those thus elected shall take office at the close of the annual meeting of the year in which they are elected, or at the conclusion of this spring's virtual meeting.

The candidates have provided a biographical sketch and a brief statement in the November issue of News and Notes outlining their vision, if elected to executive office or the SASS Executive Council. Please review these statements and follow the link below to cast your ballot. Remember, ballots must be submitted by January 31, 2021.

VOTE!

**Cast your ballot before January 31, 2021 at
<https://forms.gle/TCaUg54M4kJF3dHt7>**



SASS Awards and Fellowships

Due to the pandemic, we have temporarily changed the parameters of the Aurora Borealis competition to allow any paper submitted as a final paper in a graduate or undergraduate course to be nominated for the Aurora Borealis prize.

FREE MONEY FOR GRAD STUDENTS!

While the US awaits the potential, delayed, contested passage of another government-funded pandemic relief bill, SASS is happy to do its part in boosting the personal economies of graduate students in the field. We have three primary means of giving free money to aspiring scholars—the annual Aurora Borealis prizes for best paper in both a) Language, Literature, and Film and b) History, Social Science, and Area Studies, the Einar and Eva Lund Haugen scholarship for short-term dissertation research and field work, and the very generous Birgit Baldwin

year-long Dissertation Fellowship. Given the small size of our field, we often have far fewer applicants for these grants than ASF or Fulbright, so your chances of getting one of them are better than you might think (n.b. submitting an application dramatically increases your chances of winning). Applicants may self-nominate or be nominated by a faculty member. **APPLICATIONS DEADLINES HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO JANUARY 1, 2021.** See the following pages or scandinavianstudy.org/awards-fellowships for more details and to submit an application.

INFO

Find Info and Application Procedures at
<http://scandinavianstudy.org/awards-fellowships>
